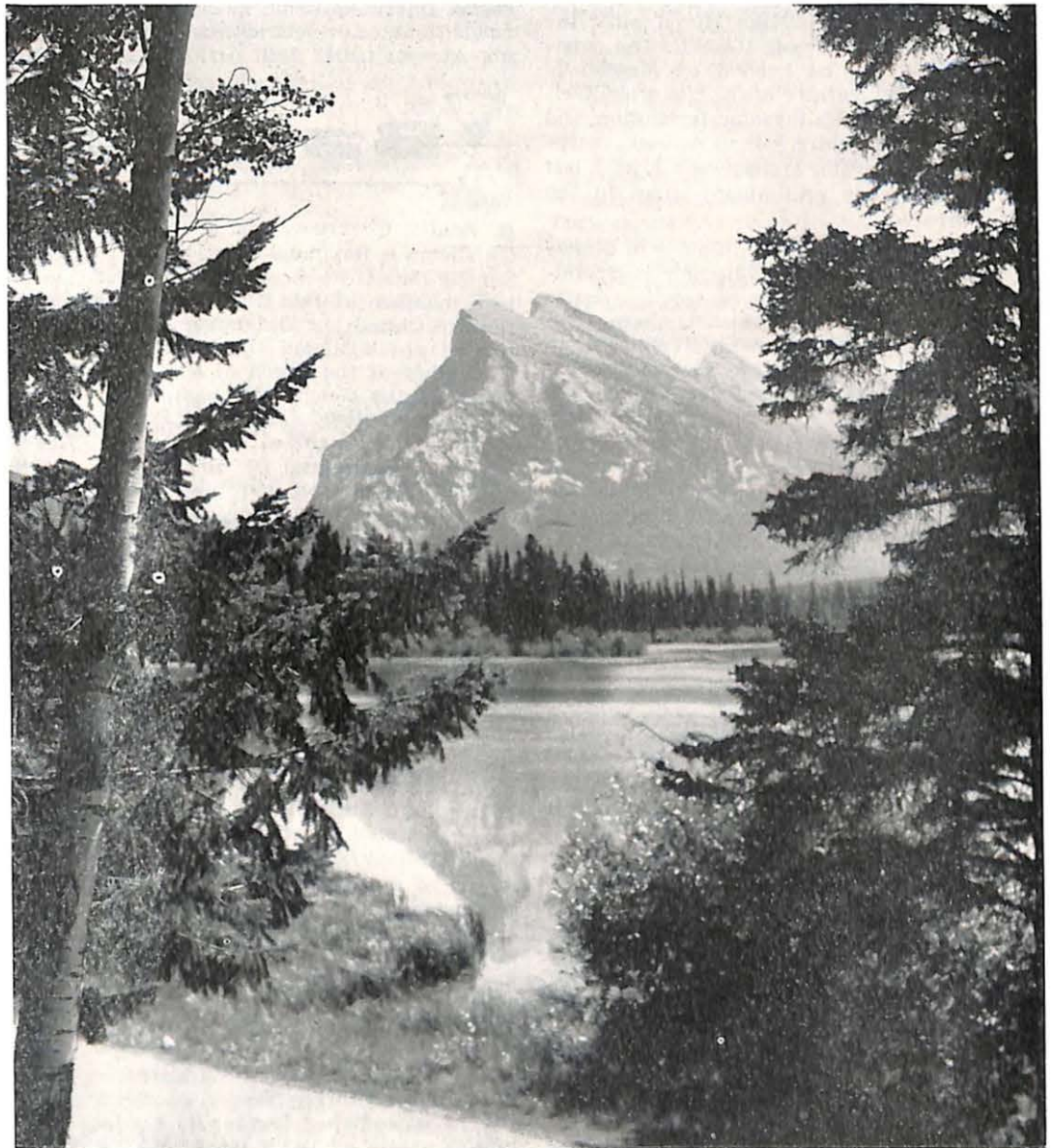


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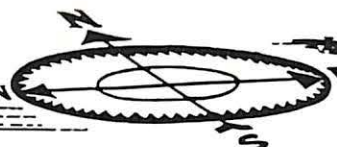
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● Plans for an All-Africa Conference in Ibadan Nigeria, Jan. 10-18, 1958, were made at a meeting convened by the Nigerian Christian Council. Sir Francis Ibiham, president of the Christian Council, presided. Among those present was Dr. W. Carpenter of New York, Africa secretary of the International Missionary Council. The conference will have as its theme: "The Church in Changing Africa."

● The Smithsonian Institution of Washington D. C., and the American-Israel Society are sending a jointly sponsored sub-marine expedition to Israel to search for King Herod's ancient harbor on the bottom of the sea near Caesarea. King Herod built the harbor in the year 100 B.C. The expedition will be headed by Mendel L. Leterson, curator of the Historical Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution, and by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Link, veteran underwater archaeologists, who, last year, made preliminary dives in the area.

● The British Crown Colony of Singapore is scheduled to become independent in 1958, due in no small measure to the work of Methodists there. Chinese Methodist laymen have played an important role in the negotiations for Singapore's independence. Of the five members of the "Independence Mission" which worked out the terms of freedom, two were Methodists and a third was a teacher in a Methodist school. This is considered a significant indication of the influence of the Christian minority in Singapore, a city of many religions. The head of the freedom team was Lim Yew Hock, Chief Minister of Singapore and a Methodist layman.

● The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has ended 130 years of missionary activity in Thailand by turning over all its property to the Church of Christ in Thailand. Included in the transfer were churches, major medical establishments and agricultural training facilities. The 69 Presbyterian missionaries in the country will become fraternal workers under the direction of the Thai Church. The Presbyterians will continue to give 370 thousand dollars to the Thai Church each year. That's the amount of the present missionary budget. This development in Thailand marks the fifth time in recent years that the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., has turned over an entire mission field to the indigenous church.

● Two seminaries of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will be established in the Province of Ontario, Canada—one at Toronto and the other at Windsor. The decision was made by delegates to a district convention of

the Negro denomination, held at Toronto recently. Bishop Joseph Gomez of the fourth district told the delegates that the 141-year-old Church now has a worldwide membership of 1,165,000. Formed in Philadelphia in 1816, the church has spread to West and South Africa, the West Indies, South America and Canada. The Convention made plans for a more intensive effort to increase Canadian membership. "Although the majority of our membership is colored," Bishop Gomez said, "many white persons, especially in the U. S., now belong to our church."

● Racing against the tide of secular civilizations sweeping into Africa, the Sudan Interior Mission in launching a new literature project aimed at reaching African tribes with periodicals in

their own languages. The West African Field Council has announced plans for producing a series of highly illustrated, colorful gospel leaflets under the initials VIP—Vernacular Illustrated Publications for Africa. "While our Christian magazine, *African Challenge*, has been reaching English-speaking literates all over the continent, we have felt the need of reaching Africans who are literate only in their own tribal languages," Rev. R. J. Davis, West African field director, reports. "Western materialism flooding into the English-speaking coastal areas has not yet overcome inherent interest in religion in non-English-speaking areas. We plan to reach entire tribes with the gospel in print before materialism and cults reach them."



Baptist Briefs

● **Baptist Governor.** The governor of Oklahoma is Raymond Gary, a Baptist Sunday School teacher and deacon. He is a member of the Kellham Avenue Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, a trustee of Oklahoma University, and a member of the board of the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention.

● **Polish Baptists.** Baptists in Poland, rejoicing over a recent visit from Dr. Ernest A. Payne and Dr. Henry Cook representing the Baptist World Alliance, are making plans for celebration of the centennial of the Baptist denomination in Poland, July 3-6, 1958. The Rev. Alexander Kircun says that many guests are expected for the celebration, and those who are able to participate are invited to write him at Warszawa 18, Spasowskiego 13m. 16. Polska Poland.

● **Baptist Serves Chaplains.** Dr. Lawrence P. Fitzgerald, director of youth publications for the American Baptist Publication Society since 1946, has been appointed director of the Department of Ministry to Armed Forces Personnel of the General Commission on Chaplains in the U. S. A. He will serve as a liaison between the young men in military service and the 37 different denominations working together in promoting this significant work among military personnel. Dr. Berthold Jacksteit of Anaheim, Calif., is his successor as director of youth publications.

● **Seminary Library Named.** Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will name its new \$1,500,000 library in honor of James Pettigru Boyce, the seminary's founder and first president. It was Boyce's own 5,000 volume personal library that formed the foundation for the present 135,000

volume collection. A new addition to the library's shelves will be 'the permanent records of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusades,' including films, records, correspondence and other documents.

● **European Baptist Congress.** Dates for the European Baptist Congress at Berlin, Germany, are now definite. The time has been set for July 27-31, 1958, five full days beginning with a Sunday. The meeting place will be the "Deutschlandhalle," at the Radio Tower in West Berlin. Six thousand participants are expected. The Congress will be the second arranged by the European Baptist Federation whose president is Dr. Hans Luckey, Hamburg. The first one was held in Copenhagen in 1952. But prior to that, two European Baptist Congresses were held under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance: at Berlin in 1908, and at Stockholm in 1913. After 50 years it will again convene in Berlin.

● **Medical Team on World Tour.** The executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in Canada, voted to send three top American physicians on a round-the-world tour of Baptist medical mission stations. The tour will begin next spring. An anesthetist, a surgeon and a medical school dean will make up the visiting team. They will offer their services for unusual medical cases in the hospitals and also will direct short courses in modern medical developments for the benefit of all physicians in the areas. The committee also approved a request from Australia that a score or more of outstanding Baptist ministers go to that land in 1958 or 1959 to lead a continent-wide evangelistic campaign.

Editorial



WE'RE GOING NORTH!

According to the best advice that can be followed by North American Baptists in 1958, we're going north to Edmonton, Alberta, for the 32nd General Conference. This sounds different from the counsel given by Horace Greeley years ago in his classical utterance: "Go west, young man!" But this northerly migration of North American Baptists on a combination conference trip and vacation tour will be one of the most exciting chapters in our denominational history.

It will be an EXTRAORDINARY conference from every point of view. The province of Alberta has just completed two sumptuous and palatial auditoriums to commemorate its 50th Jubilee—one in Calgary and the other in Edmonton. These are hailed as the most modern, spacious and elegant convention halls on the North American continent. The auditorium in Edmonton is something to captivate the eye, to excite the mind, and to provide comfort for the body. It will be an ideal setting for remarkable fellowship and for inspirational programs. Here we shall hold our next General Conference from July 21 to 27, 1958.

It will be an EXTRAORDINARY conference in breaking all attendance records. Plans are already being made to welcome more than 2,000 registered delegates and visitors to the conference with hopes that the weekend crowd will probably swell to the 3,000 mark. Our Alberta churches alone will be represented with about 1,000 people. This will then be the biggest General Conference we have ever held. It will be thrilling to be there when these new attendance records are set!

The General Conference program is certainly EXTRAORDINARY. It is published in tentative form on several pages of this issue. Study it carefully, and you will soon be aware of its wonderful features. The program headliners, such as Dr. Herbert Gezork, Mrs. Edgar Bates, Premier Manning, and others, have distinguished themselves in large Baptist gatherings as wonderful speakers. There will be simultaneous meetings with all kinds of messages and program features being offered in English and German in separate halls of the Jubilee Auditorium. The entire denominational program will be colorfully reviewed. Indian chiefs from nearby reservations will appear in full regalia and bring their Christian testimonies. Missionaries will be commissioned by our beloved Dr. Paul Gebauer, superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission. It's the kind of unusual program that you just cannot afford to miss!

The associations with this General Conference are also bound to be EXTRAORDINARY for every North American Baptist who goes to Edmonton. Nearby are the majestic, snow crowned peaks of the Canadian Rockies as seen in Jasper National Park and at Banff and Lake Louise. In Alberta these awe inspiring mountainous heights are seen at their best. A "Vacation Package Tour" is being offered to those who want to spend almost a week after the conference in this fairyland of marvelous grandeur, together with a hundred or more of other North American Baptists. What an adventure that will be at inexpensive prices! Read about this package tour and make your reservations as soon as possible. You'll feel like royalty on this grand tour into the Canadian Rockies!

All we can say is: "We're going north for the next General Conference—July 21 to 27, 1958—at Edmonton, Alberta. Come along with great expectations and high spirits! The half has not been told of all the glory that awaits us in Edmonton!"

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"Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee!"

"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

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"He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

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By Rev. Kenneth Fischer,

Pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif.

I AM THE RESURRECTION and the life." This testimony of our Lord belongs to the great "I am's" of Jesus, which we find recorded in the gospel of John. In each one of these "I am's," Jesus tells us what he is for the world. In each statement he gives a different view of himself, and reveals how he meets the most diverse needs of the human heart. No matter with what needs we may come to him, he never disappoints us. You place your need before him, and he answers with a great I AM. "I am just what you need!"

"I AM'S" OF CHRIST

"I am the Good Shepherd." He says this to the sheep of his pasture. He feeds and leads his sheep, even when they must go through the valley of the shadow of death.

"I am the Light of the World." He says this to those who walk in darkness. He lets his light shine on sin and guilt, on redemption and justification, on death and the grave, and on coming judgment.

"I am the door." He says this to all who would enter the Kingdom of grace. There are many more such "I am's" in the gospel of John.

"I am the Bread of Life. I am the way, the truth, and the life. I am the true vine."

And in our text we read, "I am the resurrection and the life." And then Jesus adds, "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." It is the message of immortal life that Jesus

brings. All life on earth is brief. There are creatures that live but a day. But even if they live for a hundred years, what is that compared to eternity?

The Bible is full of the transitoriness of life. It is a shadow, a dream, a tale that is told. While we are still young, we think the years of life to be many. We would even hasten on to the future. But when we have come to manhood and womanhood, we realize the truth of the Psalmist's plaint: "We fly away."

The thought brings despair. We yearn for immortality, for we have been created for eternity. Is there then no life to be found that is not subject to death? Yes, answers the Christ. There is such an immortal life, and it is found in me. "He that liveth and believeth on me, shall never die."

IMMORTAL LIFE

Jesus presents himself as the Author of immortal life when he says, "I am the resurrection and the life." It is directly connected with the faith of Martha, who said of Lazarus: "I know that he shall rise again at the last day." Martha thought of the distant future. She did not dare to think of the present.

Jesus corrects this by calling her back to the present. Jesus will not only be the resurrection in the future, but he is such now while standing in the presence of Martha: "I am the resurrection." That is what Jesus was, and still is.

The facts have proved it. Three times Jesus raised the dead: the daughter of Jairus, a child; the son of the

widow of Nain, a young man; and Lazarus, a full grown man. The life giving power of Jesus covers all ages—childhood, youth and manhood.

But this is not the most important thing for us. More important than these resurrections is the resurrection of Christ himself. He had declared to his disciples when he described himself as the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep: "I have power to lay down my life, and I have power to take it up again." By his resurrection he proved that he was the resurrection and the life. He has become such for many. He still opens the graves. We are speaking, of course, of spiritual death.

Our resurrection must begin where death begins, that is, in our souls. When Adam sinned, he did not at once die physically, but lived for many centuries. Yet death reigned in his soul because he was separated from God, the source of life. If Christ is to be the resurrection for sinners, he must first be such for their souls. He sends his Word and Spirit in the world to cry: "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee."

SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION

Many have been resurrected in this sense: a Samaritan woman, a Levi, a Paul, a Lydia, and a jailer in Philippi. And there is today a multitude for whom he has been the resurrection. This inward resurrection is a pledge that their bodies will one day be raised from the grave. The soul is more than the body. If your soul lives, your body will live also, for Jesus has said: "This is the will of my Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and

believeth on him, shall have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Jesus is also the Life. First, he is the resurrection and then he is the Life. In our spiritual resurrection we are born to a new life, and this life must grow. If Jesus did not nourish this life continually it would wither and die, but he daily pours out his grace unto us. We are not born at once men and fathers in faith. When we are born again, we are as little children. How partial is our knowledge of the truth! And as we grow older our consciousness of our sinfulness deepens and our prayer life becomes more moderate.

We put our prayers under the sway of the Holy Spirit. Gradually our faith becomes more firm, and the mist of doubt rolls away. And as for our daily conduct, our walk on the path of holiness is much more consistent.

You have grown. You are better founded. You have advanced, even though you are but little satisfied with yourself. But you do not owe this to your own exertions. It is the resurrection power of Christ that makes your spiritual life grow. Jesus Christ, who was your resurrection, is continually the fountain source of your life.

"I am the resurrection and the life." It means that Christ preserves you from all enemies. As a Pharaoh pursued the Israelites, so Satan pursues you after you have been delivered from the Egypt of sin. What would become of us, if Christ did not make us by inward strength more than a victor? What would become of us if he did not keep his promise that no one shall snatch his sheep out of his hand or out of the hand of his Father, so that we cannot be lost forever?

OUR COMPLETE SALVATION

Praise God, Christ grants to us, not a partial, but a complete salvation. This salvation is given by Christ. We must appropriate it.

"I am the resurrection," says Jesus. The word resurrection supposes death. And now the question is whether we will place over against the "I am" of Jesus another "I am" of our own? Will we confess: "Yea, Lord Jesus, thou art the resurrection, but I, I have fallen in sin: I am in the power of death." We will never make it of our own accord. We must first experience the work of grace. Through sin we have become proud.

The unregenerated heart also has its "I am." It is the "I am" of Laodicea: "I am rich and increased in goods, and have need of nothing."

Oh, may God open our eyes!

When God lets the searching light of his Spirit enter our soul, our pride is at an end. We see ourselves as leprous from head to foot. We stand naked and revealed before the God who is too pure to condone evil.

Now Jesus describes this immort



Rev. Kenneth Fischer, pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., making some house-to-house calls in the new Magnolia subdivision with 1500 new homes within a mile of the church.

life. In our text he does not portray it in its essence and glory as an eternal joy into which he will one day lead his faithful servants but only describes how we can get that life and what it means both for the dead and the living. Jesus first speaks of those who have died. Martha had recently lost her brother, and it showed fine tact on the part of Jesus to begin with them who were resting in the grave. He had already comforted her by drawing her attention from her dead brother to himself when he said: "I am the resurrection and the life."

In the same breath he continues to place his departed friend in the full light of this testimony by adding: "Whosoever believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Jesus is speaking of the believing dead to whom Lazarus belonged. We may apply this truth to those whom we have laid aside to rest in the darkness of the grave if they were the possession of Jesus and died in the hope of salvation. When we speak of them, we usually call them dead. It would be wrong to condemn this. For we mean that they are no longer in the sphere of this earthly life. They are separated from us, and it would be hyperspirituality to speak of them as though alive.

THE DEAD LIVE!

Yet, what does Jesus teach? He declares: "He that believeth in me, though he die, yet shall he live." The dead live! They live in another and higher world. Though their bodies have died and returned to dust, they live as with their souls unto God and Christ. Their life is more real than that of the sin-burdened and sorrow-stricken inhabitants of the earth. They live a joyous life without care, weariness or pain. They live in heaven with the angels and saints, and this full, rich, deep life is so unclouded that they rejoice before the throne of God.

But this is not all. Jesus also has a promise for the body. He does not say that whosoever believes in him will live as to his soul in Heaven. He uses

the future tense, and thereby refers at the same time to their glorious, bodily resurrection from the grave. "He that believeth in me, though he die, yet shall he live!"

Immortal life is also promised for the body. On the last day we shall receive our bodies back again glorified and redeemed from all weaknesses and limitations. Christ is not half a Savior. His saving work includes both body and soul. The believing dead will be restored to us, and we will walk with them on the new earth where there will be no more separation.

Immortal life is the portion of all believers, and it will be nourished by him who stands as the true Tree of life in the Paradise of God. Christ not only has a promise for those who died. He also has one for those who are still on earth. For he adds: "And whosoever liveth, and believeth on me, shall never die." This promise must at first have sounded just as strange to Martha as to us. For it is in complete contradiction with the facts of daily life, if we give it but a superficial glance.

OUR ETERNAL HOME

Whosoever liveth and believeth in Christ—what is his lot here on earth? Your answer will be: The same as that of others who do not believe in Christ. He is on the way to the grave. The sharp sickle of the great Mower does not spare the believers on the grain-field of humankind. We all go to our eternal home, and we often see that the pious are taken away before the godless.

These are the hard facts, the raw reality. How can Christ then say that the believers shall never die. The explanation is that the believers will never have to taste death in its fullness. They do, indeed, become sick and die. They also are carried to the grave. They are mourned, and their names are erased from the census rolls of the living.

And yet death in its reality and aw-

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Henry Drummond, author of "The Greatest Thing in the World," was looked upon as "a haloed saint" and known as "The Prince" among younger men, but the commanding feature of his face could always be seen in his keen brown eyes.

Henry Drummond and "The Greatest Thing in The World"

The author of this Christian Classic, which began as a fireside talk on LOVE, died sixty years ago, but his sermon still strikes "a lost chord" in every soul.

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By Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Forest Park, Illinois

"A FINISHED gentleman is perhaps the most uncommon of all the great characters in life." Little did Henry Drummond of England realize that in this observation he was describing himself for he was certainly a gentleman of the most uncommon kind. His mind was graced with all the dignity and elevation of spirit of which human nature is capable. Men looked upon him as being modest without timidity, frank and sociable without rudeness, obliging and complaisant without servility, cheerful and humorous without noise.

If you were alone with him he would discover what interested you and would listen by the hour. His keen brown eyes got at your heart, making it simple to speak to him honestly because honesty permeated his entire character. He was one of the purest, most unselfish and most reverent souls you ever knew, but you would not have looked upon him as a haloed saint. Among the younger men he was known as "The Prince," for his distinction and radiance compelled the title.

GENIUS FOR FRIENDSHIP

To give an accurate description of the man is almost beyond tongue or pen. His biographer tells us that you might as well try to describe a perfume as attempt to describe Henry Drummond. He was singularly handsome, but the distinctive and commanding feature of his face was his eye. It had a power that was short of irresistible. Ian Maclaren observed that no man could be double or base or mean or impure before that eye.

His genius for friendship was an

accepted fact by everyone who knew him. Yet the longer you knew him, the more impressed you became with the fact that he seldom spoke about himself. Not even his most intimate friends were asked for a word of sympathy, nor did he carry any mental or spiritual wounds that needed the help and healing of others. Many classed him among those who are born good and have goodness in their very blood.

But to think that the formation and growth of Henry Drummond's character was an easy and natural process is to miss the truth entirely. In his brief span of life he passed through two of the greatest trials to which a person can be exposed. He was not yet twenty-three years of age when he was surprised by great and sudden fame. Crowds of people hung upon his words; countless lives opened their secrets to him and made him aware of his power over them. In the next ten years the great of the land thronged him. His social, political and religious opportunities were boundless. There was scarcely any position that he might not have occupied.

He was a Presbyterian minister, though he never accepted a call to a congregation. He was an evangelist, but he never held any protracted meetings. Vocationally, he was a professor of natural science and his lectures on scientific themes were recognized by the Royal Society, the British Association and other learned bodies. William Gladstone tried to persuade him to enter Parliament. Lord Aberdeen, appointed as Governor-General of Canada, begged Henry Drummond to accompany him. McGill University of Montreal did its best to se-

cure him as its president.

Such great trials and temptations have withered some of the finest characters in history. But Henry Drummond passed through it unscathed and never turned from his accepted vocation as a Christian teacher. Yet no one who heard him speak on temptation and sin could doubt that he spoke from experience.

TRIALS OF LIFE

His second test plunged him to the opposite extreme. Ten years later, at the early age of forty-four, he was stricken with an incurable illness. For two long years he suffered weakness and indescribable pain. Perhaps what was most trying to his spirit was the fact that, although he was accustomed all his life to be giving, helping and leading, he now became entirely dependent upon others. Yet even through this trying time, he continued unspoiled and remained the same humble, unselfish and cheerful friend to the very end.

George Adam Smith, one of his contemporaries and most noted biographer, claims that the most conspicuous service which Henry Drummond rendered to his generation was to show them a Christianity which was perfectly natural. It was impossible for him to put on any airs, or to show the slightest sign of a false modesty. As far as it was humanly possible to do so, Henry Drummond never spoke beyond his experience, nor fell behind his faith in action.

Some men grow up in prescribed circles and become limited in their work and ministry. Some find it difficult to break the circle from the inside,

and those on the outside have no desire to make an effort to break through. Henry Drummond drew no circles, or rather he drew everyone into his circle. He was at home with school boys, university students, members of Parliament, London stockbrokers, boot-blacks, street sweepers, industrialists, laborers and men of every class and kind. The variety of audiences he addressed were innumerable. His grace and dignity were just as natural in the pulpit of a stately church or in a great scientific assembly, as well as in the evangelistic tent.

PRINCE OF BUTTONHOLERS

But the audience he loved best was the audience of one. F. W. Boreham in "A Temple of Topaz" calls Henry Drummond a "Prince of Buttonholers." Often he was seen going home at dead of night with a man in whose arm his own was linked. Sometimes it was a distinguished citizen; sometimes an ordinary n'er-do-well; sometimes an oddity of some kind—the unconventional or vagrant. To draw souls one by one, he believed, was the secret of all true success. And he became a past-master in the art. He made every man he tackled feel that he loved him for the simple reason that he really did.

One story which conveys the meaning of his love and compassion, and which is still frequently heard in the pulpit, concerns a woman whose husband lay dying. Late one Saturday night she rang the bell on Henry Drummond's door.

"My husband is dyin', sir. He's not able to speak to you; and he's not able to hear you; but I would like him to have a breath o' you about him afore he dies." Courtesy, kindness and humility were the natural graces of his spirit, and it could truthfully be said of him, as it was said of the early disciples, that men took knowledge of him that he had been with Jesus.

With all his activity, and a hundred and more interests, it would be supposed that Henry Drummond was a very active man—one who crowded his schedule to capacity and hurried from place to place in order to keep his numerous appointments. On the contrary, he never entangled himself in a multitude of official duties, nor did he aspire to any exalted office. He never became, in the ordinary sense of the term, a busy man. No one ever saw him feverish or flurried or in a hurry. In modern phraseology, "he raised no dust."

Very early in life he learned a radiant secret. It was that the great and important thing was to LIVE rather than to WORK. Once he had found the secret of life, the work of his life fell into its proper place.

CHRIST BEHIND THE MAN

But, after all, this is not the real Drummond. There is something more, something sweeter, something deeper!

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testified that the real work of grace in her soul began when she heard the Reverend Mr. McCheyne exclaim in prayer, "O Lord, thou knowest that we love thee!", and she could see by his shining face that he really meant it. Henry Drummond affected people the same way. He made them feel that unless they had a real love for Christ, and had entered into an abiding relationship with the Son of God, they were missing life's best.

As far as it was possible, he made sure that no one in his hearing range missed the message of love. F. W. Boreham states that there is no uncertainty as to Henry Drummond's text. He was saturated with it, it sparkled in his eyes, it oozed out of him and he never tired of singing its praises. He called it, "The Greatest Thing in the World" and he exemplified it.

Where did this wonderful sermon get its start? Let D. L. Moody give his version of the story:

FIRESIDE TALK ON LOVE

"I was staying with a party of friends at a country house during my visit to England in 1884. On Sunday evening, as we sat around the fire, they asked me to read and explain some portion of Scripture. Being tired after the services of the day, I told them to ask Henry Drummond, who was one of the party. After some urging, he drew a small Testament from his pocket, opened it at the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians and began to speak on the subject of Love. It seemed to me that I had never heard anything so beautiful, and I determined never to rest until I had brought Henry Drummond to America to deliver that address."

"Some men," wrote Mr. Moody many years later, "take an occasional journey into the thirteenth of First Corinthians. But Henry Drummond lived there constantly, appropriating its blessings and exemplifying its teachings."

Henry Drummond repeated that fireside talk all over the world—in the principal cities of England and America, in China and Japan, in Africa, Australia and the South Sea Islands. In 1889 it was published and within six months 185,000 copies were sold. Translated into every European and many Asiatic languages, it has since been issued by the million. The result of its publication brought Henry Drummond an avalanche of correspondence from all over the world. He seemed to have found "The Lost Chord" in every human soul. The world was dying for love, and Henry Drummond knew it.

FIRST CORINTHIANS 13

Every grade-school pupil, at one time or another, heard Nathaniel Hawthorne's story of "The Great Stone Face." A little boy looked at it so

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Baptist Tour Into the Canadian Rockies

Train Accommodations and Rates from Chicago to Edmonton and First Announcement About a Glorious Mountain Trip With Conference Visitors after the Sessions

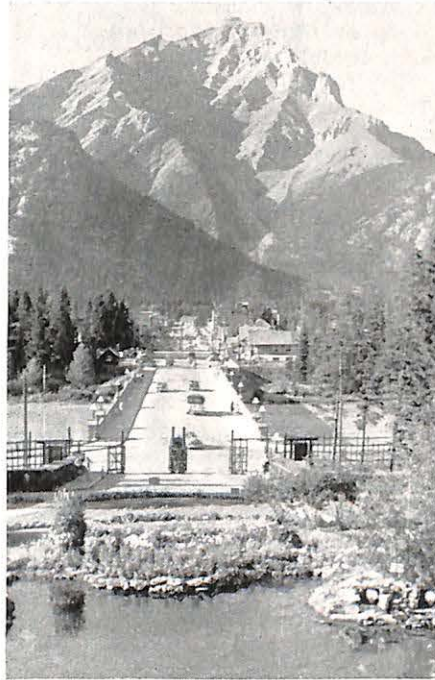
YOUR TICKET to happiness in 1958 is your decision to go with your family to Edmonton, Alberta, to attend the General Conference sessions there from July 21 to 27, 1958.

Look at a map and follow any road from your home town to Edmonton, and you will soon see the many thrilling and scenic places on the way that you have long wanted to see. Put your family into your car and come to the Alberta capital for the most wonderful time of your lives!

GOING TO EDMONTON!

Then look at the General Conference program announced in this issue, and try to resist coming to Edmonton, if you can! The guest speakers are outstanding Baptist leaders, acclaimed around the world. We shall have a record breaking attendance in Edmonton, anticipated to be more than 2,000. What an opportunity for grand, exciting fellowship! We shall meet in the most luxurious and spectacular civic auditorium that you can probably see anywhere—in the Alberta Jubilee Auditorium! If you don't believe that, come to Edmonton to see for yourself. There will be musical highlights, missionary rallies, inspirational hours, colorful exhibits, and a panorama of spiritual blessings that will etch this conference into the most golden memories of your life.

If you are traveling by train via Chicago, we invite you to join our special General Conference group. Many North American Baptists will leave Chicago on Saturday afternoon, July 19, on the "Hiawatha" on the first lap of the trip to Edmonton. Even though this is not a special conference train, we shall be together using various accommodations from coach to Pullman space. You may join the train



An enthralling view in Banff, Alta., across the bridge over the Bow River, down the main street and up to the heights of Cascade Mountain.

at any place en route to Edmonton.

Further information about rail costs and accommodations can be found on these pages or can be secured by writing to Mr. W. M. Van Buren, Room 275, 516 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. He will be glad to give you all the desired information.

VACATION PACKAGE TOUR

But the most thrilling announcement is still to come! Immediately after the conference on Monday morning, July 28, we shall take a hundred or more North American Baptists on a special "Vacation Package Tour" into the Ca-

nadian Rockies to the incomparable and majestic places of God's Paradise at Jasper Park, the Columbia Icefields, Lake Louise and Banff. Your room in the palatial Jasper Park Lodge, Chateau Lake Louise and Banff Springs Hotel will be reserved for you. Every arrangement for your sightseeing tours to lakes and mountains, for your meals and for your lodging will be provided on this tour. We shall be together for another period of four glorious days of fellowship and thrilling sightseeing before returning to Chicago.

Those North American Baptists who are traveling to Edmonton by car, but who would like to go with us on this "Vacation Package Tour" from July 28 to 31, may do so by leaving their car at Edmonton, going on this tour and then returning to Edmonton from Calgary at 6:30 P. M. on July 31. The reasonable rates for this tour for the various kinds of passengers are given on these pages.

SEND RESERVATIONS NOW!

But it is important that you send in your reservation for this "Vacation Package Tour" at once. You will not have to send your money and final word until March or April of 1958. But reservations at these famous mountain hotels are exceedingly hard to secure at the height of the summer season. We must know of your intention to join us on this tour at once.

Send your reservation to Mr. W. M. Van Buren, Room 275, 516 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, and state what accommodations you would like to have. (Look over the listing of accommodations and rates.) State whether you are leaving your car in Edmonton and joining us on the tour, or whether you are traveling back to Chicago by train, also how many there are in your party (adults and children). This will be the most thrilling adventure of your life, not only because of the grandeur of the scenery, but also because of the grandness of this Baptist fellowship.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE ITINERARY

Saturday, July 19

We leave the Chicago Union Station on the streamlined, air-conditioned "Afternoon Hiawatha" at 1:00 P. M. Reclining seat coaches are reserved for our special group. The afternoon passes quickly as we have the opportunity of using the Super Dome, the glass top sightseeing car, for this scenic ride through the resort sections of Wisconsin and Minnesota, with arrival at the St. Paul Union Station at 7:21 P. M.

We transfer to the Great Northern "Winnipeg," leaving from the same station at 8:55 P. M.

Sunday, July 20

We arrive at the Canadian National Station in Winnipeg, Manitoba, at 8:15 A. M., where you may have breakfast in the dining room of the Fort Garry Hotel adjacent to the station, or in the coffee shop at the station. Our train, the Canadian National "Continental," will leave at 10:00 A. M. for the western trip through the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Monday, July 21

At 6:00 A. M. this morning, we arrive in Edmonton, our Convention City, home of the University of Alberta and the gateway to the Peace River region.

Attend General Conference sessions, July 21-27, 1958, inclusive.

POST CONVENTION TOUR TO THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

Monday, July 28

The tour originates this morning when you meet with Rev. J. C. Gunst at the Canadian National Station in Edmonton and board the "Continental Limited," departing at 6:45 A. M. in special reclining seat coaches. You will marvel at the awe inspiring scenery of the Canadian Rockies, with arrival at Jasper Park Station at 12:50 P. M. Members and hand luggage are transferred to the Jasper Park Lodge where rooms are assigned.

This afternoon we take a motor sightseeing trip to Maligne Canyon along the Athabasca Valley to the Maligne River and Canyon with return to the Lodge for dinner. We also enjoy a restful evening drive around the town of Jasper and along the Yellow Head Road with return via Old Fort Point for a view of the Jasper Park Lodge from across Lac Beauvert and thence to the Lodge for overnight.



—Canadian National Railways Photo
Jasper Lodge in a gem-like setting between a crystal-clear lake and the rugged peaks of the Canadian Rockies, where North American Baptists on the "Vacation Package Tour" following the Conference sessions will spend the first day on their "mountain adventures."



Chateau Lake Louise overlooking the waters of Lake Louise and the majestic Victoria Glacier where North American Baptists on the "Vacation Package Tour" following the Conference sessions will stay as hotel guests!

VACATION PACKAGE TOUR

Coach rail ticket from Chicago to Edmonton and return and Special Tour into the Rockies with hotel, meals, sightseeing charges (see details) taken care of\$189.74

Clergy rail ticket from Chicago to Edmonton and return and Special Tour into the Rockies (see details)\$164.22

Other accommodations are available at slightly lower or higher prices, if desirable (see listing of rates).

The comfortable motor cars take us through wild and gorgeous scenery—past forests, mountain peaks, streams, gorges, and falls. Lunch is awaiting us at the Columbia Icefield Chalet which faces Mt. Athabasca, and time is available for taking pictures and exploring the Icefields.

We continue the marvelous motor trip over Sunwapta Pass and cross the Alexander and Saskatchewan Rivers, and then to Waterfowl Lakes. After crossing the Mistaya River, we stop at beautiful Peyto Lake, thence to the village of Lake Louise. We continue to beautiful Chateau Lake Louise, where we have dinner and lodging.

Wednesday, July 30

With a tasty breakfast this morning in the magnificent dining room of the Chateau Lake Louise, where large picture windows frame wonderful views of the Glacier and Lake, we start another wonderful vacation day. At 10:00 A. M. we take the 18-mile motor trip to Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks, with return for lunch. This afternoon we continue via motor coach through the Canadian Rockies to Banff, via Johnson Canyon, to Banff Springs Hotel, where we have dinner and lodging.

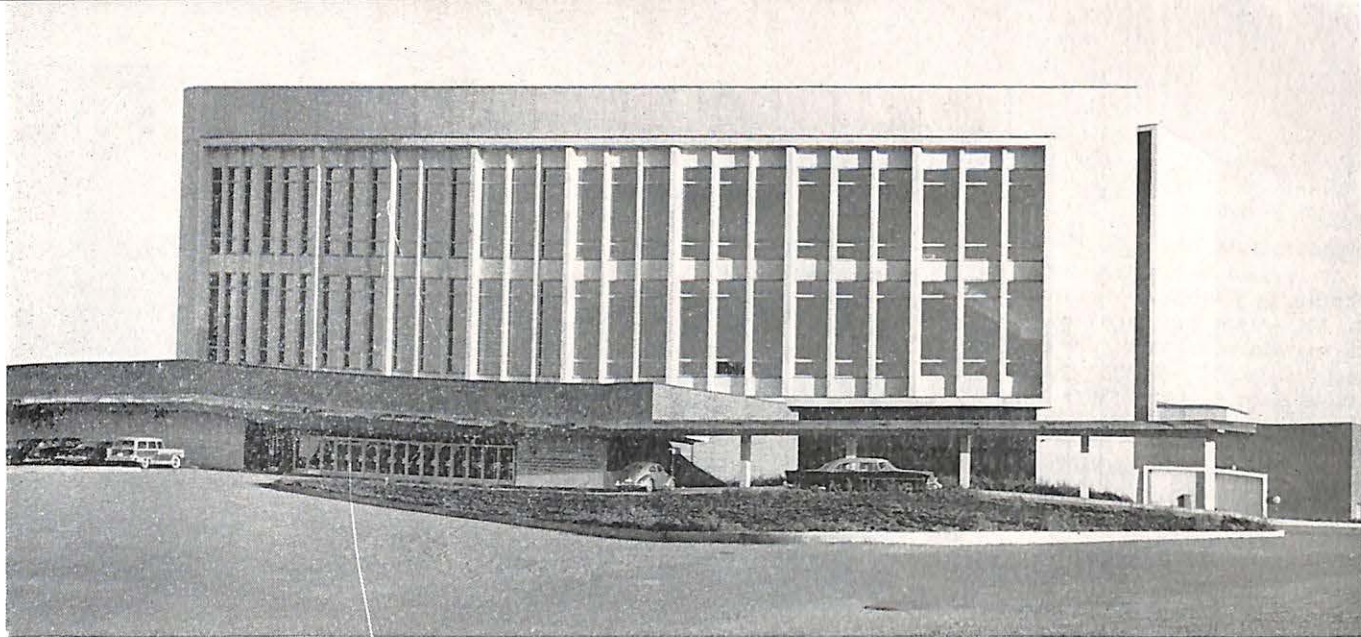
Thursday, July 31

Breakfast at the Banff Springs Hotel in luxurious comfort! At 9:30 A. M. we make a sightseeing tour of Banff. We visit the Cascade of Time gardens. We see Beaver Dams and Mt. Norquay Paddocks from the slopes of Stoney Squaw, the Animal Paddocks and also the ski lift on Mt. Norquay. Return to the hotel for lunch.

This afternoon we are transferred to the Canadian Pacific Station where we board the "Mountaineer," departing at 4:00 P. M. homeward bound. We bid goodbye to some of our friends who will return to Edmonton and who will detrain at Calgary at 6:15 P. M., where they transfer to a train leaving at 6:30 P. M. with arrival in Edmonton at 10:00 P. M. tonight. (Continued on Page 24)



Tourists ride in this snowmobile to view the vastness and glistening splendor of the Columbia Ice Fields between Jasper and Banff National Parks.



The Alberta Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton, Alberta, where the 32nd General Conference of North American Baptists will convene from July 21 to 27, 1958 in the most palatial and comfortable surroundings in our General Conference history!

General Conference Program (Tentative)

Announcement by REV. H. J. WILCKE, General Conference Program Committee Chairman,
For the Sessions to be Held at Edmonton, Alberta, July 21 to 27, 1958

CONFERENCE THEME "CONTINUE IN MY WORD!"

Text: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (JOHN 8:31b-32).

THEME SONG
"LIKE CHILDREN ROUND A
RADIANT LIGHT"
(Hymn No. 16—"North American
Hymnal")

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCER
Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, Elgin, Iowa.
Announcer at German Services
Rev. Assaf Husmann, New York, N. Y.

Conference Organists
Mrs. James Billeter, Portland, Oregon,
Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
(English Services).
Miss Georgene Kern, Edmonton, Alta.,
Lower Jubilee Auditorium
(German Services).

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 21, 1958
7:45 P.M. OPENING SESSION
Presiding: Mr. Walter Grosser, La-
Grange, Illinois, Moderator

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
Song Leader: Rev. Bernard R. Fritz-
ke, West Fargo, North Dakota.

SCRIPTURE READING
Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht, Edmonton,
Alberta.

PRAYER
Rev. Herbert Hiller, Edmonton, Alta.

ANTHEM
Mass Choir from Edmonton
Churches. Rev. Ed. Link, Director.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, Elgin,
Iowa.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME
Chairman of the Local Committee on
Arrangements for the General
Conference.
Representative of the Edmonton Min-
isterial Association.

RESPONSE
Mr. Walter W. Grosser.
GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFERING
HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION
OPENING ADDRESS
"The Cause of Christ Today—Ad-
vance or Retreat"
Dr. Herbert Gezork, President of An-
dover-Newton Theological Semi-
nary, Newton Centre, Mass.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION
PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
Rev. G. J. Thiessen, Edmonton, Alta.

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 21, 1958
**FELLOWSHIP AND GET-AC-
QUAINTED HOUR** (After the
Evening Service)
Auspices of the Commissioned Bap-
tist Youth Fellowship.
Place: (To Be Announced).
Committee in Charge: Young Peo-
ple's Activities Committee with
Rev. Fred Pahl, Chairman.

TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 22, 1958
SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY
Rev. R. Kanwischer, Medicine Hat,
Alberta.
9:00-9:30 A.M. DEVOTIONAL SES-
SION
Leader: Rev. J. G. Benke, Madison,
South Dakota.
Scripture and Prayer: Rev. Frank
Armbruster, Burton, Texas.
9:30-9:35 A.M. ORGANIZATION OF
THE CONFERENCE
Presiding: Mr. Walter W. Grosser.
9:35-10:30 A.M. THE GENERAL

COUNCIL REPORTS
Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Sec-
retary, in charge.
10:30-10:55 A.M. GREETINGS AND
BRIEF MESSAGE
Hon. Ernest C. Manning, Premier of
Alberta.
10:55-11:00 A.M. MUSICAL INTER-
LUDE
11:00-11:30 A.M. CONFERENCE
BUSINESS
11:30-12:00 A. M. MODERATOR'S
ADDRESS
Mr. Walter W. Grosser, General Con-
ference Moderator.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON,
JULY 22, 1958**
2:15-2:30 P.M. DEVOTIONAL SES-
SION
Leader: Rev. Edgar Wesner, Peoria,
Illinois.
2:30-2:50 P.M. OUR CHURCH EX-
TENSION MINISTRY
(Church Extension Committee in
charge.)
2:50-3:05 P.M. OUR MINISTRY OF
RELIEF AND IMMIGRATION
Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Sec-
retary, in charge.
3:05-4:00 P.M. PAGEANT ON IMMI-
GRATION

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 22, 1958
7:30 P.M. MISSIONARY RALLY
Presiding: Rev. R. Schilke, General
Missionary Secretary.
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
Song Leader: Rev. R. Kanwischer,
Medicine Hat, Alberta.
SCRIPTURE READING
Miss Berneice Westerman, Camer-
oons Missionary.
PRAYER
Mr. Leonard Maier, Indian Mission-
ary on the Bull Reserve.

ANTHEM
Combined Choirs, Central and Mc-
Kernan Baptist Churches, Edmon-
ton.
CONFERENCE OFFERING
CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, Elgin,
Iowa.
MISSIONARY TESTIMONIES
Eleanor Weisenburger, Cameroons,
Africa.
Mrs. Clara Gebauer, Cameroons,
Africa.
Rev. Earl Ahrens, Cameroons, Africa.
MISSIONARY MESSAGES
Rev. Walter Sukut, Kyoto, Japan.
Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Cameroons, Africa.
BENEDICTION
Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, Director of
"God's Volunteers."

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 22, 1958
GERMAN SERVICE
7:30 P.M. LOWER JUBILEE AUDI-
TORIUM
Presiding: Mr. Walter W. Grosser,
General Conference Moderator.
SONG LEADER
Rev. A. Husmann, New York, N. Y.
SCRIPTURE
Rev. Heinrich Herrmann, Jansen,
Saskatchewan.
MUSIC
Emmanuel Baptist Church Choirs,
Edmonton, Alberta.
PRAYER
Rev. Alfred Frank, Edmonton, Alta.
MESSAGES
Prof. Hugo Lueck, North American
Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls,
South Dakota.
Rev. E. P. Wahl, President, Christian
Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta.



Center balcony of the Alberta Jubilee Auditorium of Edmonton with its scintillating lighting effects, comfortable facilities and thrilling appearance.

October 31, 1957



The main foyer of the Alberta Jubilee Auditorium in Edmonton, Alberta, which will provide a marvelous setting for Christian fellowship at the North American Baptist Conference, July 21 to 27, 1958

BENEDICTION
Rev. R. Kluttig, Edmonton, Alberta.
**WEDNESDAY MORNING,
JULY 23, 1958**
SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY
Rev. George W. Breikreuz, Port-
land, Oregon.
9:00-9:30 A.M. DEVOTIONAL SES-
SION
Leader: Rev. Adolph Braun, Center
Line, Michigan.
Scripture and Prayer: Rev. Oscar
Fritzke, Nokomis, Saskatchewan.
9:30-9:55 A.M. GENERAL MISSION-
ARY SOCIETY REPORTS
Rev. R. Schilke, General Secretary,
in charge.
9:55-10:15 A.M. FRATERNAL GREET-
INGS
The Mayor of the City of Edmonton.

Dr. J. Frank Patch, Secretary of the
Baptist Union of Western Canada.
10:15-10:25 A.M. CONFERENCE
BUSINESS
10:25-10:35 A.M. MUSICAL INTER-
LUDE
11:30-12:00 A.M. THE CONFERENCE
IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE
STUDY
"The Central Theme of the Gospel,"
1 John 4:7-11.
Text: "He that loveth not knoweth
not God; for God is love," 1 John
4:8.
Dr. Herbert Gezork, Newton Centre,
Massachusetts.

WEDNESDAY NOON, JULY 23, 1958
12:15 P.M. LUNCHEON FOR CHRIS-
TIAN WORKERS
Sponsored by the Sunday School
Union.
(Place and program still to be de-
termined.)

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON,
JULY 23, 1958**
2:15-2:30 P.M. DEVOTIONAL SERV-
ICE
Leader: Rev. Fred J. Knalson, Le-
duc, Alberta.
2:30-3:00 P.M. CONFERENCE BUSI-
NESS
3:00-4:00 P.M. COMMISSIONED
BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM
(Details of the program for Wednes-
nesday afternoon will be announced
later by the Rev. L. Bienert, Gen-
eral Secretary of the CBY Fellow-
ship.)

**WEDNESDAY EVENING,
JULY 23, 1958**
7:30 P.M. EDUCATIONAL NIGHT
Presiding: Dr. George A. Lang, Pres-
ident, North American Baptist
Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
Song Leader: Rev. George Breit-
kreuz, Portland, Oregon.
SCRIPTURE READING
Mr. Herman Bleeker, Alexandria,
South Dakota.

PRAYER

Rev. Otto Schmidt, Edmonton, Alta.
MUSIC

Christian Training Institute Chor-
isters and North American Baptist
Seminary Quartet.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFERING CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, Elgin,
Iowa.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESS (10 minutes)

"The Christian Training Institute,
Edmonton, Alberta"

Rev. E. P. Wahl, President.

RECOGNITION OF REV. E. P. WAHL'S MINISTRY

ADDRESS (10 minutes)

"The North American Baptist
Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak."

Rev. Roy Seibel, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION

ADDRESS

"Our Baptist Witness in the World
Today."

Dr. Herbert Gezork, Newton Centre,
Massachusetts.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Rev. E. J. Faul, Calgary, Alberta.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

JULY 23, 1958

German Service

7:30 P.M. LOWER JUBILEE AUDI-
TORIUM

Presiding: Rev. R. Schilke, General
Missionary Secretary.

SONG LEADER

Mr. Robert Neske, Edmonton, Alta.

SCRIPTURE

Rev. Reinhard Neuman, Indian Mis-
sionary on the Muscowpetung Re-
serve.

MUSIC

Zion Baptist Church Choirs, Edmon-
ton, Alberta.

PRAYER

Mr. Joseph Hufnagel, Indian Mission-
ary on the Montana Reserve.

TESTIMONIES

Brief testimonies by several mission-
aries.

Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons (Ger-
man).

Mrs. Walter Sukut, Japan (English).

Rev. David Keiry, Spanish-Amer-
ican Missionary (English).

ADDRESS

Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons, Africa.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Adam Huber, Minneapolis,
Minnesota.

THURSDAY MORNING,

JULY 24, 1958

6:30 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE

Auspices of the CBY Fellowship.

Place: Queen Elizabeth Park, Ed-
monton.

Speaker: Rev. Bert Milner of Spring-
side, Saskatchewan.

ALBERTA JUBILEE AUDITORIUM

(Conference Session.)

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY

Mr. Herbert Pankratz, Chicago, Ill.

9:00-9:30 A.M. DEVOTIONAL SES- SION

Leader: Rev. Victor Prendinger,
Fredonia, North Dakota.

Scripture and Prayer: Rev. Walter
Berkan, Spokane, Washington.

9:30-9:45 A.M. THE CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE RE- PORTS

Christian Training Institute, Edmon-
ton, Alberta.

Rev. Karl Korella, Acting President,
in charge.

9:45-10:00 A.M. THE SEMINARY REPORTS

North American Baptist Seminary,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dr. George A. Lang, President, in
charge.

10:00-10:20 A.M. THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY REPORTS

Mr. Walter Kohrs of Peoria, Illinois,
in charge.

10:20-11:20 A.M. GENERAL CONFER- ENCE BUSINESS

11:20-11:30 A.M. MUSICAL INTER- LUDE

11:30-12:00 A.M. THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY

"A Story to Tell to the Nations,"
John 20:19-23.

Text: "As my Father hath sent me,
even so send I you," John 20:21b.

Dr. Herbert Gezork, Newton Centre,
Massachusetts.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

JULY 24, 1958

1:00 P.M. LUNCHEONS FOR BUSI- NESS MEETINGS AND PRO- GRAMS

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. Thomas Lutz, President.

BAPTIST MEN

Mr. Raymond Engelbrecht, Presi-
dent.

MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Leland H. Friesen, President.

(Places for luncheons still to be
designated.)

(Programs for each meeting to be
planned by the group.)

THURSDAY EVENING,

JULY 24, 1958

7:30 P.M. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RALLY

(Sponsored by the Woman's Mis-
sionary Union and by Baptist
Men.)

Presiding: Mrs. Walter W. Grosser,
LaGrange Park, Illinois.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Song Leader: Mr. Herbert Pankratz,
Chicago, Illinois.

SCRIPTURE

Mrs. Henry Schmunk, Tacoma, Wash.

MUSIC

Mass Male Chorus of Edmonton
Churches.

PRAYER

Mr. Vernon Heckman of St. Paul,
Minnesota.

TESTIMONIES

Mr. Elvin Grauer, Corona Del Mar,
California.

Miss Alethea Kose, Chicago, Illinois.

ADDRESS

Mrs. Edgar Bates, Vice-President of
the Baptist World Alliance, and
Dean of Women, McMaster Uni-
versity, Hamilton, Ontario.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENE- DICTION

Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht, presi-
dent of "Baptist Men."

THURSDAY EVENING,

JULY 24, 1958

German Service

7:30 P.M. LOWER JUBILEE AUDI-
TORIUM

Presiding: Dr. John Wobig, Port-
land, Oregon.

SONG LEADER

Rev. William Sturhahn, Winnipeg,
Manitoba.

SCRIPTURE

Mr. Herman Streuber, Winnipeg,
Manitoba.

MUSIC

Christian Training Institute Chor-
isters and North American Baptist
Seminary Quartet.

PRAYER

Rev. G. Beutler, Chilliwack, British
Columbia.

MESSAGE

Dr. Herbert Gezork, Newton Centre,
Massachusetts.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDI- CTION

Rev. W. Laser, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1958

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY

Rev. Lawrence George, Indianapolis,
Indiana.

9:00-9:30 A.M. DEVOTIONAL SES- SION

Leader: Rev. Otto Patzia, Detroit,
Michigan.

Scripture and Prayer: Rev. John
Broeder, Paul, Idaho.

9:30-9:50 A.M. MINISTRY OF OUR HOMES FOR THE AGED

Speaker: Rev. Arthur Fischer, Lin-
ton, North Dakota.

9:50-10:05 A.M. MEMORIAL SERV- ICE

Leader: Rev. Philip Daum, Leduc,
Alberta.

10:05-11:20 A.M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

11:20-11:30 A.M. MUSICAL INTER- LUDE

11:30-12:00 A.M. THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND BIBLE STUDY

"Teaching to Observe All Things,"
Matt. 28:16-20.

Text: "Teaching them to observe
all things whatsoever I have com-
manded you," Matt. 28:20a.

Dr. Herbert Gezork, Newton Centre,
Massachusetts.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON,

JULY 25, 1958

2:15-4:00 P.M. WOMAN'S MISSION- ARY UNION PROGRAM

Presiding: Mrs. Thomas Lutz, Aber-
deen, South Dakota, President.

(Details for this program will be
worked out by the Woman's Mis-
sionary Union.)

4:00 P.M. MISSIONARY TEA

Sponsored by the Woman's Mission-
ary Union.

(Place and details of Missionary Tea
still to be announced.)

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 25, 1958

7:30 P.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION PROGRAM

Presiding: Rev. G. K. Zimmerman,
General Secretary of Sunday
School Union.

(Program featuring a pageant or
speaker will be worked out by the
Executive Committee of the Sun-
day School Union.)

Music by Junior Choir, Edmonton
Churches.

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 25, 1958

German Service

7:30 P.M. LOWER JUBILEE AUDI-
TORIUM

Presiding: Rev. H. J. Waltereit,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

SONG LEADER

Rev. P. T. Hunsicker, Columbus,
Nebraska.

SCRIPTURE

Rev. Waldemar Ertis, Calgary, Alta.

PRAYER

Rev. G. P. Gebauer, Vancouver,
British Columbia.

MUSIC

Central Baptist Church Choirs of
Edmonton.

MESSAGES

Rev. Philip Scherer, Toronto, Ont.

Rev. John Goetze, Kitchener, Ont.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Otto A. Ertis, Lethbridge, Alta.

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1958

SONG LEADER

Rev. John Wood, Beulah, N. Dak.

9:00-10:00 A.M. DEVOTIONAL AND INSPIRATIONAL SESSION

Leader: Rev. Rubin Herrmann, Tyn-
dall, South Dakota.

TESTIMONIES (five minutes each)

Topic: "I WILL BUILD MY
CHURCH."

1. Rev. Edward Kary, Cleveland,
Ohio.

2. Rev. Fred David, Santa Ana,
California.

3. Rev. Walter Stein, Grand Forks,
North Dakota.

4. Rev. John Wahl, Hamilton, Ont.

5. Rev. L. B. Hinz, Waco, Texas.

10:00-11:30 A.M. CONFERENCE BUSINESS

11:30-12:00 A.M. THE CONFERENCE IN MEDITATION AND PRAYER

"The Neglected Part of Disciple-
ship," Luke 10:25-37.

Text: "Go, and do thou likewise,"
Luke 10:37b.

Dr. Herbert Gezork, Newton Centre,
Massachusetts.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON,

JULY 26, 1958

RECREATION AT VICTORIA PARK OF EDMONTON



—Photo by Canadian National Railways
The Macdonald Hotel of Edmonton, Alberta, showing the palatial old hotel at the right
and the modern new addition, which will be the headquarters hotel for the North
American Baptist General Conference, July 21 to 27, 1958.

(All recreational arrangements are
in charge of local Arrangements
and Recreation Committees.)

SATURDAY EVENING,

JULY 26, 1958

GENERAL CONFERENCE BANQUET

Auspices of the Commissioned Bap-
tist Youth Fellowship.

Place: Ballroom of Macdonald Hotel.

Program details to be announced by
the CBY and Fellowship.

Speaker: (To Be Announced by Rev.
H. J. Wilcke, Chairman of the Gen-
eral Conference Program Com-
mittee.)

Testimonies by members of "God's
Volunteers" Team (15 minutes).

7:30 P.M. GERMAN SERVICE

Place to be announced.

Program to be planned by Edmon-
ton pastors.

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 27, 1958

Place: Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.

SONG LEADER FOR THE DAY

Rev. Eldon Seibold, Portland, Ore.

9:00-10:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION

(Program and arrangements in
charge of the Sunday School
Union.)

10:30 A.M. GENERAL CONFERENCE WORSHIP SERVICE

Presiding: Dr. John Wobig, Port-
land, Oregon.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Everett Barker, Salem, Oregon.

PRAYER

Rev. W. C. Damrau, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

ANTHEM

C.T.I. Choristers and Seminary
Quartet.

CONFERENCE OFFERING CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION SERMON

Dr. Donald E. Davis, Los Angeles,
California.

HYMN BY THE CONGREGATION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Henry Barnet, Portland, Ore.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

JULY 27, 1958

2:30 P.M. ALBERTA JUBILEE AUDI- TORIUM—Song FESTIVAL AND MISSIONARY RALLY

Presiding: Mr. Walter W. Grosser,
Moderator.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Leader: Rev. Eldon Seibold, Port-
land, Oregon.

SCRIPTURE

Rev. Hugo Zepik, Plevna, Montana.

PRAYER

Dr. C. E. Seecamp, Hebron, N. Dak.

SONG FESTIVAL by All Alberta Mass Choir and other Musical Groups.

(Program details to be worked out
by local Music Committee with
Rev. Ed. Link in charge.)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Rev. H. J. Wilcke, Chairman of the
General Conference Program Com-
mittee, in charge.

MISSIONARY PROGRAM

(Program details to be worked out
by Rev. R. Schilke and General
Missionary Committee.)

Presentation of Indian chiefs from
Alberta Reservations.

Commissioning Address: Dr. Paul
Gebauer, Cameroons, Africa.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDI- CTION

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Sec-

Beginning of a New Seminary Year

By Professor Roy Seibel, Director of Public Relations

IT WAS SEPTEMBER 10th! This meant registration day at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Here and there students gathered in small groups along the halls and in the library as they happily greeted one another with a festive air of delight in reuniting after the activities of the summer.

FOURTEEN NEW STUDENTS

At the close of the day the records of the registrar indicated that this new school year would begin with 35 students, which meant an increase over the previous year. Listed among this number were 14 new students, which also was an advance over last year.

A more careful check of the enrollment reveals the fact that all nine of our conferences are represented. In addition, there is one General Conference Baptist and one Mennonite Brethren. The Northern Conference sent eleven of her sons to study at the Seminary, while the Dakota Conference is represented by five and the Northwestern Conference with four. This is the first time in many years that all nine conferences are represented on the student body at one time. This is an indication of a growing solidarity of support which the Seminary is enjoying.

The fall program began on Wednesday, September 11, with a special ori-

entation chapel following brief introductory classes. The morning was devoted in aiding the student to clearly determine before God his objective in coming to the Seminary that this holy calling might ever serve as a guide and inspiration for the three years of study.

FALL CONVOCATION

The 108th school year was formally launched with the colorful Fall Convocation held Friday night, September 13, in the Seminary chapel. Professor Martha Leypoldt, speaker for the Convocation, delivered an address on the theme, "The Unused Resources in Our Churches," in which she sought to press home the fact that we have vast untapped manpower resources in all our churches that need to be pressed into the Lord's service.

After the service in the chapel, Mrs. Hugo Lueck and Mrs. Walter Wessel served as hostesses in a delightful time of fellowship at which opportunity was given for all to meet the new students and to welcome back the former ones.

The warm spirit that knits the student body together into a close fellowship was sensed as the new students were greeted on the opening day of school and were invited to participate in a school picnic on Thursday afternoon, September 12. After an

afternoon of soft ball, volley ball, and a picnic lunch, all went home with a warm feeling of "belonging."

Under the direction of the president of the student body, Dale Rott, class elections were held Thursday morning at which time Raymond Harsch was elected as the president of the Senior Class. Herman Effa and Paul Siewart were elected as presidents of the Middle and Junior Classes, respectively.

The students returned to their fall classes with glowing accounts of valuable experiences gained through a rich summer of activity. Arnold Friez served in our churches of Ashley and West Fargo, N. Dak., while Herbert Mitchell was the supply pastor in the Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa.

MINISTRY OF STUDENTS

Dale Rott worked in the Southern Conference as a general summer worker. Lyle Wacker served as an assistant to the pastor in the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif. John Binder was the assistant pastor in the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. Ed Hohn served as the youth director in the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas.

In addition to these, a number of the Seminary students are serving as student pastors in the Sioux Falls area. Raymond Harsch is pastor of the Riverside Presbyterian Church and Reuben Grueneich serves the Sioux Valley Baptist Church of the city.

Gordon Voegle ministers to two Presbyterian churches located in White Lake and Kimball, S. Dak. Arthur Brust is pastor of the Worthing Congregational Church in Worthing, S. Dak. Herman Effa serves the Hurley Presbyterian Church in Hurley, S. Dak. Raleigh Gordon ministers to the First Baptist Church of Dell Rapids, S. Dak. Paul Siewart serves the Federated Congregational Church in Valley Springs, S. Dak.

A most valuable addition has been made to the Seminary facilities by the purchase of an attractive four-apartment building located one block from the Seminary. This newly acquired building helps to meet a pressing need of the Seminary to find sufficient housing for the married students.

The eleven apartments now available are an important factor in securing more students, since rental property is very costly and difficult to secure in this area. The new building does not resolve the entire housing problem, and it will be necessary as soon as possible to expand still further the number of apartments available in order to meet the requirements of the

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—Photo by Roy Seibel

New Seminary students filling out enrollment papers in the library of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with Prof. Martha Leypoldt, registrar, greeting the students with a smile.

Great Expectations With "God's Volunteers"

By Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, Director of "God's Volunteers"

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT from "God's Volunteers" in this year of activity? What do "God's Volunteers" have a right to expect from our churches? Here are two vital questions which beg for a quick and clear reply.

To be sure, the "God's Volunteers" program is still in its infancy. This year sees the second team of six young people responding to a spiritual challenge and going forth to serve our Lord and his Church. I say "spiritual challenge" for I cannot see anything in this program that appeals to anything but the new nature implanted in hearts at the time of conversion.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?

The members of the team called "God's Volunteers" have responded to the challenge of investing eight months of their lives in the Lord's service without thought of remuneration in a program of evangelism. Before they go forth to serve they enter a four-week concentrated classroom instruction period in twelve different subjects taught by our seminary professors and training institute instructors. These class sessions of ten hours each include abbreviated courses in Bible History, the Gospel of John, the Epistle to the Ephesians, Soul Winning, the Holy Spirit and Prayer and the Plan of Salvation, to mention just a few. Thus the mind is trained through the classroom sessions.

But another phase of this training is to fellowship together in Bible meditation and prayer. To meet together at the Throne of grace and mercy welds the team into an effective and cooperative group. Thus the hearts are united in mutual concern and spiritual understanding.

Following the four weeks of classroom instruction, there is a one-week period of practical training on the field under the auspices of a local church. This means that after a day on the field, the team can return to the classroom and meet with their director to discuss the problems encountered and the possible approach to be used in surmounting such obstacles. At the conclusion of the five-week training period, the Volunteers are ready to leave the training site and plunge into the work in one of our churches.

PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

With this training, just what will the Volunteers be able to offer to our churches? They offer with their director, a program of EVANGELISM: Personal, Visitation and Preaching! Personal evangelism is the quiet, conversational approach of a redeemed soul showing the way from darkness to light, from captivity to freedom, from

tumult to peace. This can take place wherever individuals are found. Our Lord speaking with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well is perhaps the best Biblical example. "God's Volunteers" are trained to engage in such conversational personal evangelism.

Visitation Evangelism is the going forth of two redeemed souls in quest of unredeemed souls. The sending forth of the seventy, as recorded in Luke 10:1-16 is the classic example of this type of evangelism. There was a pressing need. The harvest was great. With a word of warning and a clear directive as to their mission, Jesus sent them forth "two by two before his face into every city and place whither he himself would come." The Volunteers are following this pattern given by our Lord.

help in local North American Baptist Churches.

WHAT DO THE VOLUNTEERS EXPECT?

Our churches through our General Missionary Society have challenged our young people to invest a portion of their lives in the Lord's service. More have responded this year than could be sent forth. We can rejoice that across our continent there are young people whose love for their Lord is such that they have responded to this appeal as well as those who are willing but did not make any contact regarding "God's Volunteers."

These young people expect that they are being supported in prayer by you. Churches and individuals have assured them of support in prayer. I have



"God's Volunteer" team which is now visiting our churches in the interest of visitation evangelism and the winning of souls for Christ! Left to right, front row: Floyd Roehl, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss (director), Le Roy Kiemele. Back row: Mrs. Shirley Roehl, Violet Rau, Lily Boymook and Leona Hoffman.

Preaching Evangelism we find in the Acts of the Apostles. Here Peter and others are found preaching to collective groups of unredeemed souls. The Spirit of God was bearing witness to the truth. Men's consciences attested to the fact that they were sinners in need of a Savior and that this Savior was the Lord Jesus Christ. "And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." With their director, the Volunteers will participate in this type of evangelism also. They come with dedicated lives, surrendered hearts and willing minds to

heard them in their prayers thank God for this support and it is a great source of encouragement. May they be conscious of your prayers as they face this task.

Could the Volunteers dare to expect that as they witness for the Lord that you will be doing the same wherever you may have opportunity? Are not all Christians to be witnesses? You will join them in prayer. Will you not join them as vital witnesses to the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

Although the Volunteers by agreement limit their income to a mere \$10.00 per month (33 cents per day or a little better than a penny per hour), there are expenses involved in such a program. The station wagon

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Monday, Nov. 18, 1957
ANNUAL MEETING
Baptist Home for the Aged
823 N. E. 82nd Ave.
Portland 16, Oregon

We the Women

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

RESPONSIBILITY

"Do thy duty; that is best; Leave unto thy Lord the rest."

James Russell Lowell

How do you regard the duties you have from day to day? Do they seem too small for your ability, or do they become monotonous? Could we consider them as opportunities or privileges in many instances?

The following legend is often told. When God created the earth and everything upon it, he gave to every living thing an angel to watch over it. The birds, the trees, the deer, the flowers, and even the vegetables had an angel. He gave an angel charge of the common grass that grows in the fields.

The angels seemed very happy and worked with loving care—all except the guardian of the common grass. This seemed too ordinary a task, and he did not tend the grass. Deprived of the rain, the sun, and the air, with which all other growing things were furnished by the careful ministry of the angels, the grass soon became yellow and dry.

After a time the angel of the flowers came before God and explained that, although he had faithfully tended the flowers, the grass in the meadow did not get the dew, the air, and the sun it needed. And because of the lack of care to the grass surrounding them, the flowers withered quickly.

Then the angel of the trees complained because the grass was dry and

brittle and the ground was caked and hard around the trees.

The angels of the deer, cattle, and other animals came before God, saying there was no green grass for the creatures to eat. The world was fast becoming a desert place.

Then God looked around and saw the angel of the common grass standing deeply dejected to one side. "Do you think your task too small now?" he asked.

The angel of the grass fell down before the throne in sorrow and cried: "O God, you gave me a great task—far greater than I deserved. It was I who was small, petty, and complaining. Try me again, and I will gladly do my part."

So the grass grew, the trees extended their roots and branches, the flowers bloomed, the animals were fed, and all the angels were happy.

There is no task which is common; all duties are important in the sight of the Heavenly Father.

"We, the Women," take up our tasks, not as common, monotonous or compulsory, but as privileges. We thank God for our mission. We would be strong and steadfast and ask God to deliver us from the neglect of our responsibilities.

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BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1957.

You will receive your material sometime during November.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The program at the women's sessions of the 1958 General Conference will be announced in one of the November issues.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Oct. 31-Nov. 3—California Association, Bethel Church, Anaheim, California.

Nov. 7-10—Oregon Association, Stafford Church, Sherwood, Oregon.

Rev. R. Schilke

Nov. 3 (Sunday)—Harvest and Mission Festival, Gotebo, Oklahoma.

Nov. 10 (Sunday)—Church Dedication, German Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta.

Nov. 17 (Sunday)—Sheffield, Iowa.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Nov. 3 (Sunday)—Central Church, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Nov. 10 (Sunday)—Bethel Church, Buffalo, New York.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

Nov. 1-3—Christian Workers' Conferences in churches of Portland, Oregon.

Nov. 16-17—Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rev. L. Bienert

Nov. 1-3—Christian Workers' Conferences in churches of Portland, Oregon.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Nov. 1 (Friday)—Trochu, Alberta.

Nov. 3 (Sunday Afternoon)—Alberta Song Festival at Calgary, Alberta.

Nov. 10-15—Leadership Training Course, McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

Oct. 27-Nov. 3—Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Nov. 10-17—Carbon, Alberta.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

Nov. 13-24—Meetings with "God's Volunteers" at Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

"God's Volunteers" Team

Oct. 27-Nov. 3—Glencullen Church, Portland, Oregon.

Nov. 5-24—Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

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What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang of Napoleon, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on Sept. 19, to whom the name Larry Paul has been given. — From the Cameroons Mission Field in West Africa, word has been received that a daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale at the Bango Baptist Hospital on Sept. 13. Dr. Stockdale is the medical missionary at the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients.

● On Sunday, October 6, the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, dedicated its new outdoor illuminated bulletin board as well as its new Conn Classic Organ. Rev. H. John Vanderback, pastor, was in charge of these festivities. During October the Sunday School held a spirited attendance contest. A missionary conference was conducted by the church from October 11 to 13. Mr. Vanderbeck held evangelistic meetings at the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., from October 20 to 27.

● Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, chairman of the Time and Place Committee of the Atlantic Conference, has announced that the 1958 sessions for the Atlantic Conference will be held at the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., from April 24 to 27, 1958. Rev. Norman H. Klann is pastor of the host church. The members of the Time and Place Committee, in addition to Mr. Zoschke, are Rev. Donald Mostrom and Rev. Assaf Husmann.

● Rev. Berkley G. Helms recently resigned as pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Passaic, N. J., and announced that he would devote full time in pursuing further studies for a greater and more effectual ministry in the future. He has served the Passaic Church since 1955. He brought his ministry in the church to a close on September 30th.

● Guest speaker at the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., on Sunday morning, September 15, was Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, director of "God's Volunteers." At the evening service the new Scripture Memory Course was inaugurated and Scripture Memory awards were given. Rev. Leland H. Friesen, pastor, sent word concerning the homegoing on September 14 of Mrs. Harm Weeldreyer, the mother of Miss Weeldreyer, missionary in the Cameroons, West Africa. Special meetings will be held at the Emery Church from November 13 to 24 with Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Stafford, Kansas, serving as evangelist.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., has extended a call to Rev. Jack Krause of Prescott, Ariz.,

a pastor of a Conservative Baptist Church in that city. In recent years he also has been in charge of a Youth Camp in Arizona. Brother Krause has accepted the call and began his ministry, succeeding Rev. Fred J. Knalson, now of Leduc, Alta., Canada.

● The Baptist Church of Venturia, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Orville Meth of Stockton, Calif., to become its pastor to which a favorable reply has been given. Mr. Meth was formerly minister of the First Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., and more recently the Church Extension pastor at the Lincoln Village project near Stockton, California. He will begin his ministry in the Venturia Church on November 1st, succeeding Rev. Raymond F. Dickau, now of Parkersburg, Iowa. Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., has served as interim pastor of the Venturia church.

● On September 16 the German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta., took possession of the newly purchased former Presbyterian Church of Calgary with a seating capacity of 250 to 300 persons. After much prayer and effort, despite many hindrances, the church was able to secure this building which is ideally located and well suited to its needs. The dedication will take place on Sunday, November 10, with Rev. R. Schilke as guest speaker. Rev. Waldemar E. Ertis is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday evening, August 25, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, had the joy of baptizing Mr. and Mrs. Don Stanbrough and Jackie Floden who were accepted into the church's fellowship at the communion service on the

following Sunday. On Sunday evening, September 15, the Sunday School rendered a fine Harvest and Mission Festival program. An offering of \$130.55 was received for foreign missions.

● Rev. J. H. Kornelsen of Wheaton, Ill., for 13 years general secretary of the Rural Bible Crusade, has been named field secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. Mr. Kornelsen will assume his new responsibilities on January 1, 1958. In addition, he will continue to assist the Rural Bible Crusade as consultant to the board of directors. He will promote teacher training classes as he speaks in local churches, Sunday School conventions, and other gatherings across the country. President of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, which has its headquarters in Wheaton, Ill., is Rev. D. K. Reisinger. Mr. and Mrs. Kornelsen are members of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Illinois.

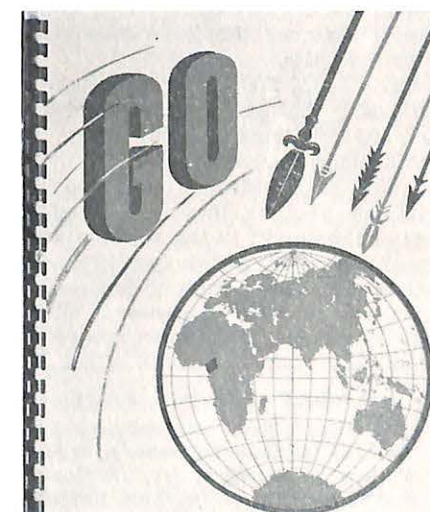
● Rev. Jothan G. Benke, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., was recently honored at a "This Is Your Life" program by the Lincoln School Parent-Teacher Association. Mr. Benke served for two years as president of the Association. During the program pictures of his former home were shown, greetings were read from Rev. Alex Elsesser and Rev. Ed. Keller, college and seminary roommates, and the family was introduced. He was presented with a "This Is Your Life" book by Mr. Stanley Ewanowski who served as master of ceremonies. Mr. Benke also assisted in organizing and furthering the work of the City Council of P. T. A.'s in Watertown. By this time Rev. J. G. Benke is pastor of the West Center Church, Madison, S. D.

● The members of the Grace and Humboldt Park Baptist Churches of Chicago, Ill., have recently effected a merger and have adopted their new official name for the amalgamated church. It is to be known as the First Baptist of Norridge, Illinois. A new church building will later be constructed on the property adjoining the site of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged and in the midst of a new subdivision in that area. The buildings of the other two churches are being sold.

● Rev. Frank Friesen, a denominational interim and supply pastor, served the German Baptist Church of St. Catharines, Ont., for the month of October. This is now a recognized North American Baptist Church, formerly having been a mission station of our church in Hamilton, Ontario. In November Rev. Alexander Hart, formerly at Kitimat, B. C., Canada, will begin his ministry as the first full-time pastor at St. Catharines. Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen are now living at 7623 Monroe Ave., Forest Park, Ill., which is the former apartment occupied by Dr. and Mrs. William Kuhn.



The Executive Committee and leaders of the Woman's Missionary Union at the General Conference Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois. Left to right, front row: Mrs. J. J. Lippert, Mrs. Edward Kary, Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz (president), Mrs. Albert Reddig, Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, and Mrs. Frank Veninga. Standing, back row: Mrs. Henry Schmunk, Mrs. Harm Sherman, Miss Ilsa Fuhrmann, Mrs. O. R. Schmidt and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler.



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

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 10, 1957

Theme: CONCERNING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-12.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: We are not to use the church as a stage to display our talents. It is for the church to use our talents to glorify Christ.

INTRODUCTION: In spite of its flagrant sin and manifold difficulties, Paul was aware of the rich variety of special gifts in the Corinthian church. Partly because of these exceptional talents, the tensions became more aggravating. Some of the members thought that their particular talent was the most important—the one which to the church was indispensable. There was much envy, rivalry, ungenerous depreciation of another's gifts which kept the church from reaching its highest spiritual attainment.

The church cannot be used as an outlet for these talents unless each member has first learned how to use the gifts of the Spirit. Each one must look upon himself as the vessel through which the gift of the Spirit operates—not at the creator of the gift.

I. SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND THEIR BASIC DIFFERENCE. 1 Cor. 12: 1-3.

It is well to examine these early Christians in the Corinthian Church in the light of their pagan background. While they were under the control of idol worship, they were often swept by frenzied impulses and gave free reign to their emotional outbursts. In this state of mind they were "possessed," but not by the Holy Spirit. So now, Paul wants to say that when they are emotionally overcome and break out in ecstatic language, they will reveal the quality of their inspiration. If, in such a state, a member curses Jesus, they know the source—it is definitely not the Spirit of God. On the other hand, if someone acclaims Jesus as Lord he is possessed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

II. SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND THEIR DIVERSITY. 1 Cor. 12:4-10.

Like many other organizations the church is often tempted to put sensationalism first in the order of spiritual gifts. Those who speak in tongues or interpret attract the most attention, which gives them the conviction that ecstatic speaking is of the greatest importance. Paul did not discount this gift, but he did stress other gifts that are more necessary to Christian growth.

Even today many people are attracted to those who profess to have

FEATURE ARTICLES

The two feature articles on pages 4 to 7 beautifully illustrate these Sunday School Lessons. Be sure to read the story of Henry Drummond's lecture and book, "The Greatest Thing in the World" by Rev. Bruno Schreiber and the sermon on Christ as the Resurrection by Rev. Kenneth Fischer of Anaheim, California.

the gift of healing, or the gift of prophecy, or the working of miracles rather than to those who have spiritual wisdom and knowledge. Paul wanted to teach the Corinthians that all are the gifts of the Spirit. But the primary purpose of the church, the teaching and studying of Christian truth, should not be sacrificed for the more emotional and exciting manifestations.

III. SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND THEIR UNITY. 1 Cor. 12:11-13.

Paul's main difficulty was to lead the Corinthian church to a point of unity. They were disorganized because each one wanted to be the center of organization. In the parable of the body Paul directed their attention to Christ. If the church is the body of Christ, then its members must be endowed with a wide variety of gifts for spiritual and physical ministration. Unity is not possible in the individual member, but only as that member realizes his function in the body of Christ.

For further discussion see Rom. 12: 5-8; Eph. 4:11-13.

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 17, 1957

Theme: THE RESURRECTION AND OUR FAITH

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 42-52.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The wonder of the promise of eternal life lies in the fact of Jesus' resurrection, and it becomes the hope of all who truly love him.

INTRODUCTION: It is almost unbelievable that one church should have so many problems and difficulties. The Corinthians were accused of the grossest sins of the flesh. In relationship with one another, they committed the sins of the spirit; in the worship service the exalted and holy Christ was lost; in the use of their gifts the Holy Spirit was set aside. And now to climax their degradation, they questioned the

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

The 1957 editor of this page of Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Bruno Schreiber, a Sunday School teacher in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. His address is 1026 S. Harvey, Oak Park, Ill.

principal doctrines upon which the church was established. Any other bishop or mission secretary, after careful consideration, would have recommended to the conference that such a church should be excluded from denominational fellowship. But to Paul the Corinthian church was a great challenge, and it showed up the apostle at his best. How incomplete our New Testament would be without the Corinthian letters! Because of their sins, difficulties and doubts our churches are strengthened today.

I. THE RESURRECTION AND OUR DOUBTS. 1 Cor. 15:1-2.

Man is tempted to demand a rational explanation for everything. As long as there is an aura of mystery or miracle about some things, he thinks of it as an affront to his intellect. He wants it proven; he wants it explained; he wants it cleared up so that it responds to reason and logic. To take anything on faith is a sign of immaturity. This is not to believe that God looks with disfavor upon his children when doubts trouble them. The fact is that God often increases our doubt in order to strengthen our faith. And for the strengthening of our faith, we can be grateful to the Corinthian church, for without their doubts we would not have the wonderful chapter on the resurrection.

II. THE RESURRECTION AND OUR EXPERIENCE. 1 Cor. 15:3-7.

There is a certain amount of objective proof in every field of endeavor. Science is at work proving one thing after another. Christianity, too, has much historic proof. As to the resurrection, Paul is trying to prove it by the experience of others—Cephas, the twelve, the five hundred brethren, living witnesses, and last of all the proof of his own experience. But all of these "proofs" will do you no good unless you come to God by faith and believe that he is and that he will reward your diligent search by giving you a personal experience of a living Christ. You can then say, "I know he lives because he lives within my heart."

III. THE RESURRECTION AND OUR FAITH. 1 Cor. 15:42-52.

There is little to add to Paul's treatise on the resurrection. The poet, Robert Frost, was once asked whether he does not feel limited. "I am limited by the dictionary," he replied. So when Paul wrote his chapter we feel that he was limited by an earthly vocabulary. The wonders of the resurrection defy description. If we knew all about it, the element of faith would be unnecessary. Therefore Paul ends by saying (freely translated), "Let your faith be so strong that it will be steadfast and unmovable. Do all you can for the Lord, and no matter how useless and unappreciated it may seem, just think of the glorious resurrection and you will be convinced that it can never be in vain."

Our Denomination in ACTION

Pacific Conference

Recognition Council for the Magnolia Church, Calif.

One of the highlights of the 1957 Pacific Conference held at Lodi, Calif., June 18 to 23, was the recognition and admittance of the Magnolia Baptist Church of West Anaheim, Calif., into our Pacific Conference of North American Baptists. The Rev. Robert Schreiber with his usual decorum efficiently and ably served as chairman of the Recognition Council for the Magnolia Church.

Delegates were present from the following churches: First Baptist Church of Lodi, Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Berean Baptist Church, of Los Angeles, Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Upper Bay Baptist Church of Santa Ana Heights, Magnolia, West Anaheim.

Fred David, Clerk

Harbor Trinity Church Breaks Ground, Costa Mesa

Sunday, September 15, was a red letter day for the members and friends of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, California. Just two years ago we established ourselves as a church and voted to join the fellowship of the North American Baptist Conference. Our leaders found a fine location in a new subdivision known as Halecrest in Costa Mesa where we purchased four acres of ground.

We met for some time at the Orange County Fair Grounds and now we are holding services at the Southern Bible College. Our own members have loaned the church money so that we can build our first unit consisting of Sunday School rooms and assembly hall. We need these facilities since we already have an average attendance of 170, both for Sunday School and church.

With a large gathering present at the ground breaking exercises, we watched our pastor, Rev. William Acton, turn over the first shovel. Mr. Ernest Crain, chairman of the Building Committee, followed. Then the members of the various organizations took part, beginning with Schari Stevens of the Primary Department, Walter Bertuleit, Al Hadley, Dennis Cozad, Virgil Buck, Roger Herzfeldt, Mrs. Herman Herzfeldt, Henry Pertele, Vaughn Taylor, M. L. Crane and Ray Cozad along with a number of city officials. Rev. William Cleveland, our honorary deacon, closed the ceremony with prayer. We also had cause for rejoicing on that same Sunday when six people came forward on the invitation of the pastor, some to accept the Lord as their personal Savior, and the others by letter.

Herman B. Herzfeldt, Reporter

Central Conference

Interim and New Pastors, Bethel Church, Detroit, Mich.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." As a church family we of the Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., have much for which to praise the Lord. During the past seven months the Rev. O. W. Stucky and his good wife have served our church as interim pastor. Their zeal and consecrated effort, along with their desire to give of their best to the Master, have been evidenced in all phases of our church life.

We have had the joy of receiving 30 new members (25 by baptism; 5 by letter); lives have been dedicated for full-time Christian service; many have reconsecrated their lives anew, to the work of God at Bethel; and hearts have been blessed by the challenging messages given. Evangelist Stucky made over 500 calls, held four instruction classes and baptismal services, two services of Baby Dedication, spent much time in counseling, as well as many other tasks too numerous to mention.

As of Oct. 6, 1957, Rev. Herman H. Riffel of Kankakee, Illinois, has taken up the work of Bethel Church. We look forward to a continued fruitful ministry as the Lord leads and uses us as a pastor and people in the year ahead.

Bethel Church Office

Southwestern Conference

Farewell Program at Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas

On Monday evening, August 26, the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas, gathered for a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. John Wood and sons, who have served our church faithfully for more than eight years. Mr. Lou Felsburg presided at the meeting. The Nursery and Beginner Classes sang, after which the teacher, Mrs. Lou Felsburg presented Ronnie Wood with a gift from his class. Ronnie Schulz sang a song for the Primary Class, after which Mrs. Eric Nitsch, teacher, presented Johnnie Wood with a gift. A piano duet was played by Kathleen Schulz and Carol Gabelmann. Hobart Leach, teacher of the Junior Class, presented Donnie Wood with a gift.

Farewell messages in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wood were given by Carol Herman, representing the C. B. Y. Fellowship; Mr. Robert Wirth, Sunday School superintendent; and Mrs. W. W. Van Amburg, for the Ladies Mission Circle. A poem, "Our Pastor," written by Mrs. W. S. Jaeger, was given by Mrs. Melvin Schulz. Mr. Darrell Herman represented the Bible Learners and Homebuilders Classes; Mrs. Jacob Stussy the Golden Hour

Class; Mr. A. D. Wirth the Brotherhood Class; and Mr. Harry Gabelmann, the church. It is our prayer that their new ministry in Beulah, North Dakota, will be greatly blessed.

An additional feature of the evening, led by Mrs. Darrell Herman, was a farewell for our young people who were leaving for college. On a United States map, with Christ's portrait at the top, each student located the college or university he or she would attend.

Mrs. Jacob Stussy, Reporter

Northwestern Conference

Missionary Program, Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul

September 8 marked another milestone in the history of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., in the commissioning of two of our young people, Mr. and Mrs. Armond Fritz, for missionary service. Their station will be in Southern Rhodesia, bringing them to the same continent where Laura Reddig has been so faithful, and whom it has been our great privilege also to support. Another of our members, Joel Bermudez of Cuba, spent the summer on an evangelistic itinerary in Spain. Upon completing his studies at Bethel, here in St. Paul, he plans to return to Spain.

Other young people of our congregation preparing for missionary service are Leone Reck, beginning nurse's training at Mounds-Midway Hospital upon a scholarship from the American Baptist Convention, and Wilbur Pickering at Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, who plans to do Bible translation in South America, where his parents are missionaries. Our enlarging missionary program is a real challenge to all of us at Dayton's Bluff.

Esther Stanke, Reporter

Women's Anniversary Program, First Church, Sumner, Iowa

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa, met for an informal tea in the beautifully decorated church parlors on August 9th to observe the 50th anniversary of the denominational Woman's Missionary Union. The meeting was in charge of the society's president, Mrs. M. B. Potratz. Mrs. John Menke led in the devotions and Mrs. Robert Sage welcomed the guests, who included a number of the teen-age girls of the church.

Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler briefly pointed out the highlights of the Union's history and introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa, chairman of the Missionary and Stewardship Education Committee. Special music was provided by a piano-cornet duet by Betty Sage and Janice

Greenlees, a vocal duet by Mrs. Don Stanbrough and Mrs. John Floden, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Herman Lalk. Rev. J. C. Kraenzler led in the closing prayer.

During the year White Cross work is carried out and cash donations are sent to headquarters. The ladies also re-decorated the church basement and purchased new draperies. On the evening of Sept. 18 Mrs. A. D. Schantz showed slides and gave an interesting talk about her mission work in Saguache, Colorado.

Mrs. John Floden, Secretary

Dakota Conference

South Dakota C. B. Y. F. Camps at Camp Riverside

South Dakota's C. B. Y. F. Junior Camp at Camp Riverside near Mitchell began Monday, August 12, with 93 campers registered. Our special speakers were Miss Ida Forsch, missionary in the Cameroons, and Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker from Forest Park, Illinois. The highlight of the week for the campers was the camp-fire service on Wednesday evening after the evening service.

From August 19 to 23 Senior Camp was held with 84 campers enrolled. Miss Ida Forsch and Dr. Walter Wessel from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., were our guest speakers. The subject of Dr. Wessel's class was "What We As Baptists Believe." Wednesday night we had an all night prayer chain which was a great inspiration to all.

On Friday afternoon, the business meeting was held. These officers were elected: president, Larry Winters; vice-president, Harry Johnson; secretary, Fern Jacobs; treasurer, Rose Marie Lippert; Camp Dean, Rev. Rubin Herrmann; Dean of Men, Rev. Peter Wiens; Dean of Women, Mrs. Leonard Meyers; Camp Pastor, Rev. Alfred Weisser; music director, Rev. Leland Friesen; recreational director, Verl Jucht; missions chairman, Rev. Willis Potratz; and leadership training chairman, Barbara Weisser.

Darlene Johnson, Reporter



Pastors and counsellors of the South Dakota Junior Camp held at Riverside Camp, Mitchell, South Dakota.



Rev. H. Schatz (standing, left back row), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Manitoba, and 29 converts whom he recently baptized.

Ordination of Rev. Harold F. Lang, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

At the call of the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., an ordination council with delegates from 11 South Dakota Association churches, convened at the church on Sept. 6th to examine Harold F. Lang for ordination. Rev. Alfred Weisser and Rev. Willis Potratz were elected to serve as chairman and secretary, respectively. Prof. Seibel read the letter calling for the ordination council and Rev. H. Pfeifer introduced the candidate, Harold F. Lang, to the council. Humbly, but positively and clearly, he testified of his conversion experience, call to the ministry, and of the Lord's leading in his preparation. He then outlined his doctrinal convictions. After a period of questioning the council went into executive session and recommended him for ordination into the Gospel Ministry.

The ordaining service was held that evening with the host pastor presiding. Dr. George A. Lang, father of Harold, brought the ordination message from Luke 5:1-11. Rev. H. Pfeifer led in the ordination prayer. The charges to the candidate and the churches were given by Rev. Gordon Huisinga and Rev. Elton Kirstein, respectively. Rev. Leland Friesen welcomed the candidate into the ministry and denominational fellowship. The special music was

brought by fellow Seminary students of the candidate, Paul Siewert and Arthur Boymook. After the singing of "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," the Rev. Harold F. Lang dismissed the service with the benediction.

Willis Potratz, Secretary

Northern Conference

Baptism of 29 Converts At Minitonas, Manitoba

On Sunday, August 18, the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Man., held a baptismal service at Wellman Lake. The Temple Baptist Church of Swan River, Man., joined us for this happy event. Our pastor, Rev. H. Schatz, had the joy of baptizing 29 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Our church choir and brass band rendered several musical numbers. Rev. H. Schatz spoke on Acts 8:26 to 40. Rev. B. Krentz of Bismarck, N. Dak., was our guest speaker who impressed the converts with the responsibilities of church membership. Rev. H. Nikkel of Swan River, Man., spoke in German on Matt. 3.

In the evening service at our church sanctuary Mr. Paul Sievert, a student at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought a brief message. The hand of fellowship was extended to these 29 newly baptized converts by the pastor prior to the observance of the Lord's Supper. We are deeply grateful to God for these spiritual victories in our midst. Rev. and Mrs. H. Schatz have been with us since May 1st. In June, Mr. Schatz conducted evangelistic meetings in our church with wonderful results. Our prayer is that God many continue to bless us!

Ewald Proppe, Clerk

New Pastor's Reception, First Church, Leduc, Alta.

On Sunday afternoon, Sept 1st, a reception was held at the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., for Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Knalson and family. Mr. Fred Sonnenberg, chairman, spoke words of welcome to the pastor's family and also to the many visiting friends. Musical numbers were provided by the choir, male quartet, ladies' trio, and accordion and piano duet.

Greetings were brought by a representative of the following organizations: Mr. Bernard Fillenberg, church representative; Mr. Ivan Grabia, C. B. Y.; Mr. Elmer Grunwald for the choir; Mrs. Ernest Kern for the Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. Henry Frederick for the Sewing Circle; and Mr. Donald Dargatz, representing our mission station at Clover Lawn. Several pastors of the neighboring churches also spoke words of welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Knalson responded, and a solo was sung by Mrs. Knalson. They expressed appreciation to all who took part in the service and for the supplies which were found in the pantry and deep-freeze upon their arrival here.

Mrs. D. Hammer, Reporter



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

Vacation School at Lauderdale Church, Edmonton, Alberta

The days of August 6 to 16 were a busy time for teachers and students of the Lauderdale Sunday School, Edmonton, Alberta. The annual Vacation Bible School was held during these days. We rejoiced at the opportunity given to us to teach between 60 and 70 children in three different classes. It was both a very busy and a blessed time. The truths of God's word were

received with great eagerness by the children. We praise the Lord also that as a result of the school one person has requested baptism. May the Lord continue to speak to the hearts of men!

G. J. Thiessen, Pastor

Dedication Program at First Church, Leduc, Alberta

Members of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, met on July 26, at a dedication supper to dedicate the lower auditorium of the church. After several months of work and planning, these rooms were completed. New walls were put in, a new floor was laid, and an oil heating system installed.

Tables were tastefully arranged and decorated for 200 guests. Following the dinner, a program was rendered with Bill Peters leading in the song service. An accordion trio number was rendered by Darlene Hammer, Elaine Bienert, and Joyce Ziegler. Mrs. Bill Peters presented a skit, after which Ardon Frederick led in the singing of favorite choruses.

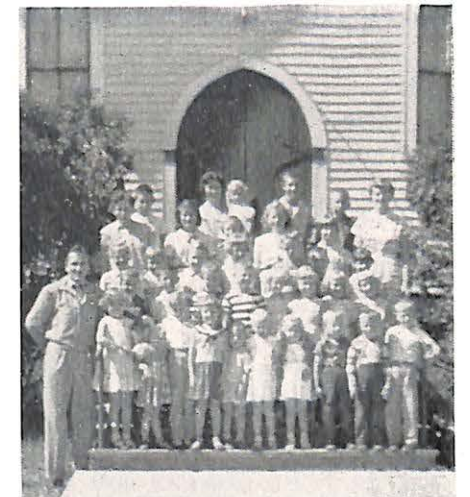
Our guest speaker, Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., brought warmest congratulations to the church for its work and also gave us encouragement for the future. A solo was then given by Mrs. W. Hein, and Wally Kerber led in prayer, bringing the blessed evening to a close.

Margaret Jabs, Reporter

Vacation School, East Olds Church, Olds, Alta.

"Journeying With Jesus" was the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School at the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alta. The school was held six hours a day throughout the first week of August and conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. H. A. Pohl. A total of 34 children attended daily, about half of them coming from homes of non-members. God blessed the teachers' endeavor and their consecrated work as 9 children made their decisions for Christ.

Beginners were taught by Mrs. H. A. Pohl and learned about God's care and ways. Primary children were led by Mrs. Harry Unger to understand and appreciate God's wonders in the out-



Children and teachers at the Vacation Bible School of the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta.

door world and within themselves. Mrs. Ben Edel instructed the Juniors in learning how to walk and talk "worthy of the Lord," and Rev. H. A. Pohl exposed parables that Jesus told to the Intermediates. This Bible-centered teaching as well as singing, film and handwork, recreation and picnic, and also a well presented closing program for the parents, community and church, challenged everyone to the great "Journey with Jesus."

H. A. Pohl, Reporter

Vacation Bible School, Central Church, Edmonton, Alta.

It was our privilege to highlight our activities of the summer at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., with the Vacation Bible School, held from August 12 to 25 under the directorship of Mr. John Binder, our student worker. We had a total enrollment of 110, including 16 teachers and helpers and an average daily attendance of 85 youngsters. We are very thankful for the faithfulness of our workers as their efforts were responsible for the enthusiastic acceptance of God's teachings during this time by all those present. The Lord richly blessed us by rewarding all our efforts with seven precious youngsters who made decisions for Christ.

The climax of the school was in the form of a picnic on the closing day and a program rendered on Sunday, August 25. Besides special numbers, all the children took part and a capacity audience of parents and friends was impressed by those things which had been learned during the two week period.

Elli F. Zopf, Reporter

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Vacation Bible School group in front of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, with Mr. John Binder, director of the school and student worker for the summer at the church, at right (front row).

STATISTICS OF OUR CHURCHES, 1957 — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	Churches	Baptisms	Church Members	Sunday Schools	S. S. Scholars	Teachers and Officers	W. M. U. Soc.	W.M.U. Members	CBY Societies	CBY Members
Atlantic	23	106	4051	23	3026	432	36	1146	25	500
Central	31	470	8912	31	8169	886	46	1783	46	1173
Dakota	58	321	7239	70	7822	1040	80	1499	81	1579
Eastern	18	140	2710	17	1869	214	23	636	18	449
Northern	52	198	7862	55	6593	827	46	1205	57	1792
Northwestern	37	254	6389	36	5122	670	63	1676	61	1197
Pacific	37	305	8277	39	7171	960	46	1712	56	1282
Southern	12	58	1246	13	1311	161	10	193	9	352
Southwestern	25	71	2583	23	2379	405	29	613	29	489
Total	293	1923	49,269	307	43,462	5595	379	10,463	382	8813
Last Year	294	1986	48,224	310	41,855	5228	375	10,189	372	8368
Total Increase			1045		1607	367	4	274	10	445
Total Decrease	1	63		3						

Our 1957 Denominational Statistics

The 1957 statistics of our North American Baptist Churches indicate "further progress in most areas of our work," as announced by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary. As these statistics are studied, give God the praise and honor, but do not forget to pray for greater devotion to God, which can never be fully measured by statistics.

We as a denomination have almost reached the coveted 50,000 mark in our total membership. Possibly we can announce having attained this milestone in our increased membership at the 1958 General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta. Even though several new churches were received into our fellowship, a number of small North American Conference churches found it necessary to disband. This meant a net decrease of one church to 293.

The giving of our people continues to be encouraging with a total of \$4,319,635.48 contributed for all purposes. This represents a per capita

giving of \$87.67, which compares very favorably with most Protestant groups. It should be especially noted that our giving for our own mission fields last year was \$664,508.17 compared with \$561,243.29 a year ago.

We have 293 ministers in active pastorates and serving in denominational positions. Our missionaries on the mission fields of the Cameroons, Japan, Austria and among the Spanish-Americans and Indians of North America now number 70.

There has been a small but definite upward trend in the total number of Sunday School scholars, Woman's Missionary Union members and CBY Fellowship members. This should also be noted in studying the statistics on this page.

It is important that all churches should report their local statistics as accurately as possible. Several of our churches even failed to send any kind of report to their conference secretaries. This makes for inaccuracies and unfortunate gaps and does not provide a

comprehensive and complete picture concerning our entire denomination. In preparing these statistics, every pastor and church clerk can help immeasurably in filling out the church forms in 1958 as fully and as accurately as possible.

THE RESURRECTION

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fulness is not theirs. For death in its awful reality is not the separation of soul and body, but is eternal damnation, which is the punishment of sin, and of which the dissolution of the body is but the beginning.

Christ suffered this death for his saints when he cried on the cross: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

The believers will not experience that fearful death. Death is not for them a sinking into the outer darkness, but an entrance through a narrow passage into eternal light.

Therefore, Christ says of them, "Whosoever liveth, and believeth on me, shall never die." Death is for them ascension to Zion's heavenly habitation on the hill of God's loveliness.

Contributions of Our Churches, 1957—North American Baptist General Conference

Conferences	For Local Church Operating Expenses	For Local Church Bldg. Fund Expenses	Total for Local Field	For N. A. B. Missions and Benevolent	For Local Conference Missions	Total for All N.A.B. Missions	For Other Than N.A.B. Missions	Total for All Mission Purposes	Total for All Purposes
Atlantic	\$ 236,691.00	\$ 41,255.00	\$ 277,946.00	\$ 34,419.00	\$ 4,058.00	\$ 38,477.00	\$ 71,249.00	\$109,726.00	\$ 387,672.00
Central	446,269.67	309,751.22	756,020.89	106,352.47	12,466.02	118,818.49	58,564.70	177,383.19	933,404.08
Dakota	325,443.30	215,618.37	541,061.67	95,424.95	35,737.15	131,162.10	6,872.71	138,034.81	679,196.48
Eastern	108,488.22	55,534.91	164,023.13	24,562.74	2,430.15	26,992.89	7,305.35	34,298.24	198,321.37
Northern	242,893.26	123,594.67	366,487.93	75,820.18	15,003.10	90,823.28	16,373.64	107,196.92	473,684.85
Northwestern	288,990.28	122,013.46	411,003.74	80,553.84	8,890.70	88,944.54	50,326.13	139,270.67	550,274.41
Pacific	299,203.13	393,844.50	693,047.63	87,747.47	11,507.94	99,255.41	17,118.77	116,374.18	809,421.81
Southern	54,822.29	13,880.86	68,703.15	11,215.71	1,069.60	12,285.31	4,479.09	16,764.40	85,467.55
Southwestern	115,120.30	23,400.12	138,520.42	54,466.21	3,282.94	57,749.15	6,023.36	63,772.51	202,292.93
Totals	\$2,117,921.45	\$1,298,893.11	\$3,416,814.56	\$570,062.57	\$94,445.60	\$664,508.17	\$238,312.75	\$902,820.92	\$4,319,635.48
Last Year			\$3,119,124.35			\$561,243.99	\$290,099.17	\$851,343.16	\$3,970,467.51
Total Increase			\$297,690.21			\$103,264.18		\$51,477.76	\$349,167.97
Total Decrease							\$ 51,786.42		

Obituary

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

MR. EDWARD L. HOENER of Stafford, Kansas.

Mr. Edward L. Hoener of Stafford, Kans., was born near Owensville, Missouri, on August 28, 1883 and passed away on September 18, 1957, in Stafford, as the result of a heart attack at the age of 74. Mr. Hoener married Rosie Heimiller on Nov. 10, 1912. Two sons, Grant of Great Bend, Kansas, and Lloyd of Yellowstone Park, Gardner, Montana, with their wives and five grandchildren join their mother in mourning the passing of the father.

Mr. Hoener's Christianity was well expressed. As a business man, community leader, and Christian layman, he served well and leaves a record of work well done. Mr. Hoener accepted the position of chairman of the Finance Committee for the building of the new edifice of the Calvary Church. His continuous effort to reduce the indebtedness of the building is seen in that only 4 percent of the original indebtedness needs to be paid. The memorial service was conducted at the Calvary Church on Saturday, September 21. The pastor was assisted by the Rev. B. L. Mahar, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Stafford.

Calvary Baptist Church
Stafford, Kansas
HANS J. WILCKE, Pastor

MISS HANNAH STILLE of Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Hannah Meta Stille of Cleveland, Ohio, was born April 25, 1895 in Wittenberge, Germany, and passed away in Cleveland, Ohio, on Sept. 11, 1957. In 1922 she came to America and made her home here in Cleveland ever since. Most of her life was spent as a domestic worker in some of the most prominent homes in Cleveland where she gained for herself the love and respect of her employers.

As a young girl in Germany, she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior and was received by baptism into the Baptist Church. Upon coming to Cleveland, she became a member of the White Avenue Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until the end of her earthly life. She suffered much in this past year because of an incurable illness, but she bore her pain in silence because she believed that "God was working together for good in all things with those who love him". She leaves to mourn her passing, her one brother, Alfred Stille, and his wife of Cleveland, Ohio, and three sisters in Germany.

White Avenue Baptist Church
Cleveland, Ohio
EDWARD KARY, Pastor

MRS. HARM WEELDREYER of Emery, South Dakota.

Mrs. Harm Weeldreyer, nee Janssen, of Emery, S. Dak., was born in Aplington, Iowa, Dec. 27, 1879 and unexpectedly passed away to be with the Lord Sept. 14, 1957 at her home at the age of 77 years. On April 18, 1901 she was united in marriage with Mr. Harm Weeldreyer with whom she lived in or near Emery for 56 years in a blessed and happy relationship.

Especially mourning her passing are her devoted husband and eight of the surviving children: Mrs. Emanuel Heitzman, Mrs. Ruby Kranzler and Herman of Emery, S. Dak.; Mrs. Harry Heitzman and John of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Mrs. Fred Edwards of Fontana, California; Albert of Wheaton, Illinois; and Myrtle, missionary in the Cameroons, Africa. Also surviving are 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters. The sad truth of her sudden home-going has left its mark on all who knew her, and especially her family. She will be greatly missed for she was keenly devoted to her Lord, her church and her home.

First Baptist Church
Emery, South Dakota
LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

MRS. CHRISTINA SCHULZ of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Christina Schulz, nee Raugust, of Lodi, Calif., was born on May 1, 1885 in Parkston, S. Dak. For a number of years she lived in Washburn, N. Dak., and in 1950

she came to Lodi, Calif., from Plenty Wood, Montana. On Oct. 8, 1905 she was united in marriage with Mr. Otto Schulz, and for nearly 52 years they were privileged to share the grace of life together.

In 1896 when still a young girl she received Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, was baptized and joined the Parkston Baptist Church. In 1950, after coming to Lodi, she became a member of the First Baptist Church here. She served her Lord faithfully and sincerely. It pleased the Lord to call his dear child home to glory on Sept. 5th. She reached the age of 72 years, 4 months and 4 days.

She is survived by her husband, Otto; 4 children: Roy H. Schulz of San Francisco, Calif.; Irvin O. Schulz of Chula Vista, Calif.; Miss Ann Schulz, and Gordon R. Schulz, both of Lodi.

First Baptist Church
Lodi, California
GUSTAVE G. RAUSER, Pastor

MR. FRIEDRICH MEIDINGER of Leola, South Dakota.

Mr. Friedrich Meidinger of Leola, S. Dak., born Nov. 23, 1880 at Tripp, S. Dak., was suddenly stricken August 16 at his home and passed away quietly in the Leola Hospital August 21, 1957. With his parents he came to McPherson County of which he was a life-long resident. Farming and ranching were his main occupation, but his interests and hobbies were many.

Under the ministry of Rev. E. S. Fenske he was converted, baptized and taken into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Eureka-Leola, S. Dak. He was a faithful and devoted follower of his Lord. Knowing his Bible, he was a good church school teacher, a deacon for many years, and a very capable leader of the Leola Church.

His sudden passing is mourned by his bereaved wife Katherine, nee Buchholz, whom he had married March 25, 1908; and nine surviving children; one brother, 18 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, all the members of the church, his many friends and neighbors. Since the local minister was away from the church at the time, Rev. E. S. Fenske was called to officiate at the memorial service.

Eureka-Leola,
South Dakota
A. E. REEH, Minister

MRS. C. C. SEIBOLD of New Rockford, North Dakota.

Mrs. Lena Elizabeth (Edinger) Seibold of New Rockford, N. Dak., was born Sept. 13, 1886 in New Danzig, Russia. She passed from this life on Sept. 13, 1957, at the age of 71 years to the day. The Edinger family came to America from Russia on Oct. 15, 1889 when Mrs. Seibold was 3 years old. They first lived in McIntosh County, N. Dak., but moved in 1896 to Wells County where Mrs. Seibold lived in Fairville Township for nearly 60 years. For the past two years she had lived in New Rockford, N. Dak. Mrs. Seibold accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized on profession of her faith on June 24, 1906 by Rev. Wm. L. Wahl, pastor of the Germantown Baptist Church.

On April 4, 1907, just over 50 years ago, she was united in marriage to Christ Seibold. Surviving her are her husband; her son, Dalton, and his wife, Alice; and her grandson, Lorell Dean. Besides her relatives, many friends will miss her and cherish her memory, and look forward to reunion in the Lord's time.

Germantown Baptist Church
Cathay, North Dakota
ELMER BUENNING, Pastor

MR. KARL J. BERTSCH of Venturia, North Dakota.

Mr. Karl J. Bertsch of Venturia, N. Dak., was born in South Russia on June 6, 1883, came to America in 1888, with the family homesteading near Venturia. He was converted in his younger years, and baptized on confession of his faith in Christ in June 1906. On Dec. 16, 1906 he was united in holy matrimony with Christina Breiting. This union was blessed with 10 sons and 8 daughters. On July 8, 1956 all the children came to the parental home to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of their parents. All the children are Christians and are active in churches in their respective communities.

In the last five years the parents retired from the farm and lived in Venturia, N. Dak. On June 6th, the birthday of Mr. Bertsch, he suffered a heart attack which left him very weak and hospitalized him for 11 days. On Sept. 12th the Lord called him to his heavenly home at the age of 74

years, 3 months, 6 days, leaving to mourn his departure his wife, 10 sons, 7 daughters, 47 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, many relatives and his church. All the children, living in several states, with the exception of a son in the Air Force, came to the funeral of their beloved father.

Venturia, North Dakota
EMANUEL BROECKEL,
Interim Pastor

MR. KARL DOHN of Venturia, North Dakota.

Mr. Karl Dohn of Venturia, N. Dak., was born February 18, 1896 in the vicinity of Venturia. Here he grew to manhood, was converted in 1920 under the ministry of the Rev. J. Reichert, and in 1925 was baptized on confession of his faith in Christ and united in membership with the Venturia Baptist Church. He answered the call into military service in 1918; for 13 months he was a soldier of World War I. In 1919 he was honorably discharged, suffering from a heart ailment due to military service.

In 1920 he was united in holy matrimony with Emelia Bertsch. They established their home on the farm with his parents. This union was blessed with one son. A few years ago they made their home in Venturia, not fully retiring for he delighted to occupy himself in helping along in the farm work. On Sept. 9th, while working in the field, his wife came at the close of day to bring him home, when a heart attack quietly ended his life's day at the age of 61 years, 6 months, 21 days. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife; one son, Wilbert Dohn, Venturia, N. D.; 3 grandchildren, one sister, two brothers, and many relatives and friends.

Venturia, North Dakota
EMANUEL BROECKEL,
Interim Pastor

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needs gasoline, oil, tires and repairs occasionally and there is necessary insurance. And the laborer is worthy of his board and room. Although many will have the privilege of inviting the Volunteers to join with them about their tables, board and room will also be necessary when traveling from church to church.

These expenses for a team are not small. The program this year will need about \$7,500. Money must be designated for the "God's Volunteers" program to be applied to this need. This is not included in our denominational budget, but must be met by designated gifts! If this program should fail here, it would not be because you do not know the need, but rather because good intentions were not converted into practical cooperation and support.

YOU AS A PRAYER PARTNER

Our program of Prayer Partners invites all to consider these three aspects of our responsibility: 1) I promise to pray regularly for God's Volunteers; 2) I shall try to be a soul winner; and 3) as an evidence of my faith in the soul winner program, I contribute in cash the amount of \$5.00 towards the support of "God's Volunteers" program. Ask your pastor for a Prayer Partner commitment. God helping you, face these three points before God.

The question is not so much, "What can we expect from God's Volunteers" or "What have the Volunteers a right to expect from our churches," but "What does God expect from YOU!" Herein lies the success of such a vital program of EVANGELISM.

BAPTIST TOUR

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Friday, August 1

Today you will be traveling through the wheatfields of Canada and the Dakotas, amazed that you have seen so much of the Switzerland of America in such a short time.

Saturday, August 2

On arrival in Minneapolis, Minn., at 6:30 A.M. we transfer to the Milwaukee Road "Morning Hiawatha" which leaves at 7:45 A.M. and leave our friends who are making connections to Omaha, Kansas City and other southwestern points. It's a scenic ride along the Mississippi River to LaCrosse, thence through Wisconsin resort towns, with arrival in the Chicago Union Station at 2:55 P.M.

RATES FROM CHICAGO

Cost of the above itineraries for members attending the conference only and returning to Chicago from Edmonton is as follows: the round trip coach ticket will cost only \$89.14. For members desiring Pullman accommodations from St. Paul to Edmonton and return, the combined rail and Pullman fare is \$138.48 for Duplex Roomette and \$139.56 each for 2 persons in bedroom. The clergy fare from Chicago to Edmonton and return is \$63.62 (rail fare only).

Cost covering the "Vacation Package Tour" itinerary is as follows: for persons desiring Pullman accommodations, St. Paul to Edmonton and Banff to St. Paul in Duplex Roomette, the rail fare and tour expenses are \$242.55 and \$242.55 each for two to a bedroom. For persons using coach class the cost is only \$189.74. These charges are based on two persons to a room with bath at hotels shown in itinerary.

In connection with the tour, we have

also arranged for rooms at the more economical hotels on the same tour arrangement with a saving of \$24.08 per person. On this basis the Athabasca Hotel in Jasper, Deer Lodge at Lake Louise and the Mt. Royal in Banff would be used, without private bath.

For members desiring to join the tour at Edmonton and return to Edmonton from Banff on termination of the tour, the cost would be \$114.50 per person, or \$90.42 staying at the economy hotels.

All charges include rail, Pullman (tax included), meals as shown, hotels, sightseeing, transfers, transportation tax, and transfer of two pieces of hand luggage. Tour features from Edmonton to Banff only. All other costs are excluded. The responsibility for any delay, loss, or accident occasioned during the time of this trip shall not be handled with the North American Baptist General Conference, but directly with the Company involved.

NEW SEMINARY YEAR

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present student body.

We were happy to welcome Bernt Kuhn as an exchange student from the Hamburg-Horn Seminary in Hamburg, Germany. He is the first to come to us under the new plan whereby the exchange student will complete his senior year of study before coming to the United States. Under this arrangement he can spend an entire year studying and visiting our churches and youth camps.

John Binder sailed for Europe on September 20 to represent us in the Hamburg-Horn Seminary. He plans to attend lectures at the University of Hamburg in addition to his seminary studies.

The Seminary has been delighted to serve as host to "God's Volunteers" and their director, Rev. Elmer C.

Strauss on our campus.

The Seminary continues to appeal for prayerful support. This is a spiritual ministry and we are completely dependent upon God's grace for spiritual insight and ability that are necessary to accomplish the divine call of the Seminary.

HENRY DRUMMOND

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long and so admiringly that when he grew to manhood his friends saw that the face carved on the hill was his own. The same truth can be expressed in relation to Henry Drummond's affection for the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. He looked at it, studied it and lived in it so long that he became its image.

When the news of Henry Drummond's death in 1897 reached D. L. Moody, he said that the prospect of Heaven had become invested with a new charm. There is no doubt that heaven will have indescribable charms for every child of God. But in the meantime, the world is still hungry for love, and you and I, who claim to know and to have the love of Christ, can help to satisfy that hunger.

DRUMMOND GEMS

"The evidence for Christianity is not the Evidences. The evidence for Christianity is a Christian."

"I would not rob a man of his problems, nor would I have another man rob me of my problems. They are the delight of life, and the whole intellectual world would be stale and unprofitable if we knew everything."

"Christ never failed to distinguish between doubt and unbelief. Doubt is can't believe; unbelief is won't believe. Doubt is honesty; unbelief is obstinacy. Doubt is looking for light; unbelief is content with darkness."

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