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The Christian Mother in Her Glory

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● A young Vermont minister who has been a soldier, sailor, steelworker and medical student was named 1957 winner of a national hymn-writing contest for people under 30 years of age. He is the Rev. Edward H. Blumenfeld, pastor of First Congregational church, Swanton, Vermont. His entry, "The Son of God, Our Christ," was selected out of several hundred entries from all over the country. The contest was conducted jointly by the Hymn Society of America and the United Christian Youth Movement.

● Members of Protestant congregations in North America now operate 268 credit unions, an increase of 40 over last year, the Credit Union National Association reported. Catholics have 976 credit unions, which means that 1,244 of the 22,000 credit unions in the U. S. and Canada are connected with churches. The first credit union in the United States was formed in the Roman Catholic parish of Sainte Marie in Manchester, New Hampshire, in 1909. Today the credit unions have ten million members and assets of \$3,400,000,000.

● The delegation from the World Alliance of Y.M.C.A.s which recently visited China reports that 25 Ys are still carrying on religious, educational, cultural and physical education activities in that country. All general secretaries of local associations whom the delegation met were persons active in Y work before 1949, and Y. C. Tu, general secretary of the national committee, still holds office. On the visiting delegation were David Robinson, a vice-president of the alliance; Günther Feuser, secretary for refugee work in the German Y.M.C.A.; and Tore Littmarck of Sweden, a member of the alliance staff in Geneva.

—Christian Century.

● The founder of "Voice of the Andes" radio station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, was honored as Moody Bible Institute's alumnus of the year. Dr. Clarence W. Jones, a 1921 graduate of the Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill., received the missionary school's Thomas S. Smith trophy before more than 2,500 in the Moody Memorial church. Dr. Jones started the gospel radio station in Ecuador 25 years ago, when short wave was new in radio. From one small transmitter HCJB has grown to be the largest Protestant broadcasting station in the world. There are now eight transmitters broadcasting a combined total of 31 hours every day except Monday, in nine languages, reaching out to every country in the world.

● A reprint of the Cherokee New Testament for the Cherokee Indians in this country has just been completed by the American Bible Society. The first Testament was published in 1862. The new publication is the sixth printing of the Cherokee Testament. Cherokee is the only American Indian language to have been reduced to written form by one of its own people, Sequoia or George Guess, who lived all his life among his people and quite ignorant of English was early impressed with the power and value of the written word, thinking "that if he could make things fast on paper, it would be like catching a wild animal and taming it." He discovered that 86 symbols would represent the sounds necessary to reproduce this dialect.



Baptist Briefs

● **Baptist European Congress.** Under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance, European congresses were held in Berlin in 1908, and in Stockholm in 1913. The European Baptist Federation held its first congress in Copenhagen in 1952. The Federation's next meeting is scheduled for Berlin, July 26-31, 1958, for both East Berlin and West Berlin.

● **New South Wales.** A series of Sunday school clinics are being conducted throughout New South Wales, under sponsorship of the N.S.W. Youth department. The first was held February 12-15, at Ashfield church, Sydney, attended by members of the N.S.W. Sunday school committee and five representatives from each of 10 suburban churches. These delegates will be used as lecturers and group leaders for future clinics. The clinics mark a new era of development of Sunday school activity in New South Wales.

● **Baptist church membership in Great Britain and Ireland** was 327,806 at the end of 1956. This compared with 326,633 in 1955 and 325,896 in 1954. Figures of baptisms in 1956 also showed increases. There were 10,737 in 1956, 9,973 in 1955, and 7,895 in 1954. Dr. Ernest A. Payne, secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, hailed "these heartening figures" as "the fruit of the quickened evangelistic activities of our churches and the church extension which is taking place in many parts of the country."

● The Moravian Church is celebrating its 500th anniversary this year by arranging a "Chain of Prayer for Peace," in which the Moravian Brethren all over the world will participate. The "chain" started in the Moravian mission in western Tibet in January, and will be taken up next by the churches in Jordan and Tanganyika. It will then pass on to Czechoslovakia, where the first Moravian Brethren settlement was made in 1457, thence to other parts of Europe and Africa, to Labrador, Alaska, the United States, Honduras and Jamaica, ending at the mission church in Dutch Guiana in December. Every day in the year one church will be praying from midnight to midnight for world peace, for the continuance of the Christian church and for the growth of the Moravian movement.

● **Japan Baptists Plan Revival.** Japan Baptists' evangelistic campaigns, scheduled for May and October, were given new impetus with the arrival of Dr. C. E. Autrey, associate professor of evangelism, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, to assist with the preparations. Final plans were made for simultaneous revivals to be held in May in Sapporo, Osaka, Kobe, Oita, Nagasaki, and Kagoshima; and advance plans were made for six more to be held in October. A pastor or missionary will go to each church a month prior to the revivals to lay plans and to assist in organizing the church's resources for the meeting.

● **Mission Minded Pastor.** Rev. Homer B. Reynolds, highly respected 52-year-old minister at Dallas, Texas, U.S.A. has resigned the pastorate of the 1,435-member Ross Avenue Baptist church to become pastor of a 32-member congregation at Maracaibo, Venezuela. It is a dream come true for Reynolds and his wife, Martha, for they volunteered for missionary work 20 years ago and were turned down because he had passed the age limit for appointment by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The Maracaibo church, first English-speaking Southern Baptist congregation in Venezuela, actually is the fruit of the Reynolds' own ministry on their trip to Latin America in 1956.

● **News from Baptists in Hungary** is very sparse, but it is clear that the

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Editorial...



Women at Work!

MOTHER'S DAY should be a holiday for all the mothers of the land. But with family reunions and with special Sunday dinners to be prepared, the mothers will be busier than ever on this "day of theirs". But they are accustomed to this. They seem to be happiest when they are working for others. It is this spirit in the hearts of women that makes Mother's Day so memorable!

This issue of the "Baptist Herald" will tell the story of Christian women at work. Our mothers find themselves in good company in the midst of their never ending work. Whenever you turn to the story of a righteous woman in the Bible, you will find her working for the Lord, hard at work. This is the inspiring account of Ruth gleaning the fields, of Hannah praying for her son, of Deborah fighting for the Lord, of Lydia opening her home to the Apostle Paul and his retinue, of Mary Magdalene anointing the feet of Jesus, and of others. Like their Master these women were always "going about doing good".

The women of our churches are celebrating their golden anniversary in the work of the Woman's Missionary Union. The history of their achievements, the testimonies of former presidents, the herculean tasks that they have tackled in White Cross and relief shipments, and the tremendous sums of money that they have dedicated to the Lord are dramatically portrayed in this number. In every sentence of these accounts you will see women at work, justifiably proud of their Union and of their accomplishments. You will smile at the story told by Mrs. R. Hoefflin, first secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, whose plea for representation on some of the denominational societies was turned down by the brethren. But, Mrs. Hoefflin went on to say: "Never has a plea for help been turned down by the sisters, but rather with willingness and sacrificial spirit has every plea been met".

In this issue you will also see a number of our women missionaries hard at work on the mission field. Some are teachers, carrying the teaching load and administrative responsibilities. Others are nurses at the Bansa Hospital and the New Hope Settlement. Several of them are editors of important publications on the mission field, such as Miss Westerman editing "The Christian Light". On home and foreign fields you will always find these women missionaries at work for the Lord.

It is this spirit of Christian mothers which adds glory to the home and binds the family together. This is the remarkable picture of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31. "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness." Her home is like a mansion that shows the results of her labor and of her spirit of indefatigable industry. The worth of such Christian women at work is "far above rubies".

As we extend our congratulations to the Woman's Missionary Union on their 50th anniversary and express our love and gratitude to our mothers for all that they have meant to us and done for us, we want to honor them as Christian women at work whose example and inspiration will always be like a bright light that never goes out!

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The Ties of Family Faith

By Bert Webb, Vice-president of the National Sunday School Association

THE BIBLE does not teach that faith may be inherited, nevertheless, the incalculable power of faith is evidenced by Paul's remark to Timothy. He declares, "I thank God . . . that I may be filled with joy when I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Timothy 1:5). Here is an instance where genuine faith in God seems to have produced from generation to generation qualities of righteousness so essential in all true Christians.

CLOSE FAMILY TIES

It is evidently not incidental that Paul refers so pointedly to the faith of the ancestors of this young pastor to whom he has entrusted so much. The tremendous scope and influence of this "unfeigned faith" is further evidenced by the fact that Paul admonishes Timothy to pass on to others this Gospel, coupled with a living faith, that others may teach still others also. And it seems to be here implied that from grandmother to mother, to himself, to those to whom he ministers, and they in turn to others, links together five generations blessed of God because in the lineage of this stalwart of the "faith" there was a living trust in the Almighty.

A touching sidelight appears as Paul refers to Timothy as "my dearly beloved son". Tradition would sug-

gest that the close family ties and sweet relationships involved in family life might have been almost completely lost to the great Apostle, and yet in his letters to Timothy, supposedly written just prior to his martyrdom, Paul injects over and over again this treasured note which would indicate the tremendous value which he places upon the family and its relationship to God.

Let all Christian families who walk in sincere righteousness before their Lord take courage at the fact that if children are faithfully "trained up" in the fear and admonition of the Lord, there is every reason to believe that righteousness will be the result. To those who know Christ, together, "The family that prays together, stays together," needs no proving. It is most difficult for true Christians to harbor resentment and harsh feelings through a sincere session of family prayer. To read God's Word together as a family will undoubtedly implant as a seed that may seem cast in vain at the moment, but as sure as the harvest follows the planting must later produce eternal results.

CHRISTIAN FIDELITY

Carelessness is possibly one of the greatest foes of family life in existence today. Few families intentionally disregard or fail to appreciate the ally members of the household. It is extremely easy to become interested in personal matters and busy

about ever good, worthwhile things to the neglect of the other members of the household. Thoughtfulness, a sense of appreciation, and a determination to express such appreciation will go a long way toward guaranteeing under God pleasant relationships and a real Christian testimony.

A great portion of the second epistle to Timothy is devoted to the responsibilities of a faithful servant of God in the midst of apostasy, and over and over again the inheritance by example in the life of Timothy seems to be taken for granted by the Apostle Paul. A sense of Christian fidelity is greatly responsible for Paul's rather pitiful and plaintive statement, "Demas hath forsaken me . . ."; "Take Mark and bring him with thee;" and then, seemingly free to express a close personal desire to this young man, his son in the Lord, "Bring with thee the books and the parchments and the coat that I left at Troas."

"Do thy diligence to come before winter," seems to leave no doubt that this young man so nurtured in the "family of the faithful" will, out of the love of his heart prompted by devotion not only to his beloved "father in the gospel" but out of the sense of family inherited love as well, respond to the needs of this great man of God.

TRUE LOVE

The true basis for lasting, genuine family happiness must include faith in Jesus Christ. A semblance of association may certainly exist. There may be no want for the material things of life and yet, to those who know the Lord, there seems to be some indefinable emptiness where Christ is not included as heart of the household. A family where prayer is not "wont to be heard" is a family that is not properly fortified against the unpredictable vicissitudes of modern day living. True love must spring from a heart in touch with God.

How better to conclude than to note the lines penned by Clarence Edwin Flynn:

There will be beauty in the dullest day,
There will be sunshine rimming clouds above,
There will be flowers by the hardest way
As long as there is love.

There will be a song where only silence dwelt,
And gold threads in the drabest fabric weave,
And glory leaving every care unfelt
As long as there is love.



Hungarian refugee children at the Mollardgasse Baptist Church, Vienna, Austria, are thankful for something to eat and happy to be in this refuge of freedom. Many evangelical families, fleeing from Hungary, have been kept together and helped by the Baptist Relief Committee.

Fifty Golden Years

50th Anniversary 'of the Woman's Missionary Union

By Mrs. Albert Reddig of Cathay, North Dakota



Leaders of the Woman's Missionary Union at the 1955 General Conference sessions. Left to right: Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer, Woman's Union Secretary; Mrs. Edward Kary, treasurer; Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, former president; Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, vice-president; Miss Laura E. Reddig, conference speaker; Mrs. Frank Veninga, Council representative; Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, president; Mrs. Walter Hill, program chairman; and Mrs. Adam Huber, program assistant.

HAVING come to a milestone of fifty years of service as a Woman's Missionary Union, we pause to reflect on the past, and to praise God for his guidance and blessings. The history of our Union is the story of women devoted to the cause of Christ, with the inspiration and vision of greater achievements to be attained through a union of all women's groups throughout our denomination.

The idea of such a union was first discussed at the Northwestern Conference at St. Paul, Minn., as early as 1882. But it was not until 25 years later that the organization was actually brought into being with the establishment of the "Allgemeine Schwesternbund der deutschen Baptisten in Amerika," with Mrs. L. Maeder of New York City the first president. From humble beginnings, this union of 60 societies that first responded has grown to about 400 societies with a membership of well over ten thousand women.

"THE HELP OF THE SISTERS"

Recognized now as one of the seven co-operating societies of our denomination, our Union contributes much to the missionary goals and enterprises which God has entrusted to our denomination. The dream of our founders to give women a more prominent place of service in the framework of our denomination today is a reality.

In 1922 Mrs. R. Hoefflin, first secretary of our Union who served for a period of 30 years, wrote: "With regard to the work of the sisters in the general work, we must say that their help in giving financially is highly appreciated by our General Board (made up of brethren) but to counsel with them or have representation (as for example the young people have), that is not yet allowed the women, although it would seem altogether

proper. Never has a plea for help been turned down by the sisters, but rather with willingness and sacrificial spirit has every plea been met."

As a Union we have come a long way since Mrs. Hoefflin wrote those cryptic words. Her hopes have been realized. Today we have representation on the General Council and are allowed two non-voting members to sit in on meetings of the General Mission Committee. Members of our Executive Committee have participated in the summer visitation program since 1948. Our Union has been included on the denominational budget since 1944.

A backward glance over the years makes us thankful for many things, as we note the advancements of our Union. We have progressed in our program and promotional goals. Through the use of a Goal Chart, set up at the beginning of each triennium, we have achieved a unified purpose throughout our societies.

The newest publication of our Union, "The Program Packet," published both in English and German, has proved most successful and is widely used by our societies. Not only does it provide a source of excellent program material for all occasions, but it also promotes our Union goals. Through our official paper, the BROADCAST, we are further able to strengthen the bonds of unity among all our societies and stimulate our program of work.

FINANCIAL GOALS

We have set certain financial goals for each triennium and met them. In the triennium ending with the Waco Conference in 1955, our goal of \$30,000 was exceeded substantially, so that a new goal for the present three years was set at \$40,000. We have become affiliated with the Baptist World

Alliance and have received a broader vision through this association.

One of our achievements has been to help educate young women for the missionary field through the granting of a yearly scholarship. Seventeen young women have benefitted from this program, six of whom at present are on the mission fields of Africa. We have also made it a part of our program of work to support a woman's worker in Africa.

Regularly we observe an annual Prayer Day as well as participate in the Women's World Day of Prayer activities. We have our own editors to prepare both English and German materials for these observances, and this is regularly sent out to all societies. We have felt richly blessed and rewarded by these special observances.

A LABOR OF LOVE

Not the least of our achievements is the carrying out of a vast White Cross program in support of our missionary hospitals in Africa. Our women everywhere contribute uncounted rolls of bandages, and make many other hospital supplies, as well as give generously for medical supplies that must be bought. It is a labor of love that gives us a vital part in the work of our beloved missionaries, and creates greater interest in all our missionary enterprises. Our women are at present engaged in making large contributions of used clothing and funds for Hungarian relief.

A notable example of progress among our women has been pioneered by the Northern Conference in the establishment of an annual Women's Missionary and Evangelism Conference. Such conferences have proved a most effective means of stimulating interest in missions and soul-winning.

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A Golden Three-Leaf Clover

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A Review of the Objectives and Achievements of the Woman's Missionary Union

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By Three Former W.M.U. Presidents

"And now abideth FAITH, HOPE, LOVE". These three key words express the motives for the work of our Woman's Missionary Union. Our three immediate past presidents, Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel, and Mrs. W. W. Grosser, who served our Union for a combined number of fifteen years, helped lay the foundations upon which we are privileged to build. We thought it fitting that an anniversary article should include a message from each of them.

1. FAITH—Mrs. H. G. Dymmel
2. HOPE—Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel
3. LOVE—Mrs. W. W. Grosser

Faith

By Mrs. Mildred Dymmel, President of the W.M.U. from 1940 to 1946.

Our women have built an honorable tradition, and how happy I am to be a part of it. From the earliest remembrances of our denomination, they have prayed, studied, discussed, and given of their talents and means—all because of the abiding faith in our Savior which undergirded it.

I remember "way back" when we were known as "Die lieben, teuren Schwestern" by some of our good brethren. All the while the feeling was becoming more pronounced and vocal that we as a Woman's Missionary Union should become one of the cooperating societies of the denomination, not for the monetary assistance it might bring us but to have a voice and a share in the responsibilities and privileges of the denomination. Then it was that our good brother, the late E. Elmer Staub, when I approached him with the plea, assured us he would bring it before the brethren of the General Council, and "behold—it came to pass."

I can also remember the beginnings of the White Cross work. True, the

work wasn't organized as our present day reports show, and frequently bandages were rolled that resembled cart-wheels. However, the willingness and cooperation of our women strengthened the faith of those leaders who were endeavoring to overcome the difficulties of a new venture and a growing work.

REMARKABLE GROWTH

How has our women's work grown? I read with interest and marvel at the progress especially in the printed word. Our "Missions Perle", edited originally by Mrs. Wm. Kuhn, had answered beautifully the needs of our societies in the German language. But the need of an English paper was felt. Then it was that the secretary of the Woman's Union, Miss Eva Yung of Philadelphia, Pa., not only edited the paper, "The Broadcast," but actually brought it into being. She typed the stencils in her home and mailed them on to me at the Forest Park headquarters from where they were sent to the individual societies.

Proverbs 31:29 in the Revised Standard Version says, "Many women have done excellently". Sincerely this could be said of our own North American Baptist women through the years.

"O God, our Father, we thank thee for the selfless contribution of women through the ages. May we ever be conscious of the responsibility placed on us by this heritage, and enable us to fashion even new and better ways of serving thee by serving others."

Hope

By Mrs. Florence Schoeffel, President of the W.M.U. from 1946 to 1952.

"As we begin this new triennium, let us remember the slogan of the General Conference: 'Henceforth! Henceforth I have called you friends,

and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit.' I appreciate the privilege of being your friend, and hope that together we shall bring forth much fruit in the Kingdom."

—From "Broadcast", September 1946.

The above quotation is from a letter of greeting to the women of our churches, that appeared in the "Broadcast" immediately after the election of the writer to the presidency of the Woman's Missionary Union. The hope expressed therein was the underlying desire and motive for the various activities undertaken during the six years in office. A few of the highlights follow.

The "We the Women" page in the "Baptist Herald" was initiated January 1, 1947. Its purpose was to bring information concerning the various goals of the Woman's Missionary Union and inspiration from the pen of the president. It was hoped that interest would be aroused—interest that would lead to action, and "much fruit for the Kingdom."

The same thought of arousing greater interest in the work of the Woman's Union prompted the beginning of visitation at summer conferences by officers of the Union. As one woman said to the writer at a conference, "Now that I have met the president, the Woman's Missionary Union has become a much more personal matter. The names have become people, working together for common goals."

HELPFUL MATERIALS

To furnish helpful materials for more inspiring and purposeful women's society meetings, the Program Packets were started. Missionary education has been emphasized in them because, as someone has said, "The more you know, the more you love; the more you love, the more you give."

With the hope of serving the women of our churches more efficiently, space was secured at the headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill., and a part-time office secretary was found. Having one permanent address to which to write makes it easier for the women, since the officers of the Union are subject to change every triennium. The office secretary can keep permanent records—such as the "Broadcast" mailing list—at the office, answer routine inquiries and mimeograph and mail out the Program Packets. She can provide the continuity necessary from one president's term to the next. Methods are not an end in themselves, but good business methods are a necessary means to the end—or "hope"—for which we were striving.

Support for a Women's Worker for the Cameroons mission field was one of the special goals for missionary giving. The need for a worker, set apart for this service, had long been felt on the field. Allocating these special funds by the Woman's Union fulfilled the hope that such provision would be made.

As at the beginning of the first term, so now from the perspective of the intervening years, I would like to say that I appreciate the privilege of having been your friend and co-worker. Only the Lord can rightly judge how much fruit we together have brought for the Kingdom.

Love

By Mrs. Irma Grosser, President of the W.M.U. from 1952 to 1955.

The 1952-1955 triennium of work by the Woman's Missionary Union began at the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., reaching its climax at the Conference in Waco, Texas. The theme of the Philadelphia Conference was "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." The Woman's Union Goal Chart emphasized "The love of Christ constraineth us", and "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works."

LOVE for Christ has been the impelling force of the women's missionary work, so firmly established in the 45 years before that conference, upon a deep, rock foundation of FAITH and HOPE.

Faithful women, selfless and indifferent to height or lowliness of position, worked not as persons but as servants and instruments of the Lord to make the 1952-1955 goals succeed. With God's pattern of love, local church women made advances that thrilled our hearts.

Goals were stressed through the printed page. These editorial assignments were shared to create interest. Officers attended many local church and conference occasions. Conference White Cross Clinics were established, and a boom in production resulted.

Numerous new societies joined the



—Sketch by Harmon
With God's pattern, local church women at their monthly meetings have made advances in missionary study and support that have been most remarkable!

Union and financial goals reached an all time high. The first regional Women's Conference was organized at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The Union office at headquarters was completely reorganized on an efficient working basis. Two Union representatives sat in to observe the General Mission Committee sessions, and a second General Council representative was elected at Waco, Texas, for the first time.

Fourteen delegates attended the first Congress of the North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance. And so we might go on. Re-

flection, however, is good only as it spurs us on to greater service.

This Golden Anniversary reflects 50 years of emphasis on Christian love. Such a foundation never crumbles. Methods and organizations may change, but only love abides. The tense is present. It is the Christian Way.

Love lends worth to all that the Woman's Missionary Union has done through Faith and Hope in the past 50 years and will continue to do for the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in years to come. God bless our Woman's Union!

"God's Volunteers" in Arnold, Pa.

By MISS EUNICE KERN, Reporter

LOOKING back upon the three weeks, February 18 to March 10, which we as "God's Volunteers" spent in the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., where Rev. Dale Chaddock is the pastor, we can say, "The Lord richly blessed our labors."

As in other churches, most of our time was spent in contacting prospect homes in which members have shown interest either by sending their children to Sunday School, or who have attended some of the church services. Then, too, we canvassed in the immediate area of the church, gaining several prospects in that way.

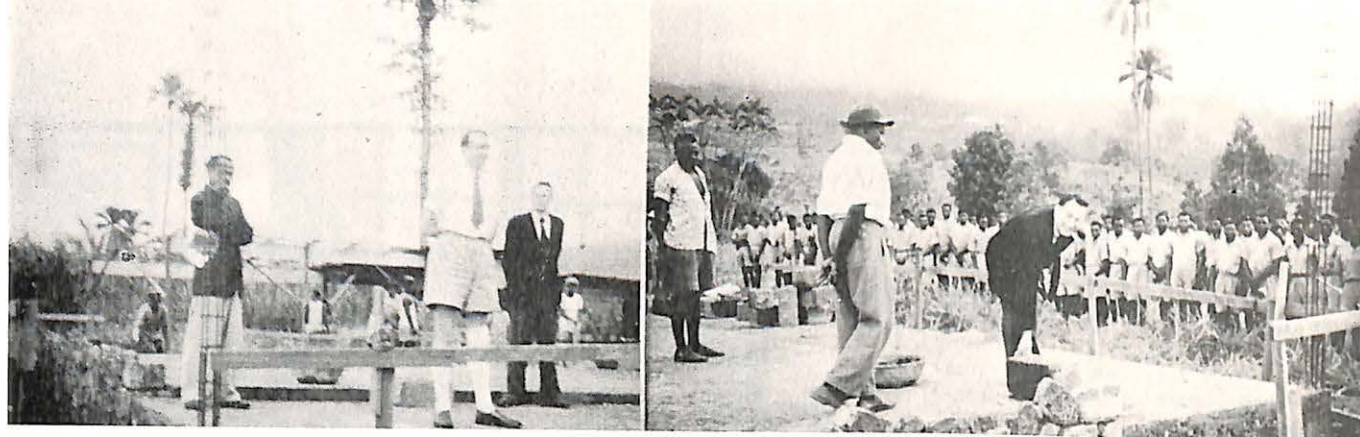
During our second week we were privileged to help along with a fifteen-minute radio broadcast over one of the local stations. On two of the Saturdays we were able to hold two children's rallies with a good group of boys and girls out each time. We have been using a film strip as a means of presenting the Gospel to the

children and have found it to be very successful. We were also able to use this same film at a local Bible Club.

Each of the church organizations kept us busy. On one occasion we were asked to be in charge of the devotional part of the Young Adult Sunday School class meeting, and then too we took part in the C.B.Y. meetings as well as help out with the women's mission circle meeting.

Each evening of the last week in Arnold, with Rev. Daniel Fuchs as the guest speaker at the evangelistic meetings, we were able again to help out with children's stories and special music. It was during these meetings that a fair number accepted Christ as their personal Savior and others rededicated their lives to him.

It is our earnest prayer that as we have completed our work here that the Lord will continue to bless and that the Word which was sown might bear fruit for time and eternity.



The corner stone laying exercises at the Teacher Training Center, Soppo, Cameroons, with Missionary George W. Lang (right) helping to put the corner stone into place.

The Teacher Training Center at Soppo

Great things are happening at this Mission School in the Cameroons which will affect every phase of life of the African Christians in the future.

By the Misses **TINA SCHMIDT** and **ESTHER HELEN SCHULTZ**, Missionaries

WHILE Rev. R. Schilke was in the Cameroons visiting our mission work in Africa, he had occasion to meet the educational authorities and thus learned their plans for us and their expectations of us. The British Government was interested in the Voluntary Agencies or Missions opening their own Teacher Training Centers.

We were reluctant to take this step, but we did not wish to leave the education of our teachers in the hands of other agencies. We did not have a man available who was qualified to take over the principalship of the school, so the government accepted Esther Schultz to open this center at Soppo near the Cameroons coast. Much of the ground work in selecting the first students, and the giving of entrance examinations was in the hands of Rev. Donald Ganstrom and Miss Ruby Salzman.

Most of us would hesitate taking the principalship of a school here in America without training and preparation. So you can well appreciate our hesitation as a Mission in starting a Teacher Training Center.

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

This meant providing dormitory facilities, washrooms, kitchen, dining hall, and classrooms. This meant planning for the assisting African staff which would qualify and be willing to go the "second mile". A site of farm land had to be selected. This land must be used to teach the teachers, so that they, in turn, can teach contour farming and soil conservation to the children. Plans were to be made for the inter-collegiate sports. There were to be adequate classroom teaching and observing opportunities for the students. This meant that the practicing schools needed to be efficient, well staffed. Also usable equipment for the practicing student had to be prepared.

African colleges do have a student form of self-government. Usually this

is headed up by the Head Prefect and the assisting Prefects, all of whom are elected by the student body. The teaching staff also had to formulate the regulations needed in the institution.

Students who came to this center were to be of high scholastic ability, Christians of good character, recommended by their home churches and fellow-missionaries. Of course, one had to include teaching potentialities.

The opening day in February, 1955 was one that no one will forget who worked to make the opening possible, with 40 Africans depending on your leading and guidance. We felt like "babes in the woods."

After functioning for only two years, one can hardly claim to be an authority to say it has been a success. We do know that God has blessed the efforts, for a fine number of students have passed from the first graduating class.

There have been hours of heartache, too. There was the day when Matuke sustained a compound fracture while playing football. There was the time when Jacob became a mental case because of a tumor on the brain and died eleven days later with the song, "To Be Like Jesus," on his lips. There was also the day when Godlove said he had been poisoned by a country brother. The power of suggestion motivated by fear can be very strong. After four days of watching him not eat and growing weaker, we contacted a Christian British doctor who said: "Godlove is too strong for the medicine to be effective". He went home happy as a lark!

HEALTHY STUDENTS

The cook had a wonderful time trying to feed these students. Each student felt he had really not achieved during the month if he had not gained at least five pounds! Most of them did gain, for regular hours and habits usually produce better health.

Saturdays are always busy days! The dormitories must be cleaned. Clothes, beds, floors, books, and boxes must be in perfect order. There are also ample opportunities to do laundry work so that all students can appear in classrooms in clean, trim-looking uniforms.

It is always a thrilling sight to see the students appear in white shirts, long white trousers, ties, and white canvas shoes for the Sunday morning services. All were expected to render some form of service, either to teach a Sunday School class, to preach or do home visitation. All Africans love visiting, so this seemed to be very much enjoyed by all.

How thankful we were when Rev. George W. Lang came to take over the administration and part of the teaching program. He was able and willing; the students responded beautifully to his efforts. The African staff worked diligently to make their school a very fine one.

What were the highlights of these first years? I think they were shared heartaches, building together for the future, and knowing that we were laying foundations upon which others can tread. Our fellowship hours were rich in music, stories, dramatizations, laughter, and quiet times speaking with our heavenly Father.

CORNERSTONE CEREMONY

Another highlight of the past year was the cornerstone laying ceremony. Not always do plans materialize as one could expect them to do at home. The building of the Baptist Teacher Training Center in its permanent place was delayed because the Swiss contractor was detained when government alien papers were not obtained.

However, the work finally got under way, and by hiring and firing the contractor was reasonably satisfied with his crew. When the foundation and the cement floor were laid, plans were made by Principal Lang for the



Christian discipleship and Bible study are important teachings at the Training Center at Soppo, Southern Cameroons.

cornerstone laying ceremony to be held at 7:30 on the morning of April 16, 1956.

The college students marched to the site and stood in line to witness the ceremony which few had seen but which would affect the lives of many in the future. The African tutor and the student were given a share in the program. And, of course, the Education Officer gave an appropriate address. He represented the British Government upon whom we depended for the initial grant of money as well as the annual grant for the current expenses of the school. It is expensive to start a library and to develop a science laboratory.

Situated on an incline, at the right side of the entrance to Soppo station, and on the side of the road leading to the Government Headquarters at Buea, the Training Center will be a testimony of Baptist endeavor to all who pass by: commissioner, resident, district officers, magistrates, priests and many others.

Furthermore, the location provides the students with an opportunity to visit the House of Assembly, and to sit in certain sessions. The Cameroons Baptists are also vitally concerned about the political growth of their country. One of our Headmasters of a grassland school is a representative of the House of Assembly.

FIRST HAND INFORMATION

Such places as the airport, the wharf at Tiko, and the Palm Oil Refinery are places of interest where the students get first-hand information when they see these for the first time. Those students from the grasslands have seen a plane flying and have heard the hum of the motor, but what a thrill to see the airplane on the ground!

Many grow bananas, and learn that

bananas are a chief export commodity, but how the fact becomes alive when they see the bananas being loaded into a real ship! And such a huge ship having the power to sail the vast expanse of water, which is so overwhelming to them!

At their homes, many of the students helped, or at least observed the extraction of oil from the palm kernel by the tedious method of boiling, pounding, squeezing and skimming.

May 18-19, 1957

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

of the

North American Baptist Seminary,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota



The 1957 Student Council of the North American Baptist Seminary with the president, Donald Rich of Portland, Oregon, fourth from the left.

What a wonder it now is to watch the machine do the same thing in such a short time! Many of these field trip experiences will be such a help when they go to remote schools to teach the wonders of the Cameroons which they have seen.

BIBLE STUDY

But the most wondrous thing of all is that they will teach the Bible. The teaching of the Bible is on the curriculum of the school as a regular subject. Many of our teachers have not had any special training in the teaching of the Bible other than that which they learned in the eight years of grade school. Some of our teachers were sent to the Bible School for a year before they began teaching.

Because of the shortage of missionaries to help in the Bible School, the sending of teachers had to be discontinued. The Center teaches basic Bible material for two years as supplementary material to aid teachers in their teaching. Others were sent to Methodist, Basel, and Government Colleges where Baptist teachings were not stressed.

Therefore we are grateful to our own Baptist Teacher Training Center that we can incorporate into the curriculum a course on how to "Teach the Bible" to teachers who have a great opportunity and responsibility to lead the children to Christ.

Furthermore, we are grateful for the first permanent principal in the person of Mr. Wm. Rentz, for Mr. Lang and Miss Schultz were only a temporary staff. The effective work of the future will depend largely on the effective male staff which the government is expecting us to provide.

From this Teacher Training Center we expect every phase of the life of our African Christian to reach a new plane. Christ can still do mighty things in Africa!

The Story of "The Christian Light"

Miss Berneice Westerman, Missionary and Editor, Lets This Publication Speak for Itself as It Brings the Gospel News to Africans in the Cameroons

I WAS born, as all babies, without a name, and being out in Africa it didn't seem strange to be without one for some time. Naming a child is an important thing out here, and Ida Forsch was concerned that I be given the proper name.

THE KAKA VOICE

My first issue, January 1948, had as its title: "WHO WILL GIVE THIS NEWSPAPER A NAME?" Three more issues were published, and then the fifth number was the first that carried my new name: "THE KAKA VOICE AND LIGHT." Kaka area people were reading me and I was carrying news about Kaka. The Light of Christ and the voice of those with a message was mine to carry.

It was about 1949 that I was given a new name. Why? Well, you see my work had increased. Instead of working only for the Kaka people, I began traveling to different parts of the Cameroons. Why, I even reached the coast, so that meant that my limited name had to be changed to one that would include others.

I felt like a new bride when my name was changed to "THE CHRISTIAN LIGHT". Like a new bride I also changed homes. I left Ida Forsch's home and went all the way down to the coast to live in the home of Esther Schultz. It wasn't too long that I stayed there, because by the end of 1950 I was in Mbem again in the home of Laura E. Reddig. She took me along into Bamenda when she moved there. All this moving has been hard on me, for just when I get used to one editor, then for some reason they can't continue with me—either they go to America or else they are given other duties.

HARD TIMES

Food for a paper is essential, and for some time I was well fed by all my friends in the Cameroons but a day came at the end of 1951 when there was no more food to get, and for want of it I perished. My editors tried, but not enough people had interest to continue sending in the materials needed.

I must have made some folks happy because in 1955 some of my friends began to campaign for my revival. It took several attempts at pleading before a new editor was convinced it was worth the effort. It also meant that my friends had to promise that they would help with the "food," and "work" in order to keep me alive.

In September 1955 I was sent out again, and there were folks who received me with a hearty welcome and



The front cover of a recent issue of the Cameroons publication, "The Christian Light."

even sat down and wrote to the editor to say so. Three issues have been printed since then. The fourth one is taking shape again.

250 COPIES

After the compiling and printing are done, there are usually some helpers who come in to help sort out my scrambled pages and staple me to-

gether. For the present, my circulation is about 250 copies. As soon as the editor can get a machine to print more copies, I think the number of copies will also increase.

This year I will be sent to 32 people who have memorized Scripture in order to get me.

GOD'S MESSAGE

As I serve to bring news, Christian messages and blessings to those who read me, I also need friends who will pray that God will take his message and use it in the hearts and lives of those who read me. There are others who can not read me only because they have had no chance to learn how to read. Pray that there will be those who can read that will be willing to read me aloud and interpret me into the native language.

As I am a printed page, I mean nothing in myself but only as I am read and understood can I work for God's glory.

It is my hope that some Christian in this land of the Cameroons will have a keen interest in me and become my editor. Will you pray for this so that I will become a paper for the Christians in this land, made by the people in this land, so that I might not live and die with missionaries as they come and go?

Books for Service Men

Announcements About Helpful Material for Service Men

CHRISTIANS, STAND GUARD!

A fine booklet of 20 pages entitled, "Christians, Stand Guard", is available free for distribution among the young men of your church who are planning on entering the service of the Armed Forces or who are already in service. It is a heart to heart talk with practical counsel and with Christian concern to every young man in military ranks.

Copies will be sent free to you as pastor or church leader in limited quantities for distribution. Single copies will also be sent without charge to young men in the Armed Forces asking for them. Address your requests to North American Baptist Headquarters, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Burdens become light when cheerfully borne." —Ovid.

MILITARY SERVICE AND YOU

The Baptist Chaplains' Committee, under the leadership of Rev. Joseph Heartberg, has produced an excellent book for use in study classes with young people approaching military age. "Military Service and You" by Lawrence P. Fitzgerald, is a book of 100 pages with a Christian answer to almost every problem, temptation, and difficulty that any G. I. will have to face. It shows how young men in the Armed Forces can be good "ambassadors for God". It was written by a former army chaplain of World War II.

This book is available at 50 cents a copy postpaid. It is very well written so that it will be read with eager interest by a young man into whose hands it is placed. It is also excellent material for a young people's study course or for a sermon or message on this subject. Order your copies of this book through the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

MOTHER'S DAY MEDITATION

By Mrs. Lydia Jaeger
905 Pontiac
Salina, Kansas

As I meditate on Mother's Day
And all the expressions of love I see,
My heart is filled with thankfulness
For all God's love has done for me.

And I was born in a Christian home,
But I had not made the choice,
My parents taught me his precious Word
Until I learned to hear his voice.

At thirteen years I accepted him,
By faith, as my Savior and Lord;
Even though I failed in many a thing
To lose him I can not afford.

Then to learn in confessing my sin,
Of his gracious forgiving love,
I was drawn ever closer to him
And to my heavenly Father above.

Then came the time to start my home,
God led me to a Christian friend;
And now my children all are grown,
And what love and help they lend.



Mrs. Lydia Jaeger surrounded by flowers and books in her home at Salina, Kansas.

It thrills my heart to see their homes,
And grandchildren so dear to me,
The great-grandchildren win my love
As their dear faces I see.

It's beyond anything I could ask,
That God should be so good to me,
It makes me love him more each day,
As his Word's promises I see.

To me—I ask that he speak personally,
And he always answers that prayer,
As some new thing I see each day
That I hardly knew was there.

The Bible is my most precious Book.
Search its truth, my dear ones and friends;
It gives to us the only assurance
That all will be well at life's end.

I want to glorify his Name
In life's few days left for me;
Not to be true would be a shame,
When his face in glory I see.

TAKE TIME TO BE PARENTS

Adapted by Ruth M. Mellen of
Anaheim, California

(Words to be sung to hymn melody of
"Take Time to Be Holy" composed
by George C. Stebbins).

Take time to be parents,
Be off' with thy child;
Abide in Christ only
And feed on his Word.
Make friends with thy children;
Help . . . for they are weak,
Forsaking them never
Thy pleasures to seek.

Take time to be parents,
The world plunges on;
This business of living
Can burden thee down;
Less time for thy pleasures,
More sharing their plays;
Thy Father in Heaven
Will bless all thy ways.

REMEMBER TO PRAY

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

"As my greatest business is for God,
to serve him, so my daily business is
with God, to ask him for strength to
do it."

● Pray for these missionaries, especially on their birthdays: Rev. Walter Sukut, Japan (May 2); Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, Cameroons (May 3); Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, Cameroons (May 14); Mrs. Leonard Maier, Indian missionary (May 21); Miss Esther Ziolkowski, Banzo Hospital (May 25); and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee, Banzo Hospital (May 29).

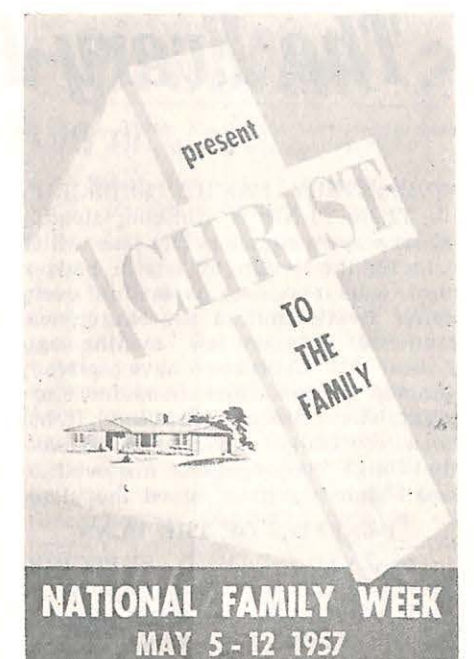
● Pray for Christian mothers in their tireless ministry for Christ, for the officers of the Woman's Missionary Union, and for the women who have positions of leadership in our churches.

● Pray for the North American Baptist Seminary and for all who are to participate in the commencement festivities from May 17 to 19 as well as for the members of the graduating class as they go forth into active, full-time service for Christ.

● Pray for our missionaries on Muscowpetung Indian Reserve, Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, and for the newly elected Chief, Mr. John Gambler, with the fine Christian members in his family.

● Pray for those who are in positions of leadership in our land (United States and Canada) that God might give them wisdom in the making of important decisions and health and strength for the carrying out of their multitudinous tasks.

● Pray for the ministry of your church choir, for the director, and for the organist or pianist that they might experience joy and spiritual rewards in the music they render.



The poster for "Family Week" distributed by the National Sunday School Association.

FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS

(Continued from Page 5)

ning. It is to be fervently hoped that more such conferences may be promoted in all our circles.

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

Much of our progress can be directly traced to the fine leadership of our Union. The officers of the past and present are to be commended for their sacrificial services. However, this article would not be complete without a word of tribute to the women in our local societies who have so faithfully carried out the programs proposed by the leaders. It is these women, whose names we may never see in print, who nevertheless deserve credit for their faithful services rendered unselfishly for the Lord. The hours which they spend rolling bandages, or memorizing material for a missionary program, or working to raise funds, have made possible the achievements attained in these fifty golden years. May God bless them, each and every one!

Looking ahead, it is our prayer that we may be worthy of the heritage which is ours, and that we may prove faithful stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. Let us not rest on our laurels, but rather strive to gain new heights for God's glory.

Lift our vision, dear Lord, we pray
To see beyond our limited sphere;
Inspire and move us to action, Lord,
To redeem the time granted us here.

Move our hands to deeds of love,
Our feet make swift to run—
Seeking first thy Kingdom, Lord,
Till the whole wide world for Christ
be won.

The Every Family Subscription Plan

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of English Publications

THE EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN is climbing steadily on its way to success. The plan which calls for the sending of one or both of our denominational papers to every active family unit of the church was launched only a few months ago. About 30 churches have already adopted the plan, and many more are giving it serious consideration. It has been especially encouraging to note that large congregations are well as small churches have joined the plan.

BENEFITS OF THE PLAN

The EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN has many benefits to merit favorable consideration. Our papers are sent to these churches, adopting the plan, at a reduced price. The work of securing subscriptions and paying for them is simplified considerably. The payment for the subscriptions is made by the church through its treasurer after one of several practical plans for the financing of the subscriptions has been adopted. (These plans are described at length in a four-page leaflet that has been sent to all churches for distribution). Another blessing is to be found in the spiritual unity that binds the church together in becoming acquainted with our mission fields and denominational enterprise as North American Baptists.

It must also be said that there are many indirect benefits gained by our readers from the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN. The subscriptions for the "Baptist Herald" have already had a net gain of almost 500. This means that we can render a more effective service in securing articles of note, publishing more pictures, and improving the quality of

the paper's contents. The new "Baptist Herald" beginning with January 1, 1957, with its pleasing changes, provocative departments, and fascinating serial story and with the featuring of outstanding articles by Christian leaders of our day has won widespread acclaim.

CHURCHES IN THE PLAN

The First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, with 128 active family units, has run its subscription totals to the magnificent "high" of 140, as reported by its pastor, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke. This includes extras and



Rev. and Mrs. Robert Cook and their two daughters, Ruth Ann and Carol Lynn, of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Penn., are enthusiastic readers of the "Baptist Herald." Even their 1956 Christmas card showed them looking eagerly into a recent copy.

—Photo by Mr. Peter Schuster of Bethlehem, Pa.

out-of-town subscriptions. In Cleveland, Ohio, both of the influential Erin Avenue and Parma Heights Baptist Churches have adopted the Plan. Such small but important churches as Streeter, North Dakota, and White-mouth, Manitoba, have reported the successful adoption of the plan. Even though the Streeter Church is pastorless at present, Mr. Edwin M. Iszler, publication agent, was able to lead the church to the favorable consideration of the Plan.

The list of North American Baptist Churches in the EVERY FAMILY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN appears on this page. There are constant changes and additions which will be reported later. The CLUB PLAN will be continued for a while as yet, but ultimately it is hoped that the new Plan will be in effect in many, if not in most, of our churches. It deserves your favorable study and consideration. It can be a wonderful blessing for your church. Its success, which is already evident, can become a shower of spiritual blessings for all of our churches!

STRENGTH

All your strength is in your union,
All your danger in discord;
Therefore be at peace henceforward
And as brothers live together.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

DAILY PRAYER

By Grenville Kleiser

If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say —
Lord, show me how.

If I can right a human wrong,
If I can help to make one strong,
If I can cheer by smile or song —
Lord, show me how.

If I can aid one in distress,
If I can make a burden less,
If I can spread more happiness —
Lord, show me how.

If I can do a kindly deed,
If I can help someone in need,
If I can sow a fruitful seed —
Lord, show me how.

If I can feed a hungry heart,
If I can give a better start,
If I can fill a nobler part —
Lord, show me how.

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BAPTIST HERALD

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
May 3—Publication Society Board Session, Cleveland, Ohio.
May 19 (Sunday)—Dedication of First Baptist Church, Auburn, Michigan.

Rev. R. Schilke
May 18-19—Banquet and Commencement Exercises, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
May 5 (Sunday)—Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Illinois.
May 19 (Sunday)—First Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. Dakota.

Rev. L. Bienert
May 4—Counselor Training Course, Wisconsin Spring Rally, Racine, Wisconsin.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
May 3—Publication Society Board session, Cleveland, Ohio.
May 5 (Sunday)—South Canyon Church, Rapid City, S. Dakota.
May 16—Rio Grande City, Texas.
May 19 (Sunday)—50th Anniversary, Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La.

Miss Ruth Bathauer
May 1-2—Corona, South Dakota.
May 5-6—Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.

MEETINGS IN MAY

May 3—Publication Society Board of Trustees, Cleveland, Ohio.

May 4-5—Wisconsin CBYF Spring Rally at Grace Church, Racine, Wis. Dr. Walter Wessel and Rev. L. B. Bienert, Guest Speakers.

May 9-12—British Columbia Association at Victoria Avenue Church, Chilliwack, B. C. Rev. Karl Korella and Miss Tina Schmidt, Guest Speakers.

May 11—Finance Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.

May 12—Mother's Sunday.

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

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

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

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

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Rev. H. Schatz
Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada

Rev. Henry R. Schroeder
1204 Ottawa Avenue
Saint Paul 18, Minn.

What's your problem?

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

1. What do you think about faith healing?

A lot depends upon what one means by "faith healing". Certainly there is a relationship between faith and healing, and actually all healing should be viewed as from God. A right relationship with God through faith in Christ will accomplish much toward the health of the body, as well as of the soul.

There is a significant trend in the medical profession which recognizes the importance of wholesome mental, emotional and spiritual attitudes as contributing to the health and healing of the body. True faith in God can do more than anything else toward relieving unhealthy, destroying tensions, which to a large degree cause sicknesses and functional disorders in the body.

This, however, does not mean that we should despise the use of God-given means for health and healing, such as the skilled services of competent doctors and modern medicines. These may be the very means which God will use to effect healing. And the use of proper means ought not to lessen our faith in God and his power to heal through these means.

Nevertheless, we must recognize that God has given to the Church a genuine gift of healing through faith. In our day some have greatly abused this gift, and there are many frauds who have cheapened divine healing. But God is able to cure all disease in response to believing faith when such is in his will.

General Council Sessions
at Forest Park Headquarters,
May 24 and 25, 1957.

HIS SERVANTS SHALL SERVE HIM!

A Tribute to Our Christian Laymen
by Rev. John E. Grygo of Bismarck, North Dakota

THE calling home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ludwig of Cleveland, Ohio, has deeply affected us. How utterly incomprehensible seem God's ways to us at times! Yet we bow in reverence before him who still says: "Return, ye children of men." His will is supreme.

We shall miss the Ludwigs. We shall especially miss him. How we appreciated his keen interest in and sincere loyalty to the cause of Christ! It was a joy to work with him in committee rooms and at the Publication house. And he always had a good word for his pastor, Rev. Edwin Miller, and his church. His love for our

2. What should be a Christian's attitude toward cremation?

Cremation has never been popular among Christians, due doubtless to the Biblical regard for the body, Christ's burial, and the hope of the resurrection. But none of these considerations is decisive on this point.

Certainly the manner of the disposal of the body after death is not vitally affected by the belief in the resurrection of the body. While Scripture teaches us that there will be a connection or continuity between our present body and the resurrection body (1 Cor. 15:35-38), it does not teach that the body in the grave will be raised **particle for particle**. The Creator who originally made the body from the dust of the ground can raise it up, no matter by what means it has disintegrated.

Many feel that there is much from sanitary considerations that favor cremation. In large cities where it is difficult and costly to secure ground for burial it has become somewhat common. But likely it will never become the prevailing practice of Christians. It is really a matter almost entirely of personal preference, to be decided largely by the wishes of the family of the departed loved one.

What should be done with a dead body is, in the final analysis, not a matter of vital importance. Some people have strong convictions against burning dead human bodies, but there actually is nothing unchristian about it.

Since there is nothing said in the Bible directly or implicitly about cremation, each person will have to be guided by his own conscience and circumstances.

denominational work was simply exemplary.

And as we think of the Ludwigs, our thoughts at once turn to the many lay people who so wondrously blessed our lives, and who are now with the Lord. May I mention but a few? Here they are, these dear men of God: William Eichman and Karl Quenzer, Arthur Kettenburg and his father William Kettenburg, Adolph Schmidt and Adolph Riske, Edmund Schairer and "Father Hoops," Herman Weipert and "Brother Wohlfahrt, Wm. Powell and Henry Lauterwasser, Roland E. Ross and H. Theodore Sorg.

Do we ever consider that the glory of our work has been the excellency of the Christian witness of the unordained and ordained servants of the Lord? How we need to thank God for the unselfish contribution of such brethren of the pew! May we all continue to labor while it is day!

Book Reviews



RAND McNALLY BIBLE ATLAS.
By Emil G. Kraeling (Rand McNally & Co.) 487 pages; cloth; \$8.95.

This magnificent volume will fill a definite place in the libraries of ministers, teachers, students, and all who love to study the Bible. The text contains valuable material on the geography and archaeology of Bible lands, amply illustrated by photographs, diagrams, large scale local maps, and plans. The discerning reader will discover that the author is influenced by the higher critical approach to the Biblical narratives.

Forty pages of completely new, full color maps, including 18 double spread maps, clearly show the geographical divisions and changes in the ancient world from the days of the patriarchs to the time of Paul. A summary of the Dead Sea Scrolls findings is included in the text. Full indexing of text and maps concludes the work.

THE MINOR PROPHETS. By Theo. Laetsch (Concordia Publishing House.) 566 pages; cloth; \$5.00.

The author of this thorough work spent thirty years as a faculty member at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. He now contributes the second volume of the new *Bible Commentary* being brought out by his publisher. The introductions to the books are not critical but devotional. The text is printed in the Authorized Version, followed by a verse-by-verse commentary. Grammatical notes on each section explain the Hebrew and reveal a wide knowledge of the literature on each book. The author's position on the prophecies as to Israel's future is that they are being fulfilled spiritually in the church.

THIRTY YEARS A WATCH TOWER SLAVE. By William J. Schnell (Baker Book House.) 207 pages; cloth; \$2.95.

This is one of the most remarkable books ever to come to the reviewer's desk. For thirty years the author devoted his life to the activities of the so-called Jehovah's Witnesses, holding high positions in the organization, both in Europe and in America. Here the reader really has before him a detailed history of recent Russellism. The author tells of his personal relationship with the Watch Tower Society's leader, Judge Rutherford. The account of his doubts and final deliverance provide an effective antidote for devotees of the cult today and

BOOK REVIEWS
The book reviews on this page are by Dr. Donald G. Davis of Los Angeles, Calif., pastor of the Berean Baptist Church. In the future he will be serving as Book Review Editor for the "Baptist Herald." Further book reviews will be prepared by Rev. John E. Grygo of Bismarck, N. Dak., and Dr. M. L. Leuschner whose names will be appended to their reviews.
All books reviewed on this page can be ordered from the Roger William Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

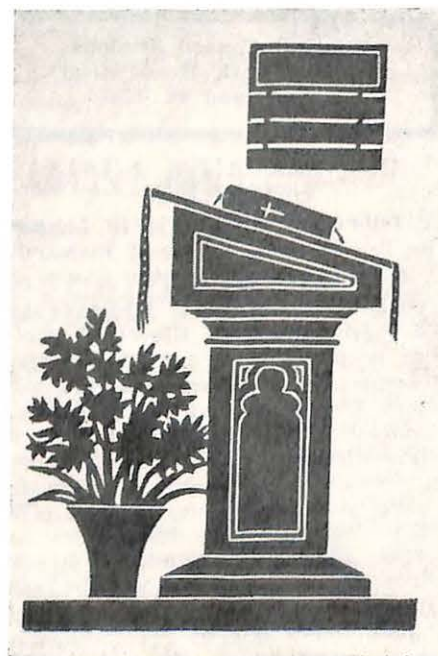
should be widely used for this purpose.

HOW TO BE A HAPPY CHRISTIAN.
By J. Nieboer (Our Daily Walk Publishers.) 175 pages; cloth; \$2.75.

One sometimes wonders why there are not more happy Christians, when the Bible describes so often the joy of the walk with God. The forty chapters of this fascinating book present from the Word of God the sources of joy for the believer, the hindrances to joy, and the fruitage of such joy. One cannot read these pages with his Bible open without experiencing an upsurge in his own spirit and a new happiness in his soul.

THE MIRACLES OF OUR LORD.
By John Laidlaw (Baker Book House.) 388 pages; cloth; \$3.50.

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What's Happening

● Rev. Leforest Lee has resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church, Forestburg, Alberta, and has announced that he will return to the mission field at Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory in June 1957. He was formerly stationed there, but came south to Alberta for reasons of health. He has served the Forestburg Church for almost a year.

● On Sunday, March 24, Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., baptized four persons on confession of their faith in Christ. On Sunday, March 31, the new "North American Hymnals" ordered by the church were dedicated in an impressive service led by the pastor. These hymnals were presented to the church in memory of Mrs. Mary Kalin and Mr. Walther Andresen.

● Throughout the month of May Miss Tina Schmidt, Cameroons missionary, now at home on furlough in Calgary, Alta., is visiting churches in the province of Alberta. From May 1 to 3 she is also serving as speaker at the Alberta Women's Missionary Conference that is being held in Edmonton. She will be on the program of the British Columbia Association from May 9 to 12 at Chilliwack, B. C., and from May 30 to June 2 at the Alberta Association to be held at the Carbon Baptist Church.

● The First German Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Sask., has called Mr. Gunter Rochow of Edmonton, Alta., to serve as the student pastor. He has responded favorably to the call and will begin his ministry in Saskatoon in May. He will also study at the University of Saskatchewan in the city. Mr. Rochow has been a student at the Christian Training Institute and has supplied the pulpit for an extended period at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta. The Saskatoon church is one of the denominational Church Extension projects.

● Rev. J. R. Matz of Randolph, Minn., was called to his heavenly Home on March 16th after a brief illness. A tribute to his ministry appears on page 23 of this issue. The Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., of which he was a member for many years in his retirement, held a memorial service for him on Sunday, March 17. At the service held in the Randolph Baptist Church, Rev. Donald Patet of Aplington, Iowa, and Rev. Bert Itterman of Randolph, Minn., took part. Interment was in the cemetery in North Freedom, Wis.

● The Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held a "Day of Prayer and Fasting" on Sunday, March 31, with many members and the pastor, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, continuing steadfast in prayer at the church throughout the day. From April 8 to 12 "Deeper Life Meetings" were held with Dr. S. F. Logsdon of Holland, Mich., as speaker. Dr. Logsdon was formerly pastor of the Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Ill. From April 7 to May 12, Mothers Day, the Sunday School is engaged in an "Increase the Attendance" program with an objective of a 20 percent increase over 1956.

● Rev. Paul Appel of Monte Vista, Colorado, has tendered his resignation as missionary among the Spanish-American people in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. His resignation became effective on March 29th. During the almost three years of missionary service in Colorado, the people who make up the Spanish-speaking populace of this area "became of deep concern" to Mr. and Mrs. Appel as stated by him as they "worked and worshipped with them." On May 1st Mr. Appel became the associate pastor and religious education director at the First Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo., a church of the American Baptist Convention.

● On May 1st Miss May Morey of Saint Joseph, Mich., the pastor's assistant to Rev. L. H. Broeker of the First Baptist Church of Saint Joseph since 1935, observed her 90th birthday. At present she is not able to see very well and is confined to a wheelchair most of the time, but she is still keenly interested in the affairs of the church and of the denomination. Letters or cards can be addressed to her at 910 Broad St., Saint Joseph, Mich. In January a week of evangelistic meetings were conducted in the church by Rev. C. B. Nordland of Oak Park, Ill., and Dr. S. F. Logsdon of Holland, Mich., and in March by Rev. Bob Murfin of Hudsonville, Mich.

● On Sunday evening, March 17, Rev. John Grygo, pastor of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The study of God's Word, for the purpose of discovering God's will, is the secret discipline which has formed the greatest characters."

—J. W. Alexander.

Dak., was privileged to baptize a mother, and her three grown-up children as well as two young women. Others are waiting to join the church by confession. Also during the morning service, the homegoing of Rev. J. R. Matz of Randolph, Minn., was respectfully recognized by the pastor reading a special portion from God's Word, and Rev. E. Broeckel offering the memorial prayer. During Mr. and Mrs. Matz's stay in Bismarck, the church had greatly benefitted from their untiring efforts and contribution to the cause of Christ.

● Evangelistic services were conducted at the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, from Feb. 19 to March 3 with Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, California, as evangelist. The messages were a source of real inspiration, and the Lord blessed with five persons accepting Christ and seven rededicating themselves for greater service. Mr. Rauser used "magic feats" to bring Gospel truths to the children. These were of interest to young and old alike. Special musical selections were rendered at each service. The pastor, Rev. Robert Penner, conducted a six weeks' class for these new converts and several others preparatory for baptism and church membership.

● Dr. Gene Stockdale of the New Hope Settlement, Cameroons, has recovered from the shipboard accident that necessitated his being taken off at the port of Freetown, Sierra Leone, while his family proceeded on alone to the Cameroons. His cast had to be re-applied at Victoria and was finally removed at Bango Hospital in February. He is quickly learning the specialized leprosy work and has already been confronted with a number of other tropical problems. Mrs. Stockdale has enthusiastically taken over the occupational therapy work, a vital part of the support and rehabilitation of many patients. This phase of the work has suffered from previous lack of a qualified person who had the patience to supervise it.

● Miss Lydia Albrecht of Minitonas, Manitoba, began her ministry as a summer worker at the Spanish-American Mission of Colorado on May 1st. She will serve until the close of September. She is a third year student at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. On June 1st Miss Ramona Bertsch of Isabel, S. Dak., now studying at Northwestern College, Minneapolis, Minn., will begin her student ministry on the Spanish-American field and will serve for three months. Miss Marlene Durscher of Elgin, Iowa, now studying at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., will begin on June 15 as the third student worker among the San Luis Valley Spanish-Americans and will serve to the end of August.

We the Women

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

It is fitting to have tributes to women throughout this "Baptist Herald!"

Not only does the month of May have a day set aside for "Mother's Day", but also, it was fifty years ago in May that our W. M. Union of the North American Baptist General Conference was organized. As we consider the growth and the accomplishments of the years as women, we know that back of it all has been God, first, then mothers. We thank all who have written in our behalf through the pages of this "Baptist Herald."

MOTHER'S DAY

By Mrs. J. H. Johnson, a member of
the Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. D.

How very fitting that there is a day set aside to honor our mothers! In Exodus 20:12 we read, "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." The greatest institution, next to the body of Christ, is the home. How beautiful that home can be when a Christian mother who abides there is determined to raise her family in the fear of the Lord. While man looketh on the outward appearance, God looketh on the heart; and when he sees a mother's heart that is filled with love and devotion, he must rejoice at such inward beauty and perfection.

We cannot understand nor explain a mother's unfathomable love; we can only accept it as a gift from God and will cherish it always. God's great love is like a holy fire, warming the souls of men and lighting the earth with abiding rays! It is pleasant to think that from this holy fire came a spark, holding a part of that quality and love which burns in the heart of motherhood. A mother's love and understanding gives to us our greatest inspiration toward the better things in life, and her influence is like the fragrance penetrates through the rooms of a house, so a mother's influence spreads over our life.

Oh, that mothers today could see the importance of prayer in the lives of their families. It is a great privilege to be a mother, but along with that privilege comes a great responsibility, also.

A beautiful story unfolds as we look at a mother's hands. We do not see them as care-worn nor work-gnarled hands, but remember how they soothed a fevered brow or how tenderly they bound up a stubbed toe and how gently they led us along the right paths. They indeed are serving

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Fire Destroys a School

On Feb. 9, 1957 the house of Belo Station that was used for the American School Classes burned down. This is Miss Berniece Westerman's story of the fire.

It was Saturday, a school-free day for the missionaries' children at Belo, Southern Cameroons. We had planned a bon-fire out of doors. At about 4:30 P.M. I had gone to the classroom to get a large table for our food. I went back the second time to get two packages of paper napkins. Marjorie, Miriam, and Billy followed me. When I came out and had the door locked, Billy shouted, "Auntie Bee, our schoolhouse is on fire."

"You're teasing," was my reply. Yet I went around to have a look. There were flames eating away on the grass roof of our school house. I went to the front, shouted at the station headman, and then both of us went for a second look.

THE FIRE "CALL"

By the time I had returned to the front and had begun to unlock the door, the native call of "fire" had already gone out and several people were standing and waiting for me to find the correct key and unlock the door for them to enter. (The native call of fire is similar to saying the word "you"—only draw it out and then open and close your mouth with the fingers of your right hand held close together. It gives the verbrato effect.)

The call informs the natives of a fire and they automatically bring in their hands a banana stalk or a plain-tain stalk, both of which have very much water in them.

Within minutes, and I am tempted to say seconds, the natives came running. By the time I came out of the building, there were so many natives

there to help that I wasn't interested in stopping to count. This amazed me and still does when I think about it. The reason for such haste is they know very well how quickly a grass-roofed house can burn in the dry season.

After opening the door and going in for the first time to bring some things out, I did not enter again. Instead I kept moving back the things which were brought out.

In a matter of about ten minutes the fire had spread from a flame about three feet in circumference to a blaze that covered the entire roof of the house. As the fire burned higher and higher, the native men formed a living circle around the burning building mainly to watch and to protect the nearby buildings. (One grass-roofed house stood on either side and just off the mission station stood a native home.)

THE FIRE LOSS

Then the roof fell in! The last people to go in to get more things were warned just in time so that no one was hurt. When the roof fell in, the fire spread to nearby trees and even the dried grass began to burn. Now the concern became even greater for the nearby buildings, and people began to transfer their efforts from removing things from the school to the dispensary. Medicines, cupboards, files, and tables were being brought out. God permitted the fire to be controlled, and so the loss remained with just back of it.

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Miss Berniece Westerman, missionary, gives instructions to the missionaries' children after fire had virtually destroyed their house and school building.



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 12, 1957

Theme: ABRAHAM AND HIS GOD

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-9

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The faith, obedience and love of one man can influence a nation as well as the whole world.

INTRODUCTION: Continuing with the general thought of Genesis as the "Book of Beginnings," we come now to the beginning of the Hebrew race. Abraham is not peculiarly Jewish, for Mohammedanism as well as Christianity claim him as a representative. In a cave of Machpelah, under the floor of the great Mosque in Hebron, Abraham and Sarah are reputedly buried. For more than a thousand years this site was in the hands of the Moslems and not until recently have Christians been permitted to visit this holy place.

In the end of the eleventh chapter of Genesis, we get a glimpse of the beginning of Hebrew history. Abraham came out of Ur of the Chaldees, in Mesopotamia (Iraq), with his family and relatives. His father Terah, who intended to migrate to Canaan, stopped in Haran (Syria). Here he settled down and after some years died, never having reached Canaan.

There was not much evidence of the knowledge of God among the people after Noah. How much Abraham knew about God, we do not know. But his heart and his mind must have been open to him in order to hear and recognize his voice when he spoke, to trust him in his leading and to walk with him so closely.

I. ABRAHAM'S CALL. Gen. 12:1-3.

(a) Abraham's part. In Ur, as well as in Haran, Abraham lived among the gods of his Babylonian forefathers. But nowhere do we read that he ever worshipped them. Perhaps because he could not share their idolatry he had little fellowship with people around him. His own views of God and his high ideals had no appeal to his fellowmen. So when God's call came, Abraham was ready. He did not know where he was going, but he knew he had to get out of where he was. It is not always easy to leave the comforts of civilization and strike out for parts unknown. But obedience to God comes first and soon the parts also become known.

(b) God's part. Abraham got out of a country in which he had little authority, and God made of him a great nation. He left a few possessions and received God's blessings a hundredfold. He left as a "nobody," and God gave him a name that no one ever forgot. He broke the circle of his

own home and became a source of blessing for all the families of the earth.

II. THE RENEWAL OF THE COVENANT. Gen. 17:1-9.

(a) Abraham's part. "Walk before me" does not imply that Abraham is to go before and God will follow. Rather it is an expression of being in God's presence continually. Walking with God, as Enoch did, is more in keeping with the true meaning. Walking with someone denotes friendship. Abraham did not do much walking with anyone else, and it is therefore no wonder that he was called "the Friend of God" (James 2:23). "And be thou perfect." God's goals are never low and within easy reach. But in the grace of his covenant God becomes accessible; he draws near unto us as we draw near unto him. In the making of the covenant, it is not a matter of "striking a bargain." God lays down the conditions of the covenant and we simply accept them by faith.

(b) God's part. God's part in the covenant is filled with blessings—unlimited and eternal. It began with the promise of a son to Abraham, a land for his descendants, and a nation that would continue from generation to generation. It climaxed with salvation for the world in the blessing of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 19, 1957

Theme: ABRAHAM AND HIS WORLD

Scripture: Genesis 18:20-33; 19:29

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Although Abraham walked the highways as the friend of God, he still kept in contact with the low ways and remained a friend of man.

INTRODUCTION: Abraham had a wonderful experience of God and was made the object of God's covenant. But this did not release him from the hard facts of life. He still lived in a cruel world. The law of the survival of the fittest was evident all around him. The fierce passions of men were difficult to curb. Corruption and vice were so great in Sodom and Gomorrah that God had to destroy these cities.

But the more Abraham developed his friendship with God, the more compassion he had for his fellowmen. Wherever he went he gained a repu-

tation for peace and harmony, for sound judgment and honesty. His neighbors joined in a confederacy with him (Gen. 14:13); Abimelech respected him and gave him gifts (Gen. 20:14). The Hittites granted him his request for a burial place for his wife and looked upon him as a mighty chieftain (Gen. 23:6). To his own nephew he was generous and the king gave him first choice of the land (Gen. 13:11). In intercessory prayer he was generous even toward strangers (Gen. 20:17). Of Abraham it could be said, "He was in the world but not of the world."

I. THE CONDITION OF THE WORLD. Gen. 18:20-22.

Abraham's experience with God made a great difference in his life. He came to the conclusion that God knows, he sees and he cares, and according to that knowledge Abraham was convinced that God guided his life. The world around him, as exemplified in Sodom and Gomorrah, did not care who knows and who sees and therefore lived as though there were no God to whom they must someday give an account. They were under the false impression that they could sin and get away with it.

II. ABRAHAM'S COMPASSION FOR THE INNOCENT. Gen. 20:23-33.

One of the greatest temptations is to be in a position to be able to say, "I told you so." Abraham could have said these words to Lot. When Lot made his choice and parted from Abraham he pitched his tent toward Sodom. But it did not take long before he was in Sodom and soon became one of the leading citizens; but not a very influential one. Corruption, sin, vice and crime continued and flourished more than ever. We read of no corrective legislation that Lot tried to introduce during his term of office. Yet in spite of all his faults and weaknesses, Abraham had compassion on him and uttered one of the greatest prayers of intercession recorded in the Old Testament.

III. ABRAHAM'S HUMILITY TOWARD GOD. Gen. 20:30-33.

These three verses, as well as verse 27, are an important index to the humble character of Abraham. He realized the audacity of the request, for he knew that "the judge of all the earth must do right" (vs. 25). Who was Abraham, therefore, to say what is right and what is wrong? How much righteousness is necessary to tip the scales in his favor? As a righteous God, he cannot always do the things we want him to do, but he rewards our humble and sincere efforts in ways we do not suspect.

IV. ABRAHAM'S ANSWERED PRAYER. Gen. 19:29.

The poet said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world (Continued on Page 24)

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

The Emerald Necklace

By ELISE FRASER



A Christian mystery novel
laid in the exciting city of
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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. The next day Farningham takes Tom Wiley and Adrienne to see a jade exhibit at Won Long's jewelry shop. Some strange things happen at the store. Then Farningham takes Adrienne on a luncheon date and later sends her a ring set with a bloodstone which was carved with the head of Christ.

CHAPTER NINE

WHEN John Rowland awakened on Friday morning, he felt his head cautiously. The bump had disappeared and only a tender spot remained. He did not even have a headache. He marveled at the physical endurance of the human body.

As he read his Bible and sought the Lord in prayer, he asked for wisdom in the dilemma in which he found himself. Since his meeting with Kathryn on Tuesday night, he had prayed earnestly for her, not only for her salvation but for her physical and mental well being.

His evening with Farningham had not shed light on the problem but had confused it more. What was the "steer" that Paul had promised him? Was it the tale that the jewels had been smuggled into this country and that anything he said would be used against Kathryn? Did Paul suspect him of having the jewels?

Paul had said very little during the evening. But how self-assured and confident Sabra Kingsbury had been.

How brazenly she had denied association with Kathryn.

Had he imagined the baleful look on Farningham's face? It had been little more than a shadow, so quickly it had come and passed. Perhaps it was a shadow. Perhaps the sinister events since Tuesday night had made him unduly suspicious, had made him magnify insignificant details.

Suppose Kathryn had been the victim of the Monterey auto mystery? Suppose he should go to the police and tell them his story about the jewels? Suppose Kathryn had been murdered? Would the police believe his story that she had casually turned over to him jewels of such fabulous worth? Would anyone believe it?

Well, he still had the card on which Kathryn had so carelessly scribbled the fake address. Then he groaned, searching his pockets frantically. But he knew he would not find it. He remembered distinctly that he had put the card in his wallet. And the thieves of last night had his wallet as well as his watch.

He had not thought much of himself in this matter. He had thought only of Kathryn. His promise to her. He had wanted to protect her, to save her. But perhaps he had taken the wrong course. Perhaps he had made a mistake. Maybe he should have gone at once to the police.

He would like to find out more from Paul Ames. How well did he know Kathryn? Acting on his impulse, John called Paul's hotel. But Paul was not in. "No, he did not say where he could be reached," the hotel clerk responded.

John went down to breakfast. The morning Chronicle lay folded on his table and the breakfast menu on top

of it. John picked up the newspaper, looking hastily through it. He stopped to read as a headline caught his attention.

Mystery Auto Identified As Belonging To Kathryn Lockwood, Wealthy Widow

Mrs. Gerald Claxton of Monterey, who states she is first cousin to Kathryn Lockwood, yesterday tentatively identified the Monterey mystery auto as belonging to Mrs. Lockwood.

The auto was found early Wednesday morning . . .

John put the paper down. Yes, the time had come to act. He would go to Monterey and tell Mrs. Claxton all he knew of the matter. She then could take whatever course was best.

Hurriedly, John ate his breakfast. He put on his raincoat, glancing at the clock in the dining room. Nine o'clock. How inconvenient not to have a watch!

As he stepped out of his hotel, he heard a persistent honk. To his amazement he saw Sabra Kingsbury at the wheel of a red roadster. She beckoned to him.

When he approached the car Sabra said, "I've been waiting for you about an hour. You're a late riser, Mr. Rowland."

John rubbed his head. "Yes, I met with an accident last night. I've been slow getting started this morning." He looked at her in a puzzled way. Why was she waiting to see him?

"I want to apologize for last night, Mr. Rowland. For denying having seen you at Kathryn's. There was a reason . . ." Her voice trailed off.

"Yes?" John was delighted. Was he going to have this mystery unraveled?

"Kathryn has been asking for you," Sabra said gravely.

"Kathryn! Then she's . . ."

"Yes," said Sabra as if she anticipated his remark. "She's alive and well. But she wants to talk to you. She asks for you constantly."

No wonder! thought John. Aloud he said, "I was just on the way to see her cousin. We must give her the news at once."

Sabra shook her head. "Not just yet, Mr. Rowland. You must trust me. The situation is an extremely delicate one. Kathryn is involved . . ." She broke off, then said, "If we are careful everything will be all right."

"You know where she is?" John asked.

"Yes. I want to take you to see her now."

John hesitated and Sabra said haughtily, "Of course, If you don't trust me."

"But I do," John said. Quickly making up his mind, John climbed in the seat beside her.

A light drizzle of rain had changed to a steady downpour. The wind-swipes creaked dismally as they jerked back and forth. Sabra drove fast. Rather recklessly, John thought. He waited until she was out of the traffic, then said, "Tell me what you know."

"I know very little," Sabra answered, her eyes straight ahead.

"I suppose," John said, "you've known right along where she is."

"I had a very good idea," she responded.

"Have you known Mrs. Lockwood long?" John asked.

"Oh, a few years," Sabra said vaguely. She touched her head. "You must forgive me, Mr. Rowland, if I do not talk as much as you would like. I'm a victim of headaches. I have one now. A really bad headache. I hope you will not think me ungracious."

"Oh, no, not at all. I'm sorry about the headache. Could I get something for you at the drug store?"

"No, thank you," Sabra answered. "I'm impatient to get you and Kathryn together."

"It's very good of you," John said.

They had been driving for more than an hour when Sabra Kingsbury drew her car to the side of the road. She had stopped in a particularly lonely part of the country. On one side a rocky cliff descended to the waters of the Pacific. On the other side bare fields drenched with the monotonous rain swept away toward low lying hills. In the distance, a small grove of eucalyptus trees swayed dismally to and fro in the driving wind. Behind the trees was a dwelling of some sort.

"This is it," Sabra said.

"What do I do now?" John asked.

"See, behind the trees, there's a house. Go there, ring the bell and ask for Kathryn Lockwood. An old griz-

zle-headed man will open the door. He's a little deaf but shout and he will understand," Sabra said.

"Will you come?" asked John.

"No, it's best that I don't. Besides, I've this splitting headache. But I'll wait for you. Don't be longer than you can help."

Turning down the brim of his hat and buttoning up his raincoat, John hurried up the road. Great grooves cut in the road were already filled with water and the yellow adobe clay clung to his shoes. As he came across in front of the trees he could see the outline of a house beyond. There was only a narrow, muddy path that led toward it. The house stood well back in the fields.

As John entered the grove, his feet sunk into the soggy carpet of leaves. Approaching the house, he studied its ugly bulk. It was dismal looking in the extreme. Old wooden shutters covered most of the windows but one was open and a dirty, gray curtain flopped in the wind.

The stairs groaned beneath his weight and he wondered how the lovely Kathryn had come to be in such a desolate place. Lifting the heavy knocker, John heard a dull clang resound.

The door opened slowly and an old man with shrunken, grizzled features and stooped shoulders stood before him.

"I want to see Kathryn Lockwood," John shouted.

The old man hurried him inside saying gruffly, "Come in! Come in! I don't want all out of doors inside!"

John stepped into the hall. Dusty, cobwebby stairs led upward in a wide, pleasant manner. At one time the house must have been a mansion.

"In here," said the old man, motioning toward a closed door on the left.

John opened the door and stepped inside. Without warning the floor gave way beneath him and he felt himself falling into darkness.

It was sometime later, whether minutes, or hours, he could not tell, that he returned to consciousness. His head throbbed painfully and at first he could not remember what had happened. Then it all came back. Had he fallen neatly into a trap set by Sabra Kingsbury? Or was she still waiting patiently in the car, wondering what had happened to him?

He looked about the dark and gloomy hole. The air was damp and musty. The dirt floor stretched away into caverns of blackness. Above his head about ten feet was the trap door which had been so obligingly opened to let him through.

He began to shout, "Hello, there? Hello!" But no sound returned to him except the hollow echo of his own voice.

Intently he listened. No footsteps could be heard, only the monotonous rain beating against the house and the

low, weird moan of the wind wailing in the eucalyptus trees.

He began gropingly to explore the basement. Perhaps a window, or a door might be found; some opening that would lead him to the welcome out of doors.

It seemed hours later that he heard the trample of feet over his head and then the sound of steps descending a stairway. A key rattled in a lock and a door was thrown open. A stream of light revealed two black cloaked figures standing in the doorway.

"Hands up!" shouted one of the figures, both of whom were masked. John found himself looking into the shining barrel of a revolver.

John eyed the man speculatively. If it was not for the gun he would have tackled them. The black robes would be a handicap.

As John approached the door one of the men stepped toward him. The revolver began to play up and down the front of John's coat.

"Keep them up!" warned a voice, high-pitched and shrill. "No funny business!"

His companion tied a piece of black cloth about John's head, blindfolding his eyes. Then a pair of handcuffs were slipped over his wrists. Ruthless hands searched his pockets, turning them inside out, emptying them of their contents.

Stumbling over the uneven floor, he was led forward. He heard a door shut and felt a wooden floor under his feet.

"Sit down!" ordered his capturers, prodding him further with the business end of the revolver. Then ropes were slipped around him. He was being tied to a chair!

"We'll make this short, my friend," said the high-pitched voice. "All we want is a little trinket, a diamond and emerald necklace which you happen to have in your possession."

John made no reply and the revolver again prodded his ribs.

"A necklace for a life, John Rowland?"

As John made no reply his tormentor laughed. It was not a pleasant laugh. Rather diabolical, John thought.

"No reply, John Rowland? What is the necklace worth to you compared with the life of Kathryn Lockwood?"

At the mention of Kathryn's name, John started. Then fingers began to fuss awkwardly with the knot in the black bandage about his head and it was snatched away.

For a moment John blinked as the light struck his eyes. Then his attention was riveted on the figure of a woman, blindfolded, gagged and lashed to one of the posts in a corner of the room. The bright hair and the slender, graceful figure could belong to but one woman—Kathryn Lockwood.

"Kathryn!" John exclaimed, struggling to free himself.

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Pacific Conference

Missionary Guild's Anniversary, Ebenezer, Vancouver, B. C.

On March 6, 1957, the Ladies' Missionary Guild of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., observed its 6th anniversary. A missionary program was presented which included a play entitled, "Furlough Fantasy," followed by a challenging address given by Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. We thank God for the offering of \$261.50 which was designated for the mission effort of the Woman's Missionary Union.

We are at present 52 members strong and our varied and inspiring bi-monthly meetings are held in the church parlor. Our special missionary contributions have been directed toward the Indian Reserves in Alberta and Saskatchewan where baby layettes, good used clothing and Christmas gifts were sent. Our goal this year has been the furnishing of the kitchenette and parlor of our new church.

Our 1956 income was \$2,350.38 which was raised by the following means: through offerings, home-baking sales, the selling of hand-made articles and our special blessing boxes. Our expenditures totalled \$2,147.06, leaving a balance of \$203.32. We believe that each member will attest to the welcome and blessing that are available in the activities of the Missionary Guild.

Mrs. Anne Pohl, Secretary.

Contest and Special Programs at Odessa, Washington

The Sunday School of the Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., has entered a contest with other churches of the Pacific Northwest Association. In January we began to use new materials throughout our Sunday School. It has been our privilege to have Miss Twila Bartz, Christian Education Director for the Washington State Convention, with us to acquaint us with the materials and with better methods for our Sunday School.

Miss Minnie Kuhn, Camerons missionary, visited our church on March 14 as speaker for our Woman's Missionary Society anniversary program. She also was guest of the ladies at their regular monthly meeting. This informal time was of great blessing.

The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, Week of Prayer and World Day of Prayer were all observed at the proper time with good attendance and many blessings received by our church. We continue in prayer for our Sunday School and future evangelistic meetings knowing that God has many blessings in store for those who earnestly seek him. Rev. Edward Kopf is our pastor.

Mrs. Adrian Werner, Reporter.

Central Conference

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Kruegel at Trenton, Illinois

On Sunday evening, March 3, the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., held an installation service for its new pastor, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, and his wife. The various organizations of the church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Kruegel into their midst. The Youth Choir sang a special number and Mrs. Alyce Zilles played a piano number. Mr. Gus Willecke, chairman of the Pulpit Committee, gave a charge to the pastor and to the congregation.

At the morning service on March 3, Brother Kruegel preached his first sermon to begin his pastorate at First Baptist Church of Trenton. A reception followed the evening service with a large number of members and friends enjoying the fellowship. A fine spirit prevailed throughout the evening. We are looking forward to the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Kruegel in our midst and to our continued efforts in the Lord's work.

Mrs. Elmer Ranz, Clerk.

Great Days at the Central Baptist Home, Chicago

Two great days were recently held at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill. On Monday, Feb. 19, a Dedication Service was held for the people who are guests in the Home. The Foster Avenue Baptist Church Male Chorus rendered four appropriate selections. The president, Mr. Daniel Granzow, spoke on "We Dedicate This Home." The dedication message was brought by the Executive Secretary of our denomination, Dr. Frank Woyke. The dedication prayer was prayed by Rev. Joe Sonnenberg. The superintendent, Dr. M. Vanderbeck, made a few closing remarks.

After this meeting, the following



Rev. Otto Fiesel of Washburn, N. Dak., and 8 young people whom he recently baptized and received into the Washburn Baptist Church.

officers were re-elected to serve for the year: Mr. Daniel Granzow, president; Mrs. Robert Krogman, vice-president; Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, secretary; Mr. William Krogman, treasurer.

The second worthwhile night was the annual Board Meeting held on March 18. Mrs. Robert Krogman was the chairman. Rev. Fred Sonnenberg led the first part of the service which included the secretary's report. Special musical numbers were rendered by the Forest Park Baptist Church. Three brief messages were brought, centralizing around "Our Home and You," by Rev. Connie Salios, Dr. M. Vanderbeck, and Mr. Daniel Granzow. Mr. Edward Meister, chairman of the Building Committee, showed pictures of the Home bringing the attention of the people to the progress that had been made.

M. Vanderbeck, Superintendent.

Dakota Conference

Baptism of Eight Converts at Washburn, N. Dakota

Sunday morning, March 3, was a time of rejoicing in the Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, North Dakota, when eight young people upon confession of their faith in Jesus Christ and in obedience to their Lord were baptized by Rev. O. Fiesel, pastor. They were welcomed into the church fellowship at the Communion Service the following Sunday.

Several of our young people found the Savior at the Crystal Springs Youth Camp last July and other hearts were burdened and they yielded their lives to Christ when Rev. D. Fuchs and "God's Volunteers" were with us last fall.

We would truly say that the Lord and his angels rejoice with Christians for every soul that is brought into his Kingdom. "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10).

Mrs. Orrin Enockson, Clerk.

Pastor's Farewell Reception at Venturia, North Dakota

A farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Dickau and daughters, Sandra and Karen, was held by the Baptist Church of Venturia, N. Dak., on March 10. Mr. Dickau has accepted a call from the Calvary Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa. He came to Venturia in July of 1949 as a graduate from our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., and served our church very ably and faithfully for a term of 7 years and 8 months.

Rev. E. S. Fenske of Herreid, S. Dak., was the principal speaker of the evening, and Mr. Sam Bender, a deacon, was in charge of the program. All departments of the church expressed

their appreciation and best wishes. The Dickaus were also presented with gifts from the church and various branches of the church. The Ladies' Aids and the male chorus rendered several songs. Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Dickau responded with a duet, "God's Way Is the Best Way", and spoke words of appreciation for the kindness shown them through the years.

Milbert Dollinger, Church Clerk.

50th Wedding Anniversary at Wessington Springs, S. Dakota

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Liedtke of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., were honored on Feb. 10th on their 50th wedding anniversary. Approximately 200 relatives and friends attended the open house at the Immanuel Baptist Church.

The attendants of 50 years ago, John Heitzman of Emery and Mrs. Jacob Huether of Wessington Springs, were present. Mr. Heitzman gave a brief history of the couple. William Radke congratulated the couple in behalf of the church, and Mrs. Sam Banko of Huron spoke in behalf of the Liedtke children. Rev. Elton Kirstein brought congratulations and a brief message. Music was furnished by the children and grandchildren of the couple, and some of the members of the church.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Liedtke of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Liedtke farmed in the Wessington vicinity until 1955 when they moved into their new home in Wessington Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Liedtke have seven children: Mrs. Sam Banko and Laurel Liedtke of Huron; Reuben Liedtke of Sioux Falls; Fred, Edwin and Chester Liedtke of Wessington, and Miss Eunice Liedtke of Wessington Springs. They have ten grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Elton Kirstein, Pastor.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration in Bismarck, N. Dak.

The Bismarck Baptist congregation of Bismarck, N. Dak., was happy to be able to share the joys of Mr. and Mrs. John Schlichenmayer on their golden

wedding anniversary, which they and their children celebrated on Sunday, March 17. Appropriate flowers decorated the church auditorium. Three pews were reserved for the celebrants and their family.

During the latter part of the morning worship service, the happy couple rose and words of congratulation with reference to Psalm 64:10, "The righteous shall be glad in the Lord," were addressed by the pastor, Rev. John E. Grygo. Then the worshipers stood reverently as the prayer of thanksgiving was uttered.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Schlichenmayer, their children with Mrs. Grygo and pastor, met again at the Grand Pacific Hotel for a delicious anniversary dinner. Many friends and distant relatives crowded the spacious residence during the afternoon.

Eleven years ago the Schlichenmayers came to us from our sister church in Turtle Lake. Since then they have remained loyal to the cause of Christ and by their exemplary devotion to the house of the Lord, they have inspired many. May the Lord continue them in good health for many years!

John E. Grygo, Pastor.

Southwestern Conference

Inspirational Programs at Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kans.

Twelve new members have been added to the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, since January 1, nine of them young married adults. Our pastor, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, baptized eight persons, three juniors and five adults. Four were received on confession of faith. In 1956 our church had the joy of giving over \$22,000 for missions. The sum of \$20,574.44 went for North American Baptist missions.

Scripture Memory work, led by Mr. and Mrs. Emil W. Ploog, has 58 children enrolled. Memorizers presented their mid-year program on Feb. 24. March 17 marked the 150th presentation of our inspiring Sunday morning radio program, the LORRAINE HOUR. The congregation saw and heard the program recorded and sang a hymn over the air.

We entertained the Kansas Sunday School Workers' Conference on April 3 and held our third annual missionary conference, April 14-16, featuring our own Miss Florence Miller of Japan and the Rev. Gilbert Schneider of the Camerons, Africa. We praise the Lord for these blessings.

Mrs. Theo. Wilkens, Church Reporter.

Reception and Ordination Services, Gotebo Church, Oklahoma

The members and friends of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., welcomed their new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Neugebauer, and daughter, Wyona, at a reception on Wednesday evening, Feb. 6th. We were happy to have the members of the First Baptist Church of Bessie and their pastor, Rev. David

Keiry, with us. Mr. Keiry brought a challenging message on our responsibilities. He also served as master of ceremonies for the program. Words of welcome were given by representatives of the various organizations of the church. After the program a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday, March 10, we dismissed our morning service to attend the dedication service at Corn, Okla. We



Mr. and Mrs. John Schlichenmeyer of Bismarck, N. Dak., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

rejoice with them in the lovely new church and parsonage that have been dedicated to the Lord's service. March 13th marked another special day for our church, since the pastors and representatives of our Oklahoma Association met for the purpose of ordaining our pastor into the Gospel ministry.

Viola Schanz, Reporter.

Ordination of Rev. Gerald Neugebauer at Gotebo, Oklahoma

At the invitation of the Salem Baptist Church, Gotebo, Oklahoma, the six other churches—Okeene, Bessie, Ingersoll, Corn, Loyal and Shattuck—of the Oklahoma Association gathered on the afternoon of March 13 to consider the advisability of ordaining Mr. Gerald Neugebauer into the Gospel ministry. The Council consisted of 20 members. Rev. Jack Block of Corn served as the permanent chairman during the Council session. The candidate gave a clear statement of his conversion, call into the ministry and his doctrinal beliefs.

At the ordination service the guest speaker was Rev. Douglas H. Gallagher of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. Rev. Eleon Sandau of Loyal led in the ordination prayer. Rev. David Keiry of Bessie gave the charge to the candidate, Rev. LeRoy Schauer of Shattuck extended the hand of fellowship into the ministry, and Rev. Jack Block gave the charge to the church. Rev. Gerald Neugebauer led in the closing prayer and benediction. Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Neugebauer were previously members of the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas, Texas, in which

city he attended school. Since January of this year they are the new pastor's family at the Salem Baptist Church at Gotebo.

LeRoy Schauer, Council Sec'y

Northwestern Conference

25th Anniversary of Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

By God's grace we of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis., were recently privileged to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our church. On March 3, 1932 a group of 49 Baptists organized a church which began meeting in a rented store. It soon outgrew this place of meeting; so in 1938 the men of the church built our present edifice.

To celebrate the occasion all the former pastors were invited. From Feb. 27 to March 3 special services were held. This included a Women's Night, Men's Night, Family Banquet and special services throughout the Sunday. The former pastors present were Rev. H. Hiller, Rev. F. Veninga and Dr. J. Leypoldt. Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary, spoke during the Sunday School hour and the C. B. Y. meeting.

The closing service on Sunday evening found our church much too small with the sister churches of Milwaukee coming to be with us. Greetings were brought by the pastors, Rev. R. Woyke, Rev. J. Kroeker, Rev. H. Tietjen and Dr. Ezra Roth of the State Convention.

God has richly blessed Bethany in the past 25 years and we are assured of his continued blessing. Rev. Wilmer Quiring is our present pastor.

Evelyn Schalin, Reporter.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Our character is but the stamp on our souls of the free choices of good and evil we have made through life."

—Geike

Leadership Course and Revival at Appleton, Minnesota

The First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn., recently held special classes, especially for the teachers of the Sunday School, although anyone who was interested could attend. Our topic was "You Can Teach." Rev. John Ziegler, our pastor, ably conducted our sessions. We feel as a class that we have gained much by attending. Sixteen took the course, nine of whom were eligible to take the final test for credit.

Special meetings were held at our church in Appleton from March 11 to 17, under the able direction of Rev. Herbert Vetter of Isabel, S. Dak. Very earnestly he pleaded for many to accept Christ as Savior. God's love for the sinner was clearly portrayed, and hearts were moved as we earnestly prayed. May the Holy Spirit working in our lives continue the work of winning souls for His Kingdom!

Esther Ullsted, Clerk.



—Schielke Studio Photo

Pastors at the 25th anniversary program of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., focus their attention on a picture of Christ.

Left to right: Rev. Wilmer Quiring, Dr. John Leypoldt, Rev. Frank Veninga and Rev. Herbert Hiller.

Eastern Conference

Recognition of Immanuel Baptist Church, St. Catharines, Ontario

Sunday, Feb. 24, marked an important event in the life of the Baptist Congregation in St. Catharines, Ontario. It was a wonderful day of many blessings for all who participated. In the morning, the Council representing delegates of the nearby churches — Toronto, Kitchener and Hamilton — met in order to determine whether the church should be received into the North American Baptist Conference.

The Council elected Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Winnipeg as chairman, and Rev. P. Scherer of Toronto as Clerk. Mr. Strohschein of St. Catharines presented the church's views with regard to the doctrines of the Bible. Following this, the Council withdrew for discussion and agreed on recognition. Rev. Ph. Scherer, acting as Clerk, informed the congregation with joyful words about the acceptance.

In the afternoon, an impressive recognition service was held in the Mennonite Brethren Church. Rev. J. Wahl read the Scripture passage and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn brought the message, while Rev. Mr. Gutsche led in prayer. The choirs from Kitchener and Hamilton rendered selections. Words of hearty welcome were spoken by guests from Rochester, Kitchener, Hamilton and Toronto. Mr. Strohschein thanked all guests in warm and hearty words. It is our prayer that this small group may grow in the future.

Rudi Walter, Reporter.

WE, THE WOMEN

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hands, praying hands, beautiful hands, willing hands, performing labors of love for those of her loved ones who are utmost in her thoughts. We would all readily say, "That is the story of my mother's hands." My fondest memories of my own mother are of her devotion to us as a family and her desire to be a Christian witness in her church and community.

As we re-read Proverbs 31:10-31, I am sure that we will go forth with a greater determination to be better women.

FIRE DESTROYS SCHOOL

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It was selfish but I was happy to see my typewriter and then sometime later my good fountain pen. The losses, of course, are considerable but when I think of the amount that was removed in such a short space of time, I marvel. They were such things as typewriters, some school desks, a duplicopy machine, some files, some White Cross baby gowns and blankets, and many books. (When I close my eyes I can still see books being thrown out of the window.) We praise God for those things that were saved. We depend on him to replace the needful things or to help us to accomplish his work without them.

It was about 7:00 P.M. when we stopped to eat, which means that the fire had done its damage and was no longer dangerous in a matter of 2½ hours. I have found a much deeper meaning in I Cor. 3:15 during this experience.

Obituary

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

MRS. KATHRINA KLEIN of Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Kathrina Klein of Shattuck, Okla., was born in Russia on October 5, 1871, and passed away on February 15, 1957, at the age of 85. She came to America in 1894. She was united in marriage in 1895 to David Klein. To this union four children were born: Ida, Mrs. G. F. Klein, Herington, Kansas; Theresa, Mrs. William Steinley, Gate, Oklahoma; David D. Kline, Alva, Oklahoma; and Alex Kline, Shattuck, Oklahoma.

In 1921 she became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck. Her husband preceded her in death. She was an active member and ardent supporter of the church until her illness made it impossible. Besides the four children, one brother, Gottfried Longhofer of Shattuck, and 12 grandchildren mourn her passing. Burial was in the Ebenezer Baptist Cemetery.

Shattuck, Oklahoma

LeROY SCHAUER, Pastor.

MRS. MAGDALENE OPP of Harvey, North Dakota.

Mrs. Magdalene Opp of Harvey, N. Dak., died on Feb. 24th at the Harvey Hospital. She was 65 years old. She was born on Jan. 18, 1892 at Eureka, S. Dak. She was married to Mr. Peter Engel in 1912 at McClusky, N. Dak. Her first husband preceded her in death on May 19, 1949. On June 14, 1951 she was married to Mr. John Opp, who also preceded her in death in April 1955. Mrs. Opp came to North Dakota in 1906 and settled at McClusky and lived there until 1926 when they came to Harvey.

She leaves to mourn three step-children: John C. Opp of Chassley, N. Dak.; Frieda (Mrs. Dave Tessman) of Goodrich, N. Dakota, and Lorraine (Mrs. Leonard Rau) of Bowdon, N. Dak. She also leaves 7 sisters who mourn her homegoing.

Mrs. Opp was a very faithful Christian and worker in her church, the Bethel Church of Harvey, of which she was a charter member. She was also a faithful member of the Woman's Mission Circle.

Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, North Dakota

JOHN C. KASTELEIN, Pastor.

MRS. BERTHA DECHENT of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Bertha Dechent of Sheboygan, Wis., was born on June 6, 1877, in Germany. In 1899 she came to America with her parents and resided in the city of Sheboygan, Wis. On Sept. 21, 1897 she was united in marriage to Jacob Dechent. To this union five children were born.

She had been a charter member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, and through the years gave repeated evidence of a genuine Christian experience and a deep faith in her Lord and Savior. She passed away quietly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Boettner, on March 21, 1957, reaching the age of 79 years, 10 months, and 15 days.

Survivors are four daughters: Leona, Mabel, Irene and Edna; one son, Arno; also three sisters: Mrs. John Degen, Mrs. Charles Kohls and Mrs. William Mohr; and four brothers: Robert, Otto, Ernst and Emil. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

FRED W. MASHNER, Pastor.

NOREEN SUE JANSEN of George, Iowa.

Little Noreen Sue Jansen of George, Iowa, daughter of Alice and the late Henry Jansen, was born at the Sibley Hospital on Dec. 4, 1954. It pleased our heavenly Father, in his wise providence, to take this tender plant and to transplant it in his heavenly Garden above. She quietly fell asleep at the St. Joseph Hospital, Sioux

City, Iowa, on March 7, 1957 after a short illness of a few hours. She had reached the age of 2 years, 3 months and 3 days, and is now with the Lord Jesus.

She leaves to mourn her passing her mother, Alice Jansen, one sister, Marvella; one brother, Arnold; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hellery Krull; and many relatives and friends. Little Noreen had been the joy of the Jansen home.

Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa

Mrs. Kenneth Harms, Reporter.
R. F. D. 1, George, Iowa

MR. BEN G. SCHRICK of George, Iowa.

Mr. Ben G. Schrick of George, Iowa, was born on January 13, 1874 at Bearta, Netherlands. He passed away at his home in George on March 7th.

In his youth he came to Grundy County, Iowa, and a few years later to Lyon County. He became a member of the Central Baptist Church of George, Ia., on Feb. 15, 1931. On Dec. 24, 1900, he was united in marriage to Martha H. Kruse. This union was blessed with 12 children, 8 of whom remain to mourn his passing, namely: Anna, Mrs. Peter F. Duin; Clara, Mrs. Henry DeGroot; Alma, at home; Richard; Irene, Mrs. Ben Siebrands; Martha, Mrs. Elmer Kersten; Melvin; Ruth, Mrs. John F. Tirrel; and the daughters-in-law, Mrs. George Schrick, Mrs. Richard Schrick and Mrs. Melvin Schrick. Also 26 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren survive.

Those preceding him in death are his wife, Martha; 4 sons, Helmer, Rafeert, Bennie and George; his parents; a younger brother, Geerd, who died in the Netherlands; an older brother, Richard of Watertown, S. D., who passed away in December 1955.

Funeral services were held for Mr. Schrick from his home and the Central Church with Rev. J. A. Brygger, pastor, officiating.

Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa

Mrs. Kenneth Harms, Reporter.

MRS. SOPHIA NEUHARTH of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Sophia Neuharth of Lodi, Calif., was born March 2, 1875 in Russia. As a child she came to the United States, settling at Yankton, S. Dak. She lived in Plum Creek, S. Dak.; in Greeley, Colo.; and from 1907 until 1948 in Washburn, N. Dak. In 1948 she came to Lodi, California.

In 1894 she was united in marriage with Mr. Samuel Neuharth, who preceded her in death in 1954. Twelve children were born to them, of whom four preceded their mother in death. At the age of 18 she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. Since coming to Lodi she was a member of the First Baptist Church. She passed away on Sunday evening, Feb. 24, 1957 to be with her Lord.

She leaves to mourn her children: Mrs. Amelia Kulk and Mrs. Bertha Bryan of Lodi; Mrs. Hilda Hoffman, Reinhold Neuharth and Eldor Neuharth, all of Chico, Calif.; William Neuharth of New Rockford, N. Dak.; Mrs. Pauline Schlichenmeyer of Bismarck, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Louise Heitzman of Parkston, S. Dak.; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

MRS. LYDIA MILLER of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Lydia Miller, nee Strobel, of Lodi, Calif., was born on May 28, 1890 at Bethune, Colorado. In 1913 she moved to Turtle Lake, N. Dak., with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Christian Strobel. In 1930 she came to Lodi, Calif., with her family and resided here until she was called to her eternal home.

In 1915 she was united in marriage with John J. Miller with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of life for 42 years. One daughter was born to them. In 1914 she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and joined the Turtle Lake Baptist Church. In Lodi she was a member of the First Baptist Church. She was a very active member of the Woman's Missionary Society and contributed much in time and effort as well as material things for the furtherance of the Gospel and the welfare of the needy and the missionaries.

She passed away very quietly in her firm faith in Jesus Christ on March 14, 1957. She reached the age of 66 years, 9 months and 16 days. She is survived by her beloved husband, John J. Miller, and one daughter, Mrs. Lorine Meidinger of Mountain View, Calif., and two grandchildren.

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

REV. J. R. MATZ of Randolph, Minnesota.

Rev Julius Richard Matz of Randolph, Minn., was born Oct. 30, 1877, in Wolhynien, Kreizitomir, Russia. He went to his eternal rest on March 16, 1957, at the age of 79 years, 4 months and 16 days. At the age of 10, he emigrated to America with his parents, who settled at Madison, S. Dak. In 1899 he moved to Goodrich, N. Dak., where he homesteaded.

At the age of 23 he gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized that same year. In due time the Lord called him into the Gospel ministry. Thus he enrolled as a student in the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., in 1908, and was graduated in 1914. On June 4, 1914, he was united in marriage to Sarah E. Groinske. To this union three children were born. One daughter, Wilma, and his wife, preceded him in death.

During his ministry he served churches in Brady, Mont., 1914 to 1916; Tabor, Idaho, 1916 to 1918; Ableman, Wis., 1918 to 1921; Hilda, Alberta, 1921 to 1925; Rosenfeld, N. Dak., 1925 to 1930; New Leipzig, N. Dak., 1934 to 1938; and Randolph, Minn., 1938 to 1944, after which time he retired and moved to Bismarck, N. Dak. After the death of his wife on March 7, 1956, he came to live at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nathan Lufi, at Randolph.

He is survived by his one son, Raymond C. Matz, of St. Louis Park, Minn.; and one daughter, Edna, Mrs. Nathan Lufi of Randolph, Minn., and five grandchildren. He was laid to rest in the North Freedom Cemetery, North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Randolph, Minnesota

BERT ITTERMANN, Pastor.

THE EMERALD NECKLACE

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The revolver again prodded his ribs and a gruff voice said, "Not so fast young man, not so fast!"

As John called her name he thought Kathryn moved slightly.

The high-pitched voice then said, "Let her talk now."

His aide removed the blindfold and untied the gag. Except for the deep purple shadows under her eyes, her face was deathly pale.

"Let her loose," John commanded, his voice shaking with wrath.

"In time, young man. Be patient." The leader took the floor and before John's amazed eyes he laid two articles on the table. One was the seed pearl evening bag and the other was the jewel case.

"A little search of your room, Mr. Rowland, revealed these! You have doubtless seen them before. Now, there is only one thing we ask of you. And that is, that you deliver to us here the emerald and diamond necklace." He paused for a moment.

"And if I'm unable to deliver such a necklace?" John asked.

"If you are unable to deliver it, which I'm sure is not the case, we have a little performance to give here which will not be enjoyed either by this young lady or yourself. You understand chemistry, Mr. Rowland?" John nodded.

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Spice of Life

"No one is entirely useless. Even the worst of us can serve as a horrible example."

"Quote" says "women's hats are always different because no one likes to make the same mistake twice."

The Sunday rider realizes how civilized the suburbs have become when he finds out how far out he has to drive to show the children a cow.

"Every one of God's creatures is here for a useful purpose. Now what do we learn from the mosquito, Willie?"

"We learn from the mosquito," answered Willie, "how easy it is to get stung."

A motorist stopped to talk with a farmer erecting a small building near the road.

"What're you building?" he asked.

"Wal, I tell ya," said the farmer, "if'n I can rent it after it's up, it's a rustic cottage; but if'n I can't it's a cow shed."

On a Miami-New York flight was a lively youngster who nearly drove everyone crazy. He was running up and down the aisle when the stewardess started serving coffee and ran smack into her, knocking the coffee to the floor. As he stood watching her

clean up the mess, she glanced up at the boy and said, "Look, why don't you run outside and play?"

Chemistry Professor: What can you tell me about nitrates?

Student: Well—er—they're a lot cheaper than day rates!

A farmer had just made a purchase of a bushel of grass seed. "Is this seed guaranteed?" he asked.

"Guarantee the seed?" the merchant replied. "I should say so! If that seed doesn't grow, bring it back and we'll refund you your money".

Tom: My wife is trying to reduce. This morning she touched the floor with her chin without bending her knees.

Harry: How did she ever do that?

Tom: Fell out of bed.

The young minister was greeted enthusiastically by an old lady who expressed her appreciation of his sermons. "You can never know what your service meant to me," she exclaimed. "It was just like water to a drowning man!"

The private was making a strong plea for a furlough on the ground that his wife needed him at home. Finally his commanding officer asked: "Do you place your wife before your duty to your country?"

Replied the private: "There are 11 million men taking care of my country, but as far as I know I'm the only one taking care of my wife." He got his furlough.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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dreams of; wherefore let thy voice rise like a fountain for me night and day." We do not know whether Lot ever discovered why he was saved from the fiery judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah. The divine truth of Abraham's intercessory prayer is nevertheless brought to us in a simple, yet wonderful, expression: "God remembered Abraham."

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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interrupted work in Baptist churches in Budapest has been resumed. None of the pastors suffered any injury during recent events. But two of the Baptist church buildings in Budapest were damaged, one of them badly. Many Baptist homes suffered damage. "We thank you for praying for us," one writes. "We felt it and we feel it. Please continue to pray for us. When the dangerous days were past, the churches began to have their prayer meetings and services. We may say that now we live our regular church life. The work in our seminary was resumed on January 3. Notwithstanding the difficulties we look with good hope to the future."

● **Baptists in Japan.** In 1955 there were more baptisms in Baptist churches of Japan than in any previous year. However, "The Commission," foreign mission publication of the Southern Baptist Convention (U. S.A.) says: "The very threat of international complications makes it extremely necessary for Baptists to make a maximum effort in Japan now." The Japan Baptist Convention leaders last year launched "Operation Evangelism Advance," a program of expansion designed to accomplish in two years what had previously been planned for five. "The Commission" says: "... we must not fail to spend ourselves in prayer in money, and in dedicated lives for Japan's salvation."

● **Ralph J. Montanus, known as "America's blind evangelist,"** has been installed as pastor of the interracial Bethany Baptist Church, Jamaica, New York. He is the first blind minister of a Baptist church in New York City. Dr. Montanus is founder and president of the Gospel Association of the Blind which he established in 1947, seven years after he himself became blind. It specializes in the publication of Gospel literature in Braille. Montanus said he accepted the call "to make this church a demonstration center of real Christianity in an interracial setting." Too many "once great churches," he said, "are closing their door in the face of what they regard 'an insuperable problem'; that is, the changing racial make-up of their neighborhood."

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