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**The Thrilling San Francisco Crusade
John Calvin, Genius of the Reformation
Eating Adventures in Edmonton, Alta.**

● For the first time in 86 years, a new edition of the complete works of John Wesley is being published by the Zondervan Publishing House. One volume a month will be published in a 14-volume series beginning in May, the firm announced. They will include the Wesley journals, his letters, lectures, essays and sermons, and a biography of the founder of Methodism. The last unabridged edition of the Wesley works was published in 1872. The Zondervan edition will be a reprint.

● Spanish translations of Billy Graham's weekly radio program "The Hour of Decision" may be broadcast to a potential audience of 150 million in Latin America, Spain, the Philippines and other Spanish-speaking areas of the world, according to announcement by Rev. Rogilio Archilla, Spanish interpreter for Mr. Graham on the evangelist's recent month-long crusade in the Caribbean and Central America. Dr. Graham has agreed to conduct a week-long evangelistic campaign in New York City in September, Mr. Archilla said, among the city's Spanish-speaking population. The Fraternity of Spanish-speaking Protestant Ministers of New York City is doing the preparatory work for the campaign.

● Four additional publishing firms have been authorized to publish the Revised Standard Version of the Bible starting in 1962 and a contract with a fifth is in negotiation. The new publishers were announced at the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education. The division owns the RSV copyright until 2008 when the book will be in the public domain. Since the RSV was published in 1952, exclusive publishing rights have been held by Thomas Nelson and Sons of New York. After 1962 this firm will share publishing rights with William Collins & Sons of New York; A. J. Holman Company of Philadelphia; Oxford University Press of New York; and World Publishing Company of Cleveland, O. A contract is being negotiated with the fifth publisher, Harper & Brothers of New York.

● Vatican art provides the religious motif for a new three-cent postage stamp. The new American stamp, which commemorates the International Geophysical Year, was issued in Chicago, May 31. "The Creation of Man," a masterpiece fresco by Michelangelo, is incorporated into its design. The Michelangelo fresco appears on the ceiling panel in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel. Expert philatelists say this is the first time God has actually been portrayed on a postage stamp.

● President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower have contributed \$1,000 toward a mural depicting the Crucifixion, which was dedicated Easter Sunday in a large Negro church in Washington, D. C. The White House confirmed that Mrs. Eisenhower made the gift by check to Elder Solomon Lightfoot Michaux, Negro evangelist, whose congregation recently dedicated a \$350,000 edifice which they call the Temple of Freedom Under God. Elder Michaux, who is affiliated with the Church of God, conducted outdoor revival services for 30 years in Washington's Griffith Stadium, home of the Washington Senators baseball team.

● The state religion of Tibet is Lamaism, which is a form of Buddhism. A large percentage of the population are monks and priests, living in hundreds of monasteries, and form the stronghold of this religion. At least one boy in a family is dedicated to the lamasery, and usually enters it when he is six or seven years old. Long years of study and preparation follow. The head of each large monastery is considered an incarnation, and is looked on as a living "Buddha." Before he dies he will tell where he will be re-born, and ways in which he may be recognized. This proves his identity by recognizing his religious implements—rosary, bell and so on—and belief is unquestioned that he really does so. A great many of these priests are civil and military officers as well; thus, their influence is very great.—The Evangelical Christian.

● The provisional constitution of the United Arab Republic announced in Egypt by President Gamal Abdel Nasser contains no stipulation for a state religion in the new Arab nation uniting Syria and Egypt. It declares that all religions are equal before the law. Previous constitutions of Egypt stated that "Islam is the religion of the State." Syrian constitutions of recent years, while not mentioning a State religion, provided that "the religion of the President of the Republic should be Islam." President Nasser allayed the suspicions

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Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, will be present in behalf of the North American Baptist General Conference.

● **Youth Leader Honored.** Rev. Robert Jackson (Jack) Robinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga., was named "Young Man of 1957" by the Augusta Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Robinson gained "All-American" honors as a basketball player while a student in Baylor University and was a member of the 1948 United States Olympic basketball team. His leadership of the Baptist church in Augusta has resulted in 1500 new members in four years. Mr. Robinson, a former member of the BWA Youth Committee, spoke on the Baptist World Congress program in Cleveland in 1950.

● **Japan Baptist Union.** A new Baptist organization—the Japan Baptist Union—has been formed by a group of Baptist representatives which met at Hayama near Tokyo. The Union consists of 27 churches, six educational institutions and five Christian centers, and officials said that membership probably will be increased by withdrawal of a number of Baptist churches at present affiliated with the United Church of Christ of Japan. Dr. Isamu Chiba, principal of both the Soshin and Shokei Girls' schools, was named chairman of the new organization. Rev. Jin Sugaya was appointed Japanese secretary and Rev. William Hinchman, missionary secretary.



Baptist Briefs

● **Baptist Pianist.** Van Cliburn, the young pianist from Texas who won the International Tchaikovsky Piano Contest in Moscow, Russia, is a member of the Calvary Baptist church, New York City. Standing 6 feet 4 inches, he told Nikita S. Krushchev, Soviet Premier, who asked if he ate yeast, "No, just vitamin pills."

● **Baptist Executive Committee.** The 1958 annual meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee will be held August 2-8 on the campus of Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. The first four days of the conference will be devoted primarily to meetings of BWA study commissions on religious liberty, evangelism, Bible study and membership training, world missions, and the doctrines of the church and of baptism. There also will be special meetings of committees on relief and

FRONT COVER

The Indian Braves, shown on the front cover, are participating in the parade of the Calgary Stampede going through the streets of Calgary, Alberta. A number of Indian chiefs will take part in the thrilling Missionary Rally to climax the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta, on Sunday afternoon, July 27, 1958.

Editorial

THE PAST IS PROLOGUE

THE CHRISTIAN ought to be a serious student of history. He must always try to understand and to interpret God's hand in the human affairs of this world. He is always reminded of "the rock from whence he was hewn," of the heritage that lies behind him. He can understand the present day only in the light of the yesterdays. For the Christian, the future outlook is promising because of the glorious fulfillment of God's promises in the past. In that light, the past is always a prologue to brighter and greater days ahead.

History ought to be exciting for the alert student and the earnest Christian. Vistas of truth open up to him and new insights come to him as he walks familiar trails with great intellectual and spiritual giants of yesterday. The truths of the Bible become even more precious and practical as the historical background of the Bible books is envisioned and as the experiences of the Apostle Paul and other Biblical personalities are relived.

Not only the minister and missionary, but every true student of the Word of God should dig deeply into the pages of church history. What have been the great religious movements that have swept over the minds and hearts of men? What moulded the convictions of these great religious leaders? What contributions have they made to our religious life and moral fibre of our day? Certainly, John Calvin has an honored place in this hall of fame. Do you know what is meant when someone is called a "Calvinist" in his theology? Read Professor Hugo Lueck's fine interpretive article on Calvin in this issue.

It is a sad commentary on a great deal of church life of today that we are not acquainted with the colorful, dramatic story of our local churches. The pioneers of yesterday are virtually forgotten. The account of the early days of some of our churches is almost a closed book. Anniversary programs help to revive interest in "the great hours" of a church's history and to remember those who have enriched our lives by their monumental work and faithful ministry. This is vividly seen in the account of the Centenary Jubilee at North Freedom, Wisconsin, as reviewed in this issue.

But these historical treasures are not to be picked up easily on the surface. You have to dig for them by diligent searching and studious reading. You have to develop an interest in the pages of the past. But those who read and study and to whom the past becomes an open book are richly rewarded by learning from past experiences. Here are nuggets of wisdom that become the possession of those who profit by what their forefathers have done or failed to do.

A greater familiarity with the past can inspire the Christian to new attainments of service and expression of faith. The great minds and saintly seers of yesterday encourage him to go on in the search for new heights in his Christian life. God and his guiding power are recognized in these historical pages until history is understood as "His Story." He who has guided the stars in their orbits and has revealed his will to men and women in the past will also take care of you, "O ye of little faith." This is God's way of instilling greater confidence and more joyous anticipation into your heart as you cross the threshold into the future.

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Professor Hugo Lueck, professor of church history at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and author of the series of articles on "Great Heroes of the Reformation."

John Calvin

The Genius of the Reformation

Calvin (1509-1564) influenced much of modern day theological thinking by his "Institutes" and helped to mould the political, economic and social structure of our Western democracy.

"It has pleased God to show us in the life of a single man of our time how to live and how to die."

By Professor Hugo Lueck
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE FIRE which Martin Luther started also spread to France. Humanism and Erasmus' writings prepared the ground. Le Fevre, a Christian Humanist, had translated the New Testament into French. In an exposition on Romans, he had taught that man was saved by grace and not by works, even before Luther had discovered this truth. However, all this did not start a Reformation in France until Luther's writings became known in that country. Appropriately a French Catholic had said: "The key of the heresy in France was made of the fine iron of Germany."

Protestant groups began to grow in various places, but a strong man was lacking to lead them into a full Reformation. God provided that leader. In the same year in which Le Fevre and Erasmus died, which seemed to be the end of reform, a book was published in Basel, Switzerland, in 1536, by a French refugee. This volume turned out to be of greatest importance, not only for France, but for the whole Reformation.

With the publication of this book the French Protestants knew at once that they had found a leader. This young man was John Calvin. But not until he had settled in Geneva and had begun to write in French were their expectations fulfilled. Through his clear teaching in doctrine and church leadership, the Reformation gained a firm foothold in France.

JOHN CALVIN, THE THINKER

John Calvin was born in 1509 in northern France, 25 years after Luther and Zwingli. He belongs to the second generation of the Reformation. Schaff says of him: "He had the great advantage of building on their foundation. He had less genius, but more talent. He was inferior to them as a man of action, but superior as thinker and or-

ganizer. They produced the new ideas; he constructed them into a system. He continued and completed the work of Zwingli and gave it wider significance. Geneva took the place of Zurich and surpassed in influence the city of Zwingli and the city of Luther. It became the 'Protestant Rome,' from which proceeded the ideas and impulses for the Reformed Churches of France, Holland, England and Scotland."

His father was a lawyer. His mother died early, and John Calvin was raised in a noble family. There he acquired a refinement of manners and aristocratic bearing which stayed with him through life and distinguished him from Luther and Zwingli. By his father's will he studied for the priesthood. His remarkable ability as a student enabled him to enter the University of Paris at the early age of 15. Then his father changed his mind and made him study law. For that purpose Calvin went to other universities in southern France. He soon became acquainted with the French Humanists, who were in sympathy with Erasmus' reform program and with the purification of the church and a return to the Bible.

In 1531 his father died, and Calvin forsook the study of law and decided to become a man of letters. He published his first book at the age of 23. Shortly afterwards he experienced a sudden conversion, similar to that of Luther. He himself states: "After my heart had long been prepared for the most earnest self-examination, on a sudden the full knowledge of the truth, like a bright light, disclosed to me the abyss of errors in which I was weltering, the sin and shame with which I was defiled. A horror seized my soul when I became conscious of my wretchedness. And what was left, O Lord, for me, miserable and abject, but, with tears and cries, to abjure the

old life which thou hast condemned, and to flee to thy paths? God himself produced the change. He instantly subdued my heart to obedience."

"IMMORTAL INSTITUTES"

Calvin joined the Protestant group of France and soon became its leader. Persecution drove him out of France, and he went to Basel, Switzerland. There he published his "Institutes of the Christian Religion." It was an explanation of the Protestant faith. This work was the most influential treatise of the Reformation, and made Calvin famous at once. He was only 26 years of age when he published this work.

"The Institutes" was a small book of six chapters. It came out in many editions and was repeatedly enlarged, until the final Latin edition of 1559 was about five times its original size and contained 104 chapters. Yet Calvin never changed anything essential in it. His theological writings are remarkable for their early maturity and consistency.

He decided to go to Strasbourg in western Germany and to serve the cause of the Reformation by writing. On his way there he passed through Geneva, Switzerland, where Farel, a former student of Le Fevre, promoted the cause of the Reformation. Farel had just read Calvin's book and was convinced that he was the man for Geneva and entreated him earnestly to stay. But Calvin wanted a peaceful life of study and writing rather than taking up such a difficult task. He excused himself because of his youth and inexperience in leadership of that kind.

But Farel placed himself before young Calvin, like an ancient prophet with his long beard and piercing eyes, and said: "May God curse your studies, if now in her time of need you refuse to lend your aid to his Church." Calvin was struck with terror and felt as if

God had stretched out his hand to arrest him. Calvin was thus persuaded to stay in Geneva, which place became his life's work.

Geneva had freed itself from the duke of Savoy and had cast off Rome, but was far from a spiritual renewal. Calvin had undertaken a hard task. He could not preach and teach without demanding drastic reforms in the lives of its citizens. When he refused to give communion to men who led sinful lives, matters came to a head. Riots broke out against him and Farel, and both reformers were banished.

CALVIN IN STRASBOURG

Calvin went to Strasbourg in 1538, accepting an invitation of Bucer, the great reformer of that city. He spent three years there to his benefit. He became acquainted with the followers of Luther and Zwingli and met other leaders of the Reformation. He never met Martin Luther personally, but became a close friend of Melancthon. In Strasbourg in 1540 he married Idellette de Buren the wealthy widow of a former Anabaptist. After nine years of happy married life, she died and Calvin never remarried.

Geneva entreated him to come back, to which he agreed after some hesitation in 1541. The city council gave him a house and an annual salary of 500 florins, twelve measures of wheat and two tubs of wine. When he entered the pulpit again in the large cathedral at Geneva, great crowds of hearers expected to receive his severe reproach. But he continued in his Bible exposition at the place he had left off three years previously. For 23 years until his death, he continued his work in Geneva. He preached several times a week and lectured daily. He wrote theological treatises and commentaries on all the books of the Bible and maintained an immense correspondence and became the leader of the Reformed Church all over Europe.

The Church, to Calvin, was the total number of the elect. Since many were called but few chosen, the outward church included a number of nominal,



—Schoenfeld Collection from Three Lions

John Calvin presiding at the Council of Geneva in 1549.

non-elect Christians. Like Luther, Calvin gained his doctrine of predestination from Augustine and Paul. But unlike Luther, he carried this doctrine to its logical conclusion and did not shrink from making terrific statements about its results. Like Zwingli, he rejected the whole Catholic form of worship and set up a very simple, puritanical form of worship, with the sermon as its main center and the singing of Psalms.

The highest aim of the Church is to glorify God. Therefore, holiness is the aim of all the elect. This led to a strict puritanical life. Calvin made a clear distinction between church and state. Each was independent, but since all power was ordained by God, both state and church were governed by God. Therefore these two had to work in cooperation. The pastors were best qualified to know the will of God, and the secular government had to seek the advice of the pastors. Hence Calvin's government was really a theocracy, based on Old Testament ideals, where God is the supreme ruler of the state. Calvin himself ruled with severest discipline, aiming at a church

"without spot or wrinkle or blemish."

In five years, 1542-1546, Geneva with 16,000 inhabitants had 57 executions and 76 banishments. There was no tolerance. Servetus, a famous Spanish physician, was burned alive for his heretical views on the trinity. Torture was also applied. But if we compare this with the Roman Catholic Inquisition, Calvin's severity was child's play.

THE ACADEMY AT GENEVA

Calvin also exerted a great influence on the economic life of Geneva. He did not permit lending money for gain. He opposed capitalism, yet Calvinism became the nursery for capitalism and modern industry. He put great importance on work, honesty and thrift. Since luxury was condemned, the capital gained was applied to further investments of industrial undertaking. Thus the Calvinists prospered with ever-growing industry and commerce. Calvin also founded an Academy after the pattern he had learned to know in Strasbourg. It became one of the main centers of Protestants in Europe. Students of France, Holland, Knox among them, studied in Geneva and helped to spread Calvinism in all parts of the world.

Calvin had a frail body and suffered with various diseases. But his will triumphed over all difficulties and accomplished what seemed to be a superhuman task. He died in the prime of manhood. A Scotch divine said: "He lived less than 55 years but into that period the work of centuries was compressed." He suffered much in his last illness, but he always stayed full of humility and gratitude to God. When he felt his end approaching, he took leave of the council of the city, the pastors and the 79-year-old Farel. They gathered around his bed in silence, and he exhorted them to preserve the pure doctrine and discipline of Christ. Calvin requested a simple funeral and demanded that no monument be placed on his grave. For this reason his grave is unknown today.



Spiritual Giants of the Reformation in the famous Reformation Monument at Geneva, Switzerland.

Left to right: John Calvin, Farel, Theodore Beze and John Knox.

Religious Liberty in Colombia

By Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia
President of the Baptist World Alliance

THE PRIMARY reason for my recent visit to Colombia was the continuing concern of the Baptist World Alliance for full religious freedom for all. During the trip I talked with most of our Baptist missionaries, as well as with leaders of other evangelical faiths. I talked also with newspaper editors and business men, both Catholics and Evangelicals, in an effort to get as fair and accurate a picture as possible of what has happened and of the present situation.

I am greatly encouraged by the fact that violent persecution is on the decline and I was gratified to find that there are promising opportunities for evangelical work in this progressive country, even though there are many restrictions that Baptists generally would deplore.

60,000 EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

For many years until 1946, Colombia was in many ways a model of "toleration." The various Evangelical churches enjoyed a great measure of freedom under the Constitution which guarantees "freedom of worship without molestation" in places of worship, homes, etc. This measure of toleration and liberty was enjoyed in spite of the Concordat with the Vatican that gives the Roman Catholic Church special rights and privileges.

Baptists and other Evangelicals enjoyed the use of radio time, new buildings were constructed, and new missionaries were welcomed. This was true in spite of the fact that nominally Colombia is 99 per cent Catholic. There are at present approximately 60,000 Evangelicals in 18 different denominations and 1200 are members of Baptist churches.

Baptist life and work centers around four cities. In Barranquilla we have a splendid hospital and several churches and mission stations. There are two splendid churches in Cartagena and a small orphanage. Cali is the center for a number of churches in a beautiful valley and the facilities of the First Baptist Church of Cali are being used by the International Baptist Seminary until the new campus can be completed. In Bogota there are two Baptist churches with a strong evangelical witness in this capital city.

The years since 1946 have been a time of great political tension and trouble. Thousands have been killed in political conflicts. Most of these were Catholics, though some were Evangelicals. Some of this killing still goes on in isolated areas, but political tensions are being resolved.

During this time of turmoil, and sometimes under the cover of it, some Catholic fanatics have attacked Evangelicals and Evangelical churches. One Baptist church was burned to the



Dr. Theodore Adams (left), president of the Baptist World Alliance, reports to Dr. Arnold Ohm, B. W. A. general secretary, about his visit with Baptists in Colombia.

ground, the pastor was forced to leave the town and most of the members scattered to other places. Many other Evangelical churches have been destroyed and pastors and believers have been killed, injured or driven away. Careful investigation has established this as a fact, though some cases are difficult to judge as to whether they were primarily political or religious in character. There has undoubtedly been a large measure of religious persecution which is deplored by many leading Catholics in Colombia as well as by Evangelicals.

VIOLENT PERSECUTION

During this period the Central Baptist Church in Bogota was attacked by a mob led by a priest. The building was stoned and the windows broken while police stood by and did nothing to prevent the trouble. This situation reacted favorably for the church, for many in the capital resented such fanatical action. The same priest came later and threatened to close the school of this church unless he was permitted to come and teach Catholic doctrine. The pastor refused the request and nothing has happened thus far, though pressure is being exerted in some areas to insist that Catholic doctrine be taught in some Evangelical schools.

Careful study by Evangelical leaders indicates that during the 12 years of

turmoil and violent persecution, approximately 78 Evangelical Christians have been killed, 46 Evangelical church buildings have been destroyed by fire or dynamite. In addition, 160 churches and 20 mission schools have been closed and some 5,000 Evangelical families have been displaced.

The period of violent persecution seems almost ended, at least for the present. There are a number of reasons for this: The new government has a more liberal attitude regarding religious freedom and, when local police fail to help, Evangelicals who are persecuted can usually get assistance from the Central government.

Another factor is that many churches in rural areas have been destroyed or forced to close and the persecution thus has accomplished its purpose. A third factor is that leading Colombians have been greatly concerned about the bad name their country has received in the eyes of the world because of religious persecution.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Subtle, non-violent persecution still continues in many ways. Evangelical children in public schools are compelled to study Catholic doctrine and to attend Catholic masses and processions. Difficulties frequently are experienced in such matters as civil marriage, birth registration and burial of the dead. Evangelicals suffer under the inference, if not the open statement, that Protestants are Communists at heart. Difficulties are faced in getting permits for the construction of new church buildings. Evangelicals are under pressure to leave a neighborhood or apartment owners are requested to evict Evangelicals either because of their faith or because prayer services are being held in their home.

An even greater concern is the basic denial of full religious freedom in the country. The Constitution, while guaranteeing full freedom of worship, does not provide for full freedom of religion as Baptists understand it. The Catholic Church enjoys special privileges denied to other faiths. This is, and must be, our continuing concern.

For example, Baptists at one time had four weekly radio broadcasts. Now they are unable to obtain time on any radio station for an Evangelical witness. Baptists and other Evangelicals feel themselves compelled to maintain schools in connection with their churches so that their children can get an education without the necessity of taking the Catholic instruction given in all "public schools."

The provision for the so-called "mission territory" constitutes another denial of full religious freedom. The

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VISIT TO COLOMBIA

Dr. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., visited Colombia April 15-21 to study the status of religious liberty there. This is his informative report

—EDITOR'S NOTE

First Days of the San Francisco Crusade

San Francisco, Calif., swept by a devastating fire in 1906, is now being swept by revival fires to set many hearts aglow for Christ.

By Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove, California

SAN FRANCISCO had a big surprise. What the best entertainers in San Francisco couldn't do, Billy Graham has done—he packed the Cow Palace! He not only packed it, but it was too small to accommodate several thousands who were listening outside.

This huge auditorium in San Francisco, Calif., has a seating capacity of 16,500. This place is ordinarily used for all types of entertainment. For this occasion it was to become the meeting place for saint and sinner alike. This, at least, was the expectation with which Billy Graham and his team came to this great city of nearly a million people.

CITY'S FIRST GREAT REVIVAL

San Francisco is uniquely but beautifully situated on the northern end of an arm of land, protruding into the Pacific Ocean. This city with its scenic beauty, its many attractions, its unique architecture and its modern freeways does not fail to convey its charm upon its many visitors. But it is a city full of evil. Billy Graham, himself, has reported the magnitude of sin in this place. It is a city which has never been touched by great spiritual revivals in American history and which has been called, "The graveyard of evangelists."

It was my privilege to be one of an estimated 13,500 people to attend the second night meeting of the Crusade. The attendance that night, though smaller than at the two previous meetings, was still a gratifying spectacle. My wife and I arrived about one hour early, but even by that time the best seats had already been occupied. For the next hour or more the people came streaming in. According to an announcement by Cliff Barrows, there were 150 delegations in the service that night which had come from many points in California as far away as Los Angeles.

INSPIRING MUSIC

At exactly 7:30 p. m. the organ strains pealed forth, "Love Divine," as Ted Smith inspired us with his soulful music. It was a thrilling experience to see and to hear the 1200-voice choir as it greeted the audience with "This Is MY Story," under the able leadership of Cliff Barrows. It is an amazing thing with what effect this mass choir renders this ministry.

An integral part of this Crusade is Beverly Shea, who with his pleasing resonant voice and his singing of choice Gospel hymns has endeared himself to millions the world over. The audience was enraptured as he and the choir rendered that great favorite, "How Great Thou Art."

After this fine preparation of our hearts, we came to the part in which Billy Graham is the key person. At least, he is the vessel whom God has seen fit to choose for the tremendous undertaking. There is no doubt but what God has put his special stamp of approval upon this man. "Look" magazine has declared him "the most potent evangelist in American history." Those of us who have followed his crusades and ministry with keen interest must heartily concur.

That night he spoke on the subject,

ous in that they evoked the hearty laughter from the audience. His message was simple and to the point. There was nothing said that any faithful minister of the Gospel would not say.

With the message completed, Mr. Graham gave a simple, brief and clear invitation. There was no pressure. This was an amazing thing. Sitting near the platform, I could see the people coming from every direction of this vast auditorium, making their way down the aisles in response to the in-



—Religious News Service Photo
Evangelist Billy Graham addresses an outdoor crowd of thousands outside the Cow Palace in San Francisco, Calif., who could not get in the huge arena for the opening of his eight-week crusade in San Francisco. The Palace seats 16,500 persons.

"Sin." Among other things, he said that sin is the basic cause for wars, that out of the last two thousand years we have had only 277 years of peace. He further stated that the thing that is wrong with this world and wrong with man is that the world is sick and that man is sick, morally sick, sin sick, and that that sickness is sin. And, of course, he did not fail to point man to "the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

"THUS SAITH THE LORD"

I deemed it a real privilege to listen to this messenger of God as with holy fervor he presented his various points of the message with "Thus saith the Lord." He used more illustrations that night than I ever heard him use before. Some of them were even quite humor-

ous. There were literally hundreds of them, young and old.

What accounts for this mighty stirring? This was the question that went through my mind as it has gone through the minds of many. Billy Graham himself has stated repeatedly that his success rests in the prayers of thousands and millions of God's people. Someone has said that "if the Lord didn't help Billy Graham, he wouldn't be anything."

A DEDICATED VESSEL

I personally believe that here are a combination of things at work which make possible these great victories in the Kingdom of God. Here is a dedicated vessel; here is the sweet incense of intercessory prayers; here is faith

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Nursing at the Bamenda Settlement

By Miss Delores Henne

Nurse to the Leprous Patients at New Hope Settlement, Bamenda, Africa

A NURSE WROTE to me, "I can't imagine what nursing in Africa is like." The same basic nursing principles are observed here in Africa as in America. However, the difference arises in the environment and culture of a primitive people whom we are treating with modern 20th century medicine and skills.

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Upon arriving at Bamenda Settlement, I was pleasantly surprised to find an attractive 30 bed hospital with adequate facilities to meet most of the patients' medical needs. Running water and flush toilets have made our work much easier.

All the furniture has been made by our local carpenters. The patients sleep between White Cross sheets on wooden framed beds with a piece of plywood for a spring, a grass stuffed mattress, and a pillow filled with wild cotton.

are no blood transfusions available. We do have plasmosan and intravenous feedings.

Drugs ordered from Nigeria arrive by parcel post or freight in one to nine months. There are no trains, so all must be transported by trucks over narrow, rough, muddy and hilly roads. The empty tins and bottles received in White Cross along with catsup bottles and match boxes are used in dispensing medicines.

Our diet kitchen is a small tin shed in back of the hospital. The food is cooked in an iron pot over an open wood fire. Two meals are served a day. Their diet consists chiefly of corn, cocoyams, rice, gari, bananas, beans and plantains.

The laundry consisting chiefly of White Cross linens is washed by hand and ironed with a charcoal iron by the well patients.

turned with the spade I asked, "Where is the bucket?" He said, "I buried it."

Another nurse was questioned, "Why didn't you make all the beds?" He replied, "The patients were in the beds."

One day a ward servant asked, "How many sheets go on a bed?" He said, "I found eight dirty sheets on one bed."

In assigning duties, one meets a problem since the native culture permits a man only to do one kind of work. A man will not turn the soil because this is a woman's work. Some of the ward servants will not wash bedpans. The man with the education often thinks he is better than others and therefore no longer needs to do the so-called dirty work. A small boy must do it.

AFRICAN PATIENTS

Friends have asked me, "Aren't you afraid that you will get leprosy?" Leprosy is only a mildly contagious disease, and one is relatively safe by taking proper precautions.

Most of the hospitalized patients are being treated for ulcers which take from two weeks to a year and more to heal. Ulcers develop even after Hansen's disease is arrested. When the patient on bedrest is caught walking, he says, "No, ma, I no de walka!"

The patients call the missionaries their father and mother. One patient said, "You are my mother; she no de throw her pekin (child) out for die. You go be sorry for me and give me some clothes for my skin."

These people possess a minimum of this world's goods. Many leave the hospital with nothing but a few rags on their body. I wonder how they manage in the camp without money, food, cooking utensils, firewood and a blanket. Many of the patients help one another when in need, sharing their little. Few seem to be worried about how they will live tomorrow.

When the patient is seen by the doctor, he usually brings a complaint so that he can get some medicine, which is like magic to many. One patient was given a number of drugs to treat his chest pain but none helped. After being given some tranquilizing pills, he said, "They don help me plenty."

Patients express their complaints in typical African fashion. The doctor asked, "When do you cough?" The patient said, "When the new moon he don come out."

Another patient complains, "My belly he de hallor." "My skin de bite me." "Something he de walka for my belly and de come out for my toes." "My skin he don die." One usually needs an interpreter to obtain a medical history, but it is hard to get specific answers to specific questions since the

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God's Miracles Have Not Ceased!

A True Missionary Story from Austria

By Rev. Rupert Ostermann of Huetteldorf near Vienna, Austria

IT WAS IN THE LATE summer of the year 1929 that a baptismal service was planned in a small Siberian town. The mother church had commissioned two pastors to assist in the service. As the two men alighted from the train which brought them to the town, the station master greeted them with the words, "You will have no luck today, for the Communist youth has decided to disturb the proceedings."

It was not pleasant for us to hear this news, but we consoled ourselves with the thought that God would still have the last word. We proceeded to the church and there reported the information received from the station master. As a result, instead of the planned preaching service, a service of prayer was held. The people cried out to the Lord in fervent prayer and supplication.

COMMUNIST MOCK BAPTISM

At the close of the hour, as we made our way to the place which was to be scene of the baptism, strangers approached us telling the news that something terrible had happened. A group of Communist youth had decided to conduct a mock baptism. They wanted to know if the God whom the Baptists worshipped was a living God.

The young Communist lad chosen to perform the mock baptism was the son of a Baptist couple, and he had selected one of their number to act as candidate for the mock baptism. Calling upon Satan instead of the Trinity, he plunged the candidate into the water, and, to his shock and horror, and to the amazement of those present, the young man slipped from his grasp and disappeared.

Immediate excited search proved futile, and it was not until the fall of the year that the body was finally cast upon the shore of the lake in a terrible storm. The result of this experience was that the Communist youth said, "Let us leave this place, for God is with these people and something worse might yet come upon us."

As we reached the spot chosen for the baptism, the sun was shining in all its splendor, as if the heavens were rejoicing with us. Thirty-six precious souls followed their Lord's command and were baptized. A large group of townsfolk had gathered to witness the event, which was one of the most beautiful baptisms in which the writer has ever had a part.

The whole community was deeply impressed by what it believed to be the judgment of God upon the bold display of mockery. The Church, on the other hand, was greatly strengthened in its faith through God's answers to its prayers.

But the miracle did not end there, for this experience and the prayers of his parents led the young man who performed the mock service of baptism to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. After several months, he was baptized to the joy of his parents and the rejoicing of the church.

Miracles have not ceased, for God remains the same — yesterday, today and forever."

A TRUE STORY
This remarkable incident was reported personally to Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel by Rev. Rupert Ostermann, pastor of our Huetteldorf Baptist Church, Austria, who was one of the two baptizing pastors mentioned above. At our request Brother Ostermann wrote the account in German to be translated.—W. J. APPEL

Evangelization in Austria

By Rev. Martin Gigseder

Evangelist in Austria Appointed by the Austrian Baptist Union

SINCE THE END of the war in 1945, the cause of evangelical endeavor has experienced considerable progress in Austria. In most provinces, cottage prayer and Bible study meetings have been established. Several traveling missionaries are constantly seeking to minister and to maintain contact with these small groups.

For some time it has been felt that, in addition to these efforts, special attention should be given to some of these groups where there are hopeful signs for establishing a more permanent work. To meet this need, the Austrian Baptist Union appointed one of its leaders, an Austrian by birth, as general evangelist. When the writer of this article was assured that this was God's will for him, he entered this important ministry, in faith believing that the Lord would give his blessing.

My first assignment was at Essling, a mission station of our Vienna Church. This station is in the area which was

under Russian Occupation and has been without any missionary effort for years. In Essling we have a small church building, with living quarters for a pastor. The group numbers between 25 and 30, and a genuine missionary spirit prevails. Regular services were held at the church, including gatherings for young people. There is great rejoicing at Essling over the fact that there are prospects of the coming of a permanent pastor at the close of the Hamburg Seminary school year.

The ministry of the evangelist in Austria differs in many respects from the usual, in that normally a church inviting an evangelist makes careful preparation for his coming as well as for the follow-up. This method cannot always be followed in Austria, since so many of our groups are without a pastor, making it necessary for the evangelist to care for both the preparation and the follow-up.

At Essling the work of preparation brought great joy, for after the first 14 days the group experienced the power of prayer in bodily as well as spiritual healing. Five precious souls accepted Jesus Christ as Savior. Since then several have expressed the desire to follow the Lord in baptism.

At our last General Conference, the pastor of our Huetteldorf Church, Rev. Rupert Ostermann, was elected Mission Secretary. Brother Ostermann came to know the Lord Jesus while a prisoner of war in Siberia during the First World War. His burning missionary zeal has caused him to do pioneer work in addition to his pastoral duties. He will now also have charge of planning the itinerary for the ministry of the evangelist.

I am happy to report to our missionary friends at home and abroad that the Lord is continuing his work through his servants. May we request an interest on our behalf in your prayers. We send sincere Christian greetings.



In Innsbruck, Austria, there are many views down narrow, quaint streets like the "Seiler-gasse" with the towering town hall in the distance.



—Photo by Laura Reddig
Delores Henne, missionary nurse, and an African mother center their attention on a Cameroons babe born at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement.

The operating theater lacks overhead electric lighting, an anesthetic machine, suction, and X-ray. Sterilization is done in a large pressure cooker on a kerosene stove. Kerosene has been 90 cents a gallon. Dr. and Mrs. Stockdale perform major surgeries effectively with a minimum of instruments and no assistants. Laura Reddig administers the general anesthesia.

If the patient has difficulty breathing, we pray, for there is no oxygen. If the patient's blood pressure drops, due to blood loss, we pray, for there

Supervising a staff of untrained, illiterate and unlettered natives, most of whom are patients, is a challenge. It is impossible for one to assume all responsibility, therefore natives must be trained to perform many duties. The janitors have to be taught how to wash a cement floor because their own mud floors require no scrubbing. The laundry workers need to be taught how to wash clothes. Many wash their clothes by rubbing them on a stone.

One ward servant was asked to bury the contents of a bucket. As he re-

Eating Adventures in Edmonton

Edmonton, Alberta, offers eating adventures to General Conference visitors that can be both delightful and economical

As Colorfully Reported by MRS. O. R. SCHMIDT

ONE OF THE questions asked most frequently and urgently by dad, mom and the children, when they are traveling, is, "Where shall we eat?" Our General Conference program has prayerfully and effectively arranged to provide food for the soul during this eagerly anticipated week in Edmonton, Alberta, from July 21 to 27.

To enable guests to enjoy these days fully, it is also essential to have food for the body. The city of Edmonton offers opportunities for "eating adventures" which can be varied, delightful and economical. Beautiful coffee shops, cafeterias, dining rooms and restaurants are found throughout the city. Many are typical restaurants which serve fine food at reasonable prices. There are also the unusual dining rooms for guests who want to seek out unusual and exquisite experiences in eating and environment.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ADDRESS

All mail for General Conference visitors and delegates during the days of July 21 to 27, 1958 should be addressed as follows:

Name of Person
Jubilee Auditorium,
114 St. and 87 Ave.,
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

The new Mayfair Hotel Dining Room has been recommended by Duncan Hines and serves excellent food. The varied menu ranges from broiled Lake Winnipeg Goldeye to Edmonton's finest sirloin, Char Glo Broiled.

The Corona Hotel Dining Room and the Corona Restaurant serve a wide

the city and has plenty of parking space. Their specialties include "Delmonico Steak" and "Barbecued Ribs from the Charcoal Broiler." They cater to the interests of the younger set with special "Humpty Dumpty" and "Jack and Jill" menus, complete with "Ice Cream Clowns" for dessert.

WONDERFUL RESTAURANTS

Edmonton features some very fine adventures in the eating of Chinese food. The beautiful and exotic Seven Seas Restaurant features a superb Chinese cuisine as well as Canadian food of excellence. The food is artfully served and they suggest, "Our aim is to serve those who appreciate excellent cuisine with dishes to delight the most Epicurean palate." Other fine Chinese restaurants, such as the Mandarin Gardens, the Purple Lantern, and the Cathayan offer fancy Chinese dishes and special Chinese combination dinners with either individual portions or group service in pleasing Oriental atmospheres.

The Viking Smorgasbord affords delicious food which guests will thoroughly enjoy. Excellent cold or hot smorgasbord of endless variety is available at reasonable prices.

Guests desiring Italian food can satisfy their tastes and desires for pizza pie, ravioli, etc., at Angelo's Restaurant. This restaurant is decorated in Italian motif.

The El Mexican Restaurant, located in the Crestwood Shopping Center features enchilada, chile relleno, tortillas, specializing in peppery Mexican dishes. It is not large but has a distinctive Mexican atmosphere.

At Shoppers' Park, Westmount, Canada's largest shopping center, the fine Sahara Restaurant will be appreciated. Delicious roast beef or barbecued spare ribs and a varied menu await hungry shoppers. Parking space for 3,000 cars is available in this quarter-mile of beautiful stores and shops. Woodward's Coffee Shop, Westmount, will satisfy the need for a coffee break or excellent lunch.

DOWNTOWN COFFEE SHOPS

Duncan Hines tells us that "Americans drink more than a hundred billion cups of coffee each year, and consumption is still increasing steadily." The downtown coffee shops serve delicious food at very reasonable prices. The Town Square Cafeteria, located in the Hudson's Bay Store, features fine food in pleasant surroundings. Guests should not miss their Hudson's Bay Salad" served Thursdays and Saturdays. Other coffee shops in the large department stores serve good food at nominal cost. Suggestions are the Woodward's Coffee Shop, downtown

and Westmount, and the T. Eaton Coffee Shop.

The following information suggests approximate prices for complete luncheons and dinners in these dining places. Menu-a-la-carte is available at all times, too, so the cost can be guided by individual order and desires. Children's menus are available at half-price at most of the suggested places.

LIST OF EATING PLACES

AIRLINES HOTEL DINING ROOM
Municipal Airport. Open from 7:00 A. M. until midnight.

Specialties: "Air Lines Delmonico Steak," \$1.85; "Barbecued Ribs from the Charcoal Broiler," \$1.75.

Prices: Luncheons from \$1 to \$1.75; dinners from \$1.35 to \$3.25; special children's menus from 45 cents to \$1.

CORONA HOTEL DINING ROOM
10625 Jasper Avenue. Open from 12 Noon to 2 P. M. daily; closed Saturdays; open Sundays, 12:30 to 2 and 5 to 8 P. M.

Prices: Luncheons from 85 cents up; dinners from \$1.40 up.

CORONA HOTEL RESTAURANT
10625 Jasper Avenue. Open all day, every day. "Choices of 100 Dishes from a la Carte Menu."

Specialties: "Chicken Pot Pie," \$1; Braised Turkey, 85 cents.

Prices: Luncheons from 85 cents up; dinners from \$1.25 up.

KING EDWARD HOTEL NEW GRILL ROOM

10180-101 Street. Open from 7 A. M. to 10 P. M. daily. Wide choice of varied entrees.

Prices: Luncheons and dinners from 85 cents to \$3.50.

MAYFAIR HOTEL DINING ROOM
108th Street and Jasper Avenue. Open daily until 11 P. M. Excellent choice of entrees and a la carte dishes.

Prices: Luncheons from \$1.35 up; dinners from \$2.

MACDONALD HOTEL COFFEE SHOP — Cafeteria

100th Street and Jasper Avenue. Open 7 A. M. until midnight. Closed Sundays.

Specialty: "Prime Ribs of Beef," \$1:30, and delicious "daily specials." Prices: Luncheons and dinners from \$1 up.

MACDONALD HOTEL DINING ROOM

100th Street and Jasper Avenue. Management recommends the "Prime Ribs of Beef."

Prices proportionate to the cafeteria and higher.

PARK HOTEL COFFEE SHOP
104th Street at 80th Avenue. Open daily.

Specialty: "Kentucky Fried Chicken." Prices: Luncheons 90 cents to \$1.50; dinners \$1 up.

ANGELO'S RESTAURANT
10619 Jasper Avenue. Open daily. Italian entrees from 95 cents to \$2.25.



The Town Square Cafeteria, located in the Hudson's Bay Department Store, features fine food in the pleasant surroundings of an old English square.

CIRO'S RESTAURANT
102nd Street and Jasper Avenue. Open daily.

Varied entrees from \$1 to \$3.

CAVALLIER RESTAURANT
10123-101 Street. Open daily from 10 A. M.; Sundays 11:45 to 2 and 2 to 8 P. M.

Specialties: Charcoal Hickory Pit Barbecued Spareribs, Steaks, Chicken. Prices: Luncheons and dinners from \$1 up.

EL MEXICAN RESTAURANT
14218-96th Avenue. Located in the Crestwood Shopping Center. Open daily.

Mexican food from 90 cents to \$3.

MANDARIN GARDENS
9928 Jasper Ave. Open daily. Chinese cuisine 90 cents to \$2.50.

SAHARA RESTAURANT AND DINING ROOM

Adjoining Shoppers' Park, Westmount, 114th Avenue, 133rd Street. Restaurant open daily from 10 A. M.; dining room open from 11:30 to 2 P. M. and 5:30 to 9:30 P. M.

Specialties: Prime Roast Beef, Barbecued Spare Ribs, Chicken, Lobster. Prices: Luncheons 90 cents to \$1.50; dinners \$1.75 to \$3.25.

SEVEN SEAS RESTAURANT
10525 Jasper Avenue. Open daily. Excellent Chinese or Canadian cuisine.

Prices: Luncheons and dinners \$1 to \$3.25.

THE CATHAYAN
10516-82 Avenue, South Side. Open daily. Fine Chinese or Canadian food.

Prices: Luncheons and dinners from \$1 up.

Be sure to clip these pages or to bring this issue of the "Baptist Herald" with you to the General Conference, Edmonton, Alberta, for reference purposes.

THE PURPLE LANTERN
10049-101A Avenue. Open daily. Specializes in Chinese food. Prices: \$1 to \$3.25.

THE VIKING SMORGASBORD
10149-103rd Street. Open daily from 11:30 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. and 5 to 9 P. M.

Specialties: Baked Salmon, Turkey, Excellent Salads. Smorgasbord Luncheon, \$1; Smorgasbord dinner, \$1.75.

TOWN SQUARE
Located in Hudson's Bay Store. Open daily, 9 A. M. to 5:30 P. M., except Wednesday, 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.; Thursday 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Cafeteria, Short Orders and Fountain.

Delicious luncheons from 69 cents to 85 cents. "Hudson's Bay Salad" every Thursday and Saturday.

T. EATON COFFEE SHOP
10220-101st Street, located in the T. Eaton Department Store. Open daily from 8:45 with hours similar to the Town Square.

Snacks and lunch from 55 cents to 75 cents.

WOODWARD'S COFFEE SHOP
Located in Woodward's Stores, downtown and Westmount. Open same hours as the coffee shops in the other stores.

Snacks and luncheons at similar prices with daily specials.

This suggested list of eating places could include many other restaurants, but it is typical of the dining rooms which guests can enjoy in Edmonton. We hope that it will be helpful in making your eating adventures in Edmonton enjoyable, economical and satisfyingly delicious. Bring the list with you to Edmonton.

A map showing locations of these dining places and sample menus will be displayed and made available for your perusal and interest in the foyer of the Alberta Jubilee Auditorium during our conference week.



The cafeteria of the Macdonald Hotel, the General Conference Headquarters Hotel, where delicious food is served at economical prices.

This brief survey will aid conference guests in planning eating adventures and in making them as enjoyable as possible. Clip these pages and bring them with you to Edmonton.

HOTEL DINING ROOMS

Guests staying at the headquarters hotel, The Macdonald, will appreciate the lovely relaxed atmosphere of the Macdonald Hotel Dining Room and the fine food at the Macdonald Hotel Coffee Shop. Delicious food is served in either the dining room or the cafeteria which will be enjoyed by every guest and which will delight a gourmet.

variety of delectable dishes. They advertise, "Choice of 100 dishes from our a la Carte Menu." They also have their Duncan Hines seal of approval.

An examination of a week's menus at the King Edward Hotel Dining Room and its new Grill Room reveals varied entrees at reasonable prices. These hotels are conveniently located in downtown Edmonton.

The Park Hotel Coffee Shop is located on the south side of the river. The food is very good and the management recommends its "Kentucky Fried Chicken" very highly.

The Airlines Hotel Dining Room can be easily reached after a drive through

Centennial Jubilee, North Freedom, Wis.

Report of the 100th Anniversary of the North Freedom Baptist Church

By Mrs. Walter Wilzewske

IN THE WORDS of our Centennial Hymn, "To God Be the Glory," we of the Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., continue to rejoice in the wonderful privilege which was ours April 25, 26 and 27, when former pastors, friends, and neighbors met with us to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the North Freedom Baptist Church.

In preparation our people had given sacrificially of their time and money to provide a new roof and to completely redecorate the entire interior of the church, including tiling in the entry ways and on the basement floors. The beauty and cleanliness resulting is inspiring, indeed.

PASTORS OF THE CHURCH

Much prayer preceded the plans for our Centennial. Hebrews 13:8 was fittingly chosen as our theme, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever," since in 1858, when wilderness still covered the vicinity surrounding North Freedom, the Lord Jesus Christ worked in the hearts of 14 valiant Christians to establish the present church fellowship. Had it not been for his abiding presence, this church might well have died with its founders. But today the membership is about 135, 630 persons having joined this fellowship since its founding.

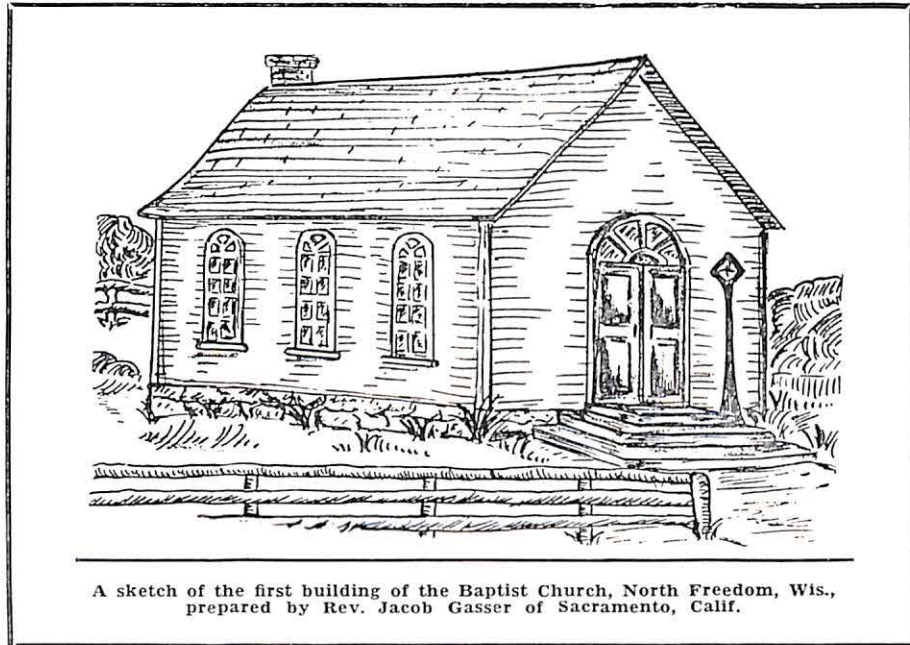
The following have served our church as pastors: J. G. Werthner, 1858-1859, 1862-1863; A. Tilgner, 1859-1862, 1863-1865; C. Manthey, 1867-1875; O. F. Zeckser, 1875-1877; H. F. Mueller, 1878-1883; W. Kroesch, 1883-1888; H. G. Griep, 1889-1893; G. Engelmann, 1893-1900; Julius Kaaz, 1901-1905; W. S. Argow, 1905-1912; C. Dip-

pel, 1912-1920; E. Bibelheimer, 1921-1924; H. Hirsch, 1924-1930; H. Palfenier, 1930-1936; T. Stoeri, 1937-1942; R. Rott, 1943-1944; T. D. Lutz, 1945-1954; and R. Lawrenz, 1954 —

Augusta Seils, Hanna Seils and Minnie Mueller Otto answered the missionary call, and August Marquardt, A.

gift of instilling enthusiasm in others, inspired a personal rededication within our hearts as he conducted a service of dedication for our newly redecorated church auditorium. Letters of greeting were read from former pastors who were unable to attend.

Another highlight of the evening was



A sketch of the first building of the Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis., prepared by Rev. Jacob Gasser of Sacramento, Calif.

Tilgner, Jacob Gasser, and Edward Kopf entered the Christian ministry from our church.

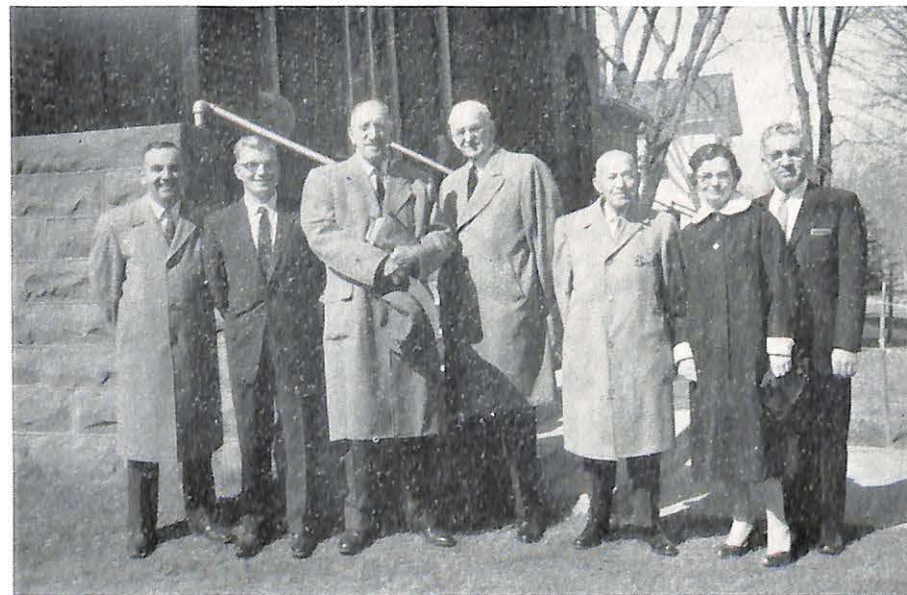
Friday evening, April 25, marked the opening of our centennial observance with an uplifting praise and testimony meeting. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, our guest speaker, with his rare

the presence of the oldest living former pastor, Rev. Julius Kaaz of Philadelphia, Pa. As one observed the radiant look on his face while he told about "The Christ of Yesterday," we shared the happiness which must be his to have a part in this observance. Just 55 years ago, he had directed the building of the present church edifice, and helped to add his share of "living stones" to the church fellowship.

Saturday evening, at a Centennial Banquet, we were privileged to have two of our more recent pastors, Rev. H. Palfenier as toastmaster and Rev. Thomas Lutz as our guest speaker. Mr. Lutz challenged us not to be tempted to rest on past achievements but to dedicate ourselves to the Lord's service in a fuller measure in the future.

CENTENNIAL SUNDAY

On Sunday our Bible classes were taught by Mrs. Thomas Lutz, and Rev. H. Palfenier. At the morning worship service Dr. Leuschner brought a vivid picture of "God's Faithfulness Through the Years." In the afternoon, following a fellowship dinner, and greetings from neighboring pastors, Rev. H. Palfenier brought an outstanding message on the "Amazing Grace" of our Lord. On Sunday evening it thrilled our hearts to have our second-oldest living former pastor, Rev. W. S.



Guest speakers at the Centenary Jubilee of the North Freedom Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wisconsin. Right to left: Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Lutz, Rev. Julius Kaaz, Rev. W. S. Argow, Rev. Herman Palfenier, Rev. Edward Kopf, and Rev. Richard Lawrenz, pastor.

Argow, with us to bring us a challenge to live by following the centennial days: "Our Heritage—A Challenge for the Future."

Each speaker seemed to bring just the picture of the past and the opportunities for the future to make us realize that this is not the end of one century but the beginning of a new century of service for our Lord and Savior. We thank God for our present pastor, Rev. R. Lawrenz and his wife. Under their able leadership we can say with Paul: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14).

NORTHERN CONFERENCE AT EDMONTON, JULY 21

Place: McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta.

Time: July 21, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Business Sessions Only.

Churches should send their reports in good time to Rev. O. Fritzke, Nokomis, Saskatchewan, and appoint the regular number of delegates.

A. Lamprecht,
Northern Conference Sec'y

CONFERENCES AND CAMPS

JUNE 14 - 21

CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY (Juniors, Seniors and Young Adults) at Hume Lake, Calif. Dr. Walter Wessel and Dr. Paul Gebauer.

JUNE 16 - 21

IOWA CBYF SENIOR CAMP at Riverside Bible Camp near Story City, Iowa. Rev. Roy Seibel and Rev. Walter Sukut.

JUNE 18 - 22

DAKOTA CONFERENCE at Ashley, N. Dak. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Miss Bernice Westerman and Mrs. Walter Sukut.

JUNE 19 - 22

ONTARIO CONVENTION at Sebastopol, Ontario. Rev. L. Bienert.

JUNE 21 - 22

BRADLEY BEACH YOUTH RETREAT at Badley Beach, N. J. Dr. George Lang.

JUNE 24 - 26

DAKOTA CONFERENCE GERMAN CAMP at Crystal Springs, N. Dak. Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

JUNE 26 - JULY 2

DAKOTA SENIOR YOUTH CAMP at Crystal Springs Camp, Crystal Springs, N. Dak. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. Walter Sukut.

JUNE 27 - JULY 2

ALBERTA SENIOR CBYF CAMP at Sylvan Lake Camp, Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Rev. Ed Link, Miss Ida Forsch and Rev. Daniel Fuchs.

JUNE 27 - JULY 2

WORLD BAPTIST YOUTH CONGRESS at Toronto, Ontario. Rev. L. Bienert will be present and report to the "Baptist Herald."

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible

North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

A special insight can be had into the nature of the Christian life by a consideration of the meaning of the words which are translated *chasten* or *chastise* in the Word of God. In the Old Testament the most frequent Hebrew word so rendered is *yasar*. This verb means to *teach* or to *learn* a lesson and the lesson may be learned in the following ways: (1) through the experience of suffering; (2) through the receiving of verbal instruction which does not include suffering; (3) through the observation of people or events. Number (1) above is most frequently found in the Old Testament, especially with God as teacher and man as learner. From the Old Testament usage the educative and disciplinary nature of chastening is already evident.

In the New Testament this becomes even more clear. The New Testament word is *paideuein*, a verb closely related to the Greek word for child. The basic meaning of *paideuein* is to *bring up*, to *instruct*, *train*, *educate physically and mentally* (Cf. Acts 7:22). Through its use in the Septuagint, a pre-Christian version of the Old Testament, to translate *yasar*, it came to

have the added sense of moral instruction through suffering. Although it is used of human fathers chastening their sons (Heb. 12:7, 10a), and even of the discipline brought about by Satan (I Tim. 1:20), its most frequent use is to describe God's chastening action relative to his own people. The classic passage occurs in the 12th chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews: "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

This passage suggests that chastening and sonship go hand-in-hand. It is significant that the word *chasten* is never used in the New Testament of God's action toward the unregenerate. Peter reminded his readers that fiery trials were to be the lot of those who are Christ's (I Peter 4:12), but they are never to be interpreted as God's condemning action. His chastening must always be regarded as educative, disciplinary, as part of that on-going process by which we grow in grace, mature in our faith, and enlarge in our ministry of usefulness for Christ.

Final Campaigns for God's Volunteers

By Mrs. Shirley Roehl, Reporter for "God's Volunteers"

It is with mixed emotions that we face these last days of our work as "God's Volunteers." Our past experiences have been most wonderful, and we rejoice in the blessings we have received throughout the past eight months. As the time comes for us to part, we feel very sad to break up the team and to leave the ones we have come to love in Christ.

Our final campaigns have now come to a close. As we look back on them, we know the Lord has been with us each step of the way. The first two weeks of April we spent in Martin, N. Dak., working with Rev. L. Potratz. Being in a rural area was a refreshing change and we thoroughly enjoyed being on farms and in the open country again. We were happy for another opportunity to work with Rev. Daniel Fuchs. Nine children accepted Christ during the meetings. Quite a number of calls were made, and we rejoice in the fact we could witness for Christ to many people. The three North Dakotans were glad to be back in their home state for the two weeks and to enjoy the beautiful spring weather there.

April 15 found the six of us celebrating Lily Boymook's birthday and arriving in Regina, Saskatchewan. Rev. Richard Grabke is pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, another of our Church

Extension projects. It was a real joy to work in this new church and to see the work of the Lord go forward here. This church carries on a fine visitation program the year around. We had many fine contacts we could make and many opportunities to seek souls for the Master's harvest. We especially enjoyed having Rev. Elmer C. Strauss back with us. As we heard him present God's Word so clearly and sincerely, we thanked God for the blessing it has been to work with him.

We pray the Lord's blessing on those who will be chosen for the team next year. We know it is an experience that no one will ever regret or forget. Why don't YOU consider the "Volunteers" for next fall?

Below we are listing some of the future plans of "God's Volunteers."

LeRoy Kiemele: College this fall; Seminary studies the year following. Leona Hoffman: Summer work in Vacation Bible School throughout U. S. and Canada, perhaps C. T. I. later.

Shirley Roehl: Work in home church, housewife; Teacher's College this fall. Floyd Roehl: Trucking with his father unless U. S. Army calls him.

Violet Rau: Work in home church this summer; future plans indefinite.

Lily Boymook: Work in home church this summer; future plans indefinite.

Women's Program at Edmonton

By Mrs. O. R. Schmidt

Chairman of the Program Committee for the Woman's Missionary Union Sessions

WHAT A WONDERFUL and unusual privilege it is to welcome you to Edmonton for the General Conference sessions to be held from July 21 to 27, 1958. Our prayers, plans and dreams will soon be a reality and we will be greeting our loved ones and friends.

It was a wonderful thrill to meet with your Executive Committee months ago and to share in their sincere desire and concern to be in the center of God's will as they planned conference experiences which would draw us nearer to our blessed Christ and unite us in more effective work in the future for him. Now as you plan your conference days, you will not want to miss any of the sessions planned especially for the women of our denominations.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE THEME

Our theme is: "On Life's Pathway with Christ!" based on Micah 4:2. "And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths." Our theme song will be the beautiful hymn, "O for a Closer Walk with God."

On Thursday, July 24, 1:00 P. M., the Luncheon Business Meeting will be held at the Trocadero. This is our challenge to consider the future work of our Union at this vitally important business session. Interesting highlights from the program include having Mrs. Paul Gebauer lead our devotions and the report of our Women's Work in the Cameroons by Mrs. Earl Ahrens.

Our Woman's Missionary Union Program will be presented on Friday, July 25, 2:00 P. M., at the Jubilee Auditorium. A beautiful program, both inspiring and instructive, has been arranged. Special greetings, moments of meditation in our Memorial Service, the installation of officers, will unite our hearts. An effective dramatic presentation of the personalities, objectives and goals of our Woman's Union work, "On Life's Pathway with Christ," written by Mrs. Harm Sherman, will be presented. Miss Ida Forsch and Mrs. Walter Sukut will bring missionary challenges—"On Life's Pathway with Christ in Africa and Japan." The program will be climaxed by a "Challenge to Service" by Mrs. Edgar Bates!

No one who attends the conference will want to miss the lovely Tea and Missionary Reception, sponsored by the WMU, which will follow the program. The women of the Alberta Association will serve as the hostesses.

WELCOME TO EDMONTON

The following leaders, who are efficiently guiding our wonderful Canadian women in their labors of love in making your conference experiences delightful and long-to-be-remembered, extend their greetings to you:

WOMAN'S UNION AT WORK

A new 8-page leaflet on "Our Woman's Missionary Union at Work" prepared by Mrs. T. D. Lutz and with graphs prepared by Dr. George A. Dunger is available free on request at the N. A. B. Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

Mrs. Erna Sturhahn, President, Northern Conference W. M. Union.

For the first time the General Conference will meet on western Canadian soil, and we expect that many of our sisters from across the line will come. Since our territory is vast, spread over the three prairie provinces, and since we number more than 1000 members in 40 societies, we cannot all be there. All of us are anxious to show to our visitors a bit of good western Canadian hospitality. Together with all women, we pray that our lives will be enhanced by the fellowship, so that we can serve our Lord better and spread more light and joy in our churches and communities.

Mrs. Marie Muller, Alberta Association W. M. Union.

The prayer of our Lord was that they all may be one. The basis for such a realization is in Christian understanding and service. Our denomination is "peculiar" in that its borders



Mrs. Edgar Bates of Hamilton, Ontario, a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the speaker at several sessions of the General Conference in Edmonton, Alta.

extend from the Gulf of Mexico in the south to 40 miles north of the international boundary into Canada. Our women's groups are composed of members from every walk of life and different national backgrounds. There is no better way to mold our Union into a strong, unified group than for as many of us as possible to get acquainted. The conference affords us that opportunity. We can meet from the north, south, east, and west. Our Alberta women extend an invitation to each of you to meet us in Edmonton for a week of inspiration and information.

MRS. EDGAR BATES General Conference Speaker

Mrs. Edgar Bates, the guest speaker at the Woman's Missionary Union program of the North American Baptist General Conference on July 25, is a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance and Dean of Women at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. She was born in India of missionary parents. She was graduated from McMaster University and from the Toronto General Hospital as a registered nurse.

In 1951 she organized the North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance. She was elected treasurer of the Women's Department of the Alliance in 1955.

In a beautiful testimony prepared expressly for the "Baptist Herald," Mrs. Bates has given expression to her Christian faith and missionary zeal.

"In my early years, I did considerable Sunday School work and, as a result, I feel keenly the importance of this ministry since I myself came to my experience of Jesus Christ naturally and easily through home teaching and through regular Sunday School and church instruction. Because of my missionary background, which began with my grandparents; because of the fact that my father was both a missionary in India and in his later years the General-Secretary for Foreign Missions for Canadian Baptists—a position later occupied by my cousin, Dr. John McLaurin; because of relatives on the foreign field, I have always been deeply interested in foreign missions. Those of us with such a heritage have a heavy responsibility, and I have always hoped and prayed to be worthy of that background."

Mrs. Bates will also be the principal speaker at the great rally sponsored by "Baptist Men" and by the Women's Missionary Union on Thursday evening, July 24, at the Jubilee Auditorium. Her stirring address on that occasion is bound to be one of the thrilling highlights of the General Conference Sessions.

What's Happening

● The Onoway Baptist Church, Onoway, Alberta, has called Rev. Robert Jaster of Regina, Sask., as its pastor, to which he has given a favorable reply. He began his ministry at the Onoway Church on June 1st. He was formerly pastor of the Victoria Avenue church of Regina, Sask. In Onoway he has succeeded Mr. Arthur Zeller, now pastor of the Wiesenthal Church, Millet, Alberta.

● Rev. Arthur R. Weisser of Rochester, N. Y. pastor of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, was recently elected president of the Pastors' Union of Rochester and vicinity. These important sessions are attended each month by approximately 50 ministers of various churches of Rochester and are held in the dining room of the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Mr. Weisser began his ministry as president of this organization on April 1, 1958.

● From June 1 to 8 special meetings were held at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., with Dr. Norman Paullin of Philadelphia, Pa., as evangelist and guest speaker. Dr. Paullin was the Bible teacher at the North American Baptist Men's Conference held at Green Lake, Wisc., in 1956. These meetings at the Grosse Pointe Church were a heart stirring and significant time in the ministry and outreach of the church, as indicated by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor.

● The First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, recently raised the salary of the pastor, Rev. Norman Miller, by \$300. On April 30 the church held a surprise birthday party for the pastor with many gifts of food and several other things presented to Mr. and Mrs. Miller. On Mother's Day, May 11, the Scripture Memory Department of the church presented a very interesting program. The Vacation Bible School conducted by the Durham Church began on May 26.

● On Sunday morning, March 30, Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., baptized eight converts on confession of their faith in Christ. On April 20, the attendance at Sunday School reached the high mark of 195, at which Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr, who will sail for the Cameroons mission field on September 4, were the guest speakers. Twenty-one women of the church went to LaCrosse, Wis., for the Minnesota Woman's Spring Rally on Sunday, April 27.

● The Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Millet, Alberta, has called Mr. Arthur Zeller of Edmonton, Alberta, as its pastor. He accepted the call and began his ministry in the Wiesenthal Church on Easter Sunday, April 6, succeeding Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, now of New

York City. Mr. Zeller was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Onoway, Alberta. The reception for the new pastor was held by the Wiesenthal church on Sunday afternoon, April 13, with Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., present, speaking in behalf of the denominational fellowship.

● On Sunday, April 13, Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., received 15 new members into the church's fellowship, 13 by baptism and 2 by letter. On Palm Sunday evening, the church choir presented the cantata, "The Message from the Cross" by Will MacFarlane. The Easter story in music was brought on Sunday evening, April 6, by the Men's Chorus, Junior Choir and soloists as well as by the mixed choir of the church. The Easter offering was received for missions and for the church's building fund.

● At the Family Night program of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., on Thursday evening, May 7, the church members and friends held a dinner in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Klausmann. The pastor, Rev. Sidney Larson, extended congratulations to the Klausmanns in behalf of the church. On Thursday, May 22, the Woman's Missionary Union of New York and vicinity held its annual program at the Clinton Hill church. In addition to missionary speakers, who challenged the women, the play, "The Other Women," was presented by the Clinton Hill Church women.

● On April 25 the Temple Baptist Sunday School of Lodi, Calif., held its annual banquet with 65 teachers and church leaders present. Mrs. Delores Midthun, superintendent, welcomed the group. Calvin Lohr served as Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, spoke briefly on "The Average Sunday School Teacher." A piano solo was presented by Miss Arlene Woehl, and Mrs. Alice Schreiber sang a vocal solo. The guest speaker was Dr. Emmett Parks, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif. At the annual business meeting of the Temple Church on April 23, the church adopted a Five Year Expansion Program as outlined by "Pastor Bob."

● Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Cameroons missionaries, arrived at Victoria, Africa, on April 6. They spent some time visiting their fellow-missionaries at Bamenda, Belo and Mbingo while waiting for a native lorry to bring their cargo from Victoria. By April 20, they had finished their repacking and continued their trip into the interior. By April 26 they arrived at the mission field at Warwar with all of the precious cargo. The first letter of the Goodmans after their ar-

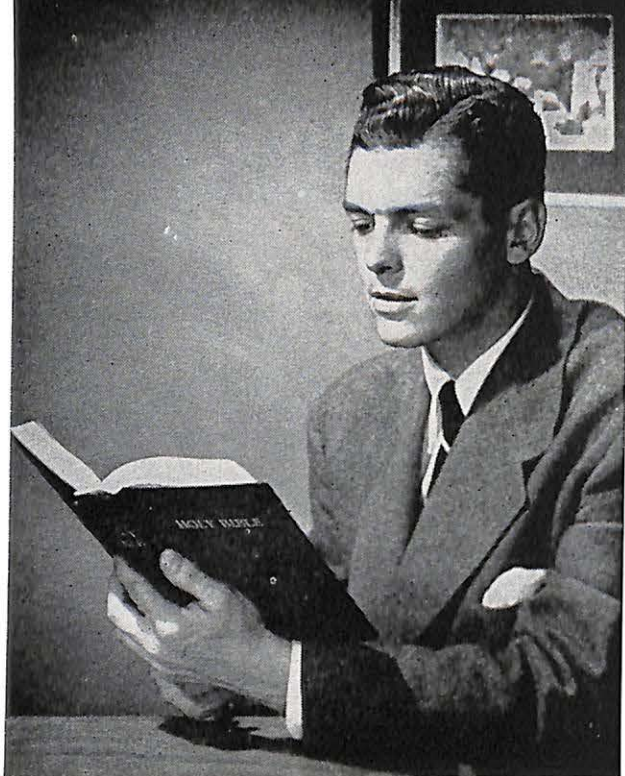
ival stated. "We are happy to be back in our little house at Warwar again and with the Mambila people. We know that the Lord can do great things through his own people, black or white."

● The Bible School of the Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill., sponsored a Workers' Conference on Saturday, April 26. Guests from the Forest Park headquarters were Miss Ruth Bathauer, Rev. L. G. Bienert, and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman. There were simultaneous workshops in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Rev. L. G. Bienert was the guest speaker at the banquet at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Mr. Clifford Benedict, superintendent, was the toastmaster. Mr. Bienert gave an inspirational message on the theme, "Worker." Mrs. Gilbert Luhrs was soloist, accompanied by Miss Wanda Zelhart. Rev. Louis R. Johnson, pastor, closed the meeting with prayer. Mrs. J. Burton Hertz and Mrs. Leon Miller were in charge of decorations. Mr. Leo Hull was in charge of tickets and banquet arrangements.

● On Sunday, April 27, Rev. John Reimer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, George, Iowa, baptized 17 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Most of these were converts during the pre-Easter meetings held with Dr. Robert James Devine of Minneapolis, Minn. Others were saved during meetings held last fall with Rev. Arlan Halvosen, now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon. The church rejoices in these spiritual victories and blessings.

● The Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., has sold its present building for \$200,000 as of Jan. 1, 1958. The edifice must be vacated for the new congregation that has bought it by July 1959. The Bethel Church has secured property for its new edifice at St. Clair Shores and is now reviewing building plans before the actual construction starts. Mr. Ross Awrey is chairman of the Construction Committee. Rev. H. H. Riffel is pastor of the church.

● From March 16 to 23 the Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J., held its 5th annual Missionary Conference. Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, spoke at the Saturday evening banquet attended by 95 persons and at the Sunday morning service. Other missionary speakers were Rev. William P. Green of the Pocket Testament League; Rev. Russell Ebersole, field evangelist in the Philippine Islands; and Mr. Lee Troup, Eastern director of the Christian Service Brigade, among others. Special offerings of \$200 were received for the participating missionary societies. The deacons of the church along with the pastor, Rev. Lenox G. Palin, were in charge. From May 15 to 25 Gospel Crusade meetings were held with Carl J. Bihl, Youth for Christ International vice-president, bringing the messages. Vocal and instrumental music was presented by Vohn Hallett and the Northeastern Bible Institute chorus.



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

SYNOPSIS

Barry Carter was irritated by his college roommate and close friend, David Gardner, because he announced that he was going to be a preacher. They entered into frequent discussions about the Bible and God. A week before Barry and Cicily were to be married, a dinner party was held for them by friends. David went along reluctantly to the party. Toasts were drunk to the prospective bridegroom, as David looked on silently and critically. When an irreverent toast was drunk to him, David left the party. Barry followed him and persuaded him to ride home in his car. Then seized by a maddening force, Barry drove the car recklessly until it skidded around a corner and plunged down an embankment, killing David in the crash. Some weeks later, Barry was gloriously saved and later, through the influence of Dale, David's fiancée, entered the ministry and became pastor of a church in New Orleans, La. Cicily married Roy Farlan, but there was little love for each other. Roy suggested to his wife one day that they go for a visit to New Orleans. Cicily felt that her husband meant somehow to hurt her. Their conversation showed how far apart they were in their affairs.

CHAPTER TWELVE

ROY'S VOICE was mockingly tender and Cicily writhed under it as she had done many times before when he assumed this attitude, for she knew the venom that lay behind those tones. She wondered sometimes if he was entirely sane. She was beginning to believe that he was not. She did not reply to his remark but gave him a withering glance.

"The love you professed to have for me when we were married doesn't seem to have grown stronger in the years we have been together," he remarked with a hurt note in his voice.

"How could you expect it to grow," she burst out, goaded by his look and the tone of his voice, "when all you do is to torment me? You seem to be trying to make me hate you instead of loving you more."

"I seem to be succeeding in that, at least," he retorted. "You're a cheat and a liar, my dear wife, and you know it. You lied when you said you loved me and you've cheated me of

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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what a husband expects in a wife. You married me when you still loved another man. I was fool enough to think that you were marrying me because you loved me. You married me because I had more money than you had ever had and you thought that money could take the place of a love that you had either lost or thrown over. I've never stinted you as far as money was concerned, but you've never given me anything in return. Do you think I would let you get away with cheating?"

"I've done the best I could to make you a good wife," she said defensively. She could see that he was working himself into a rage and she had seen to her sorrow where these rages ended.

"A good wife!" he scoffed. "What do you call being a good wife? I gave you the only love I have ever known for anyone. I never knew what love was until I fell in love with you. But you have been like a piece of stone. When I kissed you, your lips were like ice. You submitted to my love because you couldn't help yourself. You'll spend the rest of your life regretting that you cheated me of the thing I wanted most in life."

"I don't have to go on like this, Roy," she said with a sudden burst of courage. "I don't have to go on enduring your hate and your abuse. I've stood it, hoping that you would change, but there is a limit to what a person can stand: I've reached that limit."

"You're thinking of leaving me, I suppose." He spoke quietly but she could see the evil gleam in his eyes.

"Yes, I am," she said. "Anything would be better than going on like this."

"Then you would be free to marry the man you love. Or that is what you think. But you're wrong. Do you think

he would marry a woman like you? What would those pious hypocrites in his church think about that? If he didn't want you before you married me, surely he wouldn't want you now."

"I could have married Barry if I had wanted to," she said calmly, though she was far from feeling calm. "I refused to marry him when he decided to become a preacher. So please leave his name out of this."

He opened a drawer of the small desk that was in the living room and drew out a small revolver. He held it in his hand and gazed at it speculatively.

Fear swept over her in sickening waves.

"Where did you get that?" she asked in a voice which she tried to keep steady.

"I've had it for years. I got it out not long ago and cleaned it. I thought it might come in handy when we get down to New Orleans. I've heard that the Carnival season always brings in a lot of hoodlums and thugs. One never knows when a gun may come in handy."

"You're just trying to frighten me," she said.

"Don't be stupid, my dear Cicily. I wouldn't be crude enough to murder you. Do you think I want to die at the end of a rope? I don't want to kill you. I want you to live. There are things worse than death. There comes to some lives a time when death is the most desirable thing in the world. That time may come to you one day, my dear. If it ever does, you'll find this little gun a very useful aid. There might come a time when you would even want to use it on me. If that should ever happen, you will always find it handy, for I shall always have it in a convenient spot."

She turned to leave the room, feel-

ing weak and shaken, but he called to her as she reached the door.

"Suppose we leave for New Orleans the first of the week. That will give us time to get settled and to see the city before the Mardi Gras crowd begins to arrive."

She felt just then that she could use that gun and enjoy using it. She sensed some diabolically cunning scheme in his warped brain and she was convinced that he really was losing his mind. She had feared it for some time, but now she was convinced. Panic seized her. What could she do? She was afraid to remain with him and afraid to try to leave him. She dared not even write to her parents for fear that he would find it out and that they would be involved in his revenge if they tried to aid her in this desperate situation. She had seen this change in him ever since the accident. Would he become worse as time went on or would something terrible happen immediately?

Perhaps, she thought desperately, Barry might be able to help her. If she could get the chance to see him, he might be able to help her or to give her some advice. She knew that Roy would be watching her every moment, once they were in New Orleans, but she would manage somehow to see him. She must see him! It would be torture to see him and to have him near and to know that she had thrown away her one chance for happiness. But nothing could be worse than what she was enduring now. Something must be done, or she would have to use that gun, either upon herself or upon Roy. It would not matter which. Death was better than life, if life was to be like this.

Roy rented a furnished house in New Orleans. He had decided to spend the remainder of the winter there. Servants were engaged and they set up house-keeping. Roy preferred it to life in a hotel.

In the spacious living room there was a small secretary, much like the one in their own home and Cicily observed, soon after they had gotten settled, that Roy put the small revolver in the drawer of that secretary. She felt that he was watching her as he did so and she pretended not to notice what he was doing, but fear settled a heavier weight upon her.

Roy had not referred to that disturbing interview when he had first shown her that gun, but she knew that it was still in his mind. He was, however, more agreeable than he had been in some time. She was glad of this brief respite from mental torture, but she knew that beneath this sudden amiability there was some scheme in his mind. She could do nothing but wait and endure the uncertainty, hoping against hope that she could see Barry and that he could help her.

During the first few days in the city they were busy sightseeing, visiting in the French Quarter. Cicily admired

the antiques displayed in the shops along Royal Street. Roy was more talkative than usual and insisted upon buying her expensive clothes and gifts. She wondered if he was ever going to mention Barry's name, but he did not and she was more uneasy than ever.

Roy bought seats for all the parades and he managed to get invitations for two of the balls through business associates. In spite of her upset state of mind Cicily enjoyed the parades and the balls. They took her mind off of her troubles, at least for a while.

Roy watched her at the balls, in her expensive formals. There was a strange gleam in his eyes. She was beautiful and she had been to him the most desirable creature in the world until the bitter realization came to him that she had never loved him, that she still loved the man he had always hated.

He had never loved anyone, even in childhood, not even his own parents. He had never forgiven Barry for discovering his sadistic desire to see defenseless creatures suffer. His hatred had remained through the years and when he had realized that Barry held the love of the one person in the world that he loved, that hate had burned more fiercely within him. His one aim in life now was to see his wife suffer and the man she loved suffer also as he had suffered through his insane jealousy and thwarted love.

He told himself that he could bide his time, though there was not too much time to waste, but the scheme he had in his twisted brain, a brain which had been injured in that auto accident, would bring revenge upon both of them. When that was accomplished, then nothing else would matter.

Cicily was not in the habit of attending church, but she longed to attend Barry's church and to hear him preach. It was difficult for her to visualize the careless, pleasure-seeking Barry as a preacher of the Gospel and she was curious to see how he filled this new role.

This was not the main reason which made her want to attend his church. It was the desperate hope that in some way he could help her by giving her some advice as to how she could escape the impossible situation in which she was enmeshed. It did not seem fantastic to her that the man she had refused to marry because he was going to be a preacher was the one to whom she now turned in her hour of difficulty and for the very reason that he was a minister of the Gospel. Though she had never given a thought about the God whom Barry loved and though she had had no patience with what he professed to believe, still she felt the need of some power beyond her own, to help her where she herself was powerless.

The first Sunday after Mardi Gras, Roy mentioned what had been in her thoughts.

"Suppose we go to church this morning," he suggested.

"Church!" she echoed in amazement. He never attended church and it almost seemed that he had read her thoughts.

"Does the suggestion shock you so much?" he asked, a mocking smile twisting his lips.

"Well, rather. I've never known you to be interested in church before."

"I haven't been. But I feel religious this morning."

"You go, if you feel so religious," she advised him. "I don't want to go."

"Oh come now, don't be so unaccommodating. Haven't I spent hours taking you places and showing you the city? The least you can do in return is to go to one place just to please me."

"Where would that place be?" She knew what he had in mind before he replied.

"What better place could there be than the Rev. Barry Carter's church? I'm sure he could give us food for thought and he might even convert two heathen. Don't you think that would give him joy?"

"You may go if you want to, but I'm not going," she stated firmly. Her desire to hear Barry preach had suddenly left her. She knew that Roy's purpose was only to put her to some new torture.

"I'm afraid that would place me in a most embarrassing situation," he said in the soft oily tones that she recognized so well. "What could I tell him when he asked about you? You know he will ask about you."

"Tell him what you please," she said.

"I don't think that will be necessary, because you'll be there to answer for yourself. We shall both go."

"I said I wasn't going," she stated.

As he sat there looking at her she saw something in his eyes which brought back all the old terror.

"I'm sure that you will change your mind by church time," he finally said and she knew that he told the truth. She was afraid not to obey him, afraid of that something she saw in his eyes.

She dressed nervously, though she was careful to make herself as attractive as possible. When she joined him her appearance brought forth a word of comment from him. To anyone listening, his remark would have sounded like a warm husbandly compliment, but she could detect the hidden venom beneath the words.

"You're lovely enough to make the preacher forget his sermon," he remarked as he helped her into the car.

She did not reply but sat silently beside him as they drove down the avenue to the church. The service had already started when they got there. They were seated in the middle section, directly in line with the pulpit. Barry could not help but see them. As his eyes swept over the congregation, they rested upon her for a moment. She saw the quick start of surprise as

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 22, 1958

Theme: WHO ARE THE STRONG?
(TEMPERANCE)

Scripture: Judges 15:11-15; 16:15-21

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: "He who controls himself is better than a conqueror. (Proverbs 16:32b, Moffatt Translation). A better way to say it is, "He who is under the control of the Holy Spirit is able to conquer himself."

INTRODUCTION: Sometime ago the advocates of temperance declared that the most dangerous Russian weapon in America was "Vodka." There is no doubt that our American distillers have also created a formidable stockpile of alcoholic weapons which destroy thousands of lives every year. It is fast becoming Public Enemy Number One. Countless homes are broken, or hang together precariously, because one or more members are slaves to drink. One of the primary causes of accidents and traffic fatalities is due to alcohol. Physically and mentally, people are breaking down and the hospital wards in hospitals are already overcrowded. One of the most difficult tasks of the Christian ministry is the work of the missions on "Skid Row" trying to bring the power of God to the befuddled and diseased minds of those who are chained to the "bottle." What a testimony the few have who were finally "unshackled" by the gospel of Jesus Christ!

I. PREPARATION FOR STRENGTH. Judges 13:1-25.

This is an important introduction to our printed lesson. Samson had all the advantages and opportunities of developing into a strong, capable and courageous leader. God seemed to lay his plans carefully for the training of a deliverer for the people of Israel. The parents practiced a sensible discipline in order to bring up their son in a wholesome atmosphere and in a home of reverence and worship. If environment and training have anything to do with character, then Samson should have been a model son.

II. STRENGTH AND VENGEANCE. Judges 15:11-15.

Where or how Samson developed his self-centered, indulgent nature is difficult to explain. His God-given power was used primarily to "get even" with people. He was more interested in settling personal grudges than in the national well-being of Israel. In the phrase, "Get her for me" (14:3), he is directing and commanding his father. Is this an indication that the parents were obedient to the son rather than the son being obedient to the parents?

III. MORAL WEAKNESS AND FAILURE. Judges 16:15-21.

Great physical strength can be self-destructive unless it is reinforced by

moral and spiritual power. Samson was enslaved by his lust and passion, by selfishness and pleasure. No matter how great his physical strength, he was unable to help himself or his nation when once the power of the Spirit of God left him. The knight of the Round Table proclaimed a great truth when he said, "My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure." Paul gave us the source of his strength when he said, "When I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor. 12:10).

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 29, 1958

Theme: A SPOKESMAN FOR GOD

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:10-20

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It is easier to hear God speak when we come in contact with a saint who speaks for God.

INTRODUCTION: During the approximate 400-year administration of the judges, the spiritual as well as the material life of the Israelites was steadily degenerating. Sometimes there was an absence of leadership when "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). Sometimes the judge was a misleader instead of a leader, as in the case of Samson. Often the judges were local officials, who were unable to unify all the tribes of Israel. At other times the tribes fought among themselves and almost exterminated Benjamin (Judges 20:21).

God must have looked upon the Israelites as Jesus did when he saw the multitudes, "He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36). It was in a similar situation in the Old Testament when Samuel appeared as a prophet of God to lead and to guide them into a closer fellowship with God and with each other.

I. THE OBEDIENT SPOKESMAN. 1 Sam. 3:1-9.

Relate briefly the story of Elkanah and Hannah, relating the events which led to the birth of Samuel. Stress the importance of Hannah's statement, "For this child I prayed" (1 Sam. 1:27).

When a child learns loving obedience in the home, he is better prepared to give loving obedience to God. Samuel's obedience in the home became evident in his obedience in the house of God. The tasks were small, insignificant and perhaps even looked upon as unimportant, but he per-

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formed them faithfully and obediently.

II. THE LISTENING SPOKESMAN.

1 Sam. 3:10-14.

If Samuel had ignored the loving voice of his mother, he would not have been attuned to the loving voice of God. A good speaker must first learn how to be a good listener. Instead of saying with Samuel, "Speak: for thy servant heareth," we often say, "Listen Lord, for thy servant speaketh." Paul said, "I have RECEIVED of the Lord that which also I DELIVERED unto you" (1 Cor. 11:23). If there is a weakness in our preaching today, it is probably evident in the absence of the words of the prophets, "Thus saith the Lord!"

III. THE TRUTHFUL SPOKESMAN.

1 Sam. 3:15-18.

Good sermons are not necessarily truthful sermons. A man of God often has a battle with his own conscience as to whether he should preach a comforting sermon or deliver a disturbing truth. The justice and judgment of God must be brought to our attention before his love and mercy can be experienced. There is love in God's justice as well as in his mercy.

IV. THE ESTABLISHED SPOKESMAN. 1 Sam. 3:19-20.

A bad example is good when we decide not to follow it. In Eli, Samuel saw much to be desired in a man of God. He failed to establish his own household and was too weak in will to strengthen the spiritual life of Israel. In contrast, Samuel became a man of conviction and action. He gained the confidence of all Israel and became the accepted spokesman for God.

MARCH OF EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD

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of Syrian Christians and made it easier for the Lebanese, over half of whom are Christian, to join the new Arab Republic eventually.

● Its first venture in sponsored radio broadcasting is being hailed as a great success by AVACO, the largest Christian broadcasting agency in Japan. Reporting on the program's first air-year, the Rev. Mathew Ogawa, AVACO executive secretary said that "Kokoro no Uta" (Songs of the Heart) now draws almost a hundred letters a week. "Each listener who writes us is sent a small hymn book and letter of introduction to a church nearest his home," Mr. Ogawa said, "and if he writes about some personal problem, his letter is answered by one of seven ministers in our Follow-Up Committee." During a recent three-month period, he added, more than 250 people took these introductions to Tokyo churches. A 15-minute program of hymns and a short message, "Kokoro no Uta" features the 34-voice AVACO choir directed by the gifted young Megumi Hara. In 1956 Mr. Hara received his Master of Arts degree from Ohio State University.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern Conference

Anniversary Program, Woman's Society, Swan River, Manitoba

Recently the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Swan River, Manitoba, held its annual program. We could report at that time that we have been very active in the service of Christ. We provided a pantry to be installed in the parsonage. We sent our contributions for the worthy cause of White Cross. Even though our church is pastorless at present, our programs could be carried out under the leadership of Mrs. Iseli, president.

A total of 11 meetings were held during the year, mostly in homes. We had an average attendance of 14 women. We are glad to report that 220 calls were made on those who were ill. We are also happy to be able to work "while it is day" with every member faithful at her assigned task.

Mrs. John Sukut, Reporter

Special Lenten Services, Emmanuel Church, Morris, Man.

Palm Sunday was observed this year at the Emmanuel Church, Morris, Manitoba, with a special evening service in which the C.B.Y. choir under the direction of Nelson Edel presented the cantata, "Easter Dawn." Special Lenten services were conducted each evening the following week in the High School auditorium. These meetings were arranged by the Ministerial Association and so planned that each church in the community was in charge of one service. The band, including players from the Baptist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches, played prior to each service. Special musical numbers were also presented each evening by the various churches.

On Easter Sunday evening the church choir directed by Mr. R. J. Stober presented the cantata, "The First Easter." Following the message delivered by Rev. D. Berg, the choir concluded the service by singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." We were also privileged to hear the C.T.I. Choristers of Edmonton, Alberta, directed by Rev. E. Link on Sunday evening, April 20th.

Melvin Bergstresser, Reporter

Inspiring Programs at McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man.

The Christian Training Institute Choristers, under the direction of Rev. Ed. Link presented a program in the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on April 20th. In Sunday School, the group provided special numbers and the children as well as adults were thrilled listening to their singing. Beautiful song constituted the morning worship service, with testimony time and their version of the story of the children of Israel a choice variety that was very well received by the large audience.

On May 4th we had the good fortune of again hearing Miss Ida Forsch, missionary to the Cameroons, whom our church partially supports. She devoted



Charter members of the Woman's Missionary Society, Olds, Alta., at the 25th anniversary celebration.

Left to right: Mrs. R. F. Unger, Mrs. A. Unger, Mrs. M. Wagner and Mrs. B. Falkenberg. Mrs. F. M. Grapentin was ill at the time.

the morning service to informing us on present-day situations and added responsibilities of adequately instructing the natives to depend on themselves with the mission acting as advisor only. In the evening Miss Forsch showed us slides on the Cameroons and concluded the day by answering questions in our combined young people's meeting, where she left with us a better understanding of the need as well as the challenge in the Cameroons.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

Women's 25th Anniversary Program at Olds, Alberta

The Woman's Missionary Society of the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alta., observed its 25th anniversary on April 20. In the beautifully decorated church the festival program was led by Mrs. Ben Falkenberg, president. The five charter members of 1933 were honored by the presentation of corsages and wished God's blessing in years to come. A detailed report by



Rev. Gordon Huisinga, pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church, Canistota, S. Dak., and 5 young people whom he baptized on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. H. A. Pohl, secretary, gave a survey of the 25 years' ministry. Greetings from former members expressed joy about the work being done. Twenty-nine ladies are members of the society at present.

Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, said in his message: "God will be granting life and joy," and Rev. E. P. Wahl, guest speaker, challenged: "Let your light shine" and led in a prayer of consecration. Special numbers by the ladies' choir, quartet, duet, and soloist were inspiring and uplifting. The mission offering was cheerfully given. This day demonstrated the co-operation and love within our society and church and became a new stimulation to serve the Lord.

Mrs. H. A. Pohl, Secretary Revival Services, Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.

Revival meetings were held at the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, March 17 to 31, with Rev. Wm. Laser from the Winnipeg Mission Church as evangelist. In preparation for these revival meetings the pastor, Rev. R. Kanwischer, taught the course, "Every Christian's Job." Much preparation was done in prayer in which all organizations of the church and many Christians participated.

We put our faith into the promise that God's Word shall not return void unto us. Four persons took a new stand for their Savior. All who were present at these meetings were greatly blessed and strengthened with the Holy Spirit working through his servant.

The young people of the Grace Church presented an Easter program to commemorate the resurrection of our Savior. The story of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the glorious day of his resurrection was portrayed in words, music and song. Three choirs of various organizations of the church helped swell the joyful sound of a risen Savior. The story was taken directly out of the Bible with the aid of several poems to portray a clearer picture.

Lilly Oster, Reporter

Dakota Conference

Baptism at Spring Valley Church, Canistota, S. Dak.

Easter Sunday was a day of rejoicing at the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak. In the morning an Easter program was given by members of the Sunday School. In the evening five young people were baptized by the pastor, Rev. Gordon Huisinga. Those baptized were Julie Ann Davis, Judith Johnson, and Linda Alan and Ronald Buseman.

We enjoyed two weeks of special meetings in December with Rev. Willis Potratz of the Plum Creek Church of South Dakota as speaker, and a week of pre-Easter meetings conducted by Rev. Gordon Huisinga. May the Lord continue to bless his work at our church!

Mrs. John G. Buseman, Clerk

Twelve Converts Baptized at Washburn, N. Dak.

A momentous day was observed by the Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak., on Easter Sunday, April 6, when twelve believers followed the command of Jesus Christ and were baptized after the morning service at our church. They were an elderly grandmother and two young lads, with the other nine members of two families. These candidates and another Christian received the hand of fellowship into the church by Rev. O. Fiesel at the Communion Service in the evening.

It was a great privilege once again to have one of our denominational workers, Rev. J. C. Gunst, with us. He was with us on this same Sunday evening and his message on the love of God and his encouragement to the church were a great blessing to all.

Mrs. O. Enockson, Reporter

was dedicated on Easter for our denominational budget. Easter envelopes had been mailed to every family and friends of the churches, briefly explaining the intent and purpose of this offering.

Fred C. Wolff, Clerk

Farewell Service, Calvary Church, Carrington, N. Dak.

We of the Calvary Church, Carrington, N. Dak., were saddened by the resignation of our pastor, Rev. Carl Weisser, who accepted the call from the Streeter and Medina Churches. On Sunday evening, March 23, we held a farewell fellowship service with neighboring churches participating. Rev. D. Zimmerman of Cathay, N. Dak., was in charge. Rev. M. DeBoer of Fessenden, N. Dak., read the Scripture passage and offered prayer. Rev. E. Buening of the Germantown Church brought the message. A ladies' trio and a girls' duet furnished special music.

one of whom was his own daughter, and two adults. The hand of fellowship was extended to nine new members at the communion service that followed.

Mrs. Arnold G. Leppke, Reporter

Southern Conference

Highlights at Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas

Some time ago the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, bought a duplex across the street from the church to be used for Sunday School rooms and other youth gatherings. It was completely remodeled and made into one large assembly room and four class rooms. It was finished several months ago, and is now serving its purpose in providing the much needed space for Sunday School classes. We praise God for making it possible for us to purchase this property and many thanks to the men of our church for all the work and time they put into this project.

On March 8, the young people of the church held their annual banquet at El Chico Restaurant, with 40 persons attending. After a delicious meal, all enjoyed a time of fellowship and a well-planned program. The speaker for the evening was Mr. Dick Hightower, former Southern Methodist University and All-American football star. Special music consisted of a vocal duet by Mrs. Douglas Gallagher and Miss Beth Kahle. Mr. Ed Thompson played the piano. Toastmaster was Mr. Bill Kennedy.

Mrs. Edward Monschke, Reporter

Central Conference

Ordination of Rev. Bernard Schalm at Chicago, Ill.

The Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, extended invitations to several North American Baptist churches within the vicinity to meet in council on Thursday evening, March 13, to consider the propriety of setting apart to the work of the Gospel ministry Mr. Bernard Schalm. He is a graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary and at present he is doing post-graduate work toward his Th. D. The council elected Rev. Fred Sonnenberg to serve as moderator, and Rev. Edgar W. Klatt as clerk. Brother Schalm presented his statement of faith in three parts. The council declared itself satisfied.

The ordination service was held on Sunday evening, March 16, at the Foster Avenue Church, with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, pastor, in charge. The choir directed by Mr. Herbert Pankratz, sang, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains." Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois, brought the ordination sermon on "God's Gift of an Understanding Heart." Dr. T. W. Bender of Chicago, Ill., offered the ordination prayer. The charge to the church was given by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., and the charge to the candidate by Mr. Walter Pankratz of the local church. Special musical numbers were rendered by Paul and Mary Anderson and by Mr. Alfred Bernadt, Jr., in a baritone solo.

E. W. Klatt, Clerk



Twenty-eight new members who were recently received into the Baptist Churches of Eureka and Leola, S. Dak., by their Pastor, Rev. A. E. Reeh (center, front row).

Eureka and Leola Churches Welcome 74 New Members

Good Friday and Easter were mountain-top experiences at the First Baptist Church of Eureka and Leola, S. Dak. It was our privilege to witness the baptizing of eight converts. Twenty-eight new members received the right hand of Christian fellowship while the audience rose to its feet, reaffirming Christian responsibility to one another.

The Lord's Supper followed. Sallman's famous picture, "Heart's Door," gold framed, was presented by Mesdames Adolph and Theophil Dohn in memory of those who formerly worshipped at the closed Bertsch station, and who are now members of the Eureka fellowship. A total of 74 new members have joined our churches at Eureka and Leola by baptism, re-instatement and transfer from other churches.

The Lord has been blessing our united efforts in evangelism, house to house visitation, observing the Universal Week of Prayer, pre-Lenten counseling by our minister, Rev. A. E. Reeh, and mid-week, pre-Easter services. An offering of more than \$200

INVITATION TO DAKOTA CONFERENCE

A cordial invitation is extended to all delegates and visitors to the sessions of the Dakota Conference to be held in Ashley, North Dakota, June 18 to 22, 1958. Free lodging will be arranged by the host church. We ask that all attendants to this conference should please write to Mr. E. J. Schrenk, Ashley, North Dakota, for lodging. Emil Saylor, Clerk

Pastor's Reception and Anniversary Dinner, Kankakee, Ill.

Rev. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson and family were welcomed by the Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill., on Friday evening, April 11. Dr. Faris D. Whitesell, professor of pastoral theology, Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., gave a "Challenge to the Church." Dr. Whitesell admonished the 200 persons present to "Pray, appreciate, support, tell, obey and remember."

Gilbert Luhrs, moderator, presided at the service and gave the invocation. Greetings were brought by W. T. Edwards, Mrs. George W. Salzman, Rev. Harry Bryant and Dr. M. Vanderbeck, who also read the Scripture. Rev. Fred Sonnenberg led in prayer. Special music, an original poem and words of appreciation from Rev. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson completed the program. The serving table was covered with a silver cloth and decorated with white tapers and pink carnations.

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner was the speaker at the 94th anniversary Buffet Dinner on Tuesday evening, April 17. "What's Ahead" was the title of his challenging message. "When we follow Christ's command," Dr. Leuschner said, "God always supplies the need." Members of the church voted to accept an Executive Board recommendation to start construction of a new church as soon as possible on our church property.

Mr. Clarence McNeil was elected director of the Training Union, as recommended by the Board of Christian Education. More than 100 guests attended the dinner, opened with an invocation given by Rev. Louis R. Johnson. Gilbert Luhrs, moderator, presided. The Immanuel Male Quartet sang. Decorations were in charge of Mrs. J. Barton Hertz.

Alice Luhrs, Clerk

Pacific Conference

Easter Sunday Services, Bethel Church, Missoula, Mont.

Easter Sunday marked the first anniversary of services held in the new Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont. Approximately 100 persons attended the sunrise service, during which a shaft of brilliant sunlight entered the rear window and illuminated the platform, reminding those present of the true significance of Easter, and that Christ is the Light of the world!

At the Sunday School hour, a program of Easter music and recitations was presented by the youngsters in the main auditorium. A recently organized Junior Choir rendered two fine selections. A mission offering of \$500 was received. The day was reverently closed at the evening service with presentation of an illustrated cantata, "The Lord Is Risen."

On Sunday evening, April 13, six persons were baptized by our pastor, Rev. C. T. Remple, and during the communion service that followed, the hand of fellowship was extended to 8 new members, two coming to us by letter. Invitation was given to parents to dedicate their babies to the Lord at the evening service on April 20th. Six young couples responded.

Mrs. E. Junkert, Reporter



Church leaders and guest speakers at the reception for Rev. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson at the Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill. Left to right: Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Faris D. Whitesell, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. and Mrs. Louis R. Johnson; Mr. Gilbert Luhrs, Church Moderator

Atlantic Conference

Faith Church, W. New York, N. J., Holds 10th Missionary Conference

The tenth annual Missionary Conference of the Faith Baptist Church, West New York, New Jersey, was opened on Thursday, April 10, with Miss Betty as speaker. She went to the mission field in 1933, and her duties now center on tail teaching and preaching at the Nigerian Bible School. The second session of our Conference was held on Thursday, April 17, at which Rev. and Mrs. William Hopewell, former missionaries

to the Philippines and Chile, spoke to us and showed us slides of their work in Chile under the auspices of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

The third and final session of our Conference was held on Wednesday, April 23, at which time we were indeed privileged to have as our speaker our own Dr. Paul Gebauer who gave us a lively and vivid talk, illustrated with colored slides, on the work in the Cameroons. He shared with us many of the things which the Lord has done in the Cameroons. His visit with us proved to be a real blessing to all in attendance.

Janet M. Behnke, Mission Secretary



The illustrated cantata, "The Lord Is Risen," was presented at the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana, on Easter Sunday evening by the church choir, young people shown on the platform and the pastor, Rev. C. T. Remple (behind microphone).



The Faith Baptist Church, West New York, N. J., which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary as a Baptist Church.

25th Anniversary, Faith Church, West New York

The days of March 14 to 18 were a memorable period for the Faith Baptist Church, West New York, New Jersey. At that time, we were privileged to observe our 25th anniversary with a time of great rejoicing. We started our festivities with a banquet for all members and friends. Our former pastor, Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, presented the message. Greetings were presented from our sister churches, and some of our church's history was recounted.

The church, organized in 1933 as the Ebenezer Church, met until 1952 in a converted factory building. At that time, Mr. Freeman challenged us to undertake a building project. After 3 years, we were able to purchase a beautiful church building, which we dedicated on Dec. 6, 1956. We were also able to purchase a parsonage.

Anniversary Sunday, March 16, also gave us many blessings. Our morning service was conducted by our pastor, Rev. Robert E. Fuchs, who spoke on the joy of serving Christ. The afternoon service particularly emphasized our denominational relationships. Five Atlantic Conference churches were represented and our speaker, Rev. J. C. Gunst, encouraged us to continue in the work. We were privileged to hear our choir sing the great hymn, "How Great Thou Art."

As a climax to our celebration, the Woman's Missionary Society also observed its 25th anniversary. Their program included a missionary play which emphasized the real meaning of a society to aid the missionary cause in all ways possible. Our hearts were filled with thanksgiving at the goodness of our Lord to us and we felt his blessing on all our services.

Margaret E. Portscher, Clerk

Evangelistic Services and Baptism at Boston, Mass.

Rev. Tal. MacNutt, director of Christian Youth, Inc., for New England, was the speaker at evangelistic services held at Rock Hill Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., from Wednesday, March 26, through Sunday evening, March 30.

NURSING AT BAMENDA

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patient describes his illness in great detail.

Hygiene seems to be a strange concept to the average native. They have no concept of cleanliness. I scrubbed a man's leg for 30 minutes before the sponges remained white. Yet he said, "I don't wash my skin." When asked to bathe, they say, "Our skin he go die if we go wash in cold water. If we go wash in cold water, we go want hot tea."

One day I purchased some vegetables and laid them on the veranda. The patients said, "We will not eat them." I tried in vain to explain that washing and cooking the vegetable would kill all germs. Yet they will wash their hands in a basin of water and use the same water for a mouth wash.

African women seem to have a much easier labor and delivery than American women. Their complications are few. Perhaps their simple diet and hard farm work prepares their body for natural childbirth. They seem less apprehensive and are more relaxed. The mothers walk to the hospital but sometimes deliver on the road. The natives do not tie the cord. They bathe the baby in cold water which seems to condition them in tolerating the cold.

The babies look so pretty wearing the colorful flannel diapers, gowns and blankets. The mothers are surprised to see how a diaper is worn. Their faces beam as the new baby clothes are put on their newborn.

One cannot separate the soul from the body; therefore one cannot separate spiritual and medical work. Through nursing one is able to meet the patient's spiritual needs. The patient begins to realize his need and helplessness which only Christ can meet. One is able to allay a patient's fears by telling him that Christ will give him peace if he confesses and forsakes his sins as he puts his faith in him and permits him to be Lord of his life.

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

In the hospital you will find the literate teaching others Bible verses, hymns, witnessing, reading and explaining the Bible. Some have received a Gospel of John, a New Testament, and a Bible by memorizing the Scripture Memory Courses.

One non-leprous patient, who accepted Christ as his Savior the day he left the hospital, has written, "I am attending church with my Christian wife and family." A mother, who had a C-section and accepted Christ while here, reported, "I am witnessing to the people in my village what Christ has done for me."

Pray with us that we may meet the spiritual needs as well as the medical needs of these patients who will be potential missionaries in their own villages as they return.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter

Obituary

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

REV. MILTON R. SCHROEDER of Jacksonville, Illinois

Funeral services for Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, aged 46, of Jacksonville, Ill., who died Saturday, April 26, after a heart attack, were held in Jacksonville, Ill., and St. Paul, Minn. Burial was in Union cemetery. Mr. Schroeder was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Henry R. Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn.

He graduated from Hamline University and Colgate-Rochester Divinity school in 1936. He was pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and the First Baptist Churches at Albert Lea, Minn., and Superior, Wis. He was also a pastor in Illinois and Iowa.

He was stricken with a heart attack while driving his car to Springfield, Ill., for a church meeting. He was taken to a hospital in Jacksonville, where he died. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, the former Edna Knoll; three children, Milton Jr., Janet and Ronald, and a sister, Mrs. Henry Richter of Boulder, Colo.

—Newspaper Clipping, St. Paul, Minn.

MRS. ANITA HILDEBRANDT of Calgary, Alberta

Mrs. Anita Hildebrandt, nee Hubscher of Calgary, Alta., was born Dec. 8, 1936 in Poland. With her parents she emigrated to Canada in 1948 and since then resided in Calgary, Alta., until her untimely death on April 23, 1958. She came to a living faith in her Redeemer and was baptized by Rev. H. Schatz and was united with the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta. In June 1954 she was united in marriage with H. Hildebrandt. Two children came to this union. However, her health failed, and she died of double pneumonia on April 23rd.

She leaves to mourn her loss: her loving husband, two sons of tender age, her parents, two brothers, and in addition a very large number of relatives and friends. The funeral service was held from the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, on April 26th, and the undersigned spoke on "He Leadeth Me" (Ps. 23). The church choir sang three numbers and the church band played hymns in front of the church and at the cemetery. "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord; they rest from their labors and their works follow them."

Bridgeland Baptist Church,

Calgary, Alberta

PHILIP DAUM, Interim Pastor

MRS. EMMA MARIE NIEMAN of Arnprior, Ontario

Mrs. Emma Marie Nieman, nee Woermke, of Arnprior, Ontario, was born at Sebastopol, Ontario, on Dec. 14, 1885. She was converted and baptized as a young girl and was received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church in Sebastopol. She was married to William A. Nieman on Dec. 31, 1912. She and her husband moved to Arnprior, Ont., in 1916, where she resided to the time of her death. She was received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ont., in 1916. This was a relationship to which she remained true to the time of her death.

Her husband, William Nieman, preceded her in death in Sept. 1946. She became ill with a heart ailment in January of this year from which she never fully recovered. She went home to be with her Lord, whom she dearly loved and served, April 15th. She leaves to mourn her death one sister, Mrs. Bertha Woermke, and two brothers, Emil and Herman Woermke, and a large host of relatives and friends.

Arnprior, Ontario

FRANK FRIESEN, Interim Pastor

MR. JOHN STADING, SR. of Hebron, North Dakota

Mr. John Stading, Sr. of Hebron, N. Dak., was born Dec. 2, 1867 in South Russia and passed away in the hospital at Ronan, Montana, April 23, 1958 at the age of 90 years, 4 months, 21 days. He came to the United States in 1886 and lived in Mound City, S. Dak. He moved to Antelope, near Hebron, in 1897 with his family where he

spent practically the rest of his life. On Jan. 5, 1893 he married Miss Elise Krause which marriage was blessed with 7 children. His wife, Mrs. Elise Stading, passed away in 1942.

On May 21, 1899 he was baptized and joined the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., where he remained a faithful member unto his death. He leaves to mourn his death: 3 daughters: Mrs. Heil and Mrs. Stickle of Roundup, Mont.; Mrs. Carl Hinger of Jamestown, N. Dak.; and 3 sons: Robert of Greep, Ill.; John, Jr., of Richardson, N. Dak.; Richard of Meridan, Miss.; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Hebron, North Dakota

C. H. SEECAMP, Pastor

MRS. EMILIE BANKO

of Wessington Springs, South Dakota

Mrs. Emilie Banko of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., was born May 2, 1890 in Hutchinson County, S. Dak., and passed away on April 20, 1958, at the age of 77 years, 11 months, and 18 days. At an early age, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, was baptized and joined the fellowship of the Drei Creek Baptist Church near Parkston, S. Dak. She was always active in the work of the Lord.

On Nov. 17, 1898 she was united in marriage to Mr. John Koenig. To this union 9 children were born. Mr. Koenig passed away on Jan. 28, 1916. Seven children survived their father, and together with their mother lived in Underwood, N. Dak.

On Sept. 21, 1921 Emilie was united in marriage to John Banko of the Wessington Springs community. Mr. Banko passed away in April 1929. Mrs. Banko continued to make a home for her family on the farm until 1948 when she moved to her home in the city of Wessington Springs. Mourning her passing are 6 children, 4 stepchildren, 14 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

ELTON KIRSTEIN, Pastor

MR. GUSTAV PAAD of Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Gustav Paad of Cleveland, Ohio, was born in Poland on March 21, 1889 and passed away suddenly with a heart attack on Sunday morning, April 27, after having returned from church services. In 1912 he came to America and made his home in Alpena Michigan, until he came to Cleveland in 1929. In 1916 he was united in marriage with Lydia Krause of Gladwin, Mich. Six children were born to this union. In Alpena he was converted and baptized and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church. In Cleveland he was a member of the White Avenue Baptist Church.

In 1950 he was united in marriage with Wanda Walter. During long periods of illnesses in recent years, she lovingly cared for him and shared with him the joys and sorrows of life. She now remains, together with his children, to mourn his passing. His children are: Carl, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Alma Stearn, Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Irene Masarik and Mrs. Marjorie King, Elyria, Ohio; and Mrs. Vivian Rakovan, Eaton, Ohio.

White Avenue Baptist Church,

Cleveland, Ohio

EDWARD KARY, Pastor

LETTER OF THANKS

Mrs. Schroeder and I would like to thank all our many friends who have sent us cards of sympathy at the recent and untimely death of our son, Milton. He died, as you know, of a heart attack on Saturday evening, April 26, in Jacksonville, Ill. It is impossible for me to acknowledge personally all of the expressions of sympathy that we received during these trying days, but it has made it a little easier to bear our loss by knowing that so many, many people everywhere were thinking of us and praying for us.

Henry R. Schroeder,
Elgin, Iowa

MR. OTTO SCHULZ of Lodi, California

Mr. Otto Schulz of Lodi, Calif., was born on May 24, 1884 at Tripp, S. Dak. For many years he lived in the Washburn Community in North Dakota and in 1950 he came to Lodi from Plentywood, Mont. On October 8, 1905 he was united in marriage with Christina Raugust, who preceded him in death on Sept. 5, 1957. Their home was blessed with four children. He was converted in 1895 and baptized on profession of his faith in Christ and received into the Parkston Baptist Church. When he moved to Lodi, he united with the First Baptist Church here. Brother Schulz was a faithful follower of the Lord. From young manhood he was active in the church and served in various offices of the church and in the Sunday School as teacher and superintendent.

He passed away on April 26, 1958 at the age of 73 years, 11 months and 2 days. He is survived by his children, Roy Schulz of San Francisco, Calif.; Irvin Schulz of Chula Vista, Calif.; Gordon Schulz of Lodi; and Miss Ann Schulz, also of Lodi. He also leaves 2 brothers and 4 sisters.

First Baptist Church,
Lodi, Calif.

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor

LIBERTY IN COLOMBIA

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"mission territory" was originally planned to provide that the primitive Indians of Colombia would be taught only by the Roman Catholic Church. This territory at first included about 60 per cent of the country. In former years Evangelical churches and schools were established in "mission territory" without hindrance. Later the mission territory was extended.

In recent years many Evangelical schools and churches in this restricted area have been closed by government order. An effort was even made to include in "mission territory" the island of San Andreas where Baptists are in the majority and Evangelical work has been carried on for more than one hundred years.

BAPTIST WITNESS

I was fortunate to have an interview with Oscar Vergel Pacheco, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Government of the country. As I inquired about the problem of religious liberty, he replied, "We will enforce the Constitution." If this policy is carried out by the government, it will mean much to Baptist life and work and to the whole Evangelical cause in Colombia, though they will still have to work under restrictions that deny full religious freedom.

Baptists have always rejected the concept of mere "toleration" and have insisted on full religious liberty for themselves and for others. We ask no rights for ourselves that we do not ask for every other faith, but we do ask that in lands where Catholics are in the majority they extend to us and other minority groups the same rights and privileges that they enjoy in lands where Evangelical faiths are in the majority. Only under such a recognition of our God-given right of religious freedom can the Evangelical witness grow as it ought to grow and make the contribution it can make to the spiritual life of Colombia and other Latin American lands.

THE TORCH BEARER

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he looked into her eyes for an instant. Her heart began a mad pounding.

"What did I tell you?" Roy whispered as he opened the hymn book. "You almost bowled him over. For a moment, I thought he was going to faint."

She ignored his remark. It angered her while it frightened her. She watched Barry with fascinated gaze as he began his sermon, but her mind was not on the sermon. She was suffering as she had never suffered under Roy's cruelty. She was regretting with her whole soul that she had cast aside something which could have been hers. Her love for Barry awakened to new strength within her and her whole heart cried out for the love that she had so ruthlessly thrown away. How handsome he was in the dark suit, with the pulpit light bringing his features into bold relief. How happy she could have been with him. She knew that Roy was watching her covertly and she sat there outwardly impassive while the tempest of sorrow and regret raged within. She realized, with a sickening sense of futility, that she loved Barry

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