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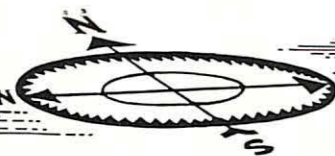
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The Picture Window of Winter

*We Were There!
Sunday, the Leper
New Life for Our Churches*



● In Israel, the government has allocated \$140,000 for the improvement of Biblical, historic and other tourist sites. Landing facilities will be improved at Tabgha on the Sea of Galilee, the site of the Multiplication of Loaves, and at Capernaum, site of the ancient synagogue where Jesus is said to have prayed and preached. A new, tree-lined road to Mount Zion is nearing completion, replacing the more than one hundred existing steps.

● In England, a few years ago, Geoffrey Williams founded "The Evangelical Library," an organization for the purpose of collecting evangelical books and circulating them far and wide throughout the world. The Library has progressed so rapidly that today people of all five continents and over 30 countries are using its volumes. Some 85 branches keep more than 100,000 volumes in circulation each year. The books are made available to pastors, missionaries, Bible students, authors and interested Christians at a nominal fee. (Geoffrey Williams, 78A Chiltern Street, London W. 1., England.)

● At a ceremony held in the Christian Navaho Chapel at Farmington, New Mexico, recently, the first complete New Testament in the Navaho Indian language was dedicated. Richard E. West of the American Bible Society's Denver office presented copies of the book to Fay Edgerton of Wycliffe Bible Translators, the group which began the work in 1945 and completed it in 1954, and to Geronimo Martin, representing the Navaho people. Through gifts to the society from people all over America, the \$2.00 Testaments are being offered for sale to the Navahos for 75 cents. The chapel in Farmington is one of two owned and operated by the Navaho Indian people.

● Helmut Thielicke, one of Germany's leading professors of theology who recently moved from Tübingen to Hamburg, has been publishing in "Die Zeit," a Hamburg weekly, his impressions of the United States as gained during the spring semester he spent teaching at Drew University, Madison, N. J. He says he found American grown-ups most friendly, but was distressed by the "naughtiness" of the children. Thus he expected to find the college students rude, but this was by no means the case. He was gratified, he says, to find that the "eternal gospel" is the same all over the world, "uniting men in one community." Thielicke's series of articles has now been published in pamphlet form by Furche, Hamburg.

—Christian Century

● Alan Walker, Australian evangelist who has been leading a year-long "Mission to America" for the Methodist Board of Evangelism, will go to the Boston University School of Theology as a visiting professor in February, 1957. Dr. Walker will be at Boston one semester. In September, 1957, he will leave for Scandinavia, Switzerland and Germany, where he will conduct special missions. In October, 1957, he will go to England and Ireland for three months. Early in 1958, Dr. Walker will conduct a "Mission to Ceylon," at the invitation of the National Council of Churches in Ceylon. With his family, he plans to return to Australia in 1958 and resume his ministry with the Methodist Church there.

● Nine prominent Indian leaders in a joint statement issued last Novem-

ber 28, praised the work of Christian missionaries and repudiated allegations made against Christian institutions by some state governments. The signatories to the joint statement include Jadunath Sarkar, former vice chancellor of Calcutta University, B. V. Narayan Reddy, general manager of the Bank of Mysore, Dr. P. Sybbarayan, former Chief Minister of Madras and now a member of Parliament, and Teja Singh, retired Chief Justice of the Punjab high court. The statement said it was painful to see a tendency to indulge in indiscriminate and extravagant attacks against missionaries and their activities. It asserted that the signatories had not found any instance of missionaries trying to "undermine patriotic and national loyalties" as had been alleged in some official reports.

MISSIONARY BRIEFS

Latest News About Our Cameroons Missionaries

● **Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rentz**, missionary appointees for the Cameroons, Africa, left New York City on Jan. 4 on the "SS Queen Mary" bound for Africa via England. They hoped to be in the Cameroons early in February where Mr. Rentz will serve as a mission teacher. An article about this family will appear shortly in the "Baptist Herald".

● **Mr. Ernest Hildebrand** of Stafford, Kansas, missionary-builder in the Cameroons, Africa, is busily engaged in the construction of a home at Ndu, in the grassland interior of the Cameroons, for Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang who will work with Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens in the Bible School located at Ndu. The house should be finished as this issue reaches the reader.

● **During 1957** the following Cameroons missionaries are expected to return to the United States and Canada for their furloughs: Miss Ida Forsch (spring of 1957); Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones (spring of 1957); Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman (spring of 1957); and Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer (sometime in August, before Labor Day).

● **Miss Ruby Salzman** of Kankakee, Ill., will be returning to the Cameroons, Africa, about the middle of March. She will be stationed at Great Soppo near the coast of the Cameroons. Miss Ardice Ziolkowski of Orcadia, Sask., will return to Africa at the same time. She is a missionary-

nurse stationed at the Banso Baptist Hospital. Both young women have engaged in extensive promotional work during their stay at home.

● **Dr. Eugene R. Stockdale** suffered an accident on the boat while enroute from England to Africa, fracturing an ankle in a fall. This necessitated hospitalization at Freetown, Sierra Leone, while the family proceeded on to the Cameroons. In the meantime, Dr. Stockdale has also arrived in the Cameroons where he will be stationed at the Mbingo New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients.

● **Miss Florence Miller**, missionary in Japan who is now at home on furlough, has been advised by her doctor not to engage in any deputation work before the end of February. She is resting at the present time and preparing to enter the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., for the spring term beginning Feb. 25.

● **Miss Ernestina (Tina) Schmidt** of Calgary, Alberta, one of our Cameroons missionaries now at home on furlough, visited many churches of Alberta and Manitoba from Dec. 30 to Jan. 18 and then spent Sunday, Jan. 20, in the Grand Forks and West Fargo churches of North Dakota. She expects to begin her studies at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., beginning with the second semester on Jan. 23. Miss Esther Schultz of Auburn, Mich., a missionary-teacher, will also be a Seminary student with Miss Schmidt.

Editorial



Baptists Around the World

TWENTY-ONE MILLION BAPTISTS around the world cannot be wrong! They have experienced the saving power of Christ in their lives and have been entrusted with the great responsibility to witness to the imperishable and living truths of the Gospel of Christ in their words and lives. They are bound together by a great spiritual fellowship in "the Church of Jesus Christ," but they are also united in their aggressive outreach for God through the ministry of the Baptist World Alliance. Twenty-one million Baptists in more than 70 countries of the world will be reminded of these truths to live by on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 3, 1957.

Baptists have always cherished and propounded this great conviction that the Church of Jesus Christ is a fellowship of believers gathered from around the world and committed to live under the guidance of the Word and Spirit of God. Without the aid of hierarchy or church edicts, Baptists have experienced the glory of the fellowship of the Gospel—bound together by Christ's Spirit with others in witnessing to the Gospel truths! Dr. Herbert Gezork at the 1955 Jubilee Congress of Baptists at London, England, said: "It is in this basic conception of the Church as a gathered fellowship of committed believers, set apart from the world, that we as Baptists may well be called the most consistent and radical Protestants."

In this fellowship of the Gospel, we feel our kinship with every other person who acknowledges Christ as Lord and Savior and is committed to make him known to others. We are brethren in Christ's Name to that man in the state of Mato Grosso, Brazil, who heard the Gospel and was saved. His deeply moving story is described in the latest issue of "The Baptist World." "This man told how his mother-in-law had prayed for more than 40 years for someone to come and explain the Gospel to them. Finally a missionary arrived and brought the Gospel message. Today John is studying to serve his Lord by preaching the same message which he was so long in hearing."

On this forthcoming Baptist World Alliance Sunday, we will be made keenly aware of another tie that binds us together in the fellowship of suffering.

"We share our mutual woes,
Each other's burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear."

Our compassion goes out to the Hungarian refugees, some of whom are evangelical Christians. Our eyes are opened to the plight of our Baptist brethren in Columbia and Bolivia, South America, where evangelicals are called "traitors to our religion and our country." Our hearts are warmed to realize how many thousands of our Baptist brethren have remained true to Christ in Communist Russia in the face of trials and tribulations.

In this spirit of Christian fellowship take this Macedonian call to heart: "We call upon Baptist people in every land to intercede in prayer in behalf of all victims of injustice and want in stricken countries, and to give with renewed generosity toward the relief of hunger, cold, disease and homelessness." If Baptists around the world, beginning with your church, will take these burdens of the world upon their hearts, then Christ will have a great host of his disciples, faithfully carrying out his will!

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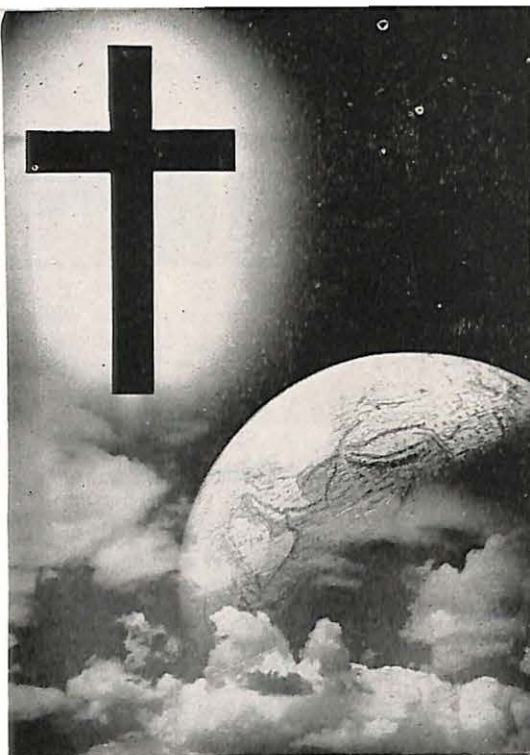
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"We owe our life and our all to the Christ who gave himself that we might live."

The Challenge of Personal Evangelism



"When you fish for men,
you take them from death
to a wonderful way of life"



By DR. THEODORE F. ADAMS, Minister
of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia

HOW LONG has it been since you won someone to a saving faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord? How long will it be until you win someone else to faith in him? These two questions face each of us as we think about "The Challenge of Personal Evangelism." Perhaps you have never won anyone to Jesus Christ and have never known the joy of helping someone find him as Savior and Lord.

Certainly the saved should in turn seek to save others. Jesus emphasized this over and over again. "The Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Let us then think about our responsibility as Christians to win others to Jesus Christ.

GO AND TELL!

Do you remember the story of the four lepers in II Kings? They were facing starvation because of a siege of their city and decided they might as well seek food in the camp of the enemy. They might die, but there was a chance they might live. You will recall that to their amazement they found the enemy had fled the camp, leaving all their food and stores behind them. They ate all the food they wanted and were gathering up treasures for themselves when suddenly it dawned on them: "We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace. Come, let us go and tell" (II Kings 7:9).

They had an obligation to tell others the good news that meant life to a whole city. They could not keep it to themselves. We, too, who have found the way of life in Christ have an even greater obligation to tell others of the life abundant and eternal, as we know it in him. We cannot but speak the things that we have seen and heard and felt and experienced.

We are "debtors" who have found Christ as Savior and Lord, debtors

both to God who gave us this life through the redeeming love of our Savior and to those who have not yet found it. Realizing this debt a group of Hindu Christians each day take this vow: "I am a baptized believer in Jesus Christ. Woe is me, if I preach not the Gospel."

Oncken stressed this same truth with his famous slogan: "Every Baptist a missionary." Dwight L. Moody was so concerned about our personal responsibility in evangelism that he went so far as to say: "No man is really saved until he has won another."

SHOW CONCERN

Such a task requires a genuine concern for the lost. We must care, as Jesus cared enough to die that we might live. We must share his compassion for those who are lost, as truly as we labor under his commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

We need to share the concern of Jesus for those who are lost—lost to Christ, lost to the church, and lost to the Kingdom. Sad, indeed, are those who can say: "No man careth for my soul." Christian laymen must care more for those for whom Christ died. You remember how he wept over the city that he loved. How much he must weep over our cities today!

We must be concerned that others know the message we have found that makes the difference between death and life. Some years ago in a glass bottom boat, I saw the beautiful world

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under water in which a fish lives. The sunlight sparkled above and was reflected on the sands at the bottom of a beautiful lake. I realized then the difference between fishing for fish and fishing for men. When you fish for fish, you take them from a beautiful life to death; when you fish for men, you take them from death to a wonderful way of life.

If we are to win others we, too, must have a faith to share. You must know the Savior yourself before you can lead others to him. You can better understand Oncken's concern that every Baptist should be a missionary when you know his own experience in finding Christ. He was worshipping in a Chapel in London and heard an unknown preacher quote this verse: "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus."

Oncken said: "I went home from the Chapel rejoicing and unspeakably happy." God used him to challenge a continent as he challenges us today. The same experience still comes to those who believe in Christ as Savior, receive him as Lord, and share in giving him to others.

MAKE A START

In the second place, if you would share in personal evangelism, you must make a start at it. When Moody once was asked how to begin winning others to Christ, he said: "Begin where you are." Begin where you are with those you know and with what you know, and joy will be yours as you lead others to your Lord.

Some time ago, I was preaching in a church in Virginia. After the service, I met a one-armed mechanic who had been saved wonderfully one Sunday night in that church. He lost his job the day after he was converted, because he refused to do something

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Leader of 21,000,000 Baptists

The Life Story of the President of the Baptist World Alliance by Bruce H. Price

"I HAVE your picture in my camera," wrote Dr. Theodore F. Adams, "and as I return to America, I have you in my heart."

Pastor Martin Gigseder in Salzburg, Austria, treasures his autograph book much more since Dr. Adams wrote in it.

Thousands of Baptists from 60 nations kept their eyes on the platform of Royal Albert Hall, London, as the name of Dr. Adams was presented in nomination for president of the Baptist World Alliance at the 1955 Congress. His unanimous election to the highest office with the gift of world-Baptists placed upon him a great responsibility and opportunity, as well as a signal honor. Beginning his labor of love he has sincerely said to Baptists of all races and nations, "I have you in my heart."

HIS CHRISTIAN HOME

On September 26, 1898 in Palmyra, New York, a devout Christian mother looked into the face of her new-born son, and called him, "Theodore".

"Mother came to the United States from England, and made her own way," Dr. Adams related in his study at First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. "She was a great believer in the guidance of God. She often told me, 'In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct thy paths'. She was a wonderful woman."

That September morning Rev. Floyd H. Adams, Baptist pastor, was the happiest man in Palmyra. Walking down the street with a broad smile, he was glad to tell his friends, "It's a boy."

In speaking of his mother and father with great affection and appreciation of their memory, Dr. Adams reminisced at my urging: "I owe a great deal to good parents who taught me to love Christ and his church. Father was a man who preached from the Bible. His sermons were Bible-centered. He led me to love the Word of God."

Not only did the father love the Word of God and preach it; he believed it would solve the social and economic problems of life as well as the spiritual needs of men.

"Father sought to apply the Gospel to every area of life," Dr. Adams continued. "One church he served was among the steel workers in Indiana. He led in giving them better recreation, sponsored by the church."

In speaking of his conversion the Richmond minister remarked, "I was led to Christ by my father at an early age. It was very real to me and I have never doubted my salvation for a mo-

ment. No one can ever take away from me the reality of my relationship to Christ which has continued across the years."

PLANS AS PRESIDENT

Concerning his plans during his presidency he turned in his chair and declared, "I hope to travel to areas where no president has been, and to places where no president has visited during this generation. I also hope to attend many of the various national and regional Baptist gatherings, youth conferences, and women's meetings."

"I have a real concern that Baptists do more in the field of evangelism. With emphasis on soul winning, it is possible for Baptists to double their number within the next ten years. Christian education and missions must continue to be stressed by our people."

his parent's home, he lived in the states of New York, Oregon, and Indiana. He was educated at Denison University, Ohio, and Rochester Theological Seminary, New York.

The honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, has been bestowed upon Dr. Adams by three leading educational institutions: Denison University, College of William and Mary, and University of Richmond. Other honors received in recognition of scholastic attainment and leadership include membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Theta Pi, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Phi Mu Alpha.

A DYNAMIC LEADER

In 1928 Dr. Adams was selected on the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, and since 1934 he served on the Executive Committee. Other places of service include Chair-



Dr. Theodore F. Adams (2nd from left), president of the Baptist World Alliance, with several other Baptist leaders, including Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (right), prior to their trip into Russia to visit Baptist churches.

The new president had said at the Arsenal Stadium, London, during the closing rally: "There are four key words I trust you will take as you return home. They are: evangelism, fellowship, faith, and prayer. Each Baptist is urged to win at least one person during the next five years."

The other causes dear to his heart were expressed in these words: "We must continue to emphasize relief for the needy in all lands, and religious liberty for all people everywhere."

The background and experience of Dr. Adams has prepared him for world leadership of a great denomination. As a boy and young man in

man of Trustees of Virginia Union University, member of Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for ten years, trustee of Church Peace Union, and trustee of University of Richmond.

A frequent contributor to religious magazines and books, Dr. Adams is author of "Making Your Marriage Succeed" (Harpers).

After serving pastorates in Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, Dr. Adams came to his present pastorate in 1936. The First Baptist Church, Richmond, is observing its 175th anniversary this year. The membership is 3,800; value

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Session of the Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary at the Mollardgasse Church in Vienna, Austria. Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel are at the right (facing camera). The chairman, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, is at the extreme left.

A CALL from the pastor and leaders of our historic Mollardgasse Baptist Church to meet together in Vienna, Austria, to consider a united Baptist effort to care for the refugees of our fellowship in Hungary coming into Vienna for several days in increasing number, seeking shelter and help, brought us to the beautiful city of Vienna. At this time Vienna is the focal point of the eyes of the whole world.

Resources of space, beds and provisions were being strained to the breaking point, and something had to be done. In response to the call, there appeared Dr. Edwin A. Bell of the American Baptist Convention; Dr. Josef Nordenhaug and Dr. John A. Moore of the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. A. Koester, pastor, and Miss Ursula Koester, Mr. Richard Rabenau and Mr. Franz Birkner, of the Mollardgasse Baptist Church; and Dr. and Mrs. William J. Appel, our North American Baptist representatives in Europe.

VIENNA BAPTIST CHURCH

A committee, called Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary, was organized. After being approved by the Baptist World Alliance as a sub-committee of its own Relief Committee, with the addition of two men: Dr. Hans Luckey, president of the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, and Dr. Henry Cook, of London, England, associate general secretary for Europe of the Baptist World Alliance, the newly-formed committee was reorganized with the following officers: Dr. Nordenhaug, chairman; Dr. Moore, executive secretary, with responsibility of local conduct of operations; Richard Rabenau, vice-chairman; Miss Ursula Koester, recording secretary; and Franz Birkner, treasurer.

With this beginning, Mollardgasse Church was chosen as our first point of operations. Provision was made for the purchase of sufficient equipment

to care for between 35 and 50 persons daily. The small chapel on the ground floor of the building was converted into sleeping and living quarters, and also serves as dining room at meal-times. A workable kitchen equipped with the necessary facilities for cooking adjoins this room. A member of the church, using the language of the refugees, volunteered to care for the cooking, and the women of the congregation assist in relays planned a week in advance.

In passing through the hallway one day, we opened the door quietly to find the refugees seated about the table engaged in evening devotions. This was under the leadership of Dr. Sandor Haraszti, who served as pastor of our Budapest Baptist Church for eight years and who is now caring for the spiritual needs of these people.

For a few days the group was deprived of Dr. Haraszti's ministry because of an urgent telephone call from the camp at Linz, where a Baptist woman was in great distress over the death of her young child from polio. Dr. Haraszti gave words of comfort to the woman and conducted the funeral services at the camp.

Because of the increasing number of refugees coming into Vienna, among whom are our Baptist folk, additional space has been secured at an art academy, where another 16 beds have been made available.

UNDER THE MISTLETOE

At Lager Eisenstadt, the receiving camp nearest the border, an unusual sight presented itself. Among the several large buildings there, occupied for eleven years by the Russian

HUNGARIAN RELIEF

Money and clothing for Hungarian Relief, sent to our headquarters at 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., will be dispatched to Austria and to Dr. W. J. Appel as quickly as possible.

Army, stand a number of giant trees from the branches of which hang large clusters of mistletoe, in sad contrast to the beautiful surroundings in which we associate this growth in the homeland. As usual, where the Russians have been, the buildings are in a terrible state of destruction, one building with scarcely a door or window frame left, all having been removed by the former occupants for fuel.

The unexpected influx of refugees made necessary the immediate use of these buildings, which are now being slowly conditioned to meet the needs of their new occupants, the Hungarian refugees. The camp was swarming with human life seeking refuge. As we passed through the giant stone portals leading to the camp buildings, we picked up from the ground small shining metal discs which proved to be discarded Hungarian money, now no longer of any value to the refugees.

Just as we reached the first building, a busload of about sixty Hungarians was brought in, composed largely of young people. Others in the camp rushed up to the bus in the hope of discovering some missing loved ones. The sight was heartrending as they walked away in disappointment.

REFUGEE LIFE

We were permitted to accompany the newly-arrived refugees through the first stages of processing. Each one was handed a ticket of admission, acknowledging their refugee status and assuring them of a place to lay their weary heads. A large burlap bag was handed to each one, with instructions to fill it with straw to be found on the floor of another room, this to serve as their mattresses for the night.

Leaving this group, we were taken on a further inspection of the camp. Many sad sights appeared before our eyes. In one room we were introduced to the smallest man of Hungary, an 18-year-old Lilliputian, 31½ inches

We Were There!

An eye witness account of the pitiful plight of Hungarian refugees swarming into Austria

By DR. W. J. APPEL of Salzburg, Austria

tall. This young circus performer had made his escape by means of his little bicycle, traveling more than one hundred miles to freedom.

Here we were given permission by the Austrian Customs officials to walk a mile distant to the Hungarian border, where only a few hundred feet before us stood a company of armed Hungarian soldiers on watch. To the left of us was a densely wooded area on the edge of which stood a watchtower. It was pointed out to us that that wooded area served as a hideout during the day, from which under cover of darkness the refugees escaped into the welcome hands of the Austrians.

It was here during their flight that parents, to avoid the outcries of their children, often gave them sleeping pills or slapped them into unconsciousness. One mother mistakenly gave her child an overdose of sleeping pills, and, had it not been for the presence of a physician in flight with them, the child would probably not have been brought back to consciousness.

AT THE NEUSIEDLERSEE

Another place at the border used by the refugees in their escape to freedom is the shallow end of Neusiedler Lake, through which runs the borderline between Austria and Hungary. At one point in this lake a growth of tall reeds over a vast area makes it possible for the refugees to elude the watchful eyes of Russian guards and wade knee-deep into friendly territory.

During the very cold days, many women and children, whose clothes were frozen stiff as they went through the marshy waters, had to be thawed out on arrival at camp. Several babies were found frozen to death. The occupation of the villagers along the shores of this lake is the gathering of these reeds for sale to Austria and



Many Hungarians escaped across the border into Austria through swamps and tall reeds and were helped across by Austrian farmers.

Germany for thatched roofs and other purposes. The small boats used by these men in gathering the reeds have become the means of transportation for many of the refugees.

At a concert hall in town a thousand refugee children were being entertained by a local newspaper at a Christmas party. In the midst of the merriment, seldom witnessed in this concert hall, with colored balloons afloat in the air, the beautiful Christmas hymn, "Silent Night," was being sung by the Vienna Boys' Choir. The strains of the melody had scarcely faded away when through the room the muffled outcry of a woman was heard, who, staring down a few rows of seats in front of her, beheld her two children whom she had lost for two weeks.

A moment later she was tearfully embracing her dear ones. Her husband and these two children had been

separated from her and two other children in their flight for freedom. None knew the whereabouts of the others. There followed a joyous reunion by the family. In the midst of their joy, however, there is still concern for a sixteen-year-old daughter who, during the flight from Hungary, was taken to a camp in Italy and whom they are now trying to locate.

WE WERE THERE because you sent us to represent you in a ministry of love. You may be here with us by way of the Throne of Grace, remembering these refugees in their hour of deep distress and asking God to guide us as we seek to minister to them. You may also share with them the bounty with which God has blessed you. May some of you have the joy of welcoming to your beloved land some of these needy folk who dream of a new life in America!

LEADER OF BAPTISTS

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of the modern church plant is \$1,266,200, and during the past year total gifts and offerings received by the church for local and world-wide work amounted to \$303,350.59. Last year there were 324 church additions.

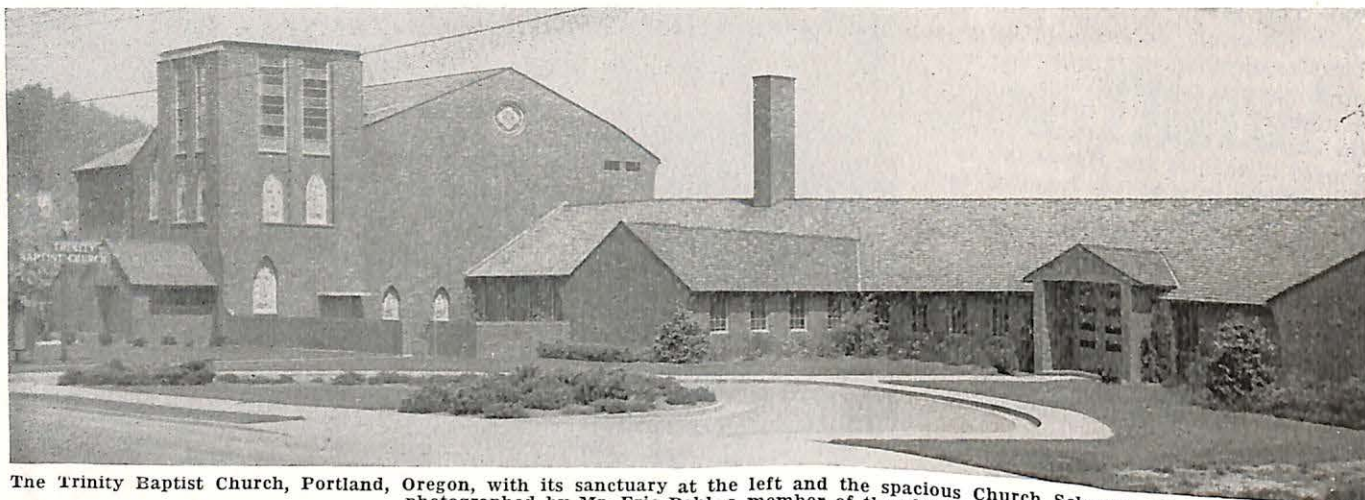
Mrs. Adams is an able and dedicated Christian worker. They have three children: Betsy Ann (Mrs. Frank K. Thompson), Theodore, Jr., and John Jillson.

No appraisal of this humble man of God would be complete without stating that he is primarily a great preacher of Christ and him crucified, and a devoted, sympathetic, and understanding pastor. To know him is to know that he has been with Jesus.

Theodore F. Adams cannot say to all Baptists, "I have your picture in my camera," but in the spirit of Jesus he can say to world Baptists, "I have you in my heart".



Hungarian refugees, who have just fled across the border into Austria, find a comfortable place to sleep in the Mollardgasse Baptist Church of Vienna.



The Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, with its sanctuary at the left and the spacious Church School building at the right as photographed by Mr. Eric Pohl, a member of the church.

Putting New Life Into Our Churches

By Rev. Edwin Miller, Pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio

AS A CHRISTIAN did you ever stop seriously to evaluate your own spiritual vitality, that of your local church, your community or nation? Needless to say, it would bring to the fore some startling observations that would challenge you to do your utmost to improve the prevailing conditions. The scope of this study will be limited to the local church and its need of new life.

In evaluating the spiritual life of your local church, would you say that it is spiritually alive or dead or that it does manifest life in varying degrees? Did you evaluate your church on the basis of God's Word, by comparing it with some other church which you have been able to observe, or by comparing it with some high peak experience through which your church has previously gone?

EVALUATION OF CHURCHES

It would be beneficial for every church member to tabulate on paper all the evidences that his church has life and also the indications that his church is void of life. Great profit would also be received by a careful listing of Christ's evaluation of the seven churches mentioned in the Book of Revelation, chapters 2 and 3. List the commendations in one column and the condemnations in the other. This will give you a most accurate basis for the evaluation of the spirituality of your own local church.

Generally speaking, there are five conditions of our churches today: the dead church, the backslidden church whose testimony is gradually decreasing, the self-satisfied church that is holding its own, the church that needs a periodic revival, and the church that is perennially spiritually progressive in its witness and ministry for the

Lord. Naturally, we all wish that ours would be like the last, but in most cases such is probably not the case.

In thinking of our subject, "Putting New Life into our Churches", it is important that we have a clear, Biblical understanding of the word "life". In the New Testament, "life" is never made synonymous with "activity". It is possible for an active church to be void of spiritual life. Some of the important verses that define life are: "In him was life" (John 1:4); "So hath God given to the Son to have life in himself" (John 5:26); "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10); "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26); "God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:11-12).

RETURN TO GOD'S WORD

From these verse we conclude that life is in Christ, yea, life is Christ, and that the purpose of his coming to earth was to share his life with us, and that in great abundance. John

NEW LIFE FOR CHURCHES

This address by Rev. Edwin Miller was brought last summer at the Laymen's Conference held at the Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis. It aroused a great deal of discussion by laymen and their families, and the request was made that the message appear in print. Mr. Miller is leading his congregation, the Parma Heights Church near Cleveland, Ohio, in an aggressive outreach in their new community with a strong evangelistic emphasis. EDITOR

6:63 tells us: "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." Here Christ informs us that life is found in his words. For our purpose, then, we deduce that life is found in Christ, God's living Word and the Bible, God's written Word. To put new life into our churches will require therefore a sincere return to the living and written Word of God.

Concerning the responsibility of putting new life into our churches, many questions come to one's mind. Is it God's responsibility? Is it the pastor's? Does it rest upon the shoulders of the board of deacons? The church? On whom does the responsibility rest? The Scriptures tell us that the final responsibility of seeing that spiritual life abounds in the church lies with the church itself and its every member.

GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

When Jesus rebuked the churches of Asia Minor, he did not rebuke the pastor or the deacons, but the church itself which is a body and which cannot be dissected. It is true that members of that body have distinct responsibilities that, when carried out, will have a bearing on the spiritual life of the whole. It is also necessary to understand that the church itself cannot create or revive life. It can only manifest an attitude of obedience and submission so that the Giver of life may fill it with divine life.

The Holy Spirit is the person who gives life and who quickens churches. "It is the Spirit that quickens" (John 6:63), and "the Spirit giveth life" (II Cor. 3:6). There is, therefore, both a divine and human responsibility in the demonstration of spiritual life within our churches. The Spirit of God makes alive as we submit our

wills to the person of Christ and his Word.

Recognizing that the Holy Spirit is the Giver or Reviver of life, what are some human responsibilities that we can exercise in our local churches that will permit him to manifest new life in our midst? I wish to suggest four which are actual commandments of our Lord to the seven churches in Revelation, chapters 2 and 3.

I. By Listening to the Spirit of God. Seven times Christ says to the churches, "Let everyone, who has ears, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches." (Williams). If it is true that the Holy Spirit alone can bring real life into our churches, it becomes absolutely necessary for the members of the church to hear and to obey the voice of the Spirit. How grateful we are that we are not left alone to make important decisions, to give counsel, or to teach the truth. God has given us the Holy Spirit who "shall teach you all things" (John 14:26), and who "will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

We must experience the words of Paul when he said in 2 Cor. 3:5-6: "That we are not sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; who also made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." Our ministry must be God-touched, God-enabled, and God-made. It is only as the Spirit of God is upon our members that their ministry and witness will give life.

II. By Repenting of Our Sins. Jesus exhorted five of the seven churches in Revelation to repentance which means to have a change of mind. He challenged them to change their mind regarding sin. Instead of practicing sin and tolerating it, they were urged to hate it and turn from it. Christ specifically stated the sins of which the churches should repent: leaving their first love, tolerating false doctrine, fornication, a backslidden condition, a spirit of indifference and self-satisfaction, etc.

PICTURE OF YOUR LIFE

Previously Jesus had taught that "from within, out of the heart of man, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness" (Mark 7:20-23). Paul teaches the same in Galatians 5:19-21. What a picture of the human heart! Jeremiah says, "The heart is deceitful above all things (that is, it deceives the man himself), and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9).

If we listen carefully to the Holy Spirit, he will show us the true condition of our hearts and will urge us



"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

to repentance and confession of our sin. Like the publican, our hearts will be broken when we see ourselves as God sees us. Let us not fear, then, to make such a confession when God convicts us, for out of such confession God gets glory and we are brought into a new experience of victory in Christ.

III. By Returning to Our First Love. At the time of conversion God sheds his love in our hearts by his Spirit (Romans 5:5). This love is without hypocrisy and is warm and fervent, first of all, for God, then for our brethren, and then for all for whom Christ died. Those who love Christ in accordance with the great commandment with heart, soul, mind, and strength, will keep his words (John 14:23). Those who do not keep Christ's sayings just do not love Jesus, no matter how much they may think they do.

Real love in our hearts will cause us to love the brethren dearly. Paul commended the church at Thessalonica when he said: "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, because the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth" (II Thess. 1:3).

This love will also manifest itself in compassion for the multitudes who are lost. "When Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). Only a return to our first love can make us love Christ supremely, our brethren abundantly, and the lost compassionately. Our friends may forget our

words to them, but they will never forget our love.

IV. By Returning to our First Works. After we have listened to the Spirit of God, have been convicted of sin and have sought divine forgiveness, and have the love of God shed anew in our hearts, we are then sufficiently prepared to return to our first works. The new convert finds it natural to pray for his church and for the lost, to witness to the unsaved and to seek to win them to Christ, and to show a sincere interest in missions. God seems to implant a natural desire to engage in these spiritual services when our first love is present. Notice how the Lord commends the churches in Asia Minor for their works, labor, service, patience, doctrinal purity, faithfulness in the midst of tribulation and poverty, love, faith, and keeping God's Word.

FIRST WORKS OF LOVE

It is possible for you to be the person whom the Lord might use to bring revived blessing and new life to your church. The Spirit of God is ready to speak to you if you are but willing to listen. After he has shown you your personal weaknesses and sins, turn to the Lord in sincere repentance and experience his gracious forgiveness.

When your heart has been cleansed and has been restored to fellowship with God, only then will your love abound toward him, the brethren, and the lost. With the love of God flooding your soul, you are then able to serve Christ and others in such a manner that everyone will sense new life in you which may then spread throughout your entire church.



THE TAILOR
... nimble fingers shaped hope ...

And at a Beginning!

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Story of "Sunday," the Leper, at the
Cameroons New Hope Settlement
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By K. W. JONES, M. D., Medical Missionary,
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HE WAS too big to cry. Had not his elders learned to go through painful ordeals without flinching? And even now did not some of his older companions sit stoically to have their front teeth pointed by the quick, sharp blows of a flattened nail? Still those were things of the moment. No one would shame him for these tears of disappointment trickling down his lumpy cheeks.

The white person was talking again. But only one word talked with meaning. Money! Was it always to be money that destroyed his hope?

DISAPPOINTMENTS

Such a few shillings he would have needed years ago to enter the new day school as his cousins had done. True, with his mother dead there would have been no one to help him with food. But was it not better to have an empty belly than an empty head? Yet this thought had gnawed a very small hole in his boyish exuberance. Even idling by the bathing pool in the shaded forest, he had been learning the sounds of the wild creatures and dreaming of the day when he would go hunting by himself. Perhaps even have his own long gun!

Days had been spent sauntering from compound to compound with his mates, gleaning at one fireside some parched groundnuts, at another a bit of roasted yam or on special days large steaming balls of thick cornmeal to dip with his fingers into a rich peppery soup. Around those same firestones at night, he had laughed as the men vied in the telling of tall tales, or he had listened solemnly to the stories and legends that imperceptibly pieced together a meaning and ethic to life.

He liked to hear of that bygone day before old Papa had brought a bride to his compound; the days when Papa had stoutly defended young Akam as successor to their father's throne. In those days Papa had not been afraid. He had quietly cursed the caprice of the white-man's court that had inverted justice and sent him, the innocent, off to prison. He had dared mock the district officer whose Teutonic codes and laws permitted slippery tongues to cut legal loopholes for the escape of those whom all knew to be guilty.

But ever since "Sunday" could remember, Papa had been old and weak. His watery eyes searched but saw not; his ears listened but made little sense of the hearing; all day and night he whined about "the fever." The two of them had lived alone in the compound. Indeed, compound was a pretentious name for the two neglected little one-room houses and the dilapidated lean-to that served as a kitchen. The thatch was awry, and the mud falling out of the chinks. No shillings here to pay a boy's school fees.

LEPROSY!

Sunday had been named for no less auspicious occasion than the day of his birth . . . the month and year long since forgotten. He had been proud, in an unconscious way, of his lean, healthy body and of the men's work he had learned to do. The time he had been chosen to carry the chief's chair along the winding trails to the government station, he could hardly keep his bare feet dancing at a respectful distance behind Chief Akam.

His arm muscles began to lose their boyish look as he wielded the heavy,

blunt cutlass in clearing away the tough, towering grass from the women's farms. His sturdy legs learned to shinny up palm trees where his agile fingers inserted a tap for the sweet palm wine or cut down the mellow brown clusters of oil kernels. Even his neck grew strong balancing bobbing long bundles of bamboo that were to be laced into huge squares and triangles to become wall and roof frames.

Sunday had grown chest high to manhood before his mother's brother realized his potentialities and entered him in the government school. But it was too late. The uncle had died before even that first year of school was finished.

But it was not only money that drove Sunday away. Now he was no longer welcomed in school. Even the people at the little church he had begun attending began to shun him. Yet he bore no real grudge. Did not everyone fear this sickness that dried and thickened his smooth dark skin and brought out ugly lumps where it used to shine like a polished ebony mirror? People had not completely exiled him. Many had come to the compound anxious to try their caustic liniments and bitter mixtures. Anxious, that is, until they found out that Papa had no money.

HOPE FOR SUNDAY

Money! Papa had tried to sell his few oil palms but treacherous Chief Akam, now turned against him, had threatened and frightened away prospective buyers, hoping that without medicine Sunday would soon die. Sunday had almost ceased to ponder this evil scheme. Did Akam plot to

gain Papa's inheritance? Did he consider Sunday a possible rival? Probably he only suspected of knowing secrets of his cruel past that were actually locked in the uncommunicative mind of Papa. But a boy like Sunday could not know the thoughts of a man.

Sunday's eyes pleaded with the white person. Sunday had nothing—only his need. He shuffled his swollen, cracked feet making sandpapery sounds. His throat worked as he stared at his gnarled fingers. He knew they could never be made completely well again—never supple like the fingers of the tailor who had stopped to rest at Papa's compound.

How well Sunday remembered those nimble fingers effortlessly working an intricate design even as the news was told. Hope had shaped itself in his heart even as the pattern developed on the gaudy robe in the tailor's hands. The tailor had shown the faint skin marks, proving that he too had once had this deforming sickness. He had told of a place far away over many nameless mountains where he had received a new and wonderful medicine.

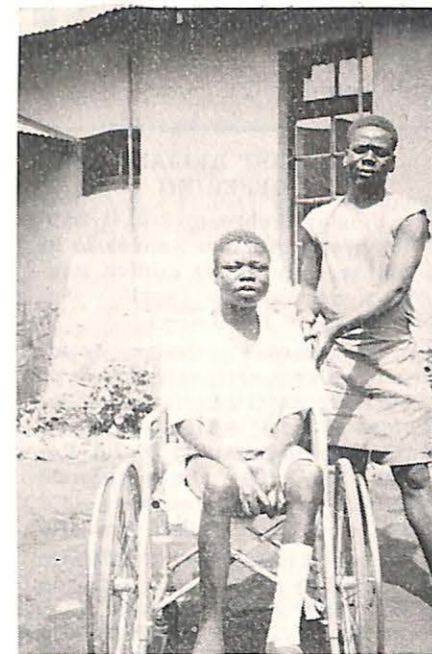
The white person seemed to be smiling now. Could it mean that the slow, hungry days of trekking and the cold, fearful nights of crouching by the roadside were not in vain? Was there any meaning in those weary days of drenching rain and enervating tropical sun; those painful miles on bloated, weeping feet? Was there



Sunday has learned how to smile and to laugh heartily at the New Hope Settlement near Bamenda, Cameroons.

meaning in the courage of the cousin who had dared Akam's wrath to outfit Sunday with a shirt and trousers for his journey, or the simple kindness of the stranger women on the road who had given from their small baskets to fill his aching belly?

It was too much for a boy to understand. Enough that he was at last at



Sunday in a wheelchair is pushed around the grounds of the New Hope Settlement by another leprous patient.

this strange village of the sick. His journey was at an end . . . and at a beginning.

Although funds for the care of destitute patients are very limited, Sunday needed treatment so desperately that he was admitted to New Hope Settlement at once. He not only has the infectious type of leprosy which requires segregation, but he had many deep leg ulcers for which he needed hospitalization. Like the disease itself, the cure is slow but at the time of this writing Sunday shows definite medical improvement and is frequently seen and heard laughing. He is a big boy to start school but will probably do so in January (1957). Development of his mental abilities is important in view of his weak hands and feet.

EPILOGUE

When an African develops leprosy, he usually consults a medicine man, not only for treatment, but also to determine what person or action caused the sickness. Sunday was an exception to the rule. His only conclusion was, "Now God gib dem." He has now been told that God is the sender, rather, of good gifts. He is not yet ready to express what is in his heart concerning Jesus Christ but he seems to have begun to see a meaning in the help he has received—that God does love and care for him.

We expect that Sunday will soon be among such a group as those who were baptized below the doctor's house in November. Nearly 60 patients affirmed their belief in Christ that day. One of these comes from a very primitive tribe where there is practically no Gospel witness. We look to God to use such believers to carry the Word of God back to their people after their discharge.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

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dishonest, but he immediately found a better job where he could work as a Christian. He is spending his time now winning one by one to faith in Christ the men of the old crowd with whom he used to drink and follow the ways of sin. Begin where you are to win those you know.

If you would win others to Christ, it is important that you study the Word of God. "Study to show thyself approved unto God; a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Christians should seek to enlist and train and encourage others to join with them in winning the lost. I remember one of my own deacons who did not want to share in visitation evangelism, but we finally persuaded him to try. I shall never forget the smile on his face as he came back from his first evening of visiting. He told me of those he had won to Christ and membership in the church, and then said: "Pastor, it was wonderful. When are we going to do it again?" That same joy can be yours as you go out to win others to Christ and the church.

LIVE THE GOSPEL

If you would win others to Christ, you must live the Gospel you preach and teach. The witness of your life is so important, for it must back up what you say. E. Stanley Jones says: "You must not only give a message, you must be a message."

It is your responsibility and mine to demonstrate what Christ can do by being more Christian ourselves, not only in our personal lives, but also in all of the social and business relationships of life. Being a Christian does not consist just in not doing what no gentleman would do anyway, but in doing the things that only Christians could be expected to do.

It all comes back to us as individual Christians. Are there any who will ever thank God because you led them to Christ and life in his name. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson tells how his son was critically ill and needed a blood transfusion of a special type. A donor was found who was willing to give the blood the boy so desperately needed. When the boy was stronger, he wrote to the blood donor: "How can I ever thank you for what you did for me. I owe my life to you."

We owe our life and our all to the Christ who gave himself that we might live. How can we ever keep that blessing to ourselves? We must share it with others who are lost without him. This, then, is the challenge to personal evangelism.

So we close, as we began, with two heart searching questions: "How long has it been since you won someone to faith in Christ as Savior? How long will it be until you win someone to Christ as the Lord of life?"

Bear One Another's Burdens!

A Message for Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 3, 1957

TO FELLOW-BELIEVERS around the world: Grace and Peace!

Once again on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, we give thanks to God for the deep spiritual oneness which is ours in Christ, regardless of language, nationality, or race.

Our unity does not rest upon rigid organization, priestly authority or man-made creeds. We belong together by virtue of a common experience of Christ; we clasp hands in a world brotherhood acknowledging "one Lord, one faith, one baptism". What God has joined, let no man put asunder.

As we give praise for this fellowship and cherish its joys, let us resolve to strengthen still further every tie of sympathy and partnership with our brethren in other lands.

Many of them are laboring where the soil is stony and the harvest meager. Others are struggling heavily with poverty and adverse circumstances. In certain countries our people suffer injustice, and even persecution. Some of our brethren are today prisoners for Christ's sake, and others are refugees exposed to want and tribulation.

As we meet before our Father's throne, let us bear one another's burdens in fervent prayers of intercession. The promises of God are sure; let us trust in them to the full and pray without ceasing for those who suffer.

On this day let us remind ourselves that giving is another means of sharing the burdens of fellow-believers. While distress continues, relief work must continue; so let us not grow weary in well-doing.

We are once more called to remember the needs of Baptist work in countries where our groups are small and the laborers few. We thank God for a growing sense of solidarity and an increasing understanding of that Kingdom law which says that the strong shall help bear the burdens of the weak.

Roland E. Ross Memorial

A memorial to the late Mr. Roland E. Ross has been prepared and dedicated at a recent impressive service at the headquarters office, Forest Park, Illinois. An occasional table and several chairs in the reception room represent this memorial, in addition to a picture of Mr. Ross, which now hangs in the comptroller's room beneath which is the following framed tribute:

ROLAND E. ROSS

July 10, 1896 - August 1, 1955

Comptroller at the North American Baptist Headquarters, Forest Park,

BAPTIST ALLIANCE OFFERING

Sunday, February 3rd, is Baptist World Alliance Sunday to be observed by the 21 million Baptists around the world. (See editorial in this issue.)

A generous offering (communion or special offering) is to be received which is to be designated for "Baptist World Alliance and Baptist World Relief." The offering money should be sent to our headquarters, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill.

Your B.W.A. offering will help to minister to Hungarian refugees and their needs in Austria, as described so vividly by Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, our European representatives and members of the Baptist Committee for Hungarian Relief.

Most of us live in lands where our freedom to witness is not restricted by the laws of the state, or menaced by the hostility of the people. Let us covet for others the liberty we possess ourselves, and never rest as long as any human being is denied full religious freedom. Our faithful witness to this principle is a duty we owe to our brethren and to the universal cause of human rights. More, it is an essential part of the struggle for the sovereignty of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Those who would rule over the souls of men are usurping his throne. "Christ only is the King and lawgiver of his Church, and of the conscience."

Theodore F. Adams, President.
Henry Cook, Associate Secretary.
Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary.
Robert S. Denny, Associate Secretary.

Illinois, 1941-1955.

Secretary-Treasurer of "Baptist Men" and inspirer of Laymen's Conferences held at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

A cheerful friend to all who came to the headquarters office and found the door of his heart always open for fellowship.

A co-laborer in the service of the denomination for whom every task was a challenge to be met with faith and triumphant spirit.

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Jan. 28-29—Secretarial Staff Visit to the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

Feb. 1-2—Executive Committee Meeting of CBY Fellowship at Forest Park, Illinois.

Feb. 8-9—Executive Committee Meeting of Sunday School Union at Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. R. Schilke

Jan. 2 (Wednesday)—Victoria Ave. Church, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Jan. 24 (Thursday)—Faith Church, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Jan. 27 (Sunday)—Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Jan. 27 (Sunday)—Elgin, Iowa.

Feb. 3 (Sunday)—Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

Jan. 23 and Feb. 13 (Wednesdays)—Leadership Training Course, Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis.

Feb. 8-9—Executive Committee Meeting of Sunday School Union at Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. Lawrence Bienert

Feb. 1-2—CBY Fellowship Executive Committee Meeting at Forest Park, Illinois.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Jan. 30-31—North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Feb. 2-8—McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Miss Ruth Bathauer

Jan. 30 and Feb. 13 (Wednesdays)—Leadership Training Course, Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Jan. 28-29—Secretarial Staff Visit to the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. Lawrence Bienert and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.

Jan. 27-Feb. 3—YOUTH WEEK. Theme: "Know Him to Serve Him."

Feb. 1-2—Executive Committee Meeting of CBY Fellowship at Forest Park, Illinois.

Feb. 3 (Sunday)—Baptist World Alliance Sunday. (Communion offering for the work of the Baptist World Alliance and for relief).

Feb. 8-9—Executive Committee Meeting of Sunday School Union at Forest Park, Illinois.

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REMEMBER TO PRAY

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

"A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned God-ward."
—Phillips Brooks

● Pray for the young people in our churches in their observance of "Youth Week" and with their witness for Christ.

● Pray for the Hungarian refugees and for the Baptist Relief Committee, especially Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, in their ministry to these Hungarians.

● Pray for the members of "God's Volunteers" team (by name, if possible) and for their director, Rev. Daniel Fuchs.

● Pray for those Baptists around the world who are facing persecution and trials because of their faithful witness to Christ (especially in Spain and Russia).

OBSERVANCES

● Church Extension Emphasis Month in January. Offerings by our churches toward the 50,000 Church Extension Fund and the support of 17 Church Extension Projects besides new opportunities for missionary outreach.

● YOUTH WEEK observance by our churches from Jan. 27 to Feb. 3, 1957. Theme: "Know Christ to Serve Him." See Jan. 10 issue of "Baptist Herald," pages 7 to 9; also page 16 in this number.

What's your problem?

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

1. What is the unpardonable sin?

This sin is called "speaking against the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 12:31, 32) and is generally known as blasphemy of the Spirit. It is a sin which cannot be forgiven, after which a change of heart is impossible. This is so because it is only by the Spirit that conviction of sin and repentance can come, and since the Spirit is blasphemed, no source is anymore available to bring conviction and mediate the grace of God in Christ. It consists in the conscious, malicious and wilful rejection and slandering of the testimony of the Holy Spirit. Probably Heb. 6:4-6; 10:26, 27; 1 John 5:16 refer to this sin. Any concern on the part of an individual that he has committed the unpardonable sin would be the surest proof that he had not so sinned, for this sin would exclude any concern by its very nature.

2. I want to have a vital prayer life, yet I never seem to enjoy praying or have much success. How can I learn to pray effectively?

Most Christians have some basic things to learn about prayer. The idea which the average believer has is that prayer consists of asking God for things. This is true, but it is only one aspect of prayer. Worship and praise should be our first concern—we need to stand in awe and adoration before the eternal, holy God who

loves us in Christ. The sense of his personal presence and nearness should break upon us. Only when we see him can we properly know ourselves as we are in his sight—this should lead us to sincere confession of sin. Thanksgiving should follow, and it has been said that if we would thank him for more, we would ask him for less. Only after worship, confession and thanksgiving are we ready to petition God for things. And the needs of others should take precedence over our own needs.

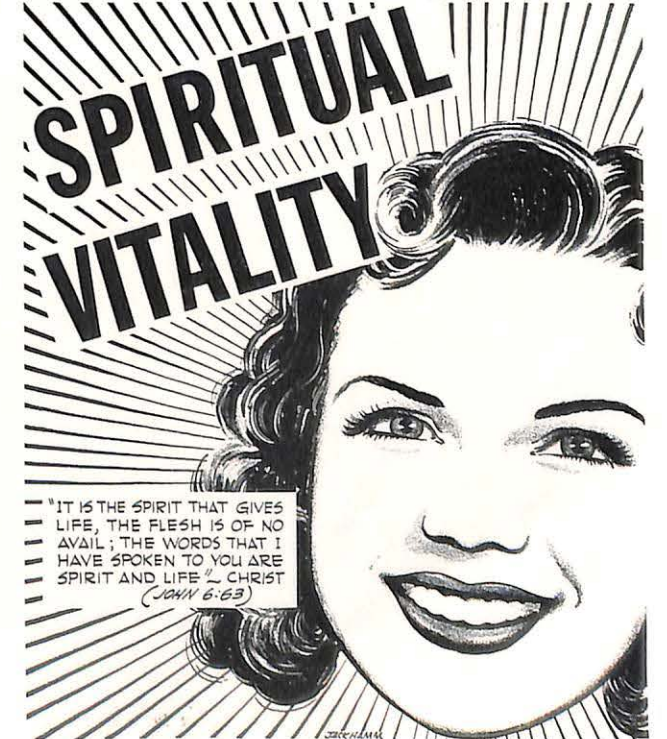
3. Can modern science be harmonized with the Bible?

This is a big question and a difficult one. It would require a book to answer it, and fortunately there is an excellent recent book on the subject, Bernard Ramm's *The Christian View of Science and Scripture*. There certainly is a harmony between the true facts of science and Scripture, for both have the same Author. We cannot afford to be hostile to the demonstrated data of science. Truth is truth wherever it is found (although the truth of the Bible is inspired). Scientists are not necessarily evil men who are trying to undermine Christian faith. They are mostly honest scholars searching for facts. On one hand we must distinguish between scientific fact and theory; on the other between the revealed Word of God and

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CARTOON BY JACK HAMM

NUMBER ONE ENERGY



My Prayer

By DR. H. VON BERGE, Dayton, Ohio

Strengthen my faith in thee, O God,
For the task assigned by thee,
In the hidden powers that in me lie
For the work thou hast for me.
Help me to meet each day's demands
With courage to do and dare,
And a willing heart to do my part—
That is my prayer.

Strengthen my faith in myself, O God,
And in thy sustaining pow'r,
That I in confidence may lean
Upon thee every hour.
To have the blessed consciousness,
Lord, of thy love and care,
Through all my days, in all my ways—
That is my prayer.

"God's Volunteers" in Action

By REV. DANIEL FUCHS, Evangelist and Director of "God's Volunteers"

WHEN THE CREATOR fashioned the heavens and the earth, he did so with absolute orderliness. In all of his creative activity God expressed himself wonderfully in a systematic way. Nothing in creation has been brought about haphazardly. From the greatest solar system in the far-flung universe to the smallest atom of any substance, there exists a most meticulous order and a most amazing system.

Nor is there the slightest trace of a hit-and-miss quality about God's plan of salvation. Before the foundations of the world were laid, God wonderfully purposed and planned man's redemption. With unmistakable orderliness and definite system, the heavenly Father revealed his plan and made it to become reality in human history. As Adam was the climax of God's creative purpose, so in the fulness of time the Lord Jesus Christ became the crown of God's redemptive plan.

Likewise there is a definite system clearly evident in the great Commission. The Lord Jesus Christ himself personally systematized his work in the world, and clearly commanded that his work be done according to purpose and plan.

Before Christ ascended to his Father in heaven, he plainly and carefully said to his followers: "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." It is completely unthinkable

that God could be pleased with a haphazard program of evangelizing the world. Step by step our Savior and Lord has carefully outlined his work, and he wants his work done his way!

To the Jesus' way of soul winning God's Volunteers are sincerely committed. They are humbly dedicated to do his work as Christ himself has carefully planned it from the beginning. We have his example in Luke 10:1, "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them out two by two before his face into every city and place whither he himself would come."

It is the prayerful purpose of God's Volunteers to strive towards the following objectives:

1. To personally help foster in and through our churches, in cooperation with our pastors, a program of New Testament evangelism which is consistent and planned.

2. To help promote in all of our churches an organized effort of constant personal soul-winning, personal-

SCHEDULE FOR "GOD'S VOLUNTEERS"

January 15 to 27—First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana.
Jan. 30 to Feb. 17—Connor Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.
Feb. 19 to March 10—Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa.
March 12 to 31—Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, O.
April 3 to 21—Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wisconsin.

"GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" IN THE DAKOTAS

CERTAINLY we as "God's Volunteers" can do nothing less than praise the Lord for the many blessings which were ours during our two consecutive campaigns from November 14 to December 2 at Turtle Lake and Washburn, N. Dak., where Rev. H. Schauer and Rev. O. Fiesel are the pastors, respectively.

At Turtle Lake, N. Dak., the entire group took part in visitation work with young and old alike. We also conducted a Children's Rally at which time 15 children made their decisions for Christ. However, during the evangelistic meetings with Rev. D. Fuchs as evangelist, four of our group went to Washburn to begin visitation work prior to the meetings there. This left only two of us to help along with children's stories and special music. After much prayer, it was the joy of the pastor, evangelist, church members and "God's Volunteers" to see seven adults take Christ as their personal Savior. Many others reconsecrated their lives and still others made their decision for baptism and church membership.

During the last week of these campaigns, the entire group participated with stories and music at the evangelistic meetings held at Washburn with Brother Fuchs again being the evangelist. During this time we saw one person accept Christ as Savior. Here, too, we were able to conduct a Children's Rally. In both areas of Turtle Lake and Washburn, we were able to help along in two youth rallies at which time the Lord really blessed us. A large number of rededications were made at both of these rallies. With the Apostle Paul we can say: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

Eunice Kern, Reporter

"GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" AT BEATRICE, NEB.

"Ye are my witnesses." This is what we as "God's Volunteers" have been endeavoring to do during these past weeks and months and especially so during our campaign in Beatrice, Neb., at the West Side Baptist Church, from Dec. 4 to 16 where Rev. G. Neubert is the pastor.

Since this was the time just before Christmas, it seemed as though we were not accomplishing much, when many of those on whom we were to call were not at home. However, the Lord did bless and undertake much when we were able to speak to souls who do not know Christ as their own personal Savior.

Besides making these personal contacts, we were able to canvass a part of the town where many of the families do not attend church anywhere.

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"God's Volunteers" with their Bibles and Rev. Daniel Fuchs (center), the director. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. O. Orthner, Katie Michelson, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Eunice Kern, Bonnie Tesky and Lu Ella Wolff.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. David C. Keiry of Bessie, Okla., have announced the birth of a daughter on Nov. 20, to whom the name, Donette Esther has been given. A daughter was born to Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss of Ellinwood, Kansas, on Dec. 26th to whom the name, Holly Marleen, has been given.

● The Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., has called Mr. Gerald Neugebauer as its pastor to succeed Rev. B. F. Taylor, now of Donna, Texas. Mr. Neugebauer is a recent graduate of the Dallas Bible Institute in Dallas, Texas. He is beginning his pastorate in the Gotebo Church on February 1, as reported by Viola Schantz, church clerk.

● Recently Rev. Henry R. Schroeder resigned as pastor of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. He has served as pastor of this church since 1948. His resignation was effective on December 1, 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder have moved to St. Paul, Minn., where they have retired from the active pastorate. However, Mr. Schroeder will continue to serve as editor of the German Sunday School Quarterly, "Lektionsblätter", for 1957.

● Miss Lenore Kruse of Chicago, Ill., director of field work at the Baptist Missionary Training School, has accepted an invitation to serve as administrative assistant to Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, the Director of Evangelism for the American Baptist Convention. Miss Kruse begins her service on January 20 with her office at 164 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. Miss Kruse is a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Kruse and is widely known in our fellowship of churches.

● Beginning with Sunday, Jan. 13, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., is beginning an object lesson and story for the children at every morning worship service. It is hoped that this added feature will increase the attendance and interest of the children in the worship services. On the last Sunday morning of the year 1956, Mr. Woyke preached on the topic, "The Time of your Life", and at the Watchnight Service on December 31 on "Looking Into the Future".

● Dr. John Leypoldt brought his interim pastorate at the Third German Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, to a close on Sunday, Dec. 16. He had served the church since Sept. 23. The attendance at the services averaged about 150 persons with

a high attendance of 200 occasionally. Dr. Leypoldt remarked that he was especially delighted by the congregation of about 75 at most of the prayer meetings. The former pastor of the church is Rev. Heinrich Herrmann, now of Jansen, Sask.

● The First and Calvary Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, have extended a call to Rev. Norman Berkan of Elmo, Kansas, to which a favorable response has been given. He has announced that he will close his pastorate at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Kansas at the end of February, and begin his ministry in Killaloe on the first Sunday in March. He has served the Kansas church as its minister since 1951. In Killaloe he will succeed Rev. Lawrence W. George, now of Indianapolis, Indiana.

● The East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., has called Rev. Fred Sonnenberg to become its fulltime pastor to which he has responded favorably. Following the amalgamation of the East Side and Ogden Park Churches of Chicago last summer, Mr. Sonnenberg became a co-pastor with Rev. H. R. Schroeder, who retired from the active ministry on January 1st. Mr. Sonnenberg began his services as pastor of the East Side Church on January 6, 1957, and he and his family hope to move into the parsonage before the close of January.

● The Parma Heights Baptist Church near Cleveland, Ohio, held a missionary rally sponsored jointly by the King's Daughters and Woman's Missionary Society on Friday evening, Dec. 28, to honor Miss Florence Miller, missionary to Japan. On Sunday evening, Dec. 30, Miss Miller spoke and showed pictures of the Japan mission field. She is a sister of the pastor of the church, Rev. Edwin Miller. On Sunday evening, Jan. 6th, the entire church program was presented by the new members received into the congregation during 1956.

● The Ministerial Association of Chicago and vicinity held its annual Christmas dinner and party on Dec. 27 with 30 ministers and their wives and invited guests present. A time of fellowship was enjoyed after the dinner at the Forest Park Baptist Church. The Cameroons missionaries, Miss Ruby Salzman and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rentz, were introduced. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, brought a brief devotional message. A colored film on the scenery and life in Honduras, Central America, was enjoyed by all present. Rev.

G. K. Zimmerman, Rev. R. Kern and Rev. Daniel Fuchs served on the program committee.

● On Christmas Eve the Sunday School program was held at the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, with numbers rendered by several departments and the church choir presenting the cantata, "Star of the Silent Night," followed by a White Christmas offering and a candle lighting service. Mrs. Paul Schroeder is the choir director, and Mr. Walter Kohrs the Sunday School superintendent. On Sunday, December 30, guest speakers were Professor Roy Seibel of the Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Mr. Douglas Friederichsen, a student at the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is pastor of the church.

● Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser have recently moved into their new home at 210 Community Drive, La Grange Park, Illinois. Mr. Grosser is the moderator of the General Conference, and Mrs. Grosser has been prominently identified with many denominational activities, especially as the former president of the Woman's Missionary Union. A brief but impressive dedication service for the home was held on Sunday night, Dec. 23, after the evening church service. Rev. R. Kern, pastor, spoke briefly and offered the dedication prayer. Harriet Kern played several piano selections. Mrs. Bonnie Rogers, a daughter, sang "Bless This House".

● From December 3 to 9, evangelistic meetings were held at the German Baptist Church of Toronto, with Rev. John Goetze of Kitchener, Ontario, serving as evangelist. On Sunday, November 4, Rev. Philipp Scherer, pastor, baptized ten converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Recently Mr. Scherer addressed the chapel service of Georgetown College in Toronto, composed of more than 1000 students and professors, speaking on the important role of the Balkan countries in molding the culture of Europe and in influencing Christianity. A son, Helmut Scherer, is a student at Georgetown College, preparing for missionary service in Brazil, South America.

● The Central Baptist Church School of Erie, Pa., presented its Christmas program on the afternoon of Dec. 25 with the superintendent, Mrs. H. Meuser, in charge. Among the several musical selections was "Luther's Cradle Hymn" sung by the Kindergarten Department. The Primary Department sponsored the decorating of "the mitten tree" for needy children. The sound film, "The Christmas Story," was also shown. On Christmas Eve a group from the Central Baptist Church assisted their pastor, Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, in conducting

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We the Women

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

In a recent issue of the "Baptist Herald," we have seen the picture and have read the delightful story of Delores Henne entitled, "I'll be a Medical Missionary," written by Rev. R. Schilke. We have read of her departure on Nov. 1st from New York via England in our "Denominational News Letter."

Our hearts and prayers go out to every one of our missionaries, but at this time we want to remember especially those who go out for the first time.

Several months ago, as I sat at the luncheon table beside Missionary Delores Henne, I asked her for a note to "We, the Women" regarding her course in Nurse-Midwifery at the Maternity Center in New York City. She has written us a letter and we are thankful.

LETTER FROM DELORES HENNE

I haven't forgotten Mrs. Lutz's request to drop you a letter through "We, the Women" informing you about my course in nurse-midwifery at the Maternity Center in New York. I have enjoyed my studies and work.

During the past months, I have been asked frequently, "What are you doing?" I reply, "I am taking a course in nurse-midwifery." In turn, I hear interesting comments such as: "I thought midwifery went out of the window when horses and buggies went out." Few seem to know that nurse-midwifery is a postgraduate course for registered nurses, training them to give the normal pregnant mother antenatal care, deliver her baby, and post-partial care.

From February to June, I did home deliveries in the cosmopolitan city of New York, chiefly among Puerto Rican mothers of whom many spoke only Spanish. Home deliveries are unique. The children have the advantage of seeing the baby shortly after delivery, and what a thrill it is to see their interest and enthusiasm in their new baby brother or sister. The father is given the opportunity to stay and to encourage his wife during labor and delivery. And mother has the advantage of rooming in, having the baby with her in the same room.

During the first week of school, we four missionaries were pleasantly surprised to learn that we would be spending the last four months of our training at the famous John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. We have learned much there which will be of great value to us in Africa. The doctors have been most interested in

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CBY FELLOWSHIP

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

Your denomination is again ready to serve its young people through the Student Service Plan. This is a plan whereby students make application for summer work in our churches, and the churches in turn also make requests for a student worker. The extent to which we are able to serve our young people thus depends largely on the response of our churches. It is our prayer that the churches will see the great advantage of employing the services of a Seminary student, Seminary couple, or Bible School student. These young people assist the pastor in his visitation work, Vacation Bible School, preaching ministry, and many other duties. The student gains a practical experience which he cannot possibly learn from books. The church receives a fresh, new enthusiasm from the services of a student worker.

Application blanks have been mailed out to all of our churches and to our students. Please fill these out at your earliest convenience and mail them as directed on the application blank. Assignments for student workers will be made the first week in March. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members of your Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship executive committee will be meeting for their annual sessions at the headquarters office on February 1 and 2, 1957. At that time our entire youth program will be reviewed and suggestions will be made for the coming year. We will



Miss Sena Plucker of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., a member of the CBYF Executive Committee.

also make more detailed plans for the Christian Leaders' Conference to be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from August 5 to 9, 1957. This conference is a "must" for all youth leaders and members of the CBY Fellowship. Reserve these dates now and spend a week in Christian atmosphere and training on the beautiful campus of our Seminary. We also covet your prayers for the days of our annual executive committee meetings.

In former issues of the "Baptist Herald," you have seen pictures and read the testimonies of some of our executive committee members. We have asked Miss Sena Plucker of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., committee member, to give us her testimony. She is a school teacher by profession and a glowing testimony to her pupils. She takes an active part in local, regional, and conference youth activities as well as being a member of our national CBY Fellowship executive committee. This is her testimony.

SENA PLUCKER'S TESTIMONY

It has been my joy and privilege to take part in many phases of our youth work through the past years. It was an assuring experience to come to God's Word and to find the strength we need for our task. Many times when programs for rallies and camps were being planned, we had problems that seemed impossible but the Lord provided. We were always blessed far above our expectations.

It was at the very first camp I attended that I dedicated my life to the Lord Jesus. God spoke to me especially through the first two verses of Romans 12 . . . "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

It is the will of God that we should have an abundant life. This may be obtained as we learn the truth of God and seek to conform our lives to the pattern revealed in his Word. If our minds are occupied with the Word of God, and our labor be in his service, godly results will follow and the Lord will be glorified in our lives. It is my prayer that my life may always glorify him and be in his will.

STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

All North American Baptist young people studying at one of the colleges, hospitals, or Seminary at Sioux Falls, (Continued on Page 24)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 3, 1957

Theme: MISSION OF THE TWELVE

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-10:8;
10:24,25.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus seems to indicate that the harvest is always plentiful in the spiritual field. The famine lies in the realm of the workers.

INTRODUCTION: Jesus is always looking for men who will go on dangerous and difficult missions. During a war the men are carefully screened before they can be trusted for the important missions that must often be made. They must be physically able; they must have emotional stability, mental alertness and great courage. Mere enthusiasm is not enough. A prospective disciple came to Jesus and said, "Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest" (Matt. 8:19). But when he heard the conditions, his enthusiasm left him. Others expressed their willingness, but put other things first. It is surprising how often it is said when Jesus called his disciples, "They left all and followed him."

I. THE MISSION AND DIVINE COMPASSION. Matt. 9:35-38.

Jesus began his work of teaching, preaching and healing gradually. He travelled through the cities, the villages and the countryside helping and healing individuals all along the way. His fame grew to such an extent that, when he lifted up his eyes, he discovered that he was surrounded by a great multitude. "He was moved with compassion" when he saw how many needed his help and healing and leadership. He was concerned about their sick bodies, but much more about their sinsick souls.

Perhaps some dreamer might ask, "Why did not Jesus simply wave his magic wand and heal the whole multitude in a single moment?" Perhaps the best answer is that each one of us needs the individual attention of Jesus Christ, and we must all come into a personal relationship with him. What a harvest Jesus saw! If only he had the personal workers to reap it! In the great compassion of Jesus, we must see our personal responsibility and cause for prayer.

II. THE MISSION AND THE MISSIONARIES. Matt. 10:1-4.

Luke tells us that Jesus continued all night in prayer before he chose his disciples (Lk. 6:12). It was certainly an important decision to make. Perhaps if we would have been on the Lord's mission committee we would have found, after examination, that not one of these men could have been

recommended. Jesus saw, not only their lack of qualifications, but also the wonderfully changed men of the future.

III. THE MISSION AND ITS WORK. Matt. 10:5-8.

Jesus did not immediately send them to some foreign country, but told them to minister to the immediate needs around them. Christ wanted them to be good home missionaries first before becoming foreign missionaries. They were to minister to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel," just as we are to begin by ministering to the lost sheep in our church, in our neighborhood and in our country. Often we visualize the glory of the foreign field while forgetting the common needs around us.

IV. THE MISSION AND ITS DANGERS. Matt. 10:24, 25.

Until the crucifixion, the disciples were spared any serious persecution. The attention of the enemies was focused on Christ himself. They were sure that once they got rid of Jesus, his disciples would be harmless. But Jesus knew that after he was physically absent, the persecution would center around his followers. The same blasphemous names would be hurled at them; they would be treated the same way, and many would suffer the same death.

Questions for discussion: How can compassion and sympathy lead us to action? Do we as followers of Christ suffer persecution, or is our Christian life too easy?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 10, 1957

Theme: THE WARNING AND INVITATION OF JESUS

Scripture: Matthew 11:20-30.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: To say that God is love is only a part of the truth. He is also justice.

INTRODUCTION: We have many songs in which the love of God is emphasized. Poets go to great lengths in describing the greatness and the immensity of his love. But very seldom, if ever, do we sing about the justice of God. Perhaps because of its terrible condemnation, we do not want to listen to the advocates of the "scare gospel." It pricks our con-

science and makes us feel uneasy, fearful and guilty. And so we sing of comfort and hope and love which give us the idea that "God's in his heaven and all's right with the world."

A father who loves his children must also be just with them. No matter how difficult or unpleasant it may be, a father's duty is to pronounce words of warning as well as words of love. Actually it is because he loves his children that he warns them. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31), but it is a wonderful thing to fall into the hands of a loving Father whose warning is heeded.

I. JESUS' WARNING AND CONDEMNATION. Matt. 11:20-24.

The greatest opportunity in the history of the world was presented to the people of these cities, and they did not take advantage of it. With Christ in their midst, they were as close to heaven as it was humanly possible to be. Heaven was in their grasp; yet they slid into the lowest hell. Here is an example of how close God is willing to come to man and how far from God man is in his unwillingness to come to him. In comparing these cities with Sodom, Jesus does not excuse this sinful city. Sodom will have many things to answer for, but not the sin of rejecting the Savior of the world. Forget not the sternness of the Gospel of Christ, for there is a dreadful alternative to his acceptance.

II. JESUS' WARNING AND PRIDE. Matt. 11:25, 26.

It makes no difference how expert a person may be in things sensible and secular, if he has no experience in the realm of the spirit, it will do him little good. Like Nicodemus he must be born again, or like the disciples, he must become as a little child. In Jesus' prayer there is a warning to all those who think they know it all. Pride, whether it be spiritual or secular, is a closed door to the Kingdom of God.

III. JESUS' WARNING AND THE POWER OF REVELATION. Matt. 11:27.

Many who listened to Jesus believed that they had all the revelation needed for salvation. That God revealed himself through Moses, through the Law and the Commandments, through the tradition of the elders was sufficient for them. They thought they knew all about God, but they did not know God. Jesus warns that unless they know God as the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, they will never have the true revelation experience. The key to God is Jesus Christ.

IV. JESUS' COMPASSION AND INVITATION. Matt. 11:28-30.

In connection with this invitation read Psalm 103:8-13. There is no

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

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

The Emerald Necklace

By ELISE FRASER

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

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SYNOPSIS

When John Rowland slips his Bible into his pocket and walks out of the mission hall that November night in San Francisco, he begins a strange adventure. For out of the mist steps a woman of breath-taking beauty who calls his name and brings to his startled remembrance his lovely classmate, Kathryn Greig. Kathryn begs him to have dinner with her, saying she needs help. John agrees, but after a mysterious phone call she seems uneasy and in a hurry to have him leave. Casually, she asks him to return a small trinket to a friend, hastily scribbling an address on a card.

CHAPTER TWO

ON the way home, walking in the mist, John thought of nothing but the woman he had left. Kathryn, who for all her beauty and wealth, had seemed to need him. Kathryn who had beseeched him to be her friend. He thought of her apparent hunger for spiritual things. It was very astonishing.

As he turned the corner on Geary near his hotel, he bumped squarely into a short fellow. Taking advantage of the opportunity to pass out a tract, John did so then promptly forgot the incident.

Entering his hotel, he touched the slender box in his pocket, nodded to the clerk at the hotel desk and hurried up to his room.

Taking the box from his pocket, John fancied he could detect the elusive, faint perfume which seemed a part of Kathryn. As he placed the box on his dresser, his fingers somehow touched the snap and the lid flew open. He jumped back in astonishment and wonder as he beheld, coiled in the soft black velvet lining of the box, the

most amazing necklace it had ever fallen to his lot to see. It was a string of alternating diamonds and emeralds, any one of which must have been worth a fabulous amount. The center stone was a pendant, a mammoth emerald set above with diamonds. The diamonds were clear, blue white, flawless in their beauty and perfection, their myriad of facets scintillating lights and flashes.

When his first astonishment was over, John looked at the necklace in dismay. What was the meaning of it? Why had Kathryn called it a trinket? How casually, even carelessly, she had handed the jewels to him. Was she using him to rid herself of some jewels she did not want found in her possession?

He was about to telephone Kathryn when he remembered that she had asked him to do her a favor and that he had promised. He had promised to deliver the package to the address she had given him. But he wished she had not called it a trinket. Still, she might have been mistaken in the contents of the box. Could she have given him the wrong box?

Yet how worried she had seemed, how apprehensive. Did she suspect someone in the apartment of teachery? Who was she afraid of? The exotic looking young woman or the Chinese house boy? What had been the telephone call she had received? It was after that that her manner had changed.

John glanced at his watch. It was now past twelve. He decided not to make any move that night.

Even though he tried to commit the matter to the Lord in prayer John passed a feverish night, tossing and turning on his pillow. Through all the wakeful hours he kept feeling the hard

lump of the jewel case under his head. Every time the window creaked he thought a robber had come to make off with the necklace. When a footstep sounded down the hall, he wondered if an officer of justice had come to accuse him of having stolen property.

And if the latter, what then? He saw himself languishing in prison for the crime of Kathryn Greig. And that he would languish there, he was certain for he could not picture the exquisite Kathryn in connection with any jail. With such thoughts, he thrashed and tumbled, thoroughly resolved, promise or no promise, to return the jewel case to Kathryn as early as possible the following morning.

At the same time John Rowland entered the cab with Kathryn, Adrienne Lennox and Tom Wiley walked out of the Examiner building. Tom placed his hand under her elbow as he tried to hurry through the crowd. "Where shall we go tonight, Adrienne? Cathay House? Or that French restaurant on Pacific?"

"The French restaurant, shall we?" Tom glanced at his watch. "It's later than I thought, Adrienne. If we meet Bruce Farningham at the Fairmont at eight, we won't have much time."

"Maybe we had better make it Cathay House," Adrienne said.

Tom nodded and they turned their steps toward Chinatown. On Grant Avenue Adrienne hung back, wanting to look in every shop window. She stood entranced before a window of jade. "Jade fascinates me, Tom, especially this apple green jade."

Tom leaned down, his face close to hers. "Wish you'd let me buy some for you, Adrienne."

Adrienne laughed, pushing him away gently. "Don't waste your money, Tom." She liked Tom but she wasn't in love with him. And she didn't want him to have any proprietary ideas. Now if it were John Rowland offering to buy her jade, how different it would be! Adrienne smiled. She could not imagine John buying jade for any woman.

At Cathay House they succeeded in getting a table by the window looking down on Grant Avenue and California Street. The cable cars clanged merrily up and down the hill and the lights and bustle of Chinatown were below them.

Adrienne caught a glimpse of herself in a mirror. Her cheeks were rosy and her lips were red without the touch of lipstick. Her dark hair curled softly around her face. Since she had neither the time nor the money for beauty shops, it was fortunate that she did not need their aids. She saw the approval in Tom's eyes and laughed happily.

"How's the new job, Adrienne?" "Fine. I've been doing some illustrations for hat ads."

"Talking of hats," Tom said, "that's a nice number you're wearing."

"It's San Francisco designed, Tom. Did you know we had some good designers right here at home?"

"No? Might be an idea for a feature article."

Adrienne giggled. "I can't imagine you doing a feature article on women's hats, Tom."

"I might surprise you," Tom replied.

"Who is Bruce Farningham?" Adrienne asked as she accepted the plate Tom served for her.

"He's really somebody from what I can gather," Tom replied. "Evidently he has plenty of money, lives where he pleases, travels all over the world, has membership in the best clubs and is welcomed in the best homes."

"Is he an American?"

"Yes, I believe he is but he has lived abroad for so many years he has quite an accent and likes to be taken for an Englishman."

"Well, I'm glad you're taking me along, Tom. I'd like to see a man like this."

Tom laughed. "I'm not sure I'm so wise, Adrienne, from all I hear Bruce Farningham has a strange effect on women. They can't resist him. I hope he doesn't cast a spell over you."

"I'll try not to be mesmerized," she promised. "But what's he doing in San Francisco?"

"Rumor has it, he's interested in matrimony."

"At a price, I imagine," Adrienne said.

Tom raised his eyebrows. "What a cynic our child has become."

Adrienne flushed. "Not really, I just pretend."

Walking up California Street to the Fairmont, Tom said, "How's the money coming in for that new movie projector for our Forum group?"

"It's all in, Tom. I just know John Rowland is the one who put in most of it. He says there are some fine Christian films now and he wants our young people to have a chance to see them."

"John's a swell guy, a real soul winner. He spends a lot of time at the mission."

As they entered the Powell Street entrance of the Fairmont, Adrienne asked, "Where are you to meet Bruce Farningham?"

"In the front lobby. I guess we should have gone in the front way. But no matter. Here's the elevator."

As they walked across the spacious lobby, Tom remarked, "There's Farningham now. Looks like he has someone with him."

Adrienne saw a tall, broad-shouldered man with fair complexion and sandy-colored hair approach them. His very bright blue eyes looked her up and down as Tom made the introduction.

"This is delightful, Wiley," Farningham said. "You didn't tell me you had this in store for me. And here I've got to share her with my pal, Paul Ames." Jovially Farningham introduced Paul.

Paul was a small fellow with a shaggy, yellow mustache and heavy, overhanging eyebrows. He had a quick, bird-like manner and his glance darted back and forth impartially between the three of them.

"They told me San Francisco women were beautiful," Farningham said, turning to Paul Ames, "now I see it with my eyes and the half has not been told."

Adrienne smiled enigmatically. She wasn't going to be taken in by this Lothario.

Farningham indicated a secluded corner of the lobby where they might talk undisturbed and the four moved toward it. After they were seated, Tom said, "You recently came from India, Mr. Farningham?"

"Well, yes, but more recently from My Old Lady London."

"And how did you find the Old Lady?" asked Tom.

Adrienne looked puzzled and Farningham explained, "That's my favorite name for London. I always call her My Old Lady." Then answering Tom's question, "Changed, of course. Sadly changed."

The talk drifted to the war and then to the atom bomb. Farningham's prediction of world doom was graphic. A feeling of panic swept over Adrienne. Farningham's eyes were on her face as he added detail. He knows I'm afraid, she thought with surprise. Is he doing this purposely?

Tom interrupted. "It's a terrifying picture you paint, Mr. Farningham,

but for the Christian it has no terror. The Apostle Paul said, 'To me to live is Christ and to die is gain.' The Lord God almighty is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Farningham looked from Adrienne to Tom with amusement. "You believe that?" he asked Adrienne.

"Yes, of course," she said hastily.

Adrienne flushed slightly as Farningham continued to observe her.

Tom changed the subject. "I understand you've had some exciting adventures, Mr. Farningham. Would you mind telling us something of them?"

Farningham, nothing loathe, began a wild and fascinating tale of an experience which had befallen him during a cruise in the South Seas. He was an excellent raconteur and he held his audience spell-bound.

After asking a few questions, Tom said, "Well, thank you, Mr. Farningham. It's been good to talk with you. I think I've plenty of material for a feature."

"Glad of the opportunity," Farningham returned cordially. "But look, I hate to lose sight of you. We four seem a congenial group. Let me be your host at dinner some evening, eh what?"

"You are really too good, Sir," said Tom.

"Too good, nothing. I'm a lonesome old codger. How about this coming Thursday night?"

"What do you think, Adrienne?"

Adrienne hesitated. Yet if she were with Tom, she would not need to fear and Bruce Farningham was a fascinating conversationalist. "I think it would be very nice."

Details were arranged and Tom was to bring Adrienne to the hotel at seven.

As they parted, Tom handed a small book to Farningham and one to Paul. "With my compliments," he said. Adrienne saw that it was a Gospel of John.

Farningham managed a twisted smile and said briefly, "Thanks," as he stuck it in his pocket. Paul stood looking at the book in a dazed manner, then put it in his vest pocket.

The cool November fog felt good against Adrienne's flushed face. Tom laughed boyishly. "Well, Adrienne, what about it? Were you mesmerized?"

"How old do you think Mr. Farningham is, Tom? He called himself an old codger."

Tom laughed. "Oh, he must be a bit of thirty-two."

"That isn't old," Adrienne said.

"Well, it's ten years older than twenty-two."

"Oh, Tom! I'm not interested personally. You can see he's definitely a pagan."

"But seemingly nice pagan," Tom added.

(To Be Continued)

Our Denomination in ACTION

Dakota Conference

South Dakota Youth Rally at Wessington Springs

The South Dakota CBY Fellowship Rally was held at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Wessington Springs, S. Dak., on Nov. 23 and 24. The theme was "That I May Know Him in a Vocation." This proved to be very interesting because talks were heard from our own young people who were in the various fields of service for our Lord.

Rev. Paul Appel, who is a missionary among the Spanish-Americans in Colorado, was guest speaker. We also had a view of Germany by way of slides. These were shown by Harold Lang, who went over to Germany as an exchange student last year.

At our business meeting, it was decided to postpone our election of officers until the 1957 camp. Also, a pledge of \$1000 was made for the Nursing Home in Madison, S. Dak., of which \$600 has already been paid. All offerings went for our Japan Mission Project. Truly, the Lord was good to us and gave us fine weather and also a good group who turned out for the rally.

Mrs. Allen Rasmussen, Reporter

Special Programs and Activities at Hebron, North Dakota

The annual program of the Woman's Missionary Union of Hebron, N. Dak., was given on Oct. 14 with our pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, as speaker. On Sept. 30 we held our Mission Festival with Rev. A. Fischer of Linton, N. Dak., as guest speaker. The offerings for the day were \$2978.36. On Sunday, Nov. 18, the Missionary Guild of our church gave a program on the women of the Bible.

Evangelistic meetings were held from Nov. 19 to 30 with Rev. John E. Grygo of Bismarck, N. Dak., as speaker. God has been gracious to bless the efforts of his servants. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to manifest himself in our midst so that the good seed sown will bear fruit for eternity.

On Dec. 5 we held our yearly business meeting and it was decided that the church would buy a wall rug for the parsonage. Our project now is a pulpit fund for new pulpit furniture.

Mrs. Theophil Frey, Reporter

Baptism for Mott and New Leipzig, N. Dak., Churches

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 25, the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., and the New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N. Dak., united for a baptismal service in the Baptist church of Hebron. Rev. C. H. Seecamp, pastor of the Hebron church,

gave a hearty welcome to the two visiting churches after which Rev. LeRoy Schauer of Mott conducted the service.

Rev. Emil Becker of New Leipzig brought a message on baptism after which Mr. Schauer baptized three persons, upon confession of their faith in the risen Lord and Savior, and Mr. Becker of New Leipzig baptized one adult lady and seven younger people.

The hand of fellowship was given to these newly baptized persons in their home churches on Sunday, Nov. 2nd. Besides those who were baptized, the Mott church also extended the hand of fellowship to five additional persons, who united with the church by letter.

Emil Becker, Reporter

Central Conference

Parma Heights Baptist Church School Wins Attendance Contest

The Parma Heights Baptist Church School of Parma Heights, Ohio, concluded the Christian Life Sunday School Attendance Contest by reaching 595 scholars—or a 206% increase over last year's average, on Nov. 18, 5 less than their goal of 600. The school's average attendance for the past year was 196. During the contest it was 487, making a 149% increase. As a result they took first place in the inter-church contest among seven other Baptist churches in the city.

The six weeks' contest reached 464 different visitors and added 64 new members to the enrollment. Grand Prize winners of the Inter-School contest were: Mrs. Clarence Schultz, Sr., and Mrs. Charles Miller, Jr. Division Winners were Jack Adams and Laura Schardell. Departmental winners were: Nursery: Heide Hall and Jay Hirt; Beginners: Pam Klyne and Scott Muha; Primary: Martha Cool and Karen Hall; Junior Boys: Martin



Eleven converts who were baptized and received into the Mott and New Leipzig, N. Dak., churches with their pastors, Rev. LeRoy Schauer (left, back row), and Rev. Emil Becker (right, back row).

Cool and Ralph Van Treuren; Junior Girls: Anita Jott and Janet Jaekel; Intermediates: Esther Wesner and Judy Muha; Seniors: Fred Bonkowsky and Joan Bender; Women's Class: Mrs. Nellie Bidlen and Mrs. Hannah Bonkowsky; Men's Class: John Baranyi and Otto Bonkowsky; and Couples' Class: Mrs. Eleanor Hirt and Ben Pfister.

La Verna Mehlhoff, Director

Pacific Conference

Rev. A. Foll's 70th Birthday Surprise at Startup, Washington

After prayer meeting on Nov. 28th at the First Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., Rev. A. Foll was asked by the pastor, "What happened 70 years ago today?" With a slight, surprised grin, he replied, "I was born." In this way the surprise birthday party started for Brother Foll who, as a retired minister of the Gospel, is now residing in Startup, Washington, with his wife.

He has served a number of our North American Baptist churches leaving Odessa, Wash., in 1952. A short program planned by the deacons and their wives was followed by a refreshment time in the annex. Besides receiving a beautiful cake adorned with yellow roses, Mr. Foll received a gift from the Startup Baptist Church, and his "thank you" remarks were most fitting.

Walter Dingfield, Pastor

Missionary Program and New Life Crusade, Anaheim, Calif.

Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, our missionary to the Cameroons, was recently honored at the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., when a dinner and reception were held in her honor. After the dinner, a number of gifts were presented to her to take back with her as she returns to her field in Africa.

While in Anaheim, Miss Ziolkowski spoke to the Sunday School departments, Woman's Missionary Society meeting, and Magnolia Baptist Church, an Extension Project of Bethel Church.

During the month of October, the Bethel Church held a "New Life Crusade" with Rev. Howard Smith bringing the messages. Also each evening Mrs. Smith presented the beautiful "Black-Light Bible Drama," accompanied by Miss Esther Leuschner at the organ and various members of the church singing the solo.

There were 48 decisions during the meetings with 38 making a first-time decision for Christ. Mr. Smith led a four-day visitation crusade prior to the meetings with about 40 members calling each afternoon and evening.

Iris Fallon, Reporter

Northwestern Conference

Seven New Members Received Into Church, Aplington, Iowa

During the communion service on Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, the right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Donald Patet, pastor, to the group of young people who had been baptized the week before. They are, as shown in the accompanying picture: front row (left to right): Carol and Ellen Lindaman, Paulette and Howard Huisinga, and Becky Lindaman; back row: Judy Keoppel, Rev. Donald Patet, and Janet Ostercamp.

Our Thanksgiving offering amounted to \$3033.90. Of this amount \$2,076.50 were designated for missions and the rest for the local building fund.

Mrs. Paul R. Voogd, Reporter

Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis., Dedicates New Parsonage

The dedication of the parsonage of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., on Sunday, Nov. 11, was a memorable day for us. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, the general Sunday School secretary, was with us in the morning and afternoon services. He spoke to us from 1 Cor. 3:9-15 in the afternoon at the parsonage.

Special music was rendered by a women's trio consisting of Mrs. Ben Weiss, Jack Tracy and Dan Behr and remarks were made by the pastor, Rev. Edgar Klatt, who spoke words of



Rev. Donald Patet, pastor of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, and seven young people to whom he gave the hand of fellowship at a recent communion service.

appreciation for the fine parsonage constructed by the men of the church. Commendation was also made by the moderator, Joe White.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the keys by the chairman of the Building Committee, Jack Tracy, to the chairman of the trustees, Leonard Friedrich. He in turn presented them to the pastor, who offered the dedicatory prayer and benediction. A tour was made through the beautiful parsonage by all attending.

The day was concluded with a supper meeting for the Senior and Junior Young People. Sergeant Ralph Fox of



The German Zion Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, of which Mr. Gunter Rochow has been student pastor and of which Rev. Robert Kluttig is the new minister.

the Kenosha Police Department, who is in charge of safety work in the schools, was the guest speaker. His topic was: "Our Youth of Today."

Mrs. Dan Behr, Reporter

Special Meeting and Farewell Reception at Baileyville, Ill.

The Baileyville Baptist Church, Baileyville, Ill., held a week of special meetings from Nov. 18 to 25. It featured Church Officers Night, Men's Night, Sunday School Night, Neighbors' Night, Ladies Night, Children's Night, Youth Night and Family Night. On Saturday evening the colored sound film "Martyred Men" was shown. The offering was given to the young people for their Iowa CBYF missionary project.

On Nov. 14 a surprise farewell was given in the Baileyville Church for

The Pauls have moved to Benson, Minnesota.

Mrs. Elizabeth Renkema, Reporter

Northern Conference

Two Baptismal Services at Zion Church, Edmonton, Alta.

A baptismal service was held at the German Zion Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, on Sunday, Oct. 7, when two persons were baptized on confession of their faith. We are thankful to Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist, for performing the baptismal service. On Dec. 2, one single brother and one married couple honored the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism. We owe our thanks to Rev. Karl Korella, who served us on that occasion in the baptizing of the three candidates.

The past months have been months under the visible blessing of our God. Since the founding of this church last spring, the Lord has added to the church constantly.

Gunter Rochow, Student Pastor

"God's Volunteers" and Evangelistic Meetings at Fenwood, Sask.

We in Fenwood, Sask., have experienced numerous blessings in the past few weeks. From October 24 to 30 we had the privilege of having Miss Eunice Kern and Miss Luella Wolff, two members of "God's Volunteers," with us immediately prior to our evangelistic campaign. We were able to have all six members of the team in our church on October 30 for the first service of our series of meetings. We thank God for the ministry of "God's Volunteers" in our church.

Beginning on October 30 and continuing through November 11, we held our evangelistic campaign with Rev. Harold E. Weiss, pastor of the Northside Church in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., serving as evangelist. God blessed his ministry in our midst so that we can report nine decisions for Christ, eight of them being first time decisions.

Recently we installed an oil-burning heating unit in the church which will enable us to use our basement more efficiently for our Sunday School.

Eldon L. Janzen, Pastor

Woman's Missionary Program at Baptist Church, Fenwood, Sask.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Fenwood Baptist Church, Fenwood, Sask., was privileged to present its annual program on Sunday evening, Nov. 18. It was a missionary program based on the theme, "That They May Have Life" (John 10:10).

The group sang "Send the Light", and our president, Mrs. Eldon Janzen, extended a welcome. A report from our treasurer showed that our society has been active in White Cross work and other missionary projects. A quartet sang "We Are Building for Eternity".

Our president lighted the center candle which was to represent Christ, who came to reveal and fulfill God's gift of Eternal Life. Then the ladies came up in turn, each lighting a candle from the center candle and giving a brief sketch of the following: our young people at schools of training, our communities, Church Extension, Indian mission work, Spanish-American fields, women's work in the Cameroons, Bansa Baptist Hospital, New Hope Leper Settlement and Japan.

When all candles were lighted, they were in the form of a cross and presented a challenge to live more devoted lives and to seek the fellowship of the living Lord.

Mrs. J. Baron, Reporter

Saskatchewan Tri Union Holds Christian Workers' Conferences

The Saskatchewan Tri-Union had the privilege of being served by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Rev. L. Bienert of Forest Park, Ill., during the Christian Workers' Conference sessions. The first session was held at Jansen, Oct. 31, for the northern area. The Yorkton area was served Nov. 1st. The Regina area was served on Nov. 2 and 3. At each of these centers the Sunday School and CBY work was emphasized.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, Mr. Zimmerman served in the churches of Springside and Nokomis in the morning and evening, and Mrs. Bienert served in Regina. On Sunday afternoon regional rallies were held at the aforementioned points. The following brethren served as speakers: Rev. D. Fuchs, Yorkton; Rev. G. Zimmerman, Jansen, and Rev. L. Bienert, Regina. The offerings at the rallies went towards the Tri-Union projects of foreign missions (Japan), home missions (Muscowpetung Reserve), and prospective Tri-Union Camp.

Everyone attending the sessions benefitted greatly, and thought they were very worthwhile.

B. E. Milner, Reporter

Recognition Service for Fellowship Church, Camrose, Alta.

On the invitation from the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta, 24 delegates from 9 neighboring churches and Rev. Karl Korella representing the North American Baptist General Conference, met on Dec. 11 at the above church to examine and decide upon the desirability of recognizing the Fellowship Baptist Church.

Rev. A. Rapske, host pastor, welcomed the delegates. Rev. H. Schumacher brought a devotional message on "The Ideal Church." Rev. H. Hiller served as chairman and Rev. A. Lamprecht as secretary. The council examined the church's reason for being, inquiring into its history and steps towards organization, tenets of faith, relationship to our Association and larger Conferences, and other churches. Its new church home is the former Evangelical Lutheran Church located in the city of Camrose. It was the unanimous decision of the council to recognize the Fellowship Church.

At the evening recognition program Mr. George Soderstrom led in prayer. Scripture was read by Mr. Gunther Rochow. The minutes of the council were read by Rev. A. Lamprecht and adopted. The hand of fellowship was extended to the church by Rev. E. A. Hoffmann. Rev. Karl Korella, mission secretary of the Northern Conference, spoke on 1 Cor. 12 and 13. Rev. J. C. Kraenzler led in the prayer of consecration. Greetings and congratulations were expressed by representatives of the various churches. Special music included a trumpet solo by Enos Lamprecht, a vocal solo by Mrs. W. Roth, and Lynnette Miller, aged 8, sang "Bless This House".

A. Lamprecht, Secretary

Atlantic Conference

New Haven, Conn., Church Sells Property for \$100,000

This has been one of the most momentous Christmas Seasons ever celebrated by the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., because it was the last Yule Service at the place where we have been observing the birth of Christ for 100 years. The city has purchased our church property for the staggering sum of \$100,000 and now has offered to pay \$2,000 in

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Nov., 1956	Nov., 1955	Nov., 1954
Atlantic	\$ 3,482.51	\$ 2,499.97	\$ 5,458.79
Central	8,441.32	16,241.21	8,529.34
Dakota	18,578.83	15,955.69	18,541.58
Eastern	1,265.17	1,583.54	2,074.99
Northern	11,685.54	8,277.75	7,690.88
Northwestern	8,464.19	8,448.34	11,036.04
Pacific	11,984.36	10,739.32	6,100.39
Southern	3,908.50	2,102.54	1,793.68
Southwestern	7,606.92	10,869.56	9,507.82
Total Contributions	\$75,417.34	\$76,717.92	\$70,733.51

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of November, 1956	\$68,126.01	\$ 7,291.33	\$75,417.34
For the month of November, 1955	57,425.40	19,292.52	76,717.92
For the month of November, 1954	59,086.26	11,647.25	70,733.51

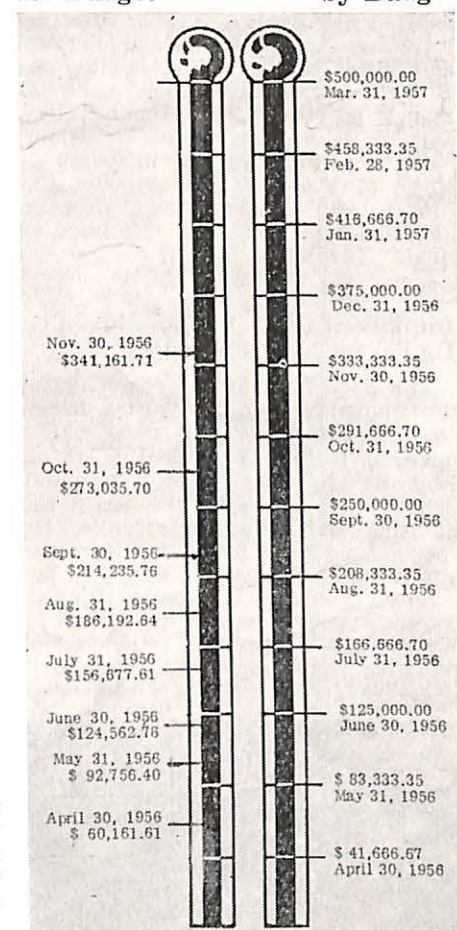
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1956 to November 30, 1956	\$341,161.71	\$33,357.33	\$374,519.04
April 1, 1955 to November 30, 1955	304,840.19	54,951.34	359,791.53
April 1, 1954 to November 30, 1954	317,244.43	80,978.04	398,222.47

General Conference Missions Budget

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Letter Box

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

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS

This is to notify you that I am out of the service of the Armed Forces if you wish to discontinue my Service Men's subscription to the "Baptist Herald." I surely appreciated the magazine, and words cannot express how grateful I am to you for sending it to me in the service.

—Pfc. Jimmy D. Myers,
Lorraine, Kansas

AN ENTHUSIASTIC READER

I read with great interest the "Baptist Herald". It is a very good magazine, thanks to the contributors and to your editorial ability. I am a former North American Baptist and became an American Baptist about 5 years ago. I have a wonderful American Baptist Church of 80 members here in Buena, Wash. I am moving soon to the First Baptist Church of Cashmere, Washington, to be the pastor of that 240 member parish. Blessings on your fine work.

—Rev. Alvin Fischer, Pastor,
Buena, Washington

LONGER OBITUARIES!

Many people subscribe to our periodicals to keep track of former friends through news items and obituaries. The interrelationship in churches is part of our denomination. Now we will not know who the bereaved are with the shorter obituaries. They are the ones who need the comfort and the notes of bereavement. Personally, the value of the obituary lies in the mention of the people who remain—otherwise, the person who passed away is only a meaningless name, except to relatives and members of the church.

I realize that a line has to be drawn somewhere, and the Publication Board sets the policies. I also know that you wish to streamline the "Herald" adding new features. Yet, I can't help but wonder how many folk subscribe because of the presence of familiar names, even in an obituary. I believe that there are other things that should be left out, such as a description of the illness, long account by pastor of his message, quoting of Bible verses, etc. Evidently, the Board felt otherwise.

—Rev. Walter Dingfield,
Startup, Washington

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Brethren, be great believers. Little faith will bring your souls to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your souls.

—Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

Obituary

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

MRS. MATHILDA ZABEL of Startup, Washington

Mrs. Mathilda Zabel of Startup, Wash., nee Leppert, born in Lithuania on April 8, 1862, went home to be with her Lord on Nov. 30, 1956.

She had known the Lord as Savior for 66 years, having been saved in Menno, S. Dak., and was baptized shortly thereafter by Rev. A. Liebig. She married Ferdinand Zabel in 1905, moving to Startup in 1922 where they both joined the fellowship of the Startup Baptist Church.

Her testimony, her prayers for the unsaved, her concern for the welfare of others, and her faithfulness will be remembered by her family (two sons and one daughter) and her many friends who knew her labors of love for the Lord.

At the funeral service held in the church, the pastor spoke on "A Beatitude for Eternity" using Rev. 14:13 as the text, stressing the words: "rest, labors, and works." Burial was in the Sultan Cemetery next to her husband's plot where he was buried in 1930.

Startup Baptist Church
Startup, Washington
WALTER DINGFIELD, Pastor.

MRS. DOROTHEA SCHLITTENHART of Hazelton, North Dakota

Mrs. Dorothea Schlittenhart, nee Herber, of Hazelton, N. Dak., was born in Annental, South Russia, on January 23, 1873. In 1906 she came to America, locating near Artes, S. Dak., and shortly thereafter she was united in marriage to John Schlittenhart. In 1907 the family moved to this community of Hazelton, where they resided until the very last. For the past seven years she was at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck. She is survived by four sons and two daughters, also 26 grandchildren, of whom two are at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., at present.

Early in life she accepted her Lord in faith, but was not baptized until 1920 by Rev. Luchs and united with the First Baptist Church of Linton and Hazelton. She was a loving mother and a true and faithful Christian. Rev. B. W. Krentz and Rev. A. J. Fischer officiated on Wednesday, December 12th, at Hazelton. May the Lord comfort the bereaved!

Linton, North Dakota
A. J. FISCHER, Pastor.

MISS MINNIE JAHNKE of North Freedom, Wisconsin

Miss Minnie Jahnke of North Freedom, Wis., daughter of Martin and Mathilde Seils Jahnke, was born March 1, 1874 in the town of Freedom, Sauk County, Wisconsin. She passed away Nov. 20 at the Reedsburg Hospital following a stroke which she suffered while at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilzewske.

She received Christ as her Savior and was baptized at the age of 14 by the Rev. Kroesch. She was a faithful member of the North Freedom Baptist Church until her death.

Miss Jahnke worked in Portage, Wis., and also as a dressmaker in Baraboo, Wis. She later gave herself in unselfish devotion to the care of her parents as well as to the service of others wherever needed.

"No path of fame or fortune
Her earthly life adorned
She lived in humble service
For others and her Lord."

Funeral services were held November 23rd with the words of comfort being taken from Job.

North Freedom, Wisconsin
RICHARD LAWRENZ, Pastor.

MR. GOTTLIEB WOLF of Fredonia, North Dakota

Mr. Gottlieb Wolf of Fredonia, N. Dak., was born April 23, 1907 at the home of his parents in McIntosh County, south of Fredonia, N. Dak. On March 13, 1934 he was married to Bertha Miller. In 1934 he also accepted Christ as his personal Savior, and was baptized by Rev. A. Krombein on June 13, 1934, and so became a faithful member of the Berlin Baptist Church.

On December 8, 1956 he died as a result of a heart attack. It is a great loss to the family, and also to the church. He had served as treasurer of the church for four years, and we shall miss him in many ways. He leaves to sorrow his wife, Bertha; a son, Darwin; and daughter, Luella; his aged mother, four brothers, two sisters; and a host of relatives, friends and church members.

Undersigned was assisted at the service by Rev. G. Breittkreuz. Every available room of the church was filled to overflowing, and the many memorials spoke of how well beloved our brother was. May the God of all comfort give the bereaved the peace that passes all knowledge.

Berlin Baptist Church
Fredonia, North Dakota
V. H. PRENDINGER, Pastor.

MRS. AMELIA BUCHHOLZ of Avon, South Dakota

Mrs. Amelia Buchholz was born in Bon Homme County, S. Dak., on December 18, 1883. She was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Emanuel Buchholz on March 4, 1908 by Rev. G. E. Lohr. The Lord blessed this union with five children, one of whom died at the age of two.

Mrs. Buchholz accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, was baptized and received into the Danzig Baptist Church in 1902 by Rev. J. Jaeger. Her faithful attendance has been a source of encouragement to all. After several months of illness, she passed away on December 11, 1956, just one week short of her 73rd birthday.

Those who mourn her passing are five sisters: Mrs. Emanuel Buchholz, and Miss Teresa Buchholz both of Tripp, S. D.; Mrs. Edgar Schaefer, Rapid City, S. D.; Mrs. Alvina Giedd and Mrs. Rudolf Debel both of Avon, S. D.; Mrs. Gus Retzer, Granger, Wash.; one brother, Albert of Tripp, S. D.; two sons, Roy and Melvin of Avon, S. D.; and two daughters: Mrs. Emil Schaefer, Mitchell, S. D.; and Mrs. Edwin Roth, Avon, S. D.

Funeral services were held at the Danzig Baptist Church. Interment was in the Danzig Cemetery.

Danzig Baptist Church
RUBIN HERRMANN, Pastor.

MR. FREDERICK F. FUHRMAN of Cathay, North Dakota

Mr. Frederick F. Fuhrman of Cathay, N. Dak., was born Feb. 14, 1865 in Rohrbach, Russia. He was married to Christina Nagel Jan. 15, 1892. This union was blessed with 13 children. Sister Fuhrman passed away in Aug. 1926. Three children also preceded their father in death.

Mr. Fuhrman and his wife came to the USA. in 1893 and for a short time resided in Campbell County, S. Dak., and then homesteaded near Bowdon, N. Dak., where they lived until 1913 when they moved to Cathay. He was a member of the local Baptist church since 1925. He passed away on Dec. 8 in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma Edinger of Fessenden, attaining the age of 91 years, 9 months and 24 days. He is survived by three sisters and two brothers and nine daughters and one son. He is also survived by 26 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

The service was held Dec. 12 at the Cathay Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. David Zimmerman, in charge and Rev. Martin DeBoer bringing the message on "The Brevity of Life" (James 4:14). Vocal numbers were rendered by friends from the local church.

Cathay, North Dakota
DAVID ZIMMERMAN, Pastor.

CBY FELLOWSHIP

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South Dakota, are invited to a Student Fellowship at the North American Baptist Seminary on Monday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. This fellowship is sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship of our North American Baptist General Conference. Please notify Miss Sena Plucker, 1709 West 22nd Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, if you plan to attend.

VOLUNTEERS IN BEATRICE

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Certainly there is much work for Christians everywhere. Daily there are those who are going out into a Christless eternity.

One of our main objectives during these campaigns is to hold a Children's Rally. This we were able to have on Friday afternoon, Dec. 7. At this rally two young girls stepped out saying they wanted to accept Jesus as their Savior. Then, too, we were able to help along at the mid-week prayer service and the Ladies' Mission Circle by introducing our work.

From Dec. 9 to 16 Rev. Daniel Fuchs again joined our group and together with the pastor, Rev. G. Neubert, we were able to conduct one week of evangelistic meetings, helping along in music and children's stories. At our final meeting, a goodly number stepped out in an act of consecration, saying that with God's help they wanted to give themselves wholeheartedly to the winning of many precious souls to Christ.

Eunice Kern, Reporter

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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doubt that Jesus began his words with sternness and condemnation, but he ends on a note of compassion with an invitation to all. He hates sin but loves the sinner. He cannot help being angry at sin, just as he cannot help being loving to the repentant sinner.

His invitation is a personal invitation, "Come unto me." His invitation is extended to the helpless, "Ye that labor and are heavy laden." They are those who are burdened with frustration, disappointment, affliction and sorrow.

It is an invitation with a promise, "I will give you rest." It is an invitation to profitable labor, "Take my yoke upon you." Not the yoke of the scribes and Pharisees, "Grievous and heavy to be born," a meaningless struggle that can end only in despair. It is rather a struggle in the sure confidence of victory. A yoke was not put on an ox simply to burden him, but to enable him to pull a load, to get something done.

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GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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ly seeking to contact men, women, and children who need to be brought to the foot of the Cross.

3. To assist our pastors in a planned program of training lay-workers, so that in our CBY organizations, our Sunday Schools and churches there might continue to develop a larger group of dependable, consecrated, and trained soul winners.

NEW HAVEN REPORT

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addition for moving expenses incurred when we transport our church possessions to our new location.

The congregation has purchased a splendid building located in Spring Glen Manor, one of the finest suburban areas in all of Hamden, Conn. This building has adequate seating space on the main floor for our entire congregation with seven of the finest and most cheerful Sunday School rooms on the second floor and an apartment on the third floor. This lovely property with twice as much area as we have at our present site was purchased for the nominal sum of \$35,000. This leaves the church with a \$65,000 endowment located in a most promising field. (There is no Baptist Church in all of Hamden with 38,000 residents.)

We were given an extension of time until April 10, 1957 because we plan to celebrate our 100th anniversary in the present edifice on April 7. At the new site our church will be incorporated under the new name of the First Baptist Church of Hamden, Conn.

Alfred R. Bernadt, Pastor

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training us to meet the many responsibilities which will be ours in Africa.

My formal education for some time ended September 21, 1956. The Lord has been most gracious in granting me the privilege of training as a nurse-midwife. I do enjoy reading the W.M. Union articles along with the other articles in the "Baptist Herald" and the "Broadcast." You women are doing a great work for the Lord!

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a service of worship at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Erie, where he serves as the hospital chaplain. The church bulletin of Dec. 23rd announced the homegoing of Mr. Albert Mehnert who served for many years as the organist of the church.

● On December 21st Mr. F. W. Godtfriing of Buffalo, N. Y., celebrated his 90th birthday. At a recent banquet tendered him by the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, he was elected a "life member of the Brotherhood." He is a deacon emeritus of the church. Mr. Godtfriing was prominently identified with the leadership of the Baptist Life Association for many years. He wrote a section covering the German YMCA work in America for the Centennial History of the YMCA. In his younger years he was always in attendance at denominational conference sessions and a frequent contributor to our publications. Although he will be spending the winter months in Florida, he can be reached by cards or letters at 19 Springer Ave., Buffalo, New York.

● More than 300 people from the Chicago area attended the dedication festivities on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9th, at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged held in the \$725,000 building at 7901 West Lawrence Ave. (Chicago), Norridge, Illinois. Mr. D. B. Granzow, president, extended the welcome and introduced Mr. Robert Swanson, architect; Mr. Edward Meister, Building Committee chairman; Dr. M. Vanderbeck, the superintendent; and a representative of the village of Norridge. Mr. William Krogman rendered several piano selections as prelude, offertory, and postlude. The choir of Chicago's Foster Avenue Church sang two selections. Dr. O. H. McDonald of the Department of Homes and Hospitals of the American Baptist Convention brought the dedicatory address and Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., offered the dedicatory prayer. Rev. Connie Salios and Rev. Rubin Kern took part in the exercises. The many friends of the Home toured the new building afterwards under competent supervision of guides.