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March of Events

● A Baptist pastor in Little Rock, Arkansas, says that an alert Civic Morality Committee of the Arkansas Baptist Convention can be credited with defeating efforts in the Arkansas legislature to legalize gambling and turn the state into another "Reno." He called the gambling bill "The most important issue to come before the state in half a century."

● Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, back from his tour of Africa and Europe, was asked whether his visit to the Pope meant that diplomatic relations would eventually be resumed between the United States and the Vatican. He answered, "I don't know." Mr. Nixon, who is a Quaker, spent 25 minutes with the Pontiff discussing problems of Africa, the Mideast, Asia and the "cold war."

● Figures recently released by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress show the ratio of Protestants to Roman Catholics in the United States Senate now stands at 8 to 1 while in the House of Representatives it is approximately 4 to 1. Data compiled during the first session of the 85th Congress indicate that 416 members in both houses are registered as Protestant, 95 as Roman Catholic. Twelve are of Jewish faith, one is a Hindu and four gave no religious affiliation. Of the Protestants there are 105 Methodists in both houses, 68 Presbyterians, 67 Baptists and 60 Protestant Episcopal members.

● "The Sunday Telegram" of Toronto, Ont., Can., Ontario's first Sunday newspaper, appeared at Toronto despite protests by some Protestant leaders. The Attorney General promptly announced that the newspaper would be prosecuted for Sunday work under the Lord's Day Act of Canada. Also to be prosecuted, he said, would be two other Toronto newspapers, a radio station and the government-owned Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. He said the prosecutions would be "in the public interest," to determine whether the Lord's Day Act will permit the gathering and distribution of news on Sunday via the press, radio and television.

● Three of America's great labor leaders, a Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jew, will be memorialized in stained glass windows in the National Cathedral, Washington, D. C., erected by the Protestant Episcopal Church in Washington. The memorial was made possible by a \$54,000 contribution from labor organizations. Those to be honored are the late William

Green, president for many years of the AFL; Philip Murray, leader of the CIO; and Samuel Gompers, first president of the AFL and "father" of the modern organized labor movement. Mr. Green was a Protestant (Baptist), Mr. Murray a Catholic and Mr. Gompers a Jew.

● The American Bible Society says that complete Bibles, Testaments, or Bible portions have been published in 1,109 languages and dialects. It says that 17 new languages were added to the list last year. As of January 1, 1957, the whole Bible is available in 210 languages or dialects, a complete New Testament in 271 more, and one or more single Books of the Bible in 628 others. Last year the society published three complete Bibles for the first time in the following languages: Bemba, spoken in Northern Rhodesia; Nimbi Ijo, in Nigeria; and Marovo, in the Solomon Islands. It also issued

New Testaments for the first time in Kuskokwim Eskimo, for Alaska; in Navaho, for Indians in the American Southwest; and in Tzeltal, Mexico.

● The preacher who "never grew old," the Rev. Peter W. Philpott, died at his home in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on April 2. He was 91. He estimated recently that he had delivered some 22,000 sermons, the last only a few months ago. Dr. Philpott, born in Dresden, Ontario, near Chatham, joined the Salvation Army as a young man and served with it in various places in Ontario. Later he founded his own nondenominational church, the Philpott Tabernacle, in Hamilton. He remained in charge of that church for 26 years. During the 1920s he went to Chicago where he built the Moody Memorial church, also nondenominational. Subsequently he was in charge of a large church in Los Angeles for five years.



Baptist Briefs

● **Baptists in Eastern Germany.** Dr. Henry Cook, European secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, was privileged recently to visit Baptist churches in the Eastern Zone of Germany. Crowded congregations came to hear him in every church, and at Dresden and Leipzig the churches featured two choirs and an orchestra. He spoke at four churches in East Berlin, and at Dresden, Leipzig, Eilenburg, Halle, Erfurt, Schmalkalden, Munt-hausen, and Gotha. "Our churches are well-attended and supported," he wrote in The Baptist Times of London. "There is in them a real spirit of prayer."

● **Japanese Christians Visit China.** Eleven Japanese Protestant leaders, including the Rev. Kioki Yuya, chairman of the Japan Baptist Convention, left Tokyo April 23 for a month's goodwill tour of Communist China. They made the visit at the invitation of Dr. Y. T. Wu, chairman of the Church of Christ in China and of the so-called "Three-self Reformer Committee (self-administration, self-support and self-propagation of the Gospel)." "I understand that the tour has no political meaning," said Rev. Takeshi Muto, moderator of the International Relations Committee of the United Church of Christ in Japan.

● **Baptists in Ethiopia.** In Ethiopia, the board of foreign missions of the Baptist General Conference of America will begin missionary work among the Mohammedans in Eritrea—with government blessing! When BGC's foreign secretary John Wilcox arrived in Ethiopia last December his first stop was Asmara, where he was met by Missionary Jim Luckman. They conversed with cordial Eritrean officials. Later in Addis Ababa they met with the Viceroy, who approved the entrance permit for missionaries Russell Johnson and wife. "Then His Excellency encouraged us to come quickly that we might help stem the Islamic advance," reports Luckman. The Johnsons hope to enter Eritrea this summer after completing the season's work with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

FRONT COVER

The "God's Volunteers" team brought their ministry to a close on April 28th at Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Since September 1956, they have blazed a new trail of Christian service in our denomination and have been used mightily of God.

In the picture on the front cover, taken in Arnold, Pa., they are: (left to right) Katie Michelson, Bonnie Teske, Mrs. O. Orthner (foreground), Rev. Dale Chaddock of Arnold, Pa., (pastor of Union Baptist Church); Eunice Kern, LuElla Wolff and Mr. O. Orthner.



A Revival in Our Time?

THIS PHRASE has often been on the lips of Billy Graham, the evangelist. It has not always been asked as a question, but it has often been affirmed by him as a prophetic announcement! Every Christian earnestly hopes and prays that the revival fires might burn brightly in our time—now in 1957. But the favorable circumstances for such a revival call for a price to be paid and for a zeal to be shown by Christian people, which are strange and alien to many of them.

The word of God revealed in 2 Chronicles 7:14 is his promise for a revival in any time: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

In praying for a revival, we must never forget to subordinate our own desires and objectives to God's will. We must remember that this is God's time and that regeneration is the work of the Holy Spirit. A true revival is always launched by God in his own time with the accompanying power of the Holy Spirit that convicts men and women of sin and leads them into the truth of his Gospel. All that we can do is to understand the times in which we are living and to be ready, when God's hour strikes, to labor with him in the great harvest fields of the world.

There are some evidences that this may be God's time for such a mighty moving of the Spirit upon the souls of men and women. Only the future can give the answer; we can be faithfully ready in our prayers and witness. God has put his hand on a man of his own choice with tremendous spiritual endowment, with humble spirit, and with a world-wide hearing such as no other Christian leader has ever had in the history of the world. That is Billy Graham's assignment today which he recognizes as a God-given opportunity.

There is, undoubtedly, an atmosphere of spiritual hunger and longing in America, and in many other parts of the world too, that could bring about a revival in our time. People are responsive to the earnest, sincere presentation of the Gospel. They crowd the churches in attendance figures that are sometimes amazing. They are not making a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior as yet in a mass movement, but they are listening wistfully to the message concerning "the new life" in Christ.

It is thrilling to note how many of God's people are praying for such a revival. Billy Graham has a veritable army of prayer warriors for his New York Crusade which began on May 15. If such prayers can remove mountains, then certainly these prayers to the Throne of grace will shake the foundations of life in America and the world until God's Word will speak mightily to the hearts of people.

No one can predict the coming of a revival. This is known to God alone; it is his work of the Spirit! But as Christian people we thrill over every sign that such a revival in our time may not be far distant.

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The "four freedoms" came to us at great cost, and as Christians we must do everything to keep them and make them real . . . not only in America but all over the world.

A Christian Confronts His World

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It costs something to stand up and be counted for righteousness and to be on God's side!

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By REV. MELVIN A. PEKRUL
of Monrovia, California

"Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Ephesians 6:13).

JUST OFF Trafalgar Square in London, England, is a church with a strange name . . . "ST. MARTIN'S IN THE FIELDS." As the name suggests, there was a time in the distant history of London when this was actually a country church. One of the things that I found that indicates the length of this church's history was a whipping post in the basement of this church. You see, the church once had the unpleasant responsibility of collecting the government taxes and when people failed to pay, they were taken into the basement of this church to be whipped.

CHURCH ALWAYS OPEN

Just before the First World War a minister by the name of Canon Dick Shepherd was assigned to that parish. The church was slowly dying, and it was commonly understood that his main task was to enable St. Martin's to die gracefully. Upon his arrival he spent the first night walking around the area which surrounds St. Martin's. He found many places where men sin . . . open and thriving since this is near Piccadilly Circus, the amusement center of London. He saw families living in squalor and insecurity.

Just as the morning light broke, Dick Shepherd came back to Trafalgar Square and sat down on the steps of the National Gallery that also faces the Square from the north and looked over at the old church building. Remembering all that he had seen through the hours of the night . . . the sin, the frustration and defeat of men, the squalor and poverty of the

thousands crowded in crumbling tenement houses . . . he raised his heart to God in the most valiant surrender he could make and prayed that St. Martin's should be used mightily of God in a great ministry of comfort, healing and reconciliation with God, whereby the people of the parish might find new light and strength and hope for the days before them.

The years that followed are the story of the fulfillment of that prayer. The empty old relic became jammed with people who found within its four walls a ministry that gave them new courage to face their dark hour . . . that made them realize that God cared . . . that Christ could change life and make one equal to the temptation trials of life. There were several definite things that Dick Shepherd initiated that contributed to this great ministry. One of them was THAT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH WERE NEVER TO BE LOCKED . . . and never to be closed. If anyone needed refuge or sanctuary, he could find it in St. Martin's.

A CHURCH'S MINISTRY

During the First World War many a soldier spent the last hours of his leave before returning to France in the sanctuary because there was no

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EDITOR.

place else to go. The result of this and other fine things which this church did, there emerged a great healing, redeeming, Christ-centered ministry in that great city and which will continue, by the grace of God, for years to come.

I do hope you have been thinking, as I have, about what we want our church to be. A great church must, surely, be committed to EVANGELISM. A great church must EDUCATE. It must lay a firm foundation for a genuine conversion experience and then train people in the Christian way of life. It must give PASTORAL CARE. Not just the pastors, but every member should help shepherd the others. We need to stand by each other in times of need and distress as well as in times of joy and good times. And, above all, a great church must lead its members into great experiences of WORSHIP. We ought not to leave the House of God without having been with the Lord God himself. We ought to be learning how to pray effectively and becoming more Christ-like.

ATTITUDES TO TAKE

However, with hearts that are troubled by recent world events as we find ourselves perplexed by world crises, I want to turn to what might be called a more practical consideration of what I hope our church will be. May it be a church that STANDS FOR SOMETHING. The Apostle Paul stated it well when he wrote to the Ephesians:

"Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done stand the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

This is counsel that is not as dramatic and thrilling as the call to go into the uttermost parts of the world, but sometimes it is victory just to hold on . . . to face evil and stand firm. What are some possible attitudes the church can take when confronted by evil?

First, we can STAND WITH EVIL . . . and more times than we like to admit, the church in history has done just that. It is a terrible thing when a church stands with evil . . . being no better than its surroundings . . . its witness lessened by its own evils. Read Psalm 1 for a graphic picture of such living.

But a second way is to STAND THE EVIL . . . simply enduring it . . . tolerating it . . . getting so used to seeing evil and injustice about us that we no longer feel righteous indignation when we are confronted by these things.

A third attitude is to STAND OFF FROM IT, which has resulted in the church building monasteries whose philosophy has been that the purpose of the Christian life is to withdraw from the world, standing off with a "holier than thou" attitude.

But there is still another possible way and that is that the church can STAND UP TO EVIL. It can STAND UP to those who would impose themselves in evil ways upon others just as Nathan stood before King David and said, "Thou art the man!" My prayer is that we as a church and as individual Christians will have the courage to stand up to evil, injustice and wrong wherever we find it and behave as Christians should.

STAND UP FOR CHRIST

It will cost something to stand up and be counted for righteousness and justice . . . be it social, political or economic. It may cost us friends and prestige with certain groups. It may cost us business or a promotion. But Christ's cause will be strengthened and you will not only have a conscience you can live with but you will find yourself growing as a Christian. You will be on God's side and you will have his approval . . . and that's what counts.

Today there are some great issues at stake on which I believe the church and individual Christians must speak clearly. It is important that we take our stand on the great things and not get sidetracked on the little things that are unimportant. How often have church committees spent an evening arguing about whether to buy red or green hymn books or fussing about the right or wrong procedure of using church facilities while little concern was shown regarding the winning of the lost or deepening the spiritual life of Christians or cleaning up the evils of the community!

Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch illustrated this well in a story of a Mennonite farmer who sent his milk into



Rev. Melvin A. Pekrul, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Monrovia, California.

town every day. The practice was to check the milk which, if it was rejected for impurity, was marked with a red mark on top of the can. One day his can came back with a red mark and in the presence of another man he unthinkingly swore. He was brought before the church and the hand of fellowship was withdrawn because of his swearing. But nothing was said about the sin of sending impure milk to children in the city. Let us be done with lesser things and stand up to the real evils of our day.

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

Let us take our stand for PEACE and against war, even though it may be misunderstood and made to appear guilty by association. Today there are many who look upon peace movements as somehow not quite patriotic. Since I have seen the crushed cities of Europe . . . the thousands of homeless living in refugee camps . . . the many little fatherless children who fill the orphanages or who have to beg for a living . . . I shall hate war as long as I live. I shall never cease working for the day when war shall be no more.

We are going to have to take our stand for FREEDOM even though we

CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Children's Day programs, which can also be used as bulletin inserts, as well as an ample supply of recitation material have been sent to all churches early in May. For additional copies, please write to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. Children's Day will be observed on Sunday, June 9th.

stand alone and it may cost us something. The heart of Christ's Gospel is that men might be free, which included freedom from want, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom from fear. These came to us at great cost, and as Christians we must do everything to keep them and make them real . . . not only in America but all over the world.

When the Baptist churches of the South finally took a stand to support the Supreme Court decision, "Life" magazine made a headline story out of it and the people of our nation began to believe that the Christian churches really stood for the high principles of Christ. All too often, however, the church has been outstripped by labor unions, social workers and other secular forces in fighting these evils.

Someone has said, "The church was once a lighthouse leading the way . . . Today it is more like an ambulance following along behind, picking up the broken pieces." Jesus spoke in lightning flashes; we have watered them to safety matches.

Paul said, "Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." We must stand up against evil if the Church is to gain the respect of the world and become a redeeming, healing, cleansing force in our day . . . and by the grace of God we can do it.

THE RECORD OF YOUR LIFE

One of the disturbing and penetrating parables of Jesus is the Parable of the Last Judgment . . . Who were the blessed who were invited to the Kingdom? It is significant what Jesus did not say. He did not examine men for their doctrine. He did not say, "Come, for you have belonged to the right church" . . . He did not even ask them for a personal confession of faith. He looked only at their FRUITS . . . "I was hungry and ye fed me. I was thirsty and ye gave me to drink. I was in prison and ye visited me . . . I was sick and ye visited me. Come ye blessed of my Father."

There are few words in the whole New Testament quite as revolutionary as these. For in the final test of life, it is what we have done to others which is the mark of our faith.

What will be the record of your life? Is this world a better place because of your life? Will Christ's cause have advanced because of your witness and the dedication of your life? Will justice and righteousness have prevailed because you took your stand against evil?

May it not be said of the Christians of this day what was said many times in the tragic defeats of World War II . . . "Too Little, and Too Late." Rather, may we earn the word of commendation of our Lord, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."



The 44 lepers at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement at Mbingo, Africa, who were recently discharged as "cleansed" and healed on an exciting Graduation Day.

"And They Were Healed of Leprosy"

The wonderful story of 44 leprosy patients in Africa who were recently discharged, as related by Dr. Kenneth Jones, medical missionary at the New Hope Settlement

"WE BE LIKE the man inside John, chapter eleven, who get da name Lazarus. We done die but today we done rise up!" So testified a patient, whom we shall call Thomas, at the recent service where forty-four men, women, and children who were formerly lepers, were discharged—the largest number to get a clean bill of health at one time in the history of Bamenda New Hope Settlement at Mbingo, Southern Cameroons.

Thomas, like about a third of these patients, was a baptized Christian before he came to the Settlement. This percentage seems much higher than in the general population, although there are no statistics at hand to prove it, and represents the influence of the Christian Church both in spreading information about the medical work and in breaking down prejudices against it.

TUBERCULOID FORM

All of these forty-four patients had the type of leprosy which is known as tuberculoid because of its microscopic resemblance to that disease. This type is of serious consequence only to the

person who has it. It is not considered contagious, but it will result in nerve damage and deformity if allowed to run its own course.

After six to twelve months' treatment, the disease in most of these patients had seemed inactive but another year of Dapsone was given to prevent recurrence. (As yet none of the patients with the contagious, lepromatous form of leprosy are ready for discharge. This usually takes four or more years.)

When the closing prayer had been offered in church, it was only the beginning of the rejoicing and dancing that lasted well into the evening. You would have enjoyed listening. Most

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A more glorious victory cannot be gained over another man than this, that when the injury began on his part, the kindness should begin on ours."

—Tillotson.

were singing and praising the Lord for their healing. You would have been even more thrilled to know that all but two of those who came to the settlement as pagans left with hearts made clean through faith in the Lord Jesus. Most have already been baptized, but four are preparing for this act of testimony this month.

CHRISTIAN CONVERTS

Most of these souls have been won by the African Christians, including the industrious young church teacher. One strapping young discharger, for example, was won through the witness of a fine Christian gentleman discharged last year. This lad, in turn, has witnessed to a new patient who is helping as a teacher in the Settlement school. This teacher comes from a Roman Catholic background but has now received Christ as his Savior and was baptized on the 17th of March.

Pray that this "chain-reaction" may continue—that there may be many like Timothy who will commit the things they have heard to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. (II Timothy 2:2).

The New York Evangelistic Crusade

By Dr. H. C. Wingblade and Reprinted from "The Standard"

ON THE 15th of May Billy Graham begins the evangelistic campaign in New York City in Madison Square Garden for which millions of Christian people have been praying. This auditorium in the heart of New York seats about 18,000 people. The tentative period of time for the crusade is six or eight weeks, but the committee holds an option on the Garden for a five-month period.

This will be the fortieth great campaign that Dr. Graham has conducted in America and other countries, the first great one being in Los Angeles, California, in 1949. Some of the outstanding campaigns were in the Cotton Bowl of Dallas, Texas, with attendance as high as 80,000 and in Louisville, Kentucky, where there were 8,189 recorded decisions. In Washington, D. C., there was the climactic meeting on the Capitol steps with 45,000 people—in the rain.

Possibly the campaign with the most far-reaching impact was in London, England, (lasting three months) with telephone connections to other cities and with Dr. Graham speaking to an audience as large as 120,000 at one time.

INTENSIVE PREPARATIONS

A great deal of preparation has gone forward for these meetings in New York City. At a recent breakfast in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel with 850 pastors present, Dr. Graham said that New York will be the most "prayed for" city in all history. England has promised to pray for these meetings as they have never prayed for any one thing. The "head hunters" (now Christians) arise at five in the morning and pray by the hundreds for these meetings. Dr. Graham emphasized that this crusade will make an impact in every part of the world.

In this heart-warming talk Dr. Graham answered some of the objections raised to his campaigns, such as the financial cost, the simplicity of his preaching and the publicized conversions. He said that this New York campaign would cost one half million dollars (although he and his team receive not one cent of that since they are on definite salaries from the foundation). "But", said Dr. Graham, "you will spend one half million dollars in one evening on a prize fight in Madison Square Garden. Is that a good investment?"

"As to simplicity", said Dr. Graham, "I must preach the Gospel simply if I am to reach the people. The man who preaches over their heads proves nothing except that he is not preaching to the people."

"As to publicized conversions, I do not say that they are conversions. I

know that they come forward in various stages of spiritual experience. We try to keep them. I speak to them again. We turn them over to counselors. The names are given to pastors."

250,000 PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer meetings have been held for some time in the New York area. The city has been divided into ten general districts and each district into twenty smaller districts, and these, in turn, divided into twenty-five still smaller districts. The hope has been to have some five thousand prayer meetings each day—in churches, in homes and in industry. Some 250,000 prayer partners have pledged themselves to remember the meetings at God's throne of grace.

For the meetings themselves there will, of course, be a great choir, and some 2,000 workers who have been trained for counseling and other duties. Additional speakers are being used, including Dr. Paul Rees of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who made such a helpful contribution in England especially in speaking to pastors.

When the Biography of Billy Graham (written by Editor Stanley High of the "Reader's Digest") was presented to all the guests at a recent banquet, Mr. High made a personal presentation of a special copy to Dr. Graham. Billy Graham, in his gracious response, said that he was opposed to having any biography written at this time since he was still young (38 years) with the future seemingly largely before him. But when some fifteen different writers were about to launch biographies, he

thought it wise to have one official writing.

In all of our observations of Dr. Graham, we have been impressed with his utmost humility. At a prayer meeting at Calvary Church, New York, he spoke briefly and said: "People are constantly asking for an explanation of these great meetings. I have studied it myself from every angle. The only answer is—God! And if you want to stop this work of grace, just start patting Billy Graham on the back."

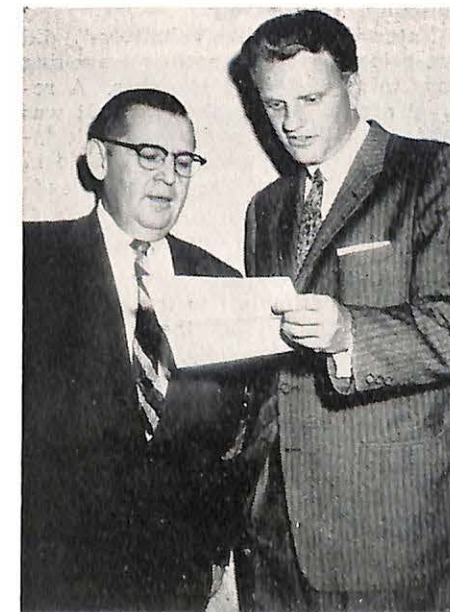
REPLY TO CRITICS

In replying to critics of his New York City campaign, Dr. Billy Graham made the following statements in a recent issue of "Christianity Today": "First, as to sponsorship, I would like to make myself quite clear. I intend to go anywhere, sponsored by anybody, to preach the Gospel of Christ, if there are no strings attached to my message. I am sponsored by civic clubs, universities, ministerial associations and councils of churches all over the world. I intend to continue. Not one person in New York has even suggested or hinted as to what my message should be. It will be precisely the same message that I have preached all over the world. The centrality of my message will be Christ and him crucified."

"Second, we have been challenged on what happens to the converts when the crusade is over. Apparently these brethren who make these statements have no faith in the Holy Spirit. The work of regeneration is the work of the Holy Spirit. The work of follow up is the work of the Holy Spirit. The same Holy Spirit that convicted them of sin and regenerated them is able to follow them. No group of ministers in any large city anywhere in the world agree on what constitutes a sound church. We do all we can in follow up, but ultimately they're in the hands of the Holy Spirit. He is more than able. We have overwhelming evidence of how miraculously the Holy Spirit has led thousands who have come forward in the meetings to surrender their hearts to Christ."

EDITOR'S POSTSCRIPT

The "Baptist Herald" will bring the story of the opening meetings of the New York City campaign, to be reviewed by Rev. Herbert Freeman of North Bergen, New Jersey, in the June 13th issue. The services to be held in June and July will be reported in later numbers by Rev. Lenox Palin, Rev. Paul F. Zoschke and others for the "Baptist Herald" readers. Here in this publication you will have an open window upon the New York City Crusade!



Evangelist Billy Graham (right) and Dr. George Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, discuss prayer plans for the New York Crusade.

Revival Fires Lighted by "God's Volunteers"

By Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of "God's Volunteers" Team

THE evangelistic effort of "God's Volunteers" in our denomination was launched in faith, subsequent to the sessions of the General Conference at Waco, Texas. A call for volunteers was issued, to which a number of young people responded. These young people declared themselves willing to give eight months of their time, without monetary remuneration, to this great service of personal soul winning in our churches. Six of these young people who volunteered were carefully selected to become the charter members of the "God's Volunteers" organization.

"SHASTA", THE STATION WAGON

After four weeks of concentrated training at our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, the practical work for the "Volunteers" began last October with a campaign at the McKernan Church in South Edmonton, of which Rev. A. Lamprecht is the pastor. Hundreds of homes were visited, and many people were personally contacted and encouraged in the things of the Spirit. God visibly blessed the efforts of his willing servants. Souls were saved and the church was revived.

The next destination for "God's Volunteers" was Ebenezer, Saskatchewan. Travelling had to be done by station wagon. We had acquired a 1955 Ford station wagon which was soon christened by the "Volunteers" as "Shasta". Just why this car should be spoken of in the feminine gender has never been explained, but because "she has to" have gas and "she has to" have oil and other things, she soon became known as "Shasta".

In the Ebenezer-Yorkton area of Saskatchewan, four of our churches had planned a united evangelistic effort, with personal work to be done, as well as meetings to be held simultaneously in each of these four churches. Thus the "Volunteers" divided into several teams, some helping with the work at Yorkton, with Rev. P. Calambos, pastor; another team helping Rev. W. Hoffman at Ebenezer; and still another team serving at Fenwood with Rev. E. Janzen; and at Ebenezer West with Rev. B. Milner.

We felt that our forces were spread a bit too thinly over this great area. Nevertheless, it was a wonderful experience for the "Volunteers" as well as for the churches in which they served. Through personal witnessing, the good seed of the Gospel was sown in many hearts, and results for good and for God were manifoldly in evidence.

Turtle Lake and Washburn, North Dakota, were next on our itinerary.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
"God always has an angel of help for those who are willing to do their duty."
—Thomas Carlyle.

For several of the "Volunteers" the crossing of the international border was a new experience. Because of muddy roads along the international boundary, "Shasta" suffered a punctured gas tank, and was forced to travel from Portal to Minot, North Dakota, at the pace of a cripple. At Minot, however, the necessary repairs could be made.

We experienced a wonderful Holy Spirit revival at our church in Turtle Lake, with Rev. H. Schauer the pastor. A goodly number of adults as well as children came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. At Washburn also, the "Volunteers" were especially used of God. Rev. O. Fiesel is the pastor here. The church was led to a deeper appreciation of the value of the two-by-two method of personal soul winning—the method which Jesus himself inaugurated. We cannot improve on his method today.

Beatrice, Nebraska, with Rev. G. W. Neubert the pastor, represented the most southern church on our itinerary, while Calvary Church in Billings, Montana, and the First Baptist Church in Sidney, Montana, were the two most western churches we served. Rev. W. Gerber and Rev. J. Ehman are the pastors of the Montana churches, respectively.

Naturally, "God's Volunteers" did not bring a revival in their travelling bags to any of these churches. A revival does not come that way. It was a real blessing, however, to work together with the pastors and people in personally seeking the lost and leading them to Christ.

INDUSTRIAL CENTERS

From the wide open spaces of the west, we now moved to the congested industrial centers of the east. The great automotive city of Detroit, Michigan, with its teeming thousands of residents—multitudes of them still unclaimed for Christ—was next on our program. Two of our churches were host to the "Volunteers" here: the Ridgmont Church of which Rev. O. Patzia is the pastor, and the Center Line Church with Rev. A. Braun as pastor.

At Arnold, Pennsylvania, the "Volunteers" were forcefully reminded of "Jacob's ladder", as again and again they ascended and descended the hun-

dreeds of steps leading up to the houses clinging to the hillsides. But as in Jacob's case, the Lord was present and the blessings of his divine Presence were much in evidence. Rev. D. Chaddock is the pastor of the Union Church of Arnold.

One of the most challenging home mission fields we encountered during our entire tour of service was that at Cleveland, Ohio. Here "God's Volunteers" ministered together with the Parma Heights Church, where Rev. E. Miller is pastor, and with the Erin Avenue Church of which Rev. E. Strauss is pastor. Especially the children's rallies were most encouraging.

The last two churches on the itinerary of "God's Volunteers" for this term were Pound and Sheboygan, Wisconsin, with Rev. W. Blackburn and Rev. F. Mashner as pastors, respectively.

"VOLUNTEERS" FOR TOMORROW

Thousands of homes have been contacted for Christ through the faithful ministry of "God's Volunteers". Thousands of tracts and gospels have been distributed and many hundreds of individuals have been personally witnessed to and encouraged to give their hearts to Jesus Christ and to enlist in his service. Hundreds of decisions have been recorded, many of them first time decisions. Eternity alone will reveal the total benefits achieved.

It was indeed a wholesome experience to work together with these consecrated young people. Our sincere prayer is that God might continue to reward them richly for their labor of love, as he already has done. As they go back to their individual churches, we know they will be better equipped as personal soul winners. They will want to help rally more recruits for soul winning in our churches, as well as recruits for a new team of "God's Volunteers" for next fall.

Let us increase our ranks as consecrated, well-trained personal soul winners, so that under the sure leadership of the great Captain of our souls we might continue to go forward and win perishing people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ!

We are much encouraged to continue with this great work of "God's Volunteers". Many invitations have been received at our Forest Park office from churches requesting the services of the team for the fall of 1957 and the spring of 1958. Let us continue to support this work with our prayers and our gifts, so that next fall, the Lord willing, we may be able to send out a new team.

"Happy in the Service of the King"

Testimonies by the Members of "God's Volunteers" Team

A REWARDING, HAPPY SERVICE

By Miss Bonnie Tesky

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever" (Psalm 136:1). I have found that the Lord has been especially good to me since I obeyed his will and joined "God's Volunteers." I have been given countless blessings, and I can truly say that my cup is full and running over. The work we did was not always easy but I found with Paul that I can do all things through Christ "which strengtheneth me".

No work that I have ever done has been so rewarding to my soul as this has been. So I would give much praise and thanksgiving to my Lord for allowing me to serve him in this way. My prayer as I go home to my family and friends is that I might be a better witness to them because of this past winter.

THE JOY OF CHRISTIAN WITNESSING

By Miss Luella Wolf

It has been a great privilege and a thrilling experience for me to be a member of the "God's Volunteers" team. As I look back over these past months, I can join the Psalmist in saying, "Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits—".

I entered this work with a great feeling of fear and insufficiency for the task of soul winning. However, I claimed God's promise as found in Joshua 1:9—"The Lord, thy God, is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Many times during these months I have experienced the assurance of his abiding Presence. It has been a thrill to see many unsaved turn to the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior, and also an encouragement to witness the rededication of many Christians.

As we come to the close of this term of service, I know that my work is not finished, for there are millions carelessly going into a Christless eternity. With the poet my prayer will ever be:

"Help me to see the tragic plight
Of souls far off in sin;
Help me to love, to pray, to go—
To bring the wandering in."

GOD'S SPECIAL PLACE OF SERVICE

By Miss Eunice Kern

Ever since my final year at Bible School, I have felt that the Lord had a special place of service for me in his vineyard. When the call for "God's Volunteers" came, I was quite certain that this was what the Lord wanted me to do. I'm thankful that I heard

God's call and that it has been my privilege to serve the Lord in this field.

There are many times when our plans are not God's plans. Things don't always go the way we think that they should, but the blessings received from this type of work far outnumber the disappointments. One of the greatest blessings which I have received this winter has come through the work with the boys and girls. How we as adults need the faith which the children have when they hear the message of salvation!

Often when we have been given our assignments to go and to speak to different people, we have trembled but a verse which has given me much strength and courage is: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

OUR PRIVILEGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

By Miss Katie Michelson

I truly thank the Lord for the opportunity which was mine of being a member of "God's Volunteers". The months of service have quickly come to a close, but the blessings received will continue to linger on with us.

This time of service has been a rich experience in my own life, for it has drawn me closer to the Lord and has strengthened me, and will better help me to witness for him in the years to come. It has also opened my eyes to see the need for a consistent everyday witness for Christ, for there are many about us who do not know Christ as their Savior.

Then I also am thankful for the privilege of visiting and coming to know many of our churches and of

working with their pastors. This too has been a blessing. And as I look back upon these past months, I cannot help but say with Psalm 126:3—"The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

TELL THE GOOD NEWS TO OTHERS

By Mr. Oswald Orthner

I am so thankful that the Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance". Yes, and I am included, "for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". I am thankful that there were those who were willing to share the love of Christ with me.

The Bible says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" If no one would have told me how I could be saved, I wouldn't be a child of God today.

I am thankful that the Lord led me into "God's Volunteers" to show me that there are souls who may never be saved if I don't tell them. Are there souls depending on you? "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?"

URGENT CALL FOR WORKERS

By Mrs. Ethel Orthner

It was my privilege and joy to be raised in a Christian home. At an early age I accepted Christ as my personal Savior. Because of such Christian influences and example, my husband and I have made Christ the center.

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The "God's Volunteers" evangelistic band with Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director (third from right) in front of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, where their first campaign was conducted.

Still Preaching at 80 Years

The Story and Testimony of Rev. Otto W. Brenner of Carlstadt, New Jersey

REV. OTTO W. BRENNER, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Carlstadt, New Jersey, is probably the oldest active graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary who is still serving a church in a full time capacity. He is in his 81st year, having observed his 80th birthday on December 2, 1956. He is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in the class of 1908.

Following his ordination into the Christian ministry by the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Junction City, Kansas, he served in the following parishes: Balgonie, Saskatchewan; Lemberg, Saskatchewan; German-town church, North Dakota; Pekin, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Sheffield, Iowa; Central Church, George, Iowa; Wessington Springs, South Dakota; and now in Carlstadt, New Jersey.

Following his 75th birthday, Mr. Brenner resigned at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, and moved to Carlstadt where his son, Gordon, resides. He attended the Baptist church there as one of the congregation. Following the resignation of the pastor, he agreed to serve as interim pastor of the church until a new man could be called. This happened in the summer of 1952. By the fall of that year when the Pulpit Committee started its search for a new pastor, the congregation had become so attached to Rev. Otto W. Brenner that they would have no other minister.

Mr. Arthur M. Sauer, deacon of the church and editor of the "Sunday Bulletin" has stated that "the church has been abundantly blessed both spiritually and materially under the direction of our pastor, Brother Brenner."



"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. . . . that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:1-2, 5).

MY TRIBUTE TO OUR SEMINARY AND DENOMINATION

By Rev. Otto W. Brenner of Carlstadt, New Jersey

For a number of years it has been in my mind and heart, especially since I have been here in Carlstadt, New

Jersey, to express my gratitude to the North American Baptist General Conference for what that denomination has meant to me in my preparation for the ministry and during 49 years in Christian service.

ENRICHING INFLUENCES

In the first place, my preparation of six years (1902-1908) in Rochester, New York, were graciously financed by our beloved denomination. It almost seems to me like a fairy tale to realize that at the beginning of my six year period of studies in Rochester, I only paid \$125, and during the five succeeding years I paid only \$10 each year toward all meals and lodging.

Truly, it stirs my heart when I think of the noble and faithful teachers at the Seminary, and especially these very able and devoted professors: J. S. Gubelmann, A. Ramaker, L. Kaiser. Now, after 49 years, never to be forgotten memories still come back to me of the instruction which I received by these gifted and devoted teachers. These enriching influences and teachings with Christian knowledge were the very best.

In the second place, this worthy denomination, by the grace of God, has kept me in the ministry for 43 years. Not a month's pay was missed during these years by the churches which I served.

But what is of much greater importance and unmistakable satisfaction have been the God-given revivals during these years. What unspeakable joy it was to pray, and even to agonize, with so many seeking souls, and then in large numbers to baptize them as they followed their Lord into the baptismal waters.

THE ETERNAL GOSPEL

Now, in a reminiscent mood, let me stress three basic issues: the sound and unending theology taught in our Seminary, the valuable experiences of many years in our churches, and the all-conquering faith in the Word of God and in Christ, who is the same yesterday, and today, and for all eternity. These basic spiritual issues for the past five years have been proclaimed and applied to the thankful listeners, members and friends of the Carlstadt Baptist Church.

Once more let me convey my sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the North American Baptist denomination. The younger brother on the picture with me is Mr. Arthur M. Sauer, our faithful and conscientious treasurer of our Carlstadt church. He handles thousands of dollars every year as a good steward of Jesus Christ.



Rev. Otto W. Brenner (right) is honored by the Baptist Church of Carlstadt, N. J., on his 80th birthday by Mr. Arthur M. Sauer, treasurer (left). Rev. Otto W. Brenner is still serving the church as its full time, active pastor.

Dr. Lewis at Seminary Convocation

Report of Addresses by Dr. Walter O. Lewis, Baptist World Alliance Leader, at Our Seminary
Prepared by Professor Roy Seibel

DR. WALTER O. LEWIS of Washington, D. C., world figure and church leader for over twenty years, was the guest speaker at the Spring Convocation held on March 26 and 27 at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The seventy-eight pastors and Seminary members who registered for the Convocation heard Dr. Lewis deliver five addresses on the theme, "The Baptists in the World of Today." Because of the contribution of the historical background to crucial periods in church history, several classes from Sioux Falls College attended the lectures.

FIVE ADDRESSES

A splendid spirit was felt throughout the sessions as pastors and friends from North and South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa met for fellowship and for spiritual stimulation. The Seminary offers this convocation every spring in order to present a challenge to the pastors and students to refresh their minds and hearts with an intensive two-day study.

In his opening address on Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Lewis spoke on the subject, "Fishers of Men." Out of the rich experiences of more than a quarter of a century of pastoral, teaching, and executive work, he gave many observations and bits of homey advice that struck deep at the vital concern of the ministry, to win souls for Christ.

In his second address, Dr. Lewis presented interesting backgrounds and sidelights on the Age of the Reformation. Having served in the areas in Europe where the Reformation was carried out, he was able to conduct an intensive research on this period. From this rich background he made observations that threw a realistic light upon this crucial moment in history.

"My Experiences in Russia" was the topic of the message delivered on Wednesday evening which was open to the public. Through the experiences of Dr. Lewis, the audience had the unusual opportunity of reviewing an entire generation of events in Russia that began before the revolution and continued to the present day.

In many ways the high point of the Convocation came in the address of Dr. Lewis on Balthasar Hubmaier, the famous Anabaptist leader of the 16th century. Having made a special study of Hubmaier, he was able to give first hand impressions of the early church leader which he gleaned from a study of ancient documents and other sources of information.

In his last lecture on "Perseverance", this unique man of God dipped



Dr. Walter O. Lewis, former general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, at the Milwaukee, Wis., sessions of the North American Baptist General Conference.

into history and human experience to press the need of ceaselessly pressing the struggle for the cause of Christ.

In keeping with the purpose of the Convocation, two forums were provided to encourage those present to ask further questions and to wrestle with the ideas presented in the lectures. Professor Hugo Lueck, an acquaintance of Dr. Lewis for many

SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, MAY 18-19, 1957.

We are looking forward to a rich and meaningful time of fellowship as friends gather from all parts of the country to take part in these inspirational services, at the North American Baptist Seminary, 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

—Roy W. Seibel, Director of Public Relations

Seminary Banquet, Saturday evening, May 18. Speaker, Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary.

Baccalaureate Service, Sunday morning, May 19. Speaker, Rev. Emanuel Wolff, pastor of the Oak St. Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa.

Commencement Exercises, Sunday afternoon, May 19. Speaker, Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif.

years, and Dr. Walter Wessel led in these challenging sessions.

With clarity of thought and force of delivery that belied his eighty years, Dr. Lewis stood as a symbol of the message of courage and faith he sought to deliver. Dr. Lewis is climaxing a long and colorful life of service that demonstrates his devotion to the cause of Christ.

BAPTIST LEADER

At the Atlanta, Georgia, Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in 1939, he was elected as successor to Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke as general secretary of the Alliance. Since that time he has been actively engaged in Baptist world affairs until the time of his retirement in 1955.

In his rich and varied ministry, Dr. Lewis served as pastor, professor, chaplain, relief director and secretary of the alliance. He has served in America, England, Europe, and Russia.

After the 1947 Copenhagen Congress of the Baptist World Alliance Dr. Lewis undertook the task of directing Baptist relief work in war-ravaged Europe, and served at the same time as associate secretary of the Alliance with headquarters in London, continuing in this position until his retirement at the Congress of 1955.

The annual spring convocation grew out of a desire of the Seminary to make a vital contribution to the spiritual growth of our churches and their pastors. Every endeavor is made to provide an adequate pastoral training for the students who attend. The Seminary, however, seeks to extend this ministry by taking every opportunity to offer encouragement and stimulus to all the pastors on the field.

REMEMBER TO PRAY

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

"Pray to God, at the beginning of all thy works, that so thou mayest bring them all to a good ending." Xenophon

● Pray for our high school and college graduates that they might continue to be humble before God, eager to serve their Christ, and ready to meet the challenge of new opportunities before them.

● Pray for the sessions of the General Council to be held at the Forest Park headquarters on May 24 and 25 that all the deliberations and decisions might be in accord with God's will and that we as a denomination might have a great faith to be used mightily of God in this day.

Pastors' Conference at Sioux Falls

Tentative Program for the Conference to be Held from July 31 to August 4, 1957

THE TIME for another Pastors' Conference will soon be here. Every three years the Pastors' Fellowship sponsors a conference. This is the fourth since our first meeting and the second held at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The world is in need of a strong Christian witness and a continuing spiritual ministry. The churches expect their pastors to take the lead in this spiritual ministry, and the pastor must realize this responsibility. The pastor realizes, too, that he is often called upon to minister to the needs of others and to give himself to detail work of every kind so that he often feels that his own soul is woefully neglected. Since his call to the ministry has come from God, he is fully aware that his power to be the kind of a man, Christian and leader that he ought to be comes from God.

THE MINISTER'S SPIRITUAL LIFE

The pressures of the ministry tend to force the pastor to forget himself and his own spiritual needs. Our program, therefore, this year has been geared primarily to meet the needs of the pastor's own soul and to challenge him as a man, a child of God and as a spiritual leader. No pastor will want to miss this opportunity to re-evaluate his call to the ministry, to examine himself and to wait upon the Lord. No church will want to keep its pastor from attending and failing to gain the good for his own soul better to qualify himself to live and preach the Gospel.

The Pastors' Conference is vital to every minister and congregation of our General Conference because of the spiritual impact upon our pastors, because of the wonderful opportunity for fellowship denied so many because of the distance separating them, and because of the precious time allowed to worship, pray and study together.

As in previous conferences, this conference is not planned to be a vacation. The program has been arranged with that in mind. So also the place of meeting. Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, is not considered a vacation spot but neither is our conference intended to be a vacation. The Seminary grounds and building lend themselves perfectly for an effort of this kind. By meeting in Sioux Falls the expenses to all will be kept at a minimum because of its being centrally located and because the Seminary's charges for room and board are very modest. Additional facilities at Sioux Falls College and in private homes will be sufficient to care for all who come. There are also adequate facilities for a varied program for a few hours of recreation each day.

Financial assistance is again being graciously provided through the General Council so that every pastor can attend without undue financial burden. Every pastor attending all of the sessions will receive from conference funds seven dollars and a half (\$7.50) towards board and room and one cent (.01) per mile towards traveling expenses. An appeal is being made herewith that the local churches assist their pastor with an equal sum for room and board and mileage. Under this provision, every pastor should be able to attend.

The daily rates for room and board at the Seminary will be \$3.00 per person. The cost for individual meals, for those preferring to get their meals this way, will be as follows: Breakfast, \$.50; Dinner, \$1.00; Supper, \$.75. Pastors may bring their families but will receive the same financial assistance as those who come alone. Meals will be available to the entire family in the Seminary dining room at the regular hours but lodging will have to be arranged in motels, hotels or private homes.

Further information will be forthcoming through the mails including reservation blanks. All reservations and housing inquiries are to be made through Dr. George A. Lang, 1605 S. Euclid Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Wednesday, July 31, 1957
7:30 P.M. Opening Service
Presiding Officer: Rev. Leland Friesen, Emery, S. D.
Address: Dr. Sidney W. Powell.
8:45 P.M. Fellowship Hour in the Dining Hall in charge of the Recreational Committee.

Thursday, August 1, 1957
8:00-8:30 A.M. Meeting of the Captains of the Buzz Sessions.
9:30-9:55 A.M. "Example in Personal Purity"
("without reproach", "blameless", 1 Tim. 3:2). Eldon Schroeder, Kyle, Texas
10:00-10:45 A.M. Bible Study Hour.
11:05-11:45 A.M. "Example in Temperance"
("temperate", A. R. V. 1 Tim. 3:2) William Jeschke, St. Paul, Minn.

BIBLE TEACHER

Dr. Sidney W. Powell of Boston, Mass., one of America's great Baptist preachers, author of several books on evangelism, pastor of the famous Tremont Temple of Boston from 1947 to 1954 and Bible teacher and evangelist at present, will be the "Bible Study Hour" speaker at the Pastors' Conference from July 31 to August 4.

1:00-2:00 P.M. Discussion Groups on the subjects presented the previous evening.

7:30-8:30 P.M. Evening Service
Testimony, Edgar Wesner, Peoria, Ill. "God's Dealing With Me".
Message: "Example in Personal Attitudes" ("Sober-mindedness, no brawler, no striker, gentle, not contentious" (A. R. V. 1 Tim. 3: 2-3) Harold Gieseke, Lorraine, Kansas

8:30-9:00 P.M. Missionary pictures by Gilbert Schneider.

Friday, August 2, 1957

Presiding Officer for the day—
Edwin W. Miller
9:30-9:55 A.M. Devotions:
"Example in Orderliness and Hospitality" ("orderly, given to hospitality", A.R.V. 1 Tim. 3:2) Purl Atkinson, Detroit, Michigan
10:00-10:45 A.M. Bible Study Hour.
11:05-11:45 A.M. Message:
"Example in Christian Stewardship" ("no lover of money"—A. R. V. 1 Tim. 3:3). Frank Veninga, Pittsburgh, Pa.

1:00-2:00 P.M. Discussion Groups.
7:30-8:30 P.M. Evening Service:
Testimony, Herbert Freeman, West New York, N. J.
Message: "Example in One's Home Life" (1 Tim. 3:4-5). Berthold Jacksteit, Anaheim, Calif.
8:30-9:00 P.M. Motion pictures of "The 1958 General Conference in Edmonton" by J. C. Gunst.

Saturday, August 3, 1957

9:30-9:55 A.M. Devotions:
"Example in Spiritual Maturity and Humility" (1 Tim. 3:6). Karl Korralla, Edmonton, Alta.
10:00-10:45 A.M. Bible Study Hour.
11:05-11:45 A.M. Business Meeting of Pastors' Fellowship
1:00-2:30 P.M. Panel Discussion about our denominational work led by our general secretaries, Frank H. Woyke, Chairman
6:00 P.M. Box Lunch at a near-by park
6:45 P.M. Outdoor Inspiration Rally.
Testimony, Walter Dingfield, Start-up, Washington
Message: "Example of a Good Testimony" (1 Tim. 3:7). Victor Priebe, Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Sunday, August 4, 1957

Morning: Sunday School and Worship Services at the Trinity and Northside Baptist Churches.
2:30 P.M. Missionary Rally with Gilbert Schneider.
Evening: Worship services at the Trinity and Northside Baptist Churches.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
May 19 (Sunday)—Dedication of First Baptist Church, Auburn, Michigan.

May 24-25—General Council sessions, Forest Park, Ill.

Rev. R. Schilke
May 18 (Saturday)—Seminary Banquet and Commencement Exercises, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
June 2 (Sunday)—Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman
May 21-22—Sunday School Lesson Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
May 26 (Sunday)—Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. L. Bienert
May 19 (Sunday)—Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
May 19 (Sunday)—50th Anniversary, Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La.

May 26 (Sunday)—Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa.
May 30 - June 2—Dedication of new edifice, Inglewood Knolls Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

May 19—Commencement Sunday, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

May 23—Committee on Education, Forest Park, Ill.

May 24-25—General Council Sessions, Forest Park, Ill.

May 29 - June 2—Central Alberta and Saskatchewan Association at Golden Prairie, Alberta. Rev. R. Schilke and Rev. E. P. Wahl, Guest Speakers.

May 30 - June 2—Alberta Baptist Association at Carbon, Alberta. Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Miss Tina Schmidt and Miss Ida Forsch, Speakers.

June 2-5—Northern North Dakota Association at Turtle Lake, N. Dak. Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. Herman Palfenier, Guest Speakers.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS

The Central Conference will convene in the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, from June 27 to 30. Many people of the Central Conference churches will want to see the wonderful new edifice of this church. All delegates and visitors to the Conference sessions, desiring lodging accommodations, should write to the pastor well in advance and make the necessary reservations. Write to Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, 805 Base Line Road, Grosse Pointe Woods 36, Michigan.

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. Is eternal security a basic Christian doctrine?

No, it certainly is not a doctrine which is foundational for true Christian faith, like the doctrines of the Trinity, the deity of Christ, the atonement, etc. This opinion does not necessarily argue against this doctrine as being the true teaching of Scripture, but we must distinguish between primary and secondary teachings of the Christian faith.

The writer himself happens to hold to the security of the truly regenerate believer in Christ, but he does not like the term "eternal security." It is too liable to misunderstanding, and it is certain that some who hold the doctrine (especially those who militantly do so) do misrepresent it. Better terms are "the assurance of the believer," or "the perseverance of the saints."

It must be recognized that an influential number of zealous Christian thinkers do not believe that eternal security is taught in the Bible. Here too, however, many unbalanced opinions are held by some who do not maintain a proper perspective on the matter, but go to extremes.

We ought to avoid extremes in both directions. Often what theologians of a particular school of thought teach, based upon devout and scholarly

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study of Scripture and mature thought, and what some uninstructed (or half instructed) people ardently advocate are two very different things.

Since assurance of salvation is not a cardinal belief, but is actually a highly controversial subject, it ought not to be pressed at ordination examinations, as is so wrongly done on many occasions. Candidates for ordination are to be examined with respect to convictions which are essential to Christian faith and practice, not disputed issues of secondary importance.

The writer laments the sorry situation which sometimes arises over this matter, especially when a candidate for ordination is made a scapegoat for doctrinal controversies existing within the examining group itself. Oftentimes the questioners could not answer their own questions to the satisfaction of either the council itself or a competent theologian.

Persons concerned about this doctrine should study the teaching as presented in the Bible and expounded by qualified scholars, and should not be guided by popular, inadequate and uninformed sources. Both sides of the question should be studied and fairly evaluated before coming to a fixed conviction. Then charity should be exercised toward those who differ in their opinion, realizing that there have always been two sides to the issue in the history of Christian doctrine, and that evangelical Bible-believers have been represented on both sides.

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

| Conferences | March, 1957 | March, 1956 | March, 1955 |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Atlantic | \$ 2,559.07 | \$ 4,025.89 | \$ 1,475.43 |
| Central | 3,675.56 | 3,853.71 | 8,803.65 |
| Dakota | 5,503.61 | 6,596.42 | 6,057.29 |
| Eastern | 1,463.15 | 1,196.68 | 892.08 |
| Northern | 2,449.77 | 3,868.49 | 1,856.68 |
| Northwestern | 7,552.31 | 10,665.45 | 9,906.27 |
| Pacific | 5,008.97 | 6,806.34 | 8,945.39 |
| Southern | 666.64 | 428.12 | 701.47 |
| Southwestern | 3,340.96 | 4,744.29 | 3,518.39 |
| Inter-Conference | 426.47 | 225.34 | |
| Total Contributions | \$32,646.51 | \$42,410.73 | \$42,156.65 |

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|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| For the month of March, 1957 | \$26,731.85 | \$5,914.66 | \$32,646.51 |
| For the month of March, 1956 | 37,756.35 | 4,654.38 | 42,410.73 |
| For the month of March, 1955 | 36,655.45 | 5,501.20 | 42,156.65 |

| CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR | April 1, 1956 to March 31, 1957 | April 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956 | April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955 |
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| | \$533,711.28 | \$ 72,592.18 | \$606,303.46 |
| | 479,300.90 | 83,936.62 | 563,237.52 |
| | 506,890.38 | 113,291.62 | 620,182.00 |

We the Women

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

Have you ever stopped to think of our opportunity TODAY? Mrs. George Hartman, president of the Eastern Conference Woman's Missionary Union, brings us this beautiful thought in connection with an Anniversary Meditation.

"ONE MORE DAY'S WORK FOR JESUS"

By Mrs. George Hartman of Buffalo, New York

Our Golden Anniversary celebration has made me think of the many faithful women who have gone before us. How sincerely they sang the hymn, "One More Day's Work for Jesus". With the Psalmist I agree, "Ours is a goodly heritage". Some of the phrases of that old hymn are the basis for my message.

"One more day's work for Jesus, one less of life for me". So many times we take our days for granted, without even giving thanks to God for each new day. We strive so diligently for material things and fail to consider that all these things pass away, and that only that which is done for Christ will last.

If we knew the number of our days, surely we would use our time more wisely. Since we do not know how much time remains for us, why not live as though it might be the last day before we meet our Master?

"One more day's work for Jesus,

ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

When your society gives an offering to honor the Golden Anniversary of our W.M.U., mark it "Anniversary Offering" and designate to what you wish to contribute it and send to North American Baptists, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill.

how sweet the work has been." We are saved to serve. We do not all have the same talents, but God gives grace and strength to do our best with what we have. The joy is derived from how well we have done our work, not its greatness.

I am sure every one must have experienced at some time the inner satisfaction after having accomplished a real service to the Lord. We may be physically tired, but to know we have done our best has made our labors sweet.

"Lord, if I may, I'll serve another day." Each new day offers new opportunities for service as never before. Our churches and denomination offer opportunities for service as never before. We need young women

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Baptist Men

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

INTRODUCTION

In this issue of the "Baptist Herald," we are bringing to you the views and experiences of another layman. Mr. J. O. Johnson is an attorney and very active in the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. He is the past chairman of the Board of Directors of "Baptist Men" and took an active part in the organizational work of "Baptist Men" from its inception.

We trust that "Baptist Men" will inspire many of the laymen in our churches for more effective lay participation in the full program of the church, more faithful attendance at church, more active service on church boards, more generous contributions to church budgets and the overall missionary enterprises of our denomination. "Baptist Men" not only proposes more active participation by laymen in the life of the church and its activities, but also to assist the laymen more effectively to live their lives and discharge their responsibility as Christians in the secular world. It proposes to help the laymen to think, live and act as Christians in their jobs.

MEN OF VISION, FAITH, AND ACTION FOR CHRIST

By Mr. J. O. Johnson of Portland, Oregon, a member of Board of Directors of "Baptist Men"

At the General Conference at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1952, we adopted the above slogan with the expressed objectives—"To deepen the spiritual life of our churches through a program of Christian service by men of action, and to make more positive the spirit of Christ in the affairs of the church, community, state and nation".

The slogan and statement of objectives were not adopted without prayerful consideration of the need of many of our churches for a united group of Christian laymen with the faith that can move mountains.

The greatest asset of any church is the united strength of enthusiastic laymen who, not only have deep convictions of faith, but who are willing to give expression to that faith by positive and courageous action in behalf of their fellowmen through the church. The job of "Baptist Men" is to give that enthusiasm and strength to advance for Christ and his Church. Only through the united efforts of such Christian laymen can the church become a more effective and influential factor in community life.

Was there ever a time when the influence of the teachings of Christ was needed more in the conduct of the affairs of your community or the nation than now? Are the Christian laymen

in your community assuming their full share of responsibility of government, or are they leaving politics to the ruthless racketeer or incompetent or corrupt men who usurp power? The penalty that good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.

In America we must all be politicians, and particularly Christians, if we are going to preserve the freedoms for which our Baptist forefathers fought and died. The situation in America today should be the concern of everyone. The Baptists in the colonial days of our great nation were the leaders in the fight for political and religious freedom. Baptist men today should take the lead in the preservation of our basic freedoms.

Many men who head our government today and many leaders in business and professional life would support any challenging program that would tend to make the influence of the Christian Church more effective in the affairs of government, and while we are devoting time and spending money to bring the Gospel to the rest of the world, let us not overlook our own back yards or we will not be able to spread the Gospel.

Let's catch the vision and with faith unite as "Baptist Men" to build our churches and make this a truly Christian nation by seeing that our leaders are Christian men and women. We can then preserve our American way of life. Our civilization is not an accident. It exists because it is founded on human liberty. It exists because we have learned to defend the rights of the individual, respect the dignity of man, and love the Lord.

We have been surrendering these God-given rights bit by bit in search of a better way of life. Let's be aware of our wonderful heritage. Let us be bound by the bonds of Christian fellowship and support the whole church program. Let's bring thinking men—leaders in the community—to accept Christ and his teachings as a guide in the conduct of the affairs of government instead of racketeers who, though they profess concern for their fellowmen, ruthlessly usurp power and defy the very government created to preserve our God-given rights.

We must have a big enough program to challenge the thinking men of America who are seeking a solution to our world problems. If we as Christian laymen have the vision and go ahead in faith and act unitedly by devoting 10 percent of our time as well as 10 percent of our means to the work of our church, and assume our fair share of responsibilities of government, we will bring to pass heaven on earth.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Douglas H. Gallagher of Dallas, Texas, have announced the birth of a daughter on March 22 who has been named Shelly Helena. Mr. Gallagher is pastor of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo, Kansas, has extended a call to Mr. Harry Haas of Venturia, North Dakota, a 1957 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, to which a favorable response has been given. He will begin his pastorate in the Ebenezer church about July 1st, succeeding Rev. Norman A. Berkan, now of Killaloe, Ontario.

● The Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, has called Mr. Donald Rich of Hillsboro, Oregon, a 1957 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, as Director of Religious Education. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his duties on October 1, 1957. The pastor of the Burlington church is Rev. Emanuel Wolff. Mr. and Mrs. Rich are members at present of the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon.

● The Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, held evangelistic meetings from March 15 to 27 with Dr. Albert S. Felberg of the Ebenezer church, Vancouver, British Columbia, serving as evangelist. The average daily attendance of 244 was most encouraging and "the church was led to new spiritual heights", as reported by Rev. Ervin J. Faul, pastor. "The deeper life messages both blessed and inspired the listeners. Many other results are still anticipated".

● On Sunday, March 31, Dr. A. J. Harms of Garden Grove, Calif., was the guest speaker at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. He also brought two Bible studies on Thursday and Friday evenings, March 28 and 29. Dr. Harms was pastor of the Lorraine Church from 1923 to 1925. The Kansas Sunday School Workers' Conference was held at Lorraine on April 3rd with representatives from the 12 Kansas churches in attendance.

● Beginning with Sunday, May 5, Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill., is serving as the interim pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa. He completed a deeply appreciated ministry in that capacity at the Calvary and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, on March 31st. At the Erie church he is supplying the pulpit until the church secures a successor to Rev. Peter Pfeiffer.

● Rev. Reinhold R. Kubsch of Benton Harbor, Michigan, passed away on March 26 in Benton Harbor at the

age of 67 years. Following his graduation from the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York, and two years of study at the University of Rochester, he became pastor of the Central Church, Erie, Pa., where he served until 1926. (At that time his name was spelled "Kupsch"). In recent years he had been farming in the Benton Harbor area. The obituary of Mr. Kubsch, prepared by Rev. A. F. Runtz, appears on page 23 of this issue.

● On Sunday morning, April 7, ten new members were received into the fellowship of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., by the pastor, Rev. Paul F. Zoschke. Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of "The Watchman-Examiner", was the speaker at the Good Friday service in the last of a series of 7 Lenten meetings. Community-wide Good Friday services were also held at the Evergreen Church in the morning from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. for children and from 12:00 to 3:00 P.M. for adults under the auspices of the Bushwick Council of Churches.

● Miss Alethea S. Kose of Chicago, Ill., has recently been appointed assistant to the president, Dr. Werner G. Keucher, of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., in addition to her regular duties as a member of the faculty. This is an appointment for the present school term only. The school observed Founders' Day on Tuesday evening, April 9, with a banquet attended by several hundred people and with Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, president of the Baptist World Alliance, speaking on "Why in the World Baptist Missions?"

● On Sunday evening, March 24, eleven young people of the CBY Fellowship of Corona, S. Dak., presented the play, "Blake's Decision", at the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, North Dakota, 120 miles from Corona. This three-act play was directed by Mrs. Harvey Harms. The offering of \$68 went to the West Fargo building fund. On Sunday evening, March 31, the play was presented at the First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minn., 40 miles from Corona. The play had also been presented in the Corona church on February 17. Rev. Herman Lohr is the pastor.

● Miss Katie Michelson of Lodi, Calif., is serving as an office secretary at the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., since May 6th. She has been a member of the "God's Volunteers" team and appears with that

group in the picture on the front cover of this issue of the "Baptist Herald". She is a member of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, of which Rev. Robert Schreiber is the pastor. She is serving at the office as the secretary for Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary, and for Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of English publications.

● More than 200 Baptist young people of the German Baptist churches of Brazil, South America, attended their youth conference from February 5 to 10 at Ijui, a small town in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. The conference theme dealt with the story of Joseph and his words, "I seek my brethren" (Gen. 37:16). The youth group voted to support a missionary couple serving in the primitive area in the northern part of Brazil. Films, reports and inspirational messages were featured in this fine program, as reported by Miss Valerie Stillner, Baptist youth worker in Brazil.

● From Good Friday to Easter Sunday the new Baptist Youth Home at St. Gilgen, Austria, was officially opened for a spiritual conference, as reported by Rev. Martin Gigseder, the director, formerly Baptist pastor at Salzburg. This Youth Home is sponsored by the Baptist Youth Federation of Europe. Contributions toward the conference grounds were made by many Baptist groups, including the North American Baptist General Conference. Twenty-five people attended the Holy Week conference, considering "Abraham's Way of Faith", under the leadership of Rev. August Hirnboeck and Rev. Frank Hacker, Baptist pastors of Austria.

● From February 3 to 10 evangelistic services were held by the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Oklahoma, under the leadership of Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist. The pastor, Rev. Jack Block, reported that "many hearts were stirred and decisions were publicly made for a more effective Christian service". On the closing Sunday Mr. Palfenier brought a Bible study in Romans, chapter 8, in the German language which was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. The illustrated report of the dedication services for the church edifice and parsonage in Corn appears elsewhere in this issue.

● On April 4th Mr. John A. Zurn of Erie, Pa., was called to his heavenly Home while spending the winter season at St. Petersburg, Florida. He was an influential member of the Central Baptist Church of Erie and helped to found and to support the Open Bible Tabernacle of that city. He served on several denominational committees and for a time was a member of the General Council, representing the Eastern Conference. The memorial service was held on April 8th at the Central Baptist Church. The obituary will appear later.

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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 school classmate, Kathryn Greig. Kathryn begs him to have dinner with her, saying she needs help. She asks him to return a small trinket to a friend, hastily scribbling an address on a card. He opens the box and discovers a valuable emerald necklace in it. In the meantime, Kathryn is kidnapped by two thugs and taken to a hide-out. Soon thereafter John Rowland falls into a trap by Sabra, the maid of Kathryn, and is turned over to these mysterious men at the hide-out. They threaten to use acid on Kathryn's eyes if he does not reveal what he has done with the emerald jewels. One of the "crooks" is talking to John Rowland.

CHAPTER TEN

"PERHAPS you know the qualities of this little bottle of acid?"

"Yes," John said shortly, "I do."

Two hands caressed the bottle.

"In case, Mr. Rowland, you find it impossible to get the jewels, the contents of this little bottle could do amazing things to the beauty of this young lady . . ."

John gasped, struggling to free himself.

"Keep cool, Mr. Rowland. Now, to continue, the contents of this little bottle might blind forever her lovely eyes. It would certainly disfigure her. She would be—beyond recognition. She . . ."

"You win," John cried, "I'll get the jewels."

But at these words Kathryn cried, "No!"

"We must, Kathryn," John pleaded. "There is no other way."

"No, please! I implore you!"

John hesitated, amazed at the desperation of her tone. But the menace of the two black cloaked figures was very real. The bottle of acid was terrifying to contemplate. "You must

trust me, Kathryn," he said finally.

Kathryn shook her head. "The jewels must not be lost."

The blood in John's veins seemed to freeze as the men moved toward Kathryn. Quickly the heavily knotted cords that bound her were untied. When the last rope was loosed, she swayed a moment and then crumpled to the floor. The men carried her to the table. She did not struggle. Her profile, white and still, looked as if it were carved from marble and her hair of spun gold lay like a pool of sunshine upon the coarse brown wood.

Slowly a black robed figure leaned over her. In his hand was the bottle of acid.

It all happened so swiftly that John felt like a drowning man beneath the sucking waters of a river, struggling to reach the surface. He opened his mouth to shout but no words came.

The black robed figure bent above Kathryn's face, the uncorked bottle in his hand.

Suddenly from out of the black, swirling pool, John struggled to the surface. "Stop! Stop!" he screamed.

The black robed figure turned toward John, the bottle half-tilted in his hand.

"The jewels," John panted. "I'll get them at once!"

The figure bowed. "It's all we ask," he said. Carefully he replaced the cork in the bottle of acid.

His companion untied the ropes which bound him and John approached the table. It was as he had thought. Kathryn had fainted.

John had no sooner given his word that he would get the jewels than the men sprang into action. Their obviously ready-made plans tumbled from their lips. John was to

go at once for the jewels and the tall fellow would accompany him. Kathryn would be held as hostage with the short, brutal fellow as guard. John was to return with the bandit and he and Kathryn would be given their freedom on the kidnapper's terms. Any false move on John's part, or betrayal to the police and Kathryn would be killed.

John listened with mingled feelings of horror and astonishment, all the while looking for a loophole in the plans, some way of escape for Kathryn. But he saw none. With Kathryn's life in danger, he had only one course to take and that was to obey the orders of these crooks.

The men lost no time in carrying out their plans. The tall fellow disappeared through the door and John heard the key turn in the lock. In a few minutes, however, he opened the door and said, "This way, Rowland!"

Still handcuffed, John walked to the door. There was a dim light in the dirt floor basement, cast by a lantern at the head of the stairs. John saw that his companion had shed his black robe and mask. He wore an overcoat with a turned-up collar and a scarf partially covered the lower part of his face. A slouch hat was pulled down over his eyes. The fellow took John's arm and John felt the revolver prodding him.

The bandit ordered him across the room and then unlocked a door to the outside. From the light of day John thought it must be early afternoon. With the gun nuzzling his back, John was urged across the soggy fields toward a black car standing just off the road. His eyes swept over the field and the road. The eucalyptus trees made feathery patterns against a gray sky. The car of Sabra Kingsbury was

gone. Not a car, not a person was in sight.

As they walked, the bandit gave orders tersely. "If you want to live, obey orders. All we want is the necklace."

"Can I depend on your word?" John asked.

"You can depend on it. If we have the necklace, you will have your freedom."

When they reached the car, the bandit commanded, "Climb in behind the wheel."

John obeyed. Handcuffed, he watched his companion warily as he hurried around the car and jumped in the seat beside him.

"I'll relieve you of these now," the bandit said, indicating the handcuffs. When his hands were free, John had an impulse to knock his companion on the chin, to make a break away. But the danger to Kathryn in case he failed to succeed held him in check. Kathryn was still locked up in the basement of the house and the rough speaking fellow had a gun. No knowing what he might do to Kathryn. No, it was safest to play along with them. What were jewels, no matter how great the value, compared with her life?

The car was a sedan, a fairly late model, and seemed to be in good running condition. John had a difficult time getting it out on the road because of the mud and the deep grooves that had become streams of water in the sticky adobe clay soil.

The road ahead was deserted. John stepped on the gas. The car bounced on the road as John brought up the speed to sixty and seventy miles an hour. The sooner he reached San Francisco, the better. The sooner this harrowing business was ended, the better.

John glanced at his companion. His hand was in his pocket and in his pocket was the gun.

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," quoted John, looking straight ahead.

"Watch your step," warned his companion, "or you'll die sooner than you think."

"For me to die is gain," said John. "What do you mean?" His companion looked at him suspiciously.

"I say, 'For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.'"

"You're crazier than I thought," the bandit commented.

"Not crazy. Wise. I've made provision for the judgment. I've laid my sins at the foot of the Cross. For me there is no condemnation. For 'there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.' But what about you, my friend? What provision have you made for the time when you stand before the judgment seat of Christ?"

"Aw, shut up" said the bandit un- easily. "Do I have to listen to that drivel?"

"Now is the day of salvation," said John. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.' Christ is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him."

"Listen, Mister. I'll pump you full of lead if you don't shut your trap."

"But what about the necklace?" John said. "You want that, don't you?"

"Yeah. And I'll get it too." The high-pitched voice squeaked.

The road ahead was clear and John stepped up the speed of the car. They drove a few moments in silence. The rain had started again and the wind was driving fiercely. But John never slackened the speed of the car and it went careening over the highway. Suddenly they heard the blood-curdling shriek of a siren.

John slowed down. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble," he said softly.

The bandit swore and John felt the revolver in his ribs. "Watch your step," the bandit warned, "or I'll blow you and the girl into kingdom come."

When John stopped, an officer on a motorcycle pulled up beside the car. "Hitting the high spots, eh, Sir?"

John felt the revolver prod him suggestively.

"It's a matter of life and death, Officer," John replied. "I must get to San Francisco."

"You'll never get there traveling at that rate, brother. Got your driver's license with you?"

"No," said John, "my wallet was stolen last night and my driver's license was in it."

Again John felt the revolver in his ribs. He'd kill me and the officer both, John thought.

"Humph!" said the officer, "a likely story!" He took John's name and address and asked him a few more questions as he busily wrote out a ticket. With some good advice, he released them and John started again on his mad journey.

His companion drew a deep breath. "Not bad," he commented, putting his gun back in his pocket.

The breakers were roaring against the rocks at the Cliff House and the cypress trees at the edge of Golden Gate Park, gnarled and twisted by countless storms, whipped back and forth in the wind. The gray Pacific stretched away to a darker horizon and the rain in silver sheets drenched everything.

John drove through San Francisco traffic, threading in and out among cars. How unconcerned were all these people! How amazed they would be to know the circumstances under which he was driving this car! How astonished they would be if they knew his innocent looking companion was prodding him with a gun! How fantastic and unbelievable was the story he had to tell.

Strange as his ride had been it was even stranger to walk into his hotel, the bandit at his heels, to nod in an unconcerned way to the hotel clerk, to take the elevator, conscious all the time of the gun at his back concealed in his companion's overcoat pocket.

It was like a dream to unlock his door, to enter his familiar room, followed by this stranger. And then to kneel and with his pen knife to unscrew the plate close to the baseboard, to reach in his hand and to pull out the necklace. To see the eyes of his companion gleam greedily as they rested upon it. Then casually to replace the plate, knowing that a pile of loose jewels was safe on the floor of the cache.

But his companion seemed to have no thought except for the necklace. He whistled softly as he put it in his pocket. "Good!" he said briskly. "Now we'll return and you and the young lady will have your freedom."

The drive back was silent. John's thoughts were busy. Had Sabra tried to help Kathryn or was she a tool of these outlaws? Was the story of the smuggled jewels true? Had Kathryn smuggled them into the country only to have them stolen by crooks who were more determined and clever than she? Why did the jewels seem to mean so much to Kathryn even apparently beyond their money value? Was her honor involved? If she had suspected someone the night she had given him the jewels, why didn't she call the police? The fact that she had not done so seemed to indicate that the jewels were not rightfully hers. Had she stolen them and then repented and wished to deliver them to their rightful owner?

And now that he had turned over the necklace to these crooks, what was to prevent their murdering both Kathryn and himself? And yet, John realized, there was nothing he could do. He must return to Kathryn.

In a surprisingly short time, he saw again the dismal outline of the house, the eucalyptus trees shivering in the wind. With misgivings he preceded his companion through the basement door, the ever-present gun prodding his ribs. His companion knocked loudly on the inner door. John heard quick steps and the door was opened.

As John entered the room, Kathryn, who had been sitting in the chair he had previously occupied, sprang to her feet. Her face was pale. When John's companion held up the emerald necklace, John saw Kathryn shut her eyes and her hands close convulsively over the back of the chair.

In the moment that the men's eyes were on the necklace, John leaped forward. Grabbing the gun from the pocket of his former companion, he shouted, "Hands up!" The short fellow raised his hand to his pocket and John fired. The shot grazed the fellow's hand and he cursed loudly.

(To Be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 26, 1957

Theme: A MAN OF PEACE IN A WORLD OF STRIFE

Scripture: Genesis 26:17-29

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Our goal should not be peace on any terms, but peace on God's terms.

INTRODUCTION: We leave Abraham a little reluctantly, particularly so when we fail to follow him into the greatest crisis of his life when he took that long and sorrowful journey up Mt. Moriah to sacrifice his son Isaac. What a joyful return down the mountain it must have been!

One of the great virtues of Abraham was his ability to establish peace. It must have made a lasting impression upon his son Isaac, for he needed all the inspiration available to cope with his own problems in later years.

The majority of people are very aggressive. It is human nature to want to get ahead in life. Backing down and retreating are signs of weakness and cowardice. Every inch of progress is won through difficulty and hard work and we don't intend to lose anything without putting up a good fight.

But in the story of Isaac, we can learn that all retreats are not defeats, nor are they signs of cowardice. Some of life's greatest victories were won by strategic retreats. A great many battles are lost, but the war is won. And so in our spiritual life we may often become discouraged because of the little skirmishes and battles we seem to lose along the way. But God is only leading us to a glorious victory that has eternal values.

I. A MAN OF PEACE AND HIS STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL.
Gen. 26:17-22.

The experiences of Isaac shed some light on the words of Paul when he advised the Christians in Rome to live peaceably with all men as far as possible (Romans 12:18). We are often forced to give up our rights and property, and even to suffer persecution. But we have not lost anything of real value unless we surrender our faith.

Because of Isaac's prosperity, Abimelech was motivated by fear and jealousy to banish him from the area. Other herdsmen and tribesmen continued to crowd him out of all the available watering places, hoping to discourage him or perhaps force him to do battle. But Isaac would not use the methods of his enemies to gain his rights and forthwith retreated tactfully, hoping that God would find a way out. It is not easy to wander from place to place, realizing there is no

room, and yet continuing to believe that God has a place and a plan for our lives.

II. A MAN OF PEACE AND GOD'S BLESSING. Gen. 26:23-25.

In our striving for peace, we often wonder where God is in our struggle. Questions come into our minds from all directions: Does he care? Will he help? Or will we have to strike out and do the best we can? Then suddenly, when we think we can retreat no farther and the night can become no darker, we have the wonderful experience that was Isaac's, "And the Lord appeared unto him the same night." His promises become more meaningful and our altar becomes more hallowed.

III. A MAN OF PEACE AND MAN'S BLESSING. Gen. 26:26-29.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "The best way to get rid of an enemy is to make a friend out of him." With the Lord on Isaac's side, Abimelech and his cohorts could not afford to show enmity. God's blessing always outweighed their evil. "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Proverbs 16:7).

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 2, 1957

Theme: BROTHERS DIVIDED

Scripture: Genesis 27:30-38, 41

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Striving for peace with those around you will be more effective if you establish peaceful relations within your own home.

INTRODUCTION Many men, who are considered great in the eyes of the world have weaknesses which are very apparent to the immediate family. The beautiful courtship of Isaac and Rebekah lost much of its romance because of jealousy and favoritism. A man of peace in a world of strife became a man of inner conflict in a home filled with deceit and distrust, turning into hatred and thoughts of murder. Even the best of parents with the best of intentions can be the cause of juvenile delinquency if they do not fulfill the desires of their children for parental fairness, love and understanding.

Isaac made no attempt to conceal his preference for Esau, who was considered a "he man." He was the type with whom a father could hunt and fish and who understood the ways of

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a man's world. Rebekah, on the other hand, did all in her power to favor Jacob. He was a home loving boy, tied to his mother's apron strings, and had no inclination for the rugged outdoor life. If parents are divided in their loyalties it soon permeates the whole family relationship. Jesus said, "A house divided against itself shall not stand" (Matt. 12:25).

I. THE DIVISION OVER THE BIRTHRIGHT. Gen. 27:41-45.

According to family custom at that time, it made a great difference in the sequence of birth. The first born son had practically a monopoly on the spiritual and material benefits. He was next in line as the leader and ruler of the family or clan. Therefore, when the first born are twins, you can imagine the problems and dissension such a birth would create, for all of these blessings and benefits depended on the fact that one was born only a few minutes earlier than the other. But the primary value of the birthright was the responsibility and its just and honorable execution. There is a strong indication that Esau did not understand the true meaning of his spiritual heritage. He believed that the substantial and material things of life are what really counted and kept you alive. To have his stomach filled with a pot of his favorite porridge was better than a heart filled with faith, hope and love.

II. THE DIVISION OVER THE BLESSING. Gen. 27:1-38.

Esau wanted to have his cake and eat it too. He sold his birthright, which he thought had little value, and now he wanted the blessing to which the birthright entitled him. The ancient parental blessing was like our present-day last will and testament in oral form. It was just as legal and just as binding. The son who became the recipient was the rightful heir of the estate. But there was just as much trickery and circumvention in contesting and changing a will as there is in the modern courts of today.

III. THE RESULT OF DECEIT.
Gen. 27:41-45.

Isaac and Rebekah must have had a very strained relationship after this unfortunate experience. Jacob, on the other hand, lived in fear for many years while Esau nursed his resentment. Rebekah and Jacob had more spiritual insight as to God's will, but they were not willing to trust God with the issues. They thought that God's plans could only be fulfilled by their own trickery and deceit. It is much better to let God unfold his plan in his time and in his way.

Jacob was not chosen because of what he was, but because of what he would become. Esau was rejected because he was stubborn and willful. Even in choosing his wives from among the pagan Hittites, he was a source of "grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah" (Gen. 26:34, 35).

Our Denomination in ACTION

Eastern Conference

Pastor's First Anniversary at Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On February 24th, the first anniversary Sunday for Rev. Frank Veninga in the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., we were delighted to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Schade in our service. Dr. Schade had been our pastor from 1922-1929 and is at present executive secretary of the South Dakota Hospital and Home Association. Dr. Schade brought the morning sermon to a large audience.

In recognition of this anniversary, Rev. Frank Veninga, our pastor, was presented with an appropriate gift of money from the church by Mr. Walter Wright, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Veninga was remembered with a lovely bouquet of roses by Mr. Daniel Rose, chairman of the Board of Deacons.

On Sunday evening the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses were hosts to 41 members who had been received into Temple church during the last year. At this dinner they were happy to have Dr. and Mrs. Schade as honored guests.

E. M. Kapteina, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Pacific Northwest Ministers' Institute at Vancouver, B. C.

The pastor and people of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., were the gracious hosts to the pastors of the Pacific Northwest from March 5 to 7. We will long remember the spiritual encouragement and strength derived from the warm fellowship and Biblical messages from God's Word (not forgetting the quality and quantity of delicious food).

The theme of the institute was "The Pastor in His Relationship." Under the genial leadership of the chairman, Dr. A. Felberg, pastor of the host church, various conference pastors developed the theme concerning the minister's relationship to his Bible, denomination, prayer, church, his study, and his fellow-pastors, etc. Special appreciation was expressed to Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of THE BAPTIST HERALD, and Baptist leaders in Vancouver who shared spiritual verities that challenged all to higher thinking, devotion to the Lord, and dedication to our common task.

During the week guests were privileged to a tour through the beautiful new edifice and parsonage of the Ebenezer congregation; and the edifice under construction by the Immanuel congregation. A special treat one evening was a fine missionary

program by the ladies of the church, using the interesting theme, "White Cross on Furlough." The Lord willing, another helpful pastors' retreat will be held at the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon, next year.

Robert S. Hess, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Organ Dedication at McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta.

The hearts of members and friends of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, were filled to overflowing with gratitude and praise to God, as they gathered on Sunday afternoon, March 3, for the dedication service of the \$2645 newly purchased and installed Baldwin organ.

To make the service even more impressive, the choir for the first time wore the new robes which were made by the women of the Missionary Society. The service was led by the pastor, Rev. A. Lamprecht. Rev. E. P. Wahl led in the prayer of dedication. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, who was the guest speaker, brought an inspiring message based on several references to music in the early church. The choir, directed by Mrs. A. Lamprecht and accompanied by Miss Inez Wahl at the organ, rendered two appropriate selections.

A fund designated for the purchase of an organ was begun in a small way by the C.B.Y. group less than two years ago. It is a joy to report that the gifts received for this fund have far exceeded the amount needed for the payment of the organ.

Isabelle Bresch, Reporter.

Baptism of 7 Converts, German Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta

An outstanding event at the German Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, was our baptismal service on



Seven candidates for baptism of the German Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., and the pastor, Rev. W. E. Ertis, speaking from the pulpit.

March 3. We are very thankful to our Russian Baptist brethren, whose church and baptism we were able to secure for the occasion. The seven candidates entered an overfilled building to the choir's strains of "Who Are These in Robes of White?" Our pastor, Rev. W. E. Ertis, brought the message based on 1 Timothy 1:16—"The Conversion of Paul a Set Pattern for Believers."

On February 24 our young people presented a play depicting the life of David Livingstone. For more than an hour the audience was held spellbound by the review on stage of the selfless dedication of this great missionary to the cause of our Lord. Our Young People's Choir, which made its first public appearance, rendered several selections.

Since January 1956, our membership has grown from 59 to 127. We hope for the realization of an urgent need, toward which we have put forth much prayer and effort—a House of Worship of our own! Within the past several months we have been able to raise over \$9,000 toward this end.

Mrs. Myrtle Ertis, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Reception for Pastor and Family at Parkersburg, Iowa

On Friday evening, March 22nd, a reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Raymond F. Dickau at the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg.

Rev. Vernon Link of Sheffield, who attended the Seminary with Mr. Dickau for four years and graduated with him, served as Master of Ceremonies. Special musical numbers were given by the Ladies Ensemble and the Male Quartet. Words of greeting were given by the following: Alvin Lindaman for the Board of Deacons; Paul Abkes, Board of Trustees; Louis Dreyer, Sunday School; Mrs. Wm. Huisman, Sunshine Society; George Thorne, Junior C.B.Y.; Minnie Brandt, Ladies Aid, and Bernhard Conrads, Senior C.B.Y. Several out-of-town pastors also extended greetings.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Dickau both responded and spoke words of appreciation. Especially were they grateful for the grocery shower which was given them. Their two daughters, Sandra, age 6, and Karen, age 2½, were also introduced. Rev. and Mrs. R. Dickau came to Parkersburg from Venturia, N. Dak., where they served for more than seven years. We are praying for God's leading and richest blessings upon the pastor, his family and our church, that we may labor together in the vineyard of our Lord so that Christ may be glorified through us.

R. H. Mulder, Clerk.

50th Wedding Observance, Mr. & Mrs. A. Dreyer, Aplington, Ia.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arend Dreyer of Aplington, Ia., was observed with open house Sunday afternoon, March 17, in the Baptist Church basement with approximately 200 relatives and friends in attendance. The program included a musical selection by a ladies' trio, Mrs. Geo. Roos, Mrs. Walt Popkes and Mrs. Harm Sherman; a reading by Mrs. Gus Maifield; followed by a vocal duet by Rev. and Mrs. Donald Patet.

Mr. and Mrs. Dreyer were married March 13, 1907. Mrs. Dreyer is a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Louis Wiesley. After two years in Aredale, Ia., they moved to Aplington where Mr. Dreyer served as a registered pharmacist until retiring several years ago. Mrs. Dreyer, a former Sunday School teacher and officer of the Benevolent Society, is currently serving as deaconess in our church. Mr. Dreyer, a former deacon of the church, is now choir director and vice-moderator, and has taught a men's class in the Sunday School for over 30 years.

The Dreyers are parents of six children: Etta, Mrs. Calvin Snittjer, and Louis, both of Parkersburg, Ia.; Kenneth, Aplington, Ia.; Robert, Tripoli, Ia.; William, North Hollywood, Calif.; and Milton, who lost his life during World War II.

Mrs. Paul Voogd, Reporter.

Bethany, Hutchinson, Minnesota, Plans Dedication Service

On Easter Sunday, April 21, the first services were held in the new edifice of the former Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minnesota, now located in South Hutchinson on the corner of Grove Street and Linden Avenue. A new name has been adopted and the church is now known as the Bethany Baptist Church.

The prospective date for the dedication festivities has been set for Sunday, June 16, with services to be held in the morning, afternoon and evening. It is definitely known that Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois, will be the speaker at the afternoon service.



Mr. and Mrs. Arend Dreyer of Aplington, Iowa, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Aplington Baptist Church on March 17th.

Baptism and Reception, Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Sunday, Feb. 3, was a noteworthy day for members of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn. During the morning service Mrs. H. F. Gauthier was baptized. She was welcomed into the membership of the church during the communion service that followed.

The evening service took the form of a "Homecoming" reception for Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Schroeder, former pastor and wife, who have established their home in West Saint Paul. Special musical numbers were brought by members of the church. Of special interest were the German songs brought by a choir composed of those who sang in the choir during the years



The newly purchased edifice of the Faith Baptist Church, West New York, N. J., of which Rev. Herbert Freeman is the pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Anniversary and Dedication Programs, West New York, N. J.

On March 15, 1957, the Faith Baptist Church of West New York, N. J., organized in 1933 as the Ebenezer Baptist Church, observed its 24th anniversary. The occasion was marked by having the church's 9th annual missionary conference at the same time. On Sunday evening, our pastor, Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, brought the conference to a close by showing the set of Cameroun pictures.

During the past year we realized the fruit of our hopes and dreams, begun in the fall of 1952, when our church officially began its building program. In February of last year our pastor and Mrs. Freeman moved into the new parsonage located in the residential area of North Bergen, N. J. In October of last year our trustees completed the purchase of a church building from the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination.

Dedication services were held for the newly acquired church building from Dec. 6 to 9. Neighbors, friends and former members were on hand, and greetings were brought by the many letters received and the personal visits of our pastors in the area. The formal dedication took place at the morning service on Sunday, Dec. 9. The closing session was held that afternoon with about 200 persons in attendance. Rev. Raymond Yahn of Bridgeport, Conn., represented the churches of the Atlantic Conference, and the Rev. Assaf Husmann of New York City, who brought the message, represented our North American Baptist Conference.

Margaret Portscher, Church Clerk.

the Schroeders served the church, 1927 to 1936.

Rev. S. D. Ganstrom, pastor, welcomed the Schroeders to the church. Mr. Reuben Glewwe, moderator, presented the Schroeders with a gift of money from the members and friends of the church. Rev. H. R. Schroeder brought the meditation of the evening, basing it on Hebrews 12:1.

Ellen L. Lehr, Reporter.



South Dakota pastors and leaders who participated in the ground breaking exercises for the new North American Baptist Nursing Home at Madison, South Dakota.

Women's Anniversary, Faith Church, West New York, N. J.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Faith Baptist Church, West New York, N. J., held its 24th anniversary program on Friday, March 15. Our president, Miss Edith Wagner, led us in our singing and welcomed our guests. Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Robert Freeman, read the Scripture passage and led us in prayer.

Miss Edith Wagner and Miss Margaret Portscher favored us with a duet, and our secretary read our annual report. Our Society has continued to show an increase in membership. Our speaker was Mrs. Donald Mstrom, wife of Rev. Donald Mstrom, pastor of Grace Church, Union City, N. J., and Pilgrim Church, Jersey City, N. J. Mrs. Mstrom delivered a very inspiring and challenging message, based on the 12th chapter of Romans.

Our program was closed with prayer by Rev. Herman Kuhl, pastor of the Willow Avenue Baptist Church, Hoboken, N. J. Refreshments were served following the service.

Janet M. Behnke, Secretary.

Farewell Reception at Second Church, Union City, New Jersey

The Second Baptist Church of Union City, New Jersey, held a farewell dinner on March 22 honoring our departing pastor, Rev. Norman H. Klann, and his family. Mr. Klann has accepted the pastorate of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

During the nine years of Mr. and Mrs. Klann's ministry at our church, they have won the love and admiration of every member and of all who came to know them. To express our love we presented a check, a wallet, a blanket and a set of luggage to them. Miss Luann Downs of the Nursery Class presented Mrs. Klann with a corsage of spring flowers.

Mr. Victor Prendinger served as master of ceremonies for the evening. Speakers were Alfred Metzgar, deacon; Otto Weber, trustee; Henry Schell, Men's Club; Mrs. Richard Arndt, Ladies' Aid; and Mrs. Otto Weber, Young Women's Society. Mr. Metzgar and Mrs. Richard Heinzelman sang a duet and Mrs. Verna

Prendinger read a poem, written by her, in honor of Mrs. Klann. We wish the Klanns God's richest blessing on their new field of service.

Mrs. Anne Downs, Reporter.

4th Missionary Conference, Walnut St. Church, Newark, N. J.

The 4th annual Missionary Conference of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., started on Sunday, March 17. An interesting film, "Christ Among the Cree Indians of Alberta", was shown. Then we heard the Rev. Moses Sabina, a missionary to Japan. That evening we saw the film, "The Glory of the Gospel in Japan." Rev. Philip Grossman of the Wycliffe Translators was our speaker along with the film, "Unsheathed." Our Missionary Conference continued on Thursday, March 21, with Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., who showed the film, "The Bamenda New Hope Settlement for Leprous Patients."

On Saturday night, a dinner was served by the Woman's Missionary Society. Then we saw the film slides of Bob and Doris Kopf, missionaries in the Belgian Congo. We were honored again to have Dr. Leuschner bring the message of the evening.

On Sunday, March 24, at 9:45 A.M., the film, "Whosoever," was shown. At the worship service, Rev. Martin Leuschner brought us a very inspirational message. At 6:30 P.M. we saw the film "Missionary Call." At the

evening service we saw a dramatized poem called, "Why Have You Come?" and heard Rev. Henry Heydt from the American Board of Missions to the Jews.

Barbara Barefoot, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Ground Breaking Service for Nursing Home, Madison, S. Dak.

It was with the realization that a dream was coming to life before our very eyes, that a fine representation of our churches of the South Dakota Association met at Madison, S. Dak., on Sunday, March 31, at 3:30 p.m. for the ground breaking service for the projected North American Baptist Nursing Home.

Rev. W. Potratz, vice-chairman of the Board of Directors, presided at the service in which the following participated in leading the song service, Scripture and prayer, respectively: Rev. L. Frisen, Mr. J. Plucker, and Rev. H. Pfeifer. The mayor of Madison, Mr. A. Parker; the president of the Madison Ministerial Association, Mr. L. V. Osborne; and the architect, Mr. W. B. Whitman, brought words of commendation. Dr. George A. Lang delivered a brief but fitting message which was followed by the dedicatory prayer by Rev. E. Kirstein.

Those participating in the ground breaking were: Rev. A. Weisser, chairman of the Board of Directors and recently elected Building Co-ordinator; Mr. F. Walker, contributor of the land; Mr. E. O. Stone, general contractor; Mr. R. Backaus, who has volunteered to do the excavation without charge; as well as Mr. E. Dirksen and Mr. E. Wobig. The male quartet of the local church furnished several selections. After the benediction by the undersigned, the people made their way to the West Center Street Baptist Church where a delicious lunch was served.

In conjunction with the ground breaking service, the evening inspirational service at the church proved to be filled with blessings. Dr. George A. Lang based his message, STREAMS OF BLESSINGS, on Luke 4:18.

Rubin Herrmann, Reporter.

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Southwestern Conference

Pastor's Farewell Reception at Mt. Zion Church, Kansas

It was an impressive service at which the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, said "farewell" to its pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Kruegel, on Sunday evening, Feb. 24. They had served the church for more than 11 years. Members of the neighboring Methodist Church and the Baptist Church from Enterprise, Kans., who had learned to love and respect the Kruegels, were also present.

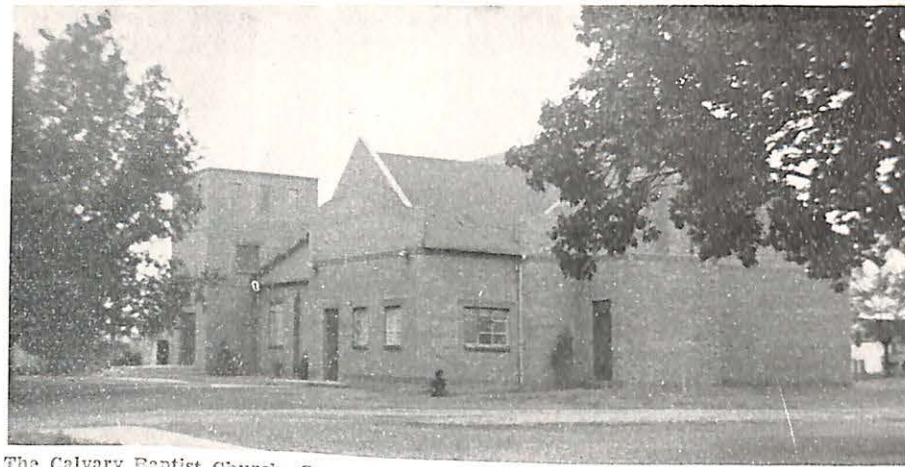
Mr. C. A. Zoschke presided at the meeting.

A trio, sung by Mrs. Noten Martinetz, Mrs. Kenneth Brenner, and Mrs. Verland Brenner; a duet by Mrs. Norma Baker and Jeannine Martinetz; and a solo by Mrs. Alvin Zeckser were rendered most impressively. Linda Brenner recited the 23rd Psalm, Farewell speeches in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kruegel were given by Mrs. Noten Martinetz, who represented the Sunday School; Mrs. Alvin Zeckser, representing the Dorcas Society; Verland Brenner, the CBY; and Charlie A. Zoschke, the church. Each group presented them with a parting gift. Mr. and Mrs. Kruegel then responded with loving words of appreciation and encouragement to the church. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Orr, Irene Brenner, and other members of our Dorcas Society.

Mrs. C. A. Zoschke, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings at Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, held evangelistic services from March 3 to 15 with Rev. Henry Pfeifer of the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as speaker and Rev. Fred Witt of Waterloo, Iowa, as soloist. The services were attended each evening by many



The Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma, which was formally dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, March 10, 1957.

friends of the church as well as our own congregation.

Four weeks previous to the meetings cottage prayer meetings were held two evenings a week in the homes of members of the church besides the regular mid-week prayer service. There were seven decisions made for the Lord and others expressed the desire to join the fellowship of the church.

The vocal solos nightly by Mr. Witt, a blind singer, were a great inspiration and the felt-o-scene talks by Rev. Pfeifer were anticipated by the adults as well as the children each evening. Our church was again awakened to greater things and a renewed inspiration. With the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Fred Knalson, we are looking forward to a year of real blessing and spiritual growth.

Mrs. Harry Koslowsky, Reporter.

Church and Parsonage Dedication, Corn, Oklahoma

March 10, 1957 became a day long to be remembered by the members and friends of the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Oklahoma. We gathered together with friends from sister churches in dedicating to our Lord

the church building and parsonage which he so graciously has given us.

Although the church building was started in the spring of 1950 and the parsonage some time later, the finishing details had not been taken care of because of some ensuing years of drought in which we had little or no crop, and because the congregation felt that they should not solicit help from other societies.

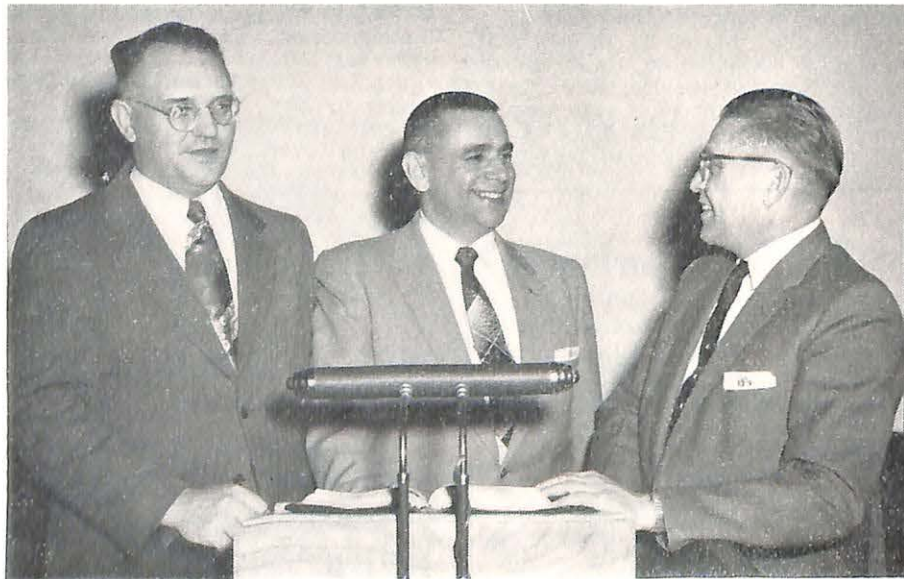
This last year the Lord blessed us with a good crop and in answer to faithful prayers he has also drawn us closer together in spirit so that we began once more to advance. With renewed interest and enthusiasm we finished, with some renovations, the work that was needed and now felt free to dedicate formally these buildings that stand as testimony of what God has done for us.

The morning service was opened by our choir singing "In Thy Holy Temple" after which our pastor, Rev. Jack Block, led in prayer. Mr. W. R. W. E. Dungan, who was instrumental in beginning the work which brought about our organization, read the Scripture lesson and made a few remarks. Rev. George Neubert of Beatrice, Nebraska, who baptized many of our members some years ago, brought the morning message.

At the afternoon service Rev. David C. Keiry, pastor of Bessie, Oklahoma, led in the invocation, after which Rev. J. P. Kliewer, chairman of the Corn Ministerial Alliance, brought greetings. Mr. P. W. Leppke, chairman of the City Council and trustee of our church, brought a brief history of our organization. The dedicatory message and prayer were brought by Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas.

The evening service was well attended and Mr. Wilcke brought another message challenging us to deeper dedication. A film was also shown of the building progress of our sanctuary and parsonage. We thank the Lord for this "mountain top" experience and shall consider it a stepping-stone for further service in his vineyard's work. Jack Block, Pastor.

NOTE. Another report from the "Southern Conference" appears on the next page, column 3. A report about "God's Colunteers" is published on page 24. EDITOR.



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Rev. Fred Witt of Waterloo, Ia. (left), and Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (center), who conducted meetings at the Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas, with Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor (right).

Obituary

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

REV. REINHOLD R. KUBSCH of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Rev. Reinhold R. Kubsch of Benton Harbor, Mich., was born in Russia Feb. 22, 1890 and came to America in 1909 settling in Pawtucket, R. I. Our church there sent him to our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., where he graduated in 1917.

After two years in the University of Rochester, he became pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., which church he served until July 31, 1926. After spending some 15 years in Chicago, he moved on a farm near Benton Harbor in 1940 where he had since resided. After months of suffering, death came as an angel of mercy on March 26, 1957.

In 1919 he married Mathilda Wetter of Benton Harbor, who with one son, two daughters and three grandchildren survive. He is also survived by his 92-year-old mother, living in Bremenhaven, Germany. Rev. R. Behnken, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Benton Harbor, Mich., of which church Mr. Kubsch was a member, officiated at the funeral service.

August F. Runtz, Correspondent.

MRS. MARY GEIS of Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Mary Geis of Cherokee, Okla., was born in Kutter, Russia, Feb. 13, 1886 to George H. and Elisabeth Beltz and deceased March 28, 1957. When Mary was five, her parents came to America. On December 20, 1905 she married Charles Geis of Ingersoll, Okla., and lived there until 1953 when they moved their home to Cherokee, Okla. She accepted Christ as Savior and united with the Bethel Baptist Church in 1906, having been baptized by Rev. Friedrich Kaese. Her loyal support of her church was a delight to her pastors and to all who worked with her.

She was preceded in death by her husband by eight months, by her parents, two brothers and one sister. Survivors are two children: Lucille and her husband of Detroit, Mich.; Alvin and wife of Alva, Okla.; 8 grandchildren; one great-grandson; one brother, Adam Beltz; one sister, Katherine Brining, both of Cherokee; and many other relatives and friends.

Bethel Baptist Church,
Ingersoll, Oklahoma

MENNO HARMS,
Officiating Pastor.

MRS. BARBARA GEIS of Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Barbara Geis of Cherokee, Okla., was born in Messer, Russia, May 4, 1882 to Mr. and Mrs. Christ Weigand and deceased March 17, 1957. When she was four years old, her parents came to America. She accepted Christ at the age of thirteen and united with the Bethel Baptist Church, Ingersoll, Oklahoma, of which she was a faithful member until her death. In 1903 she married Henry Geis.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Henry Geis: four sons and their wives: Edwin and Earl of Alva, Okla.; Walter and Raymond of Cherokee, Okla. Other survivors are three sisters: Mrs. Eva Lehr, Richmond, Calif.; Mrs. Anna Laubach and Mrs. Kate Vilhauer of Milwaukee, Wis.; and one brother, Mr. Henry Weigand, Okeene, Okla.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Bethel Baptist Church,
Ingersoll, Oklahoma

MENNO HARMS,
Officiating Pastor.

MRS. REGINA KESSLER of Anamoose, North Dakota.

Mrs. Regina Kessler, nee Beck, of Anamoose, N. Dak., was born Feb. 12, 1874 in Glueckstal, Russia. She came to America with her parents and settled near Scotland, S. Dak. In 1894 she was united in marriage

to Lorence Kessler. In 1898 they moved to North Dakota and made their home on a farm 8 miles south of Anamoose. Here she was converted, baptized by Rev. R. Fenske and joined the Berlin Baptist Church, a station to Martin. Later she joined the Anamoose Baptist Church of which she was a faithful member until her passing. In 1943 Mr. and Mrs. Kessler entered the Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak.

Their union was blessed with 9 children, 7 of whom are living: William, George, Walter, Samuel, Gottlieb, Mrs. Freda Urquhart and Mrs. Conrad Michelson. Her husband preceded her in death in 1951. She passed into eternity March 23, 1957 in the Bismarck hospital. She reached the age of 83 years, 1 month and 14 days. Rev. B. W. Krentz of Bismarck, Rev. Edward Oster of McClusky and the undersigned took part in the service.

Anamoose, North Dakota

A. KROMBEIN, Pastor.

MRS. ROSINA BIBELHEIMER of Linton, North Dakota.

Mrs. Rosina Bibelheimer, nee Hehn, of Linton, N. Dak., was born in South Russia on Oct. 30, 1885. With her parents she came to this country, locating in Herreid, S. Dak., but several months later, in 1913, they moved to the Hazelton community. Here she was united to Henry Bibelheimer in 1913. They established their home five miles west of Braddock, and lived there until they moved to Linton in 1942. Two years later her husband died, and she lived alone until a few months ago when, because of failing health, she moved into the home of her daughter. She is survived by six sons, one of whom is Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, Ashley, N. Dak., and three daughters.

In 1916 she made peace with her Lord, was baptized shortly thereafter by Rev. R. Luchs and joined the local church of which she remained a faithful and loyal member. She was greatly interested in our denominational enterprise, and was a regular visitor at all our association and conference gatherings. She died quietly in her sleep on Sunday morning, March 24th. Funeral services were held at Linton on March 28 with Rev. E. S. Fenske and Rev. A. J. Fischer officiating.

Linton, North Dakota

A. J. FISCHER, Pastor.

MRS. ANNA E. RAPPUNH of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mrs. Anna E. Rappuhn, nee Broeder, of Fessenden, N. Dak., was born August 29, 1883, at Mitchell, S. Dak., and ended her earthly pilgrimage in Fessenden after a long illness, having attained the age of 73 years, 6 months and 21 days.

She was baptized upon confession of her faith and united with the Fairview Baptist Church, Lincoln Valley, N. Dak. When she moved to Fessenden, she affiliated with the First Baptist Church, where she remained a member until her departure to heaven. The deceased was united in marriage with Herman L. Rappuhn on May 1, 1907. This union was blessed with 6 children, of whom one son, Robert, died at the age of two. On Sept. 3, 1949 her husband preceded her in death.

She is survived by 4 daughters: Verna (Mrs. W. Meyer), Carrington, N. Dakota; Erna (Mrs. R. McFarland), Anchorage, Alaska; Lorraine (Mrs. C. P. Hysom), San Diego, Calif.; Robinette (Mrs. L. Wiese), Fessenden, N. Dak.; one son: Herman, Seattle, Wash.; and 7 grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the Fessenden Baptist Church. The undersigned officiated with Rev. O. Fiesel, Washburn, N. Dak., assisting.

Fessenden, North Dakota

MARTIN DeBOER, Pastor.

MR. WILLIAM BERG of Manitou Springs, Colorado.

Mr. William Berg of Manitou Springs, Colo., was born in Graudenz, West Prussia, Germany, March 20, 1868. After coming to the United States, he lived in Chicago, and then moved to Muscatine, Iowa. There he was converted and baptized by Rev. Henry Hilzinger. Returning to Chicago, Mr. Berg joined the First Baptist Church. In 1893 he became a charter member of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church, where he served as Sunday School superintendent, trustee and treasurer. His tenor voice was dedicated to the Lord.

Southern Conference

Women's Anniversary Banquet, Immanuel Church, Kyle, Texas

A banquet was enjoyed by the Immanuel Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kyle, Texas, with their families on March 27, with the president, Mrs. Kurt Lengefeld, presiding. This event was the observance of the 50th anniversary of the National W.M.U. and the 57th anniversary of the local union. The history of the National Union was written by Mrs. Walter Hill and the history of the local Union was written by Mrs. Emil Schmeltkopf and Mrs. Ernest Hill.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner and this was followed by a short program. We were favored with a violin solo by Mrs. Eldon Schroeder. A group of women sang our theme song, "To the Regions Beyond." Following this Rev. Eldon Schroeder installed the new officers of the W.M.U., who are as follows: president, Mrs. Arthur Schmeltkopf; vice-president, Mrs. W. E. Wiegand; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Louis Heideman; recording secretary, Mrs. Eldon Schroeder; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Walter Hill; treasurer, Mrs. Emil Schmeltkopf; chorister, Mrs. Adolph Hill; and pianist, Mrs. Leroy Hill.

Mrs. Adolph Hill, Secretary.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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ter, not only of our lives, but also of our home.

I found pride in keeping house, but for the winter months there was other work which the Lord wanted me to do. One day after our pastor had mentioned to us about the work of "God's Volunteers", the Lord spoke to me: "Why are you planning to live in comfort while millions are passing into a Christ-less eternity? 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God.'"

The work of "God's Volunteers" has been more than just an experience for me. It has helped me to see the urgency of this hour. Today—

"Christ is urgently calling for workers;

Fields are white, there is reaping to do.

Will you answer the call, loving brother;

There's a place in the harvest for you!"

In February 1894 he was united in marriage to Auguste Koch. To this union six children were born. This happy marriage was dissolved by the death of his wife in May 1929. In June 1930 Mr. Berg married Margaret Wagner who had served as matron of the Old People's Home and Girls' Home in Chicago. In 1942 they moved to Manitou Springs, Colorado. During his declining years Mr. Berg received the devoted care of his wife. The call to come Home came to him Sunday, March 10. Memorial services were held in Colorado Springs by Rev. Darrel Rhodes of the Temple Baptist Church and in Chicago by Dr. M. Vanderbeck.

Manitou Springs, Colorado

HERBERT L. KOCH, Nephew.

"God's Volunteers" in Cleveland

Report of Visitation Work in the Parma Heights and Erin Ave. Churches, Cleveland, Ohio, by Miss Eunice Kern.

THE DAYS of March 11 to 31 were days of real blessing for us as "God's Volunteers," during which time we worked in the Parma Heights Church of Cleveland, Ohio, where Rev. Edwin Miller is the pastor, and in the Erin Avenue Church where Rev. Ervin Strauss is the pastor.

In both of these churches we were able to carry out an extensive program of canvassing the surrounding areas and then also contacting many encouraging prospects. We were greatly challenged by the interest shown on the part of some of the members in helping with the visitation program. We trust that this enthusiasm will continue.

We were able to have several children's rallies with a large group of boys and girls coming out. A good

group of these children made their decisions for Christ. One of the high points during our time in Cleveland was when we had the honor of being present at the fellowship supper with the pastors and their wives from our Cleveland churches. We certainly enjoyed this time of spiritual refreshing when we became better acquainted with those who are engaged in the same type of work and ministry.

In each of these churches we had one week of meetings, with Rev. D. Fuchs as the evangelist. Again we served with special music and children's stories for the boys and girls. Several decisions were made during these meetings. With Paul we can say, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, North Dakota, has called Rev. E. S. Fenske of Herreid, South Dakota, as its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. On March 31st he resigned at the Herreid church where he had served as its minister since 1944. He also announced that he would begin his pastorate in Lehr, North Dakota, on May 15, succeeding Rev. George W. Breitkreuz, who is at present the Director of Christian Education in the Trinity Church, Port-

land, Oregon. Mr. Fenske served the Herreid church for a total of 16½ years in two pastorates from 1934-1938 and from 1944-1957.

⊕ Evangelistic meetings were held from March 19 to 31 at the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., conducted by Rev. Robert Penner of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon. The services were well attended with an average nightly attendance of 160. A group of ten children and one mother made decisions for Christ and one young man came forward for baptism. A large number

also rededicated their lives to God. The messages brought by Mr. Penner were a great inspiration to all who attended the services, as reported by Mrs. Ed. Kammerer. Rev. W. W. Knauf is the pastor.

⊕ Special services were held in the White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, from March 24 to 31 with Rev. Arthur McAsh of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., as guest speaker. The meetings were a great blessing to the church. Several made decisions for Christ and a baptismal service will be held in the near future. Several young people accepted Christ in a recent "Decision Day" in the Sunday School. Rev. Edward Kary, pastor, wrote: "We are grateful to Mr. McAsh for the messages that he brought and to the Ebenezer Church for releasing their pastor to us for this week of services."

WE, THE WOMEN

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with their vitality and strength to assume responsibilities. The future of our churches depends on how well they serve the Lord day by day. Also as wife and mother in the home, the sincerity of your love for Christ is an influence.

Many have already spent themselves in their labors of love. However, there is still a service they can render. They can support the work which has been entrusted to us and which we then pass on to others through prayer, and encourage those who follow in our train.

May we all find a real joy as we work each day for Jesus in the very place where he has stationed us.

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