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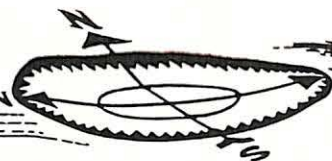
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Great Day for the Gebauers



● *Presbyterian Life*, official bi-weekly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., has reached a circulation of one million. The magazine has a larger circulation than any other Protestant religious journal in the world, and is the first to ever reach the million-mark.

● In Poland, reconstruction of historic Holy Trinity Lutheran church in Warsaw is nearing completion. The church was badly damaged by air raids in 1949 and 1944. It was partially rebuilt by the Polish government for secular use, was returned to church use last year. Built in 1781, the church has the third largest dome in Europe, being surpassed only by St. Peter's in Rome and Westminster Abbey in London.

● In Ethiopia, a new printing technique that adapts the complicated Amharic script, the principal language of the country, to mechanical typesetting has been developed. The new device is in operation in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, and the first work to be composed on it is part of the Bible. The task of developing the printing method was difficult since the Ethiopian language comprises 231 standard letters. Printers and typographic experts studied the problem for years before solving it.

● James L. Kelso, eminent Biblical archaeologist, has left for the Holy Land to resume his search for Jeroboam's temple in ancient Bethel. This is the seventh trip he has made to the Holy Land to hunt for objects throwing light on Bible times. The temple he is looking for was built by Jeroboam as a rival place of worship to Solomon's temple in Jerusalem. The supposed site is now covered with orchards. In previous explorations Dr. Kelso discovered portions of the winter palace of King Herod the Great near Jericho.

● National Sunday School Department of the Assemblies of God has issued 44,390 teacher-training certificates for the eight-month period ending May 31, 1957. This is 1,583 more than for a similar period a year ago. The training plan, designed to prepare lay members of the local churches for Sunday school teaching, requires the study of a prescribed textbook and the passing of an examination in order to earn a certificate. National and regional leaders assist the pastors in teaching a course of study each year, to qualify local workers for teacher-training certificates.

● Work on "Red River of Life," Moody Bible Institute's tenth and newest film, has just been completed at Moody Institute of Science, West Los Angeles, California. It tells the dramatic story of nature's most amazing pump—the human heart, traces the mystery behind the red blood cell. In the film Dr. Irwin A. Moon, director of MIS, points out that as physical life is dependent upon the blood, even so spiritual life is to be had only through the blood of Christ.

● In New Guinea, a new Anglican church is to be built at Gona, in Papua, on the site of some of the bitterest fighting in the New Guinea campaigns of World War II. Plans call for the church to be consecrated before the end of the year. (The Australian Seventh Division, veterans of Syria and Libya, entered Gona in December, 1942, and with the assistance of Unit-

ed States units, eliminated the Japanese forces in the Gona-Buna-Sananda area in four months of heavy fighting. Much of the fighting at Gona took place on the land of the Holy Cross Anglican Mission.)

● At its annual convention in Minneapolis, The Gideons International announced the goal of placing a Bible in every hotel and motel guest room in the United States and Canada that does not already have one. There are only 21,087 Gideons in the world, and yet these Christian businessmen raised more than a million dollars for Scripture distribution last year. During the year they placed 2,364,192 copies of the New Testament or the complete Bible—which was an increase of more than 550,000 over the previous year. This total includes 1,099,051 Testaments given to children in public schools and 277,349 Bibles placed in hotels and motels.



Baptist Briefs

● **Baptist Prime Minister.** Canada's new prime minister is the Honorable John Diefenbaker, M.A., LL.D., a member of the First Baptist Church, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

● **Baptist Presidents.** Calvary Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., has the distinction of being a church home to both the president of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention. Its pastor, Clarence W. Cranford, was recently elected president of the American Convention. Representative Brooks Hays, Congressman from Arkansas, who is the new president of the Southern Convention, attends Calvary Church during his periods in the Capital. He also teaches a class there. (Hays' membership is in his home town of Little Rock, however.)

● **Vancouver Bible Institute.** The Baptist General Conference of America agreed to take over the control and assets of Vancouver Bible Institute,

Vancouver, B. C., at its 78th annual meeting. Comprising two buildings, an educational unit and a girls' dormitory, the school is valued at \$46,000. It will be operated by the Church's Board of Home Missions until the 1958 General Conference decides what board should have jurisdiction over the school.

● **Southern Baptist Missionary.** Miss May Perry, missionary to Nigeria, has been made an Officer of the **Order of the British Empire** by Queen Elizabeth. The honor was given because of her distinctive work at Idi-Aba, the Baptist girls' school in Abeokuta. Miss Perry is the second to receive this highest award ever conferred on a Southern Baptist missionary by the British Crown. I. N. Patterson, field secretary for the Nigerian mission, was honored in 1952.

● **Baptist Radio Station.** A new gospel station (WIVV) has been organized at Vieques on an island off the coast of Puerto Rico. The broadcasting is principally in English as there is a large English-speaking population in the various islands of this area. A recent report from WIVV indicates listeners in 63 islands, countries, and states. WIVV is owned and operated by Calvary Baptist Mission, Bradenton, Florida.

● **Southern Baptist Men.** If attendance goals are reached, the first National Conference of Southern Baptist (Continued on Page 24)

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

This issue of the "Baptist Herald" will help prepare you and your church for the observance of Sunday School Week, Sept. 22-29, 1957. The theme of this week, as seen in this number, is "GO - TEACH!" Many contributors have made this issue an outstanding one.

Editorial

"GO — TEACH!"

Guest Editorial by Mr. E. Ralph Kletke of Philadelphia, Pa.

President of the Sunday School Union

"GO — TEACH!" This imperative theme for Sunday School Week was, of course, inspired by the words of our Lord in the "Great Commission." "Go ye therefore —" (Matt. 28:19-20). This is a command to action and also one of urgency. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you —" This is the objective of the teaching program of the church. It is a tremendous project, one which not only encompasses the winning of souls, but one which is vitally concerned with the growth of the "new person in Christ." The Sunday School is responsible for a large share of the teaching program in the local church. Certainly, this theme and the phrases of the "Great Commission" provide the vision for every local Sunday School and Sunday School worker.

It is the task, then, of the local Sunday School to translate this command and vision into a practical and efficient program. At times this may seem difficult to accomplish. Many of our schools have learned to enjoy a very passive existence. This may be due to the peculiar problems of the local church, such as inadequate facilities, a bad location, poor teaching personnel or a lack of parental response. We are living in an age when materialistic philosophy and secular attractions dull our spiritual senses. Therefore, it is important that all of our schools meet this ever increasing challenge by exploiting all of the resources and potential at their command. As we enter a new school year and celebrate Sunday School Week, I would like to suggest consideration of these three essentials.

1. Every local school should periodically analyze its progress. It should know WHERE it is going, WHY and HOW. In order to do this, it must have goals or objectives such as our own SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD. The STANDARD helps to develop a sense of direction and purpose. These objectives enable each school to recognize its weak and strong points. Recognition of the weak areas allows the local school to plan its emphases for the coming year.

2. The staff of teachers and officers must be born-again Christians having a right personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We must remember that these workers are the media through which the Holy Spirit operates. A teacher should not feel that he is doing the superintendent or the pastor a favor by working in the church school. It is a SACRED PRIVILEGE to teach. Therefore, each teacher should feel personally commissioned by Christ to perform his or her task.

3. Our Sunday School workers must be trained workers. It is not enough that our teachers be willing and sincere. Teaching a Sunday School class is a specialized task. It requires an understanding of the pupil, a thorough knowledge of the subject matter and a knowledge of the correct teaching method and approach. Leadership Training makes these tools available to our workers. Dare we suggest that our schools seriously consider the completion of a prescribed number of Leadership Training courses as a prerequisite for active teaching?

In summary, the realization of the theme takes Spirit-filled workers with a divine sense of purpose!

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IF I WERE A TEACHER

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“ . . . among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life” (Philippians 2:15-16).

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By Dr. James L. Sullivan

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THE TASK of teaching is what you make it. It can be a burdening routine which buries you under the debris of detailed duties. Or it can be a romance which thrills you to your very finger tips as you analyze the manner in which God is using you to shape the coming generations through the lives of the pupils who sit at your feet.

Your attitudes as a teacher will determine in large measure your effectiveness in Bible instruction.

CHRIST'S IDEAL

Who has greater opportunity to sway the future than a God-called, church-elected, Spirit-filled Sunday School teacher? It is a task near to the example of Christ and near to the heart of God.

For that reason I would charge every Sunday School teacher in the land to be constantly aware of the unparalleled privileges that belong to him so that his achievements might match Christ's ideal.

If I were a Sunday School teacher I would draw in my mind and heart a picture of my ideal teacher. I would then apply each individual trait of character and life in that ideal to my own daily living and weekly instruction.

Thus in trying to meet my ideal as a Sunday School teacher: “I would recognize the glory of my task.”

THE GLORY OF MY TASK

Teaching is the molding of thoughts and thoughts shape life. What a child will be he is now becoming and that very rapidly. By implanting proper thoughts and giving wise guidance, the teacher is not only influencing today but is giving shape to tomorrow's world as well.

If you are one who has a tendency to doubt the power of the teacher, it

would be well for you to study anew the efforts of the dictators and demagogues of history to control the schools of their lands. He who holds the classroom of today controls tomorrow's day.

Jesus magnified teaching by being a master teacher. He is our inspiration as well as our example. He was the great preacher and healer, but he never allowed those noble ministries to crowd out or limit his teaching.

Teaching and preaching are so interrelated that they are almost inseparable. Let it be said by way of tribute that good teachers in Sunday School classes do much toward making preaching more effective in the worship services that follow.

BE POSITIVELY EVANGELISTIC

Aside from one's parents, there are few people inside or outside of the church who have closer contact with the pupil than the Sunday School teacher. If I were a teacher I would capitalize on this privilege of such close association, and fully use that position to seek to win the pupil to Christ. I would consciously and consistently make this the first burden of my heart and the first objective of my classroom work.

It is not enough to teach pupils about Jesus. Pupils can be taught every deed in the life of Christ, every miracle that he performed, and every sermon that he ever preached. But unless those same pupils come to know him in personal experience, the teacher has failed miserably in his teaching.

The first task of every Sunday School teacher is to guide the pupil to a personal acceptance of Christ, and it is only then that the principles of Christ can be applied in the life of the pupil. When one comes to know Jesus in faith and love, he then has

little difficulty understanding and heeding the message of our Lord.

Even young people in the Sunday School who have not reached an age of accountability can have their attitudes so affected by the teacher that faith in Christ in future years can come in a much easier manner. The teacher in the Beginner department, for instance, who stays constantly aware of the future conversions of the present pupils is the one who will build a love and respect in the minds of the pupils for Christ so that the leading of those pupils to Christ will be much easier in the years to come..

CONSTANT TRAINING

Is it possible for us excessively to magnify the necessity for training? We have never thought a doctor to be overtrained when we subjected ourselves to surgery at his hands. We would never feel a lawyer to be overtrained if he were defending us in some major case in the courts. We never feel a preacher to be overtrained when he is dealing with the soul of our child and is trying to point him in paths of righteousness.

Why should we ever get the idea that a Sunday School teacher can get too much training? An entire lifetime can be spent in preparation and practice and still there are many things that the teacher will not know.

READY TO LEARN

For that reason I would make my life a constant striving for growth and improvement if I were a Sunday School teacher. That training should not only be ceaseless, but should be wellrounded and systematic. A teacher never gets too old to learn, and one cannot take appropriate courses of study too frequently.

A teacher cannot teach strangers with the effectiveness that he can

teach friends. For that reason it is necessary that the Sunday School teacher be intimately associated with every pupil of the class. If this is done the teacher must take the initiative, or some timid pupil will never feel the relaxed freedom that is necessary in the teacher's presence.

There are many times when pupils seem to be problem children in the classroom and later develop into ideal Christian citizens. To analyze that transition, one finds many things contributing to the changing attitudes and lives of the pupil. Very frequently the teacher goes into the home and finds that the abnormal conditions of the home have made the child maladjusted. Frequently there is poverty, hardship, tragedy, home division, or even divorce; and these have added strange personality quirks to the pupil. How can a teacher know the correct method of teaching a pupil unless that teacher is well acquainted with the home life of each pupil in the classroom?

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

The years have convinced me of the wisdom of regular meetings of officers and teachers of the Sunday School for the purpose of correlating the work and of inspiring the teachers in a better performance of their tasks.

As a teacher I would find my work to be so related to every other teacher's work in the Sunday School that I simply could not serve in isolation and function effectively. If I lead pupils one way and another teacher guides them in another direction we are paralyzing the efforts of each other. By meeting together and correlating our efforts we can find greater successes indeed.

For me to be the sort of teacher that I need to be, prayer must be a very vital part of my life and the prayer



In teaching God's truths, Jesus as the Master Teacher was deeply concerned to see this teaching transferred to daily living.

meeting services would be considered imperative in my Christian living. To go from Sunday to Sunday without drawing aside for specific seasons of prayer is to cripple my influence and weaken my spiritual strength. Knowing that prayer equips me for my service as a teacher even more than special studies, I would not neglect my prayer life in the least, and I would make prayer meeting attendance a regular practice in my weekly program.

THE CLASS IN WORSHIP

Is there anything more tragic than for a teacher to say at the end of the class session, “We will now stand and be dismissed,” and proceed to pronounce the benediction as though the day's tasks had been completed and the day's religious opportunities were now ended? The only thing worse than that sort of spirit is for the teachers to turn and by example lead the pu-

pils away from the worship services. Everything in the Sunday School should be preparing the pupil for the worship hour. The church service is the main service of the day, and no Sunday School class or teacher should take the place of the preacher or the preacher's message during the worship service. Never should a Sunday School exist in competition with the church for which Christ died, and which he loves so devotedly.

For a teacher to be the right sort of teacher, he must use his influence in teaching the pupils to worship regularly in the worship services of the church.

A GOOD EXAMPLE

Without realizing it Sunday School teachers are always examples. Many times they are not the right kind of influences because they are not conscious that they are being so closely watched. Young people without saying a word are analyzing and critically studying the lives of their teachers, and they are quick to feel and voice resentment when question marks arise about the character or conduct of the teachers.

As a teacher I would try to make my life an example, realizing that the deeds that I do daily will be far more effective than the words I might speak weekly. Christian example is a most effective weapon of Christian instruction, and the Sunday School teacher cannot be the proper sort of teacher by merely instructing the pupils in theoretical theory.

Every Sunday School teacher has a church obligation. He is not functioning privately in an individual task, but he is an important unit in a mighty army mobilized for Christian instruction and work. To relate the lives of all pupils to the total program of the church is one of his assignments.

If the church is projecting a program of stewardship, emphasis on that theme is my responsibility before my

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—Photo by Raymond Noll
Children of the Junior Chorus at the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., who are also faithful members of the Sunday School.

Christ's Command: Go — Reach!

By Mr. Marvin L. Skubick, General Sunday School Superintendent
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GO REACH! This is Christ's command to every church and to every member. God said ages ago, "Gather the people together." Jesus told us to "teach all nations." Our Christ's responsibility is inescapable. Jesus cared enough to die for lost men. Do we care enough to reach the lost in our community for him? It was Christ's concern that sent him to the cross. Christian concern drove William Carey to India and led David Livingstone to Africa. May it challenge North American Baptists to seek to win those whom Christ came to save in the neighborhoods surrounding our church!

COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE

Christ has commanded ALL to go, that each one is to be a witness for him. No church will ever reach its full potential unless it has a compassion for the multitudes. This compassion is best expressed in a weekly visitation program. It should be placed in the very center of the entire church program. NOW is the time to do it! God will hold pastors and people alike responsible for continued unconcern for the unchurched and unenlisted.

Here is how your church can become a great church, a missionary church, a burdened church.

1. Pray! Ask God to give you a compassion for the lost. No one but Christ can create such a burden. Pray that God will stir up and lead your pastor, church leaders, and people to place "a weekly visitation activity" in your church program.

2. Go to your pastor and tell him the need of reaching more people. Ask him to meet with the Sunday School superintendent and other Board chairmen of your church to study and present to the church such a program.

3. This Committee has then the responsibility of presenting the following:

(a) **THE NEEDS OF A WEEKLY VISITATION PROGRAM.** Spiritual

responsibilities have already been discussed. The following are practical needs: A comparison of Sunday School attendances ten and five years ago and one year ago should show a desperate need. The growth of your church over the same periods will also be revealing. A study of the church roll will show many people not attending Sunday School or church regularly. A further check on Sunday School attendance is bound to show a definite need of calling. A short ride in and around the church community will reveal hundreds of prospects that are unchurched and unenlisted. The harvest is plenteous!

(b) **THE DAY AND TIME WHEN THE VISITATION PROGRAM IS TO BE CARRIED OUT.** One evening each week must be entirely cleared of conflicting activity. The cooperation of the entire church should be enlisted. Visitation will have to be promoted from the pulpit, in each class, in every organization. It must be made a BIG thing!

(c) **THE ORGANIZATION THROUGH WHICH THE VISITATION WILL BE ADMINISTERED.** The Sunday School should have this responsibility. **THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS THE CHURCH AT WORK!** Its purpose is to reach and teach the people. No other church organization reaches every age. The Sunday School employs the most workers. Responsibility can be fixed easier. Use the Sunday School to build your church!

4. Finally, an affirmative church decision is needed to put visitation at the very center of its program.

What results can a church expect should it adopt such a program? Here is what happened at the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., under the leadership of Rev. E. Arthur McAsh.

1. In 1949 our average Sunday School attendance was 249. In 1956 it was 636. During the first six months of 1957, it has been 719.

2. We had to provide more space, which is a fundamental Sunday School law. When Ebenezer Church first moved to its present location in Nov. 1949, we worshipped in the basement. Since then God has led us to finish the sanctuary, erect a Sunday School wing and complete an additional Sunday School building housing four departments.

3. We had to enlarge the Sunday School organization which is imperative to a growing Sunday School. From one Nursery, one Beginner, one Primary, one Junior, one Young People's and one Adult Department which totaled 45 teachers and officers in 1950, we now have a Cradle Roll (Home), 3 Nurseries, a large overcrowded Beginner Department which needs dividing, 3 Primary, 2 Junior, one Intermediate, 2 Young People's, and 3 Adult Departments. Teachers and workers, including enrollment and attendance folk, bus drivers and helpers, now number 145.

4. Our transportation facilities were proved inadequate. In 1950 we had but one worn-out bus. Now, besides replacing this one, we have a total of five buses. Two were purchased this year because of the tremendous need!

5. Our giving to all causes in 1950 was \$55,903.01. In 1956 it was \$121,832.69.

GOD'S BLESSING

We thank God for what he has wrought. Ebenezer people saw the field white unto harvest. They heeded God's command to go. Through visitation came the need for more space, a larger organization, more buses, and a greater missionary program. Ebenezer's missionary family now numbers 23.

God promises that he will bless any church that follows his command. Remember —

it is OUR responsibility to GO —
it is GOD'S responsibility to give the increase!

Teaching the Christian Leader

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WHAT IS A LEADER?

By definition, a leader is one who leads as 1) a guide or conductor; and as 2) a chief, commander or the head of a group or undertaking.

The Sunday School "leader" is that person chosen to lead, conduct, guide, or act as chief, commander, head of a group or undertaking.

The undertaking of the "leader" is the Great Commission: "Go ye into all the world teaching Jesus."

CHOOSING THE LEADER

The "leader" must be chosen. "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16). It is obvious that this "chosen leader" believes in God through Jesus Christ. He must believe for the sake and glory of Jesus and not as Simon in Acts 8:18-21. "When Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given—" But Peter said unto him, "Thy money perish with thee—" This is an example of the type of leader that is not needed as a Sunday School teacher or worker.

It becomes apparent that the most important thing in "teaching the leader" is choosing the leader, in the first place. The Bible gives us many examples of lay people who became leaders in the local church community. One such example is found in Acts 8:26-31 and 35-37. "And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and 'go—.' And he AROSE and WENT—. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, 'Go—.' And Philip RAN—. 'How can I except some man (leader) guide me?' Then Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus. And Philip said, 'If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.' And he answered, and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.'"

Pray God that the local church has means of selecting persons with such qualities as Philip for "leaders" in their Sunday School work.

LEADERSHIP TRAITS

What are some of these qualities that Philip possessed in order that he might be chosen by God for Christian leadership?

1. He believed.
2. He was obedient.
3. He was enthusiastic.
4. He was humble.
5. He loved his task.



—Photograph by Harold Lambert
By definition, a leader is one who leads as a guide or commander. For this important leadership in all life situations, he must be thoroughly trained.

6. He knew the Word of God.
7. He was a teacher.
8. He knew the plan of salvation.
9. He knew when to stop.
10. He knew God.

People with these quality potentials are in the local churches and, when they are chosen to lead, the task of "teaching the leader" becomes a pleasure.

One wise and recommended step in choosing the right person for teacher or leader is to appoint him on a temporary basis. It is much easier to relieve a temporary appointee than a permanent appointee. This process of temporary appointment must be definitely understood beforehand by all concerned.

The selection of the right persons for the task of leading and teaching in Sunday School work is a continuous process. It is the responsibility of all church and Sunday School leaders to be constantly on the lookout for the God-chosen persons for the all important work of becoming leaders and teaching the Gospel through the Sunday School.

WORKERS' CONFERENCES

Now for "teaching the leader," the process should have as its objective the bringing out of the qualities as found in Philip. Experience has shown that the following are some of the better media for teaching the leader:

1. Workers' Conference.
2. Concentrated course in the knowledge and use of the Bible.
3. Concentrated course in psychology of teaching and leading.
4. Concentrated course on worthy church membership.
5. Leading or causing leaders or workers to concentrate on a) self study; b) prayer; and c) personal devotion.
6. Departmental Workers' Conference.

The Workers' Conference is a most important institution in any successful Sunday School program. Some important points to emphasize for a successful Workers' Conference are:

1. The Conference should be held as often as is necessary properly to meet the needs of the local Sunday School program. Do not hold the conference so often that its effectiveness wanes. It may be scheduled once a month, each two weeks, or weekly, all depending upon the program and local needs.

2. The conference date, time and place must be included as a part of the church calendar.

3. The conference schedule should consider the most convenient time for all workers in the Sunday School program. For those few who find conflicts with conference meeting time, it becomes necessary to become a "Philip" and be there.

4. The conference must have a convenient and proper place for meeting. The room must be well lighted, ventilated, and arranged for proper communication. It should never be in a corner of an auditorium or in cramped quarters.

5. The conference room should be well equipped with all necessary facilities such as blackboards, maps, charts, tables and other necessary materials.

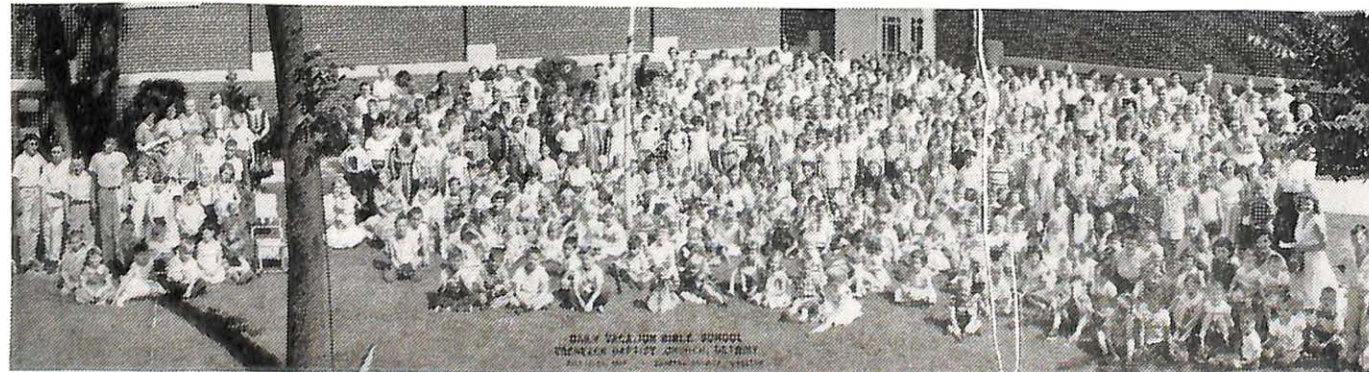
6. The conference room should be arranged in a manner conducive to worship.

PLANNING THE CONFERENCE

7. **PLANNING THE CONFERENCE.** It is the responsibility of the Sunday School Superintendent, Pastor, and Director of Religious Education, properly to plan the Workers' Conference. The plan should include:

a. **AN OBJECTIVE.** The objective should adhere to the denominational Sunday School Standard Guide. Each of the ten points of the Sunday School

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The large Vacation Bible School crowd of children and teachers at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., which shows dramatically the wonderful outreach of this Sunday School into its community under the leadership of Mr. Marvin L. Skubick, General Superintendent

Christ's Word: Go Ye Therefore!

By Peter E. Fehr, M.D., of Minneapolis, Minnesota

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AS CHILDREN in Sunday School one of the first songs we learned to sing was "Jesus Loves Me." Soon we learned to sing, "Jesus loves the little children of the world." As we learned of Jesus' love for us and his plan of salvation completed on the Cross, we learned that this salvation was free to all people who would accept it, to everyone in the world.

As we studied God's Word, we read, "How shall they believe in whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher (teacher), and how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14-15). Those in all the lands of the world must hear, some must go as God calls them, and the remainder of Christians must send them to teach.

How can we present the needs, the spirit and the call of world missions to our Sunday School scholars?

As a Sunday School we have three basic times to present the call of missions to our scholars: during the opening sessions, during the classtime, and during special events such as Vacation Bible School and youth camps.

Our opening sessions present us with opportunities for missionary emphasis, whether it be a departmental or general session. Many schools have found that it is profitable to set aside a definite Sunday each month, for example, the third Sunday, as mission emphasis morning. At this service appropriate missionary songs can be used to develop the spirit of missions. The devotional or story time can be used to give an object lesson or story concerning missionaries.

Added items of interest when available are letters from missionaries to the Sunday School or a short talk by a missionary on furlough who will be in church for the morning service. The offering taken on this special Sunday can be a mission offering, announced and given to a certain field or project of our denominational missions.

INTEREST IN MISSIONS

The opening session emphasis of missions should be to create an interest in world missions, especially those of our own denomination. Along with creating an interest in missions, the scholars learn of our mission fields, and they are prepared for the call of God presented in the classes to "go ye therefore."

Sunday School teachers, as they instruct their scholars Sunday after Sunday, have an excellent opportunity to present to scholars of all ages the needs, aims, vision and calling of mis-



"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" Matthew 28:20

sions. Although the presentation of missions in the classes depends to a large extent upon the age group, all scholars, as they are taught the Bible stories and lessons, can learn of missions.

The classtime presents the personal approach to lessons, problems and, likewise, missions. The scholars should be taught the scope of missions. In the Great Commission Jesus sent the disciples to "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." So we must reach the people of our own city, our state, our neighboring states and to the uttermost parts of the world. We begin at home, bringing our friends and neighbors to Sunday School.

Here also we can teach the value and aim of missions to scholars. The major aim of all missions is to win souls to the Lord and to help the people. As we help the people by educating them and healing their illnesses we can reach them to win them to Christ.

PRAY, GIVE, GO!

Each one can here learn of his personal part in missions. We must all be ready to pray, to give and to go. God calls all to show an interest in and to

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some are called to go bear the good news of salvation. We must teach each scholar to be in tune with God through prayer and fill his role in God's plan. Each one must do his part, not run before God, nor lag behind, but follow him each step of their lives so that they can obey his words, "Go ye!"

Special events that the Sunday School sponsors or in which it has a part allow a unique opportunity to make scholars aware of the call, "Go Ye therefore." Vacation Bible Schools have become an important part of most Sunday School summer schedules. In these schools we deal with a young age group where our major function with regard to missions is to make them aware of our mission fields and of what kind of work is done on the particular field under consideration. The offerings, being designated for the field that is being studied, make the scholars feel that they have a part in the work. The older group can be made aware how God calls people to his service and how to listen and answer to his call.

Junior and Senior Camps allow the scholars to be apart from the world with teachers and other young people. Here by the messages and contacts with teachers and missionaries, but most of all by the quiet time of meditation with God, young people can hear the call to the mission fields. As scholars feel the call to missions, we should encourage their adequate preparation for the work they feel called to do and counsel them to be always in tune with God, listening for his directions.

CALL OF MISSIONS

As a Sunday School we must present the call and challenge of missions as expressed in the great commission. We can do this during our opening sessions, class periods and during special events as Vacation Schools, camps and programs. The use of object lessons, stories, returned missionaries and missionary letters during these times aid our task.

Our scholars must be made aware of the fact that with salvation comes the obligation to do our part in the worldwide salvation of souls. Throughout the time our scholars are in Sunday School, from the beginners through adult age, the vision and call of missions must be presented to them. Then our Sunday School scholars will catch the spirit of missions, and they will listen for and obey God's call in this Great Commission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

Go Teach Christ — At Home!

A Message on the Sunday School in Your Home

By Mrs. Roger Schmidt of Jamesburg, New Jersey

THERE WAS A GROUP of eight youngsters, all of whom started Sunday School together in the nursery department. Year after year they were promoted according to the regulations of this particular Sunday School. When they all reached the teens, the original group diminished to five. Why is it when children have similar Sunday School experiences for a number of years that some turn out to become growing Christians and others lose interest in Sunday School and become inactive, never fully experiencing the glorious salvation of the Lord? I believe it is because we have failed to go teach—at home!

When we compare the hours spent in Sunday School with the hours spent at home, we realize that there just isn't enough time to build a strong Christ-an faith into the lives of children if it is left just to the Sunday School. Therefore, we believe that the Sunday School hour is only a beginning of a training that must be extended in the home.

EXAMPLE OF PARENTS

This training is carried on in several ways, foremost of all, by the example of daily living as given by the father and mother. Also a living Christian faith is taught by the deliberate study of the Bible with the children. Other additional Christian publications and activities are also good, and children can learn by their use.

When a child is sent to Sunday School rather than taken by the family, a certain sharing experience is lost. The child who can sit around the Sunday dinner table and share the activities of the morning, tell or question about the Bible story in Sunday School or listen to a Bible discussion among older children has a definite advantage over a child who goes to Sunday School alone, comes home, changes his clothes and goes out to play, because his Sunday School experience lives on in the home. It is so important for families to go to worship together, so that parents can share the full experience, know the teacher, see some of the problems and then keep growing in the faith, thereby establishing themselves in the Lord.

When your child comes home from church on Sunday morning, all excited about his picture of Moses, do you stuff it off and say, "I'm busy; don't bother me" or do you capture a minute to let him tell you about it. Take the picture he proudly brings you and let him hang it up in his room a few days. It won't hurt the wall paper but



—Luoma Photo

It is at the family altar that you engrave in your child's heart the importance of God's Word!

it will cause him to think further about the lesson he has heard.

Aside from directly bringing the lesson out in conversation and discussion at home, we parents can use other appealing means to help our children learn how God has dealt with his people in Bible times and how the same God deals with each of us today. Try playing "Twenty Questions" with your family after dinner. Pick a Bible person or place and let them have the fun of guessing your selected subject. Another way to teach the Bible is to play, "Who Am I?". Give a simple, slight description of a Bible character and let the children guess who you are. You'll be surprised how they love to do this after mealtime or as you are driving along in a car and time seems to lag. At the same time you will be extending our brief Sunday School hours into family life.

Most Sunday School classes today have pupil's lesson books in which to work out a weekly lesson. By nature most children will not do the lesson without a little reminding or encouragement by the parents. Have you treated this matter lightly, or do you set aside a time for lesson preparation? It is wise to set your lesson books and Bibles in place all ready to take as you leave on the Sabbath because in the rush of the morning they can easily be left behind. If verses are to be memorized, it definitely is the parents' responsibility to help drill the child because the teacher in Sunday School cannot give individual attention

in class. I must confess that many verses have been committed to my own memory because I had to help the children with theirs.

As Christian parents who have the spiritual welfare of our children at heart, we must find time for the family altar. A definite time for this should be set, hard though it is in our day of Cub Scouts, Junior Choir and meetings galore. It can be done! It is at this family altar that you engrave in your child's heart the importance of God's Word. Grace at mealtime, Bible reading, prayer time, talking about how the Lord has worked out a certain situation, all become a natural expression of the whole family.

As our children see and hear the free expression of these spiritual things in the family, they will feel uninhibited and unashamed to be young witnesses for Christ. If parents just send their children to Sunday School where they are taught to say grace and pray and read the Bible, and are not interested beyond this point, they are often the blockade to their children's spiritual growth because home and Sunday School are not working together.

SINGING AT HOME

Frequently children love to sing their Sunday School songs. These can be used freely at devotions, too. All of us must guard against getting in a rut, and certainly there is nothing to stop us from singing. Having a Bible drill, Scripture memorization or letting the children act out a Bible story does not have to remain in Sunday School but makes good variation for family devotions at home, instead of just reading from a devotional booklet. As much as we parents want to make our homes fresh and attractive, our meals appetizing and our children well-mannered, just as much we must make the things of the Lord interesting, vital and appealing, so that children will think of spiritual things as exciting.

All of us want the hard task of getting the family ready for Sunday School to bear lasting fruit, and for this we must pray much for guidance and wisdom from God and let him live in our everyday family life. Children learn by repetition, and since we spend much more time at home than in Sunday School, we repeat by our daily living that which is in the heart. Let us then reveal all we have learned in God's Word by pure living at home, letting the Sunday School be the seeding ground for our children and our homes for the cultivation of the seeded ground.

Diligently Memorizing God's Word

The Story of Vacation Bible Schools, Junior Camps and Scripture Memory Work

By Miss Ruth Bathauer, Director of Children's Work

THE PURPOSES of Sunday School Week are varied and many. We like to think of it as a time to launch the Sunday School program with renewed efforts. In her book, SOLVING CHURCH SCHOOL PROBLEMS, Irene Catherine Smith makes this statement concerning the Sunday School: "The church school is the church doing its teaching work."

During this Sunday School Week we want to realize again that the Sunday School includes all of the educational agencies of the church. As we launch a full, well-planned program for the new Sunday School year, we may do so with thankful hearts. As Christians we join with the Psalmist in expressing our praise to God, "Sing unto him . . . talk ye of all his wondrous works."

As we enter this new Sunday School year let us "talk of all his wondrous works" to us as we review the blessings which have been ours as a denomination during the past summer through the educational agencies of the church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Now that public school has opened again, we can look back to the various Vacation Schools with smiles of contentment, in some cases, and look forward to next year with a new challenge because we have learned from the mistakes we have made during the summer. We are eagerly waiting for the postal questionnaires which are to be mailed to the Conference Sunday School secretaries.

We learn through our own experiences and from the experiences of others. One of our churches did an interesting thing this year which proved

to be very successful. We will pass the information on to you.

The First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., had "Open House" to launch its Vacation Bible School. Through the church bulletin and the local newspapers, Open House was publicized. On Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p. m. prior to the opening of the school, Open House was held at one of the school buildings in the city. Parents and others interested in the school were invited to visit the school during Open House and to meet the teachers and staff. Light refreshments were served during the afternoon.

Although this was the first time the church had ventured out with an experiment of this nature, over 100 people responded and appreciated seeing the rooms and teachers. The average attendance of the school was 119. The church is grateful to God for the 27 children who accepted Christ as their personal Savior during the two week period. Rev. J. G. Benke was the pastor of the church at that time.

This might be a suggestion which you would like to clip and place in your Vacation Church School file as something you could try next year. It does avoid confusion the first morning, and it affords an excellent opportunity for teachers and parents to become better acquainted as well as having the parents become better acquainted with the material and emphasis during the school term.

JUNIOR CAMPS

Another teaching agency of the church is the junior camp. God has blessed many children as well as leaders through the camps this summer. Approximately twelve junior camps

were held during the past summer months.

Many of the local churches and associations pay all or a portion of the expenses for those children who have successfully completed the Scripture memory work during the past year. We rejoice when we realize the number of children who have found newness of life through the Lord Jesus Christ during the camp sessions.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM

As boys and girls have diligently applied themselves in hiding God's Word in their hearts, God has also blessed them. During 1956-1957 there were more than forty boys and girls who received the grand award, Sallman's picture of the Head of Christ, from the Sunday School Union as a special recognition for having completed all nine courses in the Scripture Memory program. We extend our sincere congratulations to each Grand Award winner!

The current Scripture memory course to be used this fall is Course I for all three departments. The assignments for Course I have been prepared in an attractive booklet form. Be sure to order your supplies early in September. The enrollment cards should be distributed the third Sunday of September and sent home with the memorizers for parents' signature. The signature by the parents means that they will be interested in the work and will do their utmost in assisting their children in learning the verses.

There is a difference in memorizing and learning. For the real learning experience, these Christian principles must be practiced in the home. The first assignments should be issued the

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Evaluating S. S. Lesson Materials

Official Report of the Sunday School Lesson Committee

THE REQUEST has been made repeatedly by our Sunday Schools for some help in selecting Sunday School lesson materials. In 1955 the Sunday School Union requested the General Council of our denomination to appoint a committee to conduct a detailed evaluation of materials being used by our schools.

The committee appointed by the Council consisted of the following: Dr. Berthold Jacksteit, Chairman of the Committee on Education and pastor of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.; Miss Martha Leypoldt, Professor of Christian Education at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls S. Dak.; Rev. Karl Korella, Acting President of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta.; Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, Pastor of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich.; Miss Ruth Bathauer, Director of Children's Work; Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Sunday School Union; Rev. J. C. Gunst, Promotional Secretary and the former General Secretary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union; Rev. L. G. Bienert, General Secretary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship; Dr. F. H. Woyke, Executive Secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, ex officio member; and Dr. George A. Lang, President of the North American Baptist Seminary, who was invited by the committee to attend the meetings which were held at the Seminary.

The first meeting of this committee was held at our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in December of 1955. The committee gave careful study to the objectives of Christian Education as listed by Dr. Oliver DeWolf Cummings in his book, "Christian Education in the Local Church." These objectives were restated to some extent in order to formulate the various categories to be used in the evaluation. The following are the objectives used Christ in all human relationships.

1. To foster a consciousness of the reality of God in human experience.

2. To foster a sense of personal relationship to God through such an understanding and appreciation of the personality, life, teaching, and redemptive work of Jesus Christ as will lead to an experience of him as Savior and Lord.

3. To foster such a progressive and continuous development of Christlike character as will manifest itself in daily life and conduct.

4. To foster an intelligent interest in the community and world and a manifestation of the Spirit of Jesus Christ in all human relationships.

5. To foster the desire to become intelligent and useful members of their church and to participate actively in its missionary outreach.

6. To foster an appreciation of the meaning and importance of the Christian family and to contribute constructively to family life.

7. To foster a Christian understanding of life and the universe, and the ability to see in them God's purpose and plan.

8. To foster an understanding, and intelligent use, and an acceptance of the Bible as God's revelation, and an appreciation of other Christian literature.

A questionnaire was sent to our Sunday Schools to secure the information about the materials being used in their schools. From the survey the Sunday School Lesson Committee decided to evaluate the following materials:

Group Graded—Baptist

- Judson Press—Uniform
- Southern Baptist—Uniform

Group Graded—Non-Baptist

- Scripture Press
- Union Gospel Press
- David C. Cook

Closely Graded

- Judson Press
- Southern Baptist
- Baptist Sunday School Publication (Gospel Light)

The chart for rating the material, which was used by the evaluators, included the following:

I. Objectives of Christian Education

1) God Consciousness; 2a) Salvation; 2b) Commitment; 3) Character Development; 4) Social Consciousness; 5a) Responsibility to church; 5b) Missions; 6a) Christian family; 6b) Home and Church; 7) Man and Universe and God's Purpose; 8a) The Bible; 8b) Christian Literature.

II. Life Centered? Per cent?

III. Baptist Principles—1) Church doctrine; 2) Baptism; 3) Lord's Supper; 4) Church and State; 5) Soul Competency.

IV. Physical Characteristics

A. Evaluation of Contents in Relation to Pupil.

- In what way is it understandable to the age level of the children?
- How does it encourage the use of the Bible?
- Does it help the child to know the Bible better?
- How does it help encourage devotional reading for the child?
- Comprehensiveness of Bible coverage.
- How does it use symbolism?

7. How does it use typology?

B. Evaluation of Contents in Relation to Teacher.

- Does it help the teacher without training to understand how to teach the children. Explain.
- Are the instructions clear? Explain.
- In what way does it stress spiritual preparation for teaching?
- In what way does it give adequate suggestions and proper instructions for expressional work?
- List the various types of resource materials: maps, pictures, creative activities.

C. Evaluation of Pupil's Quarterly.

- What is the size of the pupil's quarterly?
- Is this size suitable for children of that age?
- Is the size of print suitable for the age group?
- Is the appearance attractive? Explain.
- To what extent are pictures used?

Most of the material evaluated covered a three year period. In the closely-graded lessons the materials were available for the three year cycle. All materials were evaluated twice. The first evaluation was done by 21 persons who either had Christian education training or were actively engaged in Christian education. After the first evaluation the members of the Sunday School Lesson Committee very carefully cross-evaluated all materials.

The materials evaluated so far include only Nursery through Junior High. The Sunday School Lesson Committee will continue its program of evaluation of the Senior High and Adult materials. In our study we found no material which is wholly suited or which meets all requirements in our churches.

A complete report was presented to the General Council at its sessions in May of 1957. The report was accepted and the Sunday School Union was authorized to make the findings of the Sunday School Lesson Committee known to our churches. The report and summary of these findings will be made available to our churches upon request.

Local Sunday Schools should carefully study the findings of the Sunday School Lesson Committee and determine which of the materials evaluated will most adequately meet the needs of their school. Address your request for the report and findings of the Sunday School Lesson Committee to:

The Sunday School Union,
P. O. Box 6,
Forest Park, Illinois.



Oklahoma Scripture Memory campers (right) at Roman Nose Park with Mrs. Siemens, Scripture Memory sponsor and Rev. David Keiry, camp dean (in back row); and (left) Virginia Weigand of Ingersoll, Okla., tells a flannelgraph story at the Scripture Memory Camp.



Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer and their children, Anne and Walter, in London, England, immediately after Dr. Gebauer had received "The Order of the British Empire" from Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace.

A Great Day for the Gebauers

The Story of Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons Mission Superintendent, Receiving the Order of the British Empire from Queen Elizabeth II

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By Anne E. Gebauer

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer

MONDAY, JULY 22, found Mamma and me in a swirl of last minute essentials in the big city of London. We were kept busy with dressers, nails, dresses, tryings on and helpful criticism which wasn't heeded anyway. Walter, my brother, stuck his head in the door to see if he could be helpful and was met with a series of squeals and a deluge of towels. He made a hasty retreat.

EXCITING PREPARATIONS

We think it very considerate of Daddy to have gotten this honor of the Order of the British Empire. It was a good excuse for us to get some new clothes. We found new fashions rather baffling at first, however.

Daddy went down to "Moss Brothers" to rent a suit. He came home with gray striped trousers, a white shirt, some cardboard "excuse" for a collar, a black vest and a black coat with tails. This array of clothes was pieced together into quite a respectable suit. There was also a box about the size of a piano crate from which emerged a contraption which greatly resembled an old-fashioned smokestack of a locomotive. When he put on this masterpiece in haberdashery, it was stunning, absolutely stunning, but the wrong way! After that we trooped one by one to the bath tub.

Finally on that Monday night we fell into bed and slept the sleep of the nervous. If any of you have ever slept that sleep, you know there isn't much of it.

We rose the next morning and after bolting down a hasty breakfast and dressing, and suffering nervous frustration in the meantime, we boarded the waiting Buckingham Palace car.

At 10 o'clock we drove past the crowds of tourists, past the guards, through the gates and into the courtyard of Buckingham Palace. I felt like the queen herself, but I refrained from smiling and waving a white gloved hand to the people as I passed.

We had only one regret this day. Since each recipient could take along

only two guests, Walter could not attend. However, we left him with the chauffeur inside the Palace Courtyard where he could watch the others go in. We had bought him some stuff at Woolworth's the day before, and this satisfied him.

After surveying the scene of action, we parted company, Daddy following the stream of top hats into one door and we following the dresses, going down corridors hung on either side with famous paintings, enhanced by sculpture and large vases, into the ornate throne room.

This palatial room was decorated with much gold detail, statues, brocade drapes, mirrors and massive doors. We were fortunate to be seated in the third row from the front. Before us on the platform were the two royal chairs, a table on which were already placed the decorations to be given, a plush covered stool on which to kneel to receive the knighthood, and the sword for performing the ceremony.

THE QUEEN'S ENTRANCE

We settled down and looked around to see if we were dressed properly. We noticed that for these people, this was a great day. One lady had tears in her eyes, and another just looked enraptured at her surroundings. Soft music played constantly. An attendant told us what to do, and what not to do during the ceremony.

At precisely 11 o'clock, things began to happen. Five yeomen of the guard, in their colorful uniforms and two Gurkhas in colorful dress entered and took their places. The band called a halt. The audience was silent. Everyone was tense. Then—SHE walked in. The audience rose, the band put forth a mighty effort, and the anthem, "God Save the Queen," rolled out across the audience. We remained standing until she said, "Ladies and gentlemen, please be seated."

Over 200 persons received honors of various degrees at this investiture. As each one's name was announced by the

Lord Chamberlain, the recipient would march up to the center of the room, bow to the Queen and step forward. She pinned on the decoration, spoke a few words, smiled and shook hands. Then the recipient stepped backward, bowed again and walked away.

Many of those decorated were military men—generals, admirals, commanders. A few were women. There were several cripples in wheelchairs. One old man was so touched that he was crying as he was being wheeled away.

HONOR FOR P. G. GEBAUER

As the line passed by, I watched anxiously for that special moment of Daddy's glory. After quite a few people had passed, my father's bald head came into view. Her Majesty spoke to him, but we couldn't hear what was said.

We admire the Queen greatly. She stood there for an hour and a half on her high heeled pumps, shaking hands with over 200 people, saying something to each of them and being as gracious to the last one as to the first. She has a very genuine smile and, up close, she looks surprisingly young. She wore a light blue sheath dress, black suede pumps, three strands of pearls and a diamond flower brooch. Her make-up was very limited as her complexion is perfect. I think she is lovely.

When all was over, we rose again. The orchestra struck up the anthem and Her Majesty walked out. Mamma and I collected Daddy, Daddy collected his hat, and we all collected Walter, and then we went to Trafalgar Square and had our picture taken.

THE GRACIOUS QUEEN

I know I shall never sing, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," again without remembering the other set of words, the words played for that gracious, smiling woman who smiled at her people and at my father that great day, July 22, 1957.

"God bless their gracious Queen,
Long may she ever reign."

"That We May Serve"

By Dr. Paul Gebauer
Superintendent of the
Cameroons Baptist Mission

THROUGH thirty odd years, Miss Gretchen Remmler of the Forest Park Headquarters has kept a mother-like watch over my career. The day before I was called into the presence of Queen Elizabeth II, this little advice of hers reached me in London: "Billy Graham recently told us over television that when he was invited by the august Queen of England, he had his shirt washed twice in order to be immaculate. I am sure you will have yours washed three times and that the whole man will be spotless, outside and inside."

So wrote Miss Remmler, and this I now confess that the shirt was spotless, but it was not one of my own. I stood up in my own black shoes and socks but the spotless shirt and its collar, the striped trousers, the tailcoat, tie and top hat were rented for the occasion from a well-known outfitter. The clothing budget of a missionary could not have had it otherwise. The grey tie I kept and paid for as a reminder of the great hour.

But something far greater and more lasting has been enshrined in my memory, namely, some of the words spoken to me by Her Majesty. "Is it not wonderful that we may serve in so many different ways . . . ?" the Queen asked while she placed the decoration of the golden cross on the lapel of my coat.

Deeply touched and humbled I accepted—as the honor for you and for all who have served and serve in the Cameroons Mission field—her gracious words, the decoration, the honors of the 23rd of July of 1957. Leaving Buckingham Palace, I thought of these words of our Lord:

"When ye shall have done all these things,

Which are commanded you, say:

We are unprofitable servants:

We have done that which was our duty to do."

MISSION CONFERENCE

Dates—Sept. 29 - Oct. 6, 1957

North Dakota Churches: Ashley, Berlin, Lehr, Linton, Ventur'a and Wishek.

Speakers: Dr. Paul Gebauer, Rev. Richard Schilke, Rev. Reinhard Neuman, Rev. Edwin Michelson, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore, Helen Lohse, and Florence Miller.

Mass Rally: At Wishek, Oct. 6, 1957.

What's your problem?

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

What is the explanation of I Corinthians 15:29, where Paul speaks of being "baptized for the dead?" Did Paul encourage baptizing for the dead?

This is admittedly a difficult passage of Scripture, there being some 23 or more interpretations. One thing is certain, however. The text does not sanction, nor did Paul anywhere encourage, baptizing for the dead. It is inconsistent with all that Paul writes concerning salvation by faith.

From ancient times this passage has been misinterpreted by heretical sects and used to support the practice of baptizing for the dead, which the Bible nowhere teaches or allows. In modern times the Mormons have so interpreted I Cor. 15:29 to give supposed biblical authority for baptizing for the dead, since they teach that baptism is a saving ordinance and that apart from it none will ever be saved.

By some it is thought to refer to a "vicarious" baptism of living believers on behalf of Christians who died, being unbaptized. Others believe a particular class of the dead is meant here, as martyrs whose death had been the means of the conversion of many who had witnessed it. Still others find in this reference a pagan religious rite.

A few scholars think it has no reference whatever to a baptism, as in Romans 6. Some hold that it means being baptized at the point of death,

either having put off baptism until near death, or being put to death because of their stand in baptism.

Probably Paul was referring to a superstitious practice in his day. Alford and others feel that the phrase, "what shall they do," is a definite expression of apostolic disapproval of it. What makes the text perplexing is that Paul refers to this custom in connection with his doctrine of the resurrection of the body.

A rather popular, evangelical interpretation of the text makes it refer to newly baptized converts who are filling the empty places in the ranks of the church on earth, left vacant by those Christians who have died and gone to heaven. There is no agreement regarding this interpretation, since many biblical authorities hold that Paul was actually referring to the existence of such a religious rite as a baptism for the dead (and this does seem to be the more natural meaning of the text), although not sanctioning it and possibly showing his reprehension of it.

It is typical of heretical sects to grasp at problem passages of Scripture, the meaning of which may not be clear, to support some erroneous teaching, even if all the rest of the Bible clearly witnesses against their heresy.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Sept. 24—Chaplaincy Conference, Chief of Naval Chaplains, Washington, D. C.

Sept. 29 (Sunday) Dedication Services for New Edifice, Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

Rev. R. Schilke

Sept. 20—McLaughlin, S. Dak. (Conference with churches in that area).

Sept. 22 (Sunday)—Harvest and Mission Festival, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Sept. 29-Oct. 6—Missionary conferences in Wishek, N. Dak., and vicinity. (See separate announcement.)

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Sept. 18—Colfax, Wash.
Sept. 20—Stafford Church, Sherwood, Ore.

Sept. 22 (Sunday)—10th Anniversary and Dedication of New Educational Wing, Glencullen Church, Portland, Ore.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1—South Dakota Association, Corona, S. Dak.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

Sept. 20-22—Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Sept. 22 (Sunday)—Harvest and Mission Festival, Leola, S. Dak.

Sept. 29 (Sunday)—Harvest and Mission Festival, Turtle Lake, N. Dak.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 9-Oct. 11—Training Period for "God's Volunteers" Team at Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with Rev. Elmer Strauss as Director.

Sept. 27-29—Minnesota Association at Bethany Church, Hutchinson, Minn. Dr. Paul Gebauer, Missionary and Guest Speaker.

Sept. 29-Oct. 1—South Dakota Association at Corona, S. Dak. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.

WORKERS' CONFERENCES IN THE DETROIT, MICH., AREA

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Rev. L. Bienert and Miss Ruth Bathauer

Sept. 30 (Monday)—Bethel Church, Detroit.

Oct. 1 (Tuesday)—Grosse Pointe Church, Detroit.

Oct. 2 (Wednesday)—Ebenezer Church, Detroit.

Oct. 3 (Thursday)—Conner and Ridgmont Churches, Detroit.

Oct. 4 (Friday)—Center Line, Mich.

We the Women

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

YES, IT'S TRUE! I'm not just dreaming! I have been home from the Southern Conference in Donna, Texas, several weeks, and I'm still inspired.

It seemed to me among the palm trees, the ripe cotton fields, and the orange groves that I had entered a different world. Indeed, our hosts and hostesses saw to it that we entered a different country. They took us into Mexico one afternoon to go shopping. Now the pictures that I have seen and the books that I have read become alive to me.

I think of the children jumping to their feet at the door of the market places. I hear them say, "Come in! Come in!" They want you to buy their wares.

I think of the children pulling at my arms and saying, "Please, Ma, give me a nickel!"

I think of the children with fly swatters chasing the flies from the meat that lay out on the tables. I wonder . . .

Their invitation, "Come in," makes me think of the invitation of Jesus asking us to "Come" and yet many harden their hearts.

"Ma, give me a nickel" makes me want to say, "I don't have a nickel. I don't want to encourage your begging, but I want you to know my Jesus." Yes, this little shopping trip in Mexico fills my heart with a greater desire for missions and a greater passion for lost souls.

A bus was chartered to take us to Padre Island. Oh, what fun! Then came wading, swimming, fellowship, food and an inspiring vesper service.

The Women's Program at the Southern Conference was full and complete. Their spirit was wonderful.

But wait—there was another thing, very unusual. One of the evening sessions was in the chapel on our Spanish-American field in Rio Grande City, Texas. Rev. and Mrs. R. Castro are our missionaries there.

We were greeted by the members of the church in their Spanish custom. They sang for us. We sang together in Spanish and English. The message was delivered in English and interpreted in Spanish. We were in the midst of a mission field. We shook hands with the members of the church. It was good to be there. I liked it all, including the little chapel.

But friends, our work has just begun. Let us continue to work, to give and to pray. There are problems. There are persecutions. Already we hear the evil forces say, "We will drive those Christians out of Rio Grande City!" Are we going to remain faithful? They are our babes in Christ. Will we do our part until they

Baptist Men

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

FALL DAYS are near, vacation time has passed, and most churches are putting forth special efforts to get the program of the church into full swing. We trust that the men's organizations in all North American Baptist churches will make plans during the fall months for their activities throughout the coming year.

"Baptist Men," our denominational organization, is sponsoring "Layman's Sunday" the third Sunday in October (October 20, 1957). We want to encourage every church in our denominational fellowship to observe this day, whether your church has a Brotherhood or not. If this date conflicts with some previously planned program in your church, observe this day either on an earlier Sunday or later.

In a few days all pastors and laymen, whose names are on our mailing list, will receive a letter and a folder giving suggestions how each church may plan for this day and the type of program. For those churches that have a Men's Fellowship or Brotherhood, the Planning Committee will be the Executive Committee of the Brotherhood. In churches without Brother-

hoods, the Planning Committee will be a special committee appointed by the pastor.

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Laymen's Day is a time when churches are urged to recognize and challenge their men. We are not asking the laymen to "take over" Laymen's Sunday. It is to be understood that the pulpit is the pastor's responsibility by divine call. If he so desires, he may select a layman to fill his pulpit on this special day. The pastor should meet with the Planning Committee and guide them in all plans made for the observance of Laymen's Sunday.

We are suggesting that all churches receive a missionary offering during the services when observing Laymen's Sunday. This offering will be designated for Church Extension. The sum of \$50,000 has been placed in our denominational budget for this current year, as an over and above item. It has been suggested by some members of the Board of Directors of "Baptist Men" that we set a goal of \$25,000 to be received for Church Extension by our churches during the services when we observe "Laymen's Sunday."

From all reports that we have received the need is great for Church Extension. Our hearts rejoiced when we observed from reports the number of new churches that have been organized and the large increase in membership in these new churches during the past year. It would be well if Men's Fellowships throughout our denomination would adopt Church Extension as a project until July 1958, when we shall meet at Edmonton, Alberta, for the next General Conference. The officers of "Baptist Men" are making plans to recommend several projects to the laymen for consideration and adoption as we meet for our business session during the General Conference in 1958.

When forwarding your offerings to Headquarters, P.O. Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, please indicate that it is for Church Extension received on "Laymen's Sunday," or that it is from your Men's Organization.

Again we take this opportunity to encourage all churches, if you do not as yet have a Brotherhood, that serious thought be given to this worthy organization in your church. We trust that many of our churches without a Brotherhood will observe Laymen's Day and that the organization of a Brotherhood will follow. If helps and suggestions are needed, please write to our Headquarters for a packet containing many suggestions for the formation of the organization, or if the officers of "Baptist Men" can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL MATERIALS

The programs and recitation material for the Harvest and Mission Festival to be observed this fall by our Sunday Schools have been sent to all churches. The two page programs can easily be used as bulletin inserts. The back page tells the latest story of Semi Jam of the Cameroons, Africa. The offerings will be designated for our foreign mission work.

Harvest and Mission Festival is observed in Canada on the second Sunday in October. In the United States usually the third Sunday is the date for this Sunday School observance. It can be held on any appropriate Sunday late in September or in October. If further material is desired, please send your request at once to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

What's Happening

● Mr. Arthur Zeller of Onoway, Alberta, Canada, brought his ministry at the Onoway Baptist Church to a close on July 31. He had served as the minister of the church for the past 13 months since July 1, 1956. Mr. Zeller stated in his letter to Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, "At present we have no place of service but we are trusting in the Lord to show us another place to serve him".

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, has extended a call to Rev. Herman H. Riffel of Kankakee, Illinois, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church since 1952. On Sunday evening, August 18, the Kankakee Church regretfully accepted the pastor's resignation. He announced that he would begin his ministry in the Bethel Church of Detroit on October 6, where he will succeed Rev. W. S. Sommerschild.

● Rev. and Mrs. Dale Chaddock of Arnold, Pa., have announced the birth of a son on August 11 who has been named Timothy Paul. Mr. Chaddock is pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold. This is the fifth child in their family. Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Kruegel of Trenton, Illinois, have announced the birth of a daughter on August 4, to whom the name Rosemary Joyce has been given. This is their first child after 12 years of married life.

● Rev. Philip Daum of Vancouver, British Columbia, has been appointed Northern Conference worker by the General Missionary Committee upon the recommendation of the Northern Conference Committee. He has accepted the appointment and will begin his ministry in the Northern Conference area on September 15. He is hoping to make his residence in Leduc, Alberta. He served as pastor of the Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, B. C., from 1950 to 1957. In this new position as Northern Conference worker, he will succeed Rev. H. Schatz, now of Minnetonka, Manitoba.

● Dr. Berthold Jacksteit of Anaheim, California, presented his resignation as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church recently and announced that he had accepted an appointment as Director of Youth Publications by the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention. This appointment was also announced in Philadelphia, Pa., by Dr. Ben Browne, editor of the "Baptist Leader." The church has accepted the resignation of

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Dr. Jacksteit with sincere regrets. He has served the church since 1951. He began his new ministry on September 15 and with his family will probably reside in the area of Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. Henry Hirsch will supply the pulpit of the Anaheim Church for the immediate future.

● The Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., has extended a call to Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann of Millet, Alberta, pastor of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church since 1950. He has responded favorably to the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in New York City on the date now tentatively set for November 24th. He will succeed the late Rev. John Schmidt in becoming pastor of the Second Church of New York City. This church at 407 W. 43rd Street is located only a few blocks from the famous Times Square and the thronging Broadway Theater district of this metropolitan city.

HEARTY THANKS!

Because it would be impossible to write to all personally who remembered us through cards, letters and prayers during our recent accident, we wish to express our sincere thanks for the words of "well wishes" and kind deeds. Your thoughtfulness and assurance of your prayers will be always remembered and deeply appreciated.

Dr. and Mrs. John Wobig
Portland, Oregon

● The Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., has asked Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Illinois, to serve as its interim pastor. He began his ministry in Herreid on Sunday, September 8. Rev. E. S. Fenske, now of Lehr, N. Dak., was the former pastor. Dr. Leyboldt is one of two denominational supply and interim pastors. The other, Rev. Frank Friesen, will arrive in Forest Park, Illinois area with his wife towards the close of September to begin his new ministry. He has served as pastor of the Southwood Park Baptist Church (formerly Villa Ridge Church) of Portland, Oregon, since 1952.

● Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., executive secretary, served as an official visitor in behalf of the Baptist World Alliance at the Lutheran World Federation assembly which convened in Minneapolis, Minn., from August 18 to 25. This great assembly representing 77,000,000 Lutherans of the world was attended by 10,000 visitors and delegates in the city auditorium of Minneapolis. On August 16 Dr. Woyke brought greetings and a brief message to this assembly in behalf of the Baptist World Alliance and the 21,000,000 Baptists in one hundred countries of the world.

● The Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, California, held a 10 day Vacation Bible School in August with the closing program on Friday evening, August 16. Total enrollment of the school was 271 with 60 students having perfect attendance. The pastor, Rev. Kenneth Fischer, extended greetings. Mrs. Ruth Zuidama was the director with the following persons serving as superintendents of various departments: Mrs. Claire Kaylor, Mrs. Pat Black, Mrs. Lillian Pinkel, Mrs. Marge Clear, Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt and Mrs. Mary Ann Keeney. The offerings amounted to \$144.56.

● On Sunday evening, July 14, the members of the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y., surprised Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Weisser on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. The following church leaders took part in the festivities: Mr. Oswald Kannwischer, chairman; Rev. Peter Geissler for the church; Paul Neumann for the Sunday School; Mrs. D. Kannwischer in behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society; Mr. Karl Mischke, Sr., for the church's German group; Rev. John Schweitzer for the Men's Brotherhood; and Herbert Berndt, Jr., for C. B. Y. F. Rev. John Heer read letters of congratulations from many friends and presented the Weissers with the church's gift of a silver tea set and tray. Other gifts were also presented to them. Many musical numbers were rendered to enhance the impressive program, as reported by Mrs. William Morrison.



The Temple Baptist Church choir, Jansen, Sask., in the remodeled church, with Esther Bresch, pianist, at the left, and Alfred Neuman, director, at the right.

Dedication of Remodeled Chapel at Jansen, Sask.

By Mr. W. E. Bonney, Reporter

JANSEN, SASK., the name of which comes from the first Mennonite immigrant to settle in this district 50 years ago is approximately 100 miles north of Regina. The first large influx of German immigrants arrived in the years 1920-1930. Then it was that the Baptist work began in the district with a small group at Esk, 6 miles west and another group 9 miles north of Jansen, under the ministry of the pioneer Rev. E. J. Bonikowsky.

4000 HOURS OF LABOR

In the intervening years a church was built, later a larger one purchased and in 1954 the two groups united under the name of Temple Baptist Church of Jansen. In 1955 the north Jansen chapel was sold and the Esk Church moved to Jansen to the parsonage lot. This building was then set on

a basement, enlarged, and completely remodeled and dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, June 30.

Without any canvassing, our chapel has been beautifully remodeled with approximately 4000 hours of labor and \$7,000 donated in love. The seating capacity has been increased to 200 with a balcony. To the right of the entrance the rose and green nursery with its large valanced window facing the main auditorium is an added feature.

Birch doors lighted with broad reed-lite glass invite you into the interior of the auditorium which is finished in blonded sylvia-cord plywood and wall planking to the ceiling in a soft ivory, that blends well with the pastel shade of dust rose for the front wall. The ceiling, finished in a soft white, is pat-

terned with diamonds of acoustic tile. The impressive eight foot cross of glass blocks in the end wall of the sanctuary, framed by the arch in the platform wall, creates an atmosphere of worship.

DEDICATION SERVICE

An eager audience overfilled the building on Sunday morning as Rev. R. Schilke, our guest speaker, delivered the messages of the day, stressing the point that we are the "Temple of God." Rev. E. J. Bonikowsky of Kelowna, B. C., the first pastor of the church, filled the place of honor on the platform with Rev. H. Hermann, present pastor, and Rev. Oscar Fritzke of Nokomis, who brought the English message. The afternoon program in which the local choir and orchestra and Nokomis choir participated also included verbal and written greetings from the neighboring churches.

on the Mount (Matthew 5 through 7) and his exposition of the Magnificat, Mary's song of praise recorded in Luke 1:46-55. The author's discussion takes up every phase of the Christian's life and will be rewarding to the reader, pastor or layman. Subject and Scripture indexes will be found most helpful.

By Stephen W. Paine (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.) 79 pages; paper, \$1.00.

Here is one of the finest discussions of modern motion pictures in relationship to the development of character in youth and spiritual maturity that this reviewer has seen. The author is president of Houghton College and an outstanding Christian educator. Thorough documentation will be found throughout, and an excellent bibliography will enable the reader to study the subject further. Every chapter takes up a new problem provided by the movies in the training and education — among the most startling are "The Movies and Juvenile Crime," "The Movies and Sexual Delinquency," and "The Movies and Alcohol." Since television provides the Christian family with movies in the living room, this book would seem to be a "must" for Christian parents.

Dr. Donald G. Davis of Los Angeles, Calif., pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, is serving as editor of this department of "Book Reviews". This section will appear as frequently as space permits.
EDITOR.

Book Reviews



THE CHRISTIAN AND THE MOVIES. MARTIN LUTHER, SAINT AND SINNER. By Theodore J. Kleinhans (Concordia Publishing House) 144 pages; cloth, \$1.65.

Many weighty and scholarly biographies of Martin Luther have appeared, but brief, carefully written lives for the mature reader have been rare. This little book will delight the reader as it imparts a human picture of its subject from his childhood days until the closing scenes of his stormy career. This biography makes an excellent companion to the outstanding film, "Martin Luther."

THROUGH THE PENTATEUCH CHAPTER BY CHAPTER. By W. H. Griffith Thomas (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.) 191 pages; cloth, \$3.00.

These brief studies appeared as a column in *The Christian* over a period of years and are now published for the

first time in book form. Each chapter is carefully outlined and concludes with the Message for Meditation. The author had an unusual gift of analysis, and all who have been blessed by his writings will want to secure this helpful volume.

LUTHER'S WORKS, VOL. 21. Edited by Jaroslav Pelikan (Concordia Publishing House) 383 pages; cloth, \$4.50.

This is the second volume to be issued in the new monumental 55 volume American Edition of the German reformer's works. Included in this book are Luther's sermons on the Sermon

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 29, 1957

Theme: NEHEMIAH, PATRIOT IN ACTION

Scripture: Nehemiah 2:17, 18; 4:6; 13:19-21

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: We need to develop a balance of sane patriotism and courageous Christianity.

INTRODUCTION: This is the last of a series of lessons on Old Testament leaders. Zerubbabel and Ezra (Ez. 2:2; Neh. 7:7) had already led a few bands of Israelites back to Jerusalem. They established their homes amid the ruins and laid the foundation for the temple. Zerubbabel took the leading role in the rebuilding of the temple; Ezra instituted strict marriage reforms; Nehemiah was instrumental in rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem and instituting social and religious reforms. He brought courage, faith and leadership to a fearful and poverty stricken community. Weakened by war and pestilence, stripped of their possessions and freedom, surrounded by enemies on every side, it was no less a miracle of God to undertake the tremendous task of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem.

I. PATRIOTISM AND FAITH.

Neh. 2:17, 18.

Nehemiah was one of the few "fortunate" captives. As cup-bearer to the king, he had comfort, luxurious surroundings and an honorable profession. He never had it so good even in the more prosperous days of the Judean kingdom. But personal security did not give him inner peace. The love of his country and faith in God's concern for his nation were more important than his personal well-being. He could not eat, drink and be merry while his people were unhappy and poor. The position and influence Nehemiah enjoyed in the court of Artaxerxes was not used to advance himself, but it was used for the benefit of his countrymen.

A man who has faith in God also has faith in his country, but only so far as he is willing to sacrifice and work for its well-being. This is a challenge to all laymen for the sacrificial use of time, money and effort in the work of the Kingdom of God.

II. PATRIOTISM AND WORK. Nehemiah 4:6.

Patriotism is often associated with political speeches, parades and national holidays. It is so easy to forget that these things are possible because of the patriots who worked and fought and died for our country. We enjoy freedom and security because our forefathers "had a mind to work."

One man who has faith in God and is willing to work can inspire an entire nation, no matter how great the difficulties. We get an insight of how practical Nehemiah's trust in God was when he said, "Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night" (Neh. 4:9).

III. PATRIOTISM AND WORSHIP. Neh. 13:19-21.

Nehemiah realized the necessity of building a wall of protection from their numerous enemies. But he was also conscious of the fact that there can be no wall between man and God. It is easy to be so concerned about protecting ourselves that we lose the protection of God. Our business interests must not conflict with the business of the King.

In Nehemiah's time the merchants and the sellers were lodged outside the gates. Today they have crept in and are fast taking over God's day, God's time and God's property. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" has not been deleted from the Ten Commandments. "One nation under God" is part of our American heritage. Let us not try to get out from under him!

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 6, 1957

Theme: PAUL WRITES TO THE CORINTHIANS

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; 10-15, 21-25.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Quarreling, gossiping and pride often defeat the efforts of Christ and the church in the proclamation of the Gospel.

INTRODUCTION: We return to the New Testament for a study of three of Paul's epistles—1 Corinthians, Philippians and Philemon. With all his preaching, teaching, writing and missionary travels, Paul is readily recognized as the most influential Christian who ever lived. Both in his spiritual devotion and in his practical organizing ability he set the pattern for the church and its missionary outreach. But in spite of Paul's zeal and piety, the Christian converts did not always live up to the example of Christ which

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

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the apostle held before them. The Corinthian church was in the New Testament but it was not an ideal New Testament church. Like the Old Testament patriarchs, the vices as well as the virtues of the church are brought to our attention. Paul did not withhold his praise when the church lived up to Christlike attitudes and practices, but neither did he withhold his censure and condemnation when the church strayed from the teachings of Jesus Christ.

I. PAUL THE APOSTLE. 1 Cor. 1:1.

No one was more worthy of being called a "saint" than Paul, for he thought of himself as an individual "set aside" for a great purpose. He also looked upon the church as being "set aside"—separated from the pagan and sinful world for the purpose of witnessing and winning men to Christ. This was also the great purpose of the apostle, and for this reason he "counted all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:8). No man has greater power in this world than a man who is called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ.

II. PAUL THE WRITER. 1 Cor. 1:2, 3.

In reading the letter to the Corinthians, we become aware of the many glaring imperfections of the church. Yet Paul refers to them as "the church of God", "sanctified in Christ", and "called to be saints." He wishes them nothing but the best: "Grace and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Paul developed a talent for writing because he realized the importance of keeping in contact with the churches for which he felt a personal concern and a God-given responsibility.

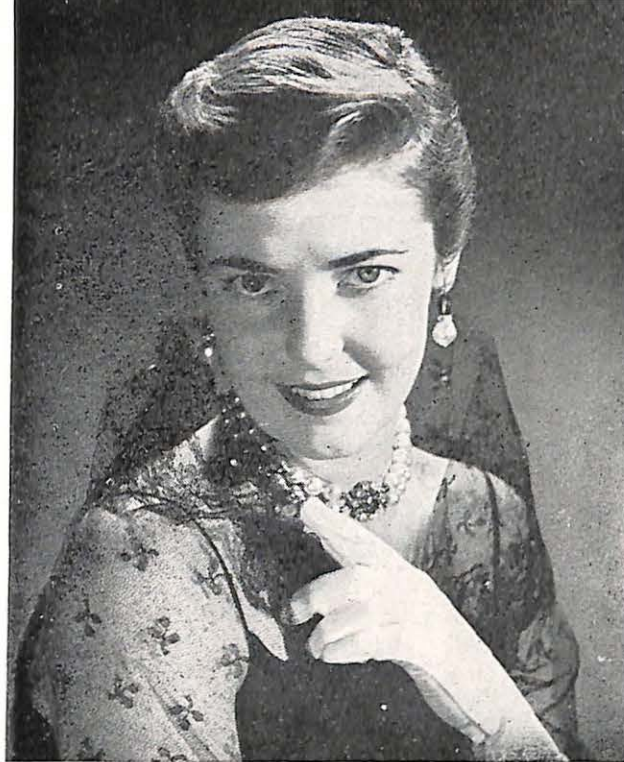
III. PAUL THE COUNSELOR. 1 Cor. 1:10-15.

One of the most difficult aspects of the ministry is the art of counseling. The minister must be authoritative without being over-bearing. He must be frank without the thought of giving others a piece of his mind. He must speak humbly in the name of Christ without trying to make an impression with his own wisdom and experience. Paul did this in a marvelous way. He spoke in the name of Christ. He went directly to the heart of the trouble, and he directed the church to Christ and not to any individual.

IV. PAUL THE PREACHER. 1 Corinthians 1:21-25.

When the apostle speaks of "the foolishness of preaching," he does not mean that the preacher is to be foolish. Preaching is a high calling of God, and it demands all the dignity, reverence and seriousness which do credit to a holy God. Paul was aware that the Jews looked for a supernatural restoration of the Kingdom of

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—Ewing Galloway Photo
Kathryn Greig was a woman of breath-taking beauty with a mysterious secret about a valuable emerald necklace.

The Emerald Necklace

By ELISE FRASER



A Christian mystery novel
laid in the exciting city of
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SYNOPSIS

When John Rowland slips his Bible into his pocket and walks out of the mission hall that November night in San Francisco, he begins a strange adventure. For out of the mist steps a woman of breath-taking beauty who calls his name and brings to his startled remembrance his lovely school classmate, Kathryn Greig. Kathryn turns over a valuable emerald necklace to him. In the meantime, she is kidnapped by two thugs and taken to a hide-out. Soon thereafter, John Rowland falls into a trap set by Sabra, the maid of Kathryn, and the thugs force him to turn the valuable jewels over to them. After John Rowland and Kathryn Greig are released, John looks for clues of the kidnapers. At Won Long's jewelry shop he is put on the trail of Philip Newhall, who is away in Yokohama. A cablegram is sent to him. The answer comes back that the bracelet has been purchased by the merchant Taki Ali Meshad, seemingly in Persia. Then on California Street in San Francisco John Rowland sees Paul Ames, a former acquaintance, who hurries across the street not responding to the call of his name. It seems strange to John that Paul Ames has managed to keep so completely out of sight. It was Paul Ames who had warned John "not to stick his neck out."

CHAPTER NINETEEN

THE MORE John thought of it, the stranger it seemed that Paul Ames had managed to keep so completely out of sight. Obviously, he must have known something of Bruce Farningham's and Sabra Kingsbury's part in the kidnapping and jewel theft. Or else why was he so careful to keep out of it? He had even warned John not to stick his neck out.

Could any of the criminals have turned the necklace over to Paul? Not Bruce Farningham or he would not have exposed Sabra. Had Farningham been right about suspecting Sabra? Maybe she and Paul were in cahoots? It had been Paul who had warned Kathryn to flee. And Sabra had known where Kathryn was held captive.

But Sabra was not the martyr type. She would not shield anyone. Her first anxiety would be to save her own skin. She would get out of this muddle if

she could, John was sure of that. Kidnapping was too serious an offense to expect leniency from the courts even with Farningham's money behind them.

Maybe he'd better see Kathryn again. She might shed some light on Paul and Sabra.

The next afternoon John called Won Long but Won said he had heard nothing so far from the cable to Iran. That evening John hurried over to Kathryn's apartment. He found Roxanne placidly knitting a sweater. "Kathryn has gone for a walk," Roxanne said.

"Alone?" John asked. He felt alarmed.

Roxanne nodded. "I would have gone with her but she said she wanted to be alone. Said she'd just go around the block."

"I'll see if I can find her," John said.

"She had a letter from England today," Roxanne offered. "She didn't say what was in it but she seemed worried."

John hurried out of the apartment house. To his relief he saw Kathryn walking up the hill. "You shouldn't be out alone," he said as he went down to meet her.

An expression of surprise crossed her face and he realized that his tone had carried a proprietary note. He felt an exultation. Yes, let her know. Let her know how he felt about her. His eyes were on her face searchingly. Under his glance she colored slightly.

His head was whirling but he said matter-of-factly, "You've heard from England?"

"Yes." Her manner was listless.

"Bad news?" he asked anxiously.

She did not answer for a moment. Then she turned and looked at him and her face was unaccountably sad. "Yes," she said. "the play is played out."

His heart stood still. "What do you mean?" His voice sounded harsh.

She made a despairing gesture. "The fairy tale is at an end."

Apprehension made his tone sharp. "Must you speak in conundrums?"

They were in front of the apartment house now. The light from the entrance shone on Kathryn's face and John was surprised at the utter weariness which it revealed. But she attempted to smile, then said, "The letter was from my lawyer, John. The delay in transferring the funds to Howard's mother's account has caused suspicion. The court is demanding an immediate accounting. Even my own lawyer sounds a doubtful note. Oh, John, how can I face all this?"

"The necklace may be found tomorrow, Kathryn." John's voice carried more confidence than he felt.

"You have a clue?" she asked eagerly.

"Well, yes, a clue." Briefly John recounted what he and Won Long had discovered. But Kathryn shook her head hopelessly. The name of Taki Ali in Meshad meant nothing to her, nor did the name of the American writer, Philip Newhall.

"We might as well go in, John," Kathryn said.

In the apartment John turned to Kathryn and asked, "Were Paul Ames and Sabra Kingsbury good friends?"

Kathryn considered. "Casual, I should say. Sabra sometimes showed a contempt for Paul which he resented, and rightly, of course. But she could be very nice if she wanted him to do something for her. And Paul always fell for it."

"Do you think Sabra would have given the necklace to Paul?"

Kathryn looked mystified. "But where would she have gotten it? I gave it to you."

John felt disconcerted even though he knew Kathryn's tone held no accusation. He reflected, "And I gave it to Pierson."

"Maybe you did," Kathryn agreed readily.

John shook his head. "It's like a circle, no end, no beginning. If Pierson had it he would have turned it over to Farningham and Farningham would have paid him and that would have been the end. Kimball and Pierson wouldn't have squealed on Farningham and Farningham wouldn't have squealed on Sabra."

"You see?" Kathryn said wearily. "There is no hope."

"Don't say that," John replied sharply. "For Christians there is always hope. Our hope is in God."

"Ah, John! Say more of this," Kathryn said. "It is what I need."

John took a Bible out of his pocket. "Let's read some of these words of joy and hope and peace."

Eagerly John opened the thin, well-worn volume. Neither he nor Kathryn heard Roxanne enter the room until she said cheerfully, "Here is a cup of hot chocolate for each of you."

Back in his room at the hotel, John tried to plan his next move. It was possible that the following day they would have an answer from the cable to Iran. But suppose they didn't. What then? Or suppose it was of no help? A closer source for possible clues was Paul Ames. Paul must be found. John decided to try the next day to get a room at the Chancellor. He might even be able to get a room on the same floor as Paul's. He'd have a better chance then of catching him if he should come in.

John had advised Kathryn to wait a day or two before writing her lawyer. When she wrote him, she must tell him all the truth. At first Kathryn demurred but he had finally convinced her that it must be done. John would not admit, even to himself, his fear for Kathryn. She had shielded her husband at every turn. She had kept her own counsel. Who was there to testify in her behalf? Farningham? No, he wouldn't. Sabra Kingsbury? No, she wouldn't. Paul Ames must have seen and heard many things. Yes, he must be found. If worst came to worst, Paul must testify for her.

But it was unthinkable that there would be a court battle, that Kathryn's name and Kathryn's motives might be dragged in the dust and a little white-haired lady in London suffer inexcusably. No, things should not reach that stage. The necklace must be found.

The next day John applied for a room at the Chancellor and said he would like to be as close as possible to Paul Ames as they were friends. The clerk nodded and replied that the room next to his was vacant.

"Fine!" John said.

John had kept his own room at the Phoenix and had brought one suitcase

with him. He took the elevator to the fourth floor. Being next to Paul's room was even better than being across the hallway. For he could not fail to hear anyone who entered the room.

But the night passed and there was no sound from Paul's room. In the morning John questioned the maid. No, the room had not been occupied for some time. Yes, Mr. Ames still had his luggage in the room.

The maid looked at John in a puzzled way and he explained, "He's a friend of mine and I'm very anxious to see him when he comes in."

Alone in his room, John paced the floor. If only he could get into Paul's room, examine his luggage, look around. Maybe something there would give him a clue. What could he do about it? Maybe he could hire a private detective to shadow Paul.

Eagerly John turned to the yellow section of the phone book. Yes, there were lots of them, private detectives, secret service men. He read the ads . . . "expert shadowing, speedy and accurate results . . . evidence secretly obtained . . . investigations . . . missing persons found." Yes, what he needed was a private detective. Running down a column, John put his finger on one. "Dispatch Detective System . . . formerly with the U. S. Government . . ." That ought to be good. John dialed a number and a crisp voice answered. A private detective William Shanigan, would be in his room within fifteen minutes.

John had an unreal feeling. It was like rubbing Aladdin's lamp to conjure up a private detective. The man would be here before he had fully planned what he should be told.

William Shanigan was in the lobby . . . William Shanigan was on the way up . . . he was in the room.

The two men looked at each other sharply, in quick appraisal. John began directly, "You've read of the kidnapping of Kathryn Lockwood and of the disappearance of a diamond-emerald necklace?"

Shanigan nodded. "It's been headline news."

"I've a secret hunch, Shanigan, that I'd like to follow up."

John watched Shanigan's face closely but secret hunches seemed to be a part of the detective's life. At least his expression did not change. He waited and John continued. "A fellow by the name of Paul Ames . . ."

Shanigan took a notebook from his pocket and began to write as John talked.

"A fellow by the name of Paul Ames . . ." John lowered his voice. What if Paul had come in? If he were listening? John made a motion toward the room next to his. "He has this room but hasn't been in for days . . . weeks . . . I've been waiting . . ."

"What does he look like?" Shanigan asked.

"A small fellow. Blonde. Has a shaggy, yellow mustache and heavy

eyebrows. Has a quick, bird-like manner."

"Where did you meet him?" Shanigan inquired.

John began a minute account of his meeting with Paul, of Paul's association with Farningham, of his telephone call to warn Kathryn, of all the references Paul had made to the kidnapping, the jewel theft.

"What do you want of Ames?" Shanigan asked.

"I want to get hold of him, to talk to him. I believe he can shed some light on this mystery. He may even give us a clue about the necklace."

"So my job is to find Ames," Shanigan said.

John nodded.

"Sounds easy. There are some hotels in the mission where these fellows find hiding. I'll make the rounds there to see if he can be found."

After Shanigan left, John turned his steps toward Won Long's shop. He was anxious to know if there had been any reply to the cable. He also had a feeling that he might chance to meet Paul on some narrow street or alley in Chinatown.

Won Long shook his head when John entered the shop. "Nothing yet," he said. "No news from Iran."

John then questioned Won if he knew anything about Paul Ames. At first Won recalled nothing but when John described Paul, he remembered. Yes, Paul had sometimes come to the shop with Farningham. But he had not talked with him, nor in any way become acquainted with him. Paul had just looked around while he and Farningham were engaged in conversation. No, Paul had not been in the shop lately, not since the diamond-emerald necklace had disappeared.

It was close to noon when John left the jeweler's. He began to look around for a restaurant where they had good Chinese food. Chow mein with crisp noodles was one of his favorites and he liked the way they served it at Hang Far Low.

In a booth at Hang Far Low, John was alert to every sound, to every new voice. If Paul frequented Chinese restaurants, there was a chance he might come here. Calling the waiter to him, John said, "If my friend, Paul Ames, happens in here show him to this booth, will you?"

The Chinese waiter grinned affably. "What he look like?"

"He's slight of build, with blonde hair and a shaggy mustache," John said.

"I tell him," agreed the waiter cheerfully.

But although John lingered over his lunch and more than an hour passed, no one was ushered to his booth. He left the restaurant and returned to the Chancellor.

As John walked past the shops of Chinatown he reflected that his own

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Southwestern Conference

Vacation School and Pastor's Reception, Strassburg Church

A successful Vacation Bible School was held at the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, from June 3 to 7 with 40 pupils enrolled and an average attendance of 39. In the absence of a pastor, Mrs. Jonah Seifert acted as superintendent. Mrs. Ernie Reh served as secretary. The teachers were: Nursery, Mrs. Herman Schlotthauer and Mrs. Wilbur Hett; Beginners, Mrs. Jake Stenzel and Mrs. Henry Vogel; Primary, Mrs. Harvey Kruse and Mrs. Roland Stenzel; Juniors, Miss Carol Krispence and Mrs. Charles Heiser. Others assisting were Juanita Kelsey in music, and in serving the refreshments Karen Thole and Mrs. James Vogel.

On Sunday evening, July 14, the Strassburg Baptist Church welcomed its new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Littman. Harvey Kruse was master of ceremonies. Musical numbers were rendered by the choir, the Male Chorus, Men's Quartet and the C. B. Y. F. We were also favored by a vocal solo by Mr. Littman. Words of welcome were given by the various department heads of the church followed by response by Mr. and Mrs. Littman. We as a church feel that God's hand is in all that the future has for us, and under the able leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Littman we will move forward in the future.

Donna Stenzel, Reporter

Northwestern Conference

Dedication Service for Remodelled Parsonage, Randolph, Minn.

Members and friends of the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., gathered at the parsonage on Sunday afternoon, June 30, for "open house" and dedication program of the newly remodelled parsonage. Among those present was Rev. Loy of Cannon Falls who brought a brief message, and the Rev. B. Fritze of Randolph, who led in the dedicatory prayer. The male quartet of the church rendered several numbers in song. Words of appreciation were spoken and the church presented their pastor, Rev. Bert Itterman with a gift of \$50 for the work which he did.

For some time the church realized the need for a pastor's study, and with this need before them, they willingly and thoroughly completed the task begun. Thus, the living room was enlarged and a study was added, complete with shelves, magazine space, drawer, storage space for the mimeograph machine, and with space ar-

rangements for the amplifier and record player which is hooked up and which controls the outdoor chimes tower.

On July 7 six new members were received into the fellowship of the church, whose testimonies proved a real blessing to us.

Bert A. Itterman, Pastor

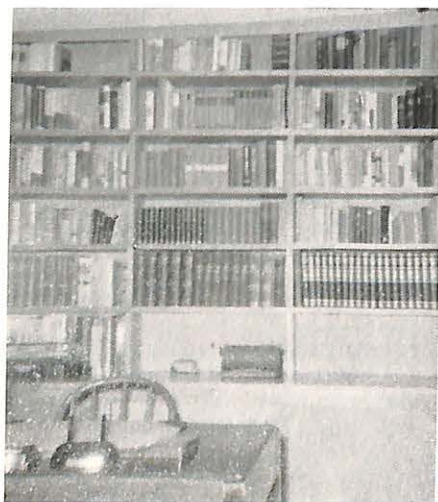
Wisconsin C.B.Y.F. Camp With 174 Young People

"Climbing the Heights" was the theme of the Wisconsin C. B. Y. F. camp held at Camp Bird near Crivitz, Wis., July 21 to 27. There were 174 campers and staff members in attendance. Each day, from early morning devotions and on through the precious moments spent in evening cabin devotions, the theme was well emphasized.

The fine camp program was arranged by the following camp officers: Myren Dudek of Racine served as Camp President; Rev. J. G. Benke of Watertown as Dean; Rev. G. W. Blackburn of Pound as Manager; Francis Guenther of Sheboygan Falls as Registrar and treasurer, and Miss Betty Giesecke of Milwaukee as Dean of Women. The senior girls were taught by Miss Betty Giesecke on "The 23rd Psalm," and the senior boys by Rev. Richard Lawrenz on "Christian Living." "Sowing and Reaping" was the theme for the junior girls' class taught by Mrs. J. G. Benke and "The Life of Christ" was the theme for the junior boys' class taught by Rev. Daniel Fuchs.

It was a privilege to have Rev. Richard Schilke, our denominational missionary secretary, and Mr. Fuchs, our denominational evangelist, as guest speakers for the week. A number of campers made first-time decisions for Christ and many others dedicated themselves to greater service for the Lord.

Ruth Rabenhorst, Secretary



The new pastor's study for Rev. Bert A. Itterman in the Baptist parsonage, Randolph, Minn.

Central Conference

Special Programs at Ripley Blvd. Church, Alpena, Mich.

"Walking With Jesus" was the appropriate theme of the Vacation Bible School held at the Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church, Alpena, Michigan, with 22 decisions for Christ. Director was Miss Angie Vissor, a missionary worker among the children, assisted by volunteer teachers from the church.

Our Ladies' Mission Society held its anniversary program honoring 9 members who have been in the society over 25 years. For faithful services rendered, the following were presented with a gift and corsage: Mrs. John Timm, Mrs. Andrew Juggler, Mrs. Emil Voss, Mrs. Rudolph Liske, Mrs. Dave Timm, Miss Laura Behnke, Mrs. Reynold Behnke, Mrs. Norman Laugh, and Mrs. Fred Paad. Special music was by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thom of Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Leonard Schwenke, president was the chairman.

Following the Sunday evening services, open-air meetings have been held during the summer months at "Michigan Park," sponsored by our Men's Brotherhood. Rev. Erich Kuhn, pastor, baptized four candidates in a recent Sunday evening service.

Mrs. Omer S. Turnbull, Reporter

Pacific Conference

"Children's Twilight Time," Baptist Church, Startup, Wash.

"Children's Twilight Time" held this year at the Startup Baptist Church, Startup, Washington, attracted 70 children and 14 workers each night. The meetings took the place of our usual Vacation Bible School and were held from June 24 to 28, beginning at 7 o'clock. Rev. Walter Dingfield was the director, assisted very capably by a fine staff of workers.

After the opening exercises, the pre-school children were taken to the church annex for their time of instruction. The others remained in the church auditorium for memory work, sword drills, quizzes, missionary stories, object lessons, flannelgraph, special music and new choruses. Refreshments were served from 8:15 to 8:30 P. M., followed by a film shown to the entire group. The pictures "Semi, the Leper" and "Our Indian Work" gave continued emphasis to our missionary work. "That Kid Buck" and "This Way to Heaven" were also shown.

Our missionary offering amounted to \$27.78 which was designated for the children of the Cameroons. A number of children accepted Christ as Savior, and a baptismal service is being planned for the near future.

Walter Dingfield, Pastor

Vacation Bible School at Kelowna, British Columbia

The Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia, held its Vacation Bible School from July 2 to 12, with an enrollment of 56 children. We praise the Lord for the willing and capable teachers who gave freely of their time, even though this was Kelowna's busy season.

Our Beginners' theme, "Learning About God," was taught by Anne Bredin and Ingrid Kortholz, assisted by Lily Redlich and Adoline Kortholz. The Primary Class was taught by Ruth Kreuger and Heddy Welke, while the Junior class studied "The Christian's Walk and Talk," taught by Irene Hait and Ann Badke. Music was under the direction of Elizabeth Schultz and Ida Hemmerling.



Vacation Bible School group at the Grace Church, Kelowna, British Columbia.

The closing program was well attended by parents and friends. In a very pleasing and interesting way, the children portrayed what they had learned. A feature item was the rhythm band of the beginners.

Edith Hoffman, Director

First Vacation School, Berean Church, Los Angeles

The Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, conducted its first Vacation Bible School from June 24 through July 5, 1957. A staff of 14 teachers served an enrollment of 65 children and young people between the ages of 6 and 15. The average daily attendance was 64. The pastor, Dr. Donald G. Davis, directed the school, and the curriculum was one he has used for a number of years.

Donald G. Davis, Pastor

South Kelowna Vacation Bible School, British Columbia

Another successful Vacation Bible School has been held at the mission station, South Kelowna, of the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C. Thirty eager pupils studied "The Christian Walk and Talk," "Bible Boats" and "Learning of God." Many sacrifices were made on the part of both children and teachers for the Bible School which God richly blessed with a packed school for the closing program presented entirely by the children.

Our teachers were Joyce Hait, assisted by Evelyn Pansagrau for the Nursery; Leona Hait, also assisted by

Evelyn Pansagrau for the Beginners' Class; Esther Bredin for the Primary Class; Rose Leschert teaching the Juniors, with one of our Sunday School Intermediates, Wilma Murrell, ably assisting. The parents were very pleased and impressed with the sincere and sound Christian teaching that the children presented that night.

Rose Leschert, Director

Dakota Conference

49th Dakota Conference Sessions at Rapid City, S. Dak.

The 49th annual Dakota Conference met in Rapid City, S. Dak., from June 26 to 30. The conference theme was "With Christ on the Mount." The opening service was in charge of the host pastor, Rev. Merle Brenner, who likewise welcomed the delegates and visitors.

The opening message was given by Dr. R. E. Powell on "The Upward Look" based on Psalm 121:1. This inspiring message set the precedent for the following messages which were fervently given and well received by a well attended conference. "With Christ on the Mount of Trials" (Matt. 4:1-11) by Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer; "With Christ on the Mount of Choice" (Mark 3:13) by Rev. E. Schmuland; "With Christ on the Mount of Instruction" (Matt 5:12) by Rev. J. Ehman; "With Christ on the Mount of Prayer" (Matt 14:23) by Rev. E. Becker; "With Christ on the Mount of Agony" (Matt 26:30) by Rev. H. Lohr; "With Christ on the Mount of Vision" (Matt 17:1,2) by Rev. Fred Moore; "With Christ on the Mount of Prophecy" (Matt 25:3) by Rev. O. Fiesel; "With Christ on the Mount of Salvation" (Matt 27:33) and "With Christ on the Mount of Authority" (Matt 28:16-20) by Dr. R. E. Powell.

A fine spiritual fellowship prevailed at the Ministers' luncheon, Men's Organization luncheon, W. M. U. luncheon, Sunday School Union luncheon, C. B. Y. F. banquet and business meetings that followed. A panel discussion on the topic, "Church Effi-

ciency," immediately caught the interest of the audience. Officers elected to serve the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Henry Lang; vice-moderator, Rev. Herbert Vetter; recording secretary Rev. Herbert Schauer, statistical secretary, Rev. Walter Stein. Otto Fiesel, reporter



Teachers and children of the Vacation Bible School held at Davin, Saskatchewan.

Northern Conference

Vacation Bible School at Grace Church, Davin, Sask.

"Journeying with Jesus" was the theme of the lessons used by the Grace Baptist Church, Davin, Sask., for its Vacation Bible School, held from July 8 to 12. There was an enrollment of 32 children with a near perfect attendance. Five of the children came from the neighboring town of McLean.

The Beginners' Class had lessons on "Learning God's Way" and their teachers were Mrs. H. Lindenbach and Mrs. H. Paul. "Bible Boats" was the theme for the Primary Class with Mrs. W. Duesterbeck and Mrs. E. Rosom as teachers. The Juniors learned of "The Christian's Walk and Talk," with Miss Doris Rosom as teacher. "Parables Jesus Told" were the lessons for the Intermediate Class with



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif. Dr. and Mrs. Donald G. Davis are at the extreme right, standing, third row from the front.



Saskatchewan young people attending the Echo Lake Camp climb a high hill overlooking the expansive lake for a sunrise service. At right, Rev. Eldon Jansen of Fenwood, Sask., speaks to the young people on the hilltop at this sunrise service.

Mrs. Lester Kuehl as teacher. Mrs. Kuehl was also the supervisor for our school.

The closing program was held on Sunday, July 14, with many people in attendance.

Doris Rosom, Reporter

Echo Lake Camp for Saskatchewan Churches

In many ways, this was an unusual year at Echo Lake Camp for the Saskatchewan churches. Attendance at Children's Camp was at its peak. Many were turned away because of lack of accommodations. Although fewer young people found it possible to attend this year, there was a marked spiritual interest that impressed all.

For years the executive committee requested the presence of Dr. Martin Leuschner at our Youth Camp, and what a joy it was to hear from him first hand of the missionary advance of our denomination. We were indeed happy to partake of many enjoyable "pineapples" (African for "parables") that Rev. Gilbert Schneider, missionary on furlough from the Cameroons, shared with us. Miss Ruby Schindler,

dean of women at the Christian Training Institute, also helped to make our children's camp a success. Our camp nurse this year came from one of our newest churches, namely Raymore, Sask. Mrs. W. Stockdale did more than supply our children with pills and medicine. She also left a quiet testimony of a dedicated life. The pastor of youth camp was Rev. Paul Galambos of Yorkton.

The newly elected officers for 1958 are: Rev. Bert Milner, president; Rev. Eldon Janzen, registrar; Rev. John Wollenberg, dean; Mr. Jake Lang, treasurer; Mr. Rueben Ziolkowski, secretary; Rev. E. Thiessen, Sunday School director; Mr. Chalmers Wirth, youth director; and Rev. R. Grabke, music director.

An important decision was reached at the annual business meeting. It was decided to approach the Saskatchewan Association with the resolution that we desire to merge with them, providing the responsibilities of the Tri-Union are then carried on by the Association. This resolution will be presented at the convention of the Saskatchewan Association this fall.

R. Grabke, Reporter

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	July, 1957	July, 1956	July, 1955
Atlantic	\$ 3,318.69	\$ 1,859.16	\$ 2,619.59
Central	11,064.10	5,555.29	6,425.23
Dakota	5,408.64	7,613.09	4,587.73
Eastern	3,283.00	1,420.45	1,673.01
Northern	4,561.47	3,409.07	7,263.40
Northwestern	7,219.68	6,501.32	2,786.34
Pacific	7,021.85	5,084.83	4,807.72
Southern	3,038.20	787.96	1,522.82
Southwestern	2,146.81	4,379.96	4,764.78
Inter-Conference	18.05	22.75	—
Total Contributions	\$47,080.49	\$36,581.88	\$36,450.62

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of July, 1957	\$43,160.82	\$ 3,919.67	\$47,080.49
For the month of July, 1956	32,114.83	4,467.05	36,581.88
For the month of July, 1955	33,182.66	3,267.96	36,450.62

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
April 1, 1957 to July 31, 1957	\$171,099.18	\$12,554.36	\$183,653.55
April 1, 1956 to July 31, 1956	156,677.61	15,613.53	172,291.14
April 1, 1955 to July 31, 1955	145,777.77	14,841.75	160,619.52

ANNUAL MEETING, BISMARCK HOME FOR THE AGED, OCT. 1st

The annual meeting of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 1st, with the annual meeting scheduled for 10:00 A. M. and the public worship service to be held at 2:00 P. M.

Rev. Arthur Fischer,
President

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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David, while the Greeks were immersed in various philosophies. Both thought of the Gospel of the crucified Christ as being foolish and weak. Such a Gospel was too simple a remedy for the complex problems of the mysteries of the world, the questions of ethics and morals and for the restoration of a downtrodden and oppressed nation. Yet it is only through the foolishness of such preaching that the sinful world can be saved.

TEACHING THE LEADER

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Standard Guide may become an objective for a Workers' Conference.

b. The Workers' Conference should be planned in such a way that it is applicable to the local Sunday School program.

c. The plan should be general enough to interest those who work with young children as well as adults. The emphasis of an age level work should be left to the Departmental Workers' Conference.

d. The Workers' Conference plan will be around a presiding officer, and a secretary for recording and reading minutes of meetings.

The job of "teaching the leader" is a God given task and those who endeavor to do so should remember God is first; and when this is remembered, the leader will be taught.

Obituary

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

MR. THEODORE BURKHARDT of Linton, North Dakota

Mr. Theodore Burkhardt of Linton, N. Dak., was born in Eureka, S. Dak., on March 27, 1890. Shortly thereafter he came to North Dakota and remained here until his death on Monday, July 29th. In 1940 he was united in marriage to Lydia Job, who preceded him in death in 1945. He was baptized by Rev. R. Luchs in 1921, and held membership in the First Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., since that time. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 3rd, with the undersigned officiating.

Linton, North Dakota
A. J. FISCHER, Pastor

MR. FRED REICH of Zap, North Dakota

Mr. Fred Reich of Zap, N. Dak., was born on his parents' farm on February 25, 1907. As a young man he became interested in the oil business, and stayed with it to his end. In 1931 he was united with Anna Neumiller, who survives him. To this union were born two sons: Vernon of Tioga, N. Dak., and Lowell, at home. He is also survived by five brothers and two sisters. He died on Tuesday, August 6th, after a four-month lingering illness. Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 10th, and since the church there is pastorless at present, the undersigned conducted the services at the Beulah Baptist Church.

Beulah, North Dakota
A. J. FISCHER, Officiating Minister

MR. ALBERT SCHAFER of Underwood, North Dakota

Mr. Albert Schafer of Underwood, N. Dak., was born on April 4, 1892 at Lester-ville, South Dakota, and died very suddenly and unexpectedly in his home on July 20, 1957. At the age of ten he came with his parents to McLean County, the Underwood area, in North Dakota.

On June 5, 1917 he was united in marriage with Lydia Saylor who passed away seven years later. He was then united in marriage with Louise Frey on October 6, 1926 at Hebron, N. Dak. Mr. Schafer became a Christian in 1924 and was baptized by Rev. Fred Knalson in 1950 and added to the First Baptist Church. He was serving his second term as trustee and was a member of the Men's Chorus.

He leaves to mourn his sudden departure his wife, three sons, two daughters, one step-son, 12 grandchildren, 6 brothers and 5 sisters. In order to accommodate the large attendance, the funeral service was held in the school auditorium. The pastor brought words of comfort from Psalm 23, the deceased's favorite text.

First Baptist Church,
Underwood, North Dakota
RICHARD A. GRENZ, Pastor

MR. GEORGE J. TERVEEN of Emery, South Dakota

Mr. George J. Terveen of Emery, S. Dak., was born Oct. 28, 1882 in Appleton, Iowa, and died suddenly in his home at the age of 74 years. At the age of three years he moved with his parents to Emery, S. Dak., where he lived until taken to his reward. He found Christ as his Saviour as a young man and was baptized by Rev. O. O. Olthoff, then pastor of the Emery Baptist Church. He attended our seminary at Rochester, N. Y., for two years as well as a school in Minneapolis, Minn.

He was married to Miss Alie Johnson on May 20, 1909. Four children were born to this union, one of whom preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of 48 years, and three children: John, Bert and Mrs. Walter (Lorena) Heitzman; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was deeply devoted to his Lord and church. He served as deacon of the church for 22 years, clerk for 21 years, treasurer for 8 years, Sunday School superintendent for 4 years, S. S. teacher for 52 years, sang in a men's quartet for many years and in

the Men's Chorus until the very last.
First Baptist Church,
Emery, South Dakota
LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

REV. LAWRENCE E. HOEFFNER of Emery, South Dakota

Rev. Lawrence E. Hoeffner of Emery, S. Dak., went to his eternal reward on July 19, at the age of 69 years after an illness of about 9 years. He was born on Dec. 27, 1887. At the age of two, he emigrated to this country with his parents, who settled on a farm near Henrietta, Texas. He was converted as a young man, enrolled in our seminary, then at Rochester, N. Y., and was graduated in 1915. Upon graduation, he was married to Lydia Munschke of Denton, Texas. One daughter, was born to this union.

He served his Master faithfully in the Christian ministry for 35 years, having served North American Baptist churches in Waco, Texas; Ingersoll, Oklahoma; Hebron, North Dakota; Durham, Kansas; Donna, Texas; and Elberta, Alabama. Illness forced him to retire from the active ministry. In addition to the many who were blessed through his ministry and his patient suffering in his illness, he had the privilege of baptizing 142 precious souls.

Surviving are his wife, who so faithfully and lovingly worked by his side while in the ministry and cared for him in his illness; one daughter, Mrs. John V. (Louise) Terveen; and three grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted in his home church with Dr. George A. Lang assisting the pastor.

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

MR. FRED LINSZ of Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Fred Linsz of Cleveland, Ohio, was born Feb. 12, 1877 near Eisenbach, Germany, and passed away in his home in Cleveland on Aug. 3, 1957. As a young lad he began his career as an accountant. For 18 years he served as accountant at the Roger Williams Press. In later years he worked for a large manufacturing company in Cleveland where he became head accountant. Although he lived in retirement for some time, he went regularly to the Publishing House this past year to help with the bookkeeping.

For 68 years he was a member of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland. He gave himself to the work of the Lord with utmost loyalty and devotion and was keenly interested in our new development program.

In 1902 he was united in marriage with Martha Espenschild. One daughter was born to this union. In 1945 Mrs. Linsz passed away. The following year he was united in marriage with Mrs. Jenny Quandt of Rochester, N. Y. He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife; his daughter, Mrs. Flora Dorod; and one step-daughter, Mrs. Emanuel Wolff of Burlington, Iowa; and one step-son, Roger Quandt of Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Emanuel Wolff, a former pastor, and Rev. Edward Kary shared in the memorial service. It will be difficult for us at White Avenue to imagine the future of our church without the presence of Brother Linsz.

White Ave. Baptist Church,
Cleveland, Ohio
EDWARD KARY, Pastor

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the members of the North American Baptist Home of Madison, South Dakota, a corporation, that the annual meeting of the members of the Corporation will be held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 24, 1957, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., at the West Center Street Baptist Church at Madison, South Dakota.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Herman Bleeker, Secretary

MRS. FRANK C. ARNOLD of Jackson Heights, N. Y.

This is a memorial echo for the passing of Mrs. F. C. Arnold, nee Beatrice Kebler, of Jackson Heights, N. Y., which should have been recorded before this. She left this earthly abode, altogether too soon, on July 2nd in her Jackson Heights, N. Y., home. Ever since an operation several years ago, she struggled along courageously with impaired health.

There was a large audience of those who loved her in attendance at her funeral service in the church she loved, and into which she was baptized by the Rev. J. C. Grimmel in 1909. Dr. Stanley B. Hazzard, former executive secretary of the New York Baptist City Societies, a friend of the family and the pastor officiated at the service.

She is survived by her husband, to whom she was married on June 8, 1927; and her daughter, Marcia, now Mrs. James Birdsall of Great Neck, L. I.; besides three sisters: Mrs. John Schlinger and the Misses Lily and Irene Kebler. May God replace this faithful servant with others like her!

Ridgewood Baptist Church,
Ridgewood, New York
PAUL WENGEL, Pastor

MRS. MARIE WAGEMANN of Elk Grove, Calif.

Mrs. Marie Wagemann, nee Ellenbusch, of Elk Grove, Calif., was born April 11, 1885 at Burgdorf, South Russia. As a girl she came to America, making her home in McPherson County, S. Dak. There she was united in holy wedlock with George Wagemann in 1904, and following that made her home with him in Ashley, N. Dak. In 1920 they moved to California, taking up residence in the Elk Grove area. Shortly after coming here she accepted Christ as Savior, was baptized, and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif. In 1924 when the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove was first organized as the Zion Baptist Church of Franklin, Calif., she became one of the charter members.

On January 16, 1951, great sorrow came to her home when her beloved husband was suddenly and unexpectedly called to his heavenly home. Over a year ago, it became necessary for her to undergo surgery from which she never fully recovered. On July 21, 1957, it pleased the Lord to call his weary child home, ending a long period of trials and suffering. She is now at rest. She is survived by her three sons: Julius, Jacob and John of Elk Grove, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Rosine Newth of Sacramento, Calif., and four grandchildren.

Elk Grove, California
W. W. KNAUF, Pastor

MR. HERMAN C. LIPSKOCH of Mt. Sterling, Mo.

Mr. Herman C. Lipskoch of Mt. Sterling, Mo., was born Oct. 31, 1885 and passed away suddenly of heart failure at his home near Mt. Sterling, July 12, 1957, at the age of 71 years 8 months and 11 days. On May 24, 1911, Herman C. Lipskoch was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Leimkuehler with whom he shared the joys and sorrows of life for 46 years near Mt. Sterling, Mo. To this union eight children were born. Surviving are his wife and the following children: Walter Lipskoch and Mrs. Ervin (Rachel) Ruegge of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Virgil (Myrtle) Miller, Kirkwood, Mo.; Virgil Lipskoch of Owensville, Mo.; Mrs. August (Emma) Carey of San Francisco, Calif.; and Harvey Lipskoch and Miss Ruth Lipskoch of Mt. Sterling, Mo.

In his youth Mr. Lipskoch was a member of the Salem Presbyterian Church of Hope, Mo., place of birth. In a revival meeting, 1921, he gave his life to Jesus Christ as his Savior, was baptized and became a faithful member of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo. He served his church as a Sunday School superintendent and as church treasurer for many years. He also served his church until death as a trustee and as a deacon.

At the funeral service Rev. Henry Leimkuehler, Marshall, Mo., officiated. Burial was in the Pin Oak Creek Cemetery near Mt. Sterling, Mo.
Pin Oak Creek Church,
Mt. Sterling, Missouri
HENRY LEIMKUEHLER,
Officiating Minister

THE EMERALD NECKLACE

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business was suffering for attention these days. But he could not settle down to his own affairs until Kathryn's trials were at an end. This jewel mystery must be solved, the necklace returned to Kathryn. Every day without it made her position more perilous.

John turned up Sutter, clutching his hat as a stiff wind swept along the street blowing stray papers and dust along the curb. At Powell he waited for the cable car to clang up the hill, then crossed over and in a few moments was in his hotel.

As he left the elevator and walked down the hall, he saw that the door to Ames room was slightly open. Moving swiftly he reached the room and pushed the door wide open. The hotel maid was in the room. She looked up, saying, "I forgot to close this window and the wind has swept these papers all over the floor."

"Let me help you," John said. He was down on the floor in a moment, reaching for stray leaves of paper.

"I hope they weren't in any special order," the maid said, a worried frown on her face.

"Oh, I don't imagine they were," John replied, hardly conscious of what he was saying. He was staring at the papers in his hand. They were covered with designs, designs for jewelry. Bracelets, necklaces and tiaras. Filigree designs. Jewel settings.

The maid was holding out her hand for the papers and reluctantly John handed them to her. He watched as she replaced them on the table, his thoughts busy with speculation. With a cry of dismay the maid stooped again and picked up an ornament. It was a bird and one wing had been broken off. "This was on top," she said, "but the wind was so strong. I hope it's not valuable."

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IF I WERE A TEACHER

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class. If a revival meeting is in progress it is inexcusable for a teacher to allow conflicts to come into competition with that revival. To schedule class activities in conflict with any major church activity is unthinkable.

As a Sunday School teacher I would bring my heart to feel that God had laid his hand upon me, and that the church had shown its confidence in me by my selection to a position of such high honor.

I would accept my responsibility with the fullest of dedication to the task of teaching. Should not this be the spirit of every teacher? It would be impossible to measure the increased influence of our Sunday Schools, as men and women of God in places of Bible instruction become fully dedicated to the work of God in teaching and demonstrating the Word of God.

MISSION PROJECTS

The following mission projects were adopted by the General Sunday School Committee and are recommended for support by the local Sunday Schools:

Church Extension Project,
No. 640

Cameroons Project, No. 750
Japan Project, No. 680

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MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

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fourth Sunday of September so that the work can be started on the first Sunday of October. Again we challenge sponsors and leaders to incorporate this work with the material being used in the Junior CBY or the Sunday School.

Let us accept the challenge of the theme for Sunday School Week, "Go Teach—Go Reach" as we strive to have an effective outreach among the boys and girls of our Sunday School.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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Men will undoubtedly be one of the largest meetings of Christian men in history. The conference has a goal of from 8,000 to 10,000 laymen and pastors for its three days in Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 18-20. The theme chosen for the conference is "Free Men Through the Ages." The idea behind the theme is to help the men see and understand the contributions that Baptists have made through the centuries in this matter of freedom of worship, freedom of conscience, and freedom of man to govern himself.

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Spice of Life

"This seal coat is fine. But will it stand rain?"

"Madame, did you ever see a seal with an umbrella?"

Smart: "What's the difference between a hair-dresser and a sculptor?"
Slow: "I dunno; what?"

Smart: "A hair-dresser curls up and dyes and a sculptor makes faces and busts."

Two little boys were gazing at a zebra in the zoo.

"What a funny animal!" said one. "Whatever is it?"

"I don't know," replied the other. "But I think it's a sports model donkey!"

"Be sure to write plainly on those bottles," said the farmer to the druggist, "which is for the horse and which is for me. I don't want anything to happen to the horse before spring ploughing."

"Doctor, what should a woman take when she is run down?"

"The license number, madam, the license number."

"What's the best exercise for reducing?"

"Just move the head slowly from right to left when asked to have a second helping."

"I hear that Jim had an accident."

"Yes, someone gave him a tiger cub, and told him it would eat off his hand."

"Well?"

"It did."

"Have you any poor relations?"

"Not one that I know."

"Have you rich relations?"

"Not one that knows me."

"I am always ill the night before a journey."

"Then why don't you go a day earlier?"

One day the small son of an electrical engineer picked up a wasp. His dad, rushing to him said, "What's the trouble, Johnnie?"

"That bug," sobbed Johnnie, "I think his wiring is all wrong. I touched him and he wasn't insulated at all!"

The possibility of a landslide so intimidated the inhabitants of a little village that one couple decided to send their son, age nine, to an uncle until the danger had passed. Three days later they received a telegram: "Am returning boy. Please send landslide instead."