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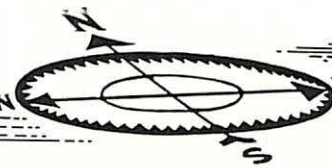
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"Know Christ to Serve Him"

*The Pursuit of Happiness
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● New radio equipment for the Vatican has been installed twelve miles north of Rome at Santa Maria di Geleria. Transmitters costing around \$6,000,000 have been built. They are powerful enough to carry broadcasts to every corner of the globe.

● Liquor establishments outnumber churches by better than four to three, the Methodist Board of Temperance declared. The board said latest Internal Revenue Service figures show that on June 30, 1956, there were 274,877 retail dealers in liquor and 168,180 retail dealers in beer in the United States, a total of 443,057. There were 305,449 churches and synagogues in the United States at that time.

● Two new international postcards have been issued by the Post Office Department featuring the national motto, "In God We Trust." One is a four-cent card that will carry a message to any part of the world and receive the same handling as first-class letter mail. The other is an eight-cent international postage-paid reply card with U.S. citizens can send correspondents abroad. It can be returned postage free anywhere in the world. This is the first time the United States has issued such international postcards.

● Evangelist Jack Wyrzten's Word of Life broadcast is now heard nationally over the Mutual Broadcasting System. The half-hour youth program is a live broadcast from Times Square in New York City over most of the 200 stations which have currently cleared time throughout the United States. The Word Life Hour has been on radio for more than 15 years, and on the Yankee network, Mutual's New England section, since 1953. Evangelist-director Jack Wyrzten climaxes each broadcast with a presentation of the Gospel, geared to reach the youth of America.—United Evangelical Action.

● Some portion of the Scriptures now exists in the tongues used by 98 per cent of India's population—from Abor Miri to Zangskari—according to the annual report of the Bible Society of India, Pakistan, and Ceylon. However, it pointed out that the remaining two per cent constitute seven million people, "approximately the population of Australia or half that of Canada." The report said that 1955 had been a record year, with "greater cooperation from the churches and increased interest in the work of the society. An increase of nearly 100,000 in the distribution of Bibles, New Testaments and portions was reported.

● The year 1957 will mark the 100th anniversary of Benito Juarez's "Reform Constitution of 1857," a milestone in Mexico's struggle to achieve civil

and religious liberties. Appropriate ceremonies throughout the republic will celebrate the occasion. The Reform Constitution opened the doors to Protestant missions and introduced evangelical Christianity to the people of Mexico, after 300 years of domination by the Roman Catholic clergy. Benito Juarez, described by Stuart Chase (author of "Mexico—A Study of Two Americas") as "perhaps the greatest name in Mexican history," was a full-blooded Zapotec Indian from the state of Oaxaca. He was educated, first for the priesthood and later for the bar, becoming Minister of Justice and eventually Constitutional President of the Republic.—Christianity Today.

● A statue of Moses by William Zorach has been given to Columbia Uni-

versity, New York City. Dr. John A. Krout, vice-president and provost of the university, who made the announcement said that the donor was an alumnus who wished to remain anonymous. The statue, a head of Moses in gray Labrador granite, is a study of a man who had a "great feeling for his people" and who "spoke with the power and authority of revelation," Mr. Zorach said. The 68-year-old sculptor, who lives and works in Brooklyn, completed the statue in 1953. The head of the Old Testament figure is nearly two feet high and eighteen inches wide. It weighs 800 pounds and rests on the pedestal of polished granite that is six feet high. The statue is on display in Earl Hall, the interdenominational center of the university.



Baptist Briefs

● Plans for a \$500,000 chapel at New Orleans Seminary in Louisiana were announced recently by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president. A monument to Baptist forefathers will be part of the building. The spire atop the oldest Baptist church in America is going to be reproduced on the proposed seminary chapel. The spire towers 185 feet above First Church, of Providence, R. I., where the name of Roger Williams "its first pastor and first asserter of liberty of conscience" is permanently inscribed. "The Seminary hopes to dedicate its new 1700-seat chapel in October, 1958, exactly 320 years after the Providence church was founded by Roger Williams."

● Missionary Raymond Jennings says that Japan, a nation of some 90,000,000 people, can claim about 5,000 Baptist church members and only half of one per cent of the total population is Christian. Still the influence of Chris-

tianity in Japan far exceeds what might be expected of so small a number. He points out that Sunday is a recognized holiday, and Christmas is nationally celebrated. Among 16 leaders of the Japanese Diet, three out of four are professing Christians and almost all of this group are graduates of Christian schools. One Diet member is a graduate of Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Many educators in Japanese schools are Christians.—Watchman-Examiner.

● Baptists in Worms. All who have studied church history know that a famous diet was held in Worms, Germany, in 1521. It was here that Martin Luther boldly confessed his faith before the Emperor and a great assembly of notables. For some time there has been a Baptist congregation in this famous city, but it met in a rented hall. Baptist chaplains in the American army in Western Germany became interested in their fellow-Baptists in Worms and collected and gave one-third of the price of a new building. The Baptists of Germany raised another third, and the Worms congregation gave the final share. A new church building was dedicated recently with great rejoicing.

● Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, who made national headlines early last year by his vigorous stand for continued racial segregation, recently proposed that his 11,481-member congregation establish a Baptist high school in its \$5,000,000 plant. He denied that the purpose would be to avoid inte-

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READING PLEASURES IN THIS ISSUE

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Africa's Wave of the Future!
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A Jack Hamm Cartoon.
New Serial Story, "The Emerald Necklace."
Sunday School Lessons.
New Departments, such as "What's Your Problem?"

Editorial



Inspiration Point!

THIS FIRST ISSUE of the "Baptist Herald" in 1957 ought to be an "inspiration point" in every reader's experiences. We have tried to provide an inspirational setting with the most modern type and headings and with a greater spiritual outlook upon the truths of God and upon the work to which he has called us. We have added new departments so that something in every issue might make an indelible impression upon the reader. As you hold this copy in your hand and leaf through it, we trust that you will stop long enough to be enthralled by one or several pages until that reading experience has become another "inspiration point" for you. That is our editorial purpose under God for 1957!

In the "Secret Place" recently Rev. James L. Kipp, Jr., relates an experience of his as he accompanied a Korean war veteran up the side of a mountain near Colorado Springs, Colo., to visit the grave of the author, Helen Hunt Jackson. She lies buried on a high precipice overlooking the snow-capped peaks to the west and the rolling sea of grass to the east. She named the spot, "Inspiration Point," because here she was inspired to do much of her writing. As the two men stood near the grave of the author, the soldier said quietly and reverently: "You know, God is around here close. No wonder that girl could write so well."

It is our high hope that, with the opening of every copy of the "Baptist Herald," you as the reader will feel that "God is around here close," that you will quietly commune with God without interruption, that you will be strengthened to live better and more triumphantly. If that objective is reached in the publication of the 26 issues during 1957, then we shall have made a definite contribution toward your "Inspiration Point" experiences.

We shall be happy to hear from you with your suggestions, contributions, and constructive criticism. We would like to have you share some of your inspirational adventures with our "Baptist Herald" family. Throughout the year we want to enlarge our horizons of interest upon some of God's great men and women who are in positions of spiritual leadership. We want to open our eyes to see the tremendous opportunities for missionary outreach and to be sensitive to the Macedonian calls of today. In this way we shall "lift up our eyes to the hills" and realize anew that our strength and our help come from God Almighty through our close walk with Christ, our Savior.

The greatest blessing of a religious periodical is to be found in the fact that you can return to it again and again. It doesn't run away from you. But you will have to discipline yourself to keep it near at hand, to open its pages frequently. Helen Hunt Jackson climbed so frequently to that high mountain spot that it became "Inspiration Point" for her. She made it "a beaten path" in her life, and, in turn, it gave her words that were dipped in golden colors and truths that unveiled the glory of the heavens.

Our dedication of this issue is the prayer that with every number of the "Baptist Herald" you may climb to your "Inspiration Point" and frequently return to this place of spiritual blessing!

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—A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.
"Happiness arises from within and from above." Dr. Edman.

The Pursuit of Happiness

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Pleasure may be determined by circumstances,
but true happiness is the provision of the
Almighty for his creatures

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By DR. V. RAYMOND EDMAN,
President of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

"LIFE, LIBERTY, and the Pursuit of Happiness!"

According to Thomas Jefferson's immortal statement, the Declaration of Independence, these basic rights constitute part of the endowment of mankind from the Creator.

What is meant by the "pursuit of happiness"? To what extent is the achievement of happiness the responsibility of the government, on the one hand, and of the individual citizen on the other?

A ROUND TABLE PANEL

In the spring of 1948 a round table panel of outstanding American citizens discussed this third fundamental American right—the pursuit of happiness. Almost immediately the group divided itself instinctively into two camps, one holding that happiness is dependent almost entirely upon outward circumstances, while the other believed that it flowed from inward resources.

To the first group, society was at fault. A labor union leader believed the economic and political system to be wrong, or to be working very badly. A university professor of philosophy, who held there was no need for religion, stated that social institutions created unhappiness because of faulty American traditions and effective social organization. A government lawyer and a leading sociologist contended that American institutions had not kept pace with the times and were thus failing society, with resultant unhappiness on the part of the people.

The other group maintained stoutly and steadily that true happiness arises from within, and that the major problem is that of self and not of society. To them it was apparent that the prevailing moral anarchy stems from the lack of an inner and higher authority.

One reported that thoughtful American students believe that while education has given them spokes for the wheel of life, it has provided no hub.

Without faith, values, standards, disciplines, goals, ultimate truth, and God, this generation is restless, aimless, hopeless, godless, and therefore unhappy. To them it was far more important to settle the inner strife in the heart of man in order that he be on the road to happiness, than to put confidence in the effectiveness of social reform as a panacea for all insecurity, instability, fear, and unhappiness.

ABOUNDING HAPPINESS

To be sure, there are deep and grave ills in human society, and much can be done by enlightened and constructive legislation to alleviate outward conditions. One is not to bow in the face of evil circumstances; rather, one should take a stand for principles and practices that are truly humanitarian and Christian.

Happiness, however, arises from within and from above. Pleasure may be determined by circumstances and accomplishments, but true happiness is the provision of the Almighty for his creatures. The Scriptures are filled with descriptions and definitions of the happy man. These are usually introduced by the old fashioned English word, "blessed." Here are some of

SPIRITUAL VALUES

We cannot buy a quart of good will, a pound of love, or a yard of patience. We can only create values from within ourselves by genuine effort. These are the values that build love and help to make homes spiritually satisfying. —Edgar N. Jackson

the characteristics of abiding and abounding happiness.

A standard of faith and conduct—"Blessed is the man . . . (whose) delight is in the law of the Lord" (Psalm 1:1-2).

An assurance of right standing with God—"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven" (Psalm 32:1).

A quiet confidence in the Almighty—"Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee" (Psalm 34:8).

An unflinching source of strength—"Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee" (Psalm 84:5). This strength is evidenced, even under severe trial and testing ("Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest," Psalm 94:12), even to bitter tears ("Blessed are they that mourn," Matthew 5:4).

Patience that can abide God's time—"Blessed are all they that wait for him" (Isaiah 30:18).

GOD'S GIFT TO YOU!

And, by no means least of all, a genuine concern for the welfare of others—"Blessed is he that considereth the poor" (Psalm 41:1). This concern is expressed in compassion for others ("Blessed are the merciful," Matthew 5:7), and is expressed by a constructive attitude ("Blessed are the peacemakers," Matthew 5:9).

"Governments are instituted," states the Declaration of Independence, "to secure these rights." It is the proper province of the state to guarantee to its inhabitants the largest freedom possible in the pursuit of happiness, but it cannot thereby assure happiness to them. Happiness is not a pursuit, rather it is a possession of the forgiven, the instructed, the trusting, the obedient, the patient, and the unselfish. It is the fruit of the indwelling Spirit, unblighted by any bitter circumstances in life.



—Religious News Service photo

Queen Elizabeth II lays a wreath on the grave of Mary Slessor at Calabar, Nigeria, famous pioneer missionary who came to work among the natives of Africa in 1876. The Queen paid tribute to the missionary in recognition of her life of service.

Christianity in Nigeria and the Gold Coast, Africa

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By DR. R. PAUL CAUDILL, Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

IF ANYONE doubts the importance of Christian missions, let him come to Nigeria. Here, as in few other places in the world, one beholds the impact of the Christian missionary in every area of life. In government, in public schools, in laboratories, in the commercial world—everywhere you turn, you find people who say, "Yes, I was once a student at a Mission School."

The Honorable S. L. Akintold, former Minister of Health and present Leader of Opposition in the Federal House, who is a devout member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lagos, and frequently supplies the pulpit in his church, is a direct product of a Baptist school.

Chief Obafemi Awolowo, currently the Premier of the Western Region, whom I visited this morning, is a devout Christian. It is said that he reads the Bible daily, even during his busiest days in Parliament. Moreover, two years ago he stated that every member of his cabinet was the product of Christian missions.

The Honorable Peter Achimugu, Minister of Natural Resources of the Northern Region, with whom I had a pleasant visit on Thursday of last week, is a noble Christian gentleman—another product of Christian missions.

THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE

All of this bids well for Nigeria, for Nigeria is today on the threshold of a new day. Home rule is expected to come to the entire country soon. The transition will probably be gradual, particularly in the North, but it is coming, nevertheless, for that is the wave of the future.

The forces of Christianity in Nigeria are deeply cognizant of strategic op-

portunities that lie in the days ahead, and are busying themselves as never before to the end that the best possible leadership may be supplied in this era of transition. Freedom of religion, human rights, and all other matters that relate to the dignity of man, will receive strong support at the hands of Christian leaders as the new constitution is framed.

The largest group of Christian missionaries in all Nigeria is perhaps that of the Roman Catholic faith. There are said to be more than a thousand in Eastern Nigeria alone—more than the collective total of Southern Baptist missionaries in all parts of the world!

Numerically, the Church of England probably has the second largest following, with Baptists and Methodists as contenders for the third place. Presbyterians also are found in considerable numbers, as are the Qua Ibos (Evangelical Church of Ireland), representatives of the Sudan Interior Mission, Sudan United Mission, and Assemblies of God. The Moslem strength is very great in some areas—there are perhaps as many as twelve million in all of Nigeria. Perhaps 50 per cent of the population is uncommitted as to religion.

In a recent government census in Lagos, only two per cent of the people were willing to acknowledge themselves as pagans in belief. This means that the people of Nigeria are reaching for Someone higher than their pagan gods, and my faith is they will keep on reaching until they find HIM!

The distance from Lagos to Accra, Africa, is little more than an hour by plane, but the Gold Coast and Nigeria are much farther apart in their plans as to home rule.

Here in the Gold Coast, the elections are over and the idolized Prime Minister, Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, remains at his elevated position, poised and ready to lead the Gold Coast in becoming the first Black Dominion in the Commonwealth, granted that the other dominions approve. Here there is not the type of regional disunity that prevails in Nigeria, nor similar factors which tend to internal strife. The following of Prime Minister Nkrumah is national rather than sectional, and his friends are legion.

But the new order, that is obviously in the making here in the Gold Coast, has as yet created no problems for Christian missions. So far as I can tell, the door to Christian missions in the Gold Coast is as wide open as human hands can pull it, and a spirit of genuine understanding seems to prevail at every point.

OPEN DOORS FOR CHRIST

Christian missionaries are wide awake to their opportunity in the Gold Coast, as alert as the new political regime is to its day. And they are on the march.

The Roman Catholics apparently have the firmest footing, if there is an edge of advantage, because of their emphasis on education. They have here, as elsewhere, lost no time in establishing an arresting system of schools for elementary training. The Presbyterians would perhaps come second, as a denominational group, in their following. They are doing a solid, substantial work as is their custom. The Methodists are very strong, too, and perhaps come next in Christian influence. The Assemblies of God

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Miss Florence Miller behind the Baptist Chapel's bulletin board announcing the services.

The Japanese Language:

A Burden and a Challenge!

By REV. CLEMENCE AUCH
of Ise-Shi, Japan



The Gospel message of John 3:16 in the Japanese language with its strange alphabetical characters.

WITH THE BEGINNING of our mission field in Japan, a new word has come into the letters, prayer requests, and thoughts of the missionary in Japan, namely, "Language Study." To you on the home field it must seem a great waste of time for the new missionary to spend his first two years largely in studying the language.

In trying to convey this task to you, we are at a loss for an example. Many of your pastors have studied Greek and some even Hebrew. They can begin to grasp the immensity of the subject, but having studied some Greek, I find Japanese not to be compared with it.

The Japanese language has various degrees and levels. In our homes in America, we use the same language as we do in the office. However, in Japanese there is one set of words for the home, one for the average man of the street, and a polite language. Within these levels one must be conscious of humble forms and honorable forms. In speaking about things belonging to oneself, one must use the humble form, but when speaking about others the polite or honorable form is used. In this area the missionary often makes humorous mistakes.

PITCH AND TIMING

The pronunciation of English words is determined by accents, but in Japanese there is no accent. In pronouncing Japanese words, we must be conscious of pitch and time. Some words are pronounced with the first sound just a trifle higher than the rest of the word. One is not conscious of this at first; in fact, I do not notice it as yet.

The timing is often difficult. Each set of sounds must be given the same amount of time or the word may have the opposite meaning. In order to make some words polite, the word is prefixed by "o," "go," or "mi" (pronounced o, go, me). By placing the

wrong one before the word changes its meaning.

For example: The word for God is "Kami." To place "o" before it (okami) does not mean God but rather the wife of a merchant. In this case one must use an additional word "sama," making the polite form for God, "Kamisama."

After studying two years, the missionary has learned words and forms which help to construct a sentence and some "kanji" and "kana" to be able to read a little. Moving to the field, the missionary first begins to see the tremendous task before him. He soon learns that there are dialects, similar to those found in the German language. We learn the correct Japanese in language school but many people cannot express themselves unless they use their dialect or "ben."

To add to the confusion, we also learn that the Biblical language is one all its own. At present I am able to speak about ordinary daily activities to a certain extent, but I am at a loss when it comes to understanding those who come with spiritual problems.

Endeavoring to preach in Japanese is far from an easy task. In writing out the manuscript, later to be translated with the aid of a co-worker, the missionary at times must change the English sentences because the way we express ourselves in English cannot always be translated into Japanese. The meaning, however, can be transmitted if we use another way of expressing it in English.

PREACHING IN JAPANESE

Prior to this, I have been preaching through an interpreter. This gives an avenue of expression, but until we can speak in their native tongue our ministry is limited. I am standing at the door of preaching in Japanese. Viewing what lies beyond this door causes me to think of the words of Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build

it." We think of it in this way, "Except the Lord give us words, we labor in vain trying to speak."

By the grace of God I have been able to preach once in Japanese and to speak a few words in visitation on three occasions.

Prior to moving on the field at Ise, I trembled at the thought, but now I trust in the God who called me to this place and who promised to be present and to assist. We stand as one at the opening of a new year, not knowing what the days may bring, but we know one thing—God is with us. With him we shall triumph. "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20b).

It is not easy to express how one feels when the actual beginning is made. The feeling is similar to a seminary student beginning in his first church. We have been in preparation for two years, a time of testing. Language studies are often used by Satan to discourage one, but when one has come to the place of endeavoring to proclaim the "Gospel of Good News," the hurdles are forgotten and the goal becomes clearer.

THE CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE

To help in the task of learning the Biblical words and preparing messages, we have been led by God to approach a young Christian going to a university in Kyoto. He accepted the Lord only a year ago and is also young in age. He has responded favorably, and we have made arrangements for tentative employment for six months. During this time we shall continue to seek God's will in relation to our working together. Christian national workers are few. Therefore, it becomes urgent that we have your prayer support for leaders in the Church of Jesus Christ.

Preaching is only one phase of missionary life. We must set before these people an example of a Christian (Continued on Page 22)

Know Christ to Serve Him

Theme for "Youth Week" to Be Observed, Jan. 27-Feb. 3

Serving Christ Through Business

By Herman Balka of Dallas, Texas

"Brethren, let every man wherein he is called, therein abide with God."

Recently I heard the story of a Christian salesman who was asked by a business executive as to the type of business he was in, to which he replied, "My business is to do the will of God, but for my livelihood I sell steel."

Ever since I went into business ten years ago, I have been of the firm conviction that God calls farmers, office workers, and salesmen just as surely as he calls ministers of the Gospel. And the need of the hour is not for more pastors and evangelists, but for more everyday Christians in the business world who will take their stand for Jesus Christ as a faithful witness and hold high his banner in the shops, factories, and offices.

I believe that God calls EVERY Christian to "full-time Christian service," whether it be in the home, at the office, or behind the pulpit. And I further believe it is very practical to look on your profession as a pulpit, a vantage point from which you can reach men for Christ. It is altogether possible to look on a sales territory as a mission field in which to spread the Good News.

I have found that the key to success lies in putting Christ first. Matt. 6:33 says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." It is impossible to put Christ first and come out second yourself, for if you make his business your business, he will make your business his business.

It should be remembered that there is no such thing as success outside the will of God, nor is there failure within his will.

I can honestly say that I have never seen a business go down which had Jesus as its partner.

Serving Christ Through Office Work

By Dorothy Michaelsohn of Bismarck, North Dakota

Two verses that have been a challenge to me as a Christian working in a public office are found in Colossians 3:23-24, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance for ye serve the Lord Christ." These words are for us today just as they were for the church at Colossae in Paul's time.

Someone has very aptly said that the Christian is the only Bible many people read. They will judge Chris-

tianity by the lives of those who call themselves Christians. If our fellow-workers know what we stand for they will observe us closely and at times may attempt to persuade us to do things which are not becoming for a Christian. At such times we must stand firm in our faith.

I believe we can witness to our fellow-workers in various ways. Through our industry and attitude, we can convince them that there is more in life than material attainment. Our conversation should bespeak the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. "Let your speech be always with grace seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" (Col. 4:6). Our actions, too, speak loudly and should be in accord with our speech to make our witness effective.

As Christians, it is necessary for us to refrain from generally accepted social customs which are practiced by those with whom we work. Here we are often criticized and put to the test, but with the Lord's help we can remain true to our convictions without being prudish and, thereby, be instrumental in winning some of these, our friends, to the Lord.

We are subject to our employers, but more than that, we are subject to Christ, our Redeemer.

Serving Christ Through Nursing

By Sylvia Wobig of Portland, Oregon

"If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4:11).

The nursing profession like any other profession can be made useful for Christian service if the individual so wills. The nurse's pledge already demands of one serving in this profession, a life of purity and abstinence in regard to those things that are harmful and injurious to life. As a Christian nurse, I should like to mention several things by which I can be a testimony to my Lord and my fellow-men.

The first requisite in being a witness for Christ in nursing is that I myself am ever conscious of the Lord's presence and so commune with him that his indwelling Spirit guides and directs me in the service of my fellowmen. In nursing one is close to birth and death as well as to joy and sorrow.

YOUTH WEEK

Jan. 27-Feb. 3, 1957

"Youth, with swift feet, walks onward in the way; the land of joy lies all before his eyes."

—Bulwer



—Eva Luoma Photo
Serving Christ means to let Christ be reflected in my life and work.

As I minister to those who have been brought low in life, I feel that I am admitted into their innermost being and have the great privilege of allowing my Christian testimony to influence them when they need someone who has experienced the peace of God in his own soul. Just to be there to encourage and to give assurance is a Christian service in itself.

Another testimony that reaches the heart of the patient is to understand his needs and attitudes, regardless of race or creed, culture or position. If my witness is to affect him, I must gain his confidence by being kind, considerate, sincere and Christ-like in all of my conduct. There are those opportune moments when the occasion arises and one can speak a word for Christ or offer a prayer as a real testimony to your faith. Such times come when preparing the patient for the crisis in life or the barrier that he must face.

Serving Christ through nursing to me means to let Christ be reflected in my work and conduct to my fellow-men.

Serving Christ Through the Gospel Ministry

By Gene Stroh of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

"Know Christ to Serve Him!" How wonderful it is that we have the opportunity to come to know Christ, and in knowing him we are led to understand and to appreciate what this great Savior of ours has done for us. However, a great thrill not to be overlooked by the Christian is that our Savior has offered and challenged us with the opportunity of serving him. To be sure, all of the followers of Christ are urged to serve him, and (Continued on Page 22)



Carol Schmidt of Lorraine, Kans., at the 1955 General Conference organ shows how the life of faith demands the full use of every spiritual resource which God has given us.

Youth's Great Task

The Christian's task is to live a life completely pleasing to God!



By REV. DAVID J. DRAEWELL
of Detroit, Michigan

IF YOU COULD be sure of an absolutely correct answer to any question, what would you like to ask? This query was recently put to the people of Chicago, Ill., by a reporter working for one of the nation's largest newspapers.

A good looking young salesman replied: "What day will I die? Or how old will I be when I die . . . If I knew the age when I am to go, I'd know whether to live fast, die young and have a good looking corpse or live like an old soldier who's going to fade away."

This young fellow very clearly revealed his basic philosophy of life. It was simply this: "My real job in life is to please me! I want every day to be packed full of thrills which will give me complete satisfaction."

We must agree that he was right in looking for a full and satisfying life. He was dead wrong, however, in even imagining that such a life could be the result of trying to please himself. This is impossible and always will be! Why?

LIVE TO PLEASE GOD

The main reason seems to be because that's the way God made us. No matter how hard we may try, we cannot find lasting satisfaction in living to please ourselves. It just doesn't work! Remember that I said **lasting** satisfaction. A life lived for self does give some satisfaction—but only for a season. It seems to start out okay but never finishes like that. The thrill no longer excites. Satisfaction disappears.

What is the answer then? As young people, we are interested in knowing what is the real genuine way to a life of lasting satisfaction, for this is exactly what we hope to experience.

The Christian answer is that we must live to please God. There's your solution! It is the only solution that even begins to make sense. Giving us

**"Know Christ to Serve Him."
—Youth Week Theme**

a life that's full and satisfying is precisely God's plan and purpose. Jesus said that he came to lead us into the real experiences of abundant living. He could do this because he is God and can do what others cannot do. He could do this also because he was a Man who personally lived just such an abundant life. Yet, we read in the Bible, "even Christ pleased not himself."

If our real job in life, then, is to please God, we had better ask ourselves another question: How may we do this? In Hebrews 11:6 we read, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." In Romans 1:17, Paul quotes a statement that is found four times in the Bible: "The just shall live by faith." This points out very clearly that **faith is the essential element** in the life which pleases God.

A REAL LIFE OF FAITH

A real life of faith is not easily or quickly achieved. Faith is more than mental agreement. It is more than merely believing a set of doctrines. Faith has within itself a pledge to action! Someone has said that we have faith in a thing only when we live as if that thing were true to its avowed purpose. In other words, we exercise faith in a bridge only when we trust our weight to it. We are then living as if its avowed purpose of offering us a safe passage across the river were true.

So also, we may exercise faith in God only when we live as though he

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"Youth is the opportunity to do something and to become somebody!"
—T. T. Munger

really does exist and is true to his purpose as revealed in his Word. This means that living the Christian life is **actually living a life!** Since nothing could be more practical than living, our job as Christian young people in pleasing God is full of practical meaning.

It means first of all, that since God has revealed himself for our benefit in his Word, we will read and study it to make certain we know and understand his message to us.

It means also that since our lives here on earth are as vapors which appear for a little time and then vanish away, we must live as those whose real home is an eternal one in the presence of the eternal God. Thus, we will now seek **first** the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. We will be much more concerned with laying up treasures in heaven than seeking a kind of temporary security in earthly wealth.

MY PLACE OF SERVICE

It means that since the Church was founded by Christ to bring God's message of hope to a needy world, we must find our individual place of service within its great program.

It means that since there actually is a God who loves us and desires to make our lives exceedingly worth-while, we will constantly seek his guidance. We will want to work at the vocation he chooses for us. We will train for this vocation at the school to which he leads us. We will want to marry the mate he desires us to have. Why? Because we have **faith** that he loves us and knows what is best in our lives.

Yes, the practical aspect of our job means all this—and much more! The life of faith is not a pushover. It demands the full use of every spiritual resource which God has given us. Such a life and only such a life can be said to be lived to the full. Only such a life can be completely pleasing to God.



—Photo by Rev. Rubin Herrmann
South Dakota young people, leaders, and pastors at the Senior CBYF Camp held during the summer of 1956.

Get Ready Now for Camp

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, CBYF General Secretary

THE IMPORTANCE of Christian camping cannot be emphasized enough. The total number of hours of religious training received at camp almost equals the amount of training received by the combined efforts of the Sunday School and the Vacation Bible School. The camp provides for an accumulation of inspirations, knowledge and guidance in a concentrated time which involves the entire living experience of the camper. A camp provides for spiritual growth, mental growth, social and physical growth.

Such an important function of our youth work should receive the best of attention and early planning. The camp date, theme, and curriculum should be set up as soon as possible. All personnel and staff members should be appointed early. The following are just a few of the committees and details to keep in mind when planning for your camp.

CAMP COUNSELORS

The growing need for trained Christian youth workers to meet our youth problems today is of major concern in Christian circles. Educators, youth agencies, and churchmen are on the search for trained leadership that can offer a constructive and attractive program.

Our youth camps offer an excellent opportunity for Christian youth workers (camp counselors) to get close to our young people and help them. The counselor who is well trained knows what his job is, how to do it and cooperates with the rest of the camp staff. He will be in charge of a number of individuals and will help them to reach the highest experience possible. Training is necessary to help the counselor do his job most effectively.

A Camp Counselor Training Program has been prepared by your youth department. The purpose of this training program is to help prepare leaders

as camp counselors, to make them aware of the aims and purposes of camping, and to equip them with skills and techniques for group work.

Counselors should be chosen early. The number of counselors depends on the size of the camp. The American Camping Association suggests one counselor for five children between the ages of eight and eleven, one for eight young people between ages of eleven and eighteen.

The camp director should arrange for such a training program for all counselors before the camp begins. Some of our regional youth fellowships are making room in their spring rally program for this training course. Others will be meeting at the actual camp site for a day of instruction and discussion. We trust that you, too, will take advantage of the Camp Counselor Training Program.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Our camp directors are discovering the great value in pre-registration. There are a number of things to be said in favor of pre-registration. You will have a good idea just how many will be attending camp. This information will help you plan for adequate facilities for housing, classes, and recreation. Your cooks will also know how much food to order, especially for the first day.

Another value in pre-registration is that you can make definite cabin assignments before the campers arrive. In this way they can be directed to their cabin when they "sign in." The cabin counselor will be on hand to welcome them and to help them get settled. The pre-registration card should give you the following information: name, address, home church, age, grade in school, whether bedding is to be shared with anyone.

Your first job will be to "sell" your young people on the idea of going to camp. This can be done through pep

talks, pictures of last year's camp, or a special program on the values and joys of camping. Also make use of your regional youth paper and local newspaper for publicity purposes. Make an attractive poster for each church bulletin board to tell about your camp—when and where it is going to be and where they can get registration blanks.

Prepare a mimeographed leaflet giving all details of the camp. Be sure your leaflet gives the following information: a) Where the camp is; b) How to get there; c) When to arrive and when everything is over; d) What to bring (bedding, musical instruments, Bible, paper, pencil, soap, towels, flashlights, etc.); e) Cost; f) Where to send registration blanks; g) Age group; h) Mailing address of camp; and i) An outline of the camp program.

Your CBY Fellowship Secretary would appreciate receiving a copy of all publicity materials. You may send these to Rev. L. Bienert, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

RECREATION

There is no better way to get a group acquainted and to help them feel that they belong to one another, than to get everyone playing together. Group recreation in which everyone participates helps to build fellowship which is essential to a good youth camp. Plan the kind of recreation that keeps your group together. Therefore a recreation leader should be appointed. This should be a young person who has had some experience in leading recreation and someone who is willing to do some real planning for the entire camp group. A good leader will let members of the group contribute ideas and leadership, but will be ready with a variety of recreational activities.

Check to see that there is enough equipment on hand and that there is

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The new \$282,000 edifice of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., of which Dr. A. S. Felberg is the pastor.

Dedication of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

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By MRS. EUGEN LUECK, Reporter

IT WAS with a sense of joy and gratitude to God that the members and friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, met from Nov. 9 to 11 to dedicate their new church edifice to the service of God. The joy of these days was greatly increased by the presence of our denominational executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, who inspired us with four messages, long to be remembered.

Our hearts were greatly warmed when about 500 members and friends gathered on Friday night for the dedication banquet. In an informal way experiences relative to the construction program were shared and incidents related which were not commonly known. The highlight of the evening was a 45-minute 16 mm. film depicting the story of the building program from the ground-breaking services up to the dedication exercises.

All the societies and church organizations had "their night" on Saturday evening when each one in turn brought greetings and suggestions as to their anticipated program in the enlarged and improved facilities of the new church.

Sunday was the highlight of these exercises. The entire congregation met in front of the building at 9:15 a. m. A brief key-presenting ceremony was followed by a short entry program, upon which the entire assembly entered the new edifice. The first worship service at 9:30 a. m. was held in the German language and the second in the English language at 10:55 a. m.

Open house from 2:00 to 4:00 brought between 1500 to 2000 friends from the neighborhood who with great interest viewed the beautiful new structure and its facilities. The formal dedication service was held at 7:30 in the evening when a crowd exceeding the 800 seating capacity gathered. Many had to leave for lack of accommodation. The three choirs of the church were faithful in their ministry of song

and their splendid renditions did much to enhance the services.

Our new church has 32 Sunday School and administration rooms, a spacious auditorium and social hall seating 700 people, a lovely sanctuary with balcony seating 800 people, an impressive narthex and adjoining mothers' and baby room. The educational unit is a three-story structure. The combined square footage of the entire building is 32,357 square feet and affords ample accommodations for all activities of the church.

Trinity Church Edifice, Sioux Falls

Dedication of New Building at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.,
Reported by Diana Schmidt, Church Clerk

SUNDAY, November 11, was a long-awaited day for members and friends of the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. With rejoicing and thanksgiving an afternoon service was held in the recently erected church building to dedicate it for the worship of our Lord. Approximately 400 members and friends of the North American Baptist churches of the South Dakota Association attended the service.

A male quartet from the seminary, Charles Littman, Leroy Kiemele, Harold Lang, and Ray Hanson, opened the service by singing the hymn, "O Worship the King," after which the congregation stood and sang, "Glorious Things of These Are Spoken." The choir, composed largely of college and seminary students under the leadership of Charles Littmann, rendered the number, "I Was Glad." This was followed by prayer offered by Dr. Walter Wessel, who recently became a member of the staff at the seminary.

Our pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, extended greetings and a word of wel-

come. An instrumental quartet from the seminary, Gordon Voegle, Bruce Rich, Harvey Mehlhoff, and Don Rich, played the selection, "Awakening Chorus." Reports giving general information concerning the construction of the church were presented by Dr. George Lang, president of the seminary, and Mr. John Schilt, contractor. These were followed by a vocal solo by Ray Hanson, student at the seminary.

Our prayer is that God Almighty, who has watched over us during the time of construction and has given us this lovely building, may use the church in it as a mighty servant for himself.

We were happy to have as our guest speaker, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, who brought a challenging message entitled, "The Church's Finest Hour." After the message Miss Roxanna Kohrs sang a solo, "Bless This House," which was followed by the dedication prayer by Prof. Roy Seibel. Congratulatory greetings were brought from pastors and representatives of neighboring congregations. Mr. Ben Wiese, church treasurer, presented a treasurer's report, followed by the dedication offering. In closing, the congregation sang the hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

Our pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg, during this time of building have given unsparingly of their time, counsel, and prayer. Many decisions had to be reached and obstacles overcome, and as a church we are sincerely grateful for their capable guidance and leadership.

REMEMBER TO PRAY

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

"The prayer that begins with trustfulness, and passes on into waiting will always end in thankfulness, triumph and praise."

—Alexander Maclaren.

Pray for "God's Volunteer" team and its director, Rev. D. Fuchs, in their continued evangelistic ministry.

Pray for these missionaries and remember them on their birthday: Mrs. Edwin Kern, January 7; Miss Florence Miller, January 14; Miss Minnie Kuhn, January 20; Miss Esther Schultz, January 29.

Pray for the mission work on the Montana Indian Field of Alberta and for Joseph Hufnagel in his new ministry among these Indians at this lonely, wintry outpost.

Pray for the students at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., at the close of the school semester with their final examinations, and at the beginning of a new term in January.

Pray for the 17 Church Extension fields of the denomination, for the pastors and leaders of these churches, and for the "grace of giving" to be shown by our people in the undertaking of new Extension projects in the near future.

We are deeply grateful to the Lord for the offerings totaling over \$1,000 received on our Dedication Sunday.

Trinity Baptist Church was organized in 1951 with 36 charter members. Church services were held in the seminary chapel until the summer of 1954 when the new church building was sufficiently completed to hold services in the basement. In September of 1955, we were able to move into the upper sanctuary. Our number has grown to 62 members, and we as a church praise the Lord for many rich blessings, and for the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer.



Looking toward the communion table and pulpit, as well as the beautifully decorated platform of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., on Dedication Sunday, Nov. 18th.

Dedication of Beatrice, Neb., Church

The Story of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska,
by Mrs. C. M. Ellison, Church Clerk

IT WAS a blessed and most inspirational Sunday on Nov. 18 when the new edifice of the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., was dedicated to the Lord. At the 11 o'clock service Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was our guest speaker. The choir under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Paul sang "The Lord Is in This House."

Our pastor, Rev. George Neubert, read letters of greeting and acknowledged gifts to the church from friends and former members. He also led the congregation in the "act of dedication."

At the afternoon meeting a "Service of Praise" was held. The song service was led by Rev. Hugh Crandall of the First Baptist Church of the city.

Mr. Fred Paul and Mr. Harvey Ahl, trustees, spoke of the explosion in the old church on March 1, 1950 which completely destroyed the building.

They praised the Lord for his protection of the choir members, since through seemingly insignificant and unrelated circumstances each member of the choir was delayed. The building was completely demolished, yet no one was injured. All praise and glory goes to God! Without prayer and faith in the Lord, the new church could never have been rebuilt.

Not only did our heavenly Father preserve the lives of the choir, but he made possible the uninterrupted proclaiming of the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. The nearby unoccupied LaSalle Methodist Church, completely furnished, was made available to us and services were held there the following Sunday.

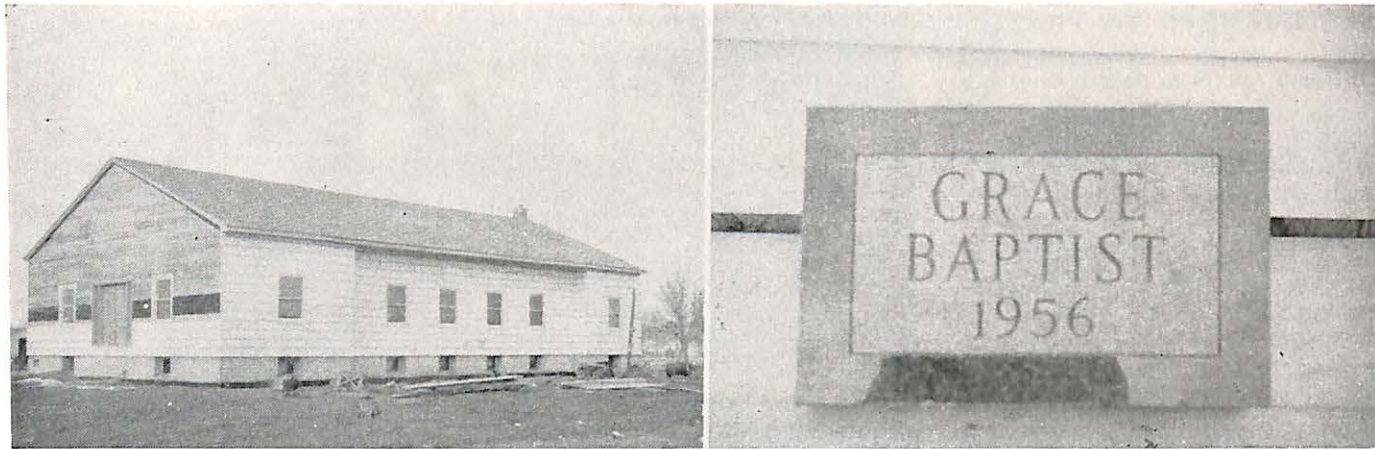
Under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. George Neubert, plans were made for the new church. Much of the work was done by members of the church, and all necessary funds were raised without any public solicitation, simply because the Lord laid the needs on the hearts of those who so willingly gave.

At present the church is almost debt free and has become self-supporting. Our new furniture was installed in August. This was made possible again through the generous donations of members and friends of the church. At the evening service Dr. Leuschner showed missionary pictures of the work being done among the Cree Indians of Alberta and also the work in the Cameroons of Africa.

As Nehemiah wrote, "For the people had a mind to work," and Jeremiah wrote of God, "Great is thy faithfulness," so also is this present house of worship a monument to God's faithfulness to his people and to his Word.



The Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., which was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, November 11th.



The new edifice of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., under construction (left), and the cornerstone of the church (right) as an impressive symbol of God's blessing on this new Church Extension Project of our denomination.

Praising God in West Fargo, N. Dakota

The Story of Another Church Extension Project by Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke, Pastor

"HOW IS YOUR CHURCH coming?" "Are you planning to build this year?" Such were the repeated queries of the people meeting us in West Fargo, N. Dak., on the street until September 15. Until then our future plans were but dim. Inadequate funds prohibited the beginning of a structure for a meeting place. Again and again the "grape vine" brought us reports of people who were interested in our church, but who were waiting to see if we would survive. "Once they have a church," we heard it said, "we will attend," or "we will join." Little did some of them realize that indeed we had a church, but only lacked our meeting place.

OUR BUILDING

At 1:00 p.m. on September 18th, the digger began excavating for our building. Since that time the people of the community have been expressing continued surprise at the rapidity with which our building is being erected. Within ten work days, from the time digging started, the footings and the basement walls were completed. The Lord granted a mild November, so that by the end of this month we have had our building enclosed.

Our people have responded beautifully, helping wherever and whenever they could. Since most of our people are laboring people, much of the work was done at night under the lights. Saturdays, when the men did not work at their regular jobs, was always a big day at the church. When nailing was being done, the clatter of a dozen hammers could be heard for blocks. Several times the hour of midnight struck before a slab of concrete in the basement floor was troweled to satisfaction. Some cold working days were experienced, of course. "Thanksgiving" was such a day. In spite of

the twelve degree weather, a big crew of men turned out to help apply the sidings. Such cooperation and enthusiasm is enough to warm the heart of any pastor.

Working together affords many opportunities really to get acquainted with one another. It has helped to weld our group into a closely-knit fellowship. While the men were working on Thanksgiving Day, the ladies prepared a delicious turkey dinner. This we enjoyed at 7:00 p.m. in a community room in Fargo, made available without cost to charitable groups. Thanksgiving thoughts were shared at our evening service on Nov. 25th. Time after time gratitude to God was expressed for the building we soon hope to occupy.

CONTINUED PROGRESS

In spite of trying circumstances encountered by meeting in the school house where we presently meet continued growth and progress have been evident. Beginning with 19 members a year ago, the church now has grown to 33.

During the third quarter of this year the average Sunday morning attendance was 56, with 40 turning out for the evening services. Our Sunday School attendance has averaged 46 and an average of 29 people have met for prayer on Wednesdays. Recently, with the evidence of our building under construction, our attendance has risen noticeably. Seventy-three were in attendance at one service.

JANUARY 1957

"Church Extension Emphasis Month" with offerings to be received toward the \$50,000 Church Extension Fund of the denomination.

The West Fargo area presents some great opportunities to witness for Christ. The city is growing rapidly. New business places are being established and built up while many new houses are springing up. While shingling our church roof, I used my advantage point to view the city. Thirty-five new homes met my gaze just south and east of our property. None of these were there one and one-half years ago. Many new homes have gone up in different sections of town as well.

Our schools are constantly being expanded for needed space to accommodate the many children. Twelve new rooms are presently being added to the one grade school which is itself almost new. A new addition to the high school, completed only two years ago, is now filled as well. So many of these children come from unchurched homes. Here is a tremendous challenge that confronts us.

CHURCH EXTENSION CHALLENGE

Another unique opportunity is ours here in West Fargo. For many years people from our Dakota churches have moved into this area. Since we did not have a church here, they either joined other churches or drifted from the influence of the church entirely. One Baptist Church in Fargo alone has over 100 former North American Baptists in their membership. We realize how much prayer and effort have gone into winning these for Christ and training them to become faithful disciples. Therefore, we believe that they should serve the Lord with us.

Our ever expanding missionary program needs their support. For such who are now moving into this area, to find work, to retire or to go to college, we want to provide a church (Continued on Page 22)

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. J. C. Gunst

- Jan. 13 (Sunday A.M.)—McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta.
- Jan. 13 (Sunday P.M.)—Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta.
- Jan. 14-18—"Week of Prayer," Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.
- Jan. 16—Zion Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

- Jan. 13 (Sunday)—Elberta, Ala.
- Jan. 14 (Monday)—Mowata, La.
- Jan. 15 (Tuesday)—Donna, Texas.
- Jan. 16 (Wednesday)—Greenvine Church, Texas.
- Jan. 17 (Thursday)—Kyle, Texas.
- Jan. 18 (Friday)—Crawford Church, Texas, (Waco, Gatesville and Cottonwood churches invited).
- Jan. 19 (Saturday)—Hurnville Church, Texas.
- Jan. 20 (Sunday)—Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas.
- Jan. 23 (Wednesday)—Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Rev. Lawrence Bienert

- Jan. 18—Crawford Church, Texas (Workers' Conference).
- Jan. 20 (Sunday)—Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas.
- Jan. 22-23—Evangelical Press Association, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

- Jan. 13 (Sunday)—Missionary Conference, Buffalo Center, Iowa.

Miss Ruth Bathauer

- Jan. 16-20—Christian Workers' Conferences.
- Jan. 16—Greenvine Church, Texas.
- Jan. 17—Kyle, Texas.
- Jan. 18—Crawford Church, Texas.
- Jan. 19—Hurnville Church, Texas.
- Jan. 20—Dallas, Texas.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

- Jan. 28-29—Secretarial Staff Visit to the Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. R. Schilke, Rev. L. Bienert, and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.
- Jan. 27-Feb. 3 — "Youth Week." Theme: "Know Him to Serve Him." (Read articles on pages 7 to 9 of this issue.)

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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gration, but said the school, like the church, would be segregated. The \$50,000 needed for equipment and the \$150,000 for annual operation would come from tuition fees and gifts by the church. Baptists traditionally have refrained from promoting church-sponsored high schools, and Dr. Criswell said he thinks the school would "form a precedent."—Christian Century.

What's your problem?

By DR. RALPH E. POWELL, Seminary Professor, Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Send all questions to be answered to Dr. Ralph E. Powell, 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota.)

1. Should a Christian tamper or have anything to do with hypnotism?

Perhaps hypnotism may have some real values for a Christian under the skilled, experienced direction of a recognized psychotherapist or psychiatrist. Administered for serious therapeutic purposes, it may serve to retrieve a forgotten memory; to locate and relieve false, imaginary and debilitating fears; to suggest a healthy, constructive plan of action. Unless so administered, it may be a definite danger by inducing mental states for unworthy purposes. There may possibly be a demonic element in hypnotism where the mind is given over to the suggestion or direction of evil spiritual powers.

2. Are holiness, sinless perfection and sanctification synonymous terms?

The root idea of sanctification is holiness. It means separation from evil and unto God. Sanctification should be continuous spiritual process at work in the believer in which the Holy Spirit is constantly sustaining the new nature imparted in regeneration, causing the Christian to grow in grace. It will never be completed in this life, and therefore should be distinguished from sinless perfection. Sanctification will be completed only after death; only then will we be sinless (1 John 1:8-10). Passages speaking of perfection (Matt. 5:48) should be understood as meaning full development, or growth into

maturity of godliness, not sinless perfection.

3. Do you believe in a personal devil?

Most competent, honest biblical authorities admit that the Scriptures speak of a personal devil. Some modern scholars may reinterpret or discard these passages, because they feel that they are prescientific and represent a primitive, mythological, first century thought which is outmoded in our day, but they do at least attest that the Bible clearly speaks of the real existence of a personal evil spirit. To the writer's knowledge, every orthodox scholar insists that the evidence for a real personal devil is unmistakable.

4. How can I be certain of God's will in a particular situation?

Basic to ascertaining God's will is the unreserved surrender of our own will to God. The reading of the Bible, God's instruction book, will indicate fundamental spiritual and moral laws by which we should be guided. God always leads according to his Word, never contrary to it. If we let God speak to us when we pray, we should often hear his still small voice saying, "This is the way . . ." We must also use common sense and good judgment, as well as secure the best advice of mature Christians. Patient but expectant waiting may be necessary.

Thy Will

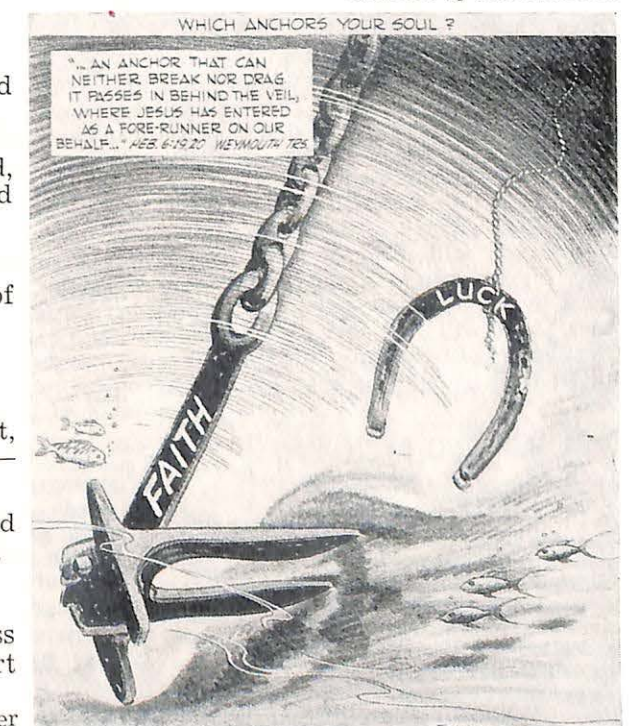
By Alice M. Kyle

To know thy will, Lord of the seeking mind,
To learn thy way for me, thy purpose kind,
Thy path to follow and thy guide find—
For this I pray.

To do thy will, Lord of the eager soul,
To bring my restlessness 'neath thy control,
To give thee, not a part, but all—the whole—
For this I pray.

To love thy will, Lord of the ardent heart,
To bid all selfishness, all sloth depart,
To share with gladness all thou dost and art
For this I pray.

—Watchman-Examiner



Book Reviews



AROUND THE WORLD. By Rev. Henry Schumacher. (Privately Printed). 28 pages. 50 cents.

This is an informal but informative account of a trip of 40,000 miles that took this North American Baptist pastor to many strange and wonderful places of the world. A brief chapter from the book appears in the 1957 ANNUAL. Mr. Schumacher is a colorful, dramatic writer (as well as a speaker). Over India in a plane he was "above the rolling, white clouds with the rivers and streams so far below—a lovely sight." A few hours later in Calcutta, India, he had "another view of India with its poverty, idols, dirt, filth, cows lying all over the streets and heathen gods at almost every street corner—India almost totally blind to the light of the Gospel." You can secure your copy for 50 cents by writing to Rev. H. Schumacher, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada.

COME, LET US ADORE HIM. By Virginia Ely (Fleming H. Revell Co.). 157 pages. \$2.00.

This book with 52 well rounded worship programs can be enthusiastically recommended to all kinds of church leaders and to individuals who are eager for new adventures in their devotional reading. The themes are developed with unusual, impressive devotional passages, some of which are designed to be given by several readers, and others by the leader alone. There are recommended prayers, poems, and suggestions for special music. Virginia Ely, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was engaged in denominational work of the Southern Baptist Convention prior to becoming librarian at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas. In this volume you will discover new, fresh ideas for programs. You will be inspired by the uplifting poems and messages. You will find this book as an effective "springboard" for literally hundreds of worship programs.

SOUL WINNING SERMONS. By Dr. R. A. Torrey (Fleming H. Revell Co.). \$2.50.

In the 100th anniversary year of the birth of the great evangelist, R. A. Torrey, this first volume of sermons which he used frequently in his campaigns has been published. Dr. Torrey was associated with D. L. Moody until he felt led to devote his energies entirely to evangelistic work. His great, worldwide tour with Charles M. Alexander

IS THE RELIGIOUS REVIVAL OF TODAY REAL?

By BILLY GRAHAM, Evangelist, of Montreat, North Carolina.

"There is no doubt that we are experiencing the great religious renaissance in American history. However, there seems to be little evidence of increased personal morality, though there seem to be more and more encouraging signs of a deepening here and there and of a willingness for total commitment to Christ as personal Lord and Savior in many individual lives. However, to become a church member in America is easy, too easy! Unfortunately, many are challenged to join the church without a prior challenge to repent and be converted to Christ.

"If every church member were committed to Christ, I doubt if we would be having the racial violence, the un-

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is said to have changed the eternal destinies of almost 60,000 souls. These 13 sermons are the messages which God has used in saving myriads of sinners all around the globe—in Japan, China, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, India, England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, France, and throughout America. They offer lines of thought and methods of presentation for ministers and evangelists and a means of salvation to the unsaved. The volume is also your introduction to one of God's serene saints and great evangelists of yesteryear.

Our New "North American Hymnal"

By Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Ore., a Member of the Hymnal Committee

AS I HOLD our beautiful new NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL in my hand, I cannot help becoming somewhat sentimental about it: "Something a t t e m p t e d, something done" . . . and something, I believe, of which we as a denomination can be justly proud. Although my own contribution to the work that went into it was comparatively small, I shared with the other members of the committee the deep sense of responsibility, that to us had been entrusted the task of preparing a hymnal to the glory of God and the edification of his people. How keenly we all felt the need of God's help and guidance every step of the way!

To our good chairman, Rev. Paul Wengel, we owe a great debt of gratitude. The hymnal's unique feature, the translation of those favorite German hymns and chorales, is largely his work, a work which he began in the early years of his ministry and continued through many years. Then to him fell most of the burdensome detail of preparing copy, of securing copyright privileges, of proofreading, etc. Perhaps only those of us who worked closely with him can begin to evaluate the painstaking and time-consuming effort he put into this "labor of love."

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How our late Brother E. J. Baumgartner would have rejoiced to see the completion of this hymnal! He was one of its most enthusiastic supporters from the beginning. With prophetic insight he urged a larger first edition than we had at first planned, and today its adoption by churches within and outside our own denomination bears witness to his foresight.

What a good-looking book it is, even from the outside! The warm red binding and dignified cover design! The uncrowded pages with their clearwell-spaced notes—organists and pianists will appreciate that. The topical arrangement of hymns under general headings will appeal to ministers, choir directors and song leaders. And the supplementary cross-indexing of hymns according to subjects will prove helpful in program making. A wide selection of hymns is offered: the best that has come to us from many sources, past and present. The responsive readings offer selections suitable for many types of services, and the material for special occasions is a valuable contribution found in few hymnals.

What a blessing this hymnal can be to our denomination! What a sense of unity it can foster among our churches individually, in our associations, in our conferences and in our General Conference.

Churches which at the moment are not ready to adopt the hymnal might do well to use it in their choirs. Many of these hymns can be made into inspiring anthems with a little imagination on the part of choir leaders—the use of unison singing, of solos, of a change of key for different verses, etc. My conviction is that before long, all of our congregations will be using the NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL!

What's Happening

● The First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., has extended a call to Rev. J. R. Kruegel of Junction City, Kans., the pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church. He has stated in accepting the call that he plans to start his ministry in the Trenton Church on Sunday, March 3. Mr. Kruegel presented his resignation on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. He has served the Mt. Zion Church of Kansas since 1945.

● The Zion Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, has called Rev. Robert Kluttig of Germany as its pastor. He and his family arrived in Edmonton about December 10th to take over this pastorate. However, he is not succeeding Rev. Edward Hornbacher, as reported in the Nov. 15th issue of the "Baptist Herald." Mr. G. Rochow has served the Zion Church since May 13, 1956, shortly after its organization.

● Rev. David Draewell has recently resigned as youth director at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., and brought his ministry there to a close on Dec. 31, 1956. He served in this capacity since July 1, 1955. During his term of service, the new educational unit of the church was completed and dedicated. He is giving prayerful consideration to a number of opportunities in which he may continue his ministry in Christ's service.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River, Manitoba, held a special celebration on Sunday evening, Nov. 4, honoring Mr. and Mrs. D. Wildeboer and Mr. and Mrs. F. de Vries on their 25th wedding anniversaries. Mr. Bruno Voss, interim pastor, led the program which featured musical numbers, readings, congratulatory messages and the presentation of gifts. Both couples have been prominently identified with the work of the Ochre River Church for many years.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 9th, a "Word of Life Youth Rally" was held at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., with a large crowd in attendance. Jack Wyrzten, famous radio preacher, and the Word of Life Quartet with Don Wyrzten at the piano presented the program. The Clinton Hill Church recently published a list of names and addresses of 17 shut-ins, ten students at seminaries and colleges, and four missionaries, including Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee in the Cameroons, Africa. Rev. Sidney Larson is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 2, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, pastor of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., baptized seven converts on confession

of their faith in Christ. On Sunday evening, Dec. 16, three choirs of the church presented a program of Christmas music under the direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz. These were the Junior, Young People's and Senior Choirs. The church choir also sang two inspiring numbers at the dedication services of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged of Norridge, Ill., on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9th.

● On Sunday, Dec. 9, the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., honored its pastor, Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, on the 30th anniversary of his ordination into the Christian ministry. The beautiful bouquet of flowers on the platform was presented by the pastor's family. On Sunday evening, December 23, the well-known Christmas story, "Why the Chimes Rang," was presented. The annual Christmas Tea of the King's Daughters Circle was held on Sunday afternoon, December 16, with the program centering on the theme, "The Christmas Angel."

● From November 4 to 9, "Deeper Life Services" were conducted at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., with Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom of the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn., bringing the messages. Through the spirit-filled messages, prayers, testimonies, and musical numbers by the choir and other groups, the meetings were an immeasurable blessing to many. Mrs. Karl Duenke, reporter, wrote: "Our prayer is that the Lord may continue to bless us and that the seed sown will bear much fruit for his Kingdom." Rev. Adam Huber is pastor of the Faith Church.

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 25, Rev. Walter Stein, pastor of the Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., baptized seven converts and received them and two others into the fellowship of the church. Evangelistic meetings were conducted during the first two weeks of November by Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. At the baptismal service, the pastor of the Baptist Church, Crookston, Minn., also baptized 21 converts. This was followed by a joint communion service. On Sunday evening, Nov. 18, a large group from the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, presented a program of band music, songs and a play, as reported by Mrs. Joe Werre.

● The Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., witnessed an impressive baptismal service on Sunday evening, Nov. 25, when Rev. Harold Sanders baptized eight converts on confession of their

faith in Christ. They were given the hand of fellowship at the communion service on Dec. 2nd. Mr. Sanders is bringing a series of Sunday morning messages on "What the Bible Teaches." The Christmas program of the Sunday School was presented to a large audience on Sunday evening, December 23. The oldest member of the church, Mrs. A. A. Butzer, aged 91 years, was laid to rest on Nov. 29. Her Christian life and testimony were a blessing to all.

● A Christmas carol service presented by members of the Woman's Missionary Guild ushered in the Christmas season at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 4. The story of "The Christmas Cradle" was beautifully rendered with musical selections and readings. The Junior Choir of 20 voices directed by Mrs. R. Kern sang several numbers. Louanne Fuchs played Schubert's "Ave Maria" on her violin. Those taking prominent part in the musical program were Lydia Mihm, Doris Schuster, Carol and Judy Maxant, Rosemarie Hackmann and Adelaide Klatt. Mrs. Harold Stolt is chairman of the program committee and Mrs. Daniel Granzow president of the Guild.

● More than 25 students attending the Bible schools, colleges and seminaries in the vicinity of Chicago, Ill., attended the Students' Reception at the Forest Park Baptist Church and the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., on Friday evening, Dec. 7. The program and reception were sponsored by the CBY Fellowship of the denomination with Rev. Lawrence Bienert, general secretary, in charge. Brief messages were brought by Rev. D. Fuchs, denominational evangelist; Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Sunday School secretary; and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor. The students brought special musical numbers and readings and participated in informal singing. Miss Rosemarie Hackmann showed some beautifully colored pictures on "The Greatness of God." Pastors of our Chicago churches were present and spoke briefly.

● From Oct. 29 to Nov. 9, the Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller, Alberta, was blessed with the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Schumacher of Wetaskiwin in a series of "Christian Growth Meetings." One young man accepted Christ as his Savior. On Nov. 17 friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Bertsch gathered in the church basement to honor them on their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. Gust Holwegner of Calgary was the master of ceremonies for the program. Each of the couple's five children paid a tribute to their parents. A number of lovely gifts were opened by the "bride" and many cards read. Mr. Bertsch's Sunday School class sang a song in German and presented him with a gift of money.

We the Women

By MRS. T. D. LUTZ, President

Oh, how we like new chances, new opportunities, new things of life! We are glad for the beginning of a New Year, and along with this New Year comes a newness in the heading of "We, the Women." We like the newness throughout the pages of OUR "Baptist Herald."

WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND?

As we start this New Year, we take inventory of what we have. We think of the time when the Lord spoke to Moses saying, "What is that in thine hand?" (Ex. 4:4.)

Ladies throughout our denomination are inquiring, "What can we do?" "What more is to be done?"

Before we go farther, we may ask ourselves, "What is in MY hand?" Perhaps it seems like so little. It may be only a dish, a rag, a dust pan or a kettle. We know that Moses had only a rod.

Many times we look at each other and we want in our hands what the other person has in her hand. Today let us not look to persons for our example. Let us look at Christ's hands.

Jesus has gentle hands. Parents brought their little ones to him . . . that he should put his hand on them and pray . . ." (Matt. 19:13).

Jesus has skillful, healing hands. The sick were healed; the lame were made to walk. Having met a blind man, "he put his hands upon his eyes . . . and he was restored" (Mark 8:23).

Jesus has strong determined hands. "And he found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: and when he had made a scourge of small cords he drove them out of the temple . . . and overthrew the tables" (John 2:14-15).

Jesus has hands that have suffered for you and for me. "Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands and reach hither thy hand, and put it into my side; and he was not faithless, but believing" (John 20:27).

Jesus' hands are helpful hands, hands that build, hands that lift up the fallen and the weak. Among the people of the earth we may find greedy, idle, cruel, destructive hands.

Quoting the words of the song writer we say, "We would be like Jesus." We would take inventory of what is in our hands. We would pray for gentle, skillful, strong, willing, helpful, sacrificial hands to use throughout this new year for Jesus.

COMING EVENTS

Pay Woman's Missionary Union dues, 1956-1957 (5.00) to our treasurer. (Continued on Page 22)

Baptist Men

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

WE as an organization of "Baptist Men" are very happy for the space allocated to us in the "BAPTIST HERALD." Ours was the last organization to be formed in our denominational fellowship. Although we are rather young in service and experience, nevertheless, we are making plans for greater service in the future.

Many of our churches in recent months have organized a Brotherhood or Men's Fellowship, and others are in the process of organizing. Unfortunately our national organization has not been in a position to render very much help in getting new local men's groups started, but plans are in the making that we trust will be helpful.

"BAPTIST MEN'S" PUBLICATION

Beginning in 1957, we will have a quarterly publication, with Mr. Herbert Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., executive vice-president of "Baptist Men," serving as editor. In this periodical you will be given news items of interest to men, program suggestions that should be beneficial to local church groups, and information in general.

We are also revising the material in the packets that are sent to any of our churches requesting them. In these packets we include several suggested constitutions and other material that will serve as a guide to assist in the formation of a men's organization in a local church. (If any church desires this information, please write direct

to the secretary-treasurer of "Baptist Men," Mr. Robert Pieschke, 8535 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit 13, Michigan.)

Recently we tried to work up a complete mailing list of at least five men in each church of our denomination, in order that our quarterly publication will reach men in every church. A letter was sent to each pastor and a copy to all church clerks requesting that the names and addresses of interested men be sent to me. Quite a number did not respond to this request which means that a number of our lay leaders will not receive the new publication. In order to complete this mailing list we urge that those who have not sent in this information will do so at an early date so that the laymen of your church will receive the publication as well as other literature that will be mailed from time to time.

By having a complete list, it will not only enable us to send the quarterly periodical to you, but at any time we desire to send a special news letter or pamphlet we can reach the men in our churches with the least amount of time spent. At any time you desire to have your name, or the name of some interested layman in your church placed on this mailing list, please do not hesitate to send your request to Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, 4316 Fort Ave., Waco, Texas. All of our pastors will be included in this mailing list.

FUTURE PLANS

After our national organization becomes fully organized and in a better position to render service to local Brotherhoods and Men's Fellowships, we sincerely hope that more of them will become affiliated with "Baptist Men." A small annual fee (or dues) is required, because this is the only way we have to defray the expenses in carrying on the work of our organization. When more of the churches have a Brotherhood or Men's Fellowship, we plan to sponsor missionary projects through the nine local conference "Baptist Men's" groups. We also plan to give suggestions and assistance to local men's groups in observing Laymen's Day in October of each year.

Plans have been made to have another Laymen's Conference during the summer of 1959. In the summer of 1956 we sponsored the fourth such conference at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., which was a great blessing to everyone who attended; and the attendance at this conference was the largest we have had.

No doubt, there is much work that needs to be done in all of our churches. When men are fully informed of the

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 27, 1957

Theme: NEEDS THAT JESUS MEETS

Scripture: Matthew 9:1-13.

THE GENERAL THOUGHT: Jesus cannot help the self-sufficient. Only when we realize our helplessness and come to him can he meet our need.

INTRODUCTION: Chapters five, six, and seven are examples of the teaching power of Jesus. In chapters eight and nine, we have graphic examples of his healing power. The two Emmaus disciples gave a dramatic description of Jesus when they spoke of him as "a prophet mighty in deed and in word" (Lk. 24:19). He came down from the mountain on which he taught and forthwith healed a leper, the centurion's servant lying sick of the palsy in a distant bed, and Peter's mother-in-law, who was sick of a fever, and he cast out many demons and healed others too numerous to mention.

Then, to the utter amazement of his disciples, he stilled a storm at sea. It is a sad commentary on the people of Gadara when they "besought him to depart out of their coasts." Their herd of swine was more valuable to them than two utterly wretched men who were freed from the power of demons. They loved their possessions better than his presence and his power.

Continuing with today's lesson we can truly say with Paul, "God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). Jesus met with every type of situation in life and was able to do something about it, except in cases where he was unwelcome, where faith was lacking, and where people felt no need of him.

I. THE NEED FOR FORGIVENESS. Matt. 9:1-5.

When we visit the physician in our illness, all we can describe to him are the symptoms. In his diagnosis he must get at the root of our trouble. It is not enough to get rid of the pain in our body; we must often undergo surgery in order to remove the infection that causes the pain. Here was a man with symptoms so severe that he had to be carried. Jesus diagnosed his case immediately as sin. He was in need of forgiveness and restoration and Jesus gave it to him gladly and freely. The grace of God is greater than the fact of sin.

II. THE NEED FOR HEALING. Matt. 9:6-8.

Sin and sickness often go together. Not always because of our sin; but because we live in a sinful world. Some-

times we suffer because of someone else's sin. A drunken driver can be the cause of great suffering and sorrow to a very innocent family. This man, however, suffered because of his own sin. What a comfort it is to have friends who have faith enough to believe that Jesus can help us and who take time and make every effort to bring us to the Savior.

III. THE NEED FOR SERVICE. Matt. 9:9-13.

The name Matthew means "gifts of Jehovah." If the name Levi indicates that he was also of the tribe of Levi, then he was certainly far from his priestly calling. Jesus called him back into the service of the Lord, where he belonged, instead of in the service of the Roman government. In this farewell "party," Matthew showed great courage by inviting both his friends (publicans and sinners) and his enemies (scribes and Pharisees), and took the opportunity of introducing them to Christ. It was a public decision for Christ and a full and final break with the past.

IV. THE NEED FOR MERCY. Matt. 9:13.

Jesus seems to give special emphasis to the need for mercy. Outwardly, the Pharisees had good moral principles, devotion to the law and the temple worship, a willingness to sacrifice; but they were blind to the need for mercy toward the sick and needy souls around them. In that they did not minister to the needs of others, they became unaware of their own need for salvation.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 20, 1957

Theme: GOSPEL RIGHTEOUSNESS

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20, 43-48.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Legal righteousness based on law is not enough. We must have a moral righteousness based on love.

INTRODUCTION: There is a basic difference between righteousness based on the Ten Commandments and righteousness based on Christ as found in the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount. If you break the commandments, there is hardly a kingdom

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

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on earth whose civil government would not have reason to imprison you. On the other hand, you can break all the principles found in the Sermon on the Mount, and no nation will find cause for putting you in jail. But if these principles are ignored, there is absolutely no way of entering the Kingdom of Heaven. The righteousness of Christ exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees (Matt. 5:20); it fulfills the Law and the Prophets (Matt. 5:17); and is available to us through faith in Christ (Phil. 3:9).

There are many "religious" people who claim the Sermon on the Mount as their "moral code." But no man, except Jesus Christ, has ever lived up to this moral code. You cannot follow this "guide to conduct" without the "Guide." It must be remembered that the central truth in this great portion of Scripture is not the Sermon on the Mount, but the Christ on the Mount.

I. GOSPEL RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SALT. Matt. 5:13.

It is surprising how often Jesus compares the Gospel with such simple and mundane things. Who would think of salt as a symbol of what a Christian should be? Yet Jesus saw some wonderful truths in this simple comparison.

(a) Salt gives flavor. Food is tasteless and bland without it. Missionaries tell us that one of the most valuable gifts they can give to the natives is the gift of a little salt, particularly in those parts where it is very scarce.

(b) Salt is a preservative. Before the invention of the refrigerator and freezer it was the only means of preserving fish and meat.

(c) The primary truth which Jesus wants to emphasize is the fact that salt is absolutely useless unless it is used. It must penetrate and it must spread over every area. It was when the Christians were scattered abroad everywhere that they did the most good (Acts 8:4).

II. GOSPEL RIGHTEOUSNESS AND LIGHT. Matt. 5:14-16.

(a) Light is not timid. It is not afraid to be seen. We do not stand in our own light, but in the light of Jesus Christ. We attract attention to the light of the world and not to our own little lights. Humility, not timidity, is our goal.

(b) Light gives sight and direction. We "walk in the light as he is in the light . . ." (1 John 1:7).

(c) Light gives life (John 1:4).

(d) Light gives understanding (John 9:25).

III. GOSPEL RIGHTEOUSNESS AND OBEDIENCE. Matt. 5:17-20.

God does not look upon sin lightly. It is not something which he overlooks to keep us from being embarrassed, nor does he excuse us because

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Officers of "Baptist Men"

Right to left: Raymond Engelbrecht, president; Herbert Stabbert, vice-president; and Robert Pieschke, secretary-treasurer.



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

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CHAPTER ONE

JOHN ROWLAND slipped the thin, well-worn Bible in his coat pocket, opened the door of the mission hall and stepped out into the light drizzle of a November night in San Francisco. Seeking to avoid the crowds on Market Street, he turned his steps toward the Embarcadero. He was about to cross Market Street when his attention was attracted by the screeching brakes of a Yellow cab which had apparently been traveling as fast as the law allows and which had suddenly with a terrific swerve turned in at the curb.

The driver jumped from the vehicle and with a flourish opened the cab door for a magnificently dressed woman who all but ran across the sidewalk toward John. Both hands were extended and she called his name in the most cordial tone, "John Rowland! However do you happen to be in this part of the world?"

For a moment John was stunned. The woman before him was the loveliest he had ever seen. He was sure that not even Aladdin's lamp could have conjured up a face more beautiful. Looking intently into wide blue eyes, blue as the lapis lazuli, his memory awakened and he remembered high school days and a girl of flawless beauty.

"Kathryn Greig!" he all but shouted, unconscious of the curious staring crowd. "But it can't be!"

"Indeed it is, John. How fortunate for me that I saw you. I can't think of anyone I'd rather talk with right now."

Kathryn's hand was on John's arm and she tugged gently, moving in the direction of the waiting cab. As John hesitated, Kathryn said, "Were you going any place in particular?"

"No," John said.

"Then come with me," Kathryn demanded. "We'll have dinner at my apartment."

"Let me take you to dinner, Kathryn," John demurred. He was trying desperately to remember all that he had known about Kathryn.

Kathryn shook her head. "My boy, Lee, has dinner prepared." Then earnestly, "Do not worry for convention's sake, John, I have a woman companion. Besides," imploringly, "I need help, advice."

John agreed at once. If Kathryn needed help, advice, that settled it.

Beside her in the taxi, John said quizzically, "You're still the same Kathryn, sweeping everything and everyone before you."

The girl laughed. "Not you, John. I was never able to do anything with you."

"Did you ever try?" he asked curiously.

Kathryn shrugged. "What was the use, John? I knew I wouldn't have a chance with you."

"Look out," John cautioned. "That's a heady dose."

But her words flattered him. It was like Kathryn to put it that way. She was a daughter of the rich and he was poor. He would not have had time for a girl in high school no matter how much he had wanted one; not the time nor the money. It had taken all of his time working in Marley's drugstore, all of his time to support his widowed mother and younger sisters. He had thought Kathryn beautiful but she was no more in his orbit than the farthest star in the heavens.

Then there was another difference, too. He had belonged to the church crowd and she had belonged to the worldly crowd.

John sat in the dimness of the cab and a faint, delightful perfume enveloped him. When Kathryn moved, her sable coat brushed against his worn raincoat. The gold in her hair glinted with each passing light.

The taxi was climbing the California Street hill now, past the Fairmont and the Mark Hopkins. It stopped beside a row of apartments ablaze with lights. John reached for his wallet but Kathryn put her hand on his arm. She handed a bill to the driver. "Never mind the change," she said.

An attendant opened the massive door of the apartment house, and John found himself in a small but perfectly appointed lobby. His feet sank deep in the thick rug and he followed Kathryn as she led the way to the elevator.

In the years that had passed John had forgotten how beautiful Kathryn was. Now as he looked into her face, observing the perfection of her creamy white skin, the soft gold of her hair and the sweetness of her eyes and mouth, he marveled anew at her loveliness.

John was silent as the elevator shot upward. But as they stepped out on the fifth floor he said, "I'm curious how you sighted me in that milling crowd on Market Street at night."

"I'd know you anywhere, John," she said lightly.

"That's flattering, Kathryn. Or is it? Maybe I'm an oddity?"

"Oh, no, John. When you stopped to cross the street, the lights of the cab were on your face."

"I haven't changed much, then?"

"Not a great deal in ten years, John."

Kathryn turned the key in the door numbered 508 and opened it. They stepped into a large room softly lighted with floor lamps. The room seemed bizarre and exotic to John. It was

completely Chinese. There were massive, elaborately carved chests, heavy teakwood tables and chairs. Silk screens and wall hangings displayed ferocious looking dragons and two huge Chinese urns stood on the mantel.

John looked around the room, conscious that Kathryn's eyes were on his face. "Your taste?" he asked.

"Like it?"

"With reservations, I'd say. I'm terribly American."

"When you live abroad, you become cosmopolitan," Kathryn said.

John shook his head. "Not me. I'm just a plain man from the Middle West." Slipping off his raincoat, John felt the bulk of the small Bible in his coat pocket.

Kathryn touched a bell and instantly a door opened and a tall, slender woman entered the room. She was a startling contrast to Kathryn, having sleek dark hair, olive skin and long, green eyes. She wore dangling jade earrings and her arms bore a multitude of bracelets that tinkled with her every movement.

"Tell Lee I have a guest tonight," Kathryn said.

"Yes, Madam."

The woman bowed slightly and left the room. John was conscious that without seeming to more than glance in his direction, the woman observed him carefully. She had called Kathryn, "Madam." Then Kathryn must have married. He found the supposition disappointing. He glanced again at Kathryn's hands. She wore no rings.

"Don't sit in a hard, uncomfortable seat, John. Sit over there on the divan."

John followed her advice. Through the window he could see the lights of the Golden Gate bridge.

"Have you been in San Francisco long, John?" Kathryn asked.

"Just since the close of the war."

"Like it?"

"Yes, I do," John answered.

Kathryn sighed. "I love it. It's as fascinating as New York, but more so to me. It spells romance with a capital. And then, it's truly cosmopolitan."

John smiled. It was the second time she had used the word "cosmopolitan."

Kathryn leaned toward him. "Tell me about yourself, John."

"Beginning when?"

"When I last saw you, when you left high school."

"After that I went to work for a bank in Chicago. I studied nights at Northwestern University. For a while I worked with an investment firm, Fitzsimmons and Black. Now I'm in business for myself."

"Secretary and all that?" Kathryn asked.

"Oh, no. I'm a one-man concern. If I need secretarial help I use a public stenographer in the building."

"You were in the war, weren't you, John?"

John nodded. "Navy pilot in the South Pacific."

"And your family? Are they all well, too?"

"The girls are all well and married. Mother went to be with the Lord last year." John was used to speaking of his mother this way. Nevertheless, the words sounded strange in this room and before Kathryn. But she was looking at him intently.

"That's what I want to talk with you about, John."

John stared at her, his heart beating fast. "About my mother?" he asked. "Or about the Lord?"

"Your religion, John. You still have it?"

John smiled. It was such an odd way to word it. "Yes, Kathryn, my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is stronger today than ever. My war experience has proved that not only does the Lord save to the uttermost all those who call on Him but that He is also able to keep them from all evil."

Kathryn sighed. "Ah, John, that is what I need. To be kept from evil."

John jumped up, taking his Bible from the pocket of his raincoat.

"If you'd like, Kathryn, we could go over together some of the very precious promises of this Book."

Kathryn nodded. "I would like it, John."

A door opened suddenly and a dark head appeared. "Dinner, Mees Kathryn."

Kathryn jumped up. "Oh, thank you, Lee." Turning to John she said, "After dinner, John, shall we?"

John laid the Bible on the table and followed Kathryn to a small dining room. This, too, looked out toward the Golden Gate.

His heart felt lighter. Kathryn was interested in spiritual things. Lee had called her "Mees Kathryn." Maybe she hadn't married, after all.

As Lee placed a steaming bowl of chicken soup before him, John bowed his head for the blessing. When he looked up, Kathryn's eyes were on his face. She reached over and lightly placed her hand on his. "It's good to have you here, my friend." Then in a strangely intense tone she added, "You are my friend, aren't you, John?"

In that moment John would gladly have laid down his life for her. In spite of her beauty, her evident wealth, Kathryn was needy. His friendship meant something to her. He did not stop to analyze the strange circumstances which placed him in this unusual situation, opposite a woman of transcendent beauty and charm, talking in easy intimacy with her. He did not analyze his present situation in the light of their past association; nor did he consider that their previous acquaintance was so slight as to scarcely justify the word "friendship."

He felt only a tender protectiveness toward her. "Of course, I am your friend, Kathryn."

John nodded. "Navy pilot in the South Pacific."

Delightful though the dinner was, John felt an urge to be through that he might take the Bible and show Kathryn the way of salvation.

Kathryn leaned toward him. "You did not tell me, John. Do you think I am much changed from the time you knew me?"

He studied her before replying. "Yes," he said seriously. "You are more beautiful, but there is a trace of sadness in your face that was not there in years gone by."

Kathryn sighed. "Ah, yes, it is no wonder."

John cleared his throat, then said, trying to sound casual. "But tell me about you, Kathryn. Did you ever marry?"

"Yes, I married."

John looked at his plate. He hoped the pain in his heart did not show in his eyes.

When Kathryn spoke again, her tone was without emotion. "I married an Englishman in Calcutta. He was born in India, had lived there most of his life except for the years at Oxford. He died of a fever a year ago and I have only lately returned to America."

"Oh, I am sorry, Kathryn."

"I thought of you, John, and how brave you were when your father died. I thought of some of the things you had said then."

John looked at her in amazement. That she should remember! "What things?" he asked curiously.

"You said . . ." Kathryn stopped short as a door opened. The woman with olive skin and sleek, dark hair stood in the doorway. "You are wanted on the telephone, Madam," she announced. Her voice was rich and resonant, her face grave.

Kathryn turned, startled. Excusing herself, she hurried from the room. When she re-entered she seemed pale and uneasy. She did not return to her place at the table but began to pace nervously up and down the room.

"Is something wrong, Kathryn?" John asked.

She did not answer but put a finger to her lips, shaking her head. She then motioned for John to follow her and went into the living room.

John picked up his Bible.

Kathryn spoke hesitatingly. "John, could we have our talk another evening?"

"Of course," John said. Looking into Kathryn's eyes he said, "I'm afraid something is troubling you, Kathryn. Could I help?"

Again she shook her head. John picked up his raincoat and took her hand. At every sound she glanced nervously toward the door. Then she spoke abruptly. "John, I wonder, will you do me a favor?"

"I'm at your command," John said, delighted that he could do something for her.

Hastily unlocking a drawer in her desk, she took out a small box. She

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern Conference

Evangelistic, Thanksgiving and Missionary Services at Hilda, Alta.

From Oct. 9 to 19 an evangelistic campaign was conducted at the Baptist Church of Hilda, Alberta. Rev. Otto Fiesel of Washburn, N. Dak., served as evangelist. Being a former minister of the church, many friends of bygone days attended the services in addition to regular friends. Thus a very good attendance filled the church night after night.

On Sunday, Oct. 28th, the church observed the Thanksgiving and Mission Festival. The program by the Sunday School on this occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. The people gave a sacrificial "Thanksgiving Offering" of \$930 to the Lord, designated for our denominational mission enterprise.

A week later the Ladies' Aid presented its program. A play, "The Master is Coming" and a report on the women's work in the Cameroons by Missionary Tina Schmidt greatly added to the success of this evening. The Ladies' Aid of the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alta., accompanied by the band and pastor, brought an inspiring program on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18th, at our Hilda church.

A. Gellert, Pastor.

Sunday School Week at McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg

Sunday School Week, Oct. 29 to Nov. 3, was emphasized at the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Coming at the close of our evangelistic meetings, it was a splendid opportunity to do follow-up work particularly with Sunday School scholars. A campaign was undertaken to visit all pupils and, if at all possible, to recruit new prospects. The Wednesday prayer meeting was centered around the Sunday School. Teachers reported on their visitations and several scholars testified as to what the Sunday School means to them.

The highlight came on Saturday, Nov. 3, when the church, in appreciation for the efforts put forth, invited all teachers and officers to a "Fishers of Men's banquet. Dr. John Leyboldt was our guest speaker, who spoke on the topic, "Jesus, Our Pattern Teacher." In addition to this, an enjoyable program followed with special musical numbers, poems and a play entitled, "Teaching the Child." All affiliated with the work of the Sunday School, including Rev. H. J. Waltereit, our pastor, really appreciated this time of fellowship, which should encourage us to continue to labor with a greater zeal in building up our Sunday School.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Women's Missionary Program at McLaughlin, South Dakota

"Is Your All on the Altar of Sacrifice Laid?" is the theme song for the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, South Dakota. Our annual missionary program in October was a great blessing to all. The two plays which were presented were very challenging: "They Who Are Wise Will Serve" and "The Leper Colony in the Cameroons." Our White Cross work will always be a labor of love for us, knowing it reaches out to so many in Christ's Name.

Our guest night in September was well attended. A play written by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Edwin Michelson, entitled "An African Women's Meeting," was well presented for the guests.

Our society has purchased four dozen folding chairs to go with the six large folding tables secured for the dining hall last year. Other equipment has been purchased by the women and installed in the church basement.

Mrs. Alvin D. Grosch, Reporter.

South Dakota Christian Workers' Conference at Emery

About 125 people representing 11 churches of the South Dakota Association gathered on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 27, in the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., for the last workers' conference in the series of six in our Dakota Conference area. It was a real joy to have Rev. Paul Appel, missionary on the Spanish-American Field, Colo., lead in a study of this field.



Rev. A. H. Fadenrecht, the new pastor at the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general Sunday School secretary, and Rev. I. H. Schmuland, pastor in Goodrich, N. Dak., led the workshops. Rev. Richard A. Grenz served as chairman. Mr. Zimmerman brought the consecration message to about 300 people who were present for the evening session. A real interest in the Sunday School was also manifested here.

We are thankful to the churches which served as hosts to this series of workers' conferences: the churches at Washburn, Fessenden, Venturia, N. Dak.; McIntosh, S. Dak.; Plevna, Mont.; and Emery, South Dakota.

Richard A. Grenz, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Reception for Rev. A. H. Fadenrecht, Bethel Church, Buffalo

Rev. Albert H. Fadenrecht was welcomed to the pulpit and ministry of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., Sunday morning, Nov. 4th, by Rev. Alan T. Forbes, Director of Youthtime Evangelism Fellowship of Buffalo.

A reception for Mr. Fadenrecht and family was held on Thursday evening, Nov. 15th. They were welcomed on behalf of the church by Mr. G. Panke, chairman of the board of deacons, then by the officers of the church and the various church organizations.

Rev. E. H. Stady of the Riverside Church of Buffalo represented the Evangelical Ministers' Fellowship in welcoming our pastor and family to Buffalo. Mr. Stady also brought the message of the evening. Miss Esther Houser, a lovely singer and friend of Bethel, sang three appropriate numbers and Bethel's fine choir gave a splendid rendition of a well chosen number.

The pastor and his family responded, beginning with their six-year-old son Daryl who recited Psalm One from memory. Mrs. Fadenrecht followed with well chosen words and a sweet smile. Brother Fadenrecht spoke the closing words for the family—words of deep appreciation and Christian love.

Helmuth Wobig, Church Reporter.

Fifth Semi-Annual Baptist Youth Day at Toronto, Ontario

"Come unto me . . . and learn ye of me." This beckoning wall inscription in the newly decorated German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario, ignited a sense of personal inadequacy and need for Christ-likeness in the hearts of nearly 300 German young people who had assembled for their fifth semi-annual Youth Day on Oct. 8th, the Canadian Thanksgiving Day.

The Toronto Baptist Church, whose present edifice has a seating capacity of over 600, graciously offered to accommodate delegates and guests. The

bulk of attendants was comprised largely of young people from the fast-growing churches of Toronto, Kitchener, and Hamilton including St. Catherines, a station of Hamilton.

The all-embracing theme was contained in the question, "Do we deserve to be called Christians?" Speakers were our pastors, Rev. John Goetze of Kitchener. Rev. John Wahl of Hamilton, and Rev. Philipp Scherer of Toronto. The afternoon was highlighted by a religious play entitled, "The Redeemed Live Different Lives," performed in realistic fashion by the Kitchener group.

Our fifth Youth Day was a memorable one because of its fruitfulness. We had come with inquiring minds and receptive hearts, and God responded with his manifold blessings.

Gunther Wahl, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Baptism and Pastor's Reception at Sheboygan, Wisconsin

The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., was the scene of a beautiful baptismal service on Sunday night, Oct. 28th, as seven candidates robed in white ranging in ages from nine to 71 years were baptized by our new pastor, Rev. Fred Mashner. With the lovely painting portraying a flow of water in a stream in the background, modified by soft music and appropriate lights, a reverent audience witnessed the resurrection to the new life as four mothers and three young sisters confessed their faith in Christ.

Previously not reported, we also want to make brief mention of the lovely reception for our pastor and his family in late September. Members and friends were invited to the church parlors for a meal around decorated tables, after which they assembled in the upper auditorium for devotions and welcome speeches. The moderator, Mr. Arno Dechant, presided. Words of greetings were brought by visiting pastors and friends. Rev. Richard Werner spoke in behalf of First Baptist Church of Sheboygan Falls. Our denominational evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier, was also present and represented our denomination.

Mrs. R. Ramaker, Clerk.

Pacific Conference

Portland Avenue Baptist Chapel, Tacoma, Wash., Is Growing

The Portland Avenue Baptist Chapel is a mission of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington. The chapel is located on the edge of a low-income housing project, and many of the children are from non-Christian homes, some never hearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are happy to report that under the faithful leadership of our superintendent, Miss Doris Wagner, the work has continued to grow. One Sunday in October we had a high attendance of 189.

In September a number of the workers from Calvary Church and the



The Portland Ave. Baptist Chapel of Tacoma, Wash., a mission of the Calvary Church, and some of the 189 children and teachers in attendance on Rally Sunday (right).

Chapel canvassed the larger part of the housing project inviting families to attend who have no church home. This canvass was very profitable since on Rally Day and Promotion Sunday we had 161 in attendance with the attendance growing each Sunday in October.

The following Sunday School officers were elected for the coming year: superintendent: Miss Doris Wagner; assistant superintendent: Mr. Duane Nelson; secretary: Mr. Melvin Kageler; assistant secretary: Mrs. Hubble; treasurer: Mr. Dave Judd, pianist and assistant pianist: Mrs. Jacob Yost and Mrs. G. Shelton; ushers: Shearon Peterson, Pauline Judd, Charles Shelton, and Ben Boyce.

Mr. Melvin G. Kageler, Secretary.

Oregon Association Sessions at Bethel Church, Salem

Although the sky was overcast with a thick fog and the air chilly, the atmosphere of the opening session of the Oregon Association was warm and cordial as delegates and friends from our Oregon churches met at the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon, from Nov. 8 to 10. The theme of the sessions was "Christ, the Key to Life's Problems." Our promotional secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, gave the keynote address.

Frank Friesen, Reporter.



Rev. Fred Mashner of the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., and seven converts whom he recently baptized.

Southern Conference

Women's Surprise for Mrs. C. F. Bohmert, Dallas, Texas

The Carroll Avenue Baptist Church's Missionary Union of Dallas, Texas, met on November 1st, at the parsonage occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Gallagher, for its regular meeting. Mrs. Henry Nuss, the president, opened the meeting, after which Mrs. Mary Pearl Kahle presented a devotional.

Miss Emma Mueller had charge of the program which was in honor of the 80th birthday of one of our most faithful and loyal members, Mrs. C. F. Bohmert. Mrs. Nuss pinned a lovely orchid on our honoree, after which the group sang two familiar German songs. Two readings were presented, one of which was in the form of "This Is Your Life," written by a former member, Mrs. Freda Petersen. Three tape recordings of the children and grandchildren of Mrs. Bohmert were presented, in which they congratulated her.

Mrs. Bohmert has been an active member of this Union since 1912 and served as its president for many years. She has inspired many people throughout the years by her example of Christian living and leadership. After Mrs. Bohmert graciously thanked the group for honors bestowed her, she cut a beautiful cake and everyone enjoyed the time of fellowship.

Mrs. Ed Monschke, Reporter.

THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE

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home life. "What does a Christian do from morning until night?" is a question asked by some. Many know little or nothing about how to conduct a family worship. We must encourage our Christians to pray before meals and to be faithful in Bible reading.

Thus far, we have met very few Japanese families who do not have financial difficulties. How do we meet the needs of a family with two children who only earn about \$20.00 a month and have debts to pay because they need about \$24.00 a month to buy food, not to speak of clothing?

There is the constant problem of idolatry. In America we do not realize the grip that Satan has on these people. They know that if they throw out the "god shelf" or "family shrine," their neighbors will persecute them. In America we know very little of persecution. Yes, we experience remarks and reproach but we are still accepted in the community. Not to be accepted by the community and then spoken evil of is difficult, and compromise seems the only way out but the command is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

For the native Christians to stand firm may seem difficult. For the missionary to meet the needs may seem hard, "But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased" (Psalm 115:3).



Mrs. C. F. Bohmert of Dallas, Texas, who was honored on her 80th birthday by the Carroll Ave. Woman's Missionary Society.

READY FOR CAMP

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space to use it. See to it that all equipment is in good condition. You may want the following items at your camp: ping-pong paddles and balls; volleyball and net; baseballs and bats; horse shoes and pegs; croquet sets, record player and loud speaker.

May yours be a better camp because of early, prayerful preparation!

WEST FARGO, N. D.

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home. Surely, this would strengthen our denominational work.

It should also be noted that our church is the only one in the city that has Sunday evening services, a mid-week prayer service, and an evangelistic emphasis with an altar call.

Church Extension is an expensive work, and yet a very necessary work too! The program is to be carried on with sacrificial gifts by our people. That is, gifts needed for foreign and home mission work should not be curtailed, but this work is to be done with gifts over and above our regular giving. Surely, while missionaries are giving their lives on the foreign fields, we should be willing to give our prayers and sacrificial gifts to bring the good news of salvation to some 65,000,000 unchurched Americans.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me, BOTH in Jerusalem, and in ALL JUDEA, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). This word means that Christ should be preached in all these places at the same time. While we are serving Christ at home (Jerusalem), doing home mission work (Samaria), doing foreign mission work (uttermost part of the earth), how about "all of Judea"? To be true to the whole commission, we must not forget to extend the Kingdom of Christ into "all of Judea," which to me speaks of Church Extension. It is next to Jerusalem, but often not reached.

WE, THE WOMEN

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urer, Mrs. Edward Kary, 3010 East Overlook Road, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio. Use blank from January-February "Broadcast." This will make it easier for her to credit you properly.

March 8, 1957—World Day of Prayer Service. Theme: "Who shall separate us . . .?" (Romans 8:35.)

May, 1957, Observe Golden Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union.

BAPTIST MEN

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work of their church and denomination, they automatically see the needs and the various solutions. In other words, if men can be made to see a need and are challenged to meet it, they will react in a way which will bring honor and glory to the cause of Christ. It is our desire to help men to see this need and to challenge them to accept this responsibility and to render a real service to their church.

SERVING CHRIST

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Ephesians 4:11 tells us that "he gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers." Thus, all can serve in some capacity, but at this point we draw attention to the possibility of "Serving Christ Through the Gospel Ministry."

We live in an age when people are crying out for salvation, though they are unaware of what it is that they are really after. The mental pressures of our day make it essential that young men grounded in Christ enter the ranks of the Gospel ministry.

In two of my years at seminary I have had the privilege of serving as pastor of a small church in Sioux Falls. Many have been my experiences which have unfolded to me just a small insight into the pastorate and of what it really consists. It is a challenging picture, for this mankind which is groping about us needs God-inspired men with shepherd hearts to point them to the loving Savior who can make sense out of what has heretofore been madness to this people, lost in a weary land.

Young men! A seminary professor recently stated that these could very well be the latter days before Christ's coming—the harvest days. These could be the days for bringing in a bounteous soul harvest for the Lord. But the laborers are few and how he urgently needs you to fill in the vacancies of the pastoral ranks and to enter those densely populated areas of our country where no church exists at all.

Accept the challenge now, and you'll never regret it for you'll be working in the greatest of all fields of labor, the Master's Vineyard.

Letter Box

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

EDITORIAL SUGGESTIONS

We are looking forward to seeing the 1957 "Baptist Herald." I have often wondered if it would not be profitable to have a Men's Fellowship section as do the women, and also a Church Bible School column each month rather than only once in a while, particularly since the Sunday School Union is now a separate unit and is making many surveys and studies regarding materials, etc. News from Sunday Schools on contests, improvements in organization and departmentalization as well as facilities could be an inspiration to other groups.—S. Donald Ganstrom, Minister, St. Paul, Minn.

A NEW NAME!

I wish to make myself known as one who heartily says "Amen" to the article found in the "Baptist Herald" (Aug. 23, 1956) on "A New Name for Evangelical Christians" by the Rev. Ronald C. MacCormack.

I feel very strongly about this matter. I do not know the author, but evidently he, too, has had the problem of thinking through the Catholic-Protestant relationship. Having lived in Roman Catholic dominated communities and having had the burden of lost souls, the friends in the Roman church, and having dealt with them as lost ones, this "true church" or "only Church" issue has been a very vital one. I doubt whether we as "protestant" church people are aware that by claiming to be anything less than "catholic" we in essence seem to be saying that we are not the "true church."

I agree that the Roman Church shouldn't be given the right to claim that they only are "catholic." I suggest that we get behind the brother who writes so ably on the subject, give a lot more publicity to this matter and support a move toward his suggestion. I wish that this article might be made available to at least every evangelical minister in our land.—Jack Block, Minister, Corn, Oklahoma.

INSPIRED PREACHING

It grieves me to see so many people with starved souls coming from churches, and saying, "I love going to church, but I just didn't get anything from that sermon or Bible class."

First, my beloved brethren, we will never understand God's Word unless we are baptized with the Holy Spirit. Then the Word begins to have meaning and substance for us. Too many of our preachers here in our country are teaching the Bible from man's point of view. How can we expect to

Obituary

MR. EDWALD BRAUN of Hutchinson, Minnesota.

Mr. Edwald Braun of Hutchinson, Minn., passed away at his home in Hutchinson on Oct. 23. He was a member of the North Side Baptist Church of Hutchinson. Funeral services were from that church with Rev. Elmo Tahrn, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Braun attended the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., from 1907 to 1913, but because of poor health was unable to go into the active ministry. However, he remained faithful to his Lord and Savior until God took him home.

North Side Baptist Church,
Hutchinson, Minnesota

MRS. HENRY SCHOTT, Reporter.

MR. AUGUST CHARLES HEIN of Leduc, Alberta.

Mr. August Charles Hein of Leduc, Alta., passed away peacefully in the University Hospital, Edmonton, Alta., on Nov. 11th following an illness of five weeks duration. He was born in Volhynia, Russia, on Nov. 24, 1880. At the age of 12 years he came with his parents to Jamesburg, N. J., and later they moved to Portland, Oregon. In 1894 they came to Alberta, Canada, settling in the Rabbit Hill district. In 1905 he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Rabbit Hill Church.

On April 3, 1907, he married Johanna Wiese, settling in the Fredricksheim district. Here they united with the First Baptist Church of Leduc. In 1944 he retired to Leduc where he joined the Temple Baptist Church.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, two sons: Wilbert and Milton of Leduc; two daughters: Elsie (Mrs. Patzia) of Winnipeg, Man., and Myrtle (Mrs. Jack Funnell) of the British Cameroons, West Africa. Funeral services were held in the Temple Church on Nov. 14, conducted by his pastor, Rev. T. J. Haire, assisted by Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. J. C. Kraenzler.

Temple Baptist Church,
Leduc, Alberta, Canada

T. J. HAIRE, Pastor.

IMPORTANT

Obituaries are to be limited to about 150 words. A charge of five cents is made for all obituaries. All reports from churches with exception for conference and special reports must be limited to 175 words.
EDITOR.

MR. HENRY R. ROLFS of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mr. Henry R. Rolfs of Lorraine, Kans., was born near Bushton, Kans., on January 16, 1889 and passed away in Halstead Hospital, Halstead, Kans., on November 20, 1956. He was 67. Mr. Rolfs became a Christian at the age of 19 and was baptized and received into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine on April 15, 1908, under the ministry of Rev. Robert Stracke. For 48 years, he was a member of the church he loved, serving on the board of trustees, the finance committee, and the cemetery committee. He was vitally interested in missions, particularly our field in the Cameroons, West Africa.

On July 4, 1911, he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Schroeder. To this happy union were born two sons: Marvin and Hugo, both of Topeka, Kans.; and one daughter, Mrs. Emil Ploog of Lorraine, Kansas. These, with their mother, Mrs. Clara Rolfs, mourn the departure of a loving, Christian husband and father. Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Lorraine on November 23, 1956. His pastor brought words of comfort from the text (Ex. 16:7): "And in the morning; then ye shall see the glory of the Lord." Burial was in the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery.

First Baptist Church,
Lorraine, Kansas

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor.

MR. GOTTFRIED PAHL of Millet, Alberta.

Mr. Gottfried Pahl of Millet, Alta., was born on August 16, 1867 in Poland. He passed on to his eternal rest on Sept. 29, 1956 at the age of 89 years, 1 month and 13 days. At the age of 11 he accepted Christ as his Savior, followed him in baptism, and joined the Baptist church in Sesilin. Together with his parents he moved to Volhynia, Russia, in 1884 where he became a member of the church in Luzenof.

In 1886 he married Anna Louise Stheller. This union was blessed with eight children, three of whom preceded their father in death. His wife preceded him in death in 1932. In 1900 he moved to Canada and settled in the Wiesenthal district. Here he made his home until sickness took him to the hospital a few years before his death. He served the Wiesenthal Baptist Church faithfully for many years in several offices, including Sunday School teacher and deacon.

He leaves to mourn his passing three sons: Adolph and Daniel of Leduc, and August of Edmonton, Alta.; and two daughters: Mrs. Pauline Machel and Mrs. Bertha Warner, both of Edmonton, Alta.

Wiesenthal Baptist Church,
Millet, Alberta

E. A. HOFFMANN, Pastor.

BILLY GRAHAM

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believable crime in our cities, the high divorce rates, the terrible slum areas and many other social problems.

"To sum it up, I would say that in one sense there is a great religious renaissance, but as yet it seems to have had little effect on the basic social problems of America. It must be remembered, though, that in the Wesleyan Revival of the 18th century there was a time lag of nearly a quarter of a century between the preaching . . . and the impact on the social life of Britain. Therefore, we cannot give up, but must press on with hope . . ."

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Get yourself out of the way; then God can work."

THE EMERALD NECKLACE

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opened it and then quickly closed it. Again she glanced apprehensively toward the door. "I want to return this little trinket to a friend."

John took the box and slipped it in his pocket. "Where is this friend?"

"I'll write her address on this slip of paper. Just say I'm returning it. She'll understand." Swiftly Kathryn wrote on the small card and handed it to John.

Then she put her hand on his arm and looked imploringly into his face. "Promise me you'll be my friend whatever—whatever happens!" The last words were spoken so faintly John wondered if he had heard them.

John looked into her eyes. "I'm your friend, Kathryn, and I'll do all I can—all you will let me do."

"Thank you, John," she said simply.

"When may I see you again?" John asked. "Tomorrow?"

"Perhaps." She seemed suddenly tired.

"Good night then, Kathryn."
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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of our ignorance. There is a definite punishment for disobedience, just as there is a definite reward for obedience. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). But the obedience which Christ expects of us is based on love (vs. 44). Then we



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will not meet the minimum requirements for entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven, but the maximum. Christ has done all to fulfill his part (vs. 17), and now he expects us to do all to fulfill our part (vs. 48).

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Some people grow when given responsibility; others merely swell."

—Sunday Bulletin, First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak.

CHRISTIANITY IN NIGERIA

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have done an outstanding work in evangelism, but because of their lack of schools for training the young they are failing to gain the ground that otherwise might be expected.

The Baptists, much as I hate to say it, are far down the list. Actually, the Baptist work in the Gold Coast was begun by native, Yoruba Christians who came to the Gold Coast from Nigeria as traders prior to 1925. They desired to have churches in which they might worship according to their own faith and so organized in 1925 the First Baptist Church of Kumasi. Other Baptist churches followed.

I visited village after village in the Gold Coast, and in each instance talked with the native king, and I did not find the least opposition to the work of Christian missionaries. Instead, I found the warmest spirit of cooperation and encouragement to intensify the work already begun. You can get ground for a chapel to be located on for the asking—the very choicest location in the villages. All in all, I doubt if Christian missionaries ever worked in a more favorable area.

The one clamant need in the Gold Coast, regarding Christians, is for added missionary personnel, and, of course, the necessary financial support. If I had a million dollars to invest in Christian missions tomorrow, I could want no better place to invest it than here!

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