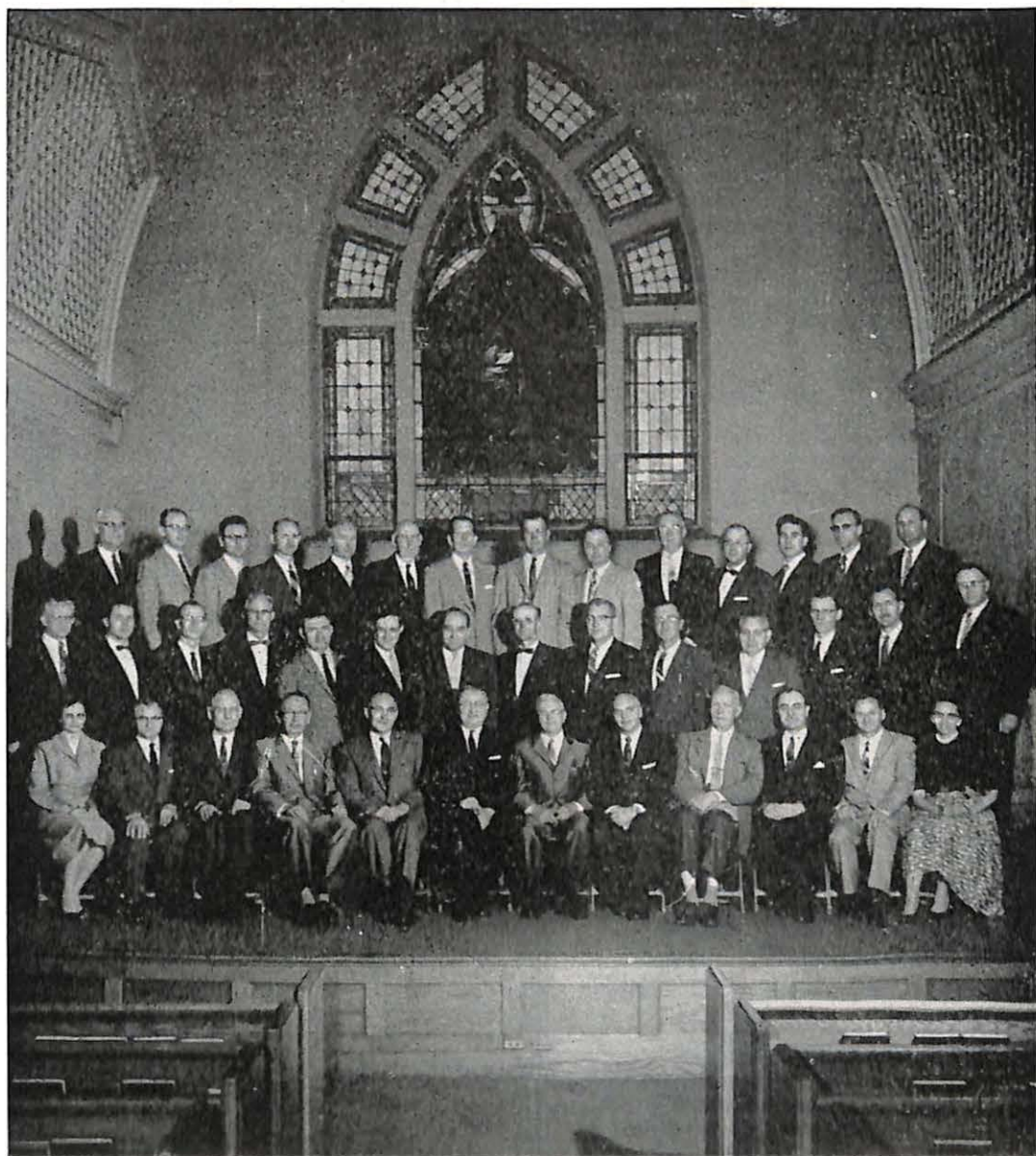


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General Council of the Denomination

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March of Events

● According to the Gallop poll, one million more adults attended church services in 1957 than in 1956. The average weekly attendance was 48.5 million in 1957. The Gallop poll report noted "evidence that there has been a general leveling-off in attendance" after an upward trend for 15 years. In 1940 slightly more than one-third of the adult population were in church on an average weekend. By 1955 this figure had climbed to 49 out of 100. Since then the figure has levelled off. During the week surveyed, 74 per cent of the Catholics had attended church, 40 per cent of the Protestants and 18 per cent of the Jews.—Eternity.

● A recent decision by Israel's Chief Rabbinate is expected to pave the way for a tidal wave of Japanese converts to Judaism. The Ministry of Religious Affairs in Jerusalem has predicted that by 1968 there will be as many as 100,000 Japanese Jews in Israel. The decision provided that Japanese converts to Judaism be recognized as bona fide Jews, and that they be permitted to enter Israel under the "Law of the Return." This law guarantees every Jew in the world automatic Israeli citizenship and emigration to Israel. Jewish Agency officials confirm that large-scale immigration of newly converted Japanese Jews is expected to begin early in 1959.—Moody Monthly.

● In March, 1957, United States census-takers rang 35,000 doorbells and asked, for the first time in history, "What is your religion?" On the basis of that survey were made these estimates of the religious leanings of citizens of the United States: Protestant, 79,000,000, or 66.2 per cent; Roman Catholic, 30.7 millions, or 25.7 per cent; Jewish, 3.9 millions or 3.2 per cent; other religions, 1.5 millions, or 1.3 per cent; no religion, 3.2 million, or 2.7 per cent; not reported, 1.1 millions, or 0.9 per cent. Among Protestants, 23.5 millions regard themselves as Baptist; 16.7 millions as Methodist; 8.4 millions as Lutheran; 6.7 millions as Presbyterian, and 23.7 million others. All the answers were voluntary.

● "The Lamp and the Light," published by the Society for Distributing the Holy Scriptures to the Jews, describes the State of Israel in 1957 as a land of miracles and progress, especially in the Negrev where there have been important discoveries of copper. There is now no scarcity of food, and export trade has increased. As for the spiritual aspect, Jews are divided. There are the various Orthodox groups, the liberal-minded Jews, and the materialists to whom nationalism is everything. Many adhere to the Mosaic Law; and one discovers that a large number of Jews in Israel read the New Testament, and have open minds in regard

to the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Bible is being taught in many schools.—Evangelical Christian.

● There has been a great influx of people into the four-corner area where Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah meet. They have been lured into this area by the discovery of uranium, and most of them are living in trailers. Mr. and Mrs. George Palm, distributors for the American Bible Society in the Rocky Mountain District, called on every family they could reach during the summer of 1957, and, with the cooperation of local ministerial groups, they sold, or, where needed, gave Bibles to these people, encouraged them to read them and to go to the church of their choice. In groups like these, there are often found people who are disillusioned and disappointed because of the elusiveness of the quick wealth they are seeking; and more than ever they need the Word of God.



Baptist Briefs

● **Revival in Mexico.** Thirty-four of the Baptist churches and missions of the North Central Association of Mexico, which includes Torreon, participated in a simultaneous evangelistic campaign during the last week in May. The steering committee set a goal of 1,500 professions of faith, with 500 baptisms, for the campaign. A total of 7,000 soul-winning visits were made and more than 100,000 tracts and Bible portions were distributed.

● **Taiwan Sends Missionaries.** The Taiwan Baptist Convention, composed of more than 5000 members in 16 organized Baptist churches on the island, has just opened its third mission point. Though the convention is now only

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The General Council in its 1958 sessions was photographed in the sanctuary of the Forest Park Baptist Church. In this issue the Official Report of the Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization is published. This report is being recommended by the General Council to the General Conference in Edmonton, Alta., for action. All visitors to the General Conference sessions should bring this important issue of the "Baptist Herald" with them.

EDITOR

● Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, Professor Emeritus of Missions and Oriental History at Yale Divinity School, believes that "Christianity is more potent today in the affairs of men than ever before," in spite of inroads by secularism and Communism. Although admitting that there is evidence to support assertions that the world is in a "post-Christian era," he said, "we are living in one of the greatest days of the Christian Church." Professor Latourette gave these reasons: "Christianity is more wide-spread geographically than it or any other religion has ever been. Christianity is more deeply rooted among more peoples than ever before. Christians are coming together as never before. The influence of Christ is extending far beyond the borders of the churches and is making itself felt more widely than in any previous age."—Evangelical Christian.

four years old, it was able last year to send a missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yu, to the Green Island off the east coast of Taiwan. They also have a missionary to a Hakka dialect area, and in March sent Mr. and Mrs. Barnabas Yank to Hwallien on the east coast of Taiwan (Formosa).

● **200 British Youth Going to Berlin.** The Young People's Departments of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and the British Missionary Society will be joining forces to send parties of young people to the European Baptist Congress in Berlin July 26-31. It is hoped that as many as 200 will participate in the trip. Returning from Berlin the young people will stop at Zeist near Utrecht, Holland, for a united summer school, August 2-16. Special excursions into various parts of Berlin and the Utrecht area also are planned.

● **Axling Travels 100,000 Miles.** William Axling, retired American Baptist missionary to Japan, traveled 31,800 miles on deputation in 1957. He holds the record for the year, despite his age of 84, according to Haakon Knudsen. Dr. Axling spoke 268 times to some 30,000 people across the country during the year. There were 55 dedications to full-time Christian service. Since his return from overseas service in February, 1955, Dr. Axling has traveled just under 100,000 miles on deputation and has spoken 700 times. He was a missionary in Japan for more than 55 years.

Editorial

Study the Commission's Report

THE OFFICIAL REPORT of the Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization, as amended and adopted by the General Council, appears in this issue. It is the most comprehensive survey of our denominational work that has ever been made. Its recommendations for denominational reorganization will be presented to the General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, for final adoption. The Commission's Report calls for numerous changes in our denominational setup, some of which are quite thoroughgoing, which ought to make for a more effective witness and work for Christ. Therefore, it merits the studious consideration of every North American Baptist church member, whether at the Conference in Edmonton or at home.

The Commission, headed by Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, as chairman, tackled its tremendous task with spiritual dedication. Special committees were appointed, questionnaires were sent to pastors and church leaders, and numerous personal conferences were held. The injection of personal opinions were avoided. Their sole objective was to suggest ways and means by which we might carry on the Lord's work more effectively through our denominational enterprise.

The General Council received the Commission's Report for study and revision and allotted an extra day for its careful consideration. The final vote to send the Commission's Report to the General Conference sessions was carried out in a spirit of spiritual unity with a remarkable demonstration of harmony. Personal opinions or differences were pushed into the background considering what might be best for us as a denomination in our stewardship for Christ.

We are New Testament Christians and Baptists who believe that, when important decisions are to be made, everyone's convictions and every vote is important. That is a spiritual democracy in action. That will be done in Edmonton during the General Conference sessions. But you must be informed as to the issues involved and the decisive steps to be taken. You must not overlook a single paragraph in the reading of the Commission's Report in this issue.

In general terms, it may be stated that the greatest change in our denominational setup, as recommended, is the creation of a Board of Education and Publication which will integrate the work of our educational institutions, the Seminary and the Christian Training Institute, and unify our entire publication program, including the publishing of our periodicals and literature. This Board will be headed by the Secretary of Education and Publication whose responsibilities, broadly, will be those of a coordinator and integrator of our educational work.

This will drastically affect the present setup of the Roger Williams Press, now located in Cleveland, Ohio. It will influence our denominational policies and administration with regard to the Seminary and Christian Training Institute. It will have a definite bearing on the present Committee on Education. It will set the sails for our denominational ministry in new uncharted waters for years to come!

In addition, four District Secretaries are to be appointed by the General Council who will serve in four regional areas to provide a more concentrated and effective development of our denomination and promotion of our cooperative program. All of this is outlined clearly and in detail in the Commission's Report.

Give your undivided attention to the reading of this Commission's Report. It deserves lots of your time. It merits your approval, if it seems good to the Holy Spirit and to you!

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Recommendations Approved by the General Council to Be Submitted to the 32nd General Conference, Edmonton, Alberta, July 21-27, 1958.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

By Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, Hempstead, N. Y.
Chairman of the Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization

THE GENERAL COUNCIL consisting of the officers of the General Conference, chairmen of the standing committees two representatives from each of the cooperating organizations and one minister and one layman from each of the nine local conferences have full power to act for the General Conference between its sessions, except to change the General Conference Constitution. With these broad powers entrusted to the General Council, all matters of denominational policy, organization and finances are considered and determined by this body.

COMMISSION'S APPOINTMENT

In recent years many suggestions as well as some problems have confronted the General Council. In order properly to evaluate them, it became necessary in some instances to appoint special survey committees to study and report their findings to the Council. After several of these survey committees had been appointed, it was found that, before their final report could be submitted, there arose in the minds of some of our constituents a sense of apprehension and concern which in most cases was unwarranted and possibly embarrassing to those officials responsible for that phase of our work which was being studied.

In order to eliminate the necessity in future years for the appointment of these special survey committees, the General Council at its meeting held in Waco, Texas, on June 2-3, 1955 appointed a Commission to study our denominational objectives and organization and to define for ourselves as well as for others the objectives of our group and to make recommendations with regard to possible organizational changes.

The Commission consisted of 13 members and the executive secretary and moderator as ex officio members. These were special committees appointed by the Commission to review the work of our denomination as well as each cooperating organization. Long and exhaustive reports based upon thorough study were made by each one

of these special committees to the Commission. These reports together with personal conferences with our denominational general secretaries and some of the officers of our cooperating organizations were most helpful in the preparation of our final recommendations.

COMMISSION'S OBJECTIVES

In accordance with its instructions the Commission, during the past three years studied the objectives and organizational setup of each of our denominational departments with only one thought in mind: "What are our denominational objectives and are we truly fulfilling them in our many fields of endeavor or are there some areas in which improvements could be made?"

Many hours of study and work have been devoted to this arduous task. We have avoided the injection of our own personal opinions in our report. The conclusions have been reached after a complete evaluation and thorough

analysis of all the material and information which was at our disposal.

We have earnestly sought to know the will of God and trust that as our General Conference considers the recommendations of our Commission as approved by the General Council prayerful consideration will be given by all our delegates as they seek God's will for the future of our denomination.

The report of our Commission appears on the following pages (5-8 inc.) of this issue.

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Sunday School and Youth Work

It is the considered opinion of the Commission that both the Sunday School Union and the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship have been strengthened and are doing more effective work since the division of responsibility. We have sensed a spirit of earnest devotion and gracious cooperation on the part of the brethren who are in direct charge of these phases of our denominational program.

Finding that the Sunday School literature used by many of our Sunday Schools at the present time does not adequately furnish Baptist material and emphasis, the Commission recommends that

a. Every Sunday School have a class for high school and adult groups in which the subject will be the study of Baptist history and the history of our own denomination.

b. Every Sunday School use such materials as the forthcoming study course books by Otto Krueger, John Wobig, George Lang, George Dunger and Frank Veninga.

Women's Work, Men's Work and Ministers' Fellowship

Information concerning these areas of our denominational ministry was gathered through the use of questionnaires. The findings reveal that the

Welfare Work in Our Denomination

Recommendations Concerning Children's Work, Ministers' Retirement Benefits and Old People's Work

WELFARE WORK

The Commission gave consideration to Children's Work, Ministers' Retirement Benefits and Old People's Work.

CHILDREN'S WORK

The Commission herewith submits the following report regarding the establishment of a denominational Children's Home.

I. General Information.

Child welfare work has changed radically in recent years because the needs of the children have changed, due to our changing way of life. Such factors as a shifting, mobile population, outside employment of mothers, divorce or desertion by one or both of the parents, have affected the lives of many children.

Most of the children's work today is with emotionally disturbed children who need more than food, shelter and clothing. Many of these children border the line of delinquents.

Children in Homes come from various sources. They are referred to the Homes by courts, social workers, individuals and some from churches. These children must be kept until they are rehabilitated, and able to adjust to normal living.

II. General Requirements for the Establishing of a Children's Home.

1. Housing and Campus.

a. Housing must allow adequate



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above three organizations are functioning satisfactorily.

The Commission has no specific recommendations to make with regard to these departments.

many homes that would take foster children. It is our opinion that our people would provide a loving home for these children.

Children's Homes, like Homes for the Aged, are today local in character and normally operated locally.

In view of the above information revealed by our study we make the following recommendations:

1. That no Children's Home be established by our General Conference at this time.

2. That the families of our constituency be encouraged to care for needy children in their homes as foster parents.

3. That our Christmas offering be continued for child welfare work and that they be designated for the care, education and hospitalization of children on our mission fields.

MINISTERS' RETIREMENT BENEFITS

With regard to Ministers' Retirement Benefits we recommend;

1. That every eligible minister be urged to become a member of the Social Security Plan.

2. That every minister be urged to enroll in our denominational Pension Plan and that our churches be urged to provide the pension premium payments.

3. That our churches be encouraged to consider these forms of security for their ministers.

HOMES FOR THE AGED

Our study of the Homes for the Aged reveals the following:

1. What we are doing now.
(Note: The Homes for the Aged are not General Conference property.)

1. Number and location of the Homes.

a. We now have five homes in operation. The sixth is in the process of being built.

- b. Location of the Homes:
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
 Chicago, Illinois;
 Portland, Oregon;
 Bismarck, North Dakota;
 Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada;
 Madison, South Dakota (now being built).

2. General Conference support.

Six hundred dollars a year are given to each Home as a gift from the General Conference treasury. (The rest of the monies are raised by solicitation, gifts, and free-will offerings from members of our General Conference and friends of the homes. The Homes also receive dues, fees and rental income from the residents.)

II. Observations and Analysis.

There are 364 guests in the four Homes in the United States. The Home in Canada has 91 guests. This makes a total of 455 guests. Three of the Homes reported the number of N. A. B. guests. There were 244 guests in these Homes with 110 N. A. B. This figures out to be roughly 45% are N. A. B. If this same figure holds true for the two Homes on which we do not have the N. A. B. report, we now have 204 N. A. B. in our Homes.

Each of the Homes report that they can take care of guests from outside their own state. One reports that offerings are needed for expansion. None receive state aid. Each home takes care of the spiritual welfare of their guests. Each reports that they are self-supporting and that they have a standing list of applications.

It is to be noted that each Home is efficiently operated and that the welfare of the guests is cared for.

III. Future Population Trends.

According to the United States Bureau of the Census we now have 14.1 million people over the age of 65. By 1975 it is estimated that we will have 20.6 million people over the age of 65.

IV. The Present and the Future Picture of the North American Baptist Old People.

Figuring in round numbers, we now have a membership of 50,000. Four out of every 1000 members is in one of our Old People's Homes. Figuring an increase of 1500 members every year until 1975 would mean that we would have a membership of 77,000. This, at the present rate, would mean that we would have 308 people in the Old People's Homes. Now add to the 308 the increase of the population over 65 years, and we would have by 1975 462 people over the age of 65 that would live in Old People's Homes. (50% increase in population over 65 by 1975.)

On the basis of the above analysis we recommend the following:

1. That we commend the present Homes for the fine work being done.

2. That in view of the fact that our present Homes have the capacity to take care of more than 500 guests, we give serious thought to the effect that

the building of new Homes would have on our denominational program, especially our missionary program.

3. That the vacancies in the Homes be filled as much as possible with N. A. B. people, to eliminate the need for new Homes for our own people.

4. That since great sums of monies are given to these Homes Conference-wide, the Homes consider it part of their moral obligation to support the projects of the Conference, whenever a profit is shown in the operation of the Homes. (In the past usually an expansion program has been planned, not only to use up the profits of the Homes but also to seek additional gifts from Conference members.)

5. The Committee's Recommendations on Welfare Collections.

The committee recommends that: If help from the denomination or from the churches of our denomination is expected, no group or individual shall start a project without proper approval. This approval should be obtained from the local conference or conferences in which the funds are to be solicited and from the General Council.

This recommendation is made in view of the fact that some projects were started on their own and then later expected churches and conferences to support the projects financially.

The Publication Society

Recommendations Concerning the Publishing House and Roger Williams Press in Cleveland, Ohio

A special committee made a careful study of the operating program of the Roger Williams Press and of our denominational publications. They analyzed the cost of our program to the present time and estimated expense of continuing our operations in Cleveland, Ohio, if we were to modernize our printing plant. They further obtained estimates of what it would cost us to farm out our denominational publications to commercial printing houses.

The report brought out clearly the following three points:

1. High cost of replacing plant equipment—past and future.

2. Need for effective control of printing department costs.

3. Need for reorganization of Publication House for most effective results,

spiritual and economic, to the denomination.

Further comments on these points are as follows:

1. High Cost of Plant Equipment:

In recent years (1947-57) expenditures on machinery amounted to \$20,822.98 and extraordinary expenditures on plant and building were \$26,683.46 or a total of \$47,506.44.

Replacements that may be required any time in the next five years include the cylinder press and linotype machines. A new cylinder press costs in the vicinity of \$50,000, although a good used press may be obtained for \$30,000. The cash required for a good used press would then be \$25,000 assuming a \$5,000 trade-in value on the present press.

The linotype machines are about 45 years old and have been very well serviced. Sooner or later the necessity of replacement will appear and two new machines, less trade-in allowance, will require \$50,000 cash.

We are therefore confronted with ultimate cash expenditure on these three pieces of equipment of around \$75,000 assuming that future costs remain at present levels.

2. Effective Control of Printing Department Costs.

A comparison of printing costs based on present format of publications and quality of paper indicates that outside contract printing at firm prices would result in slight savings. In both costs replacement of plant equipment is provided by a depreciation charge. However experience shows that in most cases, the funds for replacement of equipment have been provided by special grant from the denomination and therefore the depreciation charges of the Publication House have been wholly inadequate. This means that outside contract printing at firm prices is to us a most efficient use of our dollar. Furthermore we could have saved the expenditures on machinery in recent prior years totalling \$47,506.44, but we still have the privilege of saving some \$75,000 in the immediate future. These amounts aggregating \$122,506.44 are in addition to our printing costs which are only slightly higher than outside printing contracts where the replacement of equipment is included.

Every business has its minimum requirements for equipment and for profitable operation, its minimum sales objective, or breaking-even point. The Publication House in its printing department has minimum equipment but has not reached its minimum sales objective. Various promotional ideas have been used to increase circulation of our publications and with some success, but not sufficient to achieve our break-even point. If our circulation has come close to saturation point, then we must examine our cost setup to make our operation profitable, or at least decrease the denominational subsidy.

3. Reorganization of Publication House:

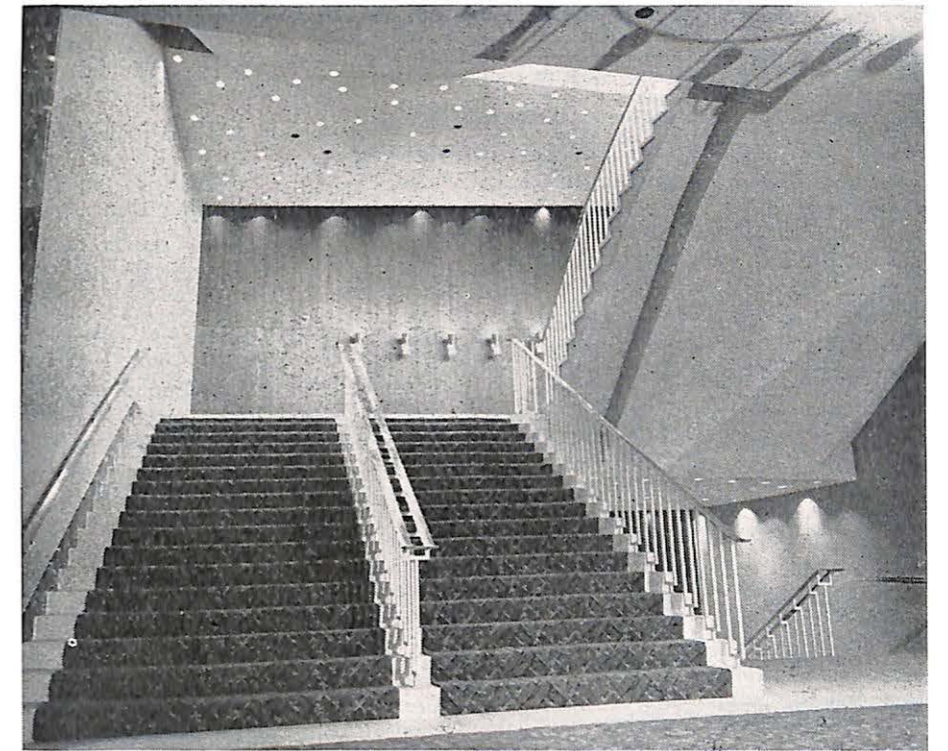
If we are to accept the recommendations of the Study Commission and close our Cleveland operations, farm out our printing, erect a building in Forest Park next to headquarters, and liquidate our Cleveland physical assets the operating financial picture would then be as follows:

Expenditure:

Printing Costs:

Baptist Herald (26 issues-- quoted price)	\$25,908.79
Der Sendbote (26 issues-- quoted price)	18,342.44
Der Wegweiser	1,500.00
Lektionsblaetter	9,200.00
Annual, Directory, Conference Minutes, Church Bulletins	3,000.00

\$57,951.23
(say) \$58,000.00



—Alberta Government Photograph
 The Grand Staircase in the Jubilee Auditorium, Edmonton, Alberta, thickly carpeted and brilliantly illuminated, leads to the spacious balcony where General Conference visitors will find luxurious chairs for lounging and writing tables for correspondence.

Administration:

Salaries:	
Clerk-Accounting	\$ 2,600.00
Clerk-Subscription	2,600.00
Clerk-Multilith	2,600.00
Clerk-Bookstore	2,600.00
Manager-Book Store	4,000.00
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	\$14,400.00

Bank Charges	100.00
Bad Debts	250.00
Insurance	220.00
Light and Power	180.00
Promotional and Publicity	1,000.00
Postage	600.00
Stationery and Office Exp.	1,000.00
Telephone	160.00
Miscellaneous	90.00
Rent (New Bldg.)	3,000.00
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	\$21,000.00

Expenditure on New Operation (exc. Building)	\$79,000
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Income (based on fiscal year year 1957-58):

Baptist Herald	\$22,895.00
Der Sendbote	12,370.00
Der Wegweiser	2,055.00
Lektionsblaetter	8,910.00
Sunday School Publications--Gross Profit	8,410.00
Books and Periodicals-- Gross Profit	7,595.00
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Income from Sales	\$62,235.00

\$62,235.00

Denominational Subsidy
(Loss on Operation)

	\$16,765.00
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This Loss on Operations \$16,765.00 compares to the loss for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1958 of \$27,463.17 or



—Alberta Government Photograph
 The Main Social Room on the lower level of the Jubilee Auditorium, Edmonton, Alberta, where the "Get Acquainted" Social on the opening night and the German services during the General Conference week will be held.

around \$100,000.00 to \$125,000.00. As the Publication House would not occupy the entire building, it would not be required to finance the construction entirely. The capital account of the Publication House financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1958 is \$60,797.54, and the bulk of that would be dependent on realization of inventories and fixed assets.

In view of the above findings, we submit the following recommendations for the approval of the General Conference.

1. That the Publishing House in Cleveland, Ohio, be discontinued.

2. That the printing of our various publications be referred to outside printers.

3. That the Publishing House be combined with the denominational headquarters office.

4. That suitable facilities be provided for the Publishing House.

5. That the physical assets of the Roger Williams Press in Cleveland be liquidated.

6. That the General Conference authorize the General Council to implement these recommendations.

General Missionary Work

Recommendations Concerning the General Missionary Committee and Its Home and Foreign Mission Ministry

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the society, as stated in the constitution, can be summarized as follows:

a. To cultivate, extend and strengthen denominational work in home missions, by supporting ministers of weaker churches, engaging missionaries, directing Church Extension, and appointing district or state missionaries as well as colporteurs and evangelists.

b. To aid chapel building and Church Extension through securing gifts and loans and other means of raising funds.

c. To assist the aged ministers and missionaries and their dependents.

d. To assist any other needy members affiliated with our Conference.

e. With regard to foreign missions, the Constitution simply states to promote missionary work in foreign lands as an objective.

Under the present function of the General Missionary Society we find that items b. and c. relating to the Chapel Building Fund and the Aged Ministers Relief Fund have been transferred to North American Baptists, Inc. We suggest that these provisions be deleted from the General Missionary Society Constitution and therefore recommend that this matter be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Changes for consideration.

A survey made by the Commission reveals that many of our ministers do not possess a realistic picture of our home mission enterprise. We recommend to the General Council that this matter be referred to the Board of Trustees of the Seminary with the suggestion that serious consideration be given to provide for a more comprehensive course in Home Missions.

REGARDING MISSIONARY WORK

The survey further discloses a very enthusiastic interest in our present foreign mission activities, and, if any expansion is contemplated, we recommend that the same be activated in our present fields, predominantly the Cameroons. Regarding the Japan field, we recommend that a planned program be established toward indigenous churches. We further recommend that no new field be established at this

time but that our emphasis be on the intensification of the work on our present fields.

CONFERENCE MISSION COMMITTEES

Regarding Local Conference Mission Committees and Representatives on the General Missionary Committee.

Since the findings of this Commission reveal an unequal distribution of members of local Conference Mission Committees and also that the elections of the representatives to the General Missionary Committee often suffer from the lack of qualified persons, we recommend that the General Conference shall elect nine members, one from each Conference, who shall serve as the Mission Secretaries of the local conferences and comprise the General Missionary Committee, hereafter known as the Board of Missions.

The General Council has voted approval of this recommendation and urges approval by the General Conference and the nine local conferences.

The General Council further recommends that the General Missionary Committee be composed of the nine local conference Mission Secretaries and that the General Missionary Society constitution be changed accordingly.

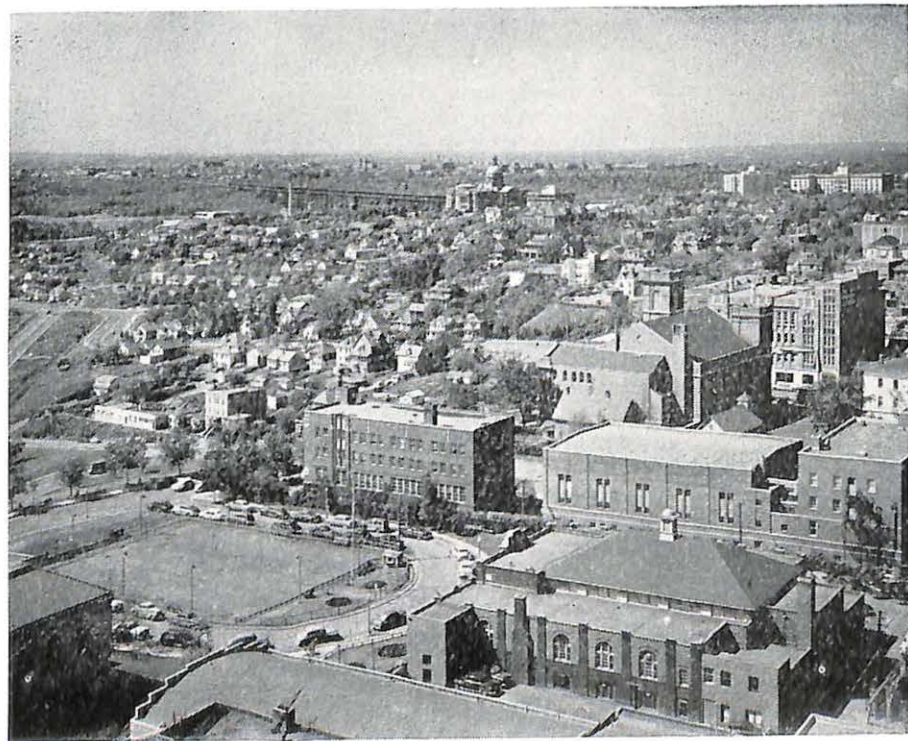
In addition to the Conference Mission Secretaries and the District Secretaries, the local conference Mission Committees shall consist each of no less than two and not more than four members, or two for the first 4,000 church members or less, and one for each additional 2,000 church members, the total not to exceed four members.

The General Council has voted approval of this recommendation and urges approval by the General Conference and the nine local conferences.

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The survey of this Committee's charts and questionnaires definitely shows that there should be improvement of the evangelistic phase of our work. We recommend that our denomination employ one full-time evangelist, and have one full-time Director of Evangelism and Church Extension serving under the General Missionary Secretary. The denominational program of evangelism is to make use of evangelistically capable, denominational pastors who would serve as evangelists in local areas where needed.

The Commission favors the implementation of all of the above recommendations.



A view of some of the downtown buildings and residential section of Edmonton, Alberta, with the Alberta Capitol and High Level Bridge at the center (top) and with the University of Alberta and Jubilee Auditorium beyond the bridge.

Educational Objectives and Organization

Recommendations Concerning Our Educational Institutions, the Board of Education and Publication and the Secretary of Education and Publication.

The Commission spent many long hours in studying the Educational Objectives and Organization of our denomination. Before arriving at their conclusions, questionnaires from pastors and laymen were evaluated and personal discussions were held with some of the officials of our educational institutions. After making a complete evaluation of this information, we submit to the General Council for their consideration the following report which includes our recommendation.

In recent years there has been much discussion concerning the proper objectives and program of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. At its annual meeting in 1957 the Board of Trustees of the C. T. I. recommended to the Commission consideration of a strengthening of the Bible Department with a view of offering a ministerial program. In 1958 the C. T. I. Board suggested that the Commission also give consideration to the institution of a Junior College program.

CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

After a careful study of these proposals we recommend approval of the following objectives of the Christian Training Institute.

THREE PART PROGRAM

a) The C. T. I. shall provide ministerial training of three years for men who can serve our Canadian churches in a bilingual capacity. This program shall be on the B. Th.-Bible College level, and the school year shall be of a nine months period annually.

b) The C. T. I. shall provide a two-year Bible School training for young people seeking to better qualify themselves as lay workers in our churches.

c) The C. T. I. shall provide high school training for young people who have not had the opportunity to acquire such training before, and who have indicated their desire to enter a Christian vocation on a full time basis. It shall also make available board and room for young people seeking to enter the University of Alberta at Edmonton in preparation to subsequent training for the Christian ministry.

We herewith submit the reasons which led us to recommend against a Junior College and for a Bible College.

REASONS AGAINST A JUNIOR COLLEGE

a) Because a Junior College is not the answer to our needs. In view of the fact that the Province of Alberta is launching out on an enlarged program of education, with the intention of establishing about thirteen Junior Colleges within its borders, such a move on our part would seem foolish, because of unnecessary and expensive duplication.

b) Because on the basis of the questionnaire sent out to the churches of our Canadian constituency, we find that there is no enthusiasm for a Junior College, and if one were established, would not be adequately supported.

c) Because even the faculty of the C. T. I. is divided on the issue of a Junior College.

d) Because the cost to the denomination would be prohibitive. Besides, its location in Edmonton, Alberta, would not be central enough to serve the denomination as a whole effectively.

e) Because all the evidence accumulated through discussion and correspondence indicates that there is no concrete basis in support of such a College. Rather, everything is pointing in the opposite direction.

REASONS FOR A BIBLE COLLEGE

1. We need more ministers for our churches now, especially bilingual pastors. And we cannot afford to lose the affection and enthusiasm of our Northern Conference people by a further delay of a training program designed to meet those needs.

2. Financially, too, such a program is possible.

We urge, therefore, its immediate

implementation. By this we mean that the program should be set in motion this fall (1958).

We also submit the following reasons for a two year General Bible School training program in place of four years.

1. The history of C. T. I. suggests this change. Very few of the matriculants have ever completed the four year training course. (No graduates this year, and only one student is taking the four year course at present, and even he would prefer a college Bible course, if it were available.)

2. The cost of maintaining the four year course for the benefit of the very few graduates it is producing is entirely unwarranted.

3. The four year course is not designed to train the students for the pastorate; and it is not appreciated by the students who are merely training for lay leadership. The latter have shown to be satisfied with two years training.

Our study further indicated that some changes should be made in the organizational structure of our present educational setup. Some changes are obviously called for in the light of the above recommendations concerning the objectives of the C. T. I.

Board of Education and Publication

Recommendations for the Coordination and Integration of the Work of Our Educational Institutions and for the Unifying of Our Entire Educational Program

The changes we are suggesting are designed to facilitate the formulation of our denominational educational policies, to coordinate and integrate the work of our educational institutions and to unify our entire educational program.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

We recommend that publication and education be brought together under one secretary and one board, to be known respectively as "The Secretary of Education and Publication" and "The Board of Education and Publication."

We further recommend that

1. The Board of Education and Publication shall be considered the Board of Trustees of the Roger Williams Press.
2. The Board of Education and Publication shall furthermore provide for the special supervision of the Roger Williams Press through a subcommittee of the Board.
3. The Editors of the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Education and Publication.

We call attention to the fact that

we have under the present setup a total of 53 elected members of the following boards and committees.

Committee on Education
Seminary Board
C. T. I. Board
Publication Board

Under the recommended organization we would have a total of only 33 members.

Thirteen (including the Secretary) on the Board of Education and Publication;

Nine on the Seminary Board of Trustees;

Nine on the C. T. I. Board of Trustees.

A. BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

The Board is to be composed of (1) nine elected members from the denominational constituency, (2) the Chairmen of the Board of Trustees of each of our schools, (3) the Secretary of Education, and (4) the following ex-officio members: the Presidents of the Seminary and C. T. I.; the General Sunday School Secretary and the C.B. Y.F. Secretary; and the Editors of the "Baptist Herald" and "Sendbote."

1. The Secretary of Education and Publication

a. is to be elected by the General Conference in regular session;

2. His responsibilities, broadly, shall be those of a coordinator and integrator of our educational institutions and of the educational program of our General Conference. He shall be responsible to the Board of Education and Publication.

SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

For the information of the General Conference we herewith present what we consider the advantages of having a Secretary of Education.

(1) It would make for the integration of our educational program and our educational institutions.

(2) It would make possible the promotion of both schools and of our entire educational program in our churches.

(3) It could initiate improvements in our educational system on an impartial, neutral basis, which presently seems impossible. He would be in a position to make contact with our total denominational constituency and therefrom gather ideas for needed improvements.

2. THE BOARD MEMBERS.

a. They (nine in number) are to be



One of our objectives as North American Baptists is "the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world."

educational institutions are properly integrated.

d. The presidents of the Seminary and C. T. I. shall be appointed by their respective Board of Trustees subject to the approval of the Board of Education and Publication.

The election of the Secretary of Education and Publication and the members of the Board of Education and Publication shall be conducted accord-

ing to the provisions of our denominational constitution.

B. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We recommend a Board of Trustees both for the Seminary and the C. T. I., each to consist of nine elected members. Approximately six of the nine members should be from the immediate vicinity of each of the schools. Again, we recommend the composition be of five laymen and four pastors.

1. The president of each institution shall be responsible to the respective Board of Trustees and shall be an ex-officio member of his Board.

2. The responsibility of the Boards shall be to take care of the regular, legal and other matters which are ordinarily connected with the administration of such institution. In the case of a vacancy on the faculty, the trustees shall make an appointment subject to the approval of the Board of Education and Publication.

3. The election of the Board of Trustees shall take place at the General Conference, with one-third of the members to be elected at each successive session.

4. The respective Chairmen of the Boards of Trustees shall by virtue of their office be members of the Board of Education. They shall have voting rights on this Board.

We recommend that the Presidents of the Seminary and C. T. I. and the Editors of the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" be ex-officio members of the General Council.

We urgently recommend that these organizational changes be acted upon immediately.

Re: Recommendation of the Ministers of the Southwestern Conference.

Members of the General Council will recall that the ministers of the Southwestern Conference last year recommended the establishment of a liberal arts college. This matter was then submitted to the Commission for consideration.

This Commission recognized the desirability of a liberal arts college in the proper location. However, since the ministers did not indicate the location of this proposed college, and since we are presently engaged in changes which may alter future trends, we cannot recommend the establishment of a liberal arts college at the present time.

Objectives and Organization

Recommendations Concerning General Denominational Objectives and Organization for Approval of the General Conference

The Commission recommends the following report on denominational objectives for the approval of the General Conference.

DENOMINATIONAL OBJECTIVES

The North American Baptist General Conference is a fellowship of Baptist churches in the United States and Canada tracing its beginnings to Baptist churches originally organized by German immigrants over a century ago.

The doctrinal position of the NABGC has been briefly stated in the preamble of its constitution as follows:

"We, as New Testament Baptists, affirm our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation and believe in those great distinctive principles for which Baptists have lived and died, such as:

- 1. Soul liberty;
2. The inspired authority of the Scriptures in matters of faith and conduct;

3. The separation of Church and State;

4. The Revelation of God through Jesus Christ as only Savior and Lord;

5. Regenerated church membership;

6. Believers' baptism by immersion;

7. The congregational form of church government; and

8. The proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world."

It can further be stated that the constituents of the NABGC are generally in agreement with the New Hampshire Confession of Faith.

The present objectives of the NABGC, developed and broadened through the years and carried out in a spirit of Christian comity, are:

1. To provide an avenue for fellowship for the constituent churches of the NABGC.

2. To furnish trained leadership for the constituent churches of the NABGC.

3. To inspire and encourage the member churches of the NABGC individually and through a cooperative program to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

a. in their own communities;
b. in the United States and Canada.

This effort is carried out through a denominational Church Extension Program and through special missionary work among the Indians and Spanish-Americans.

c. as a special concern, to encourage Christian work among immigrants of German Ethnic origin.

4. To render a service of Christian welfare to children, the aged and to all those in need.

5. To carry out the great mission of Christ to bring the Gospel to



The Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization appointed by the 1955 General Conference and scheduled to report in 1958 at Edmonton, Alberta. Left to right (seated): Mr. Arthur Schwerin, Mr. Harold B. Johns, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, Mr. Walter W. Grosser, Mrs. Walter W. Grosser. Standing: Prof. George A. Dunger, Mr. William Patzia, Rev. L. R. Johnson, Mr. Herman Bleeker, Dr. John Wobig, Rev. L. B. Hinz, Rev. Isador Faszer and Rev. G. E. Friedenber.

all men. It is endeavored to carry out this great commission through a cooperative missionary program. The missionary challenge beyond the borders of North America confronts the NABGC in a special way in

- a. The British Cameroons of West Africa;
b. Japan;
c. Europe.

RECOMMENDATION RE NOMINATING PROCEDURE

At the General Conference sessions in Waco, Texas, in 1955, it was suggested that the General Conference Constitution be amended in such a way as to make it mandatory for the Nominating Committee of the General Conference to place a minimum of two nominees on the ballot for each office. The Commission examined this suggestion and also made inquiries concerning the procedure of other denominations in this respect. We found that seldom was more than one name suggested by the nominating committee for administrative offices where the incumbent was re-nominated. We therefore recommend that no change be made in our constitution with regard to nominations.

EDMONTON CONFERENCE

These recommendations of the General Council will be presented to the General Conference sessions for action to be taken on them. For this reason alone, the General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, from July 21 to 27, 1958, promises to be one of the most important and decisive in our history! You OUGHT to be there!

There is still time to plan for the General Conference. Rooms are still available, especially in hotels. It will be a record-breaking conference. Join the North American Baptist crowds bound for Edmonton, Alberta, for the Conference sessions, July 21 to 27!

Four District Secretaries

Recommendations Concerning Four District Secretaries, Appointed by the General Council, to Serve in Their Respective General Areas

In view of the survey made by this Commission regarding the need of more concentrated and effective development of our denomination and promotion of our cooperative program, it is recommended that the General Council appoint four District Secretaries, the appointments being made attractive enough to be representative of the office. The activities of these District Secretaries are to be supervised by the Executive Secretary of the General Council in consultation with the administrative officers of the cooperating societies and the Promotional Secretary. The directives for the District Secretaries are, however, to be given by the Executive Secretary of the Council.

The districts would comprise the following general areas:

1. The area of the Atlantic, Eastern and Central Conferences to become the Eastern District.

2. The area of the Dakota, Northwestern, Southwestern and Southern Conferences to become the Central District.

3. Area of the Northern Conference to become the Northern District.

4. The area of the Pacific Conference to become the Western District.

The District Secretaries shall be non-voting, ex-officio members of the General Council.

Because of the special responsibilities of the General Missionary Society in the various local conferences, the District Secretaries shall also be non-voting, ex-officio members of the local conference Mission Committees in their areas, and of the General Missionary Committee.

Due to the fact that the four District Secretaries will, under the proposed reorganization, devote a major part of their time and efforts to the promotion of our cooperative program, it is recommended that the office of the Northern Conference Mission Worker be discontinued and that the present promotional setup be reorganized in such a way that the Editor of English Literature reassume also the duties of Promotional Secretary. (Promotional program and media.)



The Exhibit Hall in the Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium where the North American Baptist Exhibit of mission fields, denominational activities and book tables will be displayed from July 21 to 27, 1958.

elected by the General Conference, one-third of their number in successive conference sessions. Five of their number to be laymen and four pastors.

b. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Education and Publication to set the policies of our denominational educational institutions and also to see to it that they are being carried out and to supervise the educational program and formulate the educational policies of the denomination.

c. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Education and Publication to see that the programs of our edu-



—Religious News Service Photo

Standing on a cliff overlooking Golden Gate Bridge, Billy Graham stretches his arms as if to embrace the entire city in his evangelistic crusade. A total attendance of more than 228,400 was reported for the first two weeks and 8,180 made "decisions for Christ." This has been the most dynamic evangelistic crusade ever witnessed in San Francisco.

Billy Graham Invades San Francisco

By Rev. Melvin Pekrul of the Valley Baptist Church, Walnut Creek, California

SOMETHING tremendous is happening in San Francisco, the city of the "Giants" and "Forty-niners," that is rapidly making Protestant history. Billy Graham and his able team have invaded this great metropolitan center in California with the greatest and most dynamic evangelistic crusade ever witnessed here.

Night after night the large Cow Palace, with a capacity of 18,000, is filled to overflowing with as many as 5,000 turned away some nights. Every night there are decisions—hundreds of them. Several times there were over 1,000 decisions on a single night. Billy Graham reports that this Crusade is ahead of even the fabulous New York Crusade in both attendance and decisions.

SAN FRANCISCO'S NEED

This is an incredible feat and a great victory in a city where Protestantism is so weak. Out of a population of over 800,000 there are only 40,000 Protestant church members. This means only five percent of the population of San Francisco is identified with the Protestant churches. Recent surveys across the United States have identified 62 percent of the people in some religious group (Protestant, Catholic or Jewish). A similar check shows that only 17 percent in the city of San Francisco have church connections.

There are fewer Protestants in proportion to the population than on the Island of Manhattan. Pastors and denominational leaders alike have said, "San Francisco is the graveyard of preachers." It is understandable,

therefore, why there was great speculation and some apprehension as to whether Billy Graham would succeed in reaching this pagan, sophisticated area with the Gospel of Christ.

You may ask, in the light of these facts, what then are the reasons behind this great response to the Gospel so effectively preached by Billy Graham? I believe it is a combination of many factors such as long and careful preparation . . . a deep concern and a wonderful spirit of cooperation on the part of the churches . . . and a mighty wave of prayer from people all over the world.

For nearly a year the Crusade team worked quietly among the churches enlisting support, interpreting the Crusade and recruiting the vast amount of personnel needed for this great evangelistic endeavor. As a result there were over 1100 churches at the beginning of the Crusade in which their members indicated they would cooperate and participate. More than 5,000 workers from the surrounding churches took the intensive counselor training, 3,600 of whom were finally selected and given counselor badges. Hundreds were trained as ushers and over 2,000 choir members responded to the call to sing in the Chorus.

Undergirding it all were hundreds of prayer groups meeting on weekday mornings at 10:00 o'clock for weeks before the Crusade began and which were directed by a special radio program led by the Crusade team members. Billy Graham reported that there were more churches on record as

cooperating and more people trained as counselors in this Crusade than there were at the beginning of the New York Crusade or any other Crusade he had ever conducted. He further stated to a meeting of pastors, at which there were over 1,000 present, that the Baptists have given the strongest and most united support to the Crusade of any denominational group.

The throngs of people that crowd the huge Cow Palace each night come from many cities and from great distances. Many churches which are 50 miles or more away are sending bus loads every night. A special train carrying over 250 people came from as far as the state of Tennessee. Another delegation of over 150 persons arrived from New York City. Each night, as a show of hands is asked for from those attending the first time, it seems as though 75 percent hold up their hands. My own church, which is almost 50 miles away, (Valley Baptist Church, Walnut Creek, Calif.) has given up its regular Wednesday night service and is sending in a bus load or more on each of the six Wednesday nights. Last week more than 75 persons from Walnut Creek attended with several making decisions.

MARVELOUS CHANGED LIVES

The thrilling stories of conversions and changed lives are beginning to grow in number and variety every day. For example, a fine high school teacher was invited by his landlady to attend the Crusade in our chartered

bus. He admitted he went mostly for the ride and to see this big spiritual "extravaganza." But he ended up walking down the aisle and making his decision. The next night he was back with a load of his students whom he had brought in his car.

The impact of the Crusade upon the 3,000,000 people of this Bay Area has been unbelievable. In addition to recording over 8,000 decisions during these first two weeks, countless thousands are hearing the Gospel for the first time. Through the amazing amount of front page coverage, Christianity has become headline news and the topic of conversation on the street, in places of business and at service clubs.

The local churches have also been strengthened and revitalized. Converts are coming back to join our churches. Many of our workers have learned for the first time how to deal with a "seeker" and to lead him to a clear-cut decision for Jesus Christ. Through the Evangelism Workshops that are being conducted every Friday, pastors are learning how to carry on a strong program of evangelism in their churches. Every phase of life seems to have come under the impact of this well-planned and skillfully directed Crusade. Plans are already in progress for a series of visitation evangelism crusades to follow up the present preaching effort.

To summarize my impressions of the great evangelistic effort, let me share a number of observations that I have made growing out of the Crusade. I have been impressed anew with the great hunger of people everywhere for the message of hope and redemption that we find in the Gospel of Christ.

Secondly, I found a readiness in people to accept this wonderful message when preached with the clarity and power and authority that Billy Graham possesses.

CHRISTIANITY'S GREATEST HOUR

Thirdly, I have been convinced of the need for more and better follow-up of converts if they are to survive and develop into mature Christians. The follow-up program of the Crusade is the finest I have ever seen anywhere. It is more intense and specific than that found in most churches . . . and it begins immediately after the decision is made.

Fourthly, I discovered the power of evangelism in bringing together evangelical Christians to work more cooperatively. The task of evangelism seems to be our one great common denominator. It brought the churches of the San Francisco Bay Area closer together in understanding and spirit than they have been at any time in history.

This has become Christianity's greatest hour and opportunity here, yet I believe it is just the beginning of a great revival and evangelistic movement that will continue long after Billy Graham and his team have left San Francisco.

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible
North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

"I have always believed that the parable of the leaven teaches that evil influences are working and growing in the Church and eventually the entire Church will become apostate. Recently I heard a quite different interpretation. What is your view?"

It is true that two rather diverse interpretations have been given to this parable. The one you have been taught is suggested by the Scofield Reference Bible and is widely held today by many evangelical Christians.

There are three difficulties with this view. First, it fails to interpret the parable in the context in which it occurs in Matthew's Gospel. The parable of the leaven immediately follows the parable of the mustard seed with which it is intimately related. In fact, the two parables form a doublet, both stressing the growth of the Kingdom. The first emphasizes that the Kingdom will grow from insignificant beginnings into something big, while the second emphasizes the power which it has to penetrate and perhaps assimilate its surroundings.

The second objection to the leaven-symbolizes-evil theory is found in the introductory formula of the parable, "The kingdom of heaven is like." There is nothing in this statement to suggest that our Lord has abruptly changed

the theme and now is no longer speaking of the Kingdom itself, but of the evil of the Kingdom. The parable simply emphasizes another aspect of its growth.

Third, it is difficult to see how our Lord would liken the Kingdom of Heaven to evil or an evil principle. Surely the Kingdom of Heaven (i. e. the Reign of God, whether one interprets this to have an external or internal manifestation) has, and will always bring with it, blessing to mankind.

The basic problem associated with the interpretation suggested immediately above, i. e., that the leaven parable teaches one aspect of the Kingdom's growth, is the fact that leaven is often used in Scripture as a symbol of evil, pollution or corruption (cf. Ex. 12:15 and elsewhere in the Mosaic legal requirements; also Matt. 16:6, "The leaven of the Pharisees" and I Cor. 5:6, 7).

An adequate answer to this problem is that Jesus deliberately used the symbol of leaven in an obviously different way from that to which the people were accustomed in order to stimulate his listeners' thinking and thus put across his point. Some of us preachers could take a much-needed lesson here!

CONFERENCES AND CAMPS

June 27-July 2
BAPTIST YOUTH CONGRESS at Toronto, Ontario. Rev. L. Bienert will be present and report to "Baptist Herald."

June 29-July 5
NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S CAMP at Taibury, Beatrice, Nebraska. Rev. Elmer Strauss and Miss Georgene Kern.

June 30-July 6
MANITOBA BOYS' CAMP at Lake Nutimik, River Hills, Manitoba. Rev. R. Neuman.

June 30-July 2
OKLAHOMA SCRIPTURE MEMORY CAMP at Roman Nose State Park. Miss Ruth Bathauer and Miss Berneice Westerman.

July 2-5
OKLAHOMA CBYF CAMP at Roman Nose State Park. Dr. George Lang and Miss Berneice Westerman.

July 2-8
DAKOTA INTERMEDIATE YOUTH CAMP at Crystal Springs, North Dakota. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger.

July 2-9
ALBERTA INTERMEDIATE CAMP at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Rev. Ed Link and Mrs. Walter Sukut.

July 4-10
SASKATCHEWAN CHILDREN'S CAMP at Good Spirit Lake, Spring-side, Sask. Miss Leona Hoffman, Miss Loretta Kurtz and Rev. R. Neuman.

July 6-12
MANITOBA GIRLS' CAMP at Lake Nutimik, River Hills, Manitoba. Miss Georgene Kern.

July 6-13
CENTRAL ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN TRI-UNION SENIOR CAMP at Cypress Park Baptist Camp, Maple Creek, Sask. Rev. Hugo Lueck, Rev. O. R. Schmidt and Miss Berneice Westerman.

July 6-12
WISCONSIN YOUTH CAMP at Camp Bird, Crivitz, Wisconsin. Rev. Herman Palfen'er, Chaplain George Zinz, Miss Ruth Bathauer and Miss Ida Forsch.

July 8-12
DAKOTA JUNIOR CAMP at Crystal Springs, North Dakota. Rev. Walter Sukut and Professor Martha Ley-poldt.

July 9-16
ALBERTA JUNIOR CAMP at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Rev. Elmer Strauss and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger.

July 11-17
SASKATCHEWAN YOUTH CAMP at Good Spirit Lake, Spring-side, Saskatchewan. Dr. Walter Wessel.

An Opportunity to Visit Our Indian Friends

Announcement Concerning Sunday Morning, July 20, at the Montana Reserve, Alberta

By Mr. Joseph Hufnagel, Missionary

FOR SOME TIME the thoughts of North American Baptists throughout Canada and the United States have been directed to Edmonton, Alberta, where our 32nd General Conference will be held from July 21 to 27, 1958.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

This gives you a splendid opportunity to see for yourself the mission work to which you have given such faithful prayer and financial support through the years. We invite you to pay us a visit and join us on July 20 at 10:00 A.M. in our Sunday morning service on the Montana Reservation. We hope to make it an open-air meeting if the weather is suitable.

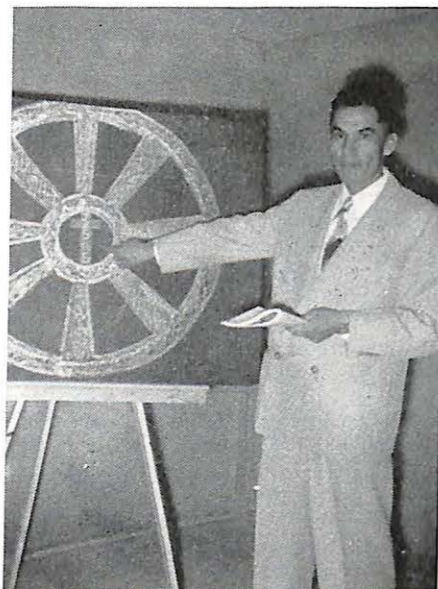
The way to the Reservation? That's simple. The Montana Reservation is located some 60 miles south of Edmonton. If you are coming from the south on No. 2 Highway (from Calgary) you may turn east into Ponoka and continue through town in that direction until you reach the railway, at which point you turn south and proceed to the next avenue running east which will lead you over a steel bridge. Continue for one block on the pavement and then turn left at the next street.

This street will lead you out of town onto a graveled country road going east. After following this road for approximately six and one-half miles, you may notice a mail box to the left of the road with the name, "J. Scott," on it. Turning left at the road intersection a few yards farther, keep going north for two miles where you will see our chapel and school buildings.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE NORTH

If you are coming from the north on No. 2 Highway (from Edmonton), you may turn east on a graveled road crossing the railway track at the south end of Hobbema, Alta., and keep following that road for about one mile, at which point you turn south on another road. Continue on that road for about three miles, where once more the road takes a long curve towards the east. After having completed that curve, you will find another graveled road leading off to the right at a right angle. Following this road for about four miles, you will see our chapel and school buildings on the right hand side of the road. Should we have very wet weather at the time, it is advisable to take the road through Ponoka.

Perhaps you will wish to visit both the Montana and Bull Reservations. If so, you may have dinner at either Ponoka, Hobbema, or Wetaskiwin after the morning service here and still find enough time to get to the Bull Reservation for that service which will be held in the afternoon.



Peter Joseph Dubois of the Indian Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan speaks to Sunday School boys and girls concerning Christ as Savior.

WELCOME OF MUSCOWPETUNG INDIANS

By Rev. R. Newman, Missionary

THE WELCOME MAT is out. Recently I conferred with Chief John Gambler of the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan about the possible visits of our friends across the

border to this reserve. Many of you will soon have your plans realized. You will be on your way to one of the most wonderful places in all the world—yes, Canada!

You will not be able to make the trip in one day, and perhaps some of you will be travelling for days. Those of you, who are good travellers and careful planners, will have your maps all marked out before you leave. Perhaps, I can help you do that.

Listen! Why not make your last stopover, before you proceed to the great City of Edmonton, Alberta, at the home of your missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, on the Muscowpetung Reserve near Edenwold, Saskatchewan. The Chief invites you! Your missionaries expect you to stop in and stopover, and get rested for the last day of the trip.

INDIANS AT WORSHIP

Here is a chance of a lifetime: to see the Reserve, the new Baptist Church and the beautiful QuAppelle Valley at a time when it will be at its best. Our Vacation Bible School will be in session from July 14 to 18. You will see the field at work with Indian boys and girls from near and far for this special week. To worship with us in the Indian Chapel, you might come for either Sunday, July 13 or 20. We shall be home to welcome you on and be-

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WELCOME TO THE BULL RESERVE

Announcement Concerning Sunday Afternoon, July 20

By Mr. Leonard Maier, Missionary

THE WORDS, "See You in Edmonton at the General Conference," are becoming more exciting to me each time I read them or hear about them. How swiftly the time is advancing and how eagerly we are looking forward to those great days! Yes, even our Indian people are beginning to talk about the Conference and to plan for it.

We are certain that many of the conference visitors would love to come and to see the Indian Mission fields. We have therefore planned two services for Sunday, July 20, on our Hobbema Reserves, and to these services we welcome all visitors.

SUNDAY SERVICES, JULY 20

The morning service will be on the Montana Reserve with Mr. Joseph Hufnagel as missionary. He will tell you all about it.

At 2:45 P.M. we shall begin our service on the Bull Reserve. Our Indian people welcome you, and look forward to meeting many "Pale Face" friends from near and far.

To get to the Bull Reserve from No.

2 Highway, follow these directions: Turn west onto Highway No. 19. Follow this highway eight miles west; then turn left (south) and follow this road right into the reserve. We shall have signs by the road to help you.

Should some visitors want to come during the week before the conference, we shall be happy to show you around. We do not encourage visitors during the conference week unless you make arrangements with the missionaries. On July 27 we will have no services on the reserve since we plan to have many of our Indian people at Edmonton for that day.

We are certain you will enjoy this visit to the reserve. The reserve itself is a beautiful park as God has planted it, very quiet and peaceful. The birds and frogs seem to blend their voices in a wonderful praise to God, and their songs have often been a real blessing to us. We know that you will also receive a special blessing to meet and speak to your Indian brothers and sisters for whom you have prayed and given of your gifts.

What's Happening

• The pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Bessie, Okla., has been supplied in recent months by Rev. Leland Schantz of Lawton, Okla. He is a former pastor of our church at Vida, Montana, but in the past few years he has been engaged in business in Oklahoma. The arrangement seems to be satisfactory to the Bessie church and has kept the church going in its services and witness for Christ, as reported by Mr. Adolf Kosanke, clerk.

• Fourteen new members were given the right hand of fellowship in the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., on Sunday, May 11th. Rev. Leland H. Friesen baptized six adults and three young people. Two others were received into the church by letter and three on statement of their Christian experience, conversion and baptism. "We as a church are happy to add these new members to our roll, as reported by Mrs. Herman Bleeker.

• The Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Bernard Edinger of Selfridge, N. Dak., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Edinger will begin his pastorate at the Gackle and Alfred Churches on July 1st succeeding Rev. Manuel Wolff, now of Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Mr. Edinger has served the First Baptist Church of Selfridge and the Community Church of Fort Yates, N. Dak., since 1954.

• Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, missionaries to the Cameroons, and their son, Billy, arrived in Seattle, Wash., by plane and at their home in Tacoma, Wash., on June 4th. They left Africa on an "Air France" plane on May 14 for London, England, where they spent two weeks. They came to New York City by plane on May 27. Mrs. Ahrens has been ailing in recent weeks before their departure home on furlough. This necessitated the arrangements for a plane flight to the United States.

• The Woman's Missionary Society of the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alberta, recently held its semi-annual program which featured the play, "The Desert Shall Bloom," written by Mrs. Viola Pahl of Edmonton, Alberta. Several special musical numbers were also rendered. The roses used in the play were presented to the older mothers and those ladies of the society who were sick at their homes, as reported by Mrs. Sally Ohlhauser. Rev. Willy R. Muller is pastor of the Carbon Baptist Church.

• The pulpit of the Southwood Park Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, is being supplied from June 8 to August 31 by Mr. Bruce Rich, a 1958 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary. The pastor of the church, Rev.

Albert Wardin, will be spending most of the summer months on a trip to Europe and the Holy Land. Mr. Rich is a "spiritual son" of the nearby Bethany Church of Portland, Oregon. He is awaiting a call from one of our churches for full time service, preferably in the field of Christian education.

• The Misses Alethea S. and Celia Kose of Chicago, Ill., sailed on the "SS Homeric" on June 9th from Montreal, Canada, for a ten weeks' tour of Europe. They will spend considerable time in England and travel through numerous countries on the continent. Miss Alethea Kose, a teacher at Chicago's Baptist Missionary Training School, will try to contact as many alumnae of the school in Europe as possible. Both of the young women will also attend the European Baptist Jubilee Congress to convene in Berlin, Germany, from July 26 to 31.

• Dr. Donald G. Davis, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, spoke at the first mid-week service on April 30 of the newly organized Berean Baptist Church of Baldwin County at Foley, Alabama, which will seek fellowship with the South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association and the North American Baptist General Conference. The pastor is Mr. William H. Oden, formerly of Los Angeles, California. Members of this newly organized church belonged formerly to the Baptist Church of Elberta, Alabama.

• Beginning with Sunday evening, May 4, the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla., began the showing of a series of Christian films on "The Old Testament Scriptures" produced by Concordia Films of St. Louis, Mo. The first in the series of 14 illustrated programs was on "Abraham, a Man of Faith." Rev. Jack Block, pastor, wrote that "we are seeing an increase in attendance at the evening services because of these inspiring films." Two years of writing, planning and research went into the preparation of this Old Testament series of pictures.

HOMECOMING DAY, LEDUC, ALBERTA

The First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., will observe "Homecoming Day" on Sunday, July 20, with inspiring services planned for the morning and afternoon. Pastors and ministers' wives who are spiritual sons and daughters of the church will take part in the program. Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., will preach at the 11:00 o'clock worship service.

• The Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., held special services on Sunday morning and afternoon, May 18, in the interest of Church Extension. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., served as guest speaker. The offerings for the Church Extension program of the denomination amounted to \$110.15. On Sunday evening, May 18, Rev. John B. Wood of the Baptist Church brought the baccalaureate address at the Beulah High School exercises. The school's choruses sang several religious numbers.

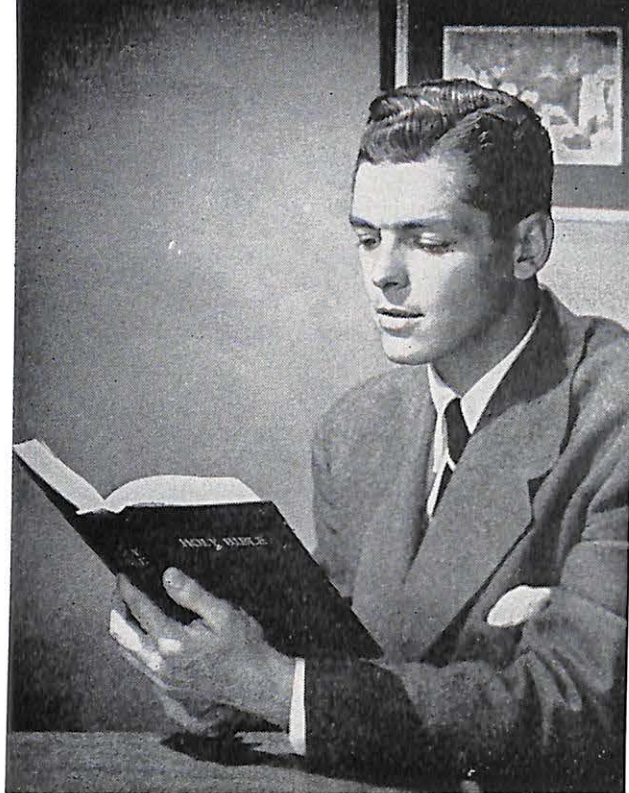
• The former Portland Avenue Baptist Chapel, a mission of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Washington, was organized into a Baptist church on Sunday, May 4. It will be known as the Portland Avenue Baptist Church of Tacoma. Its pastor is Rev. Henry Smuland of Renton, Wash., formerly minister of the Baptist Church at Avon, S. Dak. The recognition service was held on June 10 with representatives of the Pacific Northwest Association churches extending the hand of fellowship into the North American Baptist General Conference. A more detailed report appears elsewhere in this issue.

• The annual Mother's Day Tea of the Tabitha Society of Elgin, Iowa, was held in First Baptist Church on May 15. "Say It With Flowers" was the theme of the program, and for the occasion the church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers. The program of devotions, musical numbers and readings was arranged by Mrs. Abe Habeger, Mrs. Clarence Muehlethaler and Mrs. Leo Lehman. Guests of the society were ladies of the Elgin Lutheran Church. Hostesses for the tea were Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mrs. Chrystal Thoma, Mrs. Clara Baumgartner, Mrs. Edward Krueger and Mrs. Alfred Baechler.

• Mrs. Ervin B. Strauss of Cleveland, Ohio, the wife of the pastor of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly on May 21st. The announcement of the third child who had been born to them appeared in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald." The memorial service was held at the Erin Ave. Church on Friday evening, May 23, and interment was in Trochu, Alberta, the home of Mrs. Strauss, where the body was shipped for burial. A memorial service was also held in the Trochu Baptist Church on May 27. All of our church people and readers of the "Baptist Herald" wish to express their sympathy to Brother Strauss in this great personal loss and sorrow of his.

• On Thursday evening, May 1, the Willing Workers' Circle of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, held a special Mother's Day banquet in the church. The president, Mrs. Frances Neil, welcomed the guests and friends from the Woman's Missionary Society of the church. Each guest re-

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

The TORCH BEARER

By Sallie Lee Bell

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

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SYNOPSIS

Barry Carter was irritated by his college roommate and close friend, David Gardner, because he announced that he was going to be a preacher. They entered into frequent discussions about the Bible and God. A week before Barry and Cicily were to be married, a dinner party was held for them by friends. David went along reluctantly to the party. Toasts were drunk to the prospective bridegroom, as David looked on silently and critically. When an irreverent toast was drunk to him, David left the party. Barry followed him and persuaded him to 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 fiance, 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. One Sunday they attended a service at Barry's church in New Orleans.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

WHEN the service was over and Barry stood at the door shaking hands with the people as they passed out, Roy and Cicily met him.

"My! This is a surprise," he said as he shook hands with them.

Roy greeted him with such a cordial handshake and such an outburst of friendship that Cicily was speechless. She knew how much he hated Barry and she felt that Barry also knew it. If Barry was surprised by Roy's effusion, he gave no evidence of it.

"How long do you plan to remain in town?" he asked.

"Until the hot weather sets in. How about having dinner with us today?"

"Thanks, but I have another engagement," Barry said.

"Then how about tomorrow evening?" Roy persisted. "We feel sort of lonesome here, knowing so few people and it's been a long time since we've seen you. Won't you have dinner with us tomorrow?"

"We'd love to have you," Cicily added politely.

Her lips were stiff and her throat was dry. She wasn't telling the truth. There was nothing she wanted less than to have to entertain Barry with Roy as a spectator. She knew that his keen eyes would misinterpret her every word.

Barry could not refuse the invitation, so he came to dinner the next day. It was a time of strain for Cicily and when he finally left she was exhausted. Roy had never been quite so charming and entertaining. He carried most of the conversation, recalling old times and laughing over some of his wild escapades. No one hearing him would have imagined that he had ever had anything but the warmest feeling of friendship for Barry. She wondered just how much of this masquerade was apparent to Barry.

When occasionally their glances met, she hoped that she would find some little spark in Barry's eyes that would tell her that he still cared. However, those clear eyes of Barry's did not linger on hers with any hint of other emotion than that of friendship.

"It's strange that a good looking fellow like you has never married," Roy commented. "I saw many attractive girls staring at you as if they would gladly say yes if you put the question to them."

"I've been too busy to think of marriage," Barry replied. "I haven't even had time to be lonely. There are so many important things that take up my time each day that I don't have time to think of myself."

"It's good to know that you're not holding a grudge against me because I married the girl you loved," Roy replied.

Cicily gasped at this crude remark. She knew that it was done deliberately and for a purpose. She waited tensely for Barry's reply.

"Why should I hold a grudge against

you?" Barry replied as his frank gaze met Roy's. "Cicily was free to make her own choice and she chose you. I couldn't blame you for that, could I?" and he smiled faintly.

"Then I hope you won't find it in your heart to hold it against her," Roy said in his most oily voice. "I know that would grieve her very much. She has worried about it for such a long time."

Cicily was too stunned even to utter a denial of this bold lie, even if she had dared.

"I'm sorry if she has done that," and Barry glanced at Cicily. "I couldn't see it at the time, but I realize that it was God's plan for my life and I've been content to let God have His way with me. I could never find happiness any other way."

His reply silenced Roy and Barry turned the conversation to other topics.

During the weeks that followed, Roy was unusually agreeable. He often invited Barry to the house and Barry was forced to accept occasionally.

What made the situation so difficult for Barry was that the sight of Cicily had awakened once more the flame of the love that he had thought was dead within him. He had told Roy the truth when he had said that he was too busy to think of marriage. But he had purposely kept busy in order to kill the ache in his heart that seemed destined to pain him forever. He had thought he had conquered it but now he knew that he had failed. The battle would have to be fought all over again.

He somehow felt that Cicily still cared for him. He did not miss the look in her eyes that revealed what she had thought she had concealed from him. He wanted to keep away from her, for he knew that temptation lay in the path that led to her. He could not refuse every invitation which Roy so persistently held out to him,

but he accepted each one with growing reluctance and he dreaded them more and more each time.

Cicily did not realize that she had not only revealed her love to Barry, but she had also revealed it to Roy's keen, suspicious eyes. It was what he had been scheming for, the thing of which he had wanted to be sure, that she still loved the man he hated.

One morning he told her that he was to be out of town for the day. He had been interested in some property on the Gulf Coast in Mississippi and he was going over there to look at it.

"There's no need of you taking the trip unless you want to go," he said. "I'll be spending a lot of time looking over the place with the agent and you'll have a dull time."

She told him that she'd rather stay at home and rest. She was glad to have one day to herself. It would give her the chance she had been so desperately hoping for and of which she had almost despaired. It would give her the opportunity to talk with Barry. She had only a faint hope that he might be able to help her, but he was her only hope. If he could not offer her some solution, she would leave Roy and take the consequences. She had become so desperate that nothing mattered but the desire to get out from under the mental torture which Roy had made her endure and the greater threat of that unknown danger which hung over her.

As soon as Roy left the house and she was sure that he was on his way, she phoned Barry.

"Could you come to see me this morning?" she asked. "I'm in desperate trouble and I must see you. I need your help, Barry. Please come!"

"Where is Roy?" he asked.

"He's out of town for the day," she told him. "That's why I must see you today. It's about him, Barry. I'm so terribly afraid. I can't talk about it over the phone. Please come here and let me talk to you. I need your advice. There's no one else I can turn to."

After she had hung up, Cicily paced the floor nervously. She longed to see Barry, yet now that he was coming she was not sure that she had done the right thing. Seeing him alone would be much more trying than she had thought it would be. She had not talked with him alone since that last plea he had made to her to marry him. Surely he would remember that. Would he gloat over her unhappiness and remind her that he could have made her happy where her husband had failed? Was there still some little spark of love for her in his heart or had she killed that love on the day she had sent him from her?

Barry drove slowly up the avenue. His thoughts were not too pleasant. He was reluctant to visit Cicily in Roy's absence, but he could not refuse her urgent plea. He could tell by the tone of her voice that something had happened which had terrified her.

He rang the bell and Cicily answered

the ring. She had let the cook go for the day and had sent the maid on an errand.

"I've been wanting to talk to you ever since we came here," she said as she led the way into the living room. "This is the first opportunity I have had. Roy never lets me out of his sight. Sometimes I feel that he even watches me in my sleep."

"Where is he today?" Barry asked with a note of concern in his voice. He knew Roy well enough to know what he would think if he should come in and find them together. Some inner voice had warned him not to come here but the thought of Cicily in trouble and the hope that he might be able to help her had made him ignore that inner warning.

"He has gone over on the Coast to look at a piece of property," she told him. "He expects to be gone all day." "Why have you sent for me?" he asked. Once more he felt that inner warning.

"My life has become unbearable with Roy and I don't know what to do about it," she began. "At first I tried to be happy with him, though I didn't love him, but Roy was injured in an auto accident and he's never been the same since. I really believe that he's losing his mind. He finds ways to torture me mentally that a sane man would never dream of and my life has become a nightmare of fear and hate. Hate for him and fear of what he may do to me."

Her voice failed and her lips trembled as she fought back the tears.

"I'm so sorry," he said gently. "I was hoping that you would be happy, but my hope wasn't too strong. I believe I know Roy better than you did. It's a part of his nature to enjoy seeing others suffer."

"How I wish I had known that before I made such a miserable wreck of my life! I can't go on like this, Barry. I threatened to leave him but he told me that if I tried to leave him, I would wish I was dead before it ever went through."

"What a way for a man to treat the woman he loves!" Barry commented.

"He doesn't love me. He said I had killed his love by my coldness. He's making me suffer because he thinks I still love you."

Barry's face paled and he said nothing. He felt that there was little he could do or say that would help her.

He rose and said, "It's too bad that his jealousy and suspicion should have ruined your happiness and his. Both of you could have been happy if you had only tried to forget the past and to live for each other."

"But he wasn't willing to forget the past," she said, rising and approaching him. "He came across a newspaper clipping about you that I had put away with some other little souvenirs—and he accused me of still being in love with you." She raised tear-filled eyes to his. "The terrible part of it is that it's true, Barry. I've never been able to get over loving you. My love

for you has been there in my heart all this time, torturing me with regret and longing. I can't go on like this. I'd rather be dead than to go on. Oh, Barry, if I had only listened to you when you begged me to marry you! What shall I do? What shall I do?"

Sobbing, she suddenly clung to him. As he reached up to disengage her clinging arms a voice spoke from the doorway.

"What an interesting love scene for a discarded husband to witness," Roy's drawling voice remarked.

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MUSCOWPETUNG INDIANS

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tween these dates. After the Conference, we will not be home for at least a week.

The Muscowpetung Indian Reserve and Mission Home is only 35 miles northeast of Regina, "the Queen City" of Saskatchewan. When you are in the vicinity of Regina, ask how to get to Edenwold. In Edenwold we have a Baptist Church. When in Edenwold, ask for the Baptist Church on the Muscowpetung Reserve. Anyone can direct you.

We hope to see you in July on the Mission Field, and then in Edmonton, Alberta, at one of the greatest and grandest General Conferences in the history of the denomination.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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ceived a lovely handkerchief on behalf of the "Willing Workers." After the banquet, the 25 members of the group portrayed "Mother" in poems, songs and readings. Mrs. C. A. Ramus, president of the Woman's Society, in thanking the "Willing Workers" for their inspiring program also described the real meaning of "Mother." The new pastor of the Arnprior Church is Rev. Eldon Janzen.

● The First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, has called Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder of Kyle, Texas, to which he has replied favorably. He will begin his ministry in Elgin on August 1st, succeeding Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, now of Anaheim, California. Mr. Schroeder has served as pastor of the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas, since 1953. In the meantime, the church in Elgin, Iowa, is being ably served by Rev. Henry R. Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn., as the interim pastor.

● Rev. G. J. Thiessen of Edmonton, Alberta, presented his resignation as pastor of the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton on Sunday, May 15, with the understanding that he would terminate his services at the church on August 31. He has been the pastor of the Lauderdale Church since 1955. His plans for the future are still indefinite, awaiting God's guidance in his life.

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 6, 1958

Scripture: Deuteronomy 10:12-15, 17-11:1; Romans 5:6-11

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Our love to God will become evident only in the measure in which we express our love for our fellowmen.

INTRODUCTION: Although Jesus revealed the justice of God in its fullest measure, the Old Testament is not without a high sense of love, justice and mercy. For the next three months we shall examine God's virtue of justice in every aspect of life with some comparative references from both the Old and the New Testaments. We shall see the meaning of God's justice in the home, in the community life, in government, in the treatment of minorities, in world affairs and in every human relationship.

Many people are unusually zealous in their battle for justice when they are seeking it for themselves. For them justice is a one-way street. Our Puritan forefathers came to this country because they believed that the established church of England was unjust to them. But they failed to give the same measure of justice to the non-conformists in the new country. The tensions and revolutions of the world are evidences that the demands for justice cannot be silenced nor suppressed. It is imperative that the Christian church make clear to the world the meaning of justice and mercy as they are found in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ.

I. THE REQUIREMENTS OF GOD'S JUSTICE. Deut. 10:12-15.

To understand God's justice it is necessary to fulfill certain requirements:

(a) "Fear the Lord, thy God." We look upon the Supreme Court, headed by the Chief Justice, with a certain amount of awe and respect. It is probably considered the highest, as well as the fairest, court in the world. How much more is God, the Judge of all the earth, worthy of our highest reverence and respect?

(b) "Walk in all his ways." To walk together implies a close relationship. When the highest court hands down a decision it is necessary to accept it and to go along with it. God's decision is final, and so long as we go along with him there is harmony between man and God.

(c) "Love him." It is not enough to accept the legal aspect of God's justice. The ideal is to love him, then the legal aspect will be easy.

(d) "Serve the Lord, thy God." Love naturally leads to service. God wants us to be actively engaged in practicing and in bringing his justice into every area of life.

THE BIBLE

"You never get to the end of Christ's words. There is something in them always behind. They pass into proverbs, into laws, into doctrines, into consolations; but they never pass away, and after all the use that is made of them they are still not exhausted." — A. P. Stanley.

II. THE GOD OF JUSTICE. Deut. 10:17-11:1.

There is no doubt that the writer of Deuteronomy wished to convey the definite truth that there is no higher court of appeal. He is the God of gods, Lord of lords, great, mighty, terrible and absolutely impartial. The helpless orphan, the poor widow, the friendless stranger have as much right to his justice as the richest ruler. We do not like to think of God's justice as being "terrible," but sometimes it is necessary to send a person to prison for life or to pass the death sentence as a just penalty for his crime. Only the governor, moved to mercy, can change the sentence.

III. GOD'S JUSTICE — PLUS HIS LOVE AND MERCY. Romans 5:6-11.

In the Old Testament we often have a picture of God's justice giving to man what he deserves. In the New Testament God reveals himself through Jesus Christ, and he gives us a love and mercy which we do not actually deserve. His justice becomes entirely permeated by the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. People who have escaped the clutches of the Communistic legal system are often at a loss for words when they enter the freedom of a democracy. Much more then do we have cause for "joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 13, 1958

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20, 46-48; 23:2-26

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Gospel is not to be used only under certain conditions or in a particular area; but in all circumstances and in every area of life.

INTRODUCTION: We often pride ourselves on the fact that we have a whole Gospel for the whole world, yet we continue to live in a small compartment of the Kingdom of God. Often our association with the Gospel is

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limited to going to Sunday School, or going to church, or going to various religious meetings, but never stopping long enough and going to work. Sometimes the meaning of the Gospel is limited to assenting to the basic Bible doctrines which are required for church membership while the larger area of work and sacrifice which Jesus required is neglected. The seeds of salvation will never mature unless we also strive for the fruit of the Spirit. We tend too often to do everything that makes us look like a Christian and evade the greater responsibility which is to work and act like a Christian. Many are interested in having the world look at them through a picture window rather than open the windows of God's grace and love and service.

I. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. Matt. 5:11-20.

Israel had what may be called a social Gospel. It concerned itself with the behavior of the individual, with social justice and with law. But the attempt to keep this law tended to make many self-righteous. The process involved building up oneself by tearing others down. Instead of gaining salvation for themselves, they developed a more dangerous state of lostness. Only when we experience the righteousness of God can we make an impact on the unrighteousness all around us.

II. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RIGHT FELLOWSHIP. Matt. 5:46-48.

"It is not good for man to be alone" is a truth that is still accepted today. We long for the warmth of family life, for friends, for fellowship, for congenial and agreeable companionship. Sororities, fraternities, clubs and secret societies are sometimes criticized for their exclusiveness. The Pharisee and Sadducee clubs are evident in many Christian churches. There were "parties" (1 Cor. 1:12) in Paul's time, who stuck together because they were friends. Justice no longer played an important role. Fellowship was based, not on the concept of right or wrong, but on whose side a person happened to be on. Such a fellowship is childish and immature. We must strive in our Christian growth toward a perfection which is found in God. Publicans and sinners should not be outside of our fellowship if our aim is to bring them into the fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

III. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RIGHT ATTITUDES. Matt. 23:23-26.

In simple terms we might say that the scribes and Pharisees tried to change everything except the heart. How much easier it is to let Christ change the heart, for then everything else will change more easily and naturally. The government has power to make many changes in our social order to bring about a greater measure of justice, but the attitudes often remain the same. Anti-segregation laws are difficult to enforce where the hearts and minds of people remain segregated.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern Conference

Nine Young People Are Baptized, Trochu, Alberta

With the Psalmist in Ps. 126:3 we of the Trochu Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta, can say: "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." God has been good to us in many ways. We have seen his guidance in the finishing of our church building by painting the complete interior. The P. A. system has been improved and a Gestetner was purchased to print Every Sunday Bulletins. While all these are material advances, they nevertheless help us to promote the cause of Christ in a better way.

We have also had spiritual advances for which we are glad. All the organizations of the church have been active in their programs to honor Christ. On April 13, we baptized nine young people on confession of their faith in Christ. All this is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes!

R. Hoffman, Pastor



Rev. R. Hoffman, pastor of the Trochu Baptist Church, Trochu, Alta., and nine young people whom he recently baptized.

Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Prast, advisors of the Senior group, presented the king and queen with their crowns.

After a delicious dinner, the program of the evening was given by a group from the Baptist Student Center, Madison, Wisc. They presented brief humorous skits, a movie and also had several games with audience participation. After this, the serious side of the program was presented.

Barbara Leischer, Reporter

Special Services and Church Officers, Aplington, Iowa

Pre-Easter worship services were held four nights during Holy Week in Aplington, Iowa, at the school auditorium sponsored by the four community churches, Bethel Reformed, Baptist, Presbyterian and Reformed. Messages were based on the "Seven Last Words Which Christ Uttered From the Cross." The senior youth of the community sponsored its first Easter sunrise service with the Baptist CBY serving as host. A breakfast followed the service. The cantata, "Life Everlasting," was presented Easter Sunday evening by the mass choir.

Baptist church officers elected for the new year include: Donald Lindaman, vice-moderator; William Lindaman, Folkert DeVries, deacons; Mrs. Harm Sherman, deaconess; Ole Niehuis, Bernie Lindaman, trustees; Mrs. C. L. Huisinga, clerk; Lester Ostercamp, E. A. Sents, treasurer and assistant; Mrs. Lawrence Dreyer, Mrs. Clarence Ostercamp, Christian education committee; Mrs. Marlin Lindaman, Mrs. Elvin Uhlenhopp, Johanna W. DeBuhr, music committee; Viola Gieseke, periodical agent; John Lindaman, Clarence Neymeyer, Kenneth Dreyer, Lawrence Dreyer, Myrlin Huisinga, Lester Sents, Earl Stukenberg, Harlan Haan, ushers. The treasurer's report indicated a total of \$20,841.03 received during the year. Of this amount \$7876.67 were designated for missions.

Mrs. Paul Voogd, Reporter

Women's Rally of Minnesota and La Crosse Association

The Spring Rally of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Minnesota and LaCrosse, Wisconsin Association was held on Sunday afternoon, April 27, at the Bible Baptist Church, LaCrosse, Wisc. Roll Call revealed that there were 111 women present. With the afternoon's offering of \$82.14, our mission goal of \$500 for the Woman's Union Missionary projects went over the top.

After the customary preliminaries, devotions and special music under the leadership of our vice-president, we were privileged to have as our guest speaker Mrs. Doris Adam Fehr from Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr are missionary appointees to the Cameroons sailing after the General Conference sessions. Mrs. Fehr endeared herself to the audience as she charmingly spoke of her husband's and her own family backgrounds, their educational accomplishments, their call to the mission field, and what they expect to find when they arrive in the Cameroons. Inasmuch as their sincere desire and ultimate goal is to win men and women to Jesus Christ, Mrs. Fehr requested that they be remembered in our prayers.

The present officers of the Association's Woman's Missionary Union are: Mrs. Bert Itterman, Randolph, president; Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, River-view, St. Paul, vice-president; and Mrs. Flora H. Woyke, Faith, Minneapolis, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Flora H. Woyke, Reporter

Eastern Conference

Rev. Frank Friesen's Interim Ministry, Arnprior, Ontario

Since our former pastor, Rev. Walter Schmidt, and family left the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, for their new field of service in Norridge, Illinois, we were privileged and spiritually blessed by the ministry of our interim pastor, Rev. Frank Friesen, and his dear wife. Although his ministry only lasted from February to May, we as the members and friends of the Arnprior church wish to thank them for their effectual and untiring efforts in the work of the Lord's Kingdom here in Arnprior. Mr. Friesen worked wonders with the Junior and Senior young people's groups, as well as with the Sunday School, Baptist Men and with both women's organizations.

On April 27, which was the last Sunday that Mr. and Mrs. Friesen were with us, the members and friends of the church gathered after the service for a fellowship hour. During this time Mr. Irvin Woermke, on behalf of the church, spoke a few words of thanks for their Christian leadership and faithful ministry. Mr. Orville Felhaver on behalf of the church presented them with a lovely Kenwood blanket. Mr. Friesen thanked everyone with humbleness and sincerity.

Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter

Dakota Conference

Ministry of Baptist Volunteer Choir, Eureka, South Dakota

We as the Volunteer Choir of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., can certainly sing praises unto our Lord and Savior for the wonderful year of singing we have enjoyed. We are also rejoicing over the fact that our choir has increased in numbers during the past year. On Easter Sunday, we as the choir presented our Easter cantata, "Life Eternal," in our home church, and also in the Linton Baptist Church. May the message which was brought out in the singing of the cantata have been a blessing to everyone who heard it!

On April 30, our yearly election was held with the following officers elected: president, Andy Schweigert; vice-president, Rueben Kusler; treasurer, Irvin Schaffer; secretary, Mrs. Clarence H. Hoff; pianist, Mrs. Delene Brockel; and choir director, Rev. A. E. Reeh. May we as a group of choir members continue to honor and praise our Lord with the singing of holy hymns, praising his name.

Mrs. Clarence H. Hoff, Secretary

with our mission fields through the use of the filmstrips available to us from headquarters. We pray the Lord may lead us into greater fields of service for him and bring honor to his name.

Mrs. Jake Walker, Secretary

Mother's Day Program by Missionary Circle, Sidney, Mont.

The women of the Baptist Missionary Circle, Sidney, Mont., presented a Mother's Day program at the church on Sunday evening, May 11. Mrs. Frank Klempel led in prayer. Scripture reading from I Timothy was by Mrs. Elsworth Candee. Several testimonies as an added feature were brought by Richard Pribnow, Richard Klempel, Helen Ehman and Frank Klempel.

The following readings were given by members of the Missionary Circle: "Mother's Love" by Lydia Pribnow; "How Mother's Day Was Originated" by Mrs. J. C. Moore, Sr.; "A Tribute to God-fearing Mothers" by Helen Smith and Mary Auch; a vocal solo by Elia Pena; a drama, "Rocking Alone in an Old Rocking Chair," with Mrs. Frances Rardin portraying the part of the mother, while Winona Cooper read a song. The sermon based on I Timothy was given by Rev. Jacob Ehman, our pastor.

The ushers were Mrs. Ralph Tyler

Rev. William Hoover, our pastor, remarked that phenomenal progress has been made in the building program of the new church, and that already we are four months ahead of schedule. It is expected that the new church will be ready for occupancy in June 1958. The color scheme and workmanship of the windows is a masterpiece by Walter Plymn, local artglass man.

Mrs. Dan Bittner, Reporter

Women's and CBY Programs at Gladwin, Michigan

On Wednesday evening, May 14, the Round Lake Baptist Women's Missionary Society of Gladwin, Mich., held its annual program. Mrs. Art Schindler extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and friends. An organ-piano duet was played by Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. H. Friesen. A poem was recited by Mrs. John Steinkraus, followed by a group song. Various officers gave reports as to the activities of the society in the past year. The new officers were installed by the pastor, Rev. E. Lautt. "Lord, Send Me There" was sung by the trio: Deloris Ford, Eleanor Wolfe, and Lora Lautt.

Scripture was read by our new president, Mrs. Alvin Kleiss. Our hearts were truly blessed with the message by Miss Bonnie Morgan, Church Missionary from the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich. Refreshments were served in the church parlors and the offering was for missions.

The following evening the C. B. Y. entertained their mothers at a short program with special musical numbers and short talks on tributes to mother. The undersigned gave a message on the "Unfeigned Faith of Mother Eunice."

Mrs. Ernest Lautt, Reporter

Pacific Conference

Baptismal Service and Activities, First Church, Lodi, California

During the month of March we of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., had the distinct privilege of having Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as our evangelist for ten days of meetings. Sixteen persons accepted Christ for the first time, and numerous others rededicated their lives to Christ. During the month of April our church, together with eight evangelical churches of our city, cooperated in a city-wide evangelistic campaign with Dr. Torrey Johnson and his musical director, Herb Hoover. On Palm Sunday evening a total of 21 persons were baptized. On Sunday morning, April 6th, we had the joy of seeing our pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, extend the hand of fellowship to 32 persons.

On Easter Sunday evening, our choir, under the direction of Mrs. Wanda Lippert, presented the Easter cantata "Victorious King." We thank God for our young people who are faithful in their CBY services, in attending the mid-week prayer meetings, singing in the choir, and are active in the Youth Crusaders in our city. Our Junior and Primary Leagues are growing through the consecrated efforts of the leaders. One Sunday each month, all three groups gather together for a missionary film furnished by our headquarters.

Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Reporter

Newly Organized Portland Avenue Church, Tacoma, Wash.

The Portland Avenue Baptist Chapel, East 40th and Portland Avenue, Tacoma, Wash., held an organizational meeting on Sunday, May 4th, to become an independent church.

The Portland Avenue Baptist Chapel was a mission of Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma. This mission was established February 13, 1944 and was known at that time as the "Salishan Baptist Chapel." The church is located adjacent to a low-income housing project and for many years was primarily a Sunday School work. Currently the average Sunday School attendance is 169.

The new name of the church will be "Portland Avenue Baptist Church." Temporary officers were elected and regular church officers and the charter will be completed within the next few weeks. The church received recognition and the right hand of fellowship by the Pacific Northwest Association on Tuesday, June 10th. Rev. Henry Smuland, Renton, Washington, is the pastor of the new church.

Doris L. Wagner, Clerk

Reception for Associate Pastor, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver

The first Sunday of May was a joyous occasion for the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C. We were happy to welcome Rev. Philip Daum to our church as pastor of membership and the associate of Dr. A. S. Felberg, our minister. Mr. Daum is well known to most of our members and has long made a place for himself in the hearts of the people.

At the 11:00 o'clock worship service Rev. Phil. Daum brought his first message when he pledged himself to the work of the church. The evening reception service, with 450 persons in attendance, began with an inspiring orchestral opening and was further beautified by selections from the mixed choir. The representatives of our church societies extended their welcome to Mr. Daum and the neighboring churches brought greetings through their pastors. Dr. Felberg extended his welcome with a text from 1 Cor. 3:9. After a fitting response by Rev. Phil. Daum, we gathered for an hour of fellowship in the lower auditorium where the members were afforded the opportunity of welcoming him.

Mrs. Eugen Lueck, Reporter



The Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., which was organized on May 4, 1958 and recognized as a North American Baptist church on June 10, 1958 by the Pacific Northwest Association. Rev. Henry Smuland is the pastor of the church.

Birthday Surprise and Church Float, Elk Grove, California

About 100 persons of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., attended the birthday surprise for Rev. W. W. Knauf held at the Wednesday night prayer meeting, May 14. The moderator, Frank Veninga, offered a few words of congratulations, and the first deacon, John Wagemann, expressed himself in behalf of the church and presented Brother Knauf with a birthday card and gift in money from the church. Everyone then joined for the time of fellowship in the church basement. The Baptist Youth Club entertained the people, while they were served ice cream and cake, coffee or punch, with the singing of some choruses and a group played a special number with their instruments. The cakes had been made by women of the church. The serving committee was: Mrs. Frieda Penner, chairman; Mrs. Ed Neher, Mrs. Frank Veninga and Mrs. John Wagemann.

On May 3 the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove entered a float in the Elk Grove Western Parade. It was made by members of the church, and it took the second place ribbon in the highest division. The words on the float were "A Nation Under God." On the Bible were the words, "Blessed Is the Nation Whose God Is the Lord." People on the float represented a Christian family. As shown in the picture, they are: left to right, John Wagemann, Kathy Adam, Barbara Adam, Mrs. John Wagemann, Norman Wagemann, and Jimmy Fandrich.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

Atlantic Conference

Inspiring Sessions of the Atlantic Conference, Philadelphia

The Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pa., was host to the 61st Atlantic Conference from April 24 to 27. The Conference theme, "Disciplined Discipleship," was not only a most timely one but also one which applies to everyone who wishes to be a follower of Christ.

Our speakers on the theme left indelibly imprinted on our minds some thought provoking words. A disciple, as he learns from Christ, is gradually transformed into his likeness. His walk, his actions, attitudes and desires are centered in Christ. His home life and his church life are governed by the discipline of Christ. Then a disciple's vision reaches from the godless people about him, even to the heathen in Africa and Japan.

Our guest speakers, Dr. P. Gebauer and Rev. J. C. Gunst, were a blessing to us also. Special features of the conference were varied. The panel discussion on "Discipline in the Church" brought questions from many visitors and proved most interesting. The women of the conference were delighted to hear from Dr. Gebauer about the women's role in changing Africa. The C.B. Y.F. Banquet was a highlight as was the Conference C.B.Y.F. rally, and discussion on the Sunday School program and task of the Christian Education Committee.

Mrs. E. A. Hoffmann, Reporter



The Volunteer Choir of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, South Dakota, with Rev. A. E. Reeh, choir director and pastor of the church (front row, center)

Women's Programs, South Canyon Church, Rapid City, S. D.

The Ladies' Missionary Circle of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., has been happily busy in several activities. We have twice sent used clothing to our friends on the Spanish-American field amounting to 180 pounds. The women packing the boxes gathered in the afternoons and along with good fellowship spent time in devotional study.

In honor of Mother's Day we gathered on Tuesday evening, May 6, at the church. Our program included special music by two of the daughters, Betty Brockle and Jacqueline Kwyzla; a film, "The Lost Sheep," and a pantomimed skit, "The Legacy of Motherhood." Twenty-nine mothers and daughters gathered around a very lovely decorated table and enjoyed a delicious lunch and a fine hour of visiting.

We plan to become better acquainted

and Mrs. Gus Strobel. The Program Committee consisted of Carolyn Wolff, Mary Pena and Mrs. Frank Klempel.

Mrs. J. C. Moore, Sr., Reporter

Central Conference

Illuminated Tower of New Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Members of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan, were thrilled on Sunday evening, May 4th, when at a special service at the new Napier Parkview Baptist Church on Chippewa and Napier Avenue in Fair Plain, the superb illumination on the inside and out of the church's imposing 85-foot tower with its three art stained glass windows was shown in all its splendor. This marked the first anniversary of the ground-breaking ceremonies for our new church held on May 5, 1957.

Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Reporter



The beautiful religious float entered by the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., in the Elk Grove Western Parade, won "Second Place" in the highest division. The people at the right from the church represented a Christian family

Publication Board Session

Report of the Annual Session of the Board of Trustees of the Publication Society by Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Publication Society met for its annual session in the Manager's Office of the Roger Williams Press in Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday, May 2nd.

In the cordial atmosphere of Christian fellowship and unity, we were conscious of the presence of God's Spirit. We cherish very highly this unanimity in Christ at all our meetings.

While reports of business managers and editors and committees can be quite routine at times, yet to us they are always indicative of fervency of spirit and willingness to serve on the part of those concerned.

OUR PUBLICATIONS

Thus the report of the acting business manager, Rev. W. J. Luebeck, spoke well of the oneness that prevails in the publication house, and the determination to get all the publications out on schedule. His report as Editor of German Publications was gratifying in that it evidenced a much needed service to our older constituency as well as to the newer immigrants. Although each year a number of the older readers of "Der Sendbote" are called to the eternal home, and another group may subscribe to the "Baptist Herald" as they learn the English language, yet other immigrants have come to love "Der Sendbote" as is evidenced in the increase of about 100 in the subscription list, which now totals about 4100. "Der Wegweiser," an evangelistic publication in German, also enjoys a good ministry to about 4000 readers.

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Editor of English Publications, states the purpose of his ministry through the printed page as follows in his report: "We endeavor to inform our constituency about 'the affairs' of our churches and leaders, to review the glory of

God's work of grace on our mission fields, to challenge our people with the great tasks which God has entrusted to us as a denomination, and to present the glorious riches of the Gospel through interpretive messages." The "Baptist Herald" with its several departments keeps us abreast of the "March of Events" that have a religious bearing, and the "Baptist Briefs" highlight for us the Baptist witness throughout the world. Our own denominational mission fields are well portrayed by word and picture. "What's Happening" and "Our Denomination in Action" inform us on the developments on the domestic scene. The work of church schools, men's, women's, and young people's groups meets us enthusiastically in every issue.

SEVERAL NEW BOOKS

In addition to editing the "Baptist Herald," Dr. Leuschner supervises the publishing of leaflets on denominational enterprises. Also several special books under his supervision will soon appear such as: "In God's Hand" on Baptist distinctives, written by the late O. E. Krueger; "A Look at The Baptists" by John Wobig; a book on stewardship especially adapted to our churches and our tasks, "My Account With God," by Frank Veninga. Two other books are in the planning stage.

The Every Family Subscription Plan, which will replace the former Club Plan in 1959, is receiving good acceptance. It is reported that about seventy percent of our churches have put one of our periodicals in every family of their membership by this plan. This speaks well for it, and through it we can envision a better informed denominational membership.

Our North American Hymnal is also enthusiastically received. The first

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Obituary

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

MRS. LYDIA THOMS of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mrs. Lydia Thoms of Vancouver, B. C., was born on July 19, 1898 in Poland. At an early age she, together with her family, emigrated to Canada and lived at Nokomis, Sask., until her 16th year. For several years she lived at Lincoln, Neb., and then for many years in Winnipeg, Man., until coming to Vancouver in 1945 where she lived until her homegoing on May 12th. She entered holy matrimony with Mr. August Thoms on Dec. 13, 1919. Her husband preceded her in death on Feb. 13, 1955. Three children were born to them: Miss Viola Thoms, Mrs. Beatrice Elderton and Mr. Lorrin Thoms. She accepted the Lord as her personal Savior, was baptized and received into the Nokomis Baptist Church. Later she was a member of the McDermott Avenue Church of Winnipeg, Man., and for the last eight years of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C. Sister Thoms was a very faithful member, active in women's organizations, in prayer meeting. Wherever she could, she gave sacrificially and witnessed loyally for the Lord. Over her early departure mourn her three children, two grandsons, two sisters, three brothers, many relatives and her beloved church.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Vancouver, British Columbia
A. S. FELBERG, Pastor

MRS. DAVID LOEWER of Branch, Louisiana

Mrs. David Loewer, nee Virnau, of Branch, La., was born Oct. 21, 1874 in Herleshausen, Germany. In her youth she accepted Christ, followed him in baptism and became a member of the Herleshausen Baptist Church. On May 13, 1897 she was united in marriage to Mr. David Loewer. The Lord blessed this union with seven children. On June 27, 1940 her husband preceded her in death. There remain to mourn her 5 living children: Fred; Elisabeth, Mrs. Ernest Loewer; Karl; Otto; Nellie, Mrs. John Lengfeld; 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

In 1904 the family emigrated to America and settled in the Mowata community. She was a charter member of the Mowata Baptist Church which she supported all her life, and set an example of loyalty in attendance. Very often she expressed her desire with the Psalmist: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake, with thy likeness" (Ps. 17:15). On May 10, 1958 the Lord granted her desire to see her blessed Redeemer. Funeral services were held on May 11. Rev. T. Cormier assisted the local pastor in the services.

Mowata Baptist Church,
Branch, Louisiana
A. SOOTZMANN, Pastor

MR. JAKOB RECK of Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mr. Jakob Reck of Minneapolis, Minn., was born in Wasilowka, Russia, August 27, 1895 and died in Minneapolis, Minn., May 11, 1958 at the age of 62 years, 8 months and 15 days. He emigrated to the United States in 1923. Since that time he lived in Minneapolis. He was employed until three years ago when he suffered a severe heart attack which compelled him to live in retirement. Mr. Reck was married to Anna Fregin on June 29, 1920 and the Lord blessed this happy union with two children.

In 1908 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized and joined the Kullingen Baptist Church in Germany. On his arrival in America, he joined Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis of which he was a very faithful member until his death. He was an active participant in the work of the church and a diligent worker in or out of office.

He will be missed particularly by his wife Anna, who stood by him in much pain and suffering until his homegoing. His daughter, Mrs. Robert (Elfriede) Biesanz of Mason City, Iowa; his son, Werner, of Minneapolis; 2 sisters; 2 granddaughters and 2 grandsons also survive.

Faith Baptist Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota
A. HUBER, Pastor

MRS. MAGDALENA KECK of Startup, Washington

Mrs. Magdalena Keck, nee Neuffer, of Startup, Wash., was born in Southern Russia, Jan. 27, 1891, and passed away after a brief illness at the age of 67 years, 3 months and 3 days, on April 30, 1958. At the age of 20 she came to the United States to join her two brothers in Turtle Lake, N. Dak. On Jan. 27, 1912 she was united in marriage to John Keck. The family then moved to Startup in 1919, and beginning with 1926 they operated a dairy farm between Sultan and Startup. She was converted and baptized, and became a member of the Baptist Church, of which she remained a faithful member to the time of her death.

She leaves to mourn her husband, John Keck; and her nine children, Emil of Moscow, Idaho; Bert of Sheridan, Ore.; Art of Monroe, Wash.; John of Florence, Ore.; Ellis of Norfolk, Va.; Bertha Neisinger of Everett, Wash.; Hertha Heater of Eureka, Calif.; Pauline Langer of Monroe, Wash.; and Doris Keck at home. The church being without a permanent pastor, the undersigned spoke words of comfort at the funeral service.

Startup, Washington
R. G. KAISER, Officiating Minister

MRS. AUGUSTA BUSS of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mrs. Augusta Buss, nee Kuppe, of Vancouver, B. C., was born in Poland on August 15, 1886 and at the age of 17 left her native land, arriving in Canada in Jan. 1904. On May 18 of that same year she was married to Emil Buss and in the course of the years this home was blessed with six children, three sons and three daughters. It was in Ashburn, Manitoba, where she accepted Christ as her personal Savior in 1924 and followed him in baptism in 1925, joining the Mennonite Brethren Church of Winnipeg, Man. In September, 1944 she came with her husband to Vancouver, B. C., and joined the fellowship of the Bethany Baptist Church.

Though she spent most of the last year as a bed patient, at home and in the hospital, yet she was content to the day when she was beckoned home by her Savior on April 20th at the age of 71 years, 8 months and 5 days. She leaves to mourn her departure a devoted and loving husband; two sons: Daniel and Arthur; three daughters: Olga Harmel, Edna Teske, and Elma Weber, all of Vancouver; 14 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and numerous friends.

Bethany Baptist Church,
Vancouver, British Columbia
I. FASZER, Pastor

MRS. MARY ROTH of Erie, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Mary Roth of Erie, Pa., was born in Erie on Sept. 12, 1874, and was released from her weary body May 5, 1958. An earnest lifelong prayer of hers was answered in that she requested life of her Lord only long enough to care for her husband. Unknown to friends, she had suffered from an incurable disease for several years, but she never complained.

She was a lifelong member of Central Baptist Church and in earlier life had been active in several organizations of the church. With her husband she was concerned for the promotion of the Lord's work. To hospital staff and patients she was a living testimony of Christ-likeness.

Preceded in death by her husband on March 20th of this year, she is survived by two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Rose Storz and Mrs. Gertrude Diehl, both of Erie, and several nephews and nieces. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).

Central Baptist Church,
Erie, Pennsylvania
EUGENE K. STROH, Pastor

MR. ALBERT F. ROTH of Erie, Pennsylvania

Mr. Albert F. Roth of Erie, Pa., was born in Germany, Dec. 25, 1870, and passed away March 20, 1958 at Erie after a period of long suffering and failing health. He died a few days before he and his wife were to have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. Roth was employed by a local organ firm. He was considered a "Voicer," a position rare in the music field, requiring perfect ear pitch.

He had the work of the Lord at heart. Opportunity for prayer and Scripture reading brought him great joy. He was honored by his church with the office of Honorary Deacon.

Mr. Roth left to mourn his passing his devoted wife, Mrs. Mary Roth, and a sister, Mrs. Rose Storz, former matron at our Seminary in Rochester, N. L., now residing in Erie. With the Apostle Paul the thinking of Brother Roth was: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Central Baptist Church,
Erie, Pennsylvania
EUGENE K. STROH, Pastor

MRS. EDITH L. SCHILLINGER of Erie, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Edith L. Schillinger of Erie, Pa., was born Oct. 7, 1872 in Erie, and resided there all her life. After a lengthy period of confinement to hospital and home, she was called Home by her Savior on April 7, 1958. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred G. Schillinger, on March 21, 1957.

Mrs. Schillinger joined the Central Baptist Church early in her life. In her earlier years she was active in the Missionary Society and church choir. With her husband she took great interest in the work of "The Gideons." Though unable to attend in recent years, she was still interested in her church and the Lord's work.

Left to mourn her passing are: Miss Florence Schillinger, Central Church's organist; Mrs. A. N. Bodenbender, Kenmore, N. Y.; Mrs. John Dittrick, Elizabeth, N. J.; Mr. Alvin W. Schillinger, Sewickley, Pa.; 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. The undersigned based words of comfort on verses from Psalm 39. "And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee."

Central Baptist Church,
Erie, Pennsylvania
EUGENE K. STROH, Pastor

MR. HARRY DEBOER of George, Iowa

Mr. Harry DeBoer of George, Iowa, was born June 19, 1882 in Simonwolde, Germany. He died May 14th in the Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He had reached the age of 75 years, 10 months and 25 days. As a child, he emigrated with his parents to the United States and settled at Grundy Center, Iowa, and from there they moved to Lyon County, Iowa.

On Feb. 24, 1904 he was joined in holy marriage to Mrs. Hilka DeBoer (nee Helen Kruger) and moved to Mountain Lake, Minn., for some time. In 1909 the DeBoer family settled on a farm near Little Rock, Iowa. In 1945 they retired from farming and moved near the First Baptist Church, George, Iowa. He confessed his faith in Christ, was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church. He served the church as deacon from 1947 until the Lord called him Home.

He leaves to mourn his departure 5 children: John and Jacob of George, Iowa; Peter and Grace (Mrs. Reimer Henrichs) of Little Rock, Iowa; and Helen at home; and 3 stepchildren: Jennie (Mrs. John G. Krueger); Jessie (Mrs. Cornelius Freese); and Alma (Mrs. Alma Mudder).

First Baptist Church,
George, Iowa
JOHN REIMER, Pastor

MRS. BERTHA MARKWART of Salt Creek, Oregon

Mrs. Bertha Johanna Markwart, nee May, of Salt Creek, Ore., was born Sept. 13, 1884, in Auerbach, Germany, and died May 12, 1958, in Salt Creek, Oregon, having reached the age of 73 years, 7 months and 29 days. She came to the United States with her parents when she was three years old and settled in Nebraska. The family came to Sheridan, Oregon, in 1895 and three years later settled at Salt Creek. On Jan. 20, 1898, she was baptized by Rev. Gustav Schunke and became a member of the Salt Creek Baptist Church. Later she made her home in Salem, Oregon.

On April 2, 1921, she was married to Albert Markwart of Bowdon, N. Dak., where she resided until the death of her husband, Jan. 30, 1947. Thereafter she returned to Oregon and made her home in Salt Creek where she again became affiliated with the Salt Creek Baptist Church. Mrs. Markwart is survived by three sisters: Lydia of Portland, Lena and Minnie of Salt Creek; three brothers: Herman and Otto of Salt Creek, and Arthur of Dallas; three stepdaughters; two stepsons; five nieces and five nephews. Salt Creek Baptist Church,
Salt Creek, Oregon

Dallas, Oregon
ROBERT F. PENNER, Pastor

MR. GEORGE OORLOG of Avon, South Dakota

Mr. George Oorlog of Avon, S. Dak., was born on July 12, 1880 at Bunde, Ost Friesland and arrived in this country in 1892. He

was united in holy matrimony to Alvina Radach on Dec. 13, 1906 at Avon, S. Dak. He received the Lord as Savior and was baptized by Rev. George Lohr on May 4, 1907 and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Avon for a short time. He and his wife joined the Danzig Baptist Church where he proved to be an active member. He served as Sunday School superintendent, teacher, and treasurer, church janitor, member of the cemetery committee, and enjoyed participating in singing in vocal groups.

On January 12, 1956 he entered the South Dakota State Hospital of Yankton, S. Dak., where he remained until his death on May 9, 1958. Surviving are his wife Alvina; six children: Mrs. Bill Dall, Mr. Albert Oorlog, Mrs. Ewald Pudwill, Mrs. Elmer Pritzkau, Mrs. Clifford Dvigg, and Mr. Henry Oorlog; 3 brothers; and 5 sisters.

Danzig Baptist Church,
Avon, South Dakota
RUBIN HERRMANN, Pastor

MRS. MARY MADIUK of Leduc, Alberta

Mrs. Mary Madiuk of Leduc, Alberta, went peacefully to her eternal reward on Sunday, April 27, with all her children present. She was born on January 6, 1905 to Andrew and Polly Workun in this area. Having expressed her faith in Christ as Savior at the age of 18, she was baptized in the Strathcona Baptist Church of Edmonton. On May 8, 1927 she was united in marriage with Max Madiuk. Five children were born to this union, one of whom preceded the mother in death.

On April 10, 1955 the hand of fellowship was extended to her by the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc where she worked faithfully until death. Having reached the age of 53 years, 3 months and 21 days, she leaves to mourn her passing her husband Max; two daughters: Mrs. Wayland Cleveland, Mrs. Robert Martin; two sons, Gordon and Bernie; 6 grandchildren, and her mother Polly Workun.

Temple Baptist Church,
Leduc, Alberta
ERVIN J. FAUL, Officiating Minister

MRS. ROSALIE WEBER of Linton, North Dakota

Mrs. Rosalie Weber, nee Wagner, of Linton, N. Dak., was born in South Russia, March 20, 1898, and died on May 2, 1958. As a girl of 11, she came with her parents to the United States, locating near Herreid, S. Dak., and later she came to the area of Linton, where she grew into young womanhood, and was married in 1918 to Louie Weber. To this union ten children were born, one dying in infancy. Nine children, five daughters and four sons, her husband, and 23 grandchildren survive her, also one sister and one brother.

She was baptized by Rev. Albert Ittermann in 1923 and joined the local Baptist Church. Funeral services were held in Linton with Rev. A. J. Fischer officiating at an unusually large service, showing the community's respect and esteem for the departed one. May the Lord comfort those who greatly sorrow!

First Baptist Church,
Linton, North Dakota
A. J. FISCHER, Pastor

MR. OTTO H. KRIEGER of Forest Park, Illinois

Mr. Otto H. Krieger of Forest Park, Ill., was born in Germany July 27, 1893. He came to the Forest Park area with his parents in 1903 where he spent the entire span of his life. He accepted Christ in faith as a young lad, was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Forest Park Baptist Church. He was united in marriage with Minnie Fiege in 1915. Mr. Krieger was a loving, kind and considerate husband and father. He was highly respected by his neighbors and friends. His Christian witness was made evident in a quiet, radiant way.

He was called to his eternal reward very suddenly and unexpectedly on Tuesday morning, May 6, on his way to work. He leaves to mourn his departure his loving wife; one son, Robert; two daughters, Mrs. Clarence Eberts, Mrs. Ralph Kolow; 7 grandchildren, and one brother, Richard Bartsch. The funeral was held on Thursday, May 8. The beautiful flowers and the many friends who came to pay their respects and express their sympathy to his family were but a small tribute of the high regard in which our friend and fellow-Christian was held.

Forest Park Baptist Church,
Forest Park, Illinois
RUBIN KERN, Pastor

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Conferences	April, 1958	April, 1957	April, 1956
Atlantic	\$ 2,879.64	\$ 5,264.78	\$ 2,520.65
Central	4,770.20	1,859.58	3,681.66
Dakota	18,692.39	15,560.36	15,142.96
Eastern	10,151.26	7,359.37	9,048.30
Northern	9,088.32	4,311.64	7,783.89
Northwestern	12,173.53	10,005.42	7,146.64
Pacific	15,917.50	10,004.80	9,921.23
Southern	792.47	645.66	3,836.34
Southwestern	6,117.21	7,645.35	6,124.33
Inter-Conference	153.55		
Total Contributions	\$80,736.06	\$62,656.96	\$65,206.00

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of April, 1958	\$74,771.15	\$ 5,964.91	\$80,736.06
For the month of April, 1957	58,058.43	4,598.53	62,656.96
For the month of April, 1956	60,161.61	5,044.39	65,206.00

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

SAME AS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Missionary Fires and Fervor

Report of the Annual Sessions of the General Missionary Committee

by Dr. M. L. Leuschner

THE FIRES of missionary fervor burned brightly at the annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee held from April 29 to May 1 at Forest Park, Illinois. Six new missionaries were appointed for the Cameroons, Africa, bringing the total number of missionaries serving on all our fields to 77. A goal of 100 missionaries under appointment by 1964, the Jubilee Year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Program, was set.

THE MISSIONARY BUDGET

A missionary budget of \$295,175 was approved by the General Council with Special "Over and Above the Budget" requests also approved amounting to \$27,000. These are tremendous financial needs facing us in our missionary outreach for Christ.

supervises the program of "God's Volunteers." A glowing report could be given concerning the second year of this ministry under the direction of Rev. Elmer C. Strauss. It is "catching fire" as the team shows our church people the importance of visitation evangelism and as these young people are themselves greatly blessed. It will be continued for another year with a special "Over and Above the Budget" appropriation of \$7,500. But "Prayer Partners" for "God's Volunteers" who will pray and give \$5.00 per person are urgently needed. Have you done your part?

The General Mission Committee sessions lasted for three long, busy days! The Committee reviewed the entire missionary program of the denomina-

a survey questionnaire in 110 churches were reviewed. It was felt that a more effective program of evangelism should be undertaken in addition to the faithful work done by the two denominational evangelists, Rev. Daniel Fuchs and Rev. Herman Palfenier.

TEN NEW MISSIONARIES

The new missionaries appointed for the Cameroons field in Africa are Rev. and Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss, Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Stien. Another missionary may be appointed at Edmonton, Alberta. Three additional missionary workers in Austria, whose services will begin on September 1, 1958, were also approved. The missionary task and problems involved in the evangelistic, educational and medical work in the Cameroons, Africa, besides the administrative responsibilities and greater outreach in Japan, and our future relationship to the mission work in Austria, were carefully and prayerfully considered by the Committee. The past accomplishments and future outlook on the Indian and Spanish-American fields were likewise reviewed.

The Special "Over and Above the Budget" requests of the General Missionary Committee amounting to \$27,000 include the work of "God's Volunteers," \$7,500; Cameroons' missionary appointees, \$11,500; a mission car for the Japan Mission field at Ise, \$2,000; Cameroons mission buildings, \$2,000; the Centenary Jubilee Observance at Victoria, Africa, commemorating the 100th anniversary of Alfred Saker in founding Victoria, \$3,000; and the Spanish-American mission, \$1,000. These are special needs that merit the attention of individuals or groups who want to do something "extra" beyond their regular giving in their love to the Lord.

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edition of 15,000 is virtually sold out; only about 1,700 copies remain. In anticipation of continued sales and even going beyond the denominational borders to other churches, a second edition of 15,000 may soon be ordered.

WE SERVE YOU!

Reviewing the work of the Publication Society as a whole we feel a satisfaction in having had a part in the greater Kingdom work and in serving our constituency. More might have been done, but the Publication Society has tried to serve our people well with the resources at their disposal. May God bless his Word as it is being carried forward by the printed page!



Members and guests of the General Missionary Committee in attendance at the annual sessions in Forest Park, Ill. Rev. Walter Sukut, missionary to Japan, is at the extreme left; Rev. R. Schilke, missionary secretary is 3rd from left; Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons missionary, is 2nd from right.

The burden of Church Extension was laid heavily on the hearts of the Mission Committee members. The words of Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, were a fervent expression of the faith of the committee: "We must continue to challenge our people in our various churches to be interested in this expansion of our work at home." A total of 30 different Church Extension projects have benefited in one way or another from this fund. The membership of the 23 organized churches has grown from 646 to 2,173. Since January 1, 1954 our people have given \$261,944.22 to our Church Extension Fund. But a great deal more needs to be done! A goal of \$50,000 has again been set for the fiscal year, 1958-1959, which will be used for the organizing of new Church Extension projects and the support of those already begun.

The General Missionary Committee

tion and was concerned over the fact "that our missionary giving has not increased over the past year in comparison to local expenditures as well as giving to many outside causes." The committee's task in supervising the mission funds received is "a work of faith, a labor of love, a patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 1:3).

At present there are 43 churches which receive mission support, and two or three more are expected to apply for assistance during the course of the fiscal year. But the total amount requested is 14½ percent less than a year ago. Our mission-supported churches are catching the vision of more intensive stewardship before God as increasingly they help themselves. A study of evangelism in the local churches covering the years 1955-1957 was undertaken by the General Missionary Committee. The results of