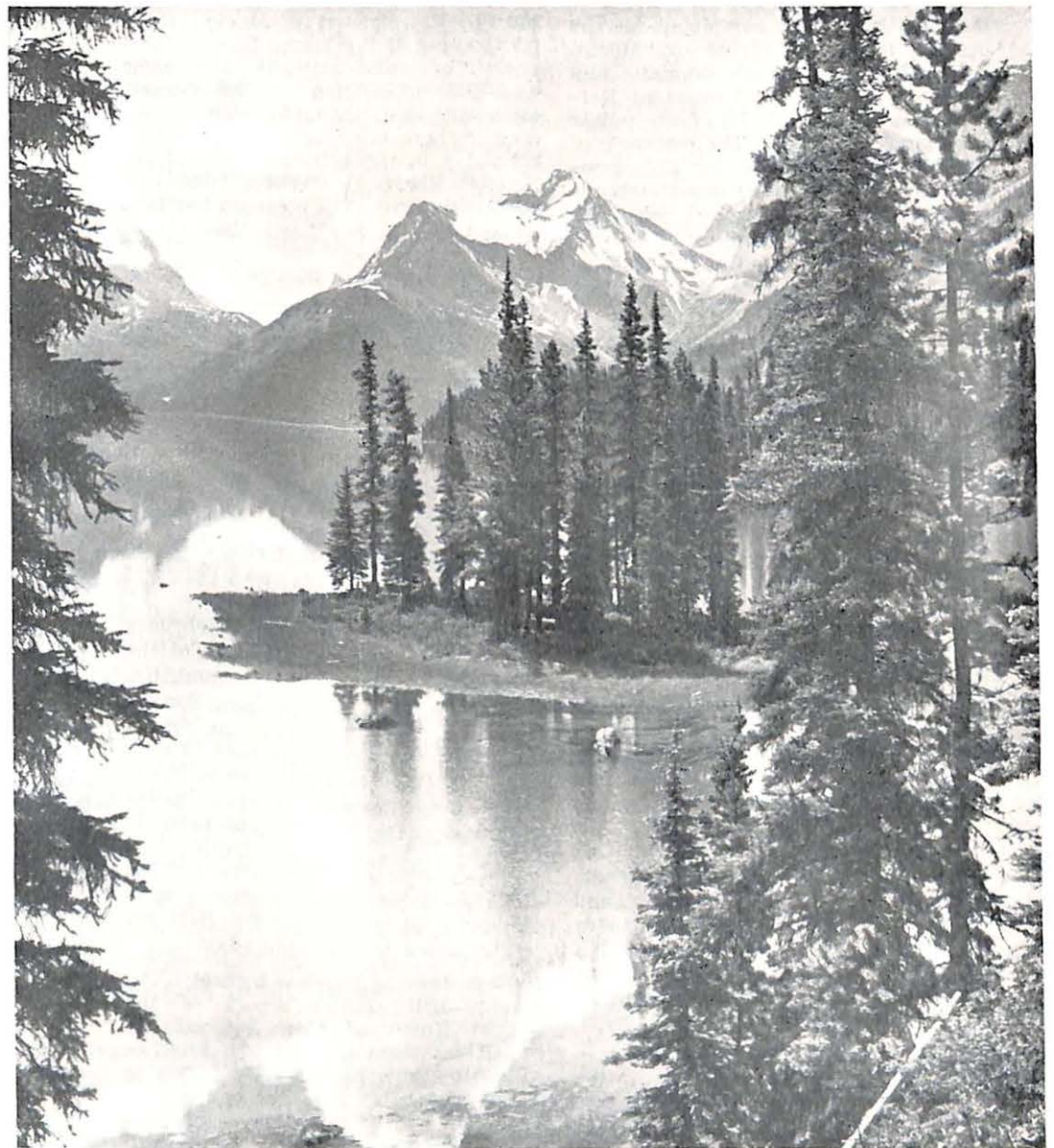


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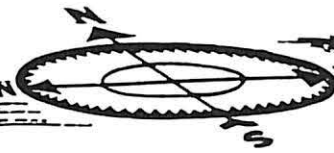


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March



of Events

● Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mother of England, issued a special message in Melbourne, Australia, hailing "the far-reaching influence of the fellowship of prayer." The Queen Mother, who was in Australia on a round-the-world air trip, released the message in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer sponsored by United Church Women. Queen Elizabeth said "my own prayers will be with those throughout the world who are working together for a great Christian fellowship."

● Plans have been completed for the general television release of "Martin Luther," the full-length dramatic film on the leader of the Protestant Reformation that had its first public showing 5 years ago. The motion picture became available for TV sponsorship by stations, commercial advertisers or church groups anywhere in the U. S. and Canada after February 15, it was reported at the National Lutheran Council's 40th annual meeting.

● During 1957 Israel was confronted with the problem of caring for and integrating some 80,000 new immigrants. The necessary expansion of all sectors of economy, not only settling the new comers but also for increasing exports and replacing imports, was the reason for the continued decrease in the money supply. This was partly compensated by increased production. The expansion was largely financed from public funds and was accompanied by a rise in prices.

● The West German government, to correct so far as possible the persecution of the Jews by the Nazis, has helped to replace the 300 synagogues which were burned down; has paid \$36 for every month any Jew was in concentration camps; helps any Jew returning to Germany to find housing and a job; gives Jewish businessmen preference in government loans and business; is helping Israel in goods and services to the amount of \$822,000,000 in 12 years; is paying a huge sum to indemnify individual Nazi victims.—The Watchman Examiner.

● A prominent Protestant minister in Washington, D. C., has urged the churches to encourage more Christians to enter public political life. The emphasis was made in a speech by Edward L. Elson, pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, at the Religion and Labor Fellowship recently. Elson is President Eisenhower's pastor. The Religion and Labor Fellowship is sponsored by the A.F.L. - C.I.O. and is composed of labor and religious workers of the various denominations. They

meet once a month. Elson has been pastor of the National Presbyterian Church for 12 years and has served through parts of four presidential terms and eight congresses. He spoke on his reflections as a Washington pastor.

● A national Baptist leader declared in Pittsfield, Maine, that liberty can become imprisoned in a legal structure and lose its own life. The point was made by C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C. Carlson conducted three conferences at the Maine Baptist Ministers' Conference recently. His theme was the application of the Gospel, especially as it relates to religious liberty. "There is an encouraging interest today in the spiritual basis of religious liberty," Carlson declared. "When the church is clear on her soul dependence on her Lord, then she is

free. Whenever she becomes dependent on the police power, the military power, or the tax power of the government she has lost her freedom."

● The 1957 Negro Catholic gain in the United States was set at about 30,000 according to the report of the Roman Catholic Commission for Indian and Negro Missions, making a total of 575,925 Catholic Negroes and 117,400 Catholic Indians. The report says that 17 million Negroes and 250 thousand Indians remain in "spiritual darkness". Traditionally the American Negro is Protestant with the Baptists and Methodists claiming the larger percentages. An active Negro missionary campaign is being conducted in the United States by the Roman Catholic Church. There are 413 churches, 743 priests and 343 schools with 83,384 pupils. In the last ten years, Catholic Negroes have increased 60 percent by about 200,000.



Baptist Briefs

● **Japan Baptist Union.** A new Baptist organization—the Japan Baptist Union—has been formed by a group of Baptist representatives which met at Hayama near Tokyo. The Union consists at present of 27 churches, six educational institutions and five Christian centers.

● **Dr. Beal, Tucson, Ariz.** February marked the 40th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Richard S. Beal, Sr., with the First Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz. During this pastorate, the church has grown from 200 members to over 3,000 and has been instrumental in organizing 12 Baptist churches in the community. Dr. Beal has published 10 volumes of his sermons. During this 40 year period the church has sent 186 of its youth into the ministry or mission fields of the world. Dr. Beal recently passed his 70th birthday.

● **New Zealand Baptists Increase.** The seventy-fifth annual report of the Baptist Union of New Zealand revealed a present total of 120 churches with a membership of 12,700. This is an increase of 10 per cent in the past two years. Missionary enthusiasm of New Zealand Baptists continues to grow, with a 1957-58 overseas missionary budget calling for 40,000 pounds. Dr. Lawrence A. North, general secretary, reports there also is a stepping up of activity on the home front with churches being formed in rural areas where throughout the years there has been no Baptist witness.

● **Northern Seminary Public Relations Director.** Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, has announced the appointment of Rev. William E. Goding as full-time associate in public relations beginning March 1, 1958, by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Goding took his undergraduate work at Grinnell College, Iowa, graduating with an A.B. in economics, and later received an M.A. in business administration from the University of Chicago. Mr. Goding is married; his wife, the former Betty Meister, is registrar at the seminary.

● **Theological Conference Planned.** A theological conference for American Baptists will be held at Green Lake, Wisconsin, in the summer of 1959, to hear reports from seven Baptist scholars who are now conducting basic original research into the trends of beliefs that have entered into the Baptist tradition. Dr. Wilbour E. Saunders, president of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, who has headed the central planning committee, said that the work of the scholars will be completed by the summer of 1958 and will be picked up by study committees in the fall and prepared in papers for use in the 1959 conference.

● **Baptist Race Resolution.** The Race Resolution sponsored by the American Convention at Philadelphia in 1957 was published in the Congressional Record of January 16, 1958, by Sena-

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Editorial

Sunny Alberta's Welcome

THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA generally lives up to its euphonious name, SUNNY ALBERTA. The gentle Chinook winds during the winter months and the cool breezes from the mountains in the summer time provide an exhilarating setting of blue skies and bright sunshine during much of the year in Edmonton. As true as its name, Alberta will extend a sunny, bright, cheery welcome to the hosts of North American Baptists attending the General Conference sessions in Edmonton from July 21 to 27, 1958.

This issue of the "Baptist Herald" pictures the glory of Alberta's scenic grandeur, which beckons to every conference visitor to come and enjoy it for yourself. The panorama of Alberta's scenery from the rugged snow-capped peaks to the splashing waterfalls and singing streams to the green rolling fields cannot be reproduced by any artist on canvas. You have to see it with your own eyes to capture its glory. If you are planning to travel by car or by train to Edmonton, you will find a grand variety of exciting things to see and to do on the way. Read the article by Mrs. Elli Zapf in this number and check the places that you want to include in your trip to "Sunny Alberta".

Your heart will be strangely warmed by the "sunny greetings" of Christian people in Edmonton if you are one of the fortunate ones walking the streets and attending the conference sessions in this city. Alberta has a very religious people, extending all the way from the premier of the province, the Honorable E. C. Manning, whose Bible talks are broadcast every Sunday afternoon, to the humblest citizen who worships in one of the several hundred churches in Edmonton. The quiet, worshipful observance of Sunday in Canada will seem remarkable to many people who cross the border. Canadians really believe in keeping the fourth commandment of God! Our conference sessions are bound to be affected and enhanced by the spiritual setting of Edmonton, Alberta, where we shall be meeting from July 21 to 27.

Even our Indian Christian friends are excited about our General Conference sessions. These Indian Reserves, where our missionaries have been serving, are less than 50 miles from Edmonton. The Indian chiefs and former chiefs from the Bull, Montana, and Samson Reserves in colorful regalia will be presented to the Conference at the great missionary rally on Sunday afternoon, July 27. Some of our conference visitors will worship with their Indian brethren on the preceding Sunday. These Indians will show their brightest smiles and best regalia as a wonderful welcome to all General Conference visitors!

Some of the brightness of Alberta's sunny skies is reflected in the enthusiastic welcome of our five North American Baptist Churches, planning for the General Conference sessions. We shall be the first religious group to use the palatial facilities of the Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium for a week-long conference. Almost one hundred leaders in our churches are serving on various local General Conference committees to demonstrate the warmth and sincerity of the welcome. Several hundred more people will express their welcome in song.

There's still lots of time to join the crowds going to Edmonton and to be there in "sunny Alberta" for these record breaking sessions.

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Excitement at the Bansa Hospital

Account of the official inspection tour of the Bansa Baptist Hospital, by Miss Grogan, Principal Matron of all Nigeria and the Cameroons.

Reported by Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, Missionary-Nurse of the Hospital

DO YOU RECALL the feeling in the pit of your stomach when you were about to take an important practical examination, or the way you would hold your breath waiting for teacher's approval when, as a child, you handed in an assignment? Such was the feeling which Eleanor Weisenburger and I had when we heard that the matron was coming to visit Bansa Baptist Hospital in a week's time.

We may have given the idea that on the mission field nurses and doctors are off in the jungle, simply doing their best to relieve the physical and spiritual suffering of the throngs of Africans, with no government rules, restrictions and higher authority in the medical field. The latter is quite wrong, for we are continually made aware that as Christians "let every soul be subject unto the higher powers" (Rom. 13:1).

We realize it more keenly in the Cameroons where British requirements are quite different from our relaxed American ways. Our Bansa Baptist Hospital is a registered hospital and now has a midwifery training school. So we have official visits by those in government authority. A few weeks ago the Principal Medical Officer came to inspect the hospital.

Recently, we received notice that Miss Grogan, who is Principal Matron of all of Nigeria and the Cameroons, chairman of the Nigerian Council of Nurses and secretary of the Midwives Board, would come on official inspection. Is it any wonder that we were nervous about her visit and thought immediately of all that had to be done before her arrival? It had been four years since her last visit, which was still very vivid in our minds.

EXCITED PREPARATIONS

The next morning preparations began. Some painting simply had to be done. The operating theater's work-room walls were blackened with smoke from the gasoline pressure sterilizer. The nurses' chart rooms looked much the same. Some of the walls were simply black with finger marks. These surfaces were not washable; so we got busy with the paint brush. Some people do not imagine painting as the missionaries' role, but often that's the only way it will get done, especially if the time is limited.

The day before the visit, everyone caught the spirit of the occasion. The hospital gets quite a thorough cleaning every week, but this time hardly a corner was overlooked. All bedside tables, beds, desks, chairs, doors and



Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary-nurse at the Bansa Baptist Hospital, and one of the many babies that she has helped to bring into this world.

floors were scrubbed. The window cleaning man, I'm sure, thought there was no end of windows. The yardman had more grass cutting and picking up of garbage to do than usual.

Chila, who cleans showers and toilets, had to do it better than ever. We've often said that the spiders are the busiest workers at the hospital. This was again true, judging from their webs on the verandas and in the thorn borders along the walks. During all this, we were still painting and 6:00 P.M. found me brightening up the anemic-looking red letters on our Bansa Baptist Hospital entrance sign.

THE INSPECTION TOUR

Next morning the wards were swept thoroughly. The beds were made very nicely with a new muslin sheet for a bedspread. The patients cooperated very nicely in lying still and keeping their bedside tables tidy. New towels were put out, and everything from dispensary to classroom was dusted again. The nurses all wore clean uniforms.

To our eyes everything looked beautifully tidy when the matron and government medical officer arrived at 11 A. M. We tried to be extra friendly, but she was all business and formality. We invited her for a cup of coffee, but she was anxious to get started with her tour. The dispensary was first, with no comments. In the doctor's ex-

aming room, she seemed pleased that we had our own X-ray. In the operating room, she remarked about the lovely operating table. She didn't miss the sterilizing room which a few days before was black with smoke.

Then on she went to the men's ward where 30 men lay like tin soldiers under unwrinkled spreads. Perhaps she thought it was too artificial for she wanted to see what other linens we used in our beds. In the nurses' chart room, we were told we must keep our drug and narcotics cupboard locked. She was impressed by our chart rack on wheels. This was Miss Kittlitz' invention. Even the utility room and linen store rated inspection. It seemed her sharp eyes penetrated every corner.

In the Maternity Ward the matron liked the pale green shade of the newly painted walls. We were relieved that she seemed pleased with all parts of "maternity." Since we have a midwifery training program, this seemed very important to us. She informed us that the pupils must be 17 years old before entering training. Previously there were no such restrictions.

For the third time, she called our attention to the fact that our wards are narrower than the government plan. She liked our light, roomy classroom and asked about teaching materials which we were able to produce. She remarked that our laundry is much too small. We agreed wholeheartedly.

HOSPITAL STAFF

A winding, steep path led us to the girls' dormitory. One of the girls had too many beds and boxes in her room. Their yard and kitchens were untidy, though much better than usual. We hoped she wouldn't look up from the rugged path to see that the yardman had thrown the garbage beside the incinerator instead of in it. She missed that. (We must repeat our sanitation lesson to the yard man.)

As we passed through the women's ward, we were asked whom we used as staff. We have four African qualified nurses and four more in government training. We also have young men whom we are teaching to do nursing. With a questioning look, she said, "I hope you do not call these people nurses." (We do.) "That is against the nurses' ordinance; they are orderlies."

The children's ward was overflowing as usual. "How many beds have you in here? One, two, three—fourteen. This is far too crowded!" (There are supposed to be six.) The medical officer came to our rescue when he chimed

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The Cameroons Protestant College

The first account of the union college at Bali, Bamenda, Africa, administered by the Basel Mission and our Cameroons Baptist Mission, U. S. A.

By Mr. Dudley Reeves, Missionary-teacher at the college

THE CAMEROONS PROTESTANT College is the only Protestant High School in the Southern Cameroons, Africa. Built from government funds, it was begun by the Swiss Basel (Presbyterian) Mission in 1949, but today it is a union college jointly administered by the Basel Mission and the Cameroons Baptist Mission of the North American General Conference. In 1883 negotiations to unite the Basel and Baptist Missions of those days fell through, but in 1957 it was felt that there was sufficient in common between the two missions to form a merger in one secondary school.

As befits a college in United Nations Trusteeship Territory, the young college staff is itself a miniature United Nations. There are three Swiss, two Englishmen, one New Zealander, five Southern Cameroonians and one French Cameroonian. As with many schools in tropical Africa, the non-graduate African staff members are often coming and going, since they move on to colleges or universities to obtain higher qualifications as soon as their private studies enable them to meet the entrance requirements.

THE COLLEGE CAMPUS

Surrounded by lovely, grass-clad hills that roll away into the distance, made hazy by the dusty harmattan wind, the college is 4500 feet above sea level and enjoys a pleasant, even cool, climate. In the college there are 175 pupils from some 30 different tribes or clans all over the country. To some the college food is at first strange and unappetizing; to others it is impossible. Many boys do not know their exact age, but the majority are between 14 and 24 years.

Most boys have never glimpsed a railway or the sea. Most boys have illiterate parents. Some come barefooted to class, and some wear tattered clothes. The students can be delightfully unsophisticated. Grace Kelly and ballistic missiles mean as much to them as "hot dogs" and Karl Barth! Most of the tunes they whistle are hymn tunes, and, being fond of singing, they sing with an enthusiasm that is inspiring.

Though possessing a lively sense of fun—the term concerts can be quite exhilarating—they usually study well in classes. This is partly because a West African School Certificate at the end of a five years' course enables them to earn 156 pounds a year as a primary school teacher. Many of the boys receive government or local scholarships, which often barely cover their annual boarding and tuition fees of 23 pounds and the 4 pounds or so spent on text books.

The students are arranged in four Houses or teams named after people connected with the Southern Cameroons: Vielhauer, Fonyonga, Ashili and Saker. Rev. Alfred Saker was the first Baptist missionary to come to the Cameroons. He crossed from Fernando Po Island to found the town of Victoria in 1858. With great perseverance, he braved disease and hostile tribes alike, and translated the entire Bible into Duala. David Livingstone said of Saker's work, "In my judgment, this was the most remarkable work on the African coast."

Games, the daily inspection of the dormitories, and the weekly inspection of the grass-cutting, road-sweeping and classroom-cleaning done by the boys count towards the House competition. Unfortunately, there is much grass to be cut on the college campus, since Bali has an annual rainfall of 90 inches and since the college grounds cover 142 acres. By the close of the rainy season in December, the thick elephant grass stands seven to seventeen feet tall.

In addition to cutting acres of grass monthly with their cutlasses, all the boys wash and iron their own clothes. There is also work to be done in the small banana, coffee and forest plantations. The students are also made responsible for buying their own food. Every market day one class of boys is given 28 pounds to buy among themselves the cocoyams, plantains, cray-

fish, pepper, bananas and pineapples required by the whole college for the following week.

Ten tutors, six classes, eight school societies—these are but sterile statistics, and it must always be realized that God wants each individual first to be saved by his grace and then to become mature in Christ. In the Cameroons Protestant College, besides the Bible lessons taught in the school curriculum, there are compulsory morning prayers and Sunday morning services. In five years a boy will attend about 1100 such meetings.

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

Thus there are fine opportunities for preaching Christ crucified and making plain the message of reconciliation. But every student so far has apparently left the college a professing Christian. This is almost too good to be true! Every senior student now has been baptized or confirmed as a professing Christian. This also is almost too good to be true!

The truth is that it is too easy to become a Christian in a mission college. The great danger of a mission college is to produce students who are Christian in name only. There is usually nothing in a material way to lose and perhaps something to gain by becoming baptized or confirmed. For their own sakes, the nominal Christians need to be separated from the real Christians, the "professors" from the "possessors."

The corporate evening prayers at the Cameroons Protestant College have therefore been replaced by a quiet time for private devotions in the Assembly Hall. To the corporate evening prayers, voluntarily taken by every single senior student in rotation, 95 per cent of the college students went. To the new time of silence, when boys may leave after as short a time of prayer and Bible study as they wish, 25 per cent of the students go. Perhaps it is not a coincidence that this is also the percentage of boys attending the optional Bible meetings on Sunday afternoons.

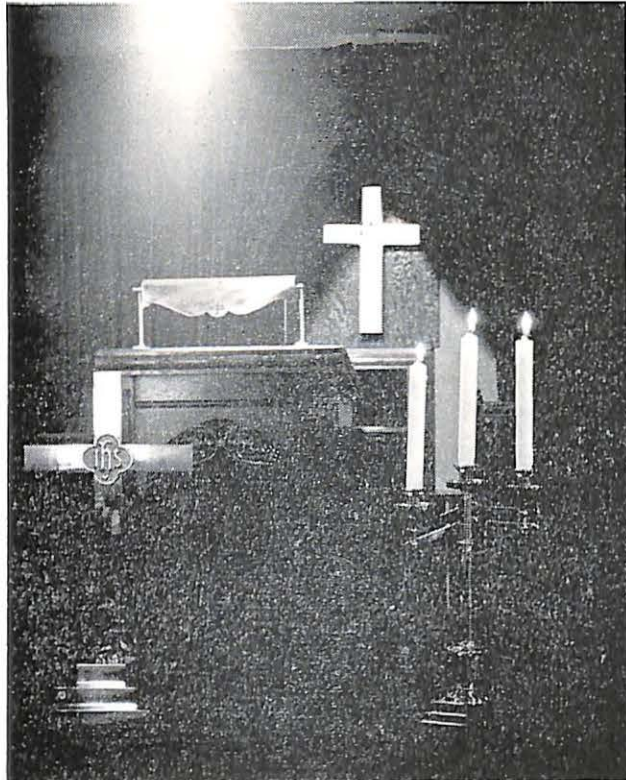
Besides many opportunities for worship, there are also some opportunities for witnessing. It was a Baptist student who last term first volunteered to conduct a short pidgin English service for our African cooks and houseboys. Baptist and Basel boys join together in an evangelistic team that goes out each month to preach the Gospel in Bali town.

During the school holidays the Chris-

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Rebecca, a faithful Christian, supported a son at the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali while she was receiving treatment for leprosy at the New Hope Settlement. Now she is "free" and healed!



—Luoma Photo
 "Our first responsibility as Christian laymen is that we must be good witnesses for Christ."—Earl A. Marks, Portland, Ore.

Christian Laymen Speak a Good Word for Christ

Testimonies by Representative "Baptist Men"
 of North American Baptist Churches

NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME

By Adolph Hill
 Immanuel Baptist Church,
 Kyle, Texas

As I grow older time becomes more and more important to me. Time is valuable because it is the essence of life. Time is precious because it is so transitory.

When as a child I laughed and wept—
 Time crept.

When as a youth I dreamt and talked—
 Time walked.

When I became a full grown man—
 Time ran.

When older still I daily grew—
 Time flew.

Soon I shall find in traveling on—
 Time gone.

Time has become valuable to me because it is so moral. It is character; it is duty; it is destiny.

Since time is so valuable it behooves us not to waste it. Thoreau once wrote: "You cannot kill time without injuring eternity." Paul in writing to the Corinthians surely knew the value of time when he said: "Now is the accepted time" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Jesus reminded his disciples that the present is always filled with opportunities. Let us remember that the present with its opportunities was once the future which we desired.

We as men of our churches have a golden opportunity in the organization of "Baptist Men" to make use of the time that has been given us. We need to take advantage of every chance that is ours to work in Christ's vineyard.

"Now is the accepted time." Let us redeem the time as God gives us opportunity to serve him.

CHRIST IS MY PILOT AND GUIDE

By Lawrence Terveen
 Central Valley Baptist Church,
 Donna, Texas

SPEED!! This seems to be the word of today. Distance is no longer a barrier to overcome, and we see the fulfillment of prophecy drawing nearer. Look back 40 years and see how speed has developed through the years. Back in 1919, we moved from Emery, S. Dak., to Donna, Texas. A total of 1500 miles separated us from our friends and relatives. The "goodbyes" that were tearfully said in Emery at that time indicated that we might never see them again. After traveling four days and nights by train, we arrived at our destination.

This was a new country (I was nine years old), and land, crops, people and customs were different. Mesquite trees, cactus, rattlesnakes, and siestas were apt to be swept aside to make room for citrus groves, waving palms and vast fields of cotton. Bandit raids and Saturday night shooting sprees were replaced by law and order.

It was here in Texas that I grew up. Many people moved to this new land and churches were organized. "Revival" meetings were continually being held and many people were won for the Lord. Everybody went to the meetings, regardless of denomination. It was during one of these meetings that I accepted Christ as my Savior. In 1927, I saw the church organized, of which I became a member, which is now known as the Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas.

Progress in every phase has continued during the passing years, and now 24 hours by auto or seven hours by plane replace the four days and nights by train of 1919. Recent devel-

opments in speed have advanced so rapidly that we wonder where it will end. The only real security, I feel, is the fact that Christ is my Pilot and will guide me step by step.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path" (Proverbs 3:6).

COMMIT THY WAY TO THE LORD

By Earl A. Marks
 Immanuel Baptist Church,
 Portland, Oregon

In this day of inter-continental ballistic missiles, mechanical brains and many other scientific marvels, man finds less and less freedom from fear and want. Today, as never before, the human race lacks a feeling of security. This situation prevails, even though all of man's effort seems to be in the direction of unlocking the secrets of nature in order that the world will be a better place in which to live. Man's efforts are bent on wresting from nature her secrets that God has carefully guarded until this age so that men may say, "See, how we have improved our lot!"

As Christians, living in this world of uncertainties, what is our responsibility? Our first responsibility is that we must be good witnesses and make known to the world that, even in these times of great stress, we can be calm and tranquil. We have this peace of mind because we are in tune with God and his great plan of salvation. We know and have experienced his ability to take care of our needs, his help in times of trouble. We can say with the Psalmist, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5).

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How Does My Faith Work?

By Richard H. Kampfer
 Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

PROMINENT IN our Christian home were the Scripture plaques on the walls. One of these made quite an impression on me early in life: "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct thy path" (Proverbs 3:6). At the time, this verse seemed to represent almost all of what I had learned about my relationship and duty to God. As I grew older, however, I realized that acknowledgment of God was but the beginning of a greater adventure.

I accepted Christ as Savior when I was twelve, and, of course, I realized that my sins, which I could not remove, were washed away by the Lord Jesus Christ. What I didn't realize at the time was what a great Source of strength I had, through faith, and how practical it would be for daily living.

CHOOSING THE BEST VALUES

At one time I thought that a Christian must sacrifice continually many of the good things in life. I have found, however, that the Christian faith really involves a reappraisal of the values in life and sensibly choosing the better part.

As every Christian must make choices continually, it became obvious to me that, to be consistent in my faith, I must have a sound basis for my judgments. To read the Scripture was now a natural thing to do, but to select a general guiding principle was at first not easy. I grew to understand and cherish more of the Bible than I had done before, and found that God's directives abound.

One of them that I found most helpful as a personal guide was Romans 12, verse 1, which admonishes us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, particularly acceptable to God. *To measure my actions and thoughts in accordance with their acceptability to God is the rule I take from this verse.*

This is a very broad and general guide and needs some specifics to be of maximum help in one's life. It is easy to find additional directives such as the two great commandments, Matthew 22:37-40, and the "Golden Rule," Matthew 7:12. Proverbs has been a source of more practical guidance for me, as well as the 14th chapter of Romans.

As I tried Christian principles in my every-day life, I found that they worked wonderfully well. They worked not only when things have gone without mishap but especially when times were difficult. I learned to thank God for everything—from the air I breathe, to the abundance of his many other mercies. I know from first-hand experience, especially from the difficult

times, the reality of God's unfailing presence and help.

Although I sense more readily my need of God's nearness when in adversity, I have also learned the naturalness of sharing my joys with him as well as my trials. I have learned to commit my every-day happenings into his care. I try to take God into account in each decision, large or small. I seek to be aware of his presence constantly and give silent thanks for his ceaseless help.

This has not been always so! Even now I find myself tending to get so involved with THINGS that I neglect my primary and glad obligation to him. But there is also a ready urging from past crises and inward struggles toward stronger reliance and fuller relationship.

TAKING A STAND FOR CHRIST

In the world of business, which seems to be primarily that of risking capital for additional gain, one finds too little honoring of Christ or dependence upon God. It is only when a stand is taken that one finds what people really believe and how vital their faith is.

I was flying back to St. Paul from Philadelphia recently, and found my-

My Faith's Sources and Resources

By Kenneth S. Briggs
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EVERY CHRISTIAN has answered the question, "What will you do with Jesus?" Let us take a few moments to consider what some of the ancient writers said about Jesus. There is no disbelief by any competent historians in the historicity of Jesus. How can we prove that he lived or that any historic person actually lived?

There are several types of proof that may be offered for a person's having been notable in history. First, let us consider his writings, then, the effect of his life, and then the testimony of those who knew him.

The only writing that Christ did was what he wrote in the sand. Of course, the wind quickly covered that. Jesus lived within the area of Palestine, a small border province. His activities were such that he received "news

BAPTIST MEN

The testimonies published on this page were given at a "Baptist Men's" service on a Sunday evening at the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

self seated beside a man intent on reading. When he finally laid down his periodical, I asked if I might read it. He replied that I might but that I probably wouldn't like it because it was rather "deep"! I thanked him anyway and proceeded to read. It was a periodical geared to educators, the first article of which was on "The Meaning of Christmas."

A discussion on it, which followed, represented an opportunity for the examining of our beliefs and an enthusiastic sharing of mine. Although our positions in relationship to Christ differed, on parting company he made this interesting acknowledgment: "Keep up the good work!"

Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." But how hard it is to confess our faith to others! Though convictions have been established, and though I have found that it takes considerable strength to "stand" rather than to fall, I find that it is always a fresh challenge to witness to Christ, as Savior, when among strangers.

I've met many fine people in traveling about, who have never taken time to make a clear-cut decision for Christ, and whose indolence is slowly but surely rejecting him until a tacit and final rejection is made.

My prayer is that I may be faithful to my Lord in influencing others to seek after him, and to find that faith in him is the only key to every-day and ever-lasting blessedness.

headlines" for only a short time. It was the message preached about him that transformed history's course. This is all the more notable since his was a spiritual Kingdom, not a physical empire.

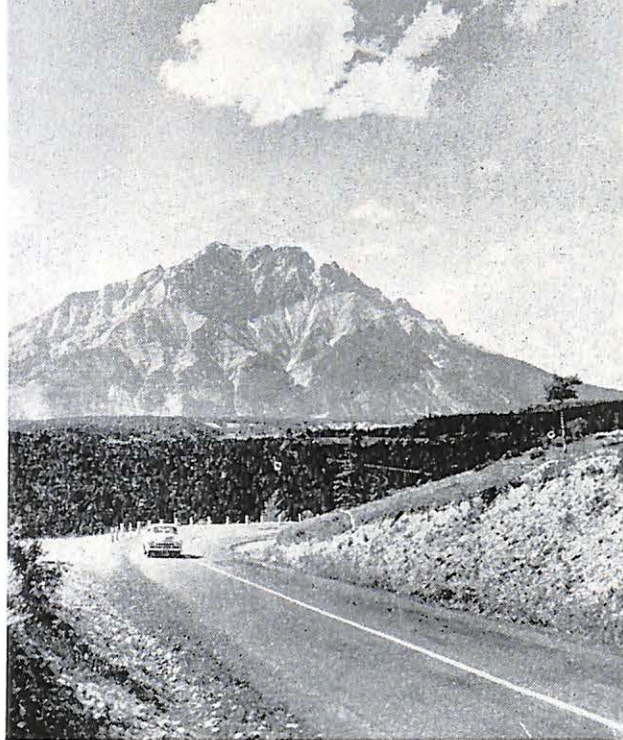
CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONIES

What were the contemporary testimonies about him? The non-Christian sources are rather meager. Tacitus, in describing Nero's persecution of the Christians wrote (in 115 A.D.) that the "detestable superstition" broke out anew, not only in Judea, but also in Rome.

A modern Jewish writer has crystallized the early statements about Jesus in the Talmud. He writes to the effect that his name was Yeshua of Nazareth. He performed miracles, mocked the words of the wise, quoted Scriptures like the Pharisees. He had five disciples. He did not intend to change the law and was hanged (crucified) as a false teacher and beguiler on the eve of the Passover. His disciples healed the sick in his name.

Christ's most reliable witnesses were the Christians. To them he was God's Anointed One. They saw Jesus through

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—Alberta Government Photo
Fine mountain highways in Alberta take the visitor into the heart of the majestic Rockies and through some of the most magnificent scenery in the world.

Alberta Is God's Scenic Paradise



Enjoy the beauty and wonder of God's handiwork while attending the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, July 21 to 27

By Mrs. Elli F. Zapf
of Edmonton, Alberta

FROM THE EAST, south and west, holiday routes lead to Alberta, one of Canada's most scenic and varied vacationlands. This will be especially true for many Baptist families as they come to Edmonton, Alberta, to attend the General Conference sessions from July 21 to 27, 1958.

WELCOME TO ALBERTA

We, the people of Edmonton, extend to all an invitation, not only to visit the capital of our great province, but also to see and to enjoy the many scenic vacation spots that Alberta has to offer. From the incomparable beauty of the Rockies to the lush rolling plains and valleys of the Peace River area, this richly endowed province holds endless opportunities for vacation fun and excitement.

Alberta has four national parks: Banff, Jasper, Waterton, and Elk Island, located within its borders. In addition, Kootenay and Yoho National Parks adjoin Banff National Park. Besides these parks, which are areas of natural beauty and special interest that have been dedicated to the people for their benefit and enjoyment, there are other spots of natural beauty and interest to be seen.

Arrangements have already been made for a special tour into the Canadian Rockies by train, with the tour originating in Edmonton immediately following the conference. This will take in the highlights of beautiful Jasper and Banff National Parks and also Lake Louise and the Columbia Ice Fields.

If you are travelling by car and would like to make a more extensive visit to the Rockies, you will find this to be a very rewarding undertaking.

Jasper is located approximately 230 miles west of Edmonton on an excellent paved highway which follows the Athabasca River. Much of Jasper Park's most impressive scenery is ac-

cessible by motor road. In addition to the two main park highways, there are several park roads leading to such picturesque areas as Miette Hot Springs, 26 miles; Medicine Lake, 18 miles; Maligne Canyon, 9 miles; and the most popular of all, Mount Edith Cavell, 18 miles from Jasper.

This area is one of superb scenic grandeur. Amid the veritable sea of peaks, many of which lift snow-crowned heads far above the clouds, you will thrill to the magnificence of the beautiful alpine valleys set with sparkling lakes or coursed by rushing streams.

Among the interesting natural phenomena in this park are the Miette Hot Springs. The water of these springs has a temperature of 126 degrees Fahrenheit where it issues from the rocks. For the benefit of visitors a fine bathing establishment is maintained here, including a large outdoor pool.

Accommodations in the park are provided by several hotels in Jasper townsite, the luxurious Jasper Park Lodge and by bungalow and chalet installations located at well known beauty spots throughout the area. Unless visitors are carrying camping equipment, it is advisable to arrange accommodations in advance.

BANFF - JASPER HIGHWAY

Scenic beyond adequate description, the Banff-Jasper Highway ranks among the great "highroads" of the world. For its entire length of 185 miles, it commands some of the most breathtaking and majestic scenery in the Canadian Rockies, all of which is within the boundaries of Banff and Jasper National Parks.

A panorama of mountain ranges, unbroken but ever changing, along both sides of the highway keeps the visitor enchanted and enthralled. At given points the motorist may stop and explore deep and awesome canyons, ex-

perience the thrill of watching mighty waterfalls pouring out of rocky chasms, or marvel at jewel-like mountain lakes that are ever in color harmony with the mountain peaks and the skies above.

The climax of this highway is reached when a half-mile spur road takes the motorist to the tongue of the Athabasca Glacier, which is part of the Columbia Ice-field. The thrilling spectacle of Panther Falls dropping 600 feet from the side of the highway to the floor of the valley, the emerald-hued lake at the feet of Peyte Glacier, and the Mistaya Canyon are among the outstanding attractions along the Banff section of this highway.

Bungalow cabins, chalets, lodges, hikers hostels and equipped camp grounds provide convenient accommodations along the route.

BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Banff National Park provides the visitor with excellent opportunity for recreation, sightseeing and restful relaxation. The townsite of Banff itself is beautifully situated and a delightful short trip might embrace a number of places of special attraction in the immediate vicinity of the townsite. Every visitor to Banff must be certain to see such places as Mount Norquay, on the slopes of which many an enthusiastic skier has spent a wonderful winter of sport.

For those who prefer to do their mountain climbing in comfort, the chairlift is a new and exciting experience. When you have reached the top of the chairlift, the beauty of the surrounding panorama is breathtaking and indescribable. As you stand and gaze down upon the world below, the realization comes to you that only God could be the Master and Maker of all this.

Of course, one of the main attractions of Banff is the Upper Hot Springs

where all can go and enjoy the benefits of bathing in the hot mineral springs. There is an excellent bathing establishment maintained here, and the drive up the mountain in itself affords the visitor many a thrill. Banff has many more wonderful things to see, but time and space do not allow us to elaborate on them.

Accommodations in this park range from luxury hotels to bungalows, chalets and cabins. Once again, unless the visitor is prepared for camping, it is advisable to arrange accommodations in advance. There are also a large number of private cabins and rooms available in the townsite.

COLORFUL SCENERY

West of Lake Louise, following the Trans-Canada Highway, lies Yoho National Park. The narrow precipitous valleys, white water rivers, and towering peaks of this park make it truly a place of wonder. Yoho Valley, Takakkaw Falls, Emerald Lake and the Natural Bridge are the high points in a visit to this park—all to be seen from 31 miles of highway west of Lake Louise.

About 85 miles southwest of Banff at the entrance to Kootenay National Park, beautiful scenic highways lead to Radium Hot Springs and the luxurious Government Bathhouse lying in the narrow Sinclair Creek Valley below the main highway. Arthritic sufferers vouch for the healing springs of Radium and many from the U. S. A. and points all across Canada come in search of health and vigor.

Situated in the extreme southwest corner of Alberta, along the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains, immediately north of the International Boundary, is Waterton National Park.

It is one of the most colorful and



The weird and grotesque Hoodoos in the Badlands of Alberta, east of Drumheller, which attract thousands of tourists each year.

charming of Alberta's mountain playgrounds. The mountains rise almost abruptly from the plains. Their remarkable coloring of purple, green and gold give to the peaks a warm and brilliant tone.

WATERTON NATIONAL PARK

It is evident that Waterton affects various people in different ways. There are many who are content to sit and look, but for every one just sitting, there are dozens taking part in some form of athletics. There is opportunity for bathing in Lake Linnet, and power and row boats may be hired. Also there is opportunity for those young and hardy enough in body and soul to brave water skiing.

There is an arranged tour of the lake aboard a smart little steamer which makes its trip several times a day.

Besides this, there are facilities for

tennis, golfing, fishing, hiking, climbing and riding. Trail riding is popular throughout Waterton Park and saddle ponies are available.

There are more than 20 mountains in the park, Mount Blakiston (9600 feet) being the highest. There is also another lake—Cameron—at the end of an 11-mile road. Numerous smaller lakes can be reached on foot or by horse, to say nothing of several magnificent waterfalls. Trails lead off to the far reaches of the park and wild life can be observed anywhere. Deer, bear, Bighorn sheep, and elk are seen in large numbers. There is also an exhibition herd of plains buffalo which occupies a fenced area on the northern boundary of the Park.

Waterton Lakes National Park is reached only by highways connecting with the provincial highway system in Alberta and with those of Montana in the south. Those travelling by rail must complete their journey by bus from Pincher Creek or Cardston. The most direct approach to the park is over the International Highway from Montana.

Sightseeing expeditions through Alberta lead visitors to the weird formations of the badlands consisting of a vast area of the Red Deer River Valley from a point near Three Hills almost to the Saskatchewan Boundary. They present a fantastic conglomeration of hoodoos, coulees, red shale hills, ravines and flats. Remains of petrified forest, prehistoric oyster beds, strange formations known as dolomites and mile after mile of thrilling visits in grand canyon-like splendor are most colorful in the rays of the rising or setting sun.

This area has not yet been fully developed and accommodation facilities are not available. Motel, hotel, auto court and trailer court accommodations and restaurants are available in Drumheller. After visiting this area, the visitor is urged to see the life-sized models of prehistoric reptiles which have been built in the park on

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One of the grandest alpine spectacles in the world is 18-mile long Maligne Lake in Jasper National Park, surrounded by its chain of mountains, the Queen Elizabeth Ranges, that tower a mile above the mile-high lake.

Edmonton, the 1958 General Conference City

By Rev. E. P. Wahl

Chairman of the Edmonton General Conference Arrangements Committee

EDMONTON IS A MODERN city of Canada with a population somewhat over 250,000. It is situated in the Province of Alberta on the banks of the North Saskatchewan river, 400 miles north of the Canada-United States border.

This city started as Fort Edmonton in 1795 through the "Nor'-Wester" fur Traders (The North West Company and the Hudson's Bay Company). More than once the fort was destroyed by fire by the Indians. The Blackfoot Indians threatened to massacre every

nies were considered too trivial to bother with. The first shipment of pennies was brought to Edmonton through the Imperial Bank by a man operating a department store. It was in August 1914 that a box arrived at the bank 18 inches long, 6 inches wide and 4 inches deep. In it ten thousand red coppers had come to Edmonton.

Today, in the age of the parking meter, Edmonton could not operate without pennies. General Conference guests may bring all their pennies along. You can use them in Edmonton.

Railway buttressed it. Industry balanced it. Oil guaranteed it, and Social Credit cleansed it. But the beaver started it." Today Edmonton is riding on a wave of industrialization into a new era of importance and prosperity, the limits of which are impossible to predict.

From 1870 until about 1890, there was no civil law in Edmonton. Yes, there were lawyers and judges but no law. This lawless state came about through a legal technicality. The clerk of the court of Alberta had been stationed in Calgary, and all writs and filing of process were to be made by and with him. There was no provision for deputies in Edmonton. In those days it took five days of hard riding to travel from Edmonton to Calgary.

Today with the excellent highway between the two cities, the trip can be made in four hours or less. The lawless days are passed, and our General Conference delegates and visitors can be assured that law and order prevail in Edmonton. At present, there are more than 300 lawyers in Edmonton, 12 judges, 340 policemen and 120 Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

FIRST EDMONTON BUILDING

A Methodist missionary by the name of Rev. George McDougall had come to the Edmonton area in those early days and had built the first church. This little chapel, built in 1871, became the first building to stand outside the protecting walls (stockade) of old Fort Edmonton.

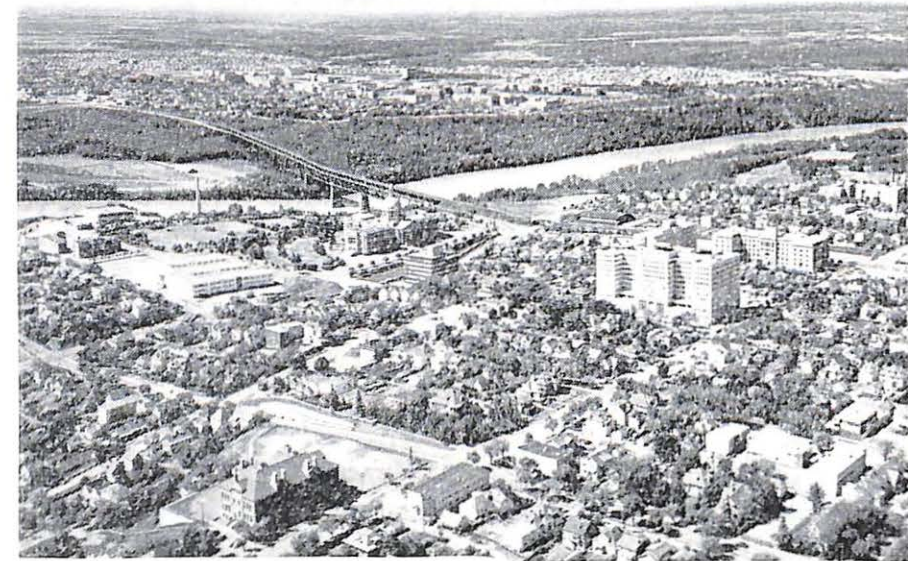
Our conference visitors will be able to see this little church which now serves as a memorial and shrine to the man who built it, the Rev. George McDougall. It has become a museum, and its hand-hewn log walls are hung with pictures of the great pioneers, among them our own Rev. Abraham Hager. Thus the Christian church came to Edmonton with the early settlers.

Today among the many churches of the various denominations, there are 21 Baptist churches in the city. With the church came other developments such as hospitals (seven large, modern hospitals are in the city today), schools (105 of them, including Commercial and Technical High Schools and the provincial university), two excellent libraries and an Art Gallery. A total of 2,146 acres has been devoted to parks and playgrounds.

SUNNY ALBERTA

Edmonton is a grand place to visit and enjoy. Summer sport in the four indoor and four outdoor swimming pools offer great enjoyment all year around. The winter snowfall is fairly light, and rarely exceeds 12 inches at any time.

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A portion of Edmonton, the capital of Alberta, showing the Legislative Building (center) and the famous High Level Bridge over the Saskatchewan River. In the distance the buildings of the University of Alberta and the Alberta Jubilee Auditorium can be seen.

pale skin living behind the stockade, but the white man had come to stay. Today the city of Edmonton comprises an area of 42.6 square miles.

LURE OF BEAVERS

Buffalo and Indians roamed the country, but these did not bring the white man here. This was once beaver country. The beavers were the lure that brought rival traders into the country.

The Edmonton district was loaded with beaver. In the ravines and creeks and hills of the area were thousands of "beaver towns." Beaver skin was legal tender for a long time. In 1854 when coins were first issued, they called the coins "beavers." There was the "big beaver" about the size of a silver dollar, and the "half-beaver" like a half dollar, and so on down. But there were no pennies.

Before August 1914 Edmonton was penniless. Until then, everyone did business to the nearest five cents. Pen-

Edmonton Churches Welcome the Conference

By Rev. Herbert Hiller

Pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

"Other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours" (John 4:38).

THUS JESUS reminded his disciples that they should appreciate and acquire the spiritual heritage into which they had come, and, enriching it, should pass on its blessings to generations following. His challenging words apply to every plot in the Lord's great vineyard today and are pertinent to all of our North American Baptist churches, especially in and around Edmonton, Alberta.

No one can interpret the history of any church or association of churches apart from the personalities who were instrumental in their founding and who guided them through their early years of growth. If a man's greatness is measured by the abiding influence that lives after him, then the pioneers of the Northern Alberta Association must be numbered among the truly great. Their names and labors are in the Lamb's Book of Life, and they belong to that noble company of whom the book of Revelation says, "They rest from their labours and their works do follow them" (14:13).

EARLY PIONEERS

When towards the turn of the century the Rev. F. A. Peterreit extended his missionary endeavors beyond Manitoba and Saskatchewan, he established the First German Baptist Church of Alberta, near Edmonton, known as the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church.

Two other giant souls soon came to his assistance to promote the early German Baptist work in Alberta. The late sturdy and heroic Rev. F. A. Mueller untiringly pursued his missionary activities. Through strenuous years of labor, among the struggling settlers, he succeeded in establishing churches

at Leduc, Wiesenenthal, and Wetaskiwin.

The congenial, saintly and sacrificial Rev. A. Hager became the pastor of the historic church at Rabbit Hill and from there made repeated visits to Edmonton. After testing privations and hardships he was able to gather a vigorously growing congregation in the rapidly expanding "Gateway to the Northern Territory," thus laying the groundwork for Baptist strength in this area.

Other pioneers came here to reinforce and carry on the work so nobly begun. Such men were the Reverends A. Kujath, P. Daum, C. F. Zummach, A. Kraemer, and E. P. Wahl who in 1939 founded the Christian Training Institute to help prepare effective church workers for the multiplying needs of growing churches.

The two World Wars also precipitated crises here. While during the years of war and drought, a good many North American Baptists moved away to other parts of the country and across the line into the United States, and still others united with English Baptist churches, a good many immigrants came to Canada and settled in and around Edmonton, the fast growing oil capital of Alberta. Especially after the fateful conclusion of the last war, large numbers of talented young people arrived to find a new home and better living conditions in this land of freedom.

Many of them are possessed of an iron will and indomitable spirit, coupled with faith and fortitude, zest and zeal, and they have gotten ahead admirably. In the churches there were rejoicings and tensions, disagreements and occasional clashes of interests and objectives, but there were also undreamed-of missionary possibilities and in every province of activity

growth and progress, interest and enthusiasm.

In the late 1940's when Rev. Richard Schilke was pastor of Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, the mother-church supported mission work in the suburb of Lauderdale. In 1951 the McKernan Church was organized to establish a Baptist witness in the community on the south side and provide a spiritual home and training ground nearby for the many students of the Christian Training Institute.

FIVE EDMONTON CHURCHES

During Rev. Henry Pfeifer's ministry, Central Church gave birth to two other churches: Immanuel Church on the north side in 1953, and Zion Church in 1955 on the south side. Both consisting exclusively of immigrant members, they are carrying on an effective ministry among the German population of the city.

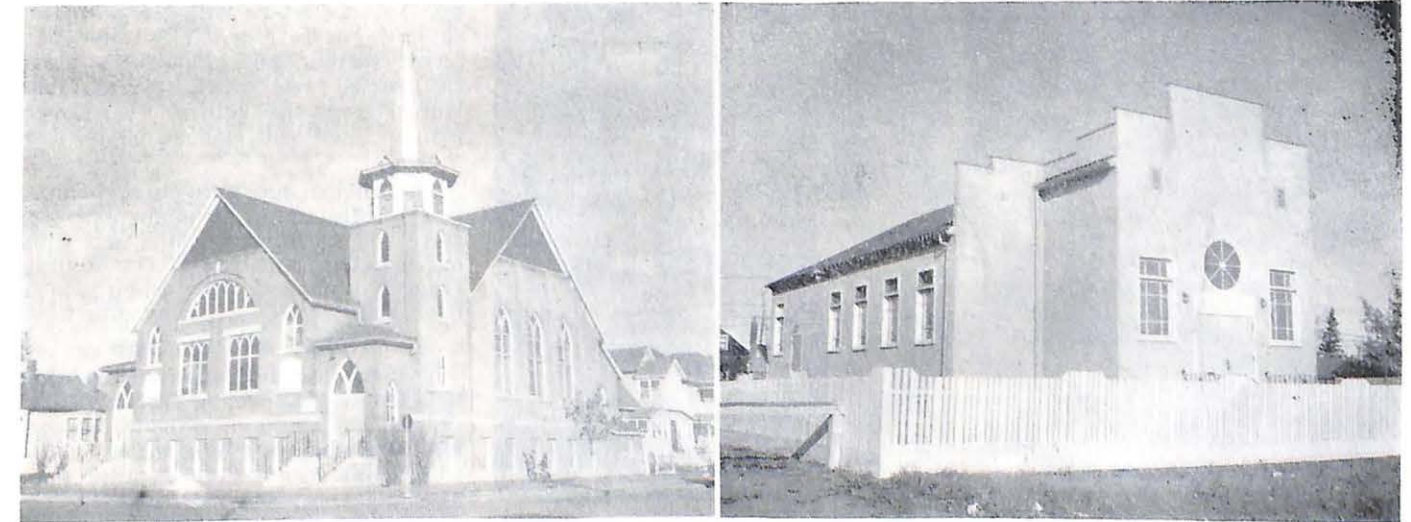
Edmonton now has five churches with approximately 1400 members, and the Northern Alberta Association numbers 22 churches with 3417 members and 20 pastors. There is room and work for all! It is gratifying to see how much consecrated North American Baptists are contributing to the strengthening of the Lord's work. All churches enjoy good attendance, large choirs, inspiring singing and a ready response to the Gospel message.

There vibrates through churches here and there this realization:

"Noble things the great Past promised, Holy dreams, both strange and new. It's to the present to fulfill them, What it promised, we shall do."

How beautiful is spring! Though inevitably delayed, it comes at last like a fairy queen in colorful procession

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The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta (left), founded in 1899, the oldest of our five churches in Edmonton, and (right) the Zion Mission Baptist Church, founded in 1955, the youngest of these churches.

Dedication of a New Baptist Home

Report of the North American Baptist Home at Madison, South Dakota

by Rev. Rubin Herrmann

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS of co-operatively planning and working together, members and friends of the South Dakota Association churches met on Friday afternoon, February 28, to dedicate the North American Baptist Nursing Home of Madison, South Dakota. Inclement weather and hazardous road conditions prevented many from attending.

Rev. Willis Potratz, who presided, opened the service by pronouncing the invocation. The keys to the Home were then presented by the General Contractor to the president of the Board of Directors, Rev. Alfred Weisser.

Each hall re-echoed triumphant voices of the hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," as the people unitedly exalted the Lord in bringing about this accomplishment. Rev. Elton Kirstein read Scripture and Rev. Gordon Huisinga led in prayer. Brief remarks followed by Rev. Alfred Weisser and Mr. Harold Lippert, commending all for their whole-hearted support in this undertaking. The former had acted as building co-ordinator, while the latter is treasurer of the Home.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., focused our attention upon the theme, "Thy Will Be Done," based on Matthew 6:10. Mrs. Roy Seibel sang "Bless This House." Rev. Harold Weiss closed the service with the benediction. Radio station KBRK, Brookings, S. Dak., broadcast this service. Open



—Photo by Roy Seibel
Baptist leaders who participated in the Dedication Program of the Baptist Nursing Home, Madison, S. Dak.
Left to right: Rev. J. G. Benke, host pastor; Rev. Willis Potratz, moderator; Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, guest speaker; Rev. Alfred Weisser, chairman of Building Committee; Rev. D. S. Wipf, director of Nursing Home; Mr. H. B. Lippert, Treasurer of Building Committee.

house and coffee hour followed in which all were invited to tour the Home and enjoy refreshments supplied by Woman's Missionary Unions.

The T-Shaped, one-story building is constructed of brick with cement tile block partitions. It is a fire-proof building, even to the extent of fibre

glass, fire-resistant drapes. The Home has the best facilities possible for its residents. Each room is furnished with a comfortable bed, one easy chair, bedside table, built-in desk with a straight back chair, sink and a built-in closet and drawers.

A beautiful variety of pastel color schemes are used in both single and double rooms. All the woodwork is of mellow-toned Philippine mahogany. Each room, including bathrooms, is equipped with a call light system. The call system is connected to a switchboard at the nurse's station where an attendant will be on duty at all times.

The lounge is decorated in blush pink and lake blue with low windows so that guests may enjoy the quiet scenic surroundings. Below the plastic paneled wall which separates the lounge from the hallway is a large planter filled with foliage plants and shelves.

The kitchen has built-in cupboards, large refrigerator, combination gas stove and a central working unit with overhanging cupboards. The dining room is equipped with tables which have stain resistant, vermiculite tops.

ACT OF DEDICATION

The evening dedication service was held at the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison with its pastor, Rev. J. Benke, presiding. After an inspirational song service led by Rev. Leland Friesen and Scripture read by Mr. Edwin Wobig, the local church choir sang the anthem, "Glorious Is



Rev. Alfred Weisser, chairman of the Building Committee, presents his report at the dedication of the Baptist Nursing Home, Madison, S. Dak. The program was broadcast over Station KBRK.

Thy Name." Prayer was offered by Rev. Rubin Herrmann and Mr. Herman Bleeker received the offering for the Home. Mayor Floyd Whealy conveyed greetings from the city of Madison, to which Rev. D. S. Wipf responded.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman spoke to the well attended service from Matthew 25:40-46. The Act of Dedication was followed by the dedicatory prayer by Rev. Alfred Weisser, and Rev. Henry Pfeifer pronounced the benediction.

This Home, costing \$165,000, stands as a monument of faith to God and to his people who rallied around a pressing need. It offers to serve such who need its care in the name of Jesus Christ. Rev. D. S. Wipf is the superintendent. Guests of the Home moved in after federal inspection was made on March 7. At the time of the dedication there were still a few vacancies. Anyone desiring to become a guest of the Home is requested to contact the superintendent at once.

WELCOME OF CHURCHES

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and with the accompaniment of the singing of the birds through the gates of the waking world in scented bridal robes of richest hues, her arms laden with snowdrops and violets and tulips—flowers of every kind! Every buried seed bursts its little coffin and reaches out for the light.

Most of us feel a new thrill and throb of heart as we witness the enactment of the great drama of nature's resurrection, the wonder of a world renewed, the transformation of the barren earth into a bower of beauty. There is something very tender and precious and fine that awakens in us and sets us to dreaming of things more wonderful than we have known before.

SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES

When "it's Springtime in the Rockies," the General Conference will be meeting here in Edmonton, framed by indescribable scenic beauty which will at that time unfold in all the fulness of its glory. It is the fervent prayer of the host churches and pastors that in this lovely setting our General Conference may experience a veritable springtime of the soul, a spirit-born revival in the midst of the year (Habakkuk 3:2). It is that for which churches everywhere are yearning.

We are all aware of influences about us today that chill us and cool us down, that paralyze and deaden the best in us, and tend to bind the soul with grave-clothes like the frost fetters that hold the earth in the hard days of winter. May he that sitteth upon the throne of this universe and is Lord of his Church free us from all spiritual bondage, chilling unkindness and indifference, and all barren forgetfulness, and make all things new at this time.

As we gather for the General Conference in Edmonton may we do so in thoughtful, prayerful expectancy of

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible
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YEARS AGO Dr. Reuben A. Torrey wrote an article which enjoyed wide circulation entitled, "The Certainty and Importance of the Bodily Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead." Although the burden of the article was to defend the historicity of the resurrection, "the cornerstone of Christian doctrine," Dr. Torrey included the word "bodily" in the title with good reason. He wanted to be certain that it was understood what KIND of resurrection he was defending, for the nature of Christ's resurrection determines the nature of the believer's resurrection (I Cor. 15:20).

The New Testament consistently insists upon a bodily resurrection. This is in keeping with early Christian teaching, in contrast to Hellenistic thought, that the body must not be excluded from its relevance to the moral issues of life and the final destiny of Christians. The Christian waits for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of his BODY. Paul is explicit in Phil. 3:20, 21: "But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself" (RSV).

THE RESURRECTION BODY

Granted that the resurrection is bodily, what does this mean? The most complete treatment we have of this problem is found in I Cor. 15:36 ff. Here Paul answers the two-fold question, "How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?" by pointing to an analogy from nature. "And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body which shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or some other grain: But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body."

A seed is sown but what springs up is not the seed, but something different. However, there is continuity between the seed and the ripe grain. "The resurrection-body will be the same as the body laid away in the earth, in the same sense as the living

what the Lord will do. May our unfettered souls break forth into loveliness and jubilant hallelujahs to the King of kings. No efforts of satanic power will then be able to hinder the cause which engages all our best ef-

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Difficulties are God's errands; and when we are sent upon them, we should esteem it a proof of God's confidence—as a compliment from him".

—Henry Ward Beecher

stalk of grain is identical with the seed from which it germinated" (Strong, *Systematic Theology*, p. 1020).

Now this does not mean that we are forced into a crude view of the resurrection body like that of Tertullian who insisted that no part of the present constituents of the body would not be in the resurrection: "The flesh will arise, itself, whole and entire." The identity of the body does not depend so much on material particles as on the principle of continuity. Thus there will be continuity between this "body of humiliation" and the "glorious body" of the resurrection. Change there most certainly will be, "for this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality." The New Testament only hints at what the changes actually will be.

CONTINUOUS LIFE

The doctrine of a bodily resurrection in the true Pauline sense takes on new interest in the light of trends in science, philosophy and psychology. A. M. Ramsey writes: "The trend of modern science and philosophy seem to have features which confirm the credibility of the Pauline doctrine. The thought of a few decades ago was sometimes marked by a rigid contrast between spirit and matter, between personality and physical organism. . . . But today there is in physics the tendency to regard material objects as the organization of energy in particular forms and to hold that the persistence of a body lies not in the immutability of its physical constituents but in their continued organization in accordance with the principal of the body's self-identity. Again, in the study of personality there is a reluctance to exclude the body from the essential self. . . . Indeed, the outlook of modern thought gives no encouragement to a sharp distinction between spirit and matter or in a spiritual life that can be diametrically contrasted with the bodily life. Rather does it seem to encourage us to beware of setting limits to the possibility of a bodily life that is both continuous and yet utterly different." (*The Resurrection of Christ*, pp. 112 f.)

forts and strength. It is the Lord's work; therefore let it prosper.

"The work is thine, O Christ our Lord, The cause for which we stand; And being thine, 'twill overcome Its foes on ev'ry hand.

Yet grains of wheat, before they grow,

Are buried in the earth below; All that is old doth perish there To form a life both new and fair: So too are we from self and sin made free."

We the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

Sometimes I wonder if we appreciate the sacrifices of our denominational evangelists' wives. Listen as Mrs. H. Palfenier speaks. She is acquainted with her topic, for she practices it all for the sake of winning souls for Christ.

SHARING

By Mrs. H. Palfenier

"For as his share is that goes down to the battle, so shall his share be that abides by the stuff. They shall share alike" (I Samuel 30:24).

As I look back upon the years which I have spent as the wife of an evangelist who is out on the battleline seeking to snatch from the enemy, not cattle and goods, but precious souls, the above verse has become very precious to me and has helped me through many trying hours. It has given me renewed strength and courage, a very deep sense of satisfaction, and the assurance of the presence of God.

To be transplanted out of a life of active service and leadership in the work of the Lord into the quietness, and often solitude, of waiting and watching brings with it its own problems and testings. But the thought that all this is part of the larger and glorious whole and, just as necessary as the actual combat and strife for victory, gives courage and strength to carry on.

Many have been the tokens of love and friendship which have come to me from those among whom my husband has been privileged to labor. Their love and friendship for him have spilled over into my life in abundant measure. No matter whether we serve or wait with the stuff, the Lord says: "They shall share alike."

"We, the Women" are often called to the task of waiting and guarding, sometimes in obscure places, never basking in the limelight of recognition and approval. This is apt to make us disheartened and dissatisfied with our lot. But as handmaidens of the Lord, let us remember that we share in the reward of faithfulness in the day when the spoils will be divided. The Lord will have no favorites. Even the "cup of water" will find its full and everlasting reward.

May the Lord bless you all as you labor together in the glorious task of winning souls to the Lord, whether by going forth or staying at home to keep the "home fires burning." If we do that faithfully, our hands will be like the hands of Samson, filled with the honey of victory, and able to fill the hungry hearts of those who need Christ and salvation.

General S. S. Committee Session

Review of Important Decisions and Recommendations
by Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, President of the Sunday School Union

THE DAYS OF February 7 and 8 were the occasion for intensive planning by the General Sunday School Committee of the activities and program of the Sunday School Union for the coming year.

In his annual written report, the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, the general secretary, stated that "the Lord is faithful in all his works and gracious in all his deeds." This was reflected in the reports of the local conference Sunday School secretaries. It was revealed that a total of 59 Workers' Conferences were held in the past year. The Sunday School emphasis at the annual local conferences is on the increase as local committees have sponsored workshops or problem clinics during the annual sessions.

A motion was made that a prepared questionnaire be sent by the conference committees to the local churches to evaluate the work in that area. This will be accomplished previous to the occasion of a Workers' Conference in that area.

The committee took note of the importance of personal or small group counselling by recommending that, whenever the opportunity presents itself, the Sunday School Union staff should have a personal conference with the pastors and superintendents of our churches in order to determine with them the areas of need in their local church school.

EVALUATION OF S. S. MATERIALS

Last May the General Council requested the Sunday School Union to make available the evaluation findings of the Sunday School Lesson Committee to our churches. The evaluation report covered Sunday School lessons from Nursery to Senior High in closely graded and group graded materials, with the exception of the uniform materials, where the evaluation was made through the Junior High. The response from our churches indicates that the evaluation is very helpful towards a more intelligent approach in selecting materials. The General Sunday School Committee made a recommendation that the present Sunday School Lesson Committee be authorized to evaluate Vacation Bible School material in addition to its present assignment.

The Sunday School Union missionary projects for 1958-59 are to be Church Extension, the Cameroons Mission Schools, and the Spanish-American field. The Union will again send a leaflet to our churches recommending methods of promotion and resource materials for the current mission projects.

In conjunction with the consideration of Mission Projects and Leadership Training, Dr. M. L. Leuschner re-

ported on the future publication of such study books as a Missionary Handbook, a Denominational Handbook, Baptist Distinctives and Stewardship. These will be available for Leadership Training Courses or as resource material.

Our Children's Worker, Miss Ruth Bathauer, reported on the fruitful progress of the work among the children. Approximately 100 churches are participating in the Scripture Memory Program with 1581 boys and girls having completed the work in 1957. A total of 173 Vacation Bible Schools were reported last year. It is significant to note that the work of our DVBS resulted in 419 conversions and that a total of \$6000 was given to missions. Here is very tangible evidence of the response of our children to the claims of Christ if we are faithful and versatile in the presentation.

In 1959-64 the major Baptist fellowships of America will cooperate in a movement called the "Baptist Jubilee Advance." The purpose of this movement is to reach all of America with the full force of a Baptist Christian witness. Since our conference will be one of the cooperating bodies, the emphasis of the program of the Sunday School Union for the next triennium will coincide with this emphasis.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL THEME

The Sunday School Union theme for the new triennium will be "Open Doors of Opportunity" (Rev. 3:8). During the last half of 1958 the Union will promote a program of "Outreach and Follow-up," stressing the ministry of visitation. The period of January 1958-May 1960 will center on activities around the program, "Evangelism Through Cooperative Witness."

From September 28-October 5, 1958, our Sunday Schools will participate in Sunday School Week using as its theme the new triennial theme, "Open Doors of Opportunity."

Consideration was also given to increasing attendance in our schools and to the publicity of our denominational program at the various Sunday School age levels. The committee accepted a plan of promotion developed by our vice-president, Mr. James Billeter, which will commence January 11, 1958 for an eight-week period. Details will be forthcoming in the fall of the year.

Attention was focused on the many Sunday School Union activities planned for the General Conference in Edmonton this summer. On Wednesday noon of the conference week, the Union is planning a Workers' Luncheon. On Friday evening the Union will present its program to the entire delegation featuring "The Ideal Sunday School" based on the Sunday School

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What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Alphonz Lamprecht of Edmonton, Alberta, have announced the birth of a daughter on March 7th who has been named Virginia Marie. This is their third child. Mr. Lamprecht is pastor of Edmonton's McKernan Baptist Church.

● The Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Drake and Anamoose, N. Dak., has called Mr. Arnold Friez, a member of the Seminary's Senior Class, as its pastor to which he has responded favorably. He plans to begin his work there on July 1st, several weeks following the Seminary's commencement exercises on May 18. He will succeed Rev. Arthur A. Voigt, now of Avon, S. Dak.

● The Southwood Park Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, has called Rev. Albert Wardin of Portland as its pastor. He is already on the field in a full time capacity, having succeeded Rev. Frank Friesen, a denominational interim and supply pastor. Mr. Wardin has served as the interim pastor of several North American Baptist churches of Oregon in recent years.

● The article in the March 6 issue of the "Baptist Herald" entitled, "Wanted, A Director of Christian Education," was written by Mr. Bruce A. Rich, whose picture is shown on page 10. This article was prepared by him under the supervision of Professor Martha Leyboldt of the Seminary's Department of Christian Education. Mr. Rich is a member of the senior class of the North American Baptist Seminary.

● The Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wisconsin, held a Christian Life Conference from March 30 to April 6 with Rev. Donald Wise of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., bringing the messages and musical numbers. A special Easter rally was held on Saturday night, April 5. Another special youth service was held on March 15, when the Gospel film, "Wiretapper," was shown. Rev. G. W. Blackburn is the pastor.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Bison, S. Dak., has called Mr. Jerry Vilhauer of Loyal, Oklahoma, as its pastor. He is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., and a student for one year at the Johnson City Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N. Y. He accepted the call and began his ministry there on February 23. His parents are members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal, Okla. He is married to the former Joyce Mann, also a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute.

● On Sunday evening, March 16, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, baptized 9 young people. "Baptist Men" held its March meeting on March 10 with Rev. Merle Brenner of Ellinwood,

Kansas, as the speaker. The church choir presented an impressive program of Easter music on April 6. Recently Mrs. Clarence Wilkens was elected president of the Dorcas Society and Mrs. Louis Rolfs, Jr., president of the King's Daughters.

● On Sunday evening, March 9, a Youth Inspiration Rally for the South Hills area church of Pittsburgh, Pa., was held at the Temple Baptist Church. A capacity crowd of 225 was in attendance. Members of the Senior Youth Fellowship of the Temple Church served as ushers, and Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor, extended the welcome and introduced the speaker, Don Phillips. The rally was a rousing success and a wonderful inspiration to the young people.

● The annual Lenten series of services held on Thursday evenings by the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, closed on April 3, with a communion service and the presentation of the cantata, "Man of Sorrows," by the church choirs. The series of services began on March 6 with Dr. C. L. Seasholes of Dayton's First Baptist Church as the speaker. On March 27 the colored film on the last week of Jesus' life, "I Beheld His Glory," was presented. Rev. Helmut H. Riemer is the pastor.

● The Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill., held its "Dad and Lad Supper" on Saturday, March 22, with Rev. Clyde Weaver, chaplain of the Chicago Parental School, as the guest speaker. The ordination service for Rev. Bernard Schalm, the pastor's assistant, was held on March 16 about which a more detailed report will be given in the next issue. On Palm Sunday, March 30, the church choir presented the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theo. DuBois. The choir director is Mr. Herbert Pankrat. The pastor of the church is Rev. Joe Sonnenberg.

● Rev. Herbert Koch, pastor of an American Baptist Convention Church at Padroni, Colorado, passed away on Wednesday, March 12. He had been operated on late in February, and he seemed to be on the road to recovery for several days thereafter. A group of Baptist ministers of Colorado conducted the memorial service held in

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Eternity is the divine treasure house, and hope is the window by means of which mortals are permitted to see, as through a glass darkly, the things which God is preparing".—Mountford

Denver, Colorado. Mr. Koch served for several years as pastor of the East Side Church, Chicago, Ill. His mother and a brother, Gerhardt, are members of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. We extend sincerest sympathy to his wife in her deep bereavement.

● On Sunday, March 16, Rev. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, baptized 19 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. On Sunday evening, March 9, the annual program of the Woman's Missionary Society was held at the church with Dr. Paul Gebauer, superintendent of our Cameroons Baptist Mission, as guest speaker. A Youth Choir has been started under the direction of Rev. George Breikreuz, the church's director of Christian Education. It has been announced that at least 15 members of the church hope to attend the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta, 1200 miles away.

● A Leadership Training Course was recently completed at the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Oklahoma. The textbook, "The People Called Baptists" by McDaniel, was taught by the pastor, Rev. Leon Bill. More than 20 church leaders and teachers were enrolled. On Sunday evening, March 9, a special "Baptist Men's" program was held with Mr. Harry Geis, vice-president of the local group, in charge. Mr. Elmer Fisher, president, led the song service, and Mr. O. G. Graalman read the Scripture passage and offered the prayer. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., served as the guest speaker. On a later Sunday in March the Bible Day program was presented by the Sunday School with Mr. Weldon Geis, superintendent, in charge. At the evening service, one person was baptized by the pastor.

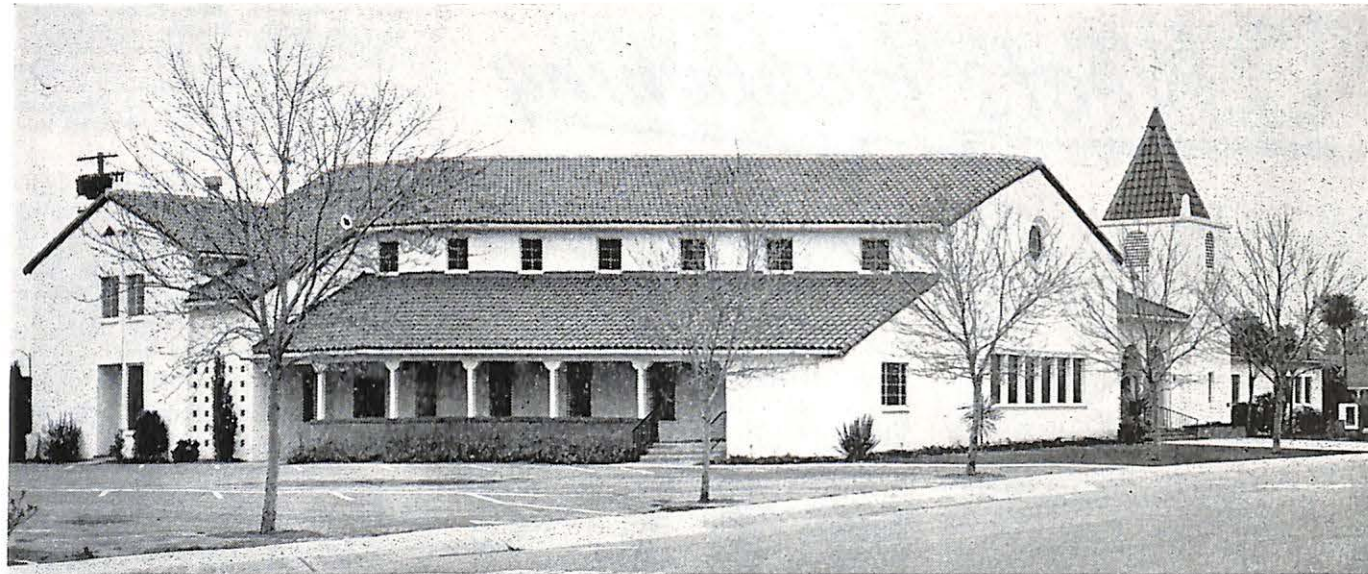
COMMIT THY WAY TO THE LORD

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As a Christian layman, as I claim the promise of the verse quoted (and I have claimed the promise often), it speaks to me from two different standpoints. First, I am aware of and have experienced the help and strength that God does give those who commit their ways unto him.

However, I am also aware of the commitment that becomes mine. If I am to commit my problems and the disturbing forces in my life unto him in order that I may have peace of mind and assurance, I must commit my life, my will and all that is in me to him and his service. Only then can the promise be fully realized.

Too often, we fall into the error of being a "Give me" Christian. Let us not be so, but let us give unreservedly of ourselves so that the world may see that a joyous and tranquil life can be experienced in these times of great and awesome world events.



The Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California, which celebrated its 10th anniversary on Feb 22 and 23. The sanctuary of its \$140,000 church was completed in 1956. It now has a membership of 435.

Tenth Anniversary, Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

Report of Anniversary Festivities — by Rev. Robert Schreiber, Pastor

TEN YEARS AGO on February 25, 1948, the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, California, was born. There were 173 members who agreed to request the First Baptist Church of the city to release them for the purpose of beginning a new work on the west side of the city. Of these charter members, 144 are still on the membership roll today.

Property was purchased at the west end of Elm Street. The grape vines were cleared and construction started on the first unit of a building. Some of the people felt that it was foolish to go so far away from the heart of the city, since that was the western limit of the city at that time. Developments since that time have proved the wisdom of the decision, for the church is now located in the heart of a thriving residential district.

MEMBERSHIP OF 435

Within a few years the original structure became too small. The new addition completed in 1956 is now also being fully used. The membership has grown to 435 and the average attendance in Sunday School during the month of February was 346.

Over \$250,000 have been contributed by the people for all purposes during the decade. The largest amount, over \$140,000, has been designated for building purposes.

Two pastors have served the church during this period. Rev. Arthur R. Weisser, the first pastor, served until 1952. The present pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, has been with the church since September 1952. Rev. A. J. Harms served the church for a brief time at the very beginning as interim pastor.

The anniversary celebration began

on Saturday night, February 22, with a fellowship supper for the members and their families. An informal program was arranged for the purpose of getting better acquainted with some of the newer members of the church.

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES

Three services were conducted on Sunday in addition to Sunday School. At the morning service, Rev. J. C. Gunst brought a message on "God's Delight — His Temple," which was much appreciated by the large audience in attendance. Our sister churches in the area were invited to attend the afternoon service. The pastors brought greetings from their respective congregations and Brother Gunst brought the message of the afternoon on "Great Was Their Faith." Our choir, together

with the choir of the First Baptist Church, sang several inspiring selections.

At the evening service fifteen persons were baptized, and these together with five others were given the hand of fellowship at the communion service which followed. A memorial service reminded us of the twenty members who in the past decade had completed their work on earth and had been called to a higher service.

We are happy to dedicate all the fruitful efforts of the past decade "unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood." In the decades that are still to come we want to "run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

Ground Breaking Services, Portland

Beginning of a New Building for the Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore.
Reported by Rev. Henry W. Barnett, Pastor

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, Feb. 9th, a large number of members and friends of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., gathered at the site of our new property to break ground for our new building. Mr. Earl Marks, church moderator, served as master of ceremonies. Congregational songs were led by Miss Hildegard Wagner, our choir director, and the Scripture reading was given by Virgil LeClair, one of the trustees. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Charles Wagner, a member of the church.

It was our privilege to have some of the men with us who have been, and will be, instrumental in the plan-

ning and building of this Christian Educational unit. Mr. George Guins, a structural engineer, is our architect and Mr. Allen Lawson is our contractor. Mr. Jack Bain, chairman of the Multnomah County Commissioners, sent greetings in the form of a telegram. Our Junior Choir then sang for us under the direction of Mrs. Florence Bauder with Miss Gloria Werner playing the accordion. Our guest speaker was Rev. J. C. Gunst, denominational promotional secretary, who gave us a challenging message.

Then we proceeded with the ground breaking. Due to death in the family one of our charter members, Mrs. Mary

Harding, was unable to be with us. Mr. J. A. Hoelzer, another charter member, was the first to turn the soil with the shovel. Mr. Maitland, chairman of the building construction committee, was next in line to break the ground. We then invited any member or friend, who desired to do so, to break the ground and make a contribution to the building fund. A total of \$900 was contributed at this time.

The dedicatory prayer was given by the pastor, Rev. Henry W. Barnett, followed by a vocal solo by Hildegard Wagner. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Lewis Berndt, superintendent of the Baptist Home in Portland. We expect to begin construction very soon since we are without a regular building in which to meet. Our plans call for the erection of the Christian Education unit which will cost \$89,143. This is all that is planned for at the present time.

CONFERENCE DATES

- April 24-27 — ATLANTIC CONFERENCE at the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia.
- May 29—June 1 — NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE at Steamboat Rock, Iowa.
- June 9-10 — SOUTHERN CONFERENCE at Latham Springs Encampment, Acquilla, Texas.
- June 18-22 — DAKOTA CONFERENCE at Ashley, N. Dak. (50th Anniversary).
- July 16-18 — PACIFIC CONFERENCE at Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana.
- July 21 (Morning and Afternoon)—NORTHERN CONFERENCE at McKernan Church, Edmonton.
- July 21-27 — GENERAL CONFERENCE at Jubilee Auditorium, Edmonton, Alberta.
- August 20-24 — SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE at Tabor College Campus, Hillsboro, Kansas.
- August 21-24—EASTERN CONFERENCE at Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- CENTRAL CONFERENCE will not convene in 1958.

Educational Unit Dedicated, Winnipeg

Dedication of a new Sunday School building by the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Reported by Miss E. Redlich

"WONDERFUL" was perhaps the most common expression used in describing the newly completed Educational Unit of the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Indeed, it is a prayer answered; a wonderful dream of many years come true; a solution to our ever-increasing problem of where to put new Sunday School classes when dividing overcrowded ones.

About a year ago plans began taking shape. Mr. H. J. Schulz was chosen to design a three-story construction to meet the needs of the Sunday School. However, before building could begin, more land had to be purchased. We were very fortunate that the adjoining property was available to us, allowing a double garage to be erected.

The Unit extends along the rear of the church. This Educational Unit houses eleven classrooms, 13 by 13 feet, multicolored (pink, grey and white; blue, grey and white; green and white; yellow, brown and white), with blackboard and tackboard in every room, office, washroom facilities, storage closets and assembly room, 34 by 40 feet, in natural birch, with kitchenette. The total cost was \$50,000.

The minimum cost of our Unit is

QUOTABLES

The trouble with letting off steam is that it only gets you into more hot water.

There are no bargain counters in the market of life.

True comfort is found not in an outward good, but an inward state.

Trust God in the light to find Him in the night.

Preparing for a rainy day is fine if it doesn't lead to missing the sunshine of today.

— Compiled by John E. Southard

largely due to the careful planning of the Building Committee (Messrs. H. J. Schulz, Wm. Patzia, J. Rogalski Sr., F. Zilkie, Ed Streuber, H. Schmidt, G. Poschwatta, R. Schroth and E. Seehagel) and the tireless efforts of all members and friends who gave time and talents for a total of 6,842 hours free labor. Concrete work, electrical, roofing, millwork and heating installations only were given to contractors.

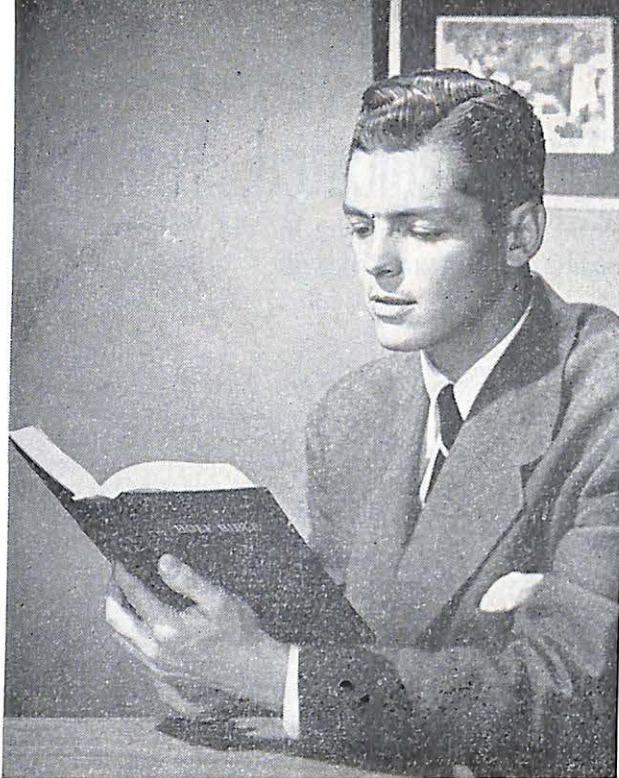
Sunday, Feb. 23rd, the day of dedication, dawned beautifully in anticipation and excitement. The Sunday School inaugurated the celebration with a special program. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was our guest speaker for the day. Concluding the morning worship service, five candidates were baptized by our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit.

About 1000 people enthusiastically witnessed the dedication ceremony in the afternoon. The five sister churches were specially invited to this service. The church choirs, united as a mass choir, confirmed our thankfulness in song. After reports, words of appreciation and greetings, Dr. Leuschner presented the dedication message, followed by a baritone solo, "Bless This House," by George Berthin, and the dedication prayer. The choir concluded with "Our Father" and the Morris Band provided the postludium, "Mighty God, We Worship Thee." The ladies of the church provided refreshments while our guests inspected the new Unit. In the evening Dr. Leuschner showed moving pictures on various phases of our denominational work.

As the finished Unit now stands before us we realize our added responsibility, but gratefully acknowledge the sacrifices offered and thank God for enabling us to complete the same without a serious mishap.



A section of the crowd of 1000 people in the sanctuary of the McDermot Ave. church, Winnipeg, Manitoba (left), attending the dedication program for the \$50,000 Educational Unit which is shown from the rear of the building at the right.



—A. Devaney, Inc.
David Gardner felt the call of God to study for the ministry, much to the disgust of his college roommate, Barry Carter.

The TORCH BEARER

By Sallie Lee Bell

The heart-throbbing story of young people, wrapped up in the world and themselves, who find serenity and joy in Christ.

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SYNOPSIS

Barry Carter was irritated by his college roommate and close friend, David Gardner, because he announced that he was going to be a preacher. They entered into frequent discussions about the Bible and God. A week before Barry and Cicily were to be married, a dinner party was held for them by friends. David went along reluctantly to the party. Toasts were drunk to the prospective bridegroom, as David looked on silently and critically. When an irreverent toast was drunk to him, David left the party. Barry followed him and persuaded him to drive home in his car. Then seized by a maddening force, Barry drove the car recklessly until it skidded around a corner and plunged down an embankment, killing David in the crash. Some weeks later, Barry went to be with his aunt, Mrs. Murray, in quiet Pleasant Hill in order to forget the tragedy. But some revival meetings were in progress. Barry refused to attend. But one evening, while going for a walk, he became so tired that he entered the church and sank into the nearest chair just to rest. The song held his attention: "I gave my life for thee; what hast thou given to me?"

CHAPTER EIGHT

BARRY sat there under the spell of soul-stirring words and the beautiful melody and presently tears came to his eyes. This night the preacher was talking about the Love of God and what that love had cost Him at Calvary. As Barry listened, for the first time in all his careless life, he realized that God was indeed a Person with a capacity for love that no mortal could ever know. That message burned itself upon his memory and found its way to his heart. He went to his room when the people began to leave. He undressed slowly. There was a battle raging within his soul, a warfare between his stubborn determination not to believe the things that had changed David's life and the call of his heart for the peace and calm which he felt had left him forever.

Everything that David had told him about his salvation, in the few times that David had been allowed to talk to him; everything that Dale had said, came to him to torture and disturb

him. Why was he so unwilling to yield to the still small voice within him that was pleading against his own stubbornness? He knew that it was because he had made his own plans for his life. If he yielded to that Voice and believed what David had believed, it meant giving up his own life to follow in the footsteps of another; it meant asking Cicily to wait for him while he prepared for a work which seemed most distasteful.

He knew that if he followed the urge which welled up within him, to attend that meeting, he would do what David had done; he would do the thing for which he had ridiculed David so many times; he would go down to that altar and acknowledge that he was a sinner who needed a Savior. He knew that if he did that, he would have to surrender his life to preach the Gospel. He knew that just as surely as if someone had told him in so many words. It was not just because Dale had suggested it. Tonight he felt that it was God speaking to him, even as his aunt had said. And the knowledge filled him with fear. He knew, in this soul-searching hour, that if he resisted this urge and turned a deaf ear to that voice, he would never have peace again. He would be, as David had said, a lost soul. Yet he felt that if he yielded, he would never be happy. How could he, who had always laughed at those who preached and called them every despicable name he could think of, become one of them? His whole being revolted at the thought.

He got into bed and tried to sleep, but, like a refrain, the words of that poem that Dale had quoted to him kept ringing in his mind: "To you from failing hands we fling the torch. Be it yours to hold it high."

He decided that he would go home the next day. He would forget this

meeting and all the disturbing thoughts it had brought to life within him. But the next night he was there in that meeting. He never quite knew how it happened, but when the meeting began, he was there, sitting upon the last bench and listening with rapt attention to every word the preacher was saying.

He had packed his things that morning and had told his aunt that he had decided to go home, since he was feeling stronger. She had been disappointed at this sudden decision and had begged him to stay just one more day. What he did not know was that she had been praying that the Lord would lead him to that meeting and that he would accept Christ as his Savior. He consented reluctantly and when the time came for the service to begin, she asked him if he would go with her. She had not asked him since he had rebuffed her that first night. To her surprise, he said he would go.

As he sat there by himself on that bench, he wondered what had come over him to make him willing to come, but as the singing began, he forgot everything while he listened to the hymns.

Once more he felt that the preacher was speaking just to him. It was as if that preacher had looked into his mind and had read the battle that he had fought the night before. His sermon was on the joy of surrender. Barry could see himself in every sentence. The preacher pictured ambitious youth, intent upon planning his own life and looking to a rosy future when dreams would come true. Then he told of how God steps into a life and asks that that future be turned over to Him, of how He changes the pattern of that life. He pictured the struggle between ambition and God's will. He told of his own battle and his unwillingness to become a preacher.

He had had such different plans for his life. He had planned to become a physician. Then he said something that Barry never forgot.

"God has a pattern for each life and it is only when we fit into that pattern and follow God's plan that we can't go wrong. When we refuse to follow that pattern and go our own headstrong way, we can never go right. In His perfect will there is perfect peace, no matter how great the battle may be before we yield, but out of His will there can be no real peace."

When the invitation was given, Barry stumbled down the aisle like someone going forward to receive a death sentence. He did not realize until the miracle had happened, that he had indeed received a death sentence, death to the old life, the old Barry. But at the same time he had received the gift that was priceless—the gift of eternal life.

The next morning when he came in to breakfast, his aunt knew that the miracle had really happened. Instead of the usual gloomy response to her greeting, he gave her a bright smile and a cheery good morning.

"I feel like a new person today," he said as he sat down.

"You are, my boy," his aunt replied. "You're a new creature in Christ Jesus. I could tell by the look on your face when you came in that what happened last night was real."

"It was real, all right," Barry told her. "I fought the greatest battle of my life last night, but now that it's all settled, there is peace in my heart at last. It's a wonderful feeling," he said with a new note of reverence in his voice. "I was so foolish to resist God's voice for so long. It first came to me when David tried to talk to me about the Lord just after he had found Christ, but I wouldn't listen. How I wish I had! He would still be alive and we could be so happy together." A shadow crossed his face and he sighed involuntarily.

"Are you still determined to go home today?" his aunt asked.

"No. I don't want to go now. I think I'll stay a few days longer and attend the meeting. I have so much to learn and so much to unlearn and I believe that preacher can help me. I will surely need a lot of help."

Barry marveled, as he rode home, at the change which had taken place within him, not only spiritually, but physically. His strength had returned with amazing rapidity. He did not realize that his peace of mind was the chief cause of his recovery. His remorse of conscience and the mental depression which came as a result, was the chief factor which had hindered his return to health.

His mother greeted him with open arms and tears of joy. He had written to her and told her of his conversion. "It is what I have been praying for,

for so long," she told him while they sat and he told her all about what had happened. "I knew that the meeting was going on and I prayed that you would go and that you would find the Lord, but I'm afraid my faith was weak."

After luncheon he went to see Dale. His heart smote him when he noted how pale and thin she was. Though she greeted him with a smile, he could see the marks of suffering on her face and in her eyes. He could see that she had been crying. His heart ached anew over the tragedy which he had caused. He realized that there would be many times such as this, when the memory of David and his own sin would return to bring suffering. It was the harvest of his own years, but he must reap what he had sowed, in sorrow and regret.

"You don't have to tell me what has happened," Dale remarked. "I can see that God has answered prayer."

"Does it really show as plainly as that?" he asked as he took her hands and held them for a moment.

"To me it does. The gloom is all gone and there is peace there. And I know that down in your heart there is joy."

"There is also regret that it didn't happen long ago," he replied as they sat down.

He told her of the struggle he had had and the conviction that if he accepted salvation, it would mean that he would have to give up all of his his own plans for his life.

There was a smile upon her face but there were tears in her eyes when he had finished.

"I shall feel that David is living his life through you," she said. "That thought will make the way so much easier for me."

"I shall never be able to do what David hoped to do, in just the way he would have done it, but I shall try to live my life in the way God wants me to live it. Perhaps in time I shall be able to feel that I have atoned in a small way for the terrible thing I did to David. But I'll need your help, Dale. It sounds terribly weak for me to say that, but I don't feel that I can go on without your help to give me courage to face a future that will bring many difficulties."

"You must learn to put your trust in God, Barry," she told him. "You know that I shall always be glad to help in any way that I can, but begin now to look to Him for strength and wisdom to meet any situation. He'll always be there to help you."

"I believe that," he agreed, "but I need you too. I need your moral support. You're such a little thing that it sounds silly for a big hulk of a fellow like me to say that he needs your moral support, but I do. I have a problem on my hands now. It's Cicily. I don't believe she's going to like the idea of this change in my plans."

"No, I'm afraid she won't," Dale replied.

"If I go to Bible school, it will mean that we can't be married right away, and she's not going to like that at all. She wasn't very sweet about having to put off the wedding when I was in the hospital. I felt sometimes that she was more upset over the delay in the wedding than she was over my being so seriously ill."

Dale was silent. She was thinking of something that Barry would have to face soon. Cicily was not a Christian and Barry would have to face what God's Word said about being unequally yoked together with unbelievers. She knew that she could not say anything about that problem now, for she felt that God would show him that truth in His own time.

"What do you think I should do?" he asked with a worried frown.

"I'd tell her the truth and get it over with," she advised. "The sooner she knows that the wedding will have to be postponed, the easier it will be for you to make your plans."

"If I had the money, I'd marry her and take her with me. That is, if she'd go," he added with a shrug. "But I don't have it, so there's no use thinking about that. I believe that if I work hard I can put two years into one. That's what I hope to do."

"When do you plan to go?" Dale asked.

"Just as soon as I can get my affairs arranged. I hate to have to tell Mr. Neal that I won't be with him any longer. That will be hard, but it won't be as hard as telling Cicily that her future husband will be a preacher instead of a lawyer."

"I'll be going into training next month," Dale said. "I'm anxious to get started. I shall be happier when I'm working."

Once more memory brought a pang to Barry's heart.

"Have you any plans after you finish training?"

"I may offer myself as a missionary to some foreign field. David and I had talked about it. It was our ultimate goal. But that is in the future."

"In the meantime I'll need you here at home. I'm glad you're staying on at the hospital here. I'd hate to come home and find you gone."

"You'd better get on over to Cicily's," she advised. "The sooner you get that problem settled, the easier it will be for you."

"You're right," he agreed as he rose to go. "I'll be coming here often before I leave, if you'll let me. I have an idea that I'm going to need a lot of moral support."

Cicily had never looked more lovely to Barry than she did when she greeted him after their brief separation. She came to him with a radiant smile.

"How wonderful you look!" she exclaimed as he took her in his arms.

(To Be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 27, 1958

Theme: **GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE**

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 11:1; 12:23-28; 14:27-31

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The stronger the forces of evil seem to be, the more miraculous the power of God becomes evident.

INTRODUCTION: Moses was now well established as the leader of Israel. He tried his own way, in his own strength to deliver his brethren from bondage. Perhaps he expected the Israelites to rise up and rally around him because of his willingness to come to their defense. Instead he was surprised that his own people were suspicious of him. Finding himself in danger from friend as well as foe, he had to flee for his life. It took him 40 years to see God's point of view, God's way, God's power, and God's presence. No longer do we see Moses as an impulsive, overly anxious zealot, but a calm, courageous and patient leader who lets God have his way with him. He relies on the staff of God rather than on the strength of his fist. Both friend and foe fear and respect him because they see a power greater than the mere power of man. God, who delivered Moses from himself, can now use him to deliver his people from the bondage of the Egyptians.

I. GOD'S POWER OF DELIVERANCE AND OUR HUMAN ENEMIES. Exodus 11:1.

To elaborate on today's Bible study, review briefly the plagues which came upon the Egyptians before the final plague of the death of all the first-born. God works in different ways his wonders to perform, and we must be careful not to try to use, or even condone, the same methods that God permitted for the deliverance of Israel. Impulsively, like James and John, we are often too ready to pray that God might send fire down from heaven to destroy our enemies. Jesus had to remind his disciples that he came not to destroy men's lives but to save them. Try to keep the lesson in its proper setting and its true historical background. We will always have enemies but we should never show enmity.

II. GOD'S POWER OF DELIVERANCE AND OUR GRATEFULNESS. Exodus 12:23-27.

We cannot always explain why we remember slights so easily and forget favors so quickly. If somehow we could press a button and reverse the order, what a change in our lives that would make! God's best saints are grateful saints. The children of Israel were given the service of the Passover in order to remember and be grateful for God's deliverance. Fu-

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"In his life, Christ is an example, showing us how to live: in his death, he is the sacrifice, satisfying for our sins; in his resurrection, a conqueror; in his ascension, a King; and in his intercession, a High Priest."

— Martin Luther

ture generations proved that whenever Israel sinned, or suffered in bondage, or experienced spiritual and physical famine, it was because they forgot the Lord their God. His power is often limited to our lack of gratefulness.

III. GOD'S POWER OF DELIVERANCE AND OUR OBEDIENCE. Exodus 12:28.

This is an important verse in today's lesson. God can never deliver people who do not want to be delivered. One of the basic principles of medical science is that the patient must observe the direction and instruction of the physician if he wishes to be healed. God's deliverance of Israel was based on their obedience. "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

IV. GOD'S POWER OF DELIVERANCE AND THE POWER OF NATURE. Exodus 14:27-31.

It is wonderful that when a man puts his trust in God, he always finds a way through or over or around or even under. No obstacle is too great, no mission too dangerous when God goes along. It is surprising that Jesus' disciples marvelled most when he manifested his power over nature. "What manner of man is this that even the winds and the sea obey him" (Matt. 8:27). Faith can remove mountains and open a way through the stormy seas of life.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 4, 1958

Theme: **GOD REVEALS HIS LAW**

Scripture: Exodus 19:3-6; 20:1-4, 7-8, 12-17

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God's law is not merely given to restrict us but to protect us.

INTRODUCTION: Continue briefly the journey from the Red Sea to the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai.

Of the giving and making of laws there will probably be no end. New ones are always being enacted and old ones discarded. The Commandments of God, however, remain the same through all the thousands of years

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since their revelation on Mt. Sinai. They have often been broken, forgotten, ignored and misinterpreted, but they have never been revoked. Only the new commandment of love has been added (John 13:34); but otherwise they have been the basic moral law throughout the ages in all civilized lands. Few of us would choose deliberately to live in a country where their influence and protection are not available. It was the highest revelation of God until the advent of Jesus Christ, his Son. And one of Jesus' profoundest statements was uttered when he said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (Matt. 5:17).

I. GOD'S LAW AND ITS CONSEQUENCES. Ex. 19:3-6.

The consequences of God's laws are really twofold: the consequences of those who break God's law, and the consequences of those who keep his law. There is suffering and punishment on the one side and joy and reward on the other. What God is really trying to say is that all the blessings of life can be had by simple obedience and fellowship with God. In order to understand God better, the Israelites need only to look back upon history and experience, and the future would become clear and glorious. God is the future as well as in the past.

II. GOD'S LAW AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO GOD. Ex. 20:1-4; 7, 8.

These first commandments were to remind the Israelites that in everything God is first. Love, honor and worship of God is then reflected in all other areas of life. Anything which supplants God is an idol. And we need not go to heathen nations to find idol worship. Money, pride, selfishness, appetite or comfort can just as easily replace God as the largest Buddhist shrine or a Hindu ritual. Jesus put it in clearer terms when he said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

III. GOD'S LAW AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO MAN. Ex. 20:12-17.

The next six commandments include honoring parents, prohibition against killing, adultery, stealing, lying and coveting. It is interesting to note that these commandments begin with the home. This is the foundation upon which our society is built. If we fail here, it becomes much easier to fail all along the line. Any success we achieve in later life is largely dependent upon the success we established in the home. Reverence for life, to use Dr. Albert Schweitzer's phrase, comes from a reverence for God and for our parents. It becomes evident in our reverence for truth, for other people's property, and it develops a reverence for our own life that keeps us from misusing our bodies for sinful lusts and looking upon them as the temples of the Holy Spirit.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Central Conference

Special Meetings, White Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio

A week of special meetings were held in the White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 16 to 21. Rev. Emanuel Wolff of Burlington, Iowa, a former pastor of our church, was our guest speaker. Although the extremely bad weather during the first part of the week hindered the attendance somewhat, we did feel the presence of God among us. It was a pleasure for many of the members of the church to renew acquaintance with Mr. Wolff again. As weather conditions improved, the attendance also increased. We as a church are grateful to Brother Wolff for spending this week with us and ministering to us from the Word of God.

Our church recently purchased land in a beautiful area of Highland Heights, a suburb of Cleveland. We are now in the midst of making plans to relocate our church. This is a new area, and thus far no other Protestant Church has been established there. We pray that God's blessing may be upon this venture of faith on the part of our people.

EDWARD KARY, Pastor

Southwestern Conference

Six New Members Received at Dighton, Kansas

The accompanying picture shows six new members who have been received into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Dighton, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Johnson were transferred by letter from the First Baptist Church in Independence, Kansas, shortly after Christmas.

An afternoon baptismal service was held on Sunday, February 2, at the First Baptist Church of Scott City, Kansas. Candidates baptized by Pastor Bill Berger were Robert Lacy, Aleta Lacy, Glenda Lacy and Wesley Berger.

In the evening service Mr. Berger brought a message on "Letting Our Light Shine". The new members received candles to represent their adding their lights to ours so that our Light as a church might shine strongly for the Lord.

Mrs. Wm. R. Berger, Reporter

Woman's Missionary Anniversary Program at Marion, Kansas

The annual program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas, was presented with the theme, "Christ for the Whole Wide World." Special music was rendered by a ladies' duet and ensemble. A reading entitled, "The White Sheet", was presented, representing our White Cross work.

Mrs. Bertha Longhofer did a rewarding piece of work in gathering information on the beginning and advance of the North American Baptist Woman's Union as well as our local society. This information was brought through an impressive candle light service, honoring our fiftieth year in missions. A circle was formed about a lighted cross as each member present lighted her candle in memory of each accomplishment. Our hearts were challenged anew as we were led to re-live the past fifty years in missions. May the same spirit of love that motivated those early women spur us on to greater things in him.

Our local society was formally organized with elected officers in 1908. We feel privileged still to have with us our dear Mrs. Schmersey, one of the first elected officers. She has served faithfully and cheerfully down through the years.

Mrs. Jack Krause, Reporter

Sweetheart Banquet and Pastor's Reception, Ellinwood, Kansas

Approximately 55 members of the Home Builders Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas, attended the Sweetheart Banquet held on Feb. 13. Sam Hildebrand was toastmaster. Mrs. Leonard Kasselman led the devotions. Harold DeWerff, teacher, extended the "Welcome". Several numbers were sung by the Men's Quartet of Milton Meyer, Vernon DeWerff, Merle E. Brenner, and Emil Scheuffer. Mrs. Devon Dewey gave a reading. A Ladies' Trio of Mrs. Kenneth Scheuffer, Mrs. Sam Hildebrand and Mrs. Emil Scheuffer sang several numbers. Rev. John Gurvey of Great Bend, Kansas, spoke on "Love".

On Jan. 30 at our church in Ellinwood, a reception was given in honor of our new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Merle E. Brenner. Austin C. Widener, moderator, led the singing and devotions. A duet was sung by Mrs. Raymond Eggers and Mrs. Harold DeWerff. Greetings were extended from the following church departments: G. F. Koch representing the deacons; Harold DeWerff, the presi-



Six new members who were recently received into the First Baptist Church, Dighton, Kansas, by baptism and by letter.

dent of the trustees; Devon Dewey, General Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Harold DeWerff, the Ladies' Missionary Society; Mrs. Austin Widener, president of the Cradle Roll; and Miss Rebecca Eggers, president of C.B.Y.F. A quartet of Mrs. Leonard Kasselman, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Scheuffer and Mr. Milton Meyer sang a number. The church also "rained" a surprise pantry shower to welcome the new pastor and family.

Mrs. Derrill Widener, Reporter

Dakota Conference

Youth Activities and Programs at Lehr, N. Dak.

A Christmas party was given on Dec. 22 for the C.B.Y.F. members of the Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., in the parsonage where Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske entertained the young people. At that time we also had our annual business meeting. The following officers were elected: president, Myron Schopp; vice-president, Arlene Aman; secretary, Della Mae Vossler; treasurer, Lorrie Jean Stolz; reporter, Larry Frey; and advisor, Mrs. E. S. Fenske.

During Youth Week we presented programs at the Ashley and Berlin Churches. We also had two services in our own church which were greatly enjoyed by all who attended. In one service we showed a Christian film entitled, "This My Son".

On Sunday evening, Feb. 16th, we gave a program in Wishek. This was our exchange program for our Japanese Mission Project. Wishek presented its program in our church on Sunday evening, March 30th.

Larry Frey, Reporter

Evangelistic Meetings and CBYF Activities, Leola, S. Dak.

Evangelistic meetings were held in February by the First Baptist Church of Leola, S. Dak. The inspiring messages were brought by Rev. Thomas Lutz of Aberdeen, S. Dak. In these meetings five people came to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. Our pastor, Rev. A. E. Reeh, was in charge of the services. On March 2nd the Calvary Church presented a program in our church at Leola, S. Dak. The offering taken was designated for our mission fields. On March 30th, the Leola C.B.Y. presented its mission program in the Calvary Church of Aberdeen.

In our February C.B.Y. meeting we held election of officers for 1958, as follows: president, Jerald Loeb; vice-president, Eileen Albrecht; secretary, Sandra Rueb; treasurer, Ted Steinwand; reporter, Eileen Albrecht; pianists, Sandra Rueb and Eileen Albrecht; librarian, Joann Loeb; counselor, Mrs. Wesley Rueb; and ushers, Stanley Albrecht, Leslie Fieock, Larry Walker and Harvey Fieock.

Eileen Albrecht, Reporter

Recent Programs at First Church, Emery, S. Dak.

The Men's Brotherhood of the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., entertained their wives at a Valentine Banquet in the Lawler Hotel at Mitchell, S. Dak., on Feb. 19th. Ninety-two guests were present. Herman Weeldreyer was the toastmaster. Scripture was given by the president, Elmer Olthoff. Rev. Leland Friesen sang two solos. Various members took part in the program with "Bits of Wisdom." Rev. Gordon Huisinga of the Spring Valley Baptist Church at Canistota, S. Dak., was the guest speaker.

On Feb. 26th the Men's Brotherhood of the Emery church went to Madison, S. Dak., where they presented the program for the evening and were the dinner guests of the Madison Brotherhood.

On Feb. 21st, the ladies of the Emery Baptist Church, the Plum Creek Baptist Church and the Presbyterian Church of Emery met for a World Day of our Prayer program. Mrs. Herman Fluth presided. The theme was "Jesus, the Bread of Life." Members of the three churches took part in the program, and the offering went to the American Bible Society. After a season of prayer the members enjoyed a time of fellowship and lunch was served by the Emery King's Daughters. Mrs. Herman Bleeker, Reporter

Youth Week for Fessenden, Germantown, Cathay Churches

The CBYF'S of the Fessenden, Germantown and Cathay, North Dakota, churches observed Youth Week with joint services for three consecutive Sunday evenings from Jan. 26 to Feb. 9. The sponsors and executive committees set up a plan whereby each group would entertain the other two groups to a fellowship supper on a Sunday evening, and on another Sunday evening render the program.

The theme, "Victorious Faith", stressing faith developed through Bible study and prayer was rendered by the Cathay young people in the Fessenden church. The theme, "Faith in Self, Others and God", was developed by the Germantown group and rendered in the Cathay church. The Fessenden group chose the subject, "Faith Tested in Family Living", which was rendered in the Germantown church. The programs were well worked out and delivered as best fitted each Society in readings, playlets, musical numbers and brief talks.

Jerry Rodacker, Reporter

Northern Conference

Many Special Services, Lauderdale Church, Edmonton, Alta.

During the Week of Prayer Rev. Karl Korella gave the teachers of the Sunday School at the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., a course of instruction. Prayer was observed during the first half hour and then followed the thoughts on better teaching

methods. The week of Jan. 12-18 was spent in Bible readings in the German language under the direction of Rev. Robert Kluttig of the Zion German Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta. He had chosen "The Backslidings of Jonah" as a study.

The young people of the church followed with special activities during Youth Week. They made our hearts rejoice in their faithful participation in the services of both Jan. 26 and Feb. 2. Every night of the week they observed a special aspect of their activities. So all the members of the C. B. Y. had an opportunity to do something for their Lord.

Only a week remained until Rev. Daniel Fuchs was to be with us for revival meetings, beginning Feb. 23. Our hearts waited on the Lord for him to give us his blessing. The delightful fellowship and preaching of the Word proved successful in a dozen decisions among the juniors of the Sunday School and many rededications among the believers.

G. J. Thiessen, Pastor

New Assistant Pastor at Central Church, Edmonton

We of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, thank the Lord for his guidance and blessings, as were evident at the baptismal service which climaxed the year's end at which time 7 converts were baptized. We are also thankful for the many others who have joined our ranks since the beginning of the new year.

We are also pleased to report that on Jan. 14th we welcomed Rev. E. P. Wahl into our midst in the capacity of assistant pastor. In welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Wahl, messages of goodwill were brought from the various organizations of the church. The English Mixed Choir and German Male Choir sang selections appropriate to the occasion. In his reply to the church, Brother Wahl expressed thanks to the Lord for having given him health and strength for this further opportunity of service.

We at Central Church are very grateful to the Lord for sending us such an able and dedicated man as Rev. E. P. Wahl and with him assisting our pastor, Rev. H. Hiller, we are sure that much more can be accomplished for our Lord and Master.

Miss L. Wolfe, Reporter

Manitoba Youth Rally at Emmanuel Church, Morris

On Saturday, Feb. 8th, the Emmanuel CBY of Morris, Manitoba, was host to the CBY groups of our Southern Manitoba churches. This rally marked the climax of a week of activities in connection with Youth Week. Participating in the rally, along with the Morris group, were the English and German groups of McDermot Avenue Church, Mission Church and Third German Church, all of Winnipeg, as well as Whittemouth and Oak Bank.

The opening song service was led by Ewald Nikkel of Morris, after which the Morris CBY president, Erwin Lutz, welcomed the visiting groups. The scripture passage was read by Rita Buhr and Irma Bergstresser, both of Morris, after which Siegfried Hoppe, president of the Mission Church CBY and Art Patzia, president

of the McDermot Ave. English CBY, led in prayer. Chairman for the evening was Richard Hohensee, president of the McDermot Ave. German CBY, Winnipeg.

Each of the churches represented brought greetings and presented a musical number. Then came the highlight of the rally, a message by the pastor of our church at Morris, Rev. David Berg, who is also president of the Manitoba Baptist Tri-Union. A time of fellowship in the lower auditorium of the church followed, where the host CBY, with the assistance of the Ladies' Aid, served lunch to their guests. The offering received at the Rally will be used for the purchase of a folding organ for our Camp at Lake Nutimik.

Irma Bergstresser, Reporter

Pacific Conference

CBY Fellowship Activities and Programs, Kelowna, B. C.

The year 1958 has been a busy one thus far for the C. B. Y. society of the Grace Baptist Church at Kelowna, B. C. Our president is Eric Fried, and past president, Walter Ha't, acts as vice-president.

We embarked upon another year of service by joining in the Week of Prayer which was held from January 6-10. From January 19-26 we joined many other young people in observing Youth Week. For Missionary Night, we were especially privileged to have the outgoing missionary, David Martin, as our guest speaker. Brother Martin is going forth to Dutch New Guinea in behalf of the Regions Beyond Missionary Union.

On Sunday, Feb. 2, our church marked the beginning of two weeks of studies aimed at deepening the lives of Christians. On Feb. 23, we began another week of meetings during which it was a great joy to see souls saved and others rededicate their lives to the Lord. These meetings as well as Prayer Week were under the direction of Rev. E. Nikkel who came to us on December 8, 1957.

Elizabeth Schultz, Reporter

Farewell Service for Dingfield Family, Startup, Wash.

Farewells were said to Rev. and Mrs. Walter Dingfield and their four children on Sunday evening, Feb. 23, at the Startup Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., by the 200 members and friends who were present. Participating in the program at which Mr. Jacob Keck, senior deacon, presided, were ministers of the neighboring Sultan Baptist, Sultan Methodist, and Gold Bar Open Bible Standard Churches, as well as Mr. Duane Nelson of Edmonds, Wash., who will serve the church as interim pastor until June.

Mr. Bernard Witte, deacon, represented the church in expressing appreciation of the pastor's three years of faithful service here. Mrs. Jacob Keck presented a birthday cake to the pastor since it was also his birthday anniversary. Mrs. Elmer Sherman presented Mrs. Dingfield with a gift from the ladies' organization of the

church. A love offering was also given to Mr. Dingfield and family. The prayers of everyone here go with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Dingfield and family as they enter a new, challenging field of labor for the Lord in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Esther Crain, Church Clerk

Training Course and Special Meetings, Odessa, Wash.

We can report about many activities at the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash. The pastor, Rev. Edward Kopf, was able to start the new year aright by purchasing a new Chevrolet car. This was made possible with a gift of money from the church as part of a down payment.

"The Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School" was the title of the Leadership Training Course which was studied recently by the teachers of the Sunday School. Rev. C. T. Remple of Missoula, Montana, was our teacher during the week of Feb. 17-21. An average of 17 persons took the course for credit and others came for some of the classes. Starting on Sunday, Feb. 23, Mr. Remple was our guest speaker for one week of evangelistic services. His messages were of much help to our own church people and the many visitors from the neighboring churches. The results of these meetings will be felt in the life of our church during the coming months.

Rev. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., was with us for Thursday evening, March 6, as guest of the Woman's Missionary Society. We celebrated our anniversary on this evening and greatly appreciated the message on missions which he brought.

Mrs. Adrian Werner, Reporter

Eastern Conference

Central Church, Erie, Pa., Shares Its Many Blessings

The Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., has recently shared with the Open Bible Tabernacle in the blessings that various speakers and events have been to us. Central Church recently "adopted" Rev. Walter Sukut of Japan as its missionary and with the Open Bible Church united in services to hear of the things that God is doing in Japan. Rev. Edwin Miller of Parma Heights, Ohio, was also a shared guest speaker and brought two very inspiring messages in the Central Church with our Polish brethren present at the evening service, at which time the latest Church Extension film was shown.

The latest "shared" experience was when the combined Senior and Evening Missionary groups of Central Church with the Open Bible Missionary group met at Central for a program with Mrs. A. Weisser, Rochester, N. Y., president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Eastern Conference, as guest speaker. In February our pastor, Rev. E. Stroh, had an inspiring installation and dedication service for the 1958 church officers. For the past 16 weeks he has been instructing an "inquirers' class" which culminated in a "Decision Sunday" before Easter.

K. Louise Eichler, Reporter

Obituary

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

MR. JACOB WALKER of Ashley, North Dakota

Mr. Jacob Walker of Ashley, N. Dak., was born in Freudental, South Russia, March 21, 1873, passed away Feb. 13 at the age of 84 years, 10 months and 23 days. At the age of 11, he came to Eureka, S. Dak., with his parents and grew to manhood. In 1896 he became a Christian, was baptized and united with the Eureka Baptist Church. Later he became a respected member of the Ashley Baptist Church. On November 13 he was united in marriage with Rosina Opp. Eleven children were born to this union, 3 of whom passed away in infancy. Since 1943 the Walkers made their home with their daughter, Mrs. W. Eslinger, in Ashley. Our brother passed away after a lingering illness. Mourning his passing are his wife, 8 children, 19 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

Ashley, North Dakota

A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Pastor

MR. FRED KLEIN of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mr. Fred Klein of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born in Old Freudental, Russia, on Feb. 4, 1880 and died at the Bismarck Hospital, Bismarck, N. Dak., on Nov. 23, 1957 at the age of 77 years. He came with his parents in 1894 to America. They first settled at Fessenden and later in Washburn, N. Dak. In the great revival that God gave to the Washburn community, he was converted and baptized by Rev. August Liebig.

In 1907 he was united in marriage with Katherine Geisler. Three children were born to them: Walter, Paul and Bertha. He served for many years as elevator manager in different towns, including Beulah, N. Dak. His hospitality and kindness to the ministering servants are well known. He had lived in Bismarck since 1942.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, one daughter, and many relatives. His memory is in peace! Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church of Bismarck with Rev. Roy Wiegand officiating. His body was laid to rest at the Fairview Cemetery.

Bismarck, North Dakota

FRED TRAUTNER, Reporting Minister

MR. ERWARD J. BECHTOLD of Plevna, Montana

Mr. Erward J. Bechtold of Plevna, Montana, was born in Russia April 3, 1891. In 1904 he came to Selby, S. Dak., to make his home. A move to Montana took place two years later. In 1914 he returned to South Dakota where he married Christine Rueb and settled near Eureka. In 1926 he moved to Montana, near Plevna, where he farmed until 1937 when he moved into Plevna. He had been in ill health for many years; yet the news of his sudden death on Feb. 18 came unexpectedly.

He was born again and baptized in 1921, joining a small Baptist Church near Eureka, S. Dak. Since his residence in Montana, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plevna where he served as he had opportunity.

Surviving are his wife, 2 daughters, 7 sons, 15 grandchildren, and 2 sisters. The funeral service was conducted at the Plevna Baptist Church with the undersigned speaking on John 14:1.

Plevna, Montana

R. H. ZEPK, Pastor

MR. HENRY BIBER of Branch, Louisiana

Mr. Henry Biber of Branch, La., was born Sept. 5, 1876 in Brittenbach, Germany. On May 7, 1902 he married Anna Katharine Hagemeyer. Out of this union ten children were born. One died in infancy. There remain to mourn the loss of Brother Biber his wife and children: Emilie, Mrs. Charlie LaFrance; Edgar; Hattie, Mrs. Norman Lengefeld; Edward; Alice, Mrs. Ernest Toepfer; Reinhard; Ernest; Anna, Mrs. Marvin Engelbrecht; Esther, Mrs. Ludwig Casselmann; also 23 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

At the age of 18, he accepted Jesus Christ

as his Savior and followed him in baptism. In 1905 he emigrated with his family to America and settled in this community. With others he founded and established what is now the Mowata Baptist Church which he served in various capacities, and most recently as senior deacon. On Feb. 23, he was admitted to the hospital in Eunice, and on March 2 he received his call from on high to join the redeemed in heaven. Funeral services were held in Eunice and at the church. The undersigned officiated, assisted by Rev. N. Robinson and Rev. S. Rogers.

Mowata Baptist Church Branch, Louisiana

ALEX SOOTZMANN, Pastor

MRS. MARY SCHMULAND of Fenwood, Saskatchewan

Mrs. Mary Schmuland, nee Paul, of Fenwood, Sask., was born in Russia on March 29, 1900, and passed away on Jan. 25, 1958 at the age of 57 years, 9 months and 28 days. She came to Canada with her parents in 1903 who settled first at Yorkton and later at Hubbard, Sask.

As a young girl she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized and received into the Fenwood Baptist Church, where she remained an active member. On Dec. 12, 1917 she was united in marriage to Mr. Emil Schmuland. This marriage was blessed with 8 children.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband; and her children: Irvin, pastor at Goodrich, N. D.; Esther, Mrs. Raymond Dickau of Parkersburg, Iowa; Arnold, Gordon and Sylvia of Vancouver, B. C.; Lawrence of Yorkton, Sask.; Audrey of Regina, Sask.; and Herbert of Fenwood, Sask.; besides her parents, and 9 grandchildren. Her pastor, Rev. E. L. Janzen, conducted the funeral service with Rev. Richard Grabke of Regina, Sask., speaking words of comfort to the bereaved.

Fenwood, Saskatchewan

ELDON L. JANZEN, Pastor

MR. PAUL G. KRUEGER of Colfax, Washington

Mr. Paul G. Krueger of Colfax, Wash., was born in Colfax on Oct. 14, 1914 and went to be with the Lord on Feb. 25, 1958. His sudden and untimely death came as a result of a blood clot following major surgery. As a young boy he accepted the Lord and at the age of 11 was baptized by Rev. R. M. Klingbeil and received into the Wilcox Baptist Church.

Paul was a good Christian, a devoted father and a loving husband. All his life the church had been the center of his activities. He served the Lord with his talents in numerous capacities, both in the Pacific Northwest Association and in his local church, including about 15 years as Sunday School superintendent. At the time of his death he was serving as chairman of the board of deacons, S. S. teacher, president of the choir, and treasurer of the Pacific Northwest S. S. Workers' Union.

In 1939 he was married to Erma Jean Mohr. Their home was blessed with three sons: Kenneth, 15; Eugene, 11; Keith, 9. Other survivors include his mother, Selma Krueger; one brother, four sisters, and a host of other relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted from the First Baptist Church in Colfax, with Rev. R. M. Klingbeil, Rev. Alfred Jamieson, and Rev. F. E. Klein taking part. The family has established a Baptist Church Memorial Fund in his honor.

Colfax, Washington

F. E. KLEIN, Pastor

GENERAL S. S. COMMITTEE

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Standard. On Sunday morning, the various departments will be meeting as usual during the Sunday School Hour.

Programs, planning and promotion can be very meaningless without considering the needs of our pupils and teachers as individuals. And so it was that these sessions of planning also served as periods of meditation and prayer for every pupil, for our teachers and superintendents, as individuals, that they might be spiritually enlightened as they labor for Christ.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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tor Frank Carlson of Kansas, Senator Carlson is an American Baptist. He received a copy of the resolution from the Rev. W. Hubert Porter, associate general secretary of the denomination. Senator Carlson told members of the Senate that "this resolution stresses 'that membership in each Baptist church shall be open to all people of its community regardless of their race or national origin.'"

— The Watchman Examiner

EDMONTON, CONFERENCE CITY

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Extreme heat in the summer is almost unknown. Seldom does the temperature go above 85 degrees in the shade. The lack of humidity makes even such high temperatures to cause no distress. Nights are always fresh and cool. Above all, Alberta skies are blue and full of sunshine.

Come to the General Conference, July 21 to 27, 1958 and see for yourself the fascinating city of Edmonton, Alberta.

ALBERTA'S SCENIC PARADISE

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Calgary's St. Georges Island.

Located only about 30 miles east of Edmonton, the visitor will find Elk Island Park. This park has achieved an outstanding popularity by virtue of its high scenic setting and its large herds of wild animals. There are more than 1,000 bison or plains buffalo in the park and all are splendid examples of their species, remnants of the old west. The park has an area of 75 square miles, for the most part dotted with enchanting lakes and hills.

Those planning to visit Alberta by auto this summer will find our highways to be excellent and all attractions mentioned to be readily reached by motor road. Alberta Highways are patrolled by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who perform many duties for visitors to this province when the occasion arises. There are many auto courts and motels.

Road maps, information regarding accommodations and travel regulations are available free of charge. They may be obtained by writing directly to the Alberta Government Travel Bureau, Legislative Building, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

We heartily extend an invitation to you to come to the General Conference and to partake of the many spiritual blessings that are in store for all. We further urge you to arrange to see more of our province and enjoy with us the beauty and wonder of God's handiwork here. We want you to enjoy your visit to Alberta thoroughly and to know Alberta better.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE SESSIONS

April 24-27, 1958

Fleischmann Memorial Baptist
Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Guest Speakers: Dr. Paul Gebauer, missionary from the Cameroons, Africa, and Rev. J. C. Gunst, Forest Park, Ill.

Theme: "Disciplined
Discipleship"

MY FAITH'S SOURCES

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eyes of faith. Their writing of the Gospels was to establish his authenticity.

There are several reasons why I place my faith in the Word of God: the testimony of the life of Christ, his words, his resurrection, and transforming influence upon mankind down through history. Also there is the wonder of the Book: its workable truth, fulfilment of prophecies, and how the 66 books, with more than 30 different writers, written over a period of more than 1500 years in three different languages, fit together. With deeper and prayerful study, the "contradictions" disappear and the unity is the more revealed.

TREASURES OF GOD'S WORD

The Bible has withstood the attack of its many enemies down through many years. The people, who have taken it seriously and sought to live by it, have invariably become unselfish, devoted to and zealous for God.

No other book has such power to lift men from darkness to light! No other book has the guiding and uplifting influence on nations. Men who have read the Bible through a hundred times say that it is fresher and more wonderful each time they read it. After hundreds of years men have not been able to get to the bottom of the inexhaustible treasures of the wisdom and knowledge of God. As we increase our knowledge of God's Word, we grow in holiness and in the desire to do God's will.

As I learn more of God's Word and of his Son, I am drawn more fully under the influence of the Holy Spirit. And I find Christ's word true: "My sheep know my voice."

In consideration of the fact that Christ has changed the course of history by his living, by his teaching, by his Gospel of his death and saving grace, by which he has definitely changed my living, I know that in him and in his Word my faith has the most reliable sources!

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THE CAMEROONS COLLEGE

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tian students often find special opportunities of service for Christ in their churches and of teaching others what they themselves have learned. So in these various ways does God encourage his obedient children to tread the royal if rugged path of sanctification.

May your prayer also be that these African scholars may grow and continue to grow in Jesus Christ.

THE BANSO HOSPITAL

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in and said, "You can't turn these children away. The mothers won't give the medicines as ordered."

When we arrived back at the starting point we found a letter for the matron from one of our African nurses asking whether the "mission-trained" nurses could be recognized by the government. We heard again the long and impossible list of requirements, such as a 100-bed hospital, another operating room, more qualified staff, which would make us a training school and that they could not let down their standards for the Cameroons or Mission hospitals.

We bade our visitor goodbye with the request that she send us a copy of her report. A sigh of relief followed as we discussed the visit with the nurses. The patients asked, "Please, ma, can we move now? Can we eat now?" We relaxed and enjoyed the "Matron's cake," which was baked especially for morning coffee.

Many thoughts pass through one's mind after a visit like this. You realize that there is a price to pay in having the privilege of helping the sick in order to bring them the Gospel, both by word and example. Also the service of Christ demands high standards, and it is our Christian duty to "be obedient to them that are your masters—not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ."

But on the evening of the Matron's visit, we felt rewarded and encouraged as we walked into the wards and saw several patients involved in a lively discussion as one of them read the Bible. Others were reading the "African Challenge," a Christian magazine. Then our "orderlies" led them in evening devotions as everyone listened intently. Where else would you have such an opportunity of meeting the spiritual needs of so many people?

We put forth a lot of effort to gain the Matron's approval. How much more should we labor to please our Savior when he comes?

"It will be worth it all when we see Jesus,

Our trials will seem so small when we see him;

One glimpse of his dear face all sorrow will erase.

So let us run the race till we see him."