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A Thankful Heart!

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> Psalms of Praise A Nation Rich Toward God Defeat or Victory in Japan

- The Pocket Testament League, which has distributed the Scriptures to people of many nationalities, from U. S. servicemen to the Mau Mau of East Africa, has a new target. It will distribute Scriptures in the German language among the 500,000 men in the new West German army. It has already completed the initial distribution of 50,000 Gospels, and 5,000 New Testaments are also being supplied for those who sign the Pocket Testament League agreement to carry and read them daily.
- When families move into the Lakeview community on Chicago's North Side, they can expect a friendly visit from the "Lamplighter." That's the person assigned to invite newcomers in the neighborhood to attend the church of their choice. Eight Protestant churches of various denominations have joined in this project, called LAMP (Lakeview Associated Ministry of Protestants). They are determined that every newcomer will receive an invitation to attach himself to some church in the community. Every block his its own "Lamplighter.'
- In Eritrea, East Africa, a lady, aged 90, felt justified recently, in taking a half-day holiday. Mrs. Vinguist, together with her husband, had labored for 60 years to translate the entire Bible into Tigrinya. Only when the final proofs had been read, the little lady relaxed-for half a day! Almost blind now, she believes that "idleness is a crime" as long as there is work to be
- In Austria, the number of Protestants has risen steadily for the past 12 years-from 330,000 in 1945 to 420,000 today. The increase has been ascribed chiefly to conversions from Roman Catholicism. Bishop May of Vienna, a Protestant, reports that relationships with Catholics have undergone a fundamental change—for the first time in the country's history the two confessions have cooperated in the pastoral care of soldiers and refugees. Nevertheless, the Protestant Church has not yet obtained legal equality with the Roman Church.
- 6 In Australia, Postmaster General C. W. Davidson kept his promise to issue new postage stamps that would "emphasize the spiritual significance of Christmas." Two stamps will be released in time for pre-holiday mail. one a 31/2-pence red and a 4-pence purple. The design pictures the Star of Bethlehem and a symbolic figure of a child at prayer, adapted from a painting by the English master Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792). The postmaster, in his announcement of the new stamps, pointed out that the two denominations together equal the postage rate

- for an ordinary letter to most foreign countries.
- Approximately 2,500 persons helped Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, celebrate its 80th anniversary at a rally in Conrad Hilton Hotel on October 13. The Mission, two blocks away from the Michigan Avenue hotel in a Skid Row district of the Windy City, is the nation's second oldest, the McAuley Water Street Mission, New York City, being older by five years. Prior to the rally message by Vance Havner, Superintendent Harry G. Saulnier announced that in the Mission's 80th year over 8,000 persons had made professions of faith in Christ in the men's and women's divisions and in the Servicemen's Center. Total attendance at mission gospel meetings was 180,909 and 122,959 meals were served to Skid Row victims.
- The complete and authentic story of the history-making Billy Graham New York Crusade has been released by Zondervan Publishing House. Authored by George Burnham and Lee Fisher, staff members of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Billy Graham and the New York Crusade is the fact-packed report of the behindthe-scenes proparation and prayer which went into the early planning of the Crusade, many human interest stories of those who were affected directly and indirectly by the Crusade, the truth about the results of the Crusade, etc. In addition, a striking biographical sketch of Billy Graham, providing an intimate look into his family life, his devotional life, his recreational activities, his theology, etc., is provided. The new book will be reviewed later by the "Baptist Herald."

Baptist Briefs

- O Southern Baptists in New York City. Dr. Paul S. James, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, for the last 16 years, has been appointed by the Home Mission Board, as director of Southern Baptist work in the greater New York area. He has also become pastor of the Southern Bapt'st Chapel group in New York, which presently meets at the 23rd Street YMCA in downtown Manhattan and will soon be organized as the first Scuthern Baptist church in New York
- Baptist Youth of Argentina. Morethan 2,000 people gathered in Rosario, Argentina, for the 27th Baptist Youth Convention, August 14-17. The young people in attendance made an offering of 60,000 pesos (about \$1,500) for the national mission board. The Rev. Samuel O. Libert, age 30, pastor of the South Bapt'st Church of Rosario, was elected president of the Convention.
- O Green Lake Assembly. The 15th anniversary season of the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., will be held in 1958. The Assembly's executive secretary, Dr. Richard Hoiland, traces the growth of the assembly from 1944 when 3,273 persons attended 10 conferences to 1956 when 24,154

THANKSGIVING AND SACRI-FICE WEEK OFFERINGS

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- persons attended 152 conferences, Harlen B. Ives, Detroit, Mich., chairman of the Assembly's Development Committee, reports a current effort to raise \$200,000 from friends of the Assembly to complete \$2,000,000 invested by American Baptists.
- 9 Salta, Argentina. Four missionaries from the Baptist General Conference of America (Swedish) are now in Argentina to open Baptist work in northwest area of Argentina, heretofore banned to Protestant churches. The area is in a "security belt", touching the borders of Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. The four missionaries are Rev. and Mrs. James Hill, and Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Gustafson. The currently are in Salta, the location of Conservative Baptist mission work, while they survey the Northwest Argentine area.
- @ Women's Day of Prayer. Baptist women of a hundred nations around the world will join in prayer December 7, 1957 as the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance observes its annual Day of Prayer, Mrs. George R. Martin, chairman of the BWA Women's Department, says that since the day was set aside in 1950 the Day of Prayer has become "a mighty movement of power for our worldwide fellowship." The program for 1957 has been prepared by the Baptist women of Europe. Already the women of Latin-America are busy with plans for the 1958 program. In 1959 the Baptist women of Africa will plan the program, and in 1960 the women of Australasia will be in charge.

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BE YE THANKFUL!

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m V}$ OU CANNOT hold back the sunshine of a thankful heart. The grace of gratitude always spills over. It is a contagious good cheer. It is a dynamic testimony that warms the cockles of other hearts. It speaks of many things beyond the narrow fences of self. It magnifies God as the Giver of every good gift of life. It is the Christian's living response to the command: "Be Ye Thankful!"

But a Christian's gratitude goes beyond his unswerving response to a divine command. He cannot do otherwise because his love for Christ focuses his entire attention and devotion on his Savior. That kind of thankfulness suggests a constant attitude of mind. It is "the being" of a Christian life. It is the window of a Christian spirit looking outward upon the world. As the redeemed of the Lord, he "must say so" that he is eternally grateful to God for what has been wrought in love and grace for him.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke and the editor recently spent several days in Washington, D. C., at an important Baptist Conference on religious liberty and on Baptist distinctives. Someone remarked that he defined religious liberty as "the atmosphere of Baptists." Thankfulness is a Psalm of praise to God, as we bless the Lord and turn our entire life toward the light of God and the sunshine of his truth.

"Be Ye Thankful!" This also suggests a cooperative, united expression. The pronoun takes in more than one person. It suggests a company of believers, a fellowship of thankful hearts, a symphony of praise. Our gratitude is enhanced as we join hands with others and add our voices to many others in acknowledging God's bounteous gifts to us. Our eyes are opened to behold riches of life that otherwise might have been passed by unnoticed. In our fellowship we are inspired to recount blessings that otherwise would have been forgotten. Thanksgiving is always heartier and more profound when it is the united expression of hearts that are closely knit together as "kindred minds."

Thankfulness pushes self out of the picture and enthrones the Giver in the royal place of prominence. Gratitude suggests obedience to Christ's commission. There is no sincere thankfulness that is not followed by the asking of the question: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Those who hear the command, "Be ye thankful," and in love give their testimony concerning the bounty of God's blessings will be the disciples who will go into the Lord's vineyard, who will go into all the world to preach the Gospel, and who will go wherever the Lord wants them to serve.

This Christian gratitude will find wonderful expression in our churches in the observance of our Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from November 24 to December 1. Together we shall praise God and sing our Psalms of joy for his rich blessings towards us. It will be our testimony of thankfulness that is our spiritual outlook on God "in season and out of season." It will send us forth to do the Lord's bidding, to be obedient to his Great Commission.

Read the stirring story in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" how God has given the victory on various mission fields as the Gospel is faithfully proclaimed. Join with others in shouting forth the Psalms of praise to God. Above everything else, as you think on these things, "Be Ye Thankful!"

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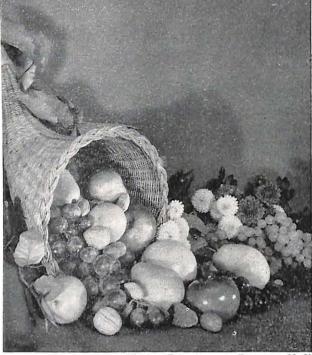
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Let each Christian believer heed the call of the Psalmist
to forget not all of God's benefits.

Psalms of Praise

Whole - hearted Thanksgiving -Psalm 103

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By Rev. Everett Barker, Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon

THE LOFTY and challenging words of the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me," summon each believer to new praise of God. This is a call to whole-hearted thanksgiving. The opening verses of Psalm 103 are among the more familiar Psalms because they repeatedly awaken in us genuine gratitude to God. During this thanksgiving season of church dinners, family gatherings and football games a true emphasis on thanksgiving is needed.

REMINDER OF GOD'S FAVORS

We are reminded to "forget not all his benefits." Forgetting can be a help or a hindrance. It is well for us to forget sorrowful events, hurt feelings and unkind words. Too often things which are better forgotten are kept alive to continue their hurtful effect. The good and wholesome deeds are often quickly forgotten. We all know the embarrassment of forgetting an appointment, a name or an event. God warned Israel about forgetting his goodness on their behalf. Ingratitude prompts the Psalmist to summon us to remember God.

One of the difficulties with our thanksgiving is that its emphasis is upon material blessings. It is true that the peoples of Canada and the United States have been abundantly blessed materially. Thanksgiving for these blessings is proper. However, careful observation of this Psalm reveals that the Psalmist is rejoicing more in spiritual blessings. The Old Testament often equates God's favor with material reward. The New Testament, however, teaches that spiritual blessing is the more important reward of God's favor. This is seen in the life of Christ and in the lives of the early disciples. Thus when our thanksgiving is based upon God's spiritual blessings, it is not subject to the changing fortunes of the world.

In verses 3-5 some of the benefits of

God are expressed. The forgiveness of sin leads the list. The sin problem is settled, and we continue to find forgiveness through confession of sin as 1 John 1:9 tells us. Verse 12 relates the fate of our transgressions: "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." Some Christians need to experience the blessing of this verse because they constantly carry what psychologists call a "guilt complex." If God has removed the sin from us, there is no reason why we should allow the devil to haunt us with it

Another benefit is that the Lord "healeth all thy diseases" which can include sufferings as well. The healing power of God is a teaching of Scripture. God performs healing for which we do not give him credit. Some of our

ailments may be caused by our own outlook on life while others are uncontrollable. God can heal both kinds. A godly woman who is suffering severe pain told the writer recently that, as she is learning to take the pain as in the will of God, the sharpness of the pain is lessened.

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

The love and mercy of the Lord as suggested in verse four recur through the whole Psalm. God is so patient with us, but we are often impatient with God and with fellow-Christians.

This thanksgiving of 1957, let each believer heed the call of the Psalmist to "forget not all his benefits." Let us be whole-heartedly thankful for material blessings but, above all, for the spiritual blessings in our churches and individual lives.

Thanksgiving Message-Psalm 107

By Rev. David Draewell of Auburn, Michigan

EVANGELIST MERV ROSELL once wrote: "Salvation takes us out of the mire and puts us into the choir."

It is true that by experiencing God's deliverance, our cry of distress is exchanged for a hymn of praise. Unfortunately, in many cases this hymn of praise has only one verse. It is sung through once, and then forgotten.

The author of Psalm 107 recognized the brevity of our songs of thanksgiving. He realized that our memory of God's goodness is usually short.

GOD'S DELIVERANCE

He wrote, therefore, this beautiful hymn of thanksgiving. Its theme is revealed in the second verse: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."

The Psalm itself is a succession of

vividly described examples of God's providential deliverance. It speaks of lost travelers wandering in the wilderness. They are hungry, thirsty and faint. They cry to God in their trouble. He answers by leading them to a city of habitation.

It tells of captives bound with bands of iron in the darkness of a prison dungeon. From this shadow of death they plead for God's deliverance. He hears and breaks their bands asunder, setting them free.

It describes those in pain of sickness. As they draw near to the gates of death, anxiously they seek divine help. In response, God heals!

It relates the frightening experience of sailors on a sea voyage in the grip of a furious storm. When they "are at their wit's end," God answers their prayers for deliverance and "he bring-

eth them out of their distress."

After each of these examples of God's love and care, the Psalmist sends forth this pleading refrain: "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

GOD'S GOODNESS

The last part of the Psalm reveals God's providential workings in a variety of ways for the benefit of men. As a final observation the author adds: "Whoso is wise and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord."

Appreciation of God's goodness comes only through a conscious effort to see his hand in every experience of life. As we do this, our hearts will cry to God, not only in prayers of petition, but also with expressions of praise.

There was once a non-Christian family who never bowed their heads before eating to thank God for his provision for their needs. One day a pious uncle came to spend his vacation at their home. During his stay he was asked to say grace before every meal.

The morning after he left, however, the family, with the exception of eight-year-old Danny, sat down at the table and began immediately to eat breakfast. Little Danny with a puzzled look on his face whispered to his father, "Is there no God today, Daddy?"

The question so earnestly asked by his son stirred the father to make a habit of expressing his thanks to God before every meal. May the 107th Psalm also stimulate each of us to give constant expression of our thanksgiving and praise to God!

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good."

Accents on Praise-Psalm 145

By Rev. Rubin Herrmann of Tyndall, South Dakota

A MONG ALL the Psalms, this is David's "crown jewel of praise." David the "beloved of Jehovah," offers this praise with an experienced background as soldier, shepherd, poet, statesman, priest, prophet, king, the romantic friend, the chivalrous leader, and the devoted father, all in one. There is no vocation in life which, when reflected upon, does not give cause for rejoicing in the Lord.

GREAT PRAISE FOR A GREAT GOD

When one studiously contemplates the greatness of our God, one is engulfed with unsearchable wonder. The most competent scholars of all ages have not been able to fathom God's true greatness. He is past finding out. The Psalmist simply declares, "His greatness is unsearchable." While we do not fully comprehend the fullness of God, yet he deserves praise beyond all we can render. A great God requires great praise. Does our adoration adequately express the magnanimity of our God.

The Psalmist solemnly vows, "I will declare thy greatnes." Would that our lives might not contradict our lips but enunciate clearly the sublimity of our God! Too often we are guilty of smug

Remember God With Gratitude during the THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

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silence when we should cry a loud hallelujah for "thy wondrous works."

Too frequently it appears below our dignity to speak forth with holdness.

Too frequently it appears below our dignity to speak forth with boldness. Notice here, "All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness." May our lives through conversation, song and conduct be a constant hymn of praise unto our great God!

"The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing." God alone is the Provider. We wait and he gives. How often God has looked down upon his dear children who expectantly gaze at him through eyes of faith and he has provided food for them. At this Thanksgiving season we are reminded of the hand of his bounty that has been so freely opened to us. He has withheld nothing. How much do we return to him in grateful praise?

PRAISE FOR ALL TIMES

The realm of free grace is likewise encompassed here. He supplies the meat which endures to everlasting life. "For whosoever calleth upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Not only is our salvation near at hand but the God of our salvation will not suffer his people to lose his precious presence. "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him . . . in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he will hear their cry and save them."

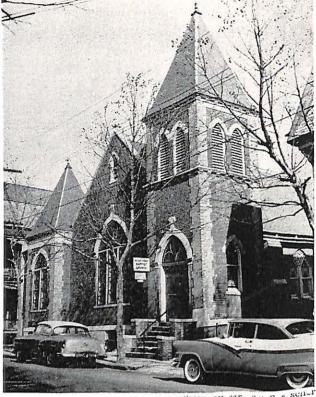
The first step to grace is to have the desire for grace. How reassuring to know that God has placed that longing there so that he might be able to satisfy it. Thus he has promised to hear before we call. His promise to help is reserved to such who avoid false pretense of hypocrisy. He is never far removed from those who look to him in open-hearted truthfulness and love.

Praise and thanksgiving are not to be expressed one day of the year. "Every day will I bless thee" ought to be our motto too. "One generation shall praise thy works to another." David began by saying, "I will bless thee." Now it includes multitudes of every generation. To bless God is to praise God with a personal affection for him. It is not by proxy but by self-participation.

This life is too brief to adequately express our adoration toward him. Therefore David begins and ends this Psalm by looking into an eternity of praise. May we not be lost in the silence of ingratitude but "let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever."



"The eyes of all wait upon thee, O God; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing" (Psalm 145:15-16).



The Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., of which Rev. Lenox G. Palin is the pastor.

the living God, who giveth us richly

all things to enjoy" (I Timothy 6:17).

has been good. Indeed, let us give him

thanks ". . . seeing he giveth to all

life, and breath, and all things" (Acts

Yes, Americans will be thanking God

for the plenty that he has permitted

them, for the health, the homes, the

jobs, the possessions, and the advan-

tages. Thanks will be offered for that

which is not possessed as well, for the

absence of disease, of death, of dic-

The question may well be asked,

"Do not even the Communists the

same?" Is this Thanksgiving for "bread

PILGRIMS' THANKSGIVING

giving. If the early settlers had thought

of thanking God for their plenty, there

would never have been a Thanksgiv-

ing. Scarcity was their lot. Sickness

and bereavement were their prospect.

The modern man might well ask,

"Whatever occasioned them to have a

The answer is clear. Theirs was not

a temporal Thanksgiving that might

one day perish with its materialistic

causes. Theirs was an Eternal Thanks-

giving, for it was caused by their re-

lationship to the Lord. That would

never change. In scarcity their Savior

Contrast this with that first Thanks-

tatorships, of war.

Thanksgiving Day?"

alone"

"Charge them that are rich in this had become increasingly precious. world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in

A MERICANS are the richest people on the face of the globe today. Dr and Matt. 6:25). Those with Paul and Silas were able Billy Graham was precise when he frequently stated from the Madison Square Garden platform in New York City that the poorest in America are richer than even the wealthiest of always to rejoice in Christ? some lands. Prosperity and material advantage abound on every hand. God

OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving, like Mother's Day,

Even "Christians" act as if God ought to be glad that they are usually

The attitude of some is that Thanks-

A Nation Rich Toward God

A Thanksgiving Message for 1957

By Rev. Lenox G. Palin, Pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

Daily they were thrilled to learn the sweet reality of such verses as: "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want," and "Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" (Ps. 23:1

to sing praises to God at the midnight hour, because by faith they knew the Lord Jesus in his resurrection power. Friend, do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? Are you able

Father's Day and Children's Day, serves to remind us of what should be true every day of the year. The depth and genuineness of the observance of Thanksgiving can be measured most effectively by the daily expressions of gratitude. As a nation we show forth our lack of genuine thanksgiving by a flood of filthy literature on the news stands, by a crime bill of 16 billion dollars, by giving only one cent of every dollar for religion or charity, and by having only one-half of our citizens affiliated in any way with a

present on Sunday morning and he ought not to expect their worship on Sunday evening or mid-week. Oh, yes, we love the Lord, we say, but the reluctance to attend a special Thanksgiving or Christmas service speaks even louder. The fat turkey and the football tussle are adequate symbols of the true heart Thanksgiving of many. The majority have not learned the truth that the goodness of God is both to lead to repentance and to give us opportunity to seek after God (Romans 2:4 and Acts 17:27).

giving is unimportant in God's eyes. After all, God is not dependent upon what we offer (Psalm 50:9-12). However, the same Psalm commands in verse 14, "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High," and instructs in verse 23, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me."

Jesus Christ forever settled the question of the importance of thanking him when, as it is recorded in Luke 17, he cleansed ten lepers and only one returned to offer thanks, and Jesus with a longing heart said,"Where are the nine?"

Though God's ways are far above our ways, he desires our thanks. No matter what the circumstances, if one has been cleansed of his sin as the leper was of his leprosy, he will offer to Jesus continual praise. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" (Psalm 107:2).

NECESSITY OF THANKSGIVING

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God." (Psalm 9:12).

"God is not in all his thoughts" (Psalm 10:4).

America as a nation has forgotten God. "In God We Trust" my be on the coins, but it is not stamped upon lives that God loves. Some may pledge allegiance to "one nation under God," but many know not the God of whom

Religion is more popular than ever before. Easy consecration is being offered. The rich, prosperous, and indulgent nation prays in thanksgiving the prayer of the Pharisee, "I thank thee that I am not as other men are," and then proceeds to boast of its own ac-

America too shall go down to her house not justified, not right with (Continued on Page 22)

Defeat? or Victory! in the Land of the Rising Sun

A Missionary Challenge by Rev. Clemence Auch of Ise, Japan



A Shinto god-shelf or "kamidana", usually found in homes or business offices in Japan with the altar covered with sacrifices to the gods left by the Shinto worshippers.

TAPAN IS AGAIN making its debut into world affairs. To most of us it is surprising that a country with an area approximately that of California can make its influence felt around the world. It is even more surprising when we consider there are very few raw materials in Japan and that she must import food for her people continually.

How do we as a Baptist Mission fit into this picture of making our influence felt worldwide or even "Japanwide." When we think of Japan as a mission field, we must not consider this land as primitive, unspecialized and far below our American standard of living. Japan has a civilization much older than our own. Japan is specialized to a greater extent than the United States. Every tradesman is a specialist to the extent that he does not know how to carry on the trade of another

INDIFFERENT RESPONSE

"Do it yourself" kits find no market here. The home-owner gets a plumber to repair his water lines, a special man to repair the toilet, an electrician to add a light fixture, a carpenter to repair that window which does not operate properly, a gardener to trim his trees and hedges, and, if he can afford it, a maid to clean his home. Many are building new homes according to American or European styles. More and more families are buying cars, and the average Japanese is a good photographer and somewhat of a real artist. How do we fit into this situation with

Spiritually we can also make comparisons. If we ask some of the Japanese, "Why are you a Buddhist?" or "Why are you a Shintoist?" many respond similar to some Americans if you ask them "Why are you a Methodist?" or "Why are you a Baptist?"

Why? Because my father was a Buddhist or Shintoist. Many know little of their own religions and seem very indifferent to spiritual things.

Herein lies the greatest problem of a missionary. It has been the experience of our mission to witness an eagerness among some of them to be fervent Christians and then, after a time, they grow cold and participate in Christianity as they had done in their former religions. They come for special events, but otherwise feel it not necessary to come.

For some, Christianity is a convenient way to become recognized by a group. As a Buddhist they are one among many but, because the Christian groups are as yet small in Japan, it is easier to become "more important" in this small group. In order to achieve this goal, they assume the role of a fervent Christian and are able cleverly to deceive the missionary who is slow to detect some of their subtlety. Thus when the Lord deals with such Christians, the missionary can become despondent and even come to think that no one can be fully trusted, that every word must be doubted, and that every act must be investigated as to its validity.

RELIGIOUS SECTS

Another factor which the Japan missionary must consider is that some are willing to accept Christianity and then add it to the collection of others they follow. Thus Christianity becomes just another religion. It is not uncommon to find people who are Buddhists and

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Gratitude is not only the memory but the homage of the heart-rendered to God for his goodness".-N. T. Willis

Shintoists, who also belong to some sect of either or both. One of the strongest sects with which we are confronted especially in Ise city is "Tenrikyo.'

"Tenrikyo" seeks to synchronize Christianity, Buddhism and any other religion that may exist. To them you may be a Christian as well as a Tenrikyo. Christ is one way to God. They tell us that, as there are many approaches one may take to reach the summit of a mountain, so it is with truth, and one may also approach God in the same way. Christ is one way, Buddha is another, and so on until all are included.

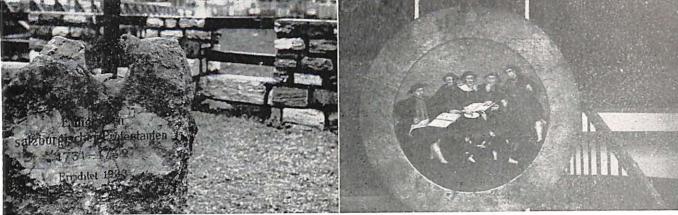
Other obstacles are also presented which must be dealt with by the missionaries in Japan. There are the "rice Christians" who are Christians as long as you help them in material ways There are the skeptics. There are also the honest seekers who long to hear God and who open their hearts and are beginning to flower and who soon by the grace of God, bear fruit unto him, our marvelous God

SHINING CHRISTIAN LIGHTS

In viewing the obstacles, let us not become confused or discouraged. These obstacles may be compared with an ascent up a mountain. So long as we stand at the foot of the mountain and contemplate the costs, difficulties, trials, failures and how tired we shall get, we shall never reach the summit. The Psalmist tells us (Ps. 121:1a-2): "I will lift up mine eyes-my help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth," including Japan and its millions. The obstacles can be overcome. They will be met as missionary and the people of our home churches assume our responsibility and go forward in the strength of God.

There is at present a nucleus of

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The memorial stone in Austria with the inscription, "Emigration of Salzburger Protestants, 1731-1732", which marks a chapter in the story of the Persecution of Protestants in Austria. The "Salzlecker Tisch" or table is shown at the right.

Mission Challenges in Austria

By Dr. W. J. Appel of Salzburg, Austria, Director of the Austrian Mission Field

people at Lake Minnetonka in Minnesota that the late Professor Lewis Kaiser, at one time professor of our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., gave a missionary address in which he suggested three simple statements that aptly present the challenge for missionary effort in the beautiful country of Austria today.

The first statement was "God Commands It." As effective as the Great Commission was to those who first heard the words spoken by the Master, so has it stirred the hearts of a little group of devoted witnesses in Austria who, in spite of difficulties and hardships, continue faithfully to render obedience to their Lord, because "God Commands It."

AUSTRIA'S SPIRITUAL NEEDS

The second statement was "The World Needs It." With a population of nearly 6,500,000 people, 86 per cent of whom are counted members of the Roman Catholic Church, according to recent figures only two per cent of these people evidence any active interest. With great cathedrals throughout the land, churches in every community, and countless wayside shrines dotting the countryside, as well as crucifixes and images of saints everywhere in evidence, there is a pitiable lack of personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Despite this lack, there is a readiness on the part of many of the Austrian people to enter into conversation on religious matters. Many an invitation to visit their homes and discuss such questions has given the missionary the opportunity of telling the Good News of fellowship with a living Savier. This ofttimes leads to the formation of little groups meeting quietly in homes. where the Gospel seed is sown. Though much patience and persistence are required, many glorious Gospel victories are the fruits of such ceaseless labors.

The last statement of Professor Kaiser was "You Can Do It." Not in a spirit of boasting but in all humility, men and women in Austria with a personal experience with Jesus Christ have

done for them. In spite of the difficulties and hardships, these faithful workers, encouraged by the prayers and support of fellow-believers in other countries, have believed that Christ's command applies to them. The evident blessing of God upon this ministry of witnessing has been a constant challenge patiently and faithfully to tell of Christ's loving invitation to the weary and heavy-laden.

PERSECUTION OF BELIEVERS

As in every endeavor to obey Christ's Great Commission, so in Austria there are obstacles to be met and overcome. The same enemy using somewhat different tactics, is active here. The Christian Gospel has faced unusual and sometimes treacherous experiences through centuries past, which have left their mark and which must be seriously reckoned with in the life and work of the present.

In a town in the southeastern section of Austria stands a memorial stone with the inscription, "Emigration of Salzburger Protestants, 1731-1732." Here our guide related a chapter in the story of religious persecution of Protestants in Austria. A group of humble farmer folk were called upon to renounce their faith or leave the country forever. Five of their number, representing the larger group of more than twenty thousand who refused to recant, gathered about a historic table, known as the "Salzlecker Tisch, where they took what was known as the "Salt Oath," with the result that a great company were forced to leave their worldly possessions and emigrate to other countries.

This is only one incident of persecution among many in this land and, with gratitude to God, these examples of loyalty are a matter of history in a day when such persecution is unknown. Yet subtle opposition by the majority religious group in Austria still persists, causing fear and intimidation among the people.

Another difficulty we face in our work in Austria is the lack of workers. The ministry here is distinctively misgone forth constrained to tell their fel- sionary. The pastor of our Salzburg

TT WAS AT AN assembly of young lowmen what great things God has Baptist Church reports that he could use the services of six missionary workers in his area. Under the direction of our Vienna Church, a cottage meeting for Bible study and prayer is held at a different place every evening of the week. This gives the opportunity for meeting individuals who in the beginning might hesitate to attend a service at the church.

> With the 30,000 refugees who came into Austria following the Second World War, and with some 30,000 Hungarian refugees still remaining in Austria, the already inadequate housing facilities have been overtaxed to an unbelievable degree. The resulting difficulty in securing church buildings or other suitable meeting places apart from homes presents a problem. In several centers where there are larger groups, there is a real need for a place to worship.

PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES

The lack of acquaintance with church life according to New Testament teaching presents a difficulty in a newly formed group. There is a constant need for teaching these folk the fundamentals of church life and ministry. This adds greatly to the burden of the ministry of the Austrian pas-

The limited financial resources of the country as a whole, and especially of the converts, many of whom belong to the refugees who have had much difficulty in adjusting to new conditions, are a continual source of concern to our leadership.

Without the help that comes from our American brethren, it is impossible to picture the situation of our Baptist work in Austria. This is recognized increasingly by the membership of our churches here, and sincere gratitude is expressed continually. Through teaching and example, the Austrian people are being encouraged in the grace of giving, with notable results. Above all, the prayerful interest and concern of our North American Baptist churches is the heartfelt need of our work in Austria. Brethren, pray

BAPTIST HERALD

The Bible Is for The Indians, Too!

With the Bible in his hand and with a burning passion in his heart, the missionary approaches the Indians with the eternal claims of the Gospel



By Rev. R. Neuman, Indian Missionary on the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan



There is still much paganism in Indian sun dances and ceremonialism as practised by North American Indians

DR. WORCESTER reported that he had been told by a returned missionary that, after reading the first chapter of Romans to a heathen congregation, they came around him and said. "You wrote that chapter for us!" Dr. Dean of China relates a similar fact. He had been conversing with a very intelligent Chinese man respecting our sacred books, assuring him that they were very old. He gave him a copy. Soon afterwards, the man came to Dr. Dean and, with a look of triumph and accusation, exclaimed, "You told me your book was very ancient, but that chapter," pointing to the first of Romans, "you have written yourself since you came here and learned all about us Chinese."

THE GOSPEL APPROACH

Many of you are familiar with the story of the American Indians from Idaho, whose hunger and thirst for the Word of God forced the tribes to send a delegation to St. Louis, Mo., in 1831 for the white man's Book of Heaven. The sad chapter in the history of the red man will remain forever to the discredit of the white race who, instead of giving the Indian the Book of Heaven, loaded him down with gifts and strange words. The result was a spiritual vacuum in which the Indian remained, until the Bible was delivered to him and his people.

The question arises, "How must the Indians be approached for the Gospel to be brought to them?" It requires human agents to make these approaches. Christ now uses on earth the hands, feet, lips, and ears of his followers to carry the Gospel to all the peoples of the world. It was necessary that Christ should teach and train his disciples, so that they might be qualified for the work of spreading the Good News of salvation.

For the Gospel to be brought to the Those, who do not, need to be saved, Indians, they must be approached. first of all, by men chosen of God; secondly, by men possessed with a burning passion for the Indian's soul like that of Christ's compassion. When Christ saw the multitudes, he saw them as sheep without a shepherd, going astray and lost. Not just men, but men of God, possessed with a burning passion for souls are needed in the continual approach to the Indian with the Bible. The question then comes to us, "How have the Cree Indians responded to the Bible?"

If we would compare the numbers responding to the Bible on the Indian Reserves to the number responding on the foreign mission fields, we must remember that we work only with a few thousand people compared with the millions in Africa. It would be more fair to think of the Indians' response in terms of the soul's value in the sight of God. If so, we can conclude that the response has been most gratifying.

As with many other people, the Indian is no exception. Many have become Gospel-hardened. Others have been indoctrinated with false religions and incited to oppose our Baptist work and missionaries. The sowing of the precious Word of God is reaping blessed rewards. There are those of every age who have responded to Christ's "COME UNTO ME," regardless of the opposition and barriers.

WINNING INDIANS TO CHRIST

No one and no circumstances can stop the Red Man from coming to God. He comes in response to the heart cry of the soul for God and his truth. Even more glorious is the fact that nothing can stop God from saving the Red Man if he calls upon him with a true heart of repentance. Those who respond and settle on Christ's conditions are saved

and that leaves multitudes yet to win to .Christ on the Reservations all across Canada and the United States.

Another question now looms before us. "What then has been done to bring the Bible to the Indians through our mission fields." No work, whether Christian or otherwise, can be carried on without money. The money spent to date for our Indian Mission runs high into the thousands. As a denomination we have built three churches and parsonages and garages for missionaries and have brought in electrical lines for power and lighting. We have three full-time missionaries, and in the two day schools in Alberta we have teachers from our circles. Millions of miles have been traveled by car, on horse and on foot to witness to them.

Countless prayers of our Baptist people ascend God's Throne daily on behalf of Indian friends everywhere. Our Christian Indians have joined us in the glorious task of taking the Bible to adjacent Reserves. We are a host of believers in the precious Word of God as our sole Guide in matters of faith and practice, united to carry the Bible to our Indians wherever they may be.

PETER DUBOIS' TESTIMONY

The following testimony will speak to our "Baptist Herald" readers as none other has done. It is written by an Indian, J. Peter Dubois of the Muscowpetung Reserve near Edenwold, Saskatchewan. Brother Dubois is a counsellor on the Reserve. The family attends Sunday School and church regularly. Here is his testimony, verbally given in his own words.

"I am happy to add my testimeny to what has already been said to the glory of God concerning the Bible. Because of this precious Book, my per-

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The Team of "God's Volunteers"

Life Sketches of the Team Penned by Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, Director

LILY BOYMOOK

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye." This is a favorite verse of Lily Boymook, who has had two years at our Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. Her home church, First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Manitoba, was glad to recommend her for consideration as a "Volunteer."

Lily was converted from sin unto Christ at the age of thirteen during evangelistic meetings. She was born and raised on a farm near Minitonas. Her service for the Lord in her home church has included that of a Sunday School teacher, children's worker and

First Baptist Church. Later he followed the Lord in baptism. LeRoy says that Galatians 2:20 expresses his thought and feelings concerning the goodness of the Lord and his bountiful blessings. "I, too, am thankful that Christ lives within my heart, and each time I meditate upon this verse, I can sense God's presence and praise him for his salvation and that he has chosen me to be a vessel in his hand."

After completing three years of his college work in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., he heard the call of God to apply as a member for this year's team. It was his privilege personally to meet Rev. Daniel Fuchs at camp this past summer and speak to him regarding this chal-



Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, director of "God's Volunteers", preaches at the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with several members of "God's Volunteers" on the platform assisting him.

C.B.Y.F. president of a large and thriv- the Lord wonderfully opened doors and ing group. She has two brothers and answered prayer and saw fit that I two sisters. One brother, Arthur, is should serve him in this capacity." presently a student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Lily says, "I always had a desire to enter full-time Christian work. So when the opportunity was given to apply for God's Volunteers. I felt that my prayer had been answered, at least in part, and because of it I sent in my application. I certainly want to thank the Lord for his guidance in my life, and also for this opportunity of serv-

Leroy KIEMELE

LeRoy Kiemele was the last but not the least of twelve children born to farm parents near Linton, North Dakota. At the age of twelve, he was born again at a mid-week service in the lenge. "I prayed much about it, and

Last year LeRoy was one of the members of our Seminary quartet and loves to serve in song. His service for the Lord has also included Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teaching, singing in choir and quartets, and serving as church usher. This summer he was a student pastor under our Student Service Plan und ministering at our church in Gackle, North Dakota.

FLOYD ROEHL

Before Floyd Roehl became a member of "God's Volunteers," he was a

Have you become a GOD'S VOLUNTEERS PRAYER PARTNER? Ask your pastor or write for particulars.

student in Sioux Falls College and a construction worker. He yielded to the claims of Christ upon his life in the days of his youth during evangelistic services, and he has had opportunities to serve him in and through his home church at New Leipzig, North Dakota. He has known Shirley Okken for years, but they brought their courtship of four years to a new beginning when they pledged their love to each other on August 15th.

But this couple lifted up their eyes and saw fields white unto harvest and felt a personal obligation and concern for the lost. So instead of returning to school and establishing a home, they prayed about the challenge of "God's Volunteers." Floyd says, "There seemed to be too many obstacles but we left it in his hands, and did what we could. Now that we are in his service, we would like to ask others to pray for us and the team."

Is not this a noble way to begin life together-not only hand in hand with each other, but hand in hand with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

MRS. FLOYD ROEHL

Mrs. Floyd Roehl may be better known as Shirley Okken. For it was only August of this year that she and Floyd Roehl were joined in marriage by their pastor, Rev. Emil Becker, pastor of New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, North Dakota. At the age of nine, Shirley received the Lord Jesus into her life during evangelistic meetings in her home church and was baptized shortly thereafter.

Shirley has found her musical talent as a way of serving the Lord, in addition to Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teaching. After graduating from high school this spring, she was awarded a fine scholarship which would have assisted her in college since she hopes to pursue a teaching career. But one Sunday the church bulletin carried the challenge to seek to be one of "God's Volunteers" for this year.

After making this a matter of prayer, Shirley responded and was accepted. She states that her testimony is found in the chorus of the song, "Count Your Blessings." "In the past year the Lord has really given me the blessings to count. First of all, he led wonderfully in helping me choose my work for the future; to be a teacher. I had planned to attend college this fall, but the Lord led me to 'God's Volunteers' for which I am very thankful. I also thank God for blessing me with a wonderful Christian husband who is sharing the experience of this service with me. We are praying that our lives may be useful in Christ's service, not only in 'God's Volunteers,' but all through our

VIOLET RAU

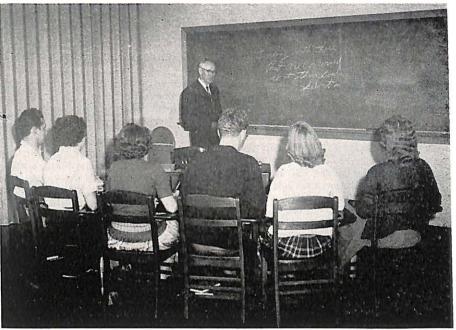
Violet Rau is a member of our Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif. which is one of our new Church Extension projects. However, after her conversion, she became a member of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., where she received her early Christian training. After completing High School, Violet enrolled in the San Francisco Baptist College from which school she was graduated in June with an Education major.

She has had considerable experience in Christian service, such as teaching in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Junior Church, boys' and girls' clubs and choir. She was a member of the college trio and loves to sing. She has been a witness for her Lord in missions, street meetings and in hospitals. Her interest in "God's Volunteers" was quickened when one of her friends joined the team last year. Feeling that this form of Christian service would be a good climax to her schooling, she applied and was accepted.

She says, "I praise God for the opportunity he has given me to be a part of 'God's Volunteers' team. Each one of us has been praying that we might be emptied of self and fit for the Master's use. Won't you, too, join us and be a praying member of our team that souls might be won for God?" Violet keeps the journal of daily activities for the team.

LEONA HOFFMAN

Leona Hoffman accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior from sin at the age of nine years at special evangelistic meetings at her home church, Ebenezer Baptist Church. Ebenezer, Saskatchewan. After com-Yorkton Collegiate Institute, she was employed as a typist. During these



Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, former president of the Christian Training Institute, served as one of the instructors of the "God's Volunteers" team.

years of training, she was busy witnessing and working for her Lord.

In addition to being president of the local chapter of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, she has been a teacher in Vacation Bible Schools and at camp. Leona has a voice with which she praises the Lord in song. She also plays the piano. Visitation work is not entirely new for Leona and she likes to witness for her Lord.

Leona states: "I have been interested in the work of 'God's Volunteers' for the past year, but I really became burdened when a former member challenged me to go. I thank the Lord for his leading and guiding in my life. I am really thrilled for the opportunity pleting three years of study at the to be in his service. My prayer is that many more young people will answer the call and be soul winners for God."

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sonal life and the lives of my family have been gloriously transformed. Since I have accepted Christ as my personal Savior, I have truly learned to love my neighbor, and now share with other Christians the burden and responsibility of bringing my people to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. How fortunate, indeed, to have had Christ proclaimed to me by people who are capable and full of the Spirit of Christ.

"I was brought up in a Roman Catholic boarding school. I was taught to despise other religions because the Roman Catholic religion was the only one and true religion. After leaving school, my intentions were always to do good but I just could not keep away from evil and sin. Drinking, smoking, and gambling were part of my life and stuck with me. For years I wandered about in my sins aimlessly.

"I know what it feels like to be walking around on foot looking for work day after day. After one of these devilish experiences and going home, I knelt down in the night and prayed God to help me. Soon after, evangelistic meetings were conducted in our church on the Indian Reserve. Rev. R. Neuman was our evangelist and Mr. Phil Grabke our missionary. It was then that I surrendered my life to Christ and trusted him as my personal Savior. I was not immune from temptation but, on the contrary, the temptations came stronger than ever. The devil won the victory. I listened to him and shamefully let Jesus down. God followed me and, one day, Oh blessed day, I came back to Christ and rededicated my life to Jesus.

"I wish to make a request, a request

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Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Soux Falls, South Dakota, instructs the members of "God's Volunteers" team in soul winning.

Mission Projects for Our Sunday Schools

By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Sunday School Union

W E REACHED NEW heights in our missionary giving as North American Baptist Sunday Schools for the missionary projects of the past year. The total giving to the denominational budget was \$42,337.72. Since this does not indicate a very high per capita giving, we must sense the increased needs and cost of missions and launch out upon a more consecrated effort to do a more effective job in our missionary education program.

CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT No. 640

Many of our churches were originally founded as a branch Sunday School and have grown into large churches which are now capable of extending their ministry into some growing area where another new church may be established. The history of our denomination reveals the dynamic faith of our forefathers who successfully established mission stations and branch Sunday Schools without the support of a Church Extension program by the denomination. This vision and faith needs to be restored! We can do even greater things in our day by coming to the assistance of urgent needs for Sunday School units and chapels when new fields are opened. We have this glorious opportunity through OUR CHURCH EXTENSION PROGRAM.

JAPAN PROJECT No. 680

The need for the Gospel of Christ in Japan has been emphatically proclaimed by our missionaries. We are encouraged by the reports which tell of decisions for Christ which have been made by those whom our missionaries are teaching. The challenge in this new mission field has been increased as additional missionaries have been added to the staff. This new venture was undertaken by faith. We as Sunday Schools have the opportunity to undergird our missionaries through prayer and our missionary offerings.

CAMEROONS PROJECT No. 750

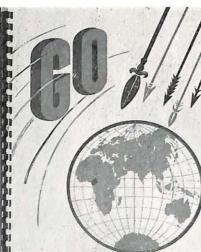
The net gain in the number of church members was larger for the Cameroons last year than for our North American Baptist churches. This fact must motivate a more systematic outreach for us at home, but it also establishes the conviction that our efforts of the past in the Cameroons are bearing fruit abundantly. This response to the message of of Christ in the Camerons demands our earnest effort to reap the harvest that is ripe.

Each Sunday School will want to formulate a definite plan to promote these projects. The General Sunday School Committee at its annual meeting formulated some suggestions for missionary education which we want

WE REACHED NEW heights in our missionary giving as North Amer- gested the following:

MISSIONARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

- 1. That the church missionary committee, or if such a committee does not exist, that the church appoint a committee on missions with the vice-superintendent as a member of the committee to secure material and plan the program for missionary education.
- 2. Should the church find that a committee on missions is not feasible, that an individual, preferably the vice-superintendent, should be appointed to spearhead the missionary education program in the Sunday School. This individual is to work with the superintendent and the pastor.
- 3. That your Sunday School should agree on a planned time when materials related to these projects will be presented to your school and offerings will be received toward the support of these missionary efforts. We suggest that you consider one of the following:
- A. Set aside a brief period during the Sunday School worship hour *once* a month to present the materials related to these projects.
- B. *Bi-monthly*—setting aside one Sunday twice a month to emphasize these missionary projects.
- C. One month a year a missionary emphasis be planned for the entire church and its organizations.
- D. Once a quarter.
- Materials related to these projects and available from our office:
- "Miriam With A Big Smile"— Cameroons.
- "White Man's Medicine" Cameroons.
- "Good Morning"—Japan.
- "A Refugee From Manchuria"— Japan.



Front cover of the fascinating Cameroons missionary album "GO" with pictures prepared by Rev. Gilbert Schneider and art sketches by Rev. George Henderson.

"The Banso Hospital"—Cameroons.
"Our Church Extension Program."
Map of the Bamenda New Hope Settlement (size 12" x 15").

Map of the Cameroons Baptist Mission (size 22" x 28").

Picture packet of our missionaries

"GO" booklet presenting Cameroons mission program in pictures (\$1.00).

Slides and films of our missionary work. A list of the slides and films has been made available to the pastors by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Forest Park, Illinois.

One of our churches has assembled an abundance of resource materials of our own mission fields by filing the missionary articles and reports from the "Baptist Herald" and the "Annual" and making this information available to any organization of the church in its missionary studies. A file containing missionary materials should also include the many tracts and brochures which are available from the Promotional Department of our denomination. Missionary stories which were made available for use in the Vacation Bible School can be used in the children's department of the Sunday School if they were not used in the Vacation School. Additional copies are available from the Sunday School Un-

Let us continue to strengthen the work through our missionary endeavor by remembering our missionaries in prayer and by supporting them through our faithful stewardship.

SALLMAN, CHRISTIAN ARTIST

· Warner Sallman, whose well-known painting of the "Head of Christ" is found in the homes of people throughout the Christian world, received "The Upper Room" Citation for his contribution to world Christian fellowship on Oct. 3rd. Sallman's Head of Christ is used as the cover picture on the current issue of "The Upper Room," daily devotional guide published in 28 languages with an international and interdenominational circulation of more than three million copies. When the citation was presented, the chief speaker was Dr. Charles L. Goff, pastor of Chicago Temple. As a theological student Goff taught a YMCA Bible study course. One of his students was Warner Sallman. Sallman was impressed by the way Goff described Jesus as a strong, virile man. He made sketches and notes and the famous painting owes at least part of its inspiration to the teaching of the young theolog who now fills the world famous pulpit. Goff and the artist have been close friends through the years.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Nov. 24 (Sunday) — Anniversary Services, McIntosh, South Dakota. Dec. 1 (Sunday)—Thanksgiving and Mission Festival, Paul, Idaho.

Rev. R. Schike

Nov. 17 (Sunday)—Sheffield, Iowa. Nov. 24 (Sunday)—Bellwood, Illinois.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

Nov. 16-17—Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Nov. 17 (Sunday)—Mission Festival, Sidney, Montana.

Nov. 24-25—Anniversary Festivities, Plevna, Montana.

Dec. 1 (Sunday)—Randolph, Minn.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

Nov. 10-17—Carbon, Alberta. Nov. 20-27—Beulah, North Dakota.

God's Volunteers

Nov. 5-24—Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, (Meetings with Rev. D. Fuchs, Evangelist—Nov. 13-24).

Nov. 26 - Dec. 15 — Bethany and Southwood Park Churches, Portland, Oregon.

Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week

Nov. 24 - Dec. 1 — Offerings for the Denominational Enterprise.

Nov. 27 (Thursday) — Thanksgiving Day in the United States.

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What's your problem?

Answers by DR. RALPH E. POWELL, Professor at the North American Baptist Seminary.

What should be the stand taken by Christians in the face of the facts of natural science, that the earth is millions of years old, that it was hundreds of thousands of years before any life appeared, and that it was more hundreds of thousands of years before men evolved?

In part, this question has been touched on in other issues, January 24 and March 21, 1957. Again the writer refers the readers to Bernard Ramm's most helpful recent book, "The Christian View of Science and Scripture" (Eerdman's Publishing Co., \$4.00).

Most scholarly Christian thinkers today agree that the creation days of Genesis 1 were not literal solar days, but long periods of time. This is not being unfaithful to the text of Scripture, nor is it compromising a proper literal interpretation of the Bible. The Hebrew word "day" is sometimes used in Scripture itself for indefinite periods of time. (Gen. 2:4; Psa. 20:1; Eccl. 7: 14; 2 Cor. 6:2.) Creation days may well have been geological ages thus accounting for the hundreds of thousands of years that the scientist speaks of in connection with strata of rocks and fossils, etc.

More and more biblical and theological scholars are distinguishing between the primary or immediate (fiat) creation of God in which he brought into existence all the materials of the universe (creation "out of nothing"), and the progressive creation of God in which he shaped and formed the originally created materials into an ordered universe during the process of time, in which he would realize all his purposes. By this progressive creationism, it is felt that there is the best accounting for all the facts—biological, geological, and biblical.

In this scheme of creation man's appearance on the earth would indeed

come relatively late in the process. That is, the inorganic world existed vastly long before any vegetable or animal life appeared, and the organic world (vegetable and animal) existed vastly long before human life appeared by the divine creative act, when God made man immediately after his own likeness and image.

This is no surrender to evolution, for it all comes about through the progressive creative activity of God, which occasionally includes certain immediate creations or leaps in the creative process. Nor is it any minimizing of God's omnipotence to assert that it came about over a period of hundreds of thousands of years rather than in six twenty-four-hour days. For the Christian thinker it is never a question as to whether God could have done it in six literal days (he could have done so, if he had so willed), but it is a question as to whether God did do it in six brief days, or in long geological ages.

All the evidence preserved in the layers of the earth and in the universe at large indicate only that it was done during tremendously long periods of time. It would seem most natural to think that what looks to be obvious from the appearance of nature (such as fossils) came about in the manner which nature evidently indicates, rather than contrary to the manifest appearance, particularly when there is nothing in the Bible to indicate otherwise. Surely, God has not deliberately misled us by the obvious appearance of his handiwork.

Let it be asserted again that this is not to subscribe to evolution, for all is from and by God—life, forms, geological changes, and all natural law. God is the almighty Creator, Preserver, and Sustainer of the universe. All is according to his perfect will and by his divine power.

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from my heart, as I see the need among my brothers and sisters on the Reserves. There are thousands of them, and they need Christ. They must be transformed or will be lost forever. God has spoken to me. I have heard his call and have decided to train for more effective service. I am going to the Bible School in Edmonton. I do not have too much education. It will be quite hard, and I ask you dear friends to pray for me. I want to be true to the Word and to God.

"Salvation is the greatest blessing that you can ever receive. Without it, you can never enter that eternal rest that God promises to all who obey him. It is blessing upon blessing to be one

of the fold of Jesus Christ. Since the Bible has been presented to me, my soul has been transformed and I have found true peace. Never did I possess such satisfaction in my inner soul. I sense the constant presence of God."

J. Peter Dubois is about 30 years of age. He teaches the adult Sunday School class at the Muscowpetung Indian Mission and has taken over a number of services in my absence. He is a willing and ready servant. His wife, Marjorie, is a true wife and a wonderful Christian mother. She is a "Eunice" to her children such as Eunice was to Timothy in the Bible. Their two children, Karen and Ellen, are ages 7 and 5 years, respectively. Pete is going to the Edmonton Bible School and, if finances allow it, his wife and the children will go with him.

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New Church Edifice at Tacoma, Wash.

Report of Dedication of \$225,000 Church Sanctuary and Educational Unit by Miss Elfriede Gudelius of Tacoma, Washington

 $U_{\mathrm{up}}^{\mathrm{PON}}$ reviewing the events leading up to the dedication of the new edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington, we can only say with the Psalmist of old, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23).

If someone with a prophetic vision had told the members of Calvary Church a year and a half ago that on September 29, 1957, a beautiful, sunny day, we would dedicate a new house of God, most of us would have said, "Impossible!" But God forgave us our lack of faith. He gave us the vision and made us see that all things are possible with him. It was decided to begin building, even though at the time we could not see our way clear to complete both the sanctuary and the educational unit with the money on hand.

MAGNIFICENT BUILDING

We were fortunate, indeed, to have as contractor one of our own members, Mr. Alfred Klapstein. Many gave sacrificially of money and labor, and so we were able not only to finish the sanctuary, but the education unit as well. The floors in the latter area and also in the Fellowship Hall still need to be tiled. Not all light fixtures are up as yet, but we hope to take care of these and other items in the near future, as money becomes available.

The architectural style of the church is modern. It is of wood and masonry construction. Exposed laminated arches are used in the sanctuary and chapel. The exterior is of Norman

brick and stucco finish. The four units his message on I Kings 8.11, "And the -Sanctuary, Chapel, Fellowship Hall, and Education Unit-comprise over 18,000 square feet on the ground floor

A beautifully designed ash paneling covers the front and the platform; the doors also are of ash. The main floor of the sanctuary has a seating capacity of 325; the balcony seats 100. The ladies lounge and the narthex provide for overflow seating. Total seating capacity is approximately 535. The assembly rooms and class rooms of the education unit accommodate 550. The estimated value of the property is \$225,000.

The dedicatory festivities began Wednesday evening, September 25th. At that time we heard a fitting and challenging message brought by Dr. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, and vice-moderator of the General Conference. His text was taken from I Kings 6:12. He brought before us the purpose and significance of this new house of worship, a place where God can speak to man, and man speak to God.

Friday was Family Night. A delicious turkey dinner was served to over 250 members and friends in the Fellowship Hall. We then reviewed the history of our church in word and picture. This part of the program was ably conducted by Mrs. Henry Schmunk. Our speaker for the occasion was Rev. Fred Klein, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington, and moderator of the Pacific Conference. He based the text of

glory of the Lord filled the house."

Dr. Frank Woyke, executive secretary of the General Conference, was the guest speaker both at the Sunday morning worship service and the dedicatory service in the afternoon. His morning message was based on a portion of II Corinthians 5:14-21, reminding us that we should love others for Christ's sake, and become his ambassadors, bringing the message of salvation to those in our area.

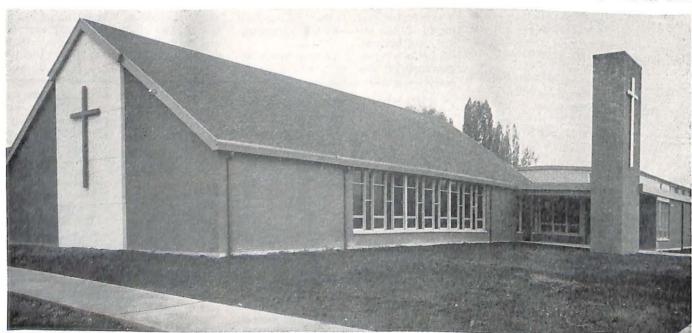
ACT OF DEDICATION

The climax of the festivities, of course, was the Sunday afternoon service of dedication, when an audience of over 600 persons witnessed the presentation of the keys by the contractor, and united in reading the Act of Dedication. Our speaker impressed us with the fact that we must have Christ as our foundation, become colaborers with him, and expect God to give the increase.

At all the services we were favored with musical selections, either a quartet, the men's chorus, or the senior choir. In the background, always ready to give guidance and encouragement, was our beloved pastor, the Rev. Robert S. Hess. His vision and faith kindled our small faith, and helped make a dream become a reality.

We may truly say with the song writer, "To God be the glory, great things he has wrought." It is our earnest and sincere prayer, that this great day will have been only the beginning of greater things being done for God.

BAPTIST HERALD



The beautiful new edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington, which was recently dedicated to the glory of God.

We'll See You in Edmonton!

By Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Stafford, Kansas Chairman of the General Conference Program Committee

I there appeared a most interesting article written by Miss Alice Kaaz of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In it she gives an account of some of her rich experiences while attending our triennial General Conferences. Each offered unique, happy experiences, vital thoughts of God's guidance, and created a greater desire for usefulness in the cause of Christ.

1958 is a General Conference year! There will be those who have been regular attendants for many decades. For others this will be a first-time experience. For all it will be unequalled



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in fellowship, worship, and Christian unity. As thousands of North American Baptists unite from the western provinces of Canada and all parts of the United States, the deep joys of a purposeful fellowship will be made known.

UNEQUALLED FELLOWSHIP

Edmonton, Alberta, will be a grand meetingplace. As the provincial capital, many interesting buildings will be seen. As a place to which people have come for many years from all parts of Eastern Canada and Europe, one will see a genuine Christian expression in the people you will meet. Our own North American Baptist churches stand out as places of strength in the great metropolis.

The program prepared for this Conference is one of which we are justly proud. Capable pastors, teachers and lay leaders will speak and conduct the various meetings. To these we add our three guest speakers. Each of tian conviction.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Herbert Gezork, president of Andover Newton Theological School, will speak on subjects definitely vital to our Christian life today. Included in his topics will be, "Our Baptist Witness in the World Today." "The Central Theme of the Gospel," and "Teaching to Observe All Things."

The premier of Alberta, the Honorable Ernest C. Manning, will address the conference on the second day. God's place in his life will best be seen as he brings his greetings and

Finally, Mrs. Edgar Bates, Dean of Women at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, will speak at the to see you in Edmonton!

TN ONE OF the previous ANNUALS these is a person of ability and Chris-

co-sponsored rally of Baptist Men and the Woman's Missionary Union. She is a speaker much in demand and we are extremely happy to know that she will be with us. Add to this all the other grand features of a good General Conference and you will be set to

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY "The golden moments in the

stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the an-

gels come to visit us, and we

only know them when they are

gone".-George Eliot.

enjoy your stay in Edmonton in July. Make your plans now to attend the General Conference, July 21 to 27, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, As we center our thinking around the theme. "Continue In My Love," we shall rejoice for what God has done and see him opening our eyes to new avenues of faith and action. It will be so good

Worldwide Bible Reading Program

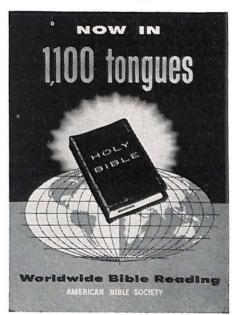
Announcement by the American Bible Society

WORLDWIDE Bible Reading, a program sponsored annually between Thanksgiving and Christmas by the American Bible Society, this year will celebrate the completion of the translation of the Scriptures into more than 1,100 languages and dialects.

The program, now in its 14th year, was hailed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in a special message to the Society, as holding "a mighty promise" for mankind. "As the Bible's message is made available in 1,100 tongues reaching into the most distant corners of the earth, we are given the strength to continue our work toward that greatest objective of all: peace on earth, good will to men", he said.

The program is directed toward having millions of persons all over the world read identical pre-selected passages of the Bible on the same day between the two holidays. It began during World War II when a lonely Marine on Guadalcanaí asked his family to read the same passage with him on the same day as a means of maintaining spiritual ties. More than 15,000,000 persons in the United States participated in the program last year, as did millions more in some 50 other coun-

This year's theme, "Now in 1,100 Tongues", was adopted to mark the successful completion of the translation of at least one book of the Bible into 1,109 languages and dialects which was achieved by the end of 1956. When printing with movable type was invented some 500 years ago, Scriptures were available in only 33 languages. Today, the entire Bible, in both Testaments, has been translated into 210 languages and the New Testament alone in 270 additional. The re-



mainder of the 1,109 have some lesser portion, but not less than one complete book, translated.

Although hailing the accomplishment, the Society points out that at least 1,000 currently used languages have nothing of the Bible. At present, Scriptures come out in a new translation at the rate of more than one a month

The Bible readings suggested by the Society are printed as bookmarks and may be obtained without charge at cooperating churches or directly from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York. They may also be obtained from the North American Baptist headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

We the Women CBY FELLOWSHIP

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

INTRODUCTION

"Oh, I'd rather make hats!" was the exclamation made by Mrs. R. Schilke, the wife of our General Missionary Secretary, for "We, the Women". But, if she makes hats as well as she writes "Thanksgiving" articles, we will encourage her to establish a milliner's shop. Won't you thank God for the wives of our leaders these days?

THANKSGIVING By Mrs. R. Schilke

Thanksgiving! The word brings various mental pictures to us as we say it. For some it is "a day," a day of joyful reunion and feasting with loved ones; a day when our tables are loaded with delicious roast turkey, ruby red cranberries, candied sweet potatoes, salads, cake, and spicy, golden pumpkin pie; a day when we gather in our churches ,which have been beautifully decorated with the most perfect products of a bountiful harvest, to praise and thank the Lord for the abundant blessings of the past season. For me, this year, it will be the fifteenth anniversary of marriage to a wonderful man and therefore double cause for

But I would like to suggest that "Thanksgiving" be not merely a day, or a season, but a way of living. We or a season, but of thanksgiving and cultivate it. Some people are never grateful to God. Some are only grateful when things go well. But God is always good and his dealings with us are good. To be grateful one day in the year cannot make up for 364 days of ingratitude. Every day should be a Thanksgiving Day.

In my estimation, one of the evidences of mental and emotional maturity is the ability and the God-given sense to live happily and thankfully in the phase of life in which we are right now. It is very easy, if we are not careful, to always look backward at the "Good Old Days" or forward to some rosy "Tomorrow" when things will be perfect before we can begin to be happy and content. It is easy, when our babies are small and we are snowed under with diapers and dishes, finger prints and foot tracks, to look forward to the day when Donnie and Linda will be grown and we can once more have an orderly home and some time to read that good book. Then there are those older folks whose youngsters have grown to maturity who often long for the days when they were all still at home. Each time of life has its own joys and pleasures, duties and responsibilities. Being consc ous of this will help us to live each By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

STUDENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Will I be appointed for summer work under the Student Service Plan? If so, where will I be serving? What type of experiences will I have? Will I be meeting many new people? What if I miss my train or bus connection? What will I do if no one is there to meet me? Will I be big enough for the task which I am called upon to do?

These questions and many more are those which race through the minds of those who apply for work under the Student Service Plan. Each one of these questions has an answer by the time the summer ends. Then one wonders why all these questions came to mind in the first place. After all, our experience has shown us that God does supply our every need and that he directs us in every avenue of life.

The student who serves under the Student Service Plan knows that he (or she) is serving the Lord in a definite way. He will be called upon to teach, to preach, to visit, to counsel, to organize, and to conduct Vacation Bible Schools, and to lead some souls to Christ. Such a task calls for spiritual preparation long before the time of service begins. The daily private devotions become more meaningful in view of the work that lies ahead.

At each new place of service, the worker must become acquainted with new people as well as with new methods of conducting the program of the church. Each new experience is registered in one's mind and prepares one for similar circumstances in the future.

The student who visits a circuit of churches conducting Vacation Bible Schools must depend on the churches for most of the preliminary work. Dates for the school must be set, material must be chosen, teachers selected, and publicity sent out far in advance of the arrival of the worker. The student who, in most cases, arrives a day or so before school begins must be able to adjust quickly to the situation and

"But," you say, "I am going through a very difficult time-a time of sorrow, of sickness, of special temptation. What about me?" For you-"He knoweth the way I take" (Job 23:10). The greatest comfort we can have in time of trouble is to know that God ordains it and has promised special strength for it. His guidance is not dependent on our faith. He will never abandon us. May you find this to be true in your experience, even as I have, and it will help you "in everything to give thanks."

Presidents of all Woman's Missionary Societies: If you have not received your Women's Day of Prayer material for Dec. 6, please write Headquarters Office at once and ask for it.

be ready to offer some last minute suggestions if necessary. Our young people have proved themselves equal to this task. Our church leaders have done an excellent job of planning and promoting.

Many of our Seminary students were privileged to serve under the able leadership of some pastor. Such an opportunity is especially helpful in the training of a theological student. The pastor is able to guide and counsel the student in the practical as well as spiritual aspects of church administration. Further studies at the Seminary will be more meaningful because of these opportunities.

A number of our students served churches where there was no pastor on the field. These young men had to assume the full responsibilities ordinarily given to a pastor. The task was not always easy. There were churches where a bi-lingual ministry was required. Some churches presented the challenge of organizing a CBY Fellowship or building other departments.

I would like to sum up the experiences of a summer worker in the words of Donald Miller who served our Pilgrim Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

"Apart from the personal blessings and enrichment that has come to me there are a number of things that impress themselves upon my mind.

"First, much is expected of you as a prospective minister. This has reference not only to the spiritual quality of your life, but also to the leadership qualities that you posses. There are times when you are called upon to serve in various capacities whether you have had the proper theological training or not. I found this to be true when I was called upon to conduct a funeral service. It was a new experience for me and I had no training to fall back on. However, I found that if you are willing and sincere you will be surrounded with much compassion and prayerful support.

"Second, everything is news if you are a minister. What you do, what you say, and even what you wear is important to the people. This is especially true in the case of children. One mother informed me that her son repeated to her almost everything I said in Vacation Bible School. She further informed me that she knew exactly what color shirt and type of shoes I wore each day.

"Thirdly, an experience like this is invaluable. It allows for the personal development of study habits and spiritual growth, and makes for the acquisition of poise and confidence in dealing with people and their needs."

The Student Placement Committee expresses thanks to each student worker and to every church which opened its doors to such service.

What's Happening

- N. Dak., Rev. B. W. Krentz, superintendent of the Bismarck Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., attended the session of the Conference on Social Welfare with the branch of Supervisors and Managers of Homes for the Aged. He has served as president of this Conference for the past two years. A total of 72 homes for the Aged in North Dakota are associated with this Conference
- Rev. Carl Swyter of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 18, and a memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church on Friday, Sept. 20, with Rev. Kurt Marquardt, pastor, in charge. He had served faithfully as pastor of a number of North American Baptist churches in Iowa, California, and elsewhere. His preaching was dynamic, scriptural, and consecrated, and the effectiveness of his ministry is still evident today in many lives that have been transformed and blessed. Two of his daughters are on the mission field: Mrs. Asaph Tobert in Nigeria, Africa, and Mrs. John Rhoads in Japan.
- The Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., held a dedication service for the new site and future home of the church on Sunday afternoon. October 27, with Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, pastor, in charge. This was the climax to a series of special meetings held from October 20 to 27 at the church with Rev. H. John Vanderbeck of Elgin, Iowa, and Miss Minnie Kuhn, Cameroons missionary, bringing inepirational messages. The members of the "Searchlights" organization has prepared attractive picture plates of the church with the profits to go towards the building fund.
- Rev. and Mrs. Harry Haas of Elmo, Kans., have announced the birth of a son on Sept. 25 who has been named Jason Randolph. Mr. Haas is pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo. He reports: "Even though we have been here only a few months, blessings already have been innumer-
- On Sunday evening, October 6, the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, held a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Donald Rich after they had been received into the church's fellowship at the morning service. Mr. Rich is the new Director of Religous Education at the church. Greetings were extended to them by Mr. E. Hemmye for the deacons, Mrs. N. Mix for the deaconesses, Mrs. E. Wolff for the Missionary Service Guild, Lois Bohlen in behalf of the Senior BYF, Carol Ross for the Junior BYF, and Mrs. David

● From October 7 to 9 at Jamestown, Gerdes as Sunday School superintendent. A welcome to the Riches was also extended by the pastor, Rev. E. Wolff.

- Eighty-five women of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., attended the Missionary Dinner on Wednesday evening, Oct. 2. The 82nd birthday of the society was celebrated besides the 50th anniversary of the denominational Woman's Missionary Union. Six women dressed in old fashioned apparel presented two scenes from early meetings held 82 and 50 years ago. Mrs. Frank Veninga of Pittsburgh, Pa., General Council representative of the Woman's Missionary Union, spoke on "Our Missionary Efforts in the Cameroons." A candle lighting ceremony brought the program to an impressive close.
- The First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. Laurence R. Prast of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., to which a favorable reply has been given. He hoped to begin his pastorate in Watertown by November 15. succeeding Rev. J. G. Benke, now of Madison, South Dakota. Following his first pastorate at the Bethel Church of Indianapolis, Mich., Mr. Prast spent one year in further studies near his home in Michigan. He is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in the class of
- @ The Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., reports that recently five "precious souls" followed the Lord in baptism. Five other people joined the church by letter. The Mission and Harvest Festival was held on Sunday, Sept. 22, with Rev. R. Schilke as the guest speaker. "He acquitted himself as a true servant of the Lord and worthy representative of our General Conference work," as reported by Rev. J. E. Grygo, pastor. The mission offering of \$1,766.50 was a token of the congregation's appreciation for the manifold blessings received. From October 16 to 27. Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi,

40th ANNIVERSARY AT PLEVNA, MONTANA

The Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana, is observing the 40th anniversary of its organization as a church on Nov. 24 and 25. All former members of the church are invited to attend these festive days and to share in the blessings.

The Program Committee

- T. Kusler, W. Fuchs, and
- J. Graf.

Calif., served as the evangelist during a revival campaign.

- Services were held for Mrs. Laura Stucky, Detroit, Mich., wife of the widely known Detroit missionary and evangelist, at the Covenant Baptist Church on Sept. 21. Mrs. Stucky died Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the age of 65. Born in Greeley, Col., Mrs. Stucky toured the nation with her husband. Rev. Obed W. Stucky, for the past 36 years. Mr. Stucky was the interim pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit in the earlier months of this year. They have held 65 revival campaigns in Detroit alone.
- Missionaries Esther Schultz and Ernestina Schmidt sailed for the Cameroons, Africa, on July 18 via England. After a delay in England, caused by the cancellation of the sailing of the steamer, they finally got passage and sailed from England on August 19, arriving safely in the Cameroons during the first week in September. Missionary Gilbert Schneider and family sailed for the Cameroons on August 13 via England. No boat passage could be had out of England, and so they took the plane from England on September 10. They arrved safely in the Cameroons, Africa.
- Rev. R. Neuman of Edenwold, Sask... missionary to the Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve, made a promotional tour to our Minnesota and Wisconsin churches from October 27 to November 7. He spoke in the churches at North Freedom, Watertown, Racine. Kenosha, Pound, Manitowoc, and Wausau, Wisconsin. He participated in missionary conferences at St. Bonifacius. Minn., and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, (Bethany Church). He also served as a guest speaker at the Wisconsin CBYF Rally held in Sheboygan, Wis., on November 2 and 3.
- From July 1 to October 6, Mr. Berthold W. Tutschek served as student and summer pastor of the Baptist Church at Kitimat, B. C., Canada, with good results. Since then he has returned to Edmonton, Alta., to continue his studies at the Christian Training Institute. He also visited the Prince Rupert and Terrace Churches of British Columbia on his return trip to Edmonton. The Kitimat Church has not been successful in calling a full-time pastor since Rev. G. P. Schroeder left the field after his fine ministry as the Church Extension pastor in helping to get the work started.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman Haupt of Detroit, Mich., members of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, have accepted the appointment by the General Missionary Society as missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa. Mr. Haupt has the necessary educational qualifications as missionary teacher at Soppo. Their appointment will probably take effect on January 1, 1958. Rev. R. Schilke, secretary, will prepare an introductory

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE Date: November 24, 1957

Theme: CHRISTIAN GIVING

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:1-14.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Our Christianity ought to be just as good in practice as it is in theory.

INTRODUCTION: There are certain aspects of the Christian life and ministry which are freely and easily discussed—such as prayer, meditation, Bible reading, doctrine, worship, and even missions. These things are talked about openly, personally, and directly. But surprisingly, when we discuss the topics of Christian giving, tithing or offerings, it must be done in a general way—impersonally and indirectly. The fear is that it may hurt someone's feelings, someone's toes may be stepped upon, or people will be scared away from church.

To many Christians, giving of their own free will means giving a minimum to the work of the Kingdom and retaining a maximum of respectability in the Christian community. The true Christian does not give according to the measure of the argument, but according to the measure of love. Nevertheless, like every Christian virtue, the art of real Christ-like giving must be learned. Not only should the Christian know how much to give, but he must look upon his giving as an investment—prayerfully and carefully considering how and where it will do the most good.

"Concerning the collection" seems as if Paul is going from the sublime to the ridiculous. After leading the Corinthians to great spiritual heights in his marvelous sermon on the resurrection, he comes down to earth with a "bang" and says, "Now concerning the collection." Paul was a theological genius and at the same time astonishingly practical. To the apostle there was no contradiction between spiritual doctrine and money raising when both are led by the Spirit of God. Baptist ministers hesitate to use such commanding language as Paul used here, but any resentment against him can be easily forgiven when we think of his own unselfish spirit of giving.

DISCUSSION FOR CHRISTIAN GIVING

(a) The Day. 1 Cor. 16:2.

Paul was a practical disciplinarian. All things had to be "done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40). If there is no definite time appointed for giving, there is danger that it will be neglected or forgotten. Regularity eliminates the high pressure systems used in many churches today.

(b) The Purpose. 1 Cor. 16:3. There was a definite need for the offering. Their Christian brethren in and around Jerusalem were going through a time of famine (Acts 11:28). During the reign of Claudius there was a great draught and Judea was probably in the "disaster area." (See also Gal. 2:10.)

(c) The Opportunity. 1 Cor. 16:9. Paul did not make a direct appeal for his own cause and support. But while he sought aid for the needy in Judea he also made them aware of the fact that he was giving his substance, his time and his life wherever God opened a door for the preaching of the Gospel. Paul was faithful in the foreign missionary endeavor; Timothy and Apollos were faithful on the home mission field. We need faithful supporters for both. Let us not withhold our money from those who are adventuring through God's open doors!

(d) The Method. 1 Cor. 16:13-14. There is need for inward strengh for the performance of outward duties. Life is difficult and joy is absent when act of charity must be done in love. The mechanics of the method will be simple if we adopt the spiritual method of love.

A TEACHING GUIDE Date: December 1, 1957

Theme: PAUL'S TRIUMPHANT WITNESS

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-2, 12-21. THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: No prison in this world is a detriment to our freedom if we are prisoners of the Lord.

INTRODUCTION: Whereas Paul's letter to the Corinthians was full of censure, criticism and disappointment, the letter to the Philippians was characterized by joy and commendation. It is the tendertst of all his letters. His imprisonment must have been easier to bear with the knowledge that these Christians were a strong witness in a foreign mission field, and that they were concerned about the apostle who had led them to Christ. Both in their prayer and in their support, they made their love and affection for Paul manifest. With no other church did Paul have such a close personal bond. Usually he showed an independent spirit so far as accepting help was concerned. But the fact that he received gifts at their hands shows evidence that a very

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

The editor of this page of Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Forest Park, Illinois. close bond of affection and understanding existed between them.

It is true that the basis of our faith and trust is in Christ, and it is a comfort to know that he is with us in all circumstances of life. But there is also comfort and strength in knowing that there are human friends who love us, have faith in us and help us in time of need. No man of God is so strong and independent that he can afford to refuse the prayers and support of other saints. (For background material see Acts 16.)

I. TRIUMPHANT SAINTS, Phil. 1:1-2.

Paul sounds like a vacationist sending greetings from a summer resort rather than a prisoner. Grace and peace are usually needed by those who are innocent sufferers for the Lord's sake; but Paul has enough and to spare, and so he sends grace and peace to those who are free of prison life. Notice also the sequence of his greeting. He does not mention the important people first, but the ordinary saints, and the officers and leaders of the church last.

II. TRIUMPHANT CIRCUM-STANCES. Phil. 1:12-14.

Circumstances never hindered Paul from witnessing for Christ. In season and out of season, in prison and out of prison, he always found opportunities for testifying. In Rome, where circumstances seemed most unfavorable, Paul was able to establish a "beach head" even in the palace of Caesar. He never had time to feel sorry for himself, and he did not want sympathy from anyone else who thought he was unjustly treated. The apostle never felt hemmed in by circumstances because he learned how to live above them. Every calamity was turned into an opportunity.

III. TRIUMPHANT PREACHING. Phil. 1:15-18.

Paul seems unusually lenient and broadminded. It is a little difficult to know what thoughts lie in back of Paul's words. The question is raised as to whether these apparently unconverted men are qualified to preach the Gospel. They may have been Judaizers. It was certainly not the apostle's policy to recommend this type of preaching. But the note of triumph which Paul sees is the fact that whether the preaching is negative or positive, sincere or insincere, people are becoming aware of the Gospel which will lead them to seek the truth and so come to the knowledge of Christ.

IV. THE TRIUMPH OF CHRIST. Phil. 1:19-21.

There is no question about the personal triumph of Jesus Christ over life and death. But if he is to triumph today, it must be through his saints—through you and me. That was Paul's main concern, that Christ might be of Christ is the law of my life; the glory manifested in him, whether it be in life

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Southwestern Conference

Pastor's Reception at Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas

Friends and members of the Emanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, met on Friday evening, Sept. 13th for a church dinner to welcome their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Jack Krause, their daughter, Carolyn, and son, Bill.

Theodore Longhofer, chairman of the Board of Deacons, presided and spoke words of welcome to a large group in attendance. Words of welcome were also spoken by representatives of the various organizations: Sunday School, Dan Pankratz; Miss Hannah Sievers, Woman's Missionary Union; Fred Mehlinger, Board of Trustees; John Hett, Men's Brotherhood; Mrs. Harry Koslowsky, King's Daughters; Leslie Broadstreet, choir; Geo. Galliart, ushers; Jacob Meier, Deacons.

Rev. Fanestil of the Marion Ministerial Alliance, brought the welcome message. Rev. Charles Littman of our sister church of Strassburg, sang a solo and spoke briefly. Rev. Walter Weber, newly elected mission secretary of the Southwestern Conference, spoke words of encouragement. Rev. Kenneth Unruh of the Mount Zion church of Junction City was also present and gave an interesting talk.

Mrs. Theo. Longhofer, Reporter

Atlantic Conference

Birthday Celebration for Rev. Paul Wengel, Ridgewood

The 65th birthday of Rev. Paul Wengel was celebrated with a surprise gathering on Sept. 25th by the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. The adult choir sang several of the hymns translated by Mr. Wengel and found in the new "North American Hymnal." Mr. Harold Kris ledthe meeting and commented that it was a good time officially to honor the pastor for his work in stimulating the compilation of the hymnal. He referred to the great heritage of German hymns incorporated therein and reviewed briefly the pastor's work and everything entailed in translating 53 of the hymns and his share in making the hymnal a reality.

Mrs. Gus Beck sang a favorite hymn and the congregation united in singing several of the translated hymns which meant more to us after Mr. Kris' talk. The Junior Choir also served us and then the pastor was presented with a birthday gift and responded with thanks for the love shown him and mentioned in his remarks the verse he tried to live by: "Whosoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever spends his life for Christ and his Gospel will find it."

Marion von Ahnen. Reporter

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTERS

All reports MUST be limited to 175 words. The manuscripts will be returned for revision if they exceed this maximum number of words. Please keep the reports factual. Review only the important highlights of the church events.

All reports should be sent within one month after the event to be eligible for publication. No annual reports from organizations of your church, etc., can be published. No reports of wedding announcements are acceptable, except for golden wedding anniversaries and those beyond the 50th year.

Every church will be limited to two pictures a year.

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Pacific Conference

Harvest and Mission Festival At Odessa, Wash.

The annual Harvest and Mission Festival of the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., was held on Sunday, Sept. 8th. Rev. Lawrence Bienert of Forest Park, Ill., was our guest speaker for the morning and afternoon services. His messages were a highlight and a challenge to us as we strive to work for the Lord. The church was beautifully decorated with fall fruits, vegetables and stalks of grain. At noon many members and friends joined around the tables for a bountiful meal. Practically all of the food came from the farms and gardens of the people. The offering for missions amounted to



Vacation Bible School group of the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon.

Mr. Bienert also met with our young people to explain in detail the program of Operation T. F. C. Twenty packets were ordered and will be used as our people put forth a special effort to win souls for Christ.

Mrs. Adrien Werner, Reporter

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. C. Knapp

The marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Knapp of Salem, Oregon, took place Sept. 12, 1907 in Buffalo, N. Y., and the ceremony was performed by the late Rev. F. Friedrich. On Wednesday evening, September 11, 1957, the members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon, gathered for the 50th anniversary reception in their honor. The choir sang some of their favorite hymns. There was a vocal duet, a poem was read and the pastor, Rev. Everett A. Barker, brought a few appropriate remarks for the occasion from the Bible. Gifts were presented on behalf of the church and by the Berea class taught by Mr. Knapp.

This past June 23 Rev. Charles Knapp commemorated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the Gospel Ministry which took place at the Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp served churches in Pekin, Illinois; Wausau, Wisconsin; Ashley, Herreid and Wishek in the Dakotas. They retired in Salem, Oregon, in 1948. They have three children: Marcella in Long Island, N. Y.; Charles in Seattle, Washington; and Esther Herr of Wishek, N. Dak. There are two granddaughters and one great-grandson.

Everett A. Barker, Pastor

Vacation Bible School at Stafford Church, Oregon

"PIONEERING WITH CHRIST" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School at the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon. With Christ as Guide, 113 young pioneers, ranging in age from 2 to 14 years went pioneering into their Guide Books—Holy Bibles. These pioneers were led by a staff of 18 teachers and helpers, including these department leaders: Councilor, Rev. E. A. Gerlitz; Director, Mrs. D. F. Oppel; Nursery Class, Mrs. Lewis Jones; Beginners, Mrs. Mabel Walters; Primary, Mrs. Mabel Keller; and Junior, Mrs. Dick Smith.

One day was designated as "dress up" day and all the young pioneers came dressed as cowboys, cowgirls. Indians, or pioneer children. Daily offerings amounted to \$51.61 which was sent to our Indian Mission in Canada to further the Gospel there. The last Friday of Bible School was special treat day. In the evening we presented our Bible School Round-up Program. Parents and friends enjoyed the program and later viewed a display of children's handcraft. We praise the Lord for the 15 children who accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Mrs. D. F. Oppel, Church Clerk

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration at Kelowna, B. .C

Sons and daughters from the Atlantic to the Pacific met in Kelowna, British Columbia, on Sunday, August 18, to celebrate their parents' golden wedding anniversary. They were the two sons and three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, who are members of the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna. Also present were nine of their eleven grandchildren.

Coming from Forestburg, Alberta, were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Walker; and from Oak Park, Ill., daughter Emelia and her husband, Rev. Daniel Fuchs. A son, Jack, and his wife came from Toronto, Ont., and the second daughter, Freda, and her husband, Mr. Alex Cembella from Prince Rupert, B. C.; also the youngest daughter, Claire, and her husband, Lt. Commander Harold Welch, from Wartmonth, Nova Scotia.

A special Sunday evening service at the Grace Church, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, marked the anniversary. Representatives of the various organizations of the church expressed felicitations, and a lovely gift was presented to the honored couple from the church as well as from the Woman's Missionary Society. This service was followed by a reception in the church basement.

Daniel Fuchs, Reporter

sage at the early morning German service and our pastor, Dr. A. S. Felberg, spoke on the theme, "The Fellowship of the Saints" at the service following. During this service as well as the evening worship, our pastor recounted some of the highlights of the past 30 years and also paid tribute to charter members as well as other faithful workers in the church. Special tribute was paid to Mrs. Winnifred Sauer, organist, who has served the church faithfully through the years. The three choirs of the church rendered selections of praise during the day.

We are thankful for the faithful work of Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg in our midst and look forward to continued service in the work of the Lord.

Mrs. Eugen Lueck, Reporter

Central Conference

Farewell Service for Pastor's Family, Kankakee, Illinois

On Thursday evening, Sept. 19th, at the church Rev. Herman H. Riffel and family were honored at a farewell service by the Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill. About 200 were present. Mr. Gilbert Luhrs, moderator, presided.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker of Kelowna, British Columbia, with their grandchildren on the

Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B.C., Celebrates 30th Anniversary

We of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., have experienced God's mercy many times throughout the years. Thirty years ago our church was organized by a small group of 15 people. The growth in membership, our beautiful new edifice and parsonage, and the spiritual blessings, which have been ours, give us much cause for rejoicing.

On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, friends and and members of the church gathered for the anniversary festivities. Rev. Philip Daum brought a fitting mes-

Dave Cox spoke on behalf of the yonug people about the leadership and spiritual inspiration which the pastor and family had been to them. The Young People's Quartet, consisting of Dave Cox, Jud Newman, Donald and Sharon Salzman, sang. Wanda Zelhart accompanied all the music at the piano.

Miss Germain Wasser spoke on behalf of the women and the Junior Church of the blessings and inspiration Mrs. Riffel had been in her leadership in the Junior Church and among the women. A beautiful purse and an orchid were presented to Mrs. Riffel

orchid were presented to Mrs. Riffel. Mrs. Wm. T. Edwards read some original poems, both serious and humorous, in praise and reminiscence.

Mr. Wm. T. Edwards, chairman of the Board of Deacons, spoke on behalf of the church and Sunday School. Rev. Harry Bryant brought greetings and remarks of a farewell nature. The moderator, Mr. Glbert Luhrs, called the Riffel family to the platform for the presentation of the remembrance from the church which is to be a French Provincial Desk, delivered to Detroit. Mr. Riffel is now the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church there. There will also be additional funds for the purchase of chairs.

Alice Luhrs, Clerk.

Northern Conference

Grand Forks Young People Visit Winnipeg Church

In an exchange of programs, the young people from Grand Forks, N. Dak., with their pastor, Rev. W. Stein, visited us at the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Man., on Sept. 15th. After a very rushed but pleasant supper, they took complete charge of the evening service, presenting the challenge of winning souls for Christ in respect to our project, "Thousand for Christ," which both of our young people's groups have adopted. In closing Mr. Stein led in a mass dedication prayer. To complete the evening, we gathered in the lower church auditorium for fellowship and refreshments before bidding "farewell to our friends from "across the border."

Since then, our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, has taught the course. "Every Christian's Job," which a goodly number attended. Numerous activities are in the offing and, with the halp of our TFC packet, we are looking forward to putting into practice all we have learned.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

Ernest Hahn's Summer Ministry, Faith Church, Regina

During the months of July and August, the Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., engaged the services of an assistant pastor, this being the first time since the church's inception that anyone has served in this capacity. Mr. Ernest E. Hahn, a 1957 graduate of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., served in this office. As the need of an assistant pastor during the summer months was felt, his sponsorship was adopted as a project of the Men's Brotherhood organization.

Brother Hahn's work was soon evidenced very favorably as he carried on an extensive visitation program in the church area, making personal contacts and acquainting people with the church. As our membership nears 140, the visitational phase of our work becomes increasingly important from the standpoint of evangelism and outreach. It is thus that Mr. Hahn's work has been of utmost importance to the church, and has filled a definite need for trained assistance in this vital ministry of visitation.

Tillie Muller, Reporter

Edenwold and Davin Woman's Missionary Society Program

The annual program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Edenwold and Davin, Saskatchewan, was held on Sept. 22 in the Grace Baptist Church of Davin. The program featured a welcome by the president, several musical numbers, reports by the secretary and treasurer, a children's story, and a play, "The White Fences of China," presented by the Davin ladies. A challenging missionary message was also brought by Mr. C. Wirth of the Edenwold Church. The offering, which amounted to \$156.50, will be used to further the Gospel in foreign fields.

We try to meet as a society once a month in the homes of the various members. At present our enrollment is 30. All members are given an opportunity to take part in the programs in some way or other. We are also a privileged group to have Mrs. R. Neuman from the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve as a member of our society. She helps us to keep in close contact with the mission work there. During this past year, Mrs. Martens from Aruba. South America, and Miss Tina Schmidt from the Cameroons, Africa, spoke to us about their work on the mission fields. It is the duty of every member to visit the sick among us, and during the past year 245 sick calls were made. Flowers and cards of good cheer are also sent to our members who are ill. We are trusting God for another year of service for him.

Mrs. Bill Duesterbeck, Secretary

Northwestern Conference

Farewell Program at Watertown, Wis., for Pastor's Family

Members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., bade farewell to Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Benke on a recent Sunday evening. Favorite selections of Mr. and Mrs. Benke were played by the Sunday School orchestra, directed by Mr. B. V. Krueger.

Various church officers expressed their acknowledgement of unusual progress made at First Baptist Church under the leadership of the Benkes. Those speaking were moderator, A. W. Krause; honorary deacon, David Goetsch; chairman, board of deacons, Irvin Rabenhorst; chairman, board of trustees, Harold Senn; Sunday School superintendent, Roger Norman; president of Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Arnold Krause; president of Kings' Daughters, Mrs. Roger Norman; President of Men's Fellowship, Royce Miller; president of Senior CBY, Richard Rabenhorst; president of Junior CBY, Allen Krause; and church janitor, Arnold Krause. Appreciation of the Benkes was also expressed by Mrs. David Goetsch and a poem was read by Mrs. Clara Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Benke expressed kind words of appreciation. A love offering was taken during the service and presented to the Benkes by the church. A social hour followed in Feliowship Hall

Mrs. Edgar Goetsch, Reporter



The new educational unit of the First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa, which was recently dedicated.

Dedication of New Addition, Buffalo Center, Iowa

With grateful hearts we can report about our new addition to the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, Dedication services were held on Sunday, Sept. 29th, with Rev. Carl Sentman of Mason City, Iowa, as guest speaker.

Extra Sunday School classrooms were greatly needed, and in March 1957 our people decided to build. By June our Vacation Bible School classes were using some of the new rooms. Our main auditorium was improved by raising the baptistry and adding a glass front. Throughout the addition and the old part downstairs, new lights were installed besides tiled floors and window drapes. The way in which our people worked together was a joy to behold.

We are happy that quite a number of older and younger folk in recent months have followed the Lord in baptism and have been extended the hand of fellowship by our pastor, Rev. W. G. Gerthe. May the Lord continue to work in our midst and may we glorify his Name!

Mrs. Joe Jurgens, Reporter

Bulletin Board and Organ Dedication, Randolph, Minn.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 22, the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., gathered for a dedicatory service. At that time they dedicated unto the Lord an outdoor Bulletin Board and a Hammond Organ.

The Bulletin Board was given to the church by Mrs. O. M. Onstad and Mr. and Mrs. Art Miller, in memory of their parents. The message it will bear to those who pass by will speak of the Lord's vineyard in this place, where faithful workers continue to sow the seed of Eternal Life. The Hammond Organ was given to the church by the Ralph D. Johnston family in memory of the late Mrs. Kalph D. Johnston. This memorial will serve to remind worshippers of a life lived in complete trust and reliance upon God.

Mr. Wilbur Swanson from Minneapolis Minn., was our guest organist for the evening. Mr. Swanson is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and has taught music for over 16 years in different colleges. As an accomplished musician he thrilled our hearts with an organ recital. Rev. Bert Itterman gave the dedicatory message and also led in the dedicatory prayer.

Bert Itterman, Pastor

Dakota Conference

Turtle Lake, N. D., Church Has Homecoming Program

On Sunday, September 29, the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., was host to friends and former members for a combined day of Mission Festival and Homecoming services. Our pastor, Rev. Herbert Schauer, was in charge of the program. We were prvileged to have Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, our "Baptist Herald" editor, bring timely and inspiring messages both morning and afternoon. The mixed choir brought songs of praise during the morning worship hour.

Special recognition was given to former and non-resident members at the afternoon Homecoming Service. This was also the first anniversary since the dedication of the church building. Donors of the memorial pews were recognized and a short dedication service was held for the altar furniture given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Sr., by their children. The men's choir and male quartet supplied the music.

Dr. Leuschner treated an attentive audience to a variety of missionary films during the evening meeting. The mixed choir and ladies trio brought messages of praise. In humbleness we thank our Heavenly Father for the offerings which amounted to \$3215.62.

Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Reporter

Church Additions and Celebrations at Hebron, N. Dak.

The First Baptist Church at Hebron, N. Dak., rejoices to report two more baptisms recently. Fifteen new members received the hand of fellowship at a very impressive communion service on Sunday, August 11. Our pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, is faithfully preaching evangelistic sermons with special invitations following every morning service. Our young people presented their annual program with a very impressive play entitled, "The Lost

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"That Christ May Be Magnified"

Christian Resolutions of the late Kenneth Neal Gummelt of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, Lorena, Texas

TENNETH NEAL GUMMELT of 4. Be kind and obedient to my par-Na Lorena, Texas, a young Christian of 17 years, died on August 26 as a result of a drowning accident. A beautiful tribute to his Christian witness appears on page 23 of this issue. He was a member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas and a brother of Rev. Walter Gordon Gummelt of Ft. Worth Texas.

Kenneth's ideals were high and radiantly Christian, as reflected in a list of "Resolutions for 1957" which were found among his personal items:

- 1. Read my Bible daily! Understand meaning of Scripture read. Memorize verses.
- 2. Pray regularly seeking God's will for my life.
- 3. Be considerate and thoughtful of others. Try to see better side of

5. Be faithful in the work of our

- 6. Work for the betterment of our church, community, school.
- 7. Be careful . . . Actions speak louder than words.
- 2. Savings, 3. Investments.
- 9. Do not follow the crowd to gain popularity.
- 10. Use my time wisely.
- 12. Study hard and take a firm stand for Christ-at work or play. Don't
- 14. Be a "Good Samaritan".

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God, unless - individuals across her length and breadth call out the prayer of the publican, "God be merciful to me, a sinner.'

A nation that has had such spiritual light in its history and opportunities provided by freedom might well listen to the warnings of Christ.

"And thou Capernaum, which are exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell; for if the mighty works which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee" (Matt. 11:23, 24).

God has blessed us in every way in order that we as individuals might call upon him for mercy in Christ who died for our sins, in order that we might seek after him and find him in Christ, in order that we might be the righteous few in our day for America, that God could not find in Lot's day when fire and brimstone fell upon Sodom and Gomorrah. (Genesis 18:32) Oh, that we might not only be a rich nation, but rich toward God! (Luke 12:21)

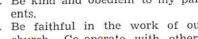
May your heart truly sing, "I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold." This is the thanks of the soul that God must have

"Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men in that he raised him from the dead"

(Acts 17:31)

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

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church. Co-operate with others, and witness.

- 8. Use my money wisely: 1. Church,

- 11. Be a gentleman always.
- 13. Be friendly to everyone, but be careful in dating.

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Church," depicting the important influence of the Christian Church in every community.

After the evening service on Sunday, Sept. 22, the congregation pleasantly surprised Dr. and Mrs. Seecamp in honor of their birthdays with a fellowship hour spent in singing and a short program. A large decorated birthday cake centered the refreshment iable. They were given a cash gift.

God blessed us especially on Sunday, Sept. 29. We celebrated our Mission-Harvest Festival with Rev. B. Fritzke of West Fargo, N. Dak., bringing three very inspiring messages. The offering amounted to \$4,253,59.

Mrs. John Stading, Jr., Reporter

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

MRS. THERESA DOBRINSKI

of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mrs. Theresa Dobrinski of Lorraine, Kansas, was born in Kreis-Sichhausen, East Prussia, Germany, on Dec. 1, 1880 and passed away in El'sworth, Kansas, on Sept. 21, 1957. She was 76. When she was seven, she emigrated to America with her parents and lived on a farm near Lorrane. Since that time, she was a faithful attendant at services of the First Baptist Church in Lorraine. In 1907, she married Charles Dobrin-ski, who passed away in 1951. To this happy union were born five children, who are now left to mourn a loving, devoted mother: 3 sons, Arthur of Geneseo, Kans., Carl and Harold of Lorraine; and 2 daughters, Mrs. Hertha Strella, McPherson, Kans. and Mrs. Leora Williams, Columbia, Mo. Also surviving are a sister, 2 brothers, and 15 grand-

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine on Sept. 24, 1957. Mr. Walter Schmidt and the Rev. J. Wayne Pinson assisted the pastor. Burial was in the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery.

Lorraine, Kansas HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor

MR. ALBERT EDEL of Olds, Alberta.

Mr. Albert Edel of Olds, Alta., was born on Nov. 3, 1881 in Wohlyn'en, Russia. In 1908 he was united in marriage with Mar-1908 he was united in marriage with Martha Edel, to which union the Lord gave ten children. In 1927 the family came to Canada, moving to Olds, Alta., (Reed Ranch). Mr. Albert Edel accepted Christ as his personal Savior in 1903 and was baptized. Being a charter member of the East Olds Eaptist Church for almost thirty years, he was known to be a faithful Christian both in words and deeds.

On September 21st, he went home to be with the Lord at the age of 76 years, 10 months, and 18 days. He leaves to mourn his departure: his beloved wife; three children (seven children have preceded him in (Mrs. Erwin Standar) of Bowness, Alta.; Frida (Mrs. Harry Semrau) of Vancouver, B. C.; four grandchildren; and one brother:

B. C.; four grandchildren; and one brother: Gustav of Kelowna, B. C. Funeral services were held on September 25th with Rev. H. A. Pohl officiating.

Olds, Alberta

H. A. POHL, Pastor

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Sept. 1957	Sept. 1957	Sept. 1957
Atlantic	\$ 2,050.44	\$ 3,495.24	\$ 2,220.58
Central		8,636.40	7,708.34
Dakota	0 055 55	4,159.80	3,444.51
Eastern	1,296.00	3,571.38	3,865.38
Northern	6,590.19	1,093.06	2,090.09
Northwestern	6,000.55	5,828.91	7,942.42
Pacific	3,499.96	3,197.13	4,125.30
Southern	221.36	371,22	1,592.36
Southwestern	1,971.83	1,045.67	2,920.74
Total Contributions	\$28,195.77	\$31,398.81	\$35,819.72
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of Sept. 1957	\$25,985.68	\$ 2,210.10	\$28,195.78
For the month of Sept. 1956	28,043.12	3,355.69	31,398.81
For the month of Sept. 1955	29,578.09	6,241.63	35,819.72
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FIS	CAL YEAR		
April 1, 1957 to Sept. 30, 1957	\$218,216.23	\$17,136.41	\$235,352.64
April 1, 1956 to Sept. 30 1956	214,235.76	22,434.64	236,670.40
April 1, 1955 to Sept. 30, 1955	199,044.72	23,278.51	222,323.23

MISS ELSIE MASKOSKE of Leduc, Alberta, Canada.

Miss Elsie Maskoske of Leduc, Alta., was born on Dec. 14, 1923 and passed away on Sept. 1, 1957 in the General Hospital of Edmonton, Alberta, at the age of 33 years, 8 months and 17 days. As a young girl she accepted Christ as Savior and was later bapt-zed and received into the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta. During the last two years of her life she suffered much. She bore this suffering with great patence and with hope of improvement. But the Lord with hope of improvement. But the Lord, whom she loved, had better things in store for her when he called her home, where

for her when he called her home, where she will never have to suffer again.

She leaves to mourn her early departure her father, Mr. Theophil Maskoske; her stepmother; two sisters, four brothers; and a host of other relatives and frends. After the passing of her mother in 1943, she took the place of a mother in the home in maintaining the household and family. Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. A. Lamprecht and the undersigned brought words of comfort to the between damily at the funeral service. reaved family at the funeral service.

First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, Canada FRED J. KNALSON, Pastor

ROBERT HENRY RATZLAFF of Salt Creek, Oregon.

of Salt Creek, Oregon.

Robert Henry Ratzlaff was born at Salt Creek, Oregon, Sept. 14, 1937, and died at Rickreall, Oregon, Sept. 3, 1957, having reached the age of 19 years, 11 months, and 19 days. He lived in Salt Creek his entire life. He graduated from the Salem Academy in 1956. He leaves to mourn his departure his father, Henry; his brother, Albert; one grandfather, David Giesbrecht, Sr.; besides aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Robert was saved in 1948 and was baptized in 1949 and at that time joined the Salt Creek Baptist Church where he remained a member until the time of his death. May the bereaved look to the Lord in this their hour of sorrow and find his strength all sufficient.

ROBERT F. PENNER, Pastor Salt Creek Church, Orego

EDWIN SCHAFFNER of Hurnville, Texas.

of Hurnville, Texas.

Edwin Schaffner of Hurnville, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gotfred Schaffner, was born on Nov. 11, 1944. He was born into God's family at the age of nine. He was baptized by Rev. Harold Ekrut on Oct. 24, 1954, and received into the membersh p of the Hurnville Baptist Church. Edwin was regular in attendance at all the church services along with his parents, brothers and sisters.

services along with his parents, brothers and sisters.

During the evening of Sept. 16, Edwin entered into the presence of the Lord as a direct result of his falling from a moving pick-up truck earlier in the afternoon. He is survived by his parents: Mr. and Mrs. Gotfred Schaffner of Hurnville: three sisters: Mrs. Ella Mae Smith of Wichita Falls, and Gertrude and Mary Lou of Hurnville: five brothers: Alfred of Abilene, Reuben of Byers, Leonard of Hurnville, Leroy of Dallas, and Dan'el of Wichita Falls; and one grandmother, Mrs. Louisa Bitts of Hurnville. Will you join with the church in prayer for this family?

Hurnville Baptist Church.

Hurnville Baptist Church,

Henrietta, Texas WALTER G. GUMMELT, Pastor

MRS. GUS KOCH of Gatesville, Texas.

Gus Koch, nee Ottilie Apel,

Mis. Gus Koch, nee Ottilie Apel, of Gatesvile, Texas. was born in Kassel, Germany, Feb. 9, 1890. She was converted and became a member of the Baptist Church in Kassel at the age of nine years and was a member of the Baptist Church since that time. At the age of eighteen, she came to the United States with her family and settled near Gatesville, Texas, in what was then known as the Hemmeline Community. She was married to Gus Koch on Dec. 24, 1911. She leaves four sons and two daughters (see names in the following obituary of Mr. Gus Koch); 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; one sister, Mrs. Lydia Schwarz of Hawthorne, Calif.; and one brother, Richard Apel of Laredo, Texas. After failing in health for several months, she became seriously ill on July 29, 1956, and never fully recovered. Mrs. Koch January 7, 1957.

Bethel Heights Baptist Church.

Bethel Heights Baptist Church, Gatesville, Texas JOHN F. LUBECK, Pastor

MR. GUS KOCH of Gatesville, Texas.

Mr. Gus Koch of Gatesville, Texas, was born on May 30, 1887 in Washington Coun-ty, Texas, and passed away at Hillerest Hospital in Waco, Texas, on Sept. 2, 1957. at the age of 70 years, 3 months, and 2 days. At the age of three, he came to Coryell County with the other members of his family. In his mid-teens he accepted Christ ily. In his mid-teens he accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized at the Bethel He ghts Baptist Church at Gatesville, Texas, where he resided until shortly before his death.

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On Dec. 24, 1911, he married Ottilie Apel. This union was blessed by the birth of 4 sons and 2 daughters. After his wife's death in January, Brother Koch's health began to deteriorate until it resulted in his decease. He was interred in the Hemmeline Cemetery on Sept. 3, 1957.

He leaves four sons: Vernon Koch of Waco, Irvin Koch of Lubbock, Albert Koch of Gatesville, Harold Koch of Corsicana; two daughters: Mrs. Adolph (Emma) Hill of Kyle, and Mrs. Ira O. (Myrtle) Phillips of Waco; 17 grandchildren; one greatgrandchild; two brothers: Fred Koch, Sr., of Gatesville, and Albert Cook of Fort Worth; and one s'ster, Mrs. Will Schulz of Peoria, Illinois.

Bethel Heights Baptist Church, Gatesville, Texas JOHN F. LUBECK, Pastor

MR. EMIL THOMS

of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Emil Thoms of Milwaukee, Wis., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Friedrich Thoms on Dec. 16, 1871 at Neustadt, Ontario, Canada. Both parents died when he was a small boy. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ohlgart became h's foster parents. He lived in Milwaukee since he was 21. On May 30, 1895 he was married to Augusta Schmidt. This union was blessed with city oblidden.

married to Augusta Schmidt. This union was blessed with six children.

He was converted in his early teens and baptized on April 4, 1884 in Minenk, Illinois. In Milwaukee he belonged to the First German Baptist Church for several years. Since 1895 he was a faithful member of the Temple Baptist Church. He was always an interested and active member. The first Sunday of 1857 was his last Sunday in church

terested and active member. The first Sunday of 1957 was his last Sunday in church. He passed away quietly on Sept. 21, 1957. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, two sons, two daughters, ten grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on September 24, the undersigned bringing words of comfort from II Corinthians 5:1, a text chosen by the deceased

Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin RUDOLPH WOYKE, Pastor

GERHARD ERICH SCHULTZ of Edmonton, Alberta.

Gerhard Erich Schultz of North Edmon-Gerhard Erich Schultz of North Edmonton, Alta., was born Feb. 8, 1938 to Mr. and Mrs. Er ch Schultz. He received his earliest education in and around Edmonton. From childhood on, he received the right spiritual training by his godly parents. In Christ he found forgiveness and life eternal. At the age of ten he was baptized and received into the membership of the Centerla of the Membership of the Membership of the Centerla of the Membership of the Membe nal. At the age of ten he was baptized and received into the membership of the Central Baptist Church. Later his membership was transferred to the Lauderdale Church of Edmonton. Throughout the days of his short life, Gerhard gave much evidence of devotion to his Savior. Two years of studies in the Christian Training Institute helped him greatly to serve God with greater devotion. greater devotion.

greater devotion.

Gerhard's brief illness and sudden death have been a deep shock to his many friends and fellow-Christians. May God's loving-k ndness and mercy dwell richly with those who mourn the loss of their loved one. He lived to the age of 19 years, 7 months and 24 days. Gerhard leaves to mourn his grandfather from the maternal side, father

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land; so the little minutes, humble though they be, make the mighty ages of eternity". - Mrs. Julia A. Fletcher Carney.

and mother, two brothers and one sister and many relatives and friends.

Lauderdale Baptist Church.

G. J. THIESSEN, Pastor MRS. ANNA HEITSCHMIDT of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mrs. Anna Heitschmidt of Lorraine, Kan-sas, was born in Hohenkirch, West Prussia, Germany, on Sept. 14, 1862 and passed away as the home of her daughter, Mrs. John M'Ibradt, in Osage City, Kansas, on Sept. 29, 1957. She was 95. At the age of 13, she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized by the Rev. A. Panske, and joined the Baptizet church in Hohenkirch. Coming to America in 1882 and settling in the Lorraine community, she joined the F'rst Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. At her death, she has been a member of the church she loved for over 75 years and was its oldest member. In 1884 she was united in marriage to John Heitschmidt, who passed away in 1975. The union was blessed with seven children, four of whom survive. Mrs. Heitschmidt was a true "mother in Isael." a stalwart Christian and a winsome testimony to her blessed Lord throughout her long life.

her long life.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 2, 1957
—in the morning at the Osage City Bible
Babtist Church and in the afternoon at the
First Baptist Church of Lorraine. Mr. Walter Schmidt read Scripture and led 'n
prayer and her pastor spoke on the fitting
text, Proverbs 4:18. Burial was in the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery raine Baptist Cemetery.

aine Baptist Cemetery. First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor

MRS. WILLIAM HALLADAY of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Mrs. Cather'ne Sibilla Halladay, nee Dutt, Mrs. Cather ne Sibilla Halladay, nee Dutt, of Grand Forks, N. Dak., was born in Southern Russia. Aug. 12, 1899 and died at the Deaconess Hospital on Sept. 23, 1957 at the age of 58 years and one month. As a child of three years she came with her parents to the U. S. and settled at Grand Forks, N. Dak., where she lived her entire life. At 12 years of age Catherine generated

Forks, N. Dak., where she lived her entire life. At 12 years of age Catherine accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior, was baptized by Rev. Fredrick Herrman and became a member of Grace Baptist Church of which she remained a faithful member.

On Nov. 22, 1917 she was united in marriage to William Halladay and this marriage was blessed with 8 children. She had been in ill health for the last 18 years, and with courage and faith she carried her heavy burden without complaint. She leaves to mourn her husband; her children: Ruth Stottrup, Emerado, N. Dak.; Mrs. Ed. Dougherty, Seattle, Wash.; Embrose of Riverside, Calif.; William of Mayville, N. Dak.; Mrs. Willis Randolph of Tacoma, Wash.; Lloyd of Heron Lake, Minn.; Benny in the Airforce, overseas; Calvin of Ann Arbor. Airforce, overseas; Calvin of Ann Arbor.

Mich.; and other loved ones.
Mrs. Halladay was a member of the Lalies' Missionary Society and the Dorcas

Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota WALTER STEIN, Pastor

KENNETH NEAL GUMMELT of Route 2, Lorena, Texas.

Kenneth Neal Gummelt of Lorena, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gummelt, was forn on June 1, 1940 in the Cottonwood Community near Lorena, Texas. He went to be with his Lord on August 26, as the re-To be with his Lord on August 26, as the result of a fatal drowning accident. Kenneth Was converted when his brother, Rev. Walter G. Gummelt, was preaching at the Cotonwood Baptist Church, and was baptized April 17, 1949. He was a faithful member of the Cottonwood Church, having served in many capacities: president of the Young People's Training Union; president of the Royal Ambassador Chapter; Training Union Song leader: member of the Church Chair

Royal Ambassador Chapter; Training Union; Song leader; member of the Church Choir and the Young Men's Quartet. Only the wonderful memories of a dedicated life and the fact of immortality through our Savior, Jesus Christ. have served to lessen the deep feeling of his absence.

A host of friends attended the funeral services at the Cottonwood Baptist Church on August 28th, with Rev. J. R. Wyatt and Rev. Howard Schenk officiating, He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gummelt of Lorena, Texas; Mrs. Bill Foster of Killeen, Texas; and Rev. Walter G. Gummelt of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Cottonwood Baptist Church, Lorena, Texas

Lorena, Texas HOWARD G. SCHENK, Pastor

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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article about Mr. and Mrs. Haupt for "Baptist Herald" readers in the near future. The number of our Cameroons missionaries, with the going of Mr. and Mrs. Haupt to Africa, will have reached the mark of 41.

- The furlough period of Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionary, has been extended by four months, thus enabling her to take a full academic year of studies at the University of Alberta in Edmonton which ends on April 30, 1958. This has been approved by the General Missionary Committee under conditions satisfactory to Miss Forsch and the committee. She will then engage in two months of deputation work before the General Conference sessions in July 1958 in Edmonton, Alta., and return to the Cameroons Misson field immediately following the conference sessions.
- On Sunday morning, October 6, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., received seven new members into the fellowship of the church, six of whom had been baptized the previous Sunday. The guest speaker on that Sunday was Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," who also spoke at the first of a series of "Sunday Evening Family Fellowship" supper meetings. The Father and Son Banquet was held on Saturday evening, Oct. 26, with Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary, as the guest speaker.
- Recent highlights at the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., included the entertainment of the State-wide Sunday School Convention, sponsored by the Central Michigan Bible Conference association, during the month of September. Featured

guest of the meeting was Governor G. Mennen Williams of the state of Michigan who made a brief but timely address. A new high has been reached in the Sunday School with 428 persons present on Sept. 29. On that same evening, six new members were added to the church, two by baptism. They were given the hand of fellowship by the pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler. "An increased attendance at the Sunday evening services is also being noted," as reported by Rev. Ewald A. Roloff.

- Miss Donna Mae Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wis., and Mr. William A. Schroeder of Cranbury, N. J., were married on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 9, at the First Baptist Church of Watertown with Rev. L. Bienert, CYBF general secretary, officiating. Miss Rabenhorst served for two years as the Forest Park office secretary of the denominational CBY Fellowship and Sunday School Union. Mr. Schroeder is an electronic seaman on the aircraft carrier, "USS Saratoga." He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder will establish residence in Norfolk, Va.
- "Family Night" was observed by the Baptist Missionary Circle of Jeffers, Minn., on Wednesday evening, Oct. 2, with Miss Ona Van Gerpen, president, in charge. The scripture passage was read by Florence Carlblom and prayer was offered by Helen DeVries. An accordion duet was rendered by Florence Bleeker and Thelma Deck. The guest speaker was Dr. Paul Gebauer, superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission, who thrilled the audience of 100 people with his stirring message. Rev. Elton Kirstein of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., who was a guest at the service, offered the closing prayer. The missionary offering amounted to \$30.00. Rev. Elton Bleeker is pastor of the Jeffers Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

(Continued from Page 18) or in death. Like one of God's saints Paul could say, "The presence of Christ is the cheer of my life; the Spirit of Christ is the life of my life; the love of Christ is the power of my life; the will of Christ is the end of my life."

VICTORY IN JAPAN (Continued from Page 7)

Christians in our work in Japan. These are not extraordinary people, but rather the ordinary type with their faults and weaknesses. Some have grasped the fulness of God's salvation in Christ and are daily making his grace visible as lights in this spiritually dark world. The mssionary's task becomes one of guiding these to become leaders of their own people.

Already two of our young men have expressed their desire to enter the Christian ministry. One has been introduced to the readers of the "Baptist Herald" as the co-worker of the writer, and the other is a young highschool graduate from our Ise Baptist church. You can have a definite part in the training of these future leaders of our Christians in Japan. Pray for them: Mr. Murakami and Mr. Sekoguchi.

Remember likewise your representatives in Japan so that they may be guide posts to the living Christ. Your prayer support is essential. The work in Japan has only begun. Within a radius of ten miles, there are many villages with several thousand people in each who have no church nor are there any Christians to tell them of the Way of Salvation. These become our field. We must reach them. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" ((Matt. 9:38).

GOOD CHRISTIAN READING

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