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March of Events

● Christian Arabs in Israel number 45,000, of whom 30,000 live in towns and the rest in villages, according to latest government figures. The Moslem population totals 147,000, of whom all but 24,000 live in villages. Scattered in villages throughout the country are also 21,000 Druzes, members of a comparatively small Moslem sect. There are over 160 Christian churches, more than 100 mosques and 19 Druze shrines in Israel, the statistics said.

● The world membership in the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) totals 192,820, a gain of 3,560 over the previous year, according to the Friends World Committee. Meetings in the United States and Canada list 120,164 members, a gain of 1,075, with the largest single gain of 246 shown by the California Yearly Meeting. The East Africa Yearly Meeting, with 28,152 members (a gain of 2,152 over the previous year) is the largest overseas, followed by the London, England, Yearly Meeting, with 21,454 members. — United Evangelical Christian

● Evangelist Billy Graham, in Charlotte, North Carolina, to arrange for a campaign next fall, said that "the difficulty of conducting a crusade in the South is that a lot of religion there is not dedicated to Christ." He said that "to be a church member in the South is the popular thing to do," whereas those in the North take their religion far more seriously and "must brave more criticism for their faith." For this reason, he said, it is easier to organize a crusade in the North than it is in the South.

● Ground was broken for the \$400,000 headquarters building of the Lutheran Laymen's League and "The Lutheran Hour," in Saint Louis, Mo., January 26. The proposed building will provide 20,000 square feet of floor space. The ground floor will contain business offices, mailing room, printing and mimeographing departments, a lunch room, and storage space. The Dr. Walter A. Maier Memorial Chapel and Recording Studio offices for the League staff, a general office, library, and conference room will be on the top floor.

● A wave of anti-Christian sentiment in Egypt caused alarm in Lebanon. Authorities feared an outbreak of Christian-Moslem disturbances might result. A debate in the Egyptian parliament described Lebanon as a "hotbed of Christian intrigue against the Arabs since the Crusades." Deputies charged Christians in Lebanon with being "instruments of Western imperialism against Arab nationalisms." Lebanon is the only country in the Middle East which has a Christian majority. A little more than half of the nation's

1,500,000 residents are Christians. The remainder are mostly Moslems and some Jews.

● Evangelical Christian churches of Spain designated Sunday, March 2, as a Day of Special Intercession, and asked believers around the world to join them in prayer seeking legal means for civil marriage of evangelical Christian persons. The urgent request for prayer was received by Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, with a covering letter from Spanish Baptist leaders. Their paper outlined difficulties faced by non-Catholic persons in

gaining a civil marriage in Spain and cited eleven cases appealed unsuccessfully to the Ministry of Justice. The department returned all appeals with the explanation that "the proofs of the non-Catholicity of the parties was not sufficiently proved." "The Church of Rome," their statement continued, "has officially admitted the possibility of the marriage of persons who have left her communion and positively profess another religion, but has so influenced Spanish authorities that these tend to demand almost impossible 'proofs' of the fact of 'apostasy' and the profession of another faith."



Baptist Briefs

● **Baptists in Thailand.** There are at least 21 Baptist churches in Thailand. Baptist work there started among the Chinese at Bangkok in 1833, but help was intermittent and progress slow during the next century. American Baptists sent a missionary to the Karens in 1945 and to the Chinese in 1952. Recent word tells of the establishment of a new church with a membership of 22, under Southern Baptist auspices.

● **Hawaiian Baptists Endorse Integration.** The Hawaiian Baptist Convention, meeting in Honolulu, adopted a resolution endorsing the U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in the public schools. The convention heard an address by Dr. J. Winston Crawley, Secretary for the Orient of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. More than 300 delegates from 19 churches throughout Hawaii attended the meeting.

● **Dr. Jernagin Called Home.** Dr. William Henry Jernagin, one of America's most outstanding Negro religious leaders and oldest member of both the Executive Committee and Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, died Feb. 18 at the age of 88. Funeral services were held at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Washington, February 25. He had been pastor of Mount Carmel church since 1912. He served from 1926 until his death as president of the National Sunday

School and Baptist Training Union Congress, said to be the world's largest organized Christian youth group with two million members. Dr. Jernagin was one of the best known and most widely traveled of world Baptist leaders.

● **Baptist Leaders in Russia.** It has been announced that the heads of the Northern and Southern Baptist Churches would make a good-will visit to the Soviet Union late in April. Plans for the trip were disclosed jointly by Representative Brooks Hays, Democrat of Arkansas, and Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, minister of the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. Mr. Hays is president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Cranford is president of the American Baptist Convention. Mr. Hays and Dr. Cranford expect to be in Moscow from April 25 to 30. The Representative said they would bear greetings from the Baptists in this country to their 550,000 colleagues in Russia.

● **President Adams to Visit Colombia.** Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, has announced plans to visit Colombia April 15-21 in the interest of religious liberty. Dr. Adams, who is pastor of the Richmond, Va., First Baptist Church and head of the world Baptist organization since its last congress in London in 1955, plans to talk not only with Baptists but with leaders of other evangelical groups and government officials in Colombia in an effort to acquire full information on the status of religious liberty there. Other stops on his trip will include Kingston, Jamaica, where he will renew acquaintances with Jamaican Baptists whom he visited three years ago; and Tapachula, Mexico, where he will address the annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico.

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"God, who is rich in mercy, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved). For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Eph. 2:4-5, 10).

Editorial

Loyalty to Christ

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS from the dead is demonstrated with power in the unswerving loyalty of a disciple to his risen Lord. This is the Easter glory that lives on after all the festivities of Easter Sunday have disappeared. It is the Christian's glorious experience of being "found in Christ" and "knowing the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus." It is celebrating Easter every Sunday and knowing "the power of his resurrection" daily!

Loyalty to Christ involves attachment to him, belonging to him, owning him as Lord and Master. He has set the standard for our lives. Only by devoted loyalty to him do we become more like him. This was the lesson that Peter had to learn at the shore of the lake after Christ's resurrection from the dead. But the risen Lord comes to each one of us with the same penetrating questions that test our loyalty to him and to his program.

Because Christ lives, we too shall demonstrate his life and glory within us through this unflinching loyalty to him. Dr. John Calvin Slemp tells us about John Bunyan when the officers came to arrest him at Elstow, England. Bunyan had his Bible in hand, ready to begin preaching. His wife was ill, and there were four small children in the home. The youngest child, his little blind daughter, was especially dear to him. "Now," said Bunyan, "she must suffer hunger and cold, and beg and be beaten. Yet, I must, I must do it!" And so to prison he went for twelve long years, toward the end of which period he declared, "If you let me out today, I will preach tomorrow." Little wonder that his book, "Pilgrim's Progress," written in the Bedford jail, speaks radiantly of a Christian's loyalty to the Risen Christ!

The Christian's loyalty is also a witness to the truth. Christ was the embodiment of Truth, which was confirmed by his resurrection from the dead. "If Christ be not risen," wrote Paul, "then is our preaching vain." The Holy Spirit leads us into the deep mysteries of truth. We show the world what the truth of God and of Christ's Gospel is by our new life in Christ. We show what the grace of God can do for others even as it has transformed our lives. We carry the banner of Christ as the Truth wherever we go.

That loyalty to Christ is also expressed in our lovely hope which Peter tells us (I Peter 1:3-4) is "by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." This is our hope of eternal life, of immortality, "to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." Our faith in Christ is the acceptance of those things which he has done for us by grace and of those things still to be hoped for. These are the things in which we believe and for which we hope because of the working of God's mighty power which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead. (Eph. 1:19-20).

Easter, then, is much more than a Christian celebration. It is a mighty demonstration of the fact that Christ lives today, attested by the unswerving loyalty of his radiant and transformed disciples everywhere!

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We glory in the Cross of Christ because it reveals God's infinite love to us. Calvary is the articulation of God's love for all mankind.

OUR GLORY IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world" (Galatians 6:14)

By Rev. G. G. Rauser
First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

THE CROSS OF CHRIST is the epitome of the doctrine of salvation, which is by faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Our Lord himself said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die" (John 12:32-33). It is because of his sacrificial, substitutionary and vicarious death on the Cross, that the vilest sinner can be saved, and that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life.

The Old Testament prophet described it in these wonderful words. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we had turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:5-6).

THE POWER OF GOD

Therefore, the Apostle Paul, after having experienced the power of the Gospel in his own life with its saving and transforming effect, wrote: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18). What a glorious statement of fact this is!

When Paul wrote to the Galatians concerning this great truth, he stated that his only reason to glory was the Cross of Christ. Notice the words: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul could glory in the cross because it included the way of righteousness apart from the law and excluded all other elements in which men might trust as grounds for salvation. Now there was but one great objective in his life, and that was to preach Christ and him crucified.

Paul could say with the author of these words: "The Christ of the Cross is the theme of my song, the wonderful Christ of the Cross. He atonement has made; he my ransom has paid; so I praise him the Christ of the Cross."

There are several reasons why we glory in the Cross of Jesus Christ our Lord, which stands at the very center of the Gospel message of saving grace.

WHAT THE CROSS REVEALS

In Ephesians 3:17-18 we read, "That Christ may dwell in your heart, by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length, and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

I have often said there are things that my finite mind cannot comprehend. The vastness of space is beyond our understanding. We speak in terms of thousands of light years, when light travels at the rate of 186,300 miles per second. Who can really comprehend this enormous vastness of the universe which God has created?

QUOTABLES

The closer Christians get to Christ, the closer they get to one another.

Put your cares into God's hands and he will put his peace into your heart.

Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God.

Faith is the hand with which we grasp Christ; assurance is the ring God places upon it.

—Compiled by John E. Southard

Likewise, I cannot fully understand eternity, the endlessness of time. "When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun; we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun." There is no subtraction possible. I believe it with all my heart. However, I cannot fathom it.

The love of God is just as incomprehensible, just as fathomless and just as amazing to me. "When we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." The love of God is so extraordinary in its choice, so expensive in its sacrifice, so extensive in its offer and so eternal in its beneficence. The breadth and length and the depth and height of God's love can only be fully appraised as we behold Calvary, where the sinless, innocent and eternal Son of God gave his life as a ransom for the sinful, guilty and condemned human race.

This is the articulation, the expression of God's love. With John the Apostle we too must cry out, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Therefore, we glory in the Cross of Christ because it reveals God's infinite love unto us.

WHAT THE CROSS PROVIDES

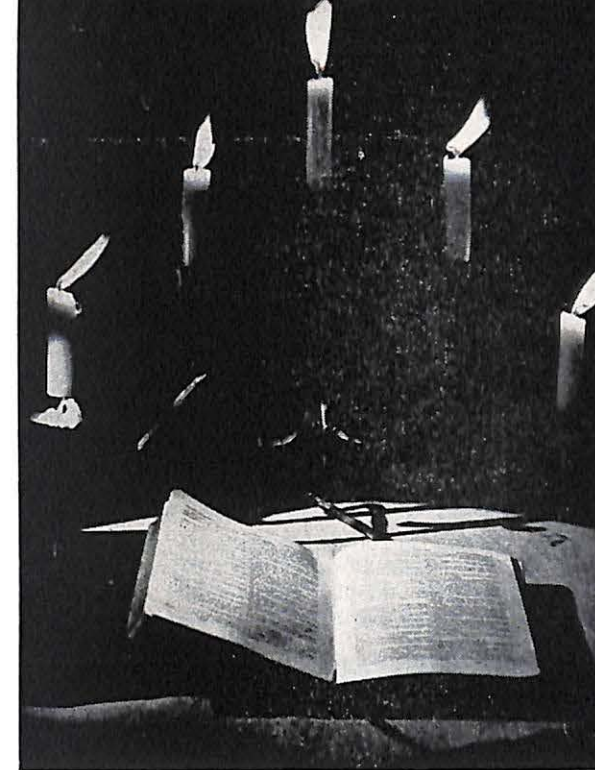
We also glory in the Cross because of what it provides for us. It provides a salvation that is all-sufficient. It takes care of our past, our present and our future. "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Ro-

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OUR LORD JESUS IN THE SEPULCHER

"Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus" (John 19:41-42).

By Rev. Jacob Ehman of Sidney, Montana



The burial of Jesus Christ in the sepulcher in fulfillment of Scripture strengthens our faith in him as our all-satisfying Savior!

THE SEPULCHER is a tomb or burial place. When they saw that Jesus was dead, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus "which at first came to Jesus by night" asked for his body and laid Jesus in "a new sepulcher; wherein was never man yet laid" for his burial.

A few years ago I was asked to bring a message on the "burial" of Jesus, for a union Good Friday service. It was a real challenge since one can find so little explanation for Jesus' burial. It does seem strange that the body of Christ should have to be taken off the cross and laid in a sepulcher, when it would have been just as easy for Christ to have taken on immortality directly on the cross and to have become a living Savior. Jesus had said before his death that he would lay down his life and take it up again.

I suppose we could simply say that Jesus came to do the Father's will and to fulfill the Scriptures (which he certainly did), and let the matter rest at that. But as I studied the burial of Jesus, I found that there is a definite reason why it was the Father's will and why it was necessary that Jesus should be laid in the sepulcher, even though it was only for three days, or approximately so. His burial is just as important as his death and resurrection.

HIS BURIAL PREDICTED

In Matthew 12:38-40 the scribes and Pharisees came to Jesus seeking a sign from him to justify his claim that he was God's Son. Jesus told them that there would only be one sign given to them and that was the sign of the prophet Jonah.

Jonah was called of God to go to Nineveh and to call the people of that city to repentance. Jonah did not want this responsibility, and so he tried to

run away. While on boat, a storm came up and the sailors cast lots to determine the reason for the storm. Jonah was found out and cast to his death in the sea. God prepared a great fish "to swallow up Jonah" (Jonah 1:17), "and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights." "And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land" (Jonah 2:10) to complete his mission which he was called to do in Nineveh.

The sign was the casting of Jonah into the sea where he spent three days and three nights in "the whale's belly" and was brought forth again the third day to complete his task. Here we see the sign of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ which would prove to all mankind that he was the Son of God and Savior of the world. The redemption and the power of Jesus Christ were established after his resurrection from the dead. In this prediction which Jesus made, we see his burial as well as his death and resurrection.

ILLUSTRATION FROM NATURE

Jesus illustrated the need for his burial by drawing upon nature. In John 12:24 Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." In the ground a change takes place in the corn of wheat so that it springs forth into productiveness, not only of new life but also of more fruit.

Thus in his own burial Jesus helps us to understand the change that takes place in a believer who dies to himself and buries the old man of sin. A change takes place which makes us new creatures in Christ, living, fruit-bearing individuals, for the honor and glory of the Lord, with our hope

in the resurrection unto eternal life. (See I Corinthians 15:26-58).

Unless we bury the old man of sin and self, there is no new life in Christ, just as there is no new life in a kernel of wheat except that it die. But as the old man is buried, we find that a new man in Christ is brought forth unto newness of life for time and eternity.

Paul says in Romans 6:3 and 4, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death." In this also we see the importance of Jesus' burial.

As Baptists, we are often accused of making so much of immersion and being so insistent that a believer must be baptized accordingly. We have many evidences from the Scriptures that give proof to our stand. Among the greatest of these is the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. However, in Romans 6 Paul says that in baptism we are to be buried with Christ into death as an indication of the death of the old man of sin, as a testimony to the world. "For if we are buried with him, we know that we shall also live with him."

GOD'S RENEWED PROMISES

By his burial, Jesus gives hope to those who die in the Lord and whose bodies are buried in graves, awaiting the return of Christ. Paul says in I Corinthians 15 that "we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump." When Jesus will return, the dead shall be raised incorruptible and the living changed into immortal beings. The corruptible must put on incorruption and the mortal immortality to be able to enter Heaven's glory.

The burial of Jesus becomes a com-

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THAT WE MAY KNOW HIM!

A Synopsis of the Missionary Retreat Held at Bamenda New Hope Settlement, Mbingo, Cameroons

By Mrs. Violet Stockdale, Missionary

THE MUSIC WAS playing softly. The Christmas tree was lighted. The children were outside playing happily. In groups of two and three, seated around the living room, were our fellow-workers here in the Cameroons, Africa, enjoying a warm cup of tea and the opportunity to gather in this manner to open our Missionary Retreat.

Laura Reddig introduced us to the theme of this Retreat — "That We Might Know Him . . . That They (the Africans) Might Know Him . . ." As

to him and in this way could come to know him better.

Here, too, we sang and gave testimony to our God, and then after a sweet and holy communion service, we welcomed in the New Year in prayer asking God anew for his blessing, not only upon the work here in the Cameroons which is so close to each one of our hearts, but also upon you as faithful friends at home who uphold us by your prayers and gifts.

Up bright (?) and early the next morning, we met once again to feast

again—the ladies in their lovely, billowing formals and the men in their "Sunday best" for a delicious roast beef dinner with most of the trimmings. It seems as though most missionaries are camera enthusiasts and so the greater part of the evening was spent showing slides taken by some of the missionaries present. Then the evening had a truly perfect ending with Mr. Reeves' message on "The JOY (Jesus first, yourself last, with nothing in between) of Our Salvation."

And so to bed . . .

CONSECRATION SERVICE

The next morning again we were challenged by messages by Mid-Wife Myrtle Weeldreyer from Belo Maternity, who told of having seen close to 500 patients during 1957, by Dorothy Holzimmer who told us of the progress the women are making in their Women's Meetings held each week here at Mbingo, and by Mildred Schneider who told us how we can help the Africans to know him better through our homes.

Our Retreat at Mbingo officially ended with the stirring consecration service in which each of us here on the field dedicated his or her life anew to Christ and asked him to help us during 1958 to "know HIM" better that we might more fully carry out the commission which he has given us—to help the African to know him, to truly know him better.

OUR GLORY IN THE CROSS

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mans 8:33-34). We stand complete in him.

It provides for us a justification and a righteousness which is acceptable in the sight of the perfect and holy God. It provides for us a peace that is sublime. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, MY peace I give unto you" (John 14:27).

It provides for us a security that cannot be destroyed. "For I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12). We are living in an uncertain and changing world in which nothing is really secure, except the security in our all-sufficient Savior.

It also provides for us "a hope that maketh not ashamed." In every circumstance of life, and even in the hour of death, this hope does not fail us. We can say: "We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." The Cross also provides an intercessor for us who cannot be denied, even our Savior at the right hand of God.

Therefore, we can say with Paul: "God forbid that we should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

TWENTY HOPES IN BLACK!

The Story of Graduation Day at the Baptist Teacher Training Centre of Soppo, Cameroons

By Mrs. Lenore Lang, Missionary

IF YOU HAD HEARD the bell of Bender Chapel at Soppo, Cameroons, ringing and had seen the Baptist Teacher Training Centre students marching into the church on the afternoon of November 28, 1957, you would have thought that a Thanksgiving Day Service was about to begin. You would have been right—and wrong!

GRADUATION SERVICE

For 20 of the 76 BTTC students, it was their graduation service and closing program marking the close of two years of training in our Baptist Teacher Training Centre. And in that sense, it WAS a Thanksgiving Day service. Their happiness and pride of accomplishment shone from their faces as they sat, erect and neat in their navy-blue blazers, in the front row on the platform of the Chapel. Behind them, in white shirts and trousers, sat the Elementary Training Centre (First Year) and Preliminary Training Centre class members.

William Rentz stepped to the rostrum and warmly welcomed the church members and friends who had come to the service. Then followed words of congratulation and admonition from people who had watched with interest the progress of "the 20" from the time they first entered the Centre as new and somewhat uneasy students in February 1956, to the present.

Paster Wemson expressed his appreciation for the great help the students had been, not only to the church by their faithful attendance and support, but to the outstation Sunday Schools, the prison, and Sick Bay as well as by their Christian work assignments.

Ruby Salzman, recently returned from furlough, told the students how glad she was to see them complete this part of their training, especially the ones whom she had known when they were still pupils in bush schools in the grasslands

COMMENTS AND MESSAGES

Mr. Williams, PTC principal and tutor, added his comments on their progress, plus a few humorous reminders to them of the hours they had spent together in compound work and farm labor.

The two lower class-prefects had a chance to give advice to their fellow-students also: Augustine Fombuh for Preliminary Training Centre, and Isaiah Kinai for the Elementary Training Centre (First Year), and Philip Ayeah responded for the ETC II graduating class.

"I Am With Thee" was the comforting and challenging message in song by the special choir under the direction of William Rentz. Then the com-



Isaiah Kinai, a student at the Baptist Teacher Training Centre of Soppo, whose stirring testimony, "How My Dream Came True," has just been published as a four page missionary leaflet.

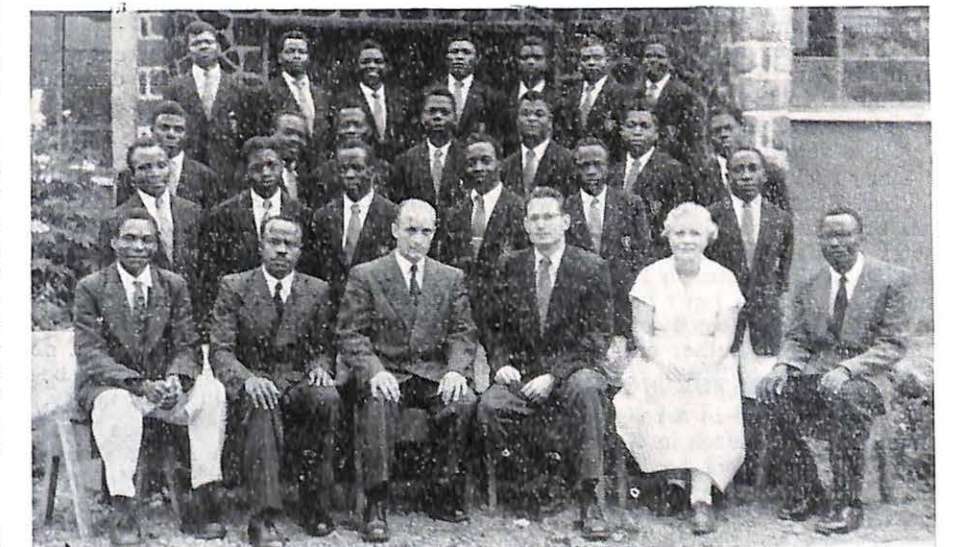
The main address of the day was brought by Rev. G. Ben Lawrence. As Supervisor of Schools, he had had close contact with the Centre and its students, a contact that would not stop with this closing service but would continue as the graduates were posted to schools for teaching—putting into practice the things they had been learning. Mr. Lawrence stressed that the spirit with which they carried out their assignments was most important, and assured them of the prayerful interest and concern for them by all who had known and worked with them in their two years of training.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

Later, after the closing prayer and benediction, the students filed solemnly out of the church. Ahead of the 20 were days of further training in the School of Experience. There were uncertainties, and for some a doubtful hope that their work at the Centre would be given the "Full Pass" qualification by the government that they prize very highly.

But for all, it was a day of thanks-

bined BTTC chorus, directed by Music Instructor Miss Eleanor Schulert, stirred hearts and made the Chapel resound with the melodies and words of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "How Great Thou Art."



Teachers and missionaries (front row) serving on the faculty of the Baptist Missionary Training Center, Soppo, Cameroons, and the twenty "proud" graduates of the school at the Commencement Exercises.

OUTSTANDING!

The second of a series of articles on Reformation Heroes appears on pages 8 and 9. Prof. Lucke presents a lucid interpretation of Martin Luther.

Don't miss "This Is Canada" on pages 10 and 11. This is the first of a series of articles on Canada leading up to our General Conference in Edmonton from July 21 to 27, 1958.

giving and of gratitude that they had been privileged to attend a Teacher Training Centre and could now go out equipped for further opportunity in the world as it was opening up to them.

Pray for them, these twenty young men, and for the Class of 1958, for the PTC's, and for all other young men who aspire to further training in the Cameroons, that there might be many who will heed not only the call to higher education but the call to higher service for our Lord.



Dr. Eugene Stockdale and Miss Delores Henne, Cameroons missionaries, with some of the "old timers" who have been hospital patients at the New Hope Settlement for many months.

one, we bowed our hearts and heads and fervently prayed that these days, each one of us—missionary and native alike—might truly come to know Christ in a new and more precious way.

CHILDREN'S RECITATIONS

Auntie Dee (Delores Henne) had given each one of the little ones a "part" to recite for the Christmas program and so "up the hill" we went to her house. One by one, the children said their little pieces about the Birthday Cake for Jesus, and each little one presented something to him—mind, hands, smile and so on. Our prayer was that even the little ones might come to know Christ better during these days.

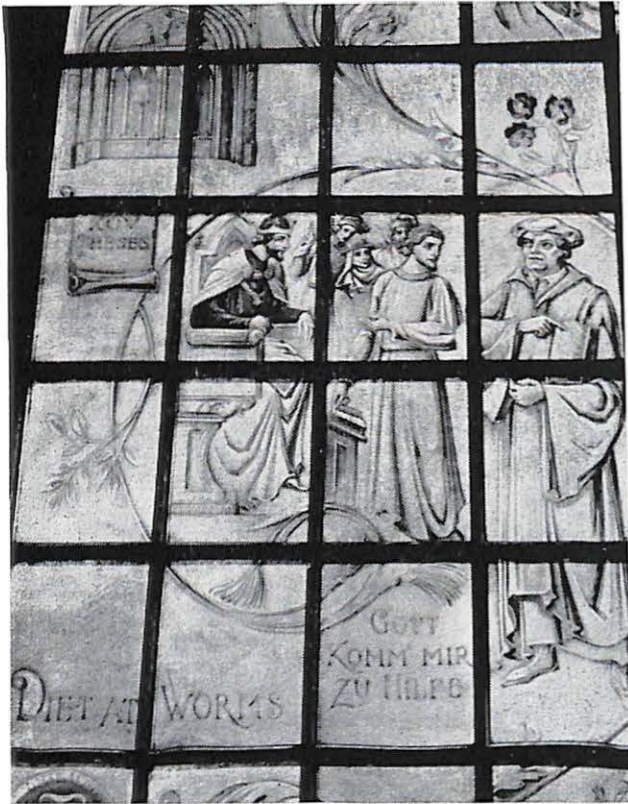
After a really sumptuous Smorgasbord Supper, we began our Watch-Night Service. It was a precious evening as we listened to Uncle Fred (Holzimmer) tell us again about Abraham and his obedience to God in offering his son Isaac upon the altar and how we, even though we are here on the mission field, must be obedient

upon the Word and to seek to know Christ better through the Father and Jesus Christ, through the Word, through the Holy Spirit, through Worship and Prayer, and through the Lives and Writings of Great Men. Once again, after a period of fellowship around the meal table, we heard how we might help the Africans to know him through the medium of Evangelism, Bible School, Cameroons Baptist Convention, C. B. Y., Sunday School and Youth Work.

STIRRING MESSAGES

A "newcomer" to our midst, Mr. Dudley Reeves, our Baptist missionary from England to the Cameroons Protestant College, challenged us with his message on how we might help the Africans to know him better through schools and higher education. Dr. Stockdale closed the day's discussions with the thought "How we might help the native to know him through medical work."

The rest of the afternoon was spent playing volley ball or table tennis and in the evening we gathered together



—Luoma Photo
Martin Luther's words spoken at Worms, Germany, have echoed through the centuries: "My conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me!"

Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation

In the struggles of his soul, MARTIN LUTHER re-discovered the great truth of God's salvation by faith and ushered in the Protestant Reformation with its worldwide blessings and influence.

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IT IS AGREED by all that the chief leader of the Reformation was Martin Luther. Demands for reform had been voiced for two centuries by Wyclif, Hus and others. In our former article, we have seen how the time was ripe and the circumstances favorable for it. But the origin and the genius of the Reformation must be sought, not in a favorable environment, but in the personal experiences of Luther. In the struggles of his soul, he re-discovered the great truth of God's salvation by faith.

Many books have been written about Luther. Recently much research work has been done on his private writings, notes of his class lectures, and especially marginal notes in his textbooks and Bibles which have provided new light and made some of the older literature about Luther antiquated.

LUTHER, THE MONK

Luther grew up in a religious home devoted to the church in Germany. At home and in school he breathed the air of pure Catholic piety. Anti-church feelings or heretical movements had not reached him. His father of poor peasant stock had prospered enough to give his boy a good education.

Martin went to the celebrated University of Erfurt. He was cheerful, sociable, musical and, above all, an excellent student. His extraordinary talents were the admiration of the whole university.

Suddenly, to the great disappointment of his father and his friends, he became a monk. What made him sacrifice fame and the prospect of a successful and happy life? His heart was so sensitive to sin that his greatest concern in life was to obtain a merciful God. The strict "Black Cloister" of the Augustinian Order seemed to

him the surest way to a holy life. He fasted more and lived stricter than was required, but he did not find the peace he expected.

Luther came into great despair, but just this led him to the discovery of the Gospel. God's hand was in all this. Yet his despair did not arise out of the imperfections of the religious practices of the church, but only because he took seriously the demands of the church and God.

TRUE REPENTANCE

It is not quite true to think that the Roman Church teaches that man is saved by good works only. Pelagius had taught that and was condemned for it by the church. But Nominalism, the scholastic theology which Luther absorbed at the Erfurt University, taught that man, first of all, must do what is in his power and then he becomes worthy to obtain God's mercy.

The sacrament of penance illustrates this. Absolution is not granted immediately upon confession of sins, but only after some act of penance has been accomplished in proof of the genuineness of repentance. Luther felt he could not fulfil the condition to make him worthy of God's mercy. Genuine repentance is more than detesting sin for its consequences. Such are only selfish motives. True repentance grows out of love to God. God hates sin. The man who loves God will also hate sin. Luther tried in vain to love God so unselfishly. In this connection his search for a merciful God must be understood. This search led Luther to the question of predestination. The fact that he could not love God indicated to him that he must have been predestined for damnation. He began to hate God instead of loving him.

During that period of his life he was sent on a mission to Rome. This was a great honor to Luther, and he expected some relief of his sins from this holy pilgrimage. However, this was not the case and in his great despair his superior, Johannes von Staupitz, reminded him of Christ's suffering for our sins and that the "wounds of Christ" prove to us God's merciful love for sinners.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

But it all was to no avail. Whenever Luther read the Bible, terror filled his heart. The wrath of God seemed to strike him like lightning. But one day he made the great discovery. It happened in the tower of the Black Cloister. The exact date is not known. Formerly it was thought to have taken place in 1513. More recent historians think 1515 or early 1516 was the more probable date.

Luther in his lectures on the Psalms had found the place, in Psalm 71:2, "Deliver me in thy righteousness." This brought him to Romans 1:16 and 17. "The justice of God revealed in the Gospel" and "the just shall live by faith." "The justice in the Gospel" puzzled him. Reading it again and again he suddenly saw that the justice of God in this passage is not a justice that punishes sinners, but that it is a justice that God grants to those who believe in him.

Through a study of genitives, Luther discovered that many genitives in the New Testament express, not possession, but rather giving. By "faith of Christ" is not meant the faith with which Christ himself believed. So also "justice of God" is not a justice by which God himself is just. Both are ours, yet they are called God's and Christ's justice, because he bestowed

them upon us. Luther began to search the other places in the Scriptures where the dreaded word "justice" stood. He compared; he thought. Everywhere the same message. God through Christ is merciful to the believing sinner.

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

Luther recorded this experience later in his own words as follows: "After I had pondered the problem for days and nights, God took pity on me, and I saw the inner connection between the two phrases, 'the justice of God is revealed in the Gospel' and 'the just shall live by faith.' I began to understand that this 'justice of God' is the righteousness by which the just man lives through the free gift of God, that is to say 'by faith' . . . Thereupon I felt as if I had been born again and had entered paradise through wide-open gates. Immediately the whole of the scriptures took on a new meaning for me. I raced through the scriptures so far as my memory went, and found analogies in other expressions."

Now Martin Luther came to see that, not the merits of the saints are the true treasure of the church, but the pure gospel. There is no special holy order in the church; only believers. They all are the children of God. We rob God of his honor and diminish the great sacrifice of Christ, if we attempt to assist God in his work of redemption by adding our own good works.

New life began for him. Outwardly there was little change. He continued to be the dutiful son of the church. He lectured and preached at the recently founded University of Wittenberg in Germany. He had been popular before. He was the first German professor to use his mother tongue instead of Latin in the classroom and in explaining technical terms. He based his lectures on the Greek and Hebrew text of the Bible and not on the traditional scholastic theology.



The Luther Room in the Wartburg Castle near Eisenach, Germany, where Martin Luther translated the Bible into German and, according to legend, threw the ink bottle at the devil.



The famous cathedral church at Wittenberg, Germany, in the pulpit of which Luther preached, on the doors of which he nailed the 95 Theses, and in which both Luther and Melancthon were buried.

But now, through his inward experience, he was more than a teacher. He was a prophet! As someone put it: "He gave the bread of life instead of the straw of philosophy and legend."

PROTEST AGAINST INDULGENCES

However, the great discovery of his soul was not to be for him alone, nor only for his students. God used it to usher in the Reformation. This came about through Luther's protest against the selling of indulgences. The religious life of that time was connected with the doctrine of penance and the practice of indulgences. Penance had been established long before that and consisted of four parts: Contrition, Confession, Satisfaction (or Penance), and Absolution.

The satisfactions were the outward proof of sorrow for sins committed and consisted of fasts, pilgrimages, alms and fines. As time went on, the institution of penance was made into a sacrament and the old order was changed, so that Absolution followed immediately upon Confession and Satisfaction came last. Satisfaction was no longer the outward sign of sorrow for sin and the eternal punishment. But the sinner had to bear the temporal punishments of sins.

Indulgences were based on the be-

lief of a treasury of merits. Christ and the saints had earned an unlimited treasure of merits, which was at the disposal of the church. Men could buy such indulgences. But by the time of Martin Luther the popular idea was that indulgences procured the forgiveness of sins as well as the remission of penalties. The sale of indulgences therefore led the people away from all true repentance.

95 THESES

It was against this last fact that Luther wanted to protest. Tetzel, one of the pope's salesmen, was selling such indulgences to some of Luther's congregation. Luther, besides being a professor, was also a priest and preacher at Wittenberg. In his concern for his people, who were taking sin too lightly and misunderstanding the true meaning of repentance, Luther set up 95 brief statements in Latin.

He nailed these 95 theses, as they were called, to the door of his church on October 31, 1517. He intended to bring this matter before the professors and students of the university. But his protest started a fire that spread all over Germany and Europe. In this way God used Luther to start the Reformation.

In conclusion, it is important to note that this man, who considered himself the greatest of sinners, not worthy to be called a Christian, by God's grace became the greatest man of the 16th century. In this way God used him for the greatest task of his times.

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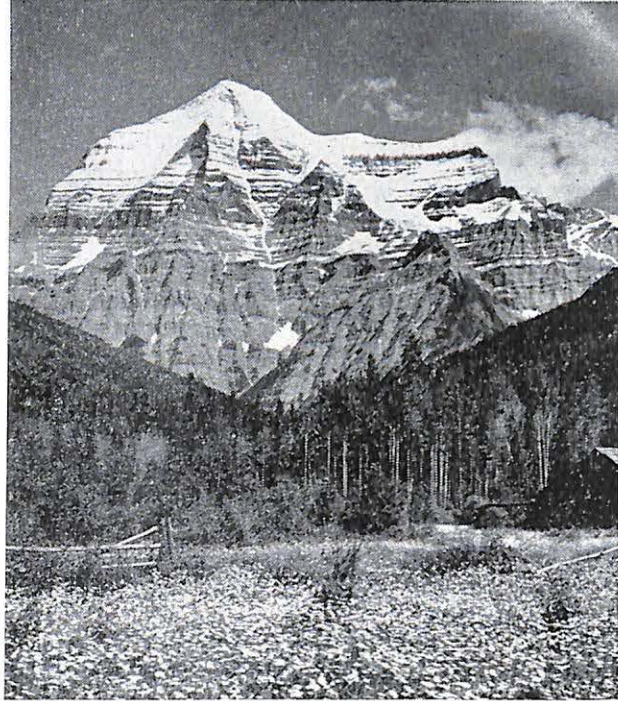
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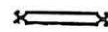
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Mount Robson, rising 12,972 feet above sea level, is the monarch of the Canadian Rockies. Its imperial majesty is accentuated by the tremendous glaciers that flow from its dazzling snowy crown to the fields of flowers in the valley below.

THIS IS CANADA!



CANADA — the world's second largest country — presents a spectacular variety of scenic contrasts from the glittering, ice-bound Rockies to its thriving cities extending from sea to sea. This is a fascinating introduction to Canada in preparation for your attendance at the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta, from July 21 to 27, 1958

By Rev. Ed Link of Edmonton, Alberta

THIS NATION OF CANADA—ten provinces and two vast territories, extending over an area larger than that of the United States of America and second only to the U. S. S. R., and having a population less than the number of Baptists in the United States—is unique among the nations of the world.

Though its history extends back over four centuries, Canada as a nation is only 91 years old. It is still youthful and having a charm of youth envied by many of the older and stagnating countries of the world. One of the few nations with a still developing frontier, and with a record of economic growth unequalled elsewhere in the postwar world, Canada's future defies imagination.

Come with us on a fast-moving survey trip over this unusual and expansive domain. This is a dominion, indeed, because it extends from sea to sea to sea—the Atlantic on the east, the Pacific on the west and the Arctic to the north. Canada is essentially a country of contrasts found in a wide variety of scenes set in its five main geographic sections, each somewhat isolated from the other.

MARITIME PROVINCES

Our wide survey commences on the eastern extension of the nation, usually called the Maritimes, since most of the area is surrounded by the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. The maritime provinces are Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and the youngest province, nine-year-old Newfoundland. Fishing, farming, lumbering and shipbuilding characterize the industries here.

The most famous port is Halifax, which receives goods from trading ships of the Atlantic and transfers them to railroad cars which carry them to anywhere along the 3,372 miles of railroad that travels all the way across Canada to the Pacific port of Vancouver. The most well-known airport is Gander, almost international

in character because airlines of many nations route their planes through this last jumping off point before Europe.

Moving on westward from this easternmost area of Canada, we follow the historic St. Lawrence River into the mainland of Canada to the chain of the five Great Lakes which separate Canada from the U. S. A. in this area. It is along the St. Lawrence and north of the Lakes that we find the heart of Canada's industry. Drawing raw materials from the far west and the northern hinterland, rich with natural resources, and from the ships of the sea, the nation's manufacturing centers are located here. Further economic impetus will be given this area when the giant St. Lawrence Seaway project, a co-operative venture of both U. S. A. and Canada, is completed and ocean-going vessels laden with goods will penetrate over 2000 miles into the interiors of both countries.

The two largest and most heavily populated provinces comprise this area. Quebec, noted for its still dominant usage of French language and customs, contains Montreal, the largest city of Canada. Ontario has the nation's capital at Ottawa, the second largest city of Toronto, and Windsor, Canada's motor-city located south of Detroit, Mich.

WESTWARD ACROSS PRAIRIES

Moving westward again we come to the third geographical section of Canada, the broad and wide open plains known as the prairies, the golden treasury of grains, the breadbasket of the world. Closely rivaling the rich black and brown surface soil, so important agriculturally, is the black oil and natural gas from beneath the surface. Within the last decade the petroleum industry with a potential as great as that of Texas has sprung up. The provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta make up this fantastic area settled for little more than fifty years and yet growing and prospering at a rate no one anticipated.

The city of Edmonton, the meeting place of this year's North American Baptist General Conference, has burst its boundaries with a 44.5 per cent population increase within five years, making it the fastest growing major city on the North American continent. Other prairie cities such as Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon and Calgary follow closely behind in rate of rapid growth.

The most westerly section of Canada is bounded on the east by the great Rocky Mountain chain and on the west by the Pacific Ocean. This whole area is included in the province of British Columbia, which this year celebrates its 100th birthday since being founded as a British colony. Rugged mountain chains interspersed with plateaus and fruitful valleys give British Columbia difficult transportation and development problems, but at the same time the industrial possibilities such as mining, fruit growing, fishing, as well as in forestry and water power are almost boundless.

Vancouver is the large seaport city serving as the western terminus of the many ties that bind Canada. Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, is situated on large Vancouver Island off the western coast of the mainland.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

To travel over the fifth and largest section of Canada, it is necessary to go northward and eastward over Canada's northland composed of the two territories, not provinces because of sparse population, known as Yukon and the Northwest Territories. Canada's far north extends northward into the Arctic Ocean in the form of many islands, some yet uncharted, right to the top of the world at the North Pole. Together with the northern sections of the mainland provinces, this area is known as the third frontier of Canada.

Modern U. S. A. regards her frontier days as belonging to a past known only on television screens. But Canada's third frontier is very real and

significant to her future. The concentrated population belt which lies in an east-west direction, no more than 200 to 400 miles above the U. S. A. border, can look northward to another land to conquer. But in place of the ox cart or wagon train of the other North American frontiers, the modern Canadian pioneer proceeds north by airplane or tractor-train, equipped with magnetometer and Geiger counter. Already such areas as Kitimat with its aluminum, Knob Lake with its iron ore, and Uranium City have become important civilized, even though isolated, developments within the frontier.

North American military men are intensely interested in the north because of its strategic military import. An examination of the globe shows that the shortest direct air route to Europe and especially Russia is over the Canadian northland. Thus U. S. A. and Canada have spent vast sums in developing three radar lines across Canada for defense purposes. In addition to their military value, the radar stations of the north will contribute no little to the development of the third frontier.

TIES THAT BIND

After this quick trip around Canada, no doubt, the observer will wonder how these five large and isolated geographic areas stay bound together in spite of physical barriers and tremendous distances. Any progress report on Canada shows that various ribbons stretching all the way across the land have kept the diverse areas together.

The Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National Railways form the ribbons of steel. The ribbon of the air is Trans-Canada Airlines, and the ribbons of the air waves are the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the



Map of Canada showing most of the provinces and the Northwest Territories and of the northern part of the United States with main transportation routes also indicated.

longest micro-wave relay chain in the world for television and telephone.

Underground ribbons include the trans-Canada pipelines for both crude oil and natural gas. The latest surface tie that binds Canada together, in spite of the barriers of its geography, is the trans-Canada highway now nearing completion.

Looking ahead into Canada's future, her great statesman, Sir Wilfred Laurier, stated at the outset of the twentieth century that, while the first half of it belonged to the U. S. A., the second half of the century would belong

to Canada. It now appears that he was not too far wrong. Even though statistics show that the material level of living in Canada is 15 per cent lower than in the U. S. A., and that the lag in wages and price levels is about 12 years, they further show that Canada is steadily closing the gap on her older neighbor. Actually, Canada can be compared economically with the U. S. A. as a younger man in business is compared to the older more established business man. Maturing Canada will catch up as the disproportion of the two factors to her expansion is remedied.

NATURAL RESOURCES

The first factor necessary for her wealth is found in her natural resources, and of these she has abundance from the hand of God. Leading the world in production of nickel, asbestos, platinum and newsprint, and ranking very high in the supply of agricultural products, gold, silver, wood pulp, aluminum, hydroelectric power, uranium and many others, Canada needs but the investment and the workers for the exploitation of these.

The postwar "baby-boom" and the wave of immigrants, including some 230,000 of German extraction, have given Canada a population increase in the last 15 years of nearly 40 per cent. Thus with the abundant blessing of natural resources and the rapidly rising population, Canada is set up for an expansion that, if the Lord tarries, is bound to be great.

Canada's enlarging population is made up of a minority of natives and a vast majority of people from all over the world. There are less than 10,000 Eskimos who dwell in the far scat-

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An airplane view of the town of Leduc, 25 miles south of Edmonton, and of the famous Oil Fields of Alberta.

I WALKED WHERE JESUS WALKED

Reflections on a Day in Jerusalem by Rev. Henry Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alberta

WITHIN THE WALLS of the ancient city of Jerusalem and over the rocky slopes of Mount Olivet, grey streaks of dawn had already broken into a crimson glow. A rooster crowed loud and clear in the neighbor's yard, as if he wanted the whole world to know that morning had finally come. From the street beyond came the whining chant of Arabian prayers as devout Moslems prostrated themselves toward the city of Mecca and repeated their usual morning devotions to Allah.

A DAY IN JERUSALEM

It was the beginning of a new day in Jerusalem. A visitor there cannot help but be caught up by the excitement of just being in this ancient city. As you stand by the window and gaze over the city's huge walls, its narrow and winding streets, its many domes and minarets, you are suddenly overwhelmed by a strange, warm feeling of being in a city where Christ once lived. After a good breakfast, you are determined to find out more about this fascinating city. So you begin to tour it, not by car for the streets are far too narrow, but simply walk from one place to the other.

You may want to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (claimed by Roman Catholics to be the place where Christ died and was buried). It is a huge structure with a dark and gloomy interior. Black robed priests and monks move slowly through its long corridors.

Perhaps you will like a place more cheerful. So you leave the ancient walled city by the Damascus Gate to the north, and within a short walking distance you come to the Garden Tomb and Gordon's Calvary. This was claimed by General Gordon to be the place where Christ died and was buried. A sense of awe and reverence overtakes you as you stand there and think that perhaps here at this very place the Savior died, was buried and rose again.

MOSQUE OF OMAR

Slowly you walk with me as we go to the pool of Bethesda, then to the Judgment Hall where Christ was so cruelly treated. (The actual stones called the "pavement" still remain there.)

Now we will go to the Mosque of Omar, or as it is often called, the "Dome of the Rock." It is a Mohammedan mosque, a tremendous piece of architecture built on the ancient site of Solomon's Temple. You remove your shoes, put on a pair of slippers and tour the building. However, to the true Christian this large edifice is only empty and cold.

Not far from there we visit the Jewish weeping wall. Here for hun-

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Heaven is the day of which grace is the dawn; the rich, ripe fruit of which grace is the lovely flower; the inner shrine of that most glorious temple to which grace forms the approach and outer court". — Guthrie

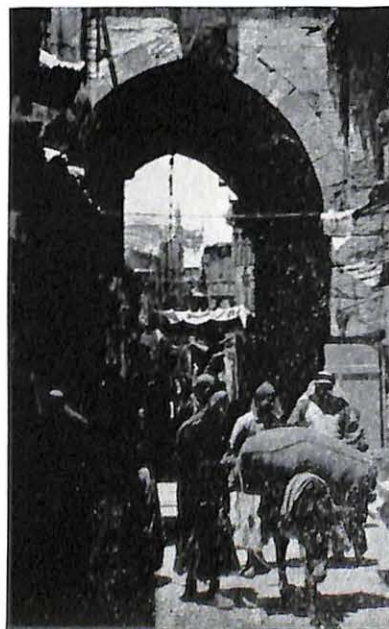
dreds of years the Jews came to weep and mourn and wait for their Messiah. Now there are no Jews here for it is in Arab territory and the Jews and Arabs hate each other bitterly.

We leave the city again, this time on the east side through St. Stephen's Gate. We cross the brook of Kidron and soon come to the church built in memory of Stephen, the first martyr. Then we go on to what is known as the Garden of Gethsemane. Here we find several large churches, each claiming to be built where Christ prayed in the garden.

MOUNT OF OLIVES

Perhaps you will feel as I did and determine to go to the very top of the Mount of Olives. It is a rough and stony trail, but it does not take long to reach the top. Here you find a monastery and the Tower of Ascension. (You will likely be shown a footprint in a rock claimed to be made by Christ just before he ascended—but you must form your own conclusion.) If you feel as I did, then you will not be taken up so much with the miraculous but with the fact that here Jesus loved to come and to pray.

Here on this mount Jesus spent many a night in prayer. Here he sat and wept when he said: "Oh Jerusa-



Inside the Shepherd's Gate in Jerusalem

lem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not" (Matthew 23-37).

ON YOUR KNEES!

Perhaps, as you gaze over that ancient city of Jerusalem, you would do as I did. You would find a lonely spot on that rocky mountain and there kneel before your God and re-dedicate your life to him.

Then with the joy of full surrender ringing in your heart, you come down the mountain side as I did singing this beautiful song:

"I walked today where Jesus walked
And felt his presence near ———."

That night, wearily crawling into an uncomfortable bed, you would say to yourself: "It has been a perfect day just walking in Jerusalem."

JESUS IN THE SEPULCHER

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fort to those who have loved ones, whose bodies are in graves. Even as Jesus was raised up from the dead, the same Spirit shall raise them up also in the last day. The grave cannot hold its prey. Death is swallowed up in victory. The grave could not hold Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was buried in its stronghold, and so it will be with believers also. Our corruptible body will take on incorruption, and our mortal beings will take on immortality.

When Jesus came forth from the grave, his body was no longer limited to human limitations. It was a glorified body that could enter closed doors and ascend into heaven's glory. (See John 20:19; and Acts 1:10). So shall it be with us on that day!

The burial of Jesus Christ and its meaning to the believer strengthens our faith in this all-satisfying Savior, and gives us even greater assurance that he is able to save unto the uttermost those who believe and accept him. Jesus did all things for a purpose on our behalf, that we might know and believe.

For the new man in Christ, the grave is a place to change from the mortal to the immortal, even as Jesus was changed, so that on the resurrection morning we shall rise to meet our Lord and live forever in his glorious presence. What a victory! What a day that will be! Jesus in the sepulcher has taken away the believer's fear of the grave, where the old body of sin is laid to await the return of Christ when soul and body shall be united into glorified beings like that of our Lord

THIS IS CANADA

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tered regions of the north. About 150,000 people of Canada are Indians or of Indian extraction. The vast majority of Canadians are immigrants or those born of immigrants of years past from many lands. Indeed, Canada is a melting pot of many nations, and a true Canadian is one who loves this new land of freedom and devotes his life to its development.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

Canadians are justly proud of their democratic government patterned after both the traditional English democracy and the American Constitution. Canada, contrary to the belief of many non-Canadians, is not a subservient colony of England but rather it is a completely independent nation which shares the British monarch.

The queen is the symbolic head of Canada and has her representatives in Canada to sign bills to make them law on her behalf and to appear as the formal head of the state. But while laws require her formal approval, it is a practical truth that, under Canada's form of responsible government, she can do no wrong because she always accepts the advice of her people. This appears to be even a more thorough democracy than in the U. S. A., where the president can employ his power as commander-in-chief of the armed forces without having to carry out the advice of his people.

The actual legislation and administration of the Canadian government is carried out by elected representatives of the people. The present governmental head of the Dominion, John Diefenbaker has already been introduced to *Baptist Herald* readers as a distinguished Baptist layman.

Much more could be told of Canada's outstanding tourist attractions at places such as the Thousand Islands and the scenic Rocky Mountains. American hunters and fishermen can testify as to the abundance of wild life and lakes and streams. The world-famed Royal Canadian Mounted Police pose a complete story themselves. The whole understanding of the unique country of Canada certainly involves more than the reading of a survey report.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Therefore, we invite you to Canada especially for the days surrounding the General Conference week at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Come to visit the Canadians and find out why with pride they render their national anthem:

"O Canada, our home and native land,
True, patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true North, strong and free,
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!"



The center section of Jan Styka's "The Crucifixion" at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Calif., showing the Lord Jesus Christ in that portentous moment before he was actually crucified when he chose the Cross to become the Savior of the world.

THREE CROSSES ON A HILL

By Sara Lou Gunst of Forest Park, Illinois

Three crosses stood upon that hill for three
Short hours. Three men in agony hung there
For all to see. Three hearts cried out in grief—
One pure, one with remorse, the other, hate.
Three times that day a man denied his Lord.
Three times he wept the bitter tears which flow
When one can do but wrong. And now
The hour was near, the clouds enclosed the sky
In black disgrace—God hurled his mighty sword
To strike the earth in powerful dismay.
His Son had died . . . and now we live, full free
From all our sin if we but hear his plea.
In three short days our Savior rose once more
That we might know. But will he call three times?

REVELATION

By Mrs. Helen Wessel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

God's wisdom wrought those sacred words through "holy men of old,"
Who dimly saw, "as through a glass," the wonders that they told,
And "knew in part;" and even yet we do not fully know
The hidden riches in God's Word—nor shall we, here below.
But its light across the centuries shines straight and clear and true,
And as man's ignorance peels away, its beam seems widening too—
Until the day its ray is lost in radiance from God's throne,
When we shall see—while gathered there with all his very own—
The sapphire sky swirled out below, a mighty ocean floor,
Its foaming, white cloud-breakers washing up on heaven's shore;
And when in breathless awe we'll hear the choirs of heaven sing
Of the unfathomed love of our Creator, Savior, King!
On looking up we'll see the brilliant panorama spread
Across the rainbow-shaded dome of heaven overhead,
Far past the finite boundaries of knowledge, time and space;
The final revelation of God's faithfulness and grace.

We the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Martin L. Leuschner, wife of the editor of our "Baptist Herald," makes us conscious of the fact that "God's promises are kept." May they give us strength and confidence to rest upon his promises!

GOD'S PROMISES ARE KEPT

By Mrs. Martin L. Leuschner

In this modern world there are many changes—changes in time and space. Everything is moving at a faster rate of speed. We used to think in terms of 65 miles an hour in a car. Now our jets go thousands of miles an hour. We are no longer content with our own globe. All eyes are on the "outer spaces." Some of these new scientific developments in electronics and nuclear physics perhaps can bring about a sense of fear and instability in many instances. But we have the sure knowledge that with God "there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." "From everlasting to everlasting thou art God."

If you believe that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, then lay hold of God's promises. Make them your own. I prefer to say, "Learn them by heart," rather than to say in memorize them, for they belong in your heart. Then each moment of the day, repeat one promise, then another, until God's very Presence seems to surround you.

In almost every family, it is Mother to whom all look for courage, confidence and serenity. If Mother expresses fear or shows any uncertainty, the family, especially the children, are quick to notice it and react accordingly.

My mother was a constant student of the Bible. In her worn copy of the Scriptures, which I still treasure, much of the Book of Psalms has been underlined, to prove to me now why our home, so many years ago, gave out an atmosphere of peace and love, even with four lively children around.

And later in my own home, I learned to look to God for the answer to problems. I love to think of such promises as, "He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Psalm 91:11-12). "He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber" (Psalm 121:3).

So often I am asked, "Don't you worry when your husband does so much traveling?" And then the sweet ending of Psalm 121 rings in my heart, "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore."

So it seems to me that each Chris-

"Shasta" Speaks for "God's Volunteers"

Report by the Station Wagon and Mrs. Shirley Roehl

HELLO, EVERYONE! In the past issues of the "Baptist Herald," Mrs. Shirley Roehl has been reporting about the activities of the "God's Volunteers" team. This time I have decided to let you as readers in on my side of the story of the six young people whom I have learned to know so well in the past six months. You may not have guessed it, but I am "Shasta," the Station Wagon. As you know, last year I had the joy of trav-

made for Christ during the week of meetings.

By listening to the Volunteers talk on their way to Sacramento, Calif., I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that they had really enjoyed their time in Southern California.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

On Feb. 12, I found the team all excited and eager to get to work at the Willow Rancho Church in Sacramento



"God's Volunteers" team in Southern California. Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Roehl, Violet Rau, Leona Hoffman, Lily Boymook, and Le Roy Kiemele.

eling with the first team of "God's Volunteers" who went out to serve the Lord in this type of service. I am now a veteran at going with the team.

INGLEWOOD KNOLLS

In the preceding articles you have learned about the places where these six young people have been and about the work they have been doing. I thought I would tell you about the fine time they had in the Inglewood Knolls Church, Inglewood, Calif. Since I am with the Volunteers more than anyone else, I find out many other things that others do not know. One afternoon, believe it or not, these six young people made 433 calls. Rev. E. Mittelstedt was pleasantly surprised too, just as I was.

The thing that makes me happiest is that the Volunteers are not aiming for great numbers alone, but that souls will be won to Christ and lives changed by the power of his might. By the time the team ended their campaign in Inglewood, 1186 calls had been made, both canvassing and prospect calls. Seven decisions were

tian has a divine inheritance which is hers to claim and to use in her daily life, for God's promises ARE KEPT.

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with Rev. Clarence Walth. This being Violet Rau's home church, she especially enjoyed being home again with her family and friends. Each night as I took the Volunteers home, they told each other of the visits they had made that day. I found that they had had many encouraging contacts where folks had shown a real interest in the Lord and in the church. I found out too that the Lord has been blessing this new church, for which all of us are happy. The weather was rather rainy some of the time, but that didn't bother me or these young people who serve the Lord, rain or shine.

Before long I will be loaded down with numerous suitcases, paper bags, boxes, souvenirs, and talking, singing and happy young people. We shall then travel about two-thirds of the way across the United States, where my friends, the Volunteers, will be serving the Lord in Wausau, Wis.

I had better sign off now. Keep praying for the team, and I know that they pray for you too.

Sincerely,

Shasta (The Station Wagon)

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What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Fred G. Moore, missionaries in Japan, have announced the birth of a son on Feb. 17 who has been named James William. The baby was born in the Japan Baptist Hospital in Kyoto, Japan.

● The Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, has called Rev. Sam McNeill as its pastor to succeed Rev. John Lubeck who is now giving his full time to studies at Baylor University in Waco. Mr. McNeill, who resides in nearby Waco, Texas, began his ministry at the Gatesville Church on Feb. 1st. Mr. Lubeck had served the church since 1955.

● The Baptist Church of Ventura, N. Dak., dedicated 148 copies of the "North American Hymnal" on Sunday morning, Feb. 2. They are memorials to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tesky and to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fuller and were presented to the church on behalf of their children and families. Rev. Orville Meth, pastor, was in charge of the impressive dedication service.

● The First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, has called Rev. Eldon L. Janzen of Fenwood, Sask., as its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Janzen will bring his ministry at the Fenwood Church to a close on April 30. He has served this church since 1954. His pastorate in Arnprior will begin on May 1st, where he will succeed Rev. Walter Schmidt, now of Norridge, Illinois.

● Rev. Carl Weisser, the new pastor of the First Baptist Church of Streeter, N. Dak., since April 1st, is also serving the Baptist Church at Medina, N. Dak., every Sunday morning at 9:45. He serves the Streeter church every Sunday at 11:00 A.M. and at the evening service. He also ministers at the Medina church at one mid-week service and at a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society every month.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, has called Rev. John Kuehn of River Hills, Manitoba, as its pastor. He has given the Prince Rupert Church a favorable response and announced that he will begin his ministry there on May 18. He has served the Whitemouth Baptist Church of Manitoba since 1951. At Prince Rupert he will succeed Rev. Alexander Hart, now of St. Catharines, Ontario.

● The pulpit of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., is being supplied since March 2nd by Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill., interim and supply pastor of the denomination. Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh brought his ministry at the church to a close on Feb. 23. He is now serving as the assistant pastor at the First Baptist

Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Dr. Leyboldt will supply the pulpit of the Buffalo Church until a new pastor can be secured.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., has extended a call to Rev. Louis R. Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas, to which he has responded favorably. He began his ministry at the church on April 1st with his first preaching services on Easter Sunday. Mr. Johnson has spent the past year in graduate studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Prior to that he was pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. In Kankakee he is succeeding Rev. Herman H. Riffel, now of Detroit, Michigan.

● On Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Baptist Mission Church (German) of Chicago, Ill., was organized with 48 charter members. At this meeting with Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, serving as moderator, the church officers were elected and action was taken to purchase the building of the former Humboldt Park Church for \$11,000. Mr. Erwin Radant is serving the church at present as interim pastor. Regular services are now being held in the German language at their meeting place, 1859 Spaulding Avenue, Chicago, Ill. A recognition service will be held in the near future.

● Pre-Easter meetings have been held with encouraging results in attendance and response by the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. Various church organizations were in charge of the Sunday evening services. Guest speakers have been Dr. Carl H. Brown, pastor of the Geneva Road Church, Wheaton, Ill., on March 9; Rev. W. E. Borne, pastor of the Foster Park Church, Chicago, Ill., on March 23; and Dr. A. Diman, executive secretary of the Chicago Baptist Association, on Palm Sunday, March 30. Rev. Rubin Kern is pastor of the Forest Park Church.

● The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kern of Leduc, Alberta, was commemorated at the

First Baptist Church of Leduc on Sunday evening, Feb. 16. Representatives of church organizations and the pastor, Rev. Fred J. Knalson, extended congratulations to them. Miss Georgene Kern, a daughter, spoke on behalf of the family and also played the "Wedding March" when her parents were escorted to the platform. Mr. and Mrs. Kern are active in many phases of the church's ministry as Sunday School superintendent and president of several societies.

● On Sunday, Feb. 9, the Ladies' Mission Circle of the Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas, observed its 37th anniversary program with Rev. Richard Schilke, general mission secretary, as guest speaker. A potluck dinner was held at the noon hour. For the evening service, Mr. Schilke gave a missionary message and showed missionary slides of the Cameroons work in Africa and the Latin-American field at Rio Grande City, Texas. Other features on the program were a ladies' quartet number singing, "Come Lord, My Heart to Sanctify", and a White Cross report read by Mrs. Melvin Schulz.

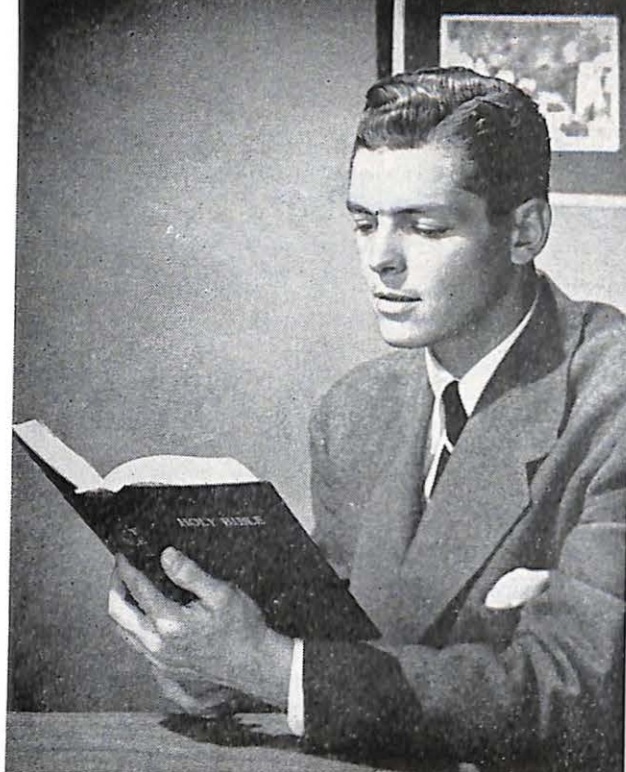
● The Immanuel Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dak., honored Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Weber of its congregation on their 45th wedding anniversary held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26. Rev. Elton Kirstein led the service. Readings were given by Irene Luckey, Lesla Winter and Bertha Schultz. Darlene Kludt and Marjorie Ann Schultz rendered several musical numbers. Carol Liedtke addressed the group of about 150 guests. A reception was held afterwards. Mr. and Mrs. Weber have lived in Wessington Springs since 1935. They have six children and ten grandchildren.

● The Lenten series of special services held by the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., are being brought to an inspiring close by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, who is speaking on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 3 and 4, and on Easter Sunday, April 6. Other speakers in the seven weeks' series included Dr. Edwin A. Bell of Paris, France, the European representative of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies; Rev. Robert E. Fuchs, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, West New York, New Jersey; and Rev. George A. Cospser of the Greenwood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, minister, was in charge of these Lenten services.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 23, the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., held a panel discussion with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, our missionaries to Japan. The interesting interview was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. H. Fluth. The guest speaker on Sunday morning, March 2, was Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Seminary president. He also addressed the Gideon Rally in Minneapolis on Saturday night, March

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

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. David frankly stated that he was praying for his roommate. 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. The hilarity at the dinner increased and 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. In the hospital Barry was filled with deep remorse. No one could talk to him, except David's girl friend, Dale. She reminded him of the torch, of the things in which David had believed, for Barry to hold high. But he cried brokenly: "How could I ever carry such a torch when I don't even believe the things that he believed?"

CHAPTER SEVEN

"THE torch!" he cried brokenly. "That's what he said. He told me that he felt as if he were carrying a torch for God that would lighten darkened lives. And I ridiculed what he had told me in confidence when I proposed that terrible toast. That was what caused all this!" He looked at her through pain-filled eyes. "How could I ever carry a torch that he was carrying when I don't even believe the things that he believed?"

"You can believe, if you only will," she said as her dark eyes looked gravely into his. "It's really so simple."

He turned away and a groan escaped his lips. "No! No! I never can!" he moaned. "I don't even want to try!"

Just then Cicily came into the room. She eyed Dale and responded to her greeting coldly as she approached the bed and spoke to Barry.

"How are you today, darling?" she asked as she leaned over and kissed him. "You're better, I'm sure, because you even look better."

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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Dale turned to go, for Cicily had made it quite plain that her presence was not desirable, but Barry called to her weakly.

"Don't go, Dale! Please stay here. I need you."

"I'll come back tomorrow," she promised. "I'm sure that you and Cicily would rather be alone. Be a good boy and rest as much as you can."

When she came the next day he was alone.

"I was hoping you'd come before Cicily got here," was his greeting. "I want to talk to you about—that torch. I can't get it off my mind. I can't forget what you said to me about carrying on for David. I know that I owe it to David to carry on for him and I know that nothing would make him happier, if he could know what's going on down here, than to know that I was carrying on for him. But I just can't accept what he believed. It just doesn't make sense to me."

"But surely you saw the change in David after he had accepted Christ as his Saviour."

"Of course. That was what made me so angry, the fact that he had changed so. The things we used to enjoy, we couldn't do together any more. I felt that I was losing him. Now I have lost him and it's all my fault." A moan escaped his lips.

"Then if you saw that change, you must realize that what David believed was something very real. You must have seen how happy he was in his salvation. I know from experience, Barry, just how real it is. It is more real than anything else in life and it brings me more joy than anything else can bring."

"I wish you hadn't mentioned my carrying that torch," he said. "I can't get it out of my mind. It bothers me

so I can't sleep. You've made me feel that I owe a debt to David, yet I can't do anything about it. I have my own plans for my life, Dale, and they don't fit in with anything that David was planning to do. I don't want what he had. I feel that he was missing all the fun in life. Yet when you're gone and I'm alone, I feel that I'll never be able to get away from the horror of this—that I'll never be happy again. How I wish you had never suggested my carrying on in his place!"

"I'm sorry if I've upset you, Barry," she replied. "Perhaps I had better not come again until you're stronger."

"No, don't stay away. I want you here. I don't know why it is, but when you're here, I feel so much more contented than when I'm alone. When I'm alone I get to thinking and my thoughts almost drive me crazy. Stay with me as much as you can. I need you. Perhaps it's because you and David were so close that it's almost like having him here when you're here."

He noticed the look of pain which leaped into her eyes and he cried contritely, "Forgive me, Dale. I'm so engrossed with my own suffering that I forgot how you have suffered. How I wish I could do something to ease the pain in your heart! You and David had your plans made, didn't you?"

"Yes. While he was preparing for the ministry I was going to take nurse's training. I felt that it would be a help to him in his work with the underprivileged and then if, later on, we could go to the mission field, it would be an even greater help there."

"And now all your plans are shot to pieces. Your life is crushed and there's nothing left for you, is there?"

"Oh yes, there's much left," she told him. "My heart is broken of course,

and my life will be terribly lonely, but I intend to carry out my plan to go into training. There are still broken bodies to be nursed and there are souls to be saved. The Lord can still use me, even if David has been taken."

"I never realized before how wonderful you are," he commented. "No wonder David loved you so much."

Mrs. Carter came in just then and greeted them.

"Dale, I believe you've really helped Barry to start on the road to recovery," she said. "Since you came he's been getting better right along."

Dale smiled. "He's just been telling me that I've upset him. I suggested that it would be a wonderful thing if he could take David's place in the Lord's work. He doesn't think it such a good idea."

"Nothing could make me happier," Mrs. Carter replied. "How about it, son?"

"Let's not talk about it now," Barry replied. "I don't like the idea. Wait until I get well. I don't want to even think about it now."

During the days that followed, Barry's recovery was painfully slow. His injuries had been more severe than appeared at first and his long siege of temperature had sapped his strength. During his recovery he became gloomy and morose and nothing his mother nor Cicily did to try to rouse him from it, availed. David's death weighed so heavily upon his conscience and remorse sat so heavily upon him that he wondered if he would ever return to his normal state of mind.

After he was brought home from the hospital, Mr. Carter suggested that he should go for a visit to an aunt who lived in Pleasant Hill, a small town in the northern part of the state.

Cicily was opposed to his going, for she felt that this trip would delay their wedding plans that much longer, but as Barry's gloom deepened with the passing days, she decided that perhaps it was the only thing to be done. She went to the depot with him and gave him a tearful farewell.

As the train left the station and Barry settled for the seven-hour ride, he wondered if he ever would be the same again. If he could not drag himself out of this gloom and forget his torturing conscience, then life would not be pleasant.

Ordinarily Pleasant Hill was a quiet place. Mrs. Murray, Barry's aunt, lived on the outskirts of the town and he had felt that he would really find peace and quiet. But an evangelist had begun a meeting in a brush arbor not far from the Murray home.

Barry had not noticed it when he arrived, but after dinner that evening he saw the people passing and he wondered where they were going. Then he heard the singing as the service began and he was disturbed by it. There

surely could be no peace and quiet with all that noise. He asked his aunt about it and she told him what it was.

"The meeting has been going on for a week now and the crowds grow with every service. How would you like to go with me?" she asked.

"I wouldn't like it at all," Barry retorted. "I came here for quiet, but it looks as if I came at the wrong time. How long is this affair going to last?"

"As long as the people keep coming and souls get saved."

Barry urged his aunt to go to the meeting when he learned that she had been attending regularly. He assured her that he would not mind being alone. He felt that he would rather be alone, for this unexpected development had upset him greatly. What a terrible coincidence! Here he was, trying to get away from himself and his gloomy thoughts and he had run into something which brought back all the soul-torturing memories of the past. It had been just this kind of a meeting that David had attended.

He had come here to try to forget what Dale had said, to get away from thoughts of David and the gloom that had settled upon him and now he had run right into something that brought everything back with sickening force, something which had set him to thinking again; thinking about what Dale had said; thinking about his own reckless life and wondering what the end would be.

While he sat there in the darkness, the words of one of the songs came to him. He could hear distinctly: "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord. I'll do what you want me to do."

Why should they be singing that song tonight, of all times? David had said something once about God having laid His Hand upon him and that he just could not get away from God's call. "When God calls a person," he had said, "that person had better answer, if he wants peace within." Had God laid His hand upon him? But that was ridiculous. He was not even sure that he believed in God. How he wished Dale had not said anything about that torch!

He got up and went inside. He decided that he would go to bed and rest. The trip had tired him more than he realized. He had no idea that he was so weak. But his room was on the side nearest the meeting and as he undressed he could hear the preacher's words quite distinctly. It was too warm to close the window, so he tried to cover his ears so that he could not hear. However, he had an irresistible curiosity to know what the man was saying.

What he heard when he uncovered his ears made him sit up and listen. As he listened, horror filled his soul. The preacher was talking about the carelessness and recklessness of the people in this present age. "Two young men were driving along the highway," he said, "and one of them was wild

and reckless and under the influence of liquor. He drove the car so fast that it skidded and turned over. A life was snuffed out and the driver of that car has a man's blood on his soul."

Barry sat there in stunned silence. He did not hear the rest of the message. He was sure that the preacher was talking about him. Anger surged through him and he got up and dressed. When his aunt returned from the meeting he was waiting for her on the front porch.

"Why did you have to tell that fellow about me?" he demanded in angry tones.

She stared at him in surprise. "Why, Barry, I never told him anything about you. Why should I? What made you think I did?"

"You know what he said," he accused. "He was telling those people all about how I killed David. Why should he do that on this particular night if you didn't tell him about it and tell him that I was here?"

"I'm sure I don't know what he said it," she replied in hurt tones, "but I am sure that I didn't tell him anything about you. Perhaps he read it in the paper. He may not have been talking about you at all. So many similar accidents happen almost every day. Perhaps it was God speaking to you, Barry. Did you hear the rest of the message?"

"No. I was so mad I didn't want to listen. Why doesn't he get his sermons from the Bible if that is what he's supposed to be preaching from?"

"He did, Barry. And he preached a good message. He was trying to illustrate that passage from the Bible that says, 'The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.' It's a pity you didn't hear the rest. Four young people went forward to accept Christ as their Saviour."

"I hope it will make them happy," Barry replied with a mirthless laugh. "It will," Mrs. Murray affirmed, "and it's the only thing that will ever make you happy, Barry."

"Then I'll never be happy," he retorted as he again went to his room.

The next day he was restless and more morose than ever. His aunt did her best to rouse him from his gloom, but he refused to respond to her efforts. When the time for the service came, he told her that he was going for a walk. He started out in the opposite direction from the meeting, determined not to return until it was over, but he had not gone far before he realized that his strength was giving out. He had forgotten how weak he was.

They were still singing when he mounted the steps and sank wearily into the nearest chair. The words of the song held his attention in spite of his determination not to listen: "I gave, I gave my life for thee. What hast thou given to me?"

(To Be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 13, 1958

Theme: GOD'S PEOPLE IN BONDAGE

Scripture: Exodus 1:7-22

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: In the midst of suffering and hardship, it is often difficult to see God's divine purpose.

INTRODUCTION: For the next three months we shall make a study of Hebrew history from their bondage in Egypt to the time of Samuel. It would be well to give a short synopsis of the circumstances that led Joseph and his brothers, as well as his father, into Egypt and so bring the story up to the time of the present lesson.

The Israelites found themselves in a peculiar dilemma. They had heard of the great blessings enjoyed by their forefathers when they moved into Egypt. But what seemed to be a blessing to one generation turned out to be a curse to the future generation. Yet it is usually the generation that suffers most that can be enabled to find God's highest and noblest purpose. People who find too much ease and contentment in their way of life will seldom seek God's way of life.

I. GOD'S PEOPLE AND PROSPERITY. Exodus 1:7.

It is always easy to see and understand God's will so long as the circumstances are favorable and pleasant. When apparently all our prayers are answered, all our requests are filled, everything goes according to our plan and schedule, we graciously accept God's will as being our will. As we receive all the good things in life, it is a pleasure to raise our eyes to God and say, "God is great, God is good, and we thank him for our daily food." Prosperity is a blessing from God, but it is not the only blessing.

II. GOD'S PEOPLE AND DANGER. Exodus 1:8-10.

As children we learn early in life to sing, "I'll be a sunbeam for Jesus," but we also soon learn that it is often difficult to be a sunbeam when the clouds begin to gather and the storms of life surround us. The children of Israel were so content with their fruitful way of life that they thought it was impossible for any dangerous clouds to darken and to threaten their joy.

III. GOD'S PEOPLE AND AFFLICTION. Exodus 1:11-14.

Few people deliberately go out of their way to seek affliction. But the test of our strength and character often comes when we are suddenly thrust into it. The Israelites' godly training in prosperous times made them

strong in hard times, for it is said, "The more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew." They grew stronger numerically, physically and spiritually. They did not sit down and give up; rather they worked hard and looked up.

IV. GOD'S PEOPLE AND SURVIVAL. Exodus 1:15-22.

It is difficult for us to imagine the conditions under which the Hebrews lived. Even the hope of survival was taken away. Only by the grace of God could they have kept the promise of God to Abraham in their hearts: "I will make of thee a great nation." Thus far they had experienced only great tribulation. Many times in history men have devised the most evil plans to exterminate God's people, yet we continue to have faith in God's Word that one day "The kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ and he shall reign forever and ever" (Rev. 11:14).

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date, April 20, 1958

Theme: GOD PREPARES A LEADER

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-7; 10-15

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: In order to be a good leader, you must first learn to be a good follower.

INTRODUCTION: Since there are gaps between the lessons, it is well to fill them in as briefly as possible in order to give continuity to the story.

It is often surprising to note the type of men God chooses to be his agents for the carrying out of his will. Human judgment may well be against choosing a man of Moses' character. His education and life in the court of Egypt could easily influence him in favoring Egyptian policy. His token attempt to help his brethren was simply an unpremeditated act and showed his emotional instability. When danger threatened, he was the first to flee. He was content to live in safety and to let his brethren look out for themselves.

But God could see all the advantages in the disadvantages. He could see strength where others could see only weakness. His life and education in the court of the Pharaoh were valuable in his understanding of Egypt. His human strength and effort were reinforced and used by the Spirit of

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God. His retreat was a valuable aid in learning the art of meditation and prayer.

I. PREPARATION AND FAITHFULNESS. Exodus 3:1.

God does not look primarily upon the type of work we do, but whether we are faithful in what we are doing. Whether it is fishing, or farming, or keeping the flock, if we are found faithful in little, God knows we will be faithful in much. Moses was willing to accept responsibility and he was willing to be under authority.

II. PREPARATION AND SEEKING. Exodus 3:2-4.

Every man who became a great leader prepared himself by following a healthy curiosity. The person who "keeps his nose to the grindstone" seeks only his immediate need. Those who "turn aside" from their ordinary course of life are the seekers who find. Great inventions and discoveries were made by men who risked their reputations, their character, their very lives by simply following their curiosity. The one who seeks most feels the call of God most strongly. "Seek and ye shall find" said Jesus.

III. PREPARATION AND VISION. Exodus 3:5-6.

There is a great difference in the man who has vision and the man who is a visionary. The visionary is a rocking-chair philosopher. He has great dreams and visions, but he will not lift one finger to help make them come true. Someone said that the best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up. God reveals himself to those who are wide awake and willing to follow the vision. Perhaps the first vision of God may put fear into our hearts as it put fear into the heart of Moses. But the more we look upon God, the more easily our fear will be cast out by love.

IV. PREPARATION AND THE TASK. Exodus 3:7-11.

Some tasks take very little preparation and training. But the more difficult the task, the longer the period of preparation. To many people 80 years is a full life, a time to think of retirement. Yet for Moses, life first began at 80. There is a divine purpose in God's preparation and revelation. He does not prepare us and reveal himself to us for nothing. There is a task to be done and God must find and prepare willing men to do it.

V. PREPARATION AND GOD'S PRESENCE. Exodus 3:12-15.

No matter how long we prepare and how well trained we are, we will still be totally inadequate unless God is with us. Moses' greatest assurance had to come from God's promise to be with him. This is the primary source of power in the life of all of God's leaders.

Youth Activities at the General Conference

An Announcement for the C B Y Fellowship

By Rev. Lawrence Bienert, General Secretary

THE WONDERFUL days of July 21 to 27, 1958, for the North American Baptist General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, are rapidly approaching. The Executive Committee of the CBY Fellowship has made great plans for the youth activities during these conference days. The local Young People's Activities Committee, with Rev. Fred Pahl as chairman, is busily arranging for all of the details in connection with the plans which have been made.

We are expecting a record attendance at this conference. Wherever we go, we hear of people making plans to go to Edmonton this coming July. Young people are arranging their work schedules to make it possible for them to take in these days of inspiration and blessing. We trust that you too are planning to attend.

You will be interested in knowing about the activities which have been planned especially for you. The following outline will acquaint you with some of the highlights of the week for young people.

CBY FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL

Conference activities planned especially for our young people will begin with the CBY Fellowship Council meeting on Monday afternoon, July 21, at 2:00 P. M. Members of the Executive Committee as well as presidents of conference and regional CBY Fellowships are to be present at this meeting. Each president is to report on the activities carried out by the conference or regional area which he (she) represents.

Anyone who is not able to attend personally should submit a written report or delegate someone else to represent his organization. The program for the coming year will be outlined at this meeting. New ideas and suggestions for our conference youth activities will also be discussed.

We want this conference to get off to a good friendly start. Young people will gather in Edmonton from all corners of the North American continent. This will be a meeting of the east and west, the north and south. In order to provide an opportunity to become better acquainted, we have planned a Fellowship and Get-Acquainted Hour after the Monday evening service. We will all meet at 9:30 P. M. on the lower floor of the Alberta Jubilee Auditorium.

There the Executive Committee of the CBY Fellowship will welcome you. The young people of the Edmonton area are planning a brief program to make you feel right at home. You will have opportunity to greet old friends and make new ones during the refreshment hour. This fellowship is for all of our North American Bap-

tist young people. We hope to see you on this opening day of the General Conference.

Many of the young people as well as other adults are interested in what the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship is actually doing. At 3:00 P. M. on Wednesday afternoon we will have an interesting presentation of our CBY Fellowship activities. The beautiful Alberta Jubilee Auditorium with its comfortable seats will be an ideal setting for this program. Posters, charts, testimonies and discussions will be used to acquaint you with our work.

SUNRISE SERVICE

No youth gathering would really be complete without an outdoor service. Therefore we have planned for a Sunrise Service to be held on Thursday morning, July 24, at 6:30 A. M. The Queen Elizabeth Park has been chosen

the CBY Fellowship for the next three years. The names of the CBY Fellowship nominees will appear on the regular General Conference ballot, and the election will take place during the Conference business session.

CONFERENCE BANQUET

One of the highlights of the entire General Conference will be the General Conference banquet sponsored by the CBY Fellowship. This banquet will be held on Saturday, July 26, at 6:30 P. M., at the lovely Macdonald Hotel. This hotel has had the distinct honor of entertaining their majesties, the late King George VI and Queen Elizabeth of England, as well as other notable guests. Our banquet will be held in this same hotel.

The new CBY Fellowship theme for 1958-59, "Christ and You . . . Partners for Action," will be introduced at the



The magnificent Banquet Room of the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta, where the General Conference Banquet will be held on Saturday night, July 26, 1958.

for this special service. The natural setting of trees and low rolling hills beside the North Saskatchewan River will add to the beauty of this service.

Rev. Bert Milner of Springside, Saskatchewan, will be the guest speaker. A group of young people will present the Scripture lesson in the form of a choral reading. Special music will be presented by ladies and male quartets. A delicious outdoor breakfast will be served after the service. Transportation will be provided to and from the park.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Delegates to the General Conference will have the opportunity of electing the young people who will serve on the Executive Committee of

banquet. You will want to share in ing speaker and youth leader, and now professor at our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will be the main speaker. You may be assured that his message will be of great blessing to all who attend this banquet.

Members of the "God's Volunteers" team will bring testimonies about their experiences during their months of service. Special music will be provided by talented young people. The members of the newly elected Executive Committee of the CBY Fellowship will also be introduced to you at this banquet. You will want to share in this opportunity of meeting your

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Eastern Conference

Recent Highlights at Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

On Nov. 22, the annual Anniversary Fellowship dinner of the Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y., was enjoyed by a large group. After partaking of a bountiful meal, the members were blessed by the showing of a film depicting what true stewardship means. During the entire month of December, the choir anthems and the pastor's messages were centered on the theme of Christmas. An evening musicale was given by the choir on Dec. 20 before a very appreciative audience. The theme of the Sunday School program, presented on Dec. 27, under the capable leadership of Mrs. David Baer and the program committee, was "Jesus, the Light of the World."

Bethel members gathered on New Year's Eve for the annual business meeting and Watchnight Service. On Sunday evening, Jan. 26, Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, pastor, baptized 10 candidates. These candidates, after conversing on to Christ, took a six weeks' course of instruction conducted by the pastor as to the assurance of salvation, importance of baptism and church fellowship, and Baptist polity. Prior to the observance of the Lord's Supper on Feb. 2, they with three others, who came by church letter, were given the hand of fellowship and received into the church.

Irene Stocker, Reporter

Farewell Gathering for Former Pastor, Arnprior, Ontario

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, held a farewell service for their pastor, Rev. Walter Schmidt, and his family. The chairman of the evening, Mr. Gerald B. Kuehl, stated how sorry each one present felt to see this wonderful minister leave our church and community, in which he has served as a great Christian leader for almost seven years.

On behalf of the church organizations, our Woman's Missionary Society president, Mrs. C. A. Remus, presented Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt with a Kenwood blanket. After this, Mr. Irvin Woernke presented them with various gifts on behalf of the membership and friends, consisting of a lovey chair, a briefcase, a Gladstone bag and also some chinaware. With humility and sincerity the pastor expressed appreciation for these gifts.

The Junior B.Y.P.U. held a party on Jan. 25 in honor of Paul and Mark Schmidt and presented them with a bedroom lamp and other gifts. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt and family have taken up residence in their new field of service at the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill. (Chicago).

Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter

Open Bible Tabernacle, Erie, Pa., Televises Service

On Sunday, Jan. 19, our little Polish Baptist Church, the Open Bible Tabernacle of Erie, Pa., had the privilege of proclaiming the Gospel through the medium of television over Channel WICU, Erie. This was done by giving a sample of each meeting that we have in the church. It was opened with the young people praising God in song and a brief talk by the young people's president, Richard Duda.

Following this a Polish service was conducted with the joyful singing of Polish hymns and a message, "The Good Shepherd," given in Polish by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Mikolon. We feel that this was most important, because we learned that a Catholic Polish monastery in Canada often listens to the church programs. Our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Leonard Zielinski, made a few remarks on the Sunday School lesson. Also a class was shown in session. Our worship was next with more heart-felt singing and a brief message by Mr. Mikolon on the same subject he had used for the Polish message. He stressed the fact that the Shepherd is willing to give his life for the sheep.

Mrs. Arthur Harrison, Reporter

Pacific Conference

Men's "Sweetheart Banquet," Trinity Church, Portland, Ore.

The annual "Sweetheart Banquet" sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, on Monday evening, Feb. 10, 1958, was a great success. This banquet is an annual event and is anxiously awaited by all the members and guests. The guest speaker and big attraction for the evening was the Secretary of the State of Oregon, Mr. Mark Hatfield. Mr. Hatfield's subject for the evening was "Love", in carrying out the theme for this annual



Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt at the farewell service at Arnprior, Ontario, enjoy the gifts given to them by the Baptist congregation.

event. (To the secretary this was a very new subject as he had recently become engaged). All who attended greatly enjoyed the message of this truly fine Christian man.

Program highlights consisted of a novelty piano number by three accomplished pianists of our church: Mrs. Margaret Billeter, Mrs. Florence Lehman and Mr. Chet Lefe; a humorous reading on "How I Got My Man" by Mrs. Victor Steinfeld; two numbers by a visiting male quartet from our neighboring Bethany Church; and a devoted little number, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," by Rev. and Mrs. George Breikreuz. Roses were presented to the couple married the longest, and also the couple most recently married. The program was concluded with two songs by the men's choral group of our church.

Mrs. Paul Keple, Reporter

Northern Conference

Leadership Course at McDermot Ave Church, Winnipeg

For the fourth consecutive year the Sunday School at the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man., has sponsored a Christian Leadership Training Course. From February 3 to 6 we studied "How the Bible Grew" by Thomas Faichney, with Rev. Karl Korrella of Edmonton, Alberta, teaching in German and Rev. H. J. Waltereit, our pastor, teaching in the English language. The attendance was very fine, with many people from the other two German Baptist churches in our city also participating.

This course has certainly given us a deeper insight into the wonderful leading of the Holy Spirit in the preservation of the Scriptures to this day and has instilled in us a greater appreciation for the Word of God.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

Inspiring Events at Fellowship Church, Camrose, Alberta

The Woman's Mission Circle of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, observed its 43rd anniversary on Jan. 26th. We were privileged to have as our special guest Miss Ida Forsch, one of our Cameroons missionaries. Mrs. Richard Hickman was in charge of the program. Special numbers were given by Mrs. A. Rapske and Mrs. A. Gerber as a duet, and by Mrs. Walter Roth as soloist. Mrs. Rosa Brown, the oldest living charter member, gave us a very interesting history of our Mission Circle, which had its beginning in 1915.

Following our brief program, Miss Forsch showed a very interesting film of her work in the Cameroons. Our president, Mrs. Allan Link, presented Rev. and Mrs. A. Rapske with a purse of money from the Mission Circle for the new baby in their home, Dale Warren Rapske.

Evangelistic meetings were held at our church from Feb. 9 to 16 with Rev. H. Palfenier, our denominational

evangelist. The children enjoyed the object lessons and the variety of new choruses. Several adults made their decision to follow the Lord, and many members re-dedicated their lives to fuller service.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter

Sunday School, German Mission Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

The Sunday School of the German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, Man., is steadily growing in numbers and in service for Christ. We are approaching the 300 mark in our school. Last year we had an average of 221 per Sunday.

The school is composed of nine classes which includes seven classes for children, a youth group and an adult class. Two teachers serve each of our classes. Other Sunday School officers include six secretaries, two pianists, and two treasurers. In addition, three leaders are conducting our Scripture Memory Program.

In our Sunday School Bible passages are eagerly memorized. Every child who learns 150 prescribed verses during the year and recites these receives a beautiful, leather bound Bible. The Golden Text is recited regularly by the children in our Sunday School. We emphasize the fact that every boy and girl who can read should bring his or her own Bible to church. We make a great deal of birthdays of young and old alike. That is a happy moment for us when we can sing "Happy Birthday" and give a Bible memento to every birthday child. Our entire Sunday School program is carried on in the German language.

We experienced a great loss a year ago when our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Paul Dreher, moved with his family to Kelowna, B. C. He served our school faithfully for several years. The undersigned is now endeavoring to carry on with this important responsibility.

Arthur Dreger, Superintendent



Sunday School teachers and officers of the German Baptist Mission Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, sing a special number at a church program.

Dakota Conference

Women's Anniversary Program, Baptist Church, McClusky, N. D.

On Friday evening, Jan. 31, the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of McClusky, N. Dak., presented its annual program. After the song service led by our pastor's wife, Mrs. E. O. Oster, Mrs. Mike Dockter read the Scripture passage. Mrs. Wm. Mantz led in prayer and Mrs. Hilmer Zimbelman, president, extended a welcome to all friends and visitors. Reports were read by the secretary, Mrs.

John Suckert, and the treasurer, Mrs. George Kessler. A poem was read by Mrs. Pauline Renner. Several musical numbers also were presented.

The play, "The Law of the Seed," proved to be a blessing. Another poem was read by Mrs. Herbert Engel and a German reading given by Mrs. R. Rauser. We were privileged to have our Northern North Dakota Union president, Mrs. Albert Krombein of Anamoose, N. Dak., as guest speaker. The mission offering amounted to \$117.43.

Mrs. John Suckert, Secretary

Student Fellowship at the Seminary, Sioux Falls

A gratifying response was again evident at the Student Fellowship held at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. D., on February 3rd, with approximately 120 persons in attendance. This occasion is sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship. Students from our North American Baptist churches studying in the Sioux Falls area were invited to this meeting for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Also attending the Student Fellowship were members of the secretarial staff from Forest Park, Ill., the pastors in Sioux Falls, and the seminary faculty members. An inspirational devotional message was presented by Rev. R. H. Schilke, general missionary secretary. Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary, presented through films the plans for the General Conference in Edmonton.

Those who helped to make this a very blessed evening were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmuland, who led the group in a get-acquainted period with games; Mr. Art Boymook, who arranged for special music which included selections by the seminary quartet; and Miss Lucille Kramer who assisted in contacting students in the area. The refreshments committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rich and Mr. and Mrs. Myrle Thiesies. Professor Roy Seibel co-ordinated the responsibilities of the local committees. The group was led in prayer by Mr. Dale Rott, president of the seminary student body and by Dr. F. H. Woyke, executive secretary. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman was in charge of leading the program.

G. K. Zimmerman, Reporter

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Hope is like the sun, of which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us." — S. Smiles



Reception line at the North American Baptist Student Fellowship held at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with Prof. Ralph E. Powell assisting his daughter and Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, surveying the beautiful reception table.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE FOR 19 MILLION BAPTISTS

NINETEEN million Baptists in seven North American Baptist bodies have banded themselves together in the Baptist Jubilee Advance for a united witness in proclaiming the Gospel during the next five years. Leaders of our North American Baptist General Conference were hosts to the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee meeting in Oak Park, Illinois, on February 27 and 28, where extensive plans for this Advance program were made.

In a history-making 500-word statement adopted unanimously by the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee, it was stated that "rivalry and scorn of any brethren" would not be tolerated among the seven Baptist bodies of North America. "Members of the various Baptist Jubilee Advance committees are of one mind in the conviction that all North American Baptists need a deepening devotion to Jesus Christ, a quickening of evangelistic zeal, a worthier level of stewardship, a more vital and fruitful church life. To advance together in these areas of humbling challenge, is our earnest hope."

The committee provided for the chairmanship to rotate among the participating denominations. Dr. Casper C. Warren, of Charlotte, North Carolina, will continue as chairman until September, 1958.

Prayer meetings in 75,000 Baptist churches in the United States and Canada, on December 31, 1958 will inaugurate the Advance. Prayers for the Advance will be offered in Baptist churches on June 1, 1958, according to Dr. Leonard Sanderson of Fort Worth, Texas, chairman of the committee planning the emphasis on evangelism in 1959-1960.

Faculties and student bodies on college and university campuses will be included in the evangelism program, Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa of New York, N. Y., American Baptist director of evangelism, told the committee at its Oak Park meeting.

Thirteen television programs will be another part of the effort to evangelize America in 1959. The programs will start on January 4, 1959 on stations throughout North America. They are being produced under the leadership

of Dr. Paul Stevens, Fort Worth, Texas, director of radio and television for the Southern Baptist Convention. Posters, leaflets and publicity through the Baptist press and the secular press will give additional support to the Advance.

The committee adopted a statement of objectives for the Advance. It declared, in the first of six objectives, that the Baptists of North America propose "to win through compassionate and concerned witness a great host of people, at home and beyond the seas". This statement was written by Dr. Thomas B. McDormand, general secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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1st. At the February Church Fellowship Dinner, the program centered around Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr, missionary-appointees to the Cameroons, Africa, who are also members of the Faith Church. Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom of St. Paul, Minn., were the guest speakers. Rev. Adam Huber is pastor of the Minneapolis Church.

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