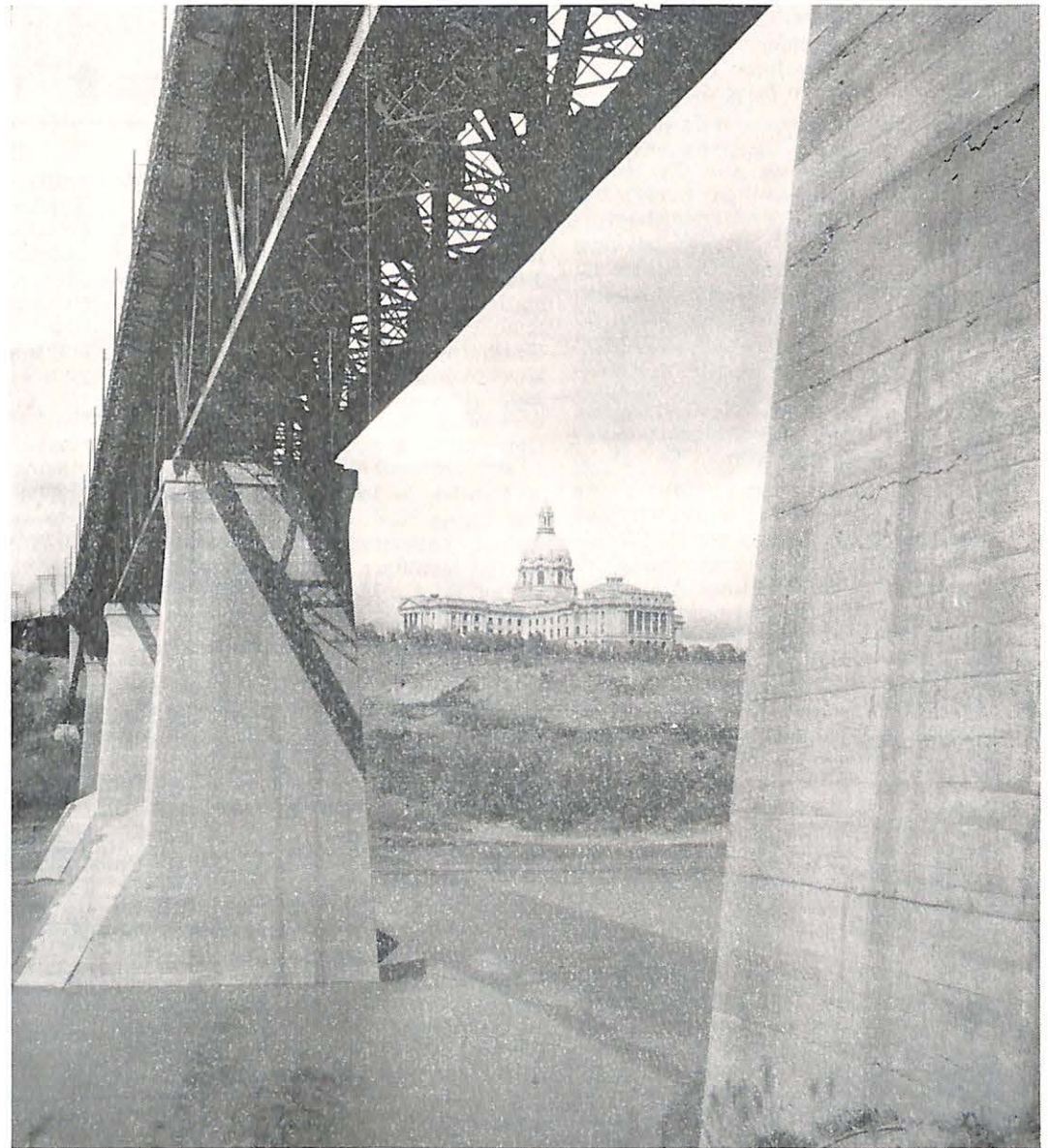


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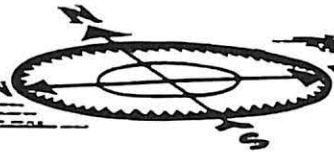
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Zwingli, Swiss Reformer

Millions of Baptists in Prayer



• The Gospel Light Hour, a Mennonite Brethren radio broadcast from Winnipeg, is planning to produce the first Mennonite Russian language radio broadcast. It will be beamed directly to Russia over powerful short-wave stations at Quito, Ecuador, and on the west coast of the United States.

• One of the rarest Bibles in the world, the Ferrara Bible, has been acquired by the Free Library in Philadelphia, Pa. The book is one of 48 copies printed in 1553 in Ferrara, Italy, and was the first edition of the Old Testament printed in Spanish. It ranks with the Gutenberg Bible in rarity. Seven Philadelphians financed purchase of the volume from an Oxford, England, rare book dealer.

• An influx of refugees from the Soviet Zone into West Germany has considerably augmented the Protestant population there and in many districts has drastically altered the traditional numerical proportion between Protestants and Roman Catholics. Of an estimated 3,000,000 who have fled the Soviet Zone since 1945, about 77 per cent have been Protestants and 15 per cent Catholics. As a result, many traditionally Catholic communities and regions of West Germany now have a large Protestant population. —The Watchman Examiner.

• "The Book That Lives" is the theme that has been chosen for 1958 by the American Bible Society for its World-wide Bible Reading program, from Thanksgiving to Christmas. This year will be the 15th annual observance of this reading program. All attempts to trace the original telephone call from the mother of the young Marine in Guadalcanal to the Bible Society's office, which resulted in the ever-growing Bible reading program, have failed.

• A new book on "Christianity and Evolution" composed of papers written by members of the American Scientific Affiliation will be published in 1959, the centennial year of the publishing of Darwin's theory of evolution. It will be edited by Dr. Russell Mixer, professor of biology at Wheaton College. The American Scientific Affiliation is an organization of scientists who hold a conservative evangelical viewpoint. It seeks to foster an interest in the relationship between science and the Christian faith by means of its quarterly journal, local section meetings, national conventions and the publication of books. This organization has grown from a membership of five at its founding in 1941 to more than 700 at the present time.

• A special Scripture distribution is being conducted by the American Bible Society along the new St. Law-

rence Seaway. Four thousand "mobile homes" have brought temporary residents to a previously sparsely populated section. A worker of the Bible Society has been visiting the trailer courts leaving an illustrated Gospel in each home and presenting each trailer-dweller with the opportunity to possess and read the Bible. Nearly 700 volumes of the Society's Scriptures have been distributed so far in this program, which will continue for several months.

• Distribution of the Scriptures may bring unusual problems, according to



Baptist Briefs

• **Southern Baptists Less Rural.** Southern Baptists are becoming less rural, delegates to the denomination's Rural Church Conference were told. Rev. J. P. Edmunds of Nashville, statistician of the Baptist Sunday School Board, said only 75 per cent of Southern Baptist churches are now rural, compared with 85 per cent in 1949. He added that today only 48 per cent of the members of the Southern Convention are rural, compared with 56 per cent in 1949.

• **Baptists in Taiwan.** Organization of the Ching Mei Baptist Church near Taipei, Taiwan, with more than 100 charter members, brings to 18 the number of Baptist churches constituted in this island and under direction of the Taiwan Baptist Convention. There are more than 30 chapels and countless other preaching points in Taiwan which it is believed in time will develop into independent self-supporting churches. Dr. Y. K. Chang is president of the Taiwan Baptist Convention. Taiwan is another name for Formosa.

• **Baptists in Revolutionary Cuba.** "Although our work has been affected considerably by present revolutionary conditions in Cuba, we can praise the Lord for progress in the spiritual strength of the churches," Rev. Oscar Rodriguez writes in the "Eastern Cuba Baptist News." "Trying days have been growing days. Our recent meetings with leaders for our Cuban Convention and pastors in general have given us evidence of a vital awareness of the meaning of God's blessings in the face of difficulties and trials," Mr. Rodriguez writes. "Hardships and sufferings become stepping stones to victory in partnership with the Lord. Such is our experience in this land of revolutionary activities."

• **Non-smoking Baptists.** The German Baptist weekly "Die Gemeinde" re-

word received by the American Bible Society from Japan. Colporteurs of the Bible Society there report that the prowling habits of bears in Akito Province have caused great consternation among the country villages. The colporteurs, whose work often requires them to return to their centers at dusk, are afraid of possible attacks by these grizzlies. The five colporteurs now at work in the area have asked the Bible Society to provide them with bells which they can ring on their return to the villages so that the bears will be frightened away.

cently called attention to the fact that Russian Baptists do not smoke. This occasioned a correspondent to write as follows: "I spent six years in Russia, as a prisoner. Often I was offered a cigarette by some well-meaning Russian. Whenever I declined the offer and said: 'Spaziba, ja ne kur yu' (thank you, I don't smoke), in most cases I was directly asked: 'Are you a Baptist?' "By this means I came to know several Russian Baptists. Afterwards I put the same question to Russians who did not smoke or swear; in most cases they turned out to be Baptists. Thus, I discovered five Baptists while I was working in a factory for kitchen utensils."

• **Baptist Encyclopedia.** The Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, three years in the making, has emerged from the presses as a scholarly two-volume, 1544-page work which is a credit to the denomination and a valuable reference item for Baptists everywhere. Edited by Dr. Norman Cox, secretary of the Historical Commission of the Convention, the Encyclopedia contains 4,349 articles, 92 pages of pictures, 657 biographies, with a total of 1,400,000 words. Several pages are devoted to the North American Baptist General Conference and its mission fields.

• **American Baptist Headquarters.** The Interchurch Center, New York, N. Y., will be recommended as the administrative headquarters of the American Convention when it meets in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 12-17. Recommended also will be Valley Forge, Pa., as the operations, and regional convention location for publishing and related offices to be established in Western and Central locations. This is the essence of an eighteen-page report by Chairman Ellis J. Holt, of the commission on headquarters location, to the General Council at its meeting in Kansas City, Kans., March 12-14.

Editorial...



The Keeper of the Keys

SOMEONE HAS SAID that every Mother is the keeper of keys in her home. It is Mother who unlocks the doors of a home to love and beauty and peace. Many of our first experiences, opening our eyes to the glory of life, are associated with Mother in the home. By her teaching ministry and the molding influences of her life, Mother places the right key of learning at the most opportune time into the hands of her child. That is what Henry Ward Beecher meant by saying that "the mother's heart is the child's schoolroom."

In many instances Mother opens the window of truth upon God. She has been God's keeper of keys for many of her children. The Apostle Paul recognized this truth in the life of young Timothy because of "the unfeigned faith that dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois and thy mother Eunice." It is a spiritual foundation of Christian faith in many lives. Their mothers were the first to open the pages of the Bible to them, to teach them precious truths of God, to show them the way of redeeming love in Christ, to introduce them to the Savior.

Every true Mother has been the first to see her child's mind opening to new vistas of understanding. That is both a privilege and a responsibility. A Mother largely determines how that child's life will unfold and be trained as she uses the important keys of love and guidance in her possession.

"You may have tangible wealth untold;
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold;
Richer than I you can never be—
I have a mother who read to me."

A number of years ago Clementine Paddleford paid a beautiful tribute to her mother in "The Christian Herald" in which she related some of the things which she had learned from her mother on the farm. "She is gone, but her legacy to me is riches that can never be bought nor sold and into which the question of money enters not at all. We had little cash money, but we didn't buy our happiness out of the stores. Mother taught us how to take it first hand out of the farm."

Our first impressions of life, our initial learning experiences, the foundation for the habits that go with us through the years, the attitudes that represent our unfolding personalities—these are the things that Mother has helped to create in us. In her hands are these all-important keys to a full and rich life!

Through a Mother's ministry most of us have seen a picture of love in action, of beauty that lifts us heavenward. Because her love is stamped upon our souls, we are inspired to new heights of service. She has shown us our destiny for the future.

A Christian Mother's blessing cannot be fully evaluated on Mother's Day. For she works hand in hand with God in the establishing of a home and in the rearing of a family that honors the Name of Christ. She finds her greatest joy as God's keeper of the keys of understanding. This is also her prayer as a Christian Mother:

"I have the joy of tasks well done;
Of making a house into a home;
For those whom I do love on earth
And Christ, who gives our work worth."

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Treasures of the Heart

Blessed is the person who has known a godly mother
and who has made the greatness of her devotion
the treasure of his heart!

A MOTHER'S DAY SERMON

By Rev. Leon Bill, Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla.

A MAN'S HEART is host to an invaluable treasure. This is not a treasure of an estate obtained by his own initiative or good fortune but a vast gallery of mother's favor. The created has conceived and fashioned his own contribution of beauty to claim the gratitude of his brother.

But even before man began his fashioning, God had forged for his creation gems so rare that they must remain unsurpassed or even unmatched. For he fashioned a pearl of great price and called it "Mother."

The sage of the Old Testament put her price far above rubies. So great is her virtue that it demands the heart, trust and praise of her husband. Her children, too, in solemn reverence must call her blessed.

Mother, a gift so rare and priceless, is a treasure unsurpassed in value. It is a prize given to every man who has known the delight of a God-fearing mother. No man who has known the joy of a real mother would deny her the honor due her sacred task. For mother is a living expression of faith, courage and love to be treasured in the heart of every person.

TREASURES OF FAITH

The heritage of faith is transmitted from one generation to the next. Thus Moses urged the Hebrew people diligently to instruct their children in God's great commandments.

Mother's torch of faith, imparted to the child's heart, is the motivating principle which continues long after her personal nurture has ceased. When personal care has terminated, the standard of Mother's faith is the light to guide the prodigal back to Mother's Christ.

No memory is so cherished as those at mother's knee. There was fascination as she told of God dealing with his people; a mixed emotion in hearing of a lovely Child, a rejected Christ,

and a crucified Savior; but a mysterious hope in an ending world and a returning Christ. The bearing out in mother's life of the principles taught is her means of expressing their importance.

G. Campbell Morgan testifies concerning his mother that his dedication to the preaching of the Word was maternal. Mother never told it to the baby or the boy, but waited. When only eight years old, he preached to his little sister and to her dolls arrayed in orderly form before him. His sermons were Bible stories which he had first heard from his mother.

Blessed is the man whose mother's faith has become the treasure of his heart.

TREASURES OF COURAGE

The challenge of motherhood demands the courage which is born of mother's faith. It is courage expressed in the ability to bear deepest sorrow or to match the greatest challenge. If in mother we recognize the ultimate of human love, then we must also admit the possible deepest sorrow of heart.

So often we have been made aware of the courage needed in face of sorrow. Mothers in the sunset years of life, some now living in an adopted country, recall their infant sons and daughters reclaimed by heaven while yet living in their native land or in the early years of pioneering. Such experiences demanded courage of the highest caliber, but they produced God-fearing mothers who gave us a Christian heritage of which to be proud. Less frequent, but just as real today, is the grief of every mother whose treasured gift became heaven's joy.

The challenge of the present is no less demanding on courage. At the cradle mother's mind follows the imagined future of a child now only aware of tender care. The dread of

fever is replaced by the scourge of "eat, drink and be merry." It is the courage of faithful mothers, challenged by God's Word and daring to trust it by faith, who have and will continue to preserve for posterity the Christian faith in Jesus Christ.

Rich is the man who has known such a mother and whose mother's courage is the treasure of his heart.

TREASURES OF LOVE

Who can fathom the depth of a mother's love? Her affection never ceases, however unworthy we may be of her love. Hers is a friendship of devotion and purity.

I'm sure at times mothers must wonder if their contribution to daily life is really worthwhile. There are so many opportunities and occupations which seem to hold a greater glory and thus capture the mind and attention of the masses. She might well ask, What is my contribution as compared with other occupations? We hasten to say that the daily round of duties and household chores should never make her task seem second rate. The authority and power within her hand is so great we cannot measure nor comprehend it. Her power lies in limitless devotion and unfaltering love. It is a love that never wavers but always grows stronger and stronger with the years. Can such devotion and power be termed insignificant?

Motherhood is an opportunity to challenge the best but also a goal to be realized by all who understand its sacredness. Heaven alone will reveal the stature of motherhood. Her loving devotion, courage and faithfulness will command heaven's richest and greatest reward.

Happy is the man who has known a godly mother and who has made the greatness of her devotion the treasure of his heart.



Parma Heights Baptist Church leaders behind "the sacred desk."
Rev. Edwin Miller (center), pastor; Rev. Harold Lang (left), Snowview pastor; and Miss LaVerna Mehlhoff (right), director of Christian Education.

CASUAL OBSERVERS would be amazed to know the thrilling methods God used in the organizing of the Parma Heights Baptist Church in Parma Heights, Ohio, a rapidly growing suburb of Cleveland. Situated on a 12-acre plot in a key location is this modern, buff-colored, brick church accented with beautiful shrubbery, trees, and flowers, preaching the old-fashioned Gospel. A knowledge of its history will attest to the guidance of the Lord and to the effectual fervent prayers of his people.

ITS HISTORY

As early as 1939, under the direction of Rev. T. W. Bender, a building fund was launched as part of the 54th anniversary celebration of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, the mother church of the Parma Heights Baptist Church. During the war years the church was pastored by Rev. H. Hirsch and building plans were necessarily postponed.

In 1948 Edwin W. Miller was called as pastor and his encouragement of sacrificial and regular support of the Building Fund was enthusiastically received. There were about \$2,500 in this fund in 1948. God led the committee to find our present property, which was purchased in 1952 at the bargain price of \$9,400.

A Bible Class was begun in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Arndt who graciously kept their home open to these studies each week for two years until the new church was dedicated to the work.

Ground was broken for the new church on July 11, 1954 and on May

A Modern Church Preaching the Old-Fashioned Gospel

The Story of the Parma Heights Baptist Church,
Parma Heights, Ohio, and Its
Snowview Church Extension Project

By Rev. Edwin Miller, Pastor

1, 1955 the church was dedicated. Two of our members, Mr. Philip Pfaff, superintendent of construction, and Mr. Myron Kronenberger, chairman of the Building Committee, were invaluable in supervising the construction of the church. At the organizational meeting held on Jan. 18, 1956, a total of 153 members transferred their membership from the mother church to the new Parma Heights Baptist Church. Dr. Martin Leuschner spoke at the dedication service and Dr. Frank Woyke at the recognition service. The church was received into the Central Conference of the North American Baptist General Conference on June 29, 1956 at the Colonial Village Baptist Church in Lansing, Mich.

WORKING OUT THE PROBLEMS

Originally the Erin Avenue Baptist Church had planned to construct a new church to house its entire membership. However, God led the people in a new and thrilling venture as the need to maintain the flourishing Church School and children's work in the neighborhood evidenced itself. Then, too, in the year 1952, when an influx of many fine Baptist German-speaking immigrants came to our city, it became necessary to resume German services, which had been discontinued in 1948. Rev. W. J. Luebeck, acting manager of the Roger Williams Press, ministered to their needs in the German language in the lower auditorium.

A church meeting was held and questionnaires completed by the members, indicating whether to maintain the Erin Avenue Church as a bilingual

work and the new venture completely English, or all to relocate in the new location. It was almost unanimously agreed in October, 1953 to maintain the old church as an active bilingual witness.

Financially, how could a small church dare to venture into the unknown with half of its membership and still maintain the previous program at the original location? To one not realizing the potential, it would be folly. The Lord led the church into a tithing and sacrificial giving experience in which he graciously provided all needs and gave joy beyond measure to the givers.

The years of 1953 and 1954 were important for during that time the unified budget was studied and adopted, and stewardship, including tithing and proportionate giving, was stressed. The promise of Malachi 3:10 was proven true, and there was no need to employ professional fund raisers or to engage in any type of money raising sales.

PER CAPITA GIVING OF \$226

Replacing the officers and teachers at Erin Avenue Church, who would soon be transferring to the new church, proved to be a fruitful and rewarding task. Six months before the new church began, new officers filled the Sunday School posts and other positions of leadership in the old church. This was profitable to the Erin Avenue Church in that there was no awkward strange "newness" for the few weeks following the separation. God truly led in these necessary decisions.

Harmony prevailed in the relation-

ships of the two churches during this transitional period. Each group was eager to see the Lord working in each other's midst, and news of encouraging progress in both the mother church and the new work was received enthusiastically. Mr. Miller pastored both groups until the new church was established as a New Testament Church and until both churches were self-supporting.

Ervin B. Strauss, upon the completion of his training at our Seminary, was called to be assistant pastor in July 1955 to care for the mother church. Miss LaVerna Mehlhaff, director of Christian Education at the church since 1952, served both churches until Erin Avenue was able to secure the services of Miss Manetta Froehlich as its new director in the spring of 1956.

Approval of the Lord was manifest in the way each church became self-supporting. The property of the Parma Heights Church was valued at \$205,000 of which \$70,000 were borrowed from a bank, \$15,000 from our denomination, \$20,000 in bonds purchased by the members, plus a \$17,000 first mortgage which the Erin Avenue Church assumed on its property. It was a happy day last fall when Otto Bonkowsky, treasurer of the Parma Heights Church, announced final payment of the \$70,000 first mortgage. In fact the indebtedness of \$105,000 in 1955 has been reduced to a present balance due of about \$15,000 which has averaged a debt reduction of \$30,000 per year.

In 1956 with a membership of 237 the church income was \$49,000 or \$206 per capita. Last year the membership of 296 gave \$67,000 or \$226 per capita. The Finance Committee has set a budget income for 1958 of \$75,000. These figures reveal unquestionably that God has poured out his blessings upon this tithing people.

THE CHURCH'S FACILITIES

The chapel has a seating capacity of about 250 people. The pews are finished in natural oak as is the wood paneling.



Rev. Edwin Miller (center), pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio, begins the work day with devotions with Miss LaVerna Mehlhaff (right), director of Christian Education, and Rev. Harold Lang (left), Snowview Church Extension pastor.

Beautiful draperies throughout the church were made by some of the talented women of the church. A Conn electric organ with chimes adds much to our worship services.

Beautiful nursery facilities meet the needs of our many young families for all of the Sunday services. The various Church School Departments have their individual assembly rooms, and a lovely social hall is served by a well-equipped kitchen nearby.

A furnace room, garden room, three offices (one general office, one for the director of Christian Education, and one for the pastor), and rest rooms complete the educational unit. The heating is hot water radiant heat in the floor covered by asphalt tile throughout. The color decorations of the church were the suggestions of an interior decorating service.

The spacious grounds allow two softball diamonds used by the YMCA church league, of which our young men

are participants. There is ample room for parking, picnicking, and for outdoor evening services.

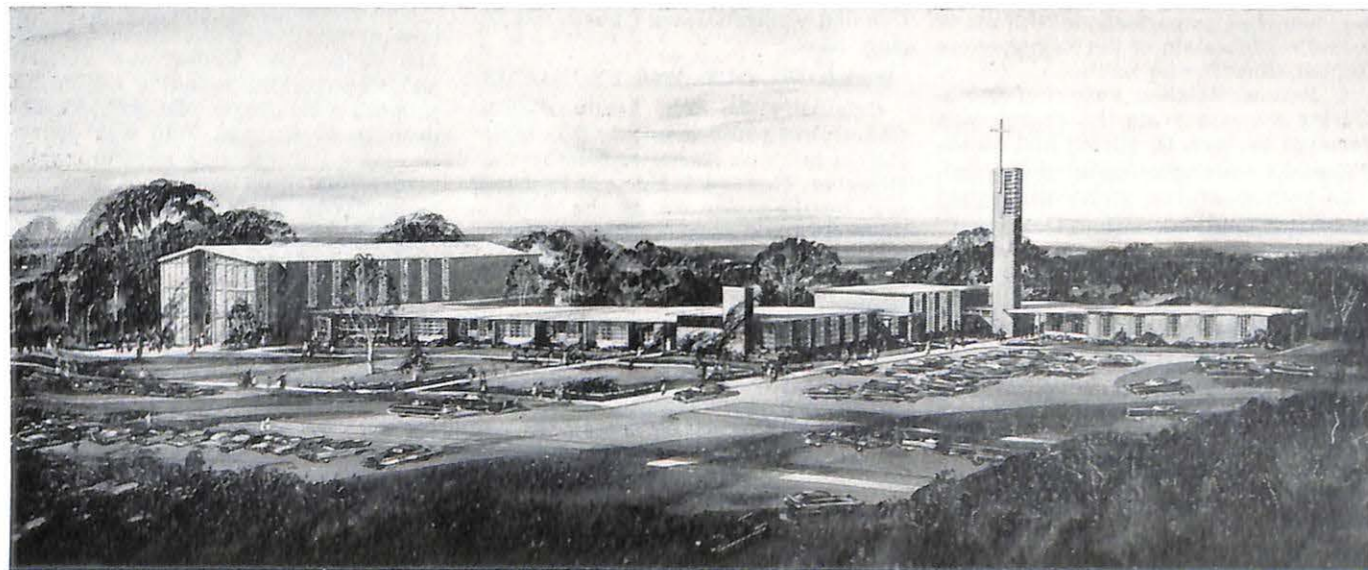
THE CHURCH PROGRAM

Duplicate morning worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 and the evening service at 7:00 are well attended. (Average attendances for 1957 were 150, 210, and 165 respectively.) The 7:00 o'clock service has proven to be popular since the time enables parents with children to attend and permits others to invite guests to their homes for fellowship after the service.

The Church School meets at 9:45 A.M. with an average attendance of 330. Two classrooms for the Intermediate Department are rented in a nearby school.

A training union of study groups for all ages is maintained on Sunday evenings at 6:00 P.M. Beginners' Church and Junior Church are con-

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The architect's sketch of the completed buildings for the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio. Thus far, the educational building, church tower and chapel at the right have been built and dedicated to the glory of God.

CHURCH EXTENSION AT SNOWVIEW, OHIO

First Account of the 27th Church Extension Project in the Snowview, Ohio, Area
By Rev. Harold Lang, Church Extension Pastor

ALONG WITH the expansion of facilities of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio, the church also is undertaking expansion in another area. A new, branch church is in its infant stages in an area about four miles from the Parma Heights Church. This recently developed sector of Parma is called Snowview.

The vision of opening a work in the Snowview area was seen over a year ago. As the neighborhood was canvassed and studied, the realization came that there was a real need for a Christian witness in this section. For some time the church bus picked up Sunday School scholars living there. But beyond that, it was definitely seen that there was a need for a church right in that growing community.

FIRST SERVICES

Inquiry was made concerning the possibility of utilizing a school building for services temporarily. The Church Extension Committee of our denomination, upon seeing the possibilities of beginning a fruitful ministry there, expressed its willingness to endorse the new venture with the financial support of a worker.

In the fall of this past year, the plans concerning the start of a work at Snowview began to materialize. Since the school was temporarily unavailable on Sunday mornings, a Sunday afternoon service was held. The first service was conducted on Sunday, Oct. 6. There were 35 persons present. On subsequent Sundays Rev. Edwin Miller, pastor of the Parma Heights church, conducted afternoon services. It was immediately apparent that for the growth of this new work services should be shifted to Sunday mornings as quickly as possible. That became a definite matter of prayer.

CHURCH EXTENSION SERVICES

On November 10, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., came to Cleveland to begin their ministry in the Parma Heights Church and particularly in the new work at Snowview. It was a real thrill that first Sunday afternoon to sit in the school auditorium and to listen to my home pastor from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Rev. Henry Pfeifer, bring a challenge from God's Word on the topic of winning the lost in the community.

The Lord continued to open doors so that, beginning with the last Sunday of November, we were able to hold morning services at the school. The first Sunday of December, we began Sunday School with about 35 persons in attendance.

Although the Snowview work is only a few months old, we are thankful to God for his leading thus far. In spite of unpleasant weather conditions,

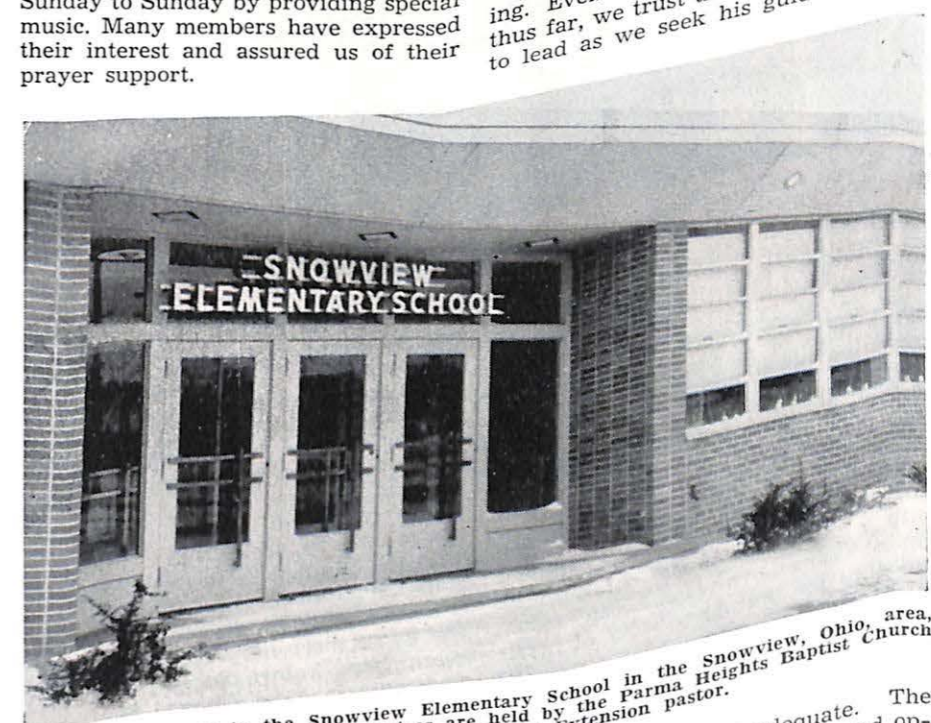
our attendance has increased from the thirties to the fifties. The members of the Parma Heights Church who live in the new area and attend Snowview have given their complete support to the work. They continue to labor sacrificially in every possible way.

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS

The interest shown by the members of the Parma Heights Church in this new project is a constant source of encouragement and blessing. A portion of the Parma Heights' Bulletin is devoted to the service at Snowview. The musically inclined members of Parma Heights aid us in our worship from Sunday to Sunday by providing special music. Many members have expressed their interest and assured us of their prayer support.

At present, and most likely until we are able to build a church of our own, the only services held in the Snowview school are the Sunday morning services. However, those attending these services are encouraged and helped in attending other services and functions at Parma Heights Church on Sunday evenings and during the week.

Pertaining to the future, definite plans concerning the formation of a Pioneer Girls' work have been made. We hope soon to begin an adult Bible study group meeting in a private home on a weekday evening. Also we are seeking to find a suitable lot for the construction of our own church building. Even as the Lord has directed thus far, we trust that he will continue to lead as we seek his guidance.



The front entrance to the Snowview Elementary School in the Snowview, Ohio, area, where Sunday morning worship services are held by the Parma Heights Baptist Church and Rev. Harold Lang, Church Extension pastor.

PARMA HEIGHTS CHURCH

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ducted during the two morning services.

The mid-week prayer meeting is held on Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. After Bible study the following five prayer groups meet for prayer: men, women, youth, children, and the choir (the choir meets in the choir loft for prayer and begins rehearsal immediately at 8:30 P.M.). The Pilgrim and Colonist Pioneer Girls meet weekly and plans are being made to begin Stockade and Brigade for the boys. Both women's societies have agreed to begin monthly circle meetings and to have a union meeting of all the circles once a quarter.

God's blessings have been so abundantly manifest that the present facili-

ties are already inadequate. The church is alert to its challenge and opportunity to house satisfactorily the growing Church School. Final plans for the new educational unit have already been approved by the present building committee and construction has begun in March 1958. The new unit will include an overflow room for the chapel, a spacious church parlor with fireplace and kitchenette, a coat room, adequate storage rooms, a large nursery, toddlers room, three-year-old room, beginner room, primary room, adult class room, rest rooms with a ladies' lounge. The estimated cost will be about \$150,000. Upon the completion of the new unit, the Church School will be able comfortably to house 700 scholars. Our hearts are filled with praise to God who has made all of this possible!



The famous statue to Ulrich Zwingli, Swiss reformer (1484-1531), erected in Zurich, Switzerland, showing him as God's servant and a militant fighter for truth.

ULRICH ZWINGLI, *Swiss Reformer*

Zwingli lighted the fires of the Reformation in Switzerland and proclaimed the great doctrines of the supremacy of divine revelation in the Scriptures and the Sovereignty of God in his grace and man's election.

Third in a Series of Articles
on Reformation Heroes

By Prof. Hugo Lueck,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

HULDREICH (or Ulrich) Zwingli was born in Switzerland only seven weeks after Martin Luther. He also came of peasant stock, but his father was a man of means and ability. He grew up in a home that possessed those fine characteristics of the Swiss people: a strong feeling of independence and patriotism, and a zeal for religion and learning.

He went to school at Basel and Bern, Switzerland, and was a good student with a talent for music. In Bern he almost became a Dominican monk, probably for the opportunity of musical training in the monastery. His family intervened and removed him to the University of Vienna, apparently because it was a center of Humanists. He completed his studies in Basel under the Christian Humanist Wyttenbach.

Zwingli entered the priesthood and accepted the parish at Glarus. Though very busy, he kept up his humanistic and theological studies. His motive for becoming a priest was different from that of Luther for entering the monastery. Priesthood offered opportunities for carrying on his humanistic studies and spreading this new enlightenment among his people. He was strongly influenced by Erasmus and through him came into contact with a whole world of new thoughts.

STUDY OF THE BIBLE

Erasmus' idea of restoring New Testament Christianity in his "Philosophy of Christ" inspired him. He soon rejected scholasticism and devoted himself to the study of the Bible. When he first got hold of Erasmus' Greek New

Testament, he copied most of it and learned great sections of the Greek text by heart.

But while he shared the ideals of Erasmus and the Christian Humanists, he also differed from them in having a great interest in the common people. He was also a great patriot and keenly interested in the welfare of his native country, which was not the case with the Humanists. In this respect, he stood closer to Martin Luther.

He also served as a chaplain with the Swiss mercenary army. Swiss soldiers were known for their bravery and were in great demand at various European courts. But this system brought moral deterioration to the Swiss young manhood. Zwingli began to fight its abuse.

After ten years at Glarus, he became a "Leutpriester," that is, a people's priest in contrast to priests of monastic orders, at Maria Einsiedeln, Switzerland, a small place not far from Zurich, with a famous shrine to the Virgin. Here he saw flagrant superstition and began to speak against it. He never had such spiritual struggle within his soul as Luther experienced. His concern was the soul of his people, their ignorance and superstition which were

JOHN CALVIN

The fourth article in the series on John Calvin, another Reformation Hero, will appear in the May 29th issue of the "Baptist Herald." The fifth article on Hubmaier and the Anabaptists will be published in June.

being abused by the corruptions of the Church. Great crowds kept visiting the shrine through which Zwingli's powerful preaching became known in many places.

At that time he did not think of a separation from the Church. He was on friendly terms with his bishop and also with the papal legate, who even sympathized with Zwingli's interest in reform.

ZWINGLI'S COURAGEOUS STAND

After some time Zwingli was called as a people's priest to the Great Muenster Church in Zurich. From the very outset, he began to preach evangelical sermons by expounding the Scriptures book by book. He started with the gospel of Matthew, the favorite book of the Humanists, because of the Sermon on the Mount. This was also the basis of Erasmus' "Philosophy of Christ." Then he expounded Acts to show to the people the true Apostolic Church. Then followed Galatians with its emphasis on salvation by faith and not by works. He also held market-day sermons by which he reached the country people.

In 1519 the plague visited Zurich. Zwingli stayed on his post and also caught the disease. His severe illness and slow recovery brought him closer to God. The death of so many people made a deep impression upon him and he interpreted it as a sign from heaven to carry through his reform.

Zwingli had heard of Luther's courageous stand at the Leipzig Disputation and his burning of the pope's bull. Luther's writing also greatly encouraged him to advance in his attack

against the wrongs of the Church, until it lead to a radical break with the Roman Catholic cult and constitutions. By 1524 the reform was firmly established in Zurich and began to gain victories in many cities of Switzerland. But the forest cantons, up in the mountains, remained Catholic.

There was a serious threat from the emperor which compelled Zwingli to consider a union with the Lutheran states. For this purpose he met Martin Luther at the castle of Philip of Hesse in Marburg. They agreed on all points except on the question of the Lord's Supper. Luther insisted upon the doctrine of Christ's real presence in the bread and wine, which Zwingli refused to accept this, and the two great movements of the Reformation have remained separate ever since.

In October 1531 the five Catholic forest cantons invaded the territory of Zurich. Zwingli joined the troops as chaplain and was killed in battle. His enemies dismembered his body and burned it. Zwingli's untimely death delayed the Swiss reform movement for a time.

LUTHER AND ZWINGLI

Both Reformers, Luther and Zwingli, accepted the Word of God as the infallible rule of faith and practice. Both taught the depravity of the natural man and his inability to save himself, salvation through God's free grace, by faith and not by works, Christian liberty and the universal priesthood of all believers, and the Church as a community of saints. Both retained much of the traditional theology, especially in regard to the person and work of Christ and the Trinity.

But they rejected the authority of the Roman Catholic Church with its pope and its hierarchy, the mass and purgatory, five of the seven sacraments, the whole penitential system, celibacy of the priests, rites and ceremonies, feasts, fasts and pilgrimages, and monasticism. Both changed the traditional form of worship. Zwingli was the more radical and more consistent of the two.

Luther, with a deep reverence for the past and deeply rooted in the Catholic faith, retained all rites and ceremonies of the Catholic worship, which were not contrary to the Scriptures. He retained altars, images, ornaments, candles, organs, church bells and other things.

Zwingli, on the other hand, rejected everything which was not expressly commanded in the Bible. One by one they all had to go: the mass, the altar, church music, processions, pictures, relics. The fine organ of the church was broken up. All costly ornaments were sold or destroyed. All church holidays and saints' days were rejected, including Christmas and Easter. Only the Sunday was kept.

Zwingli laid less stress upon the Word and sacraments as means of grace. He retained baptism and communion as sacraments, but he gave them a more spiritual interpretation and regarded them, especially the



The Great-Muenster Church of Zurich, Switzerland, of which Ulrich Zwingli, the Swiss reformer, was the pastor.

Lord's Supper, as commemorative signs only. He denied the literal presence of the body and blood of Christ in or with the substance of bread and wine. But he did not deny the spiritual presence of Christ at the Supper. There was no necessary connection of Christ with the bread, as Luther believed, just as there was no magical change of the elements themselves, as the Roman Catholics taught.

In Zwingli's sharp rejection of all forms of literal presence of Christ in the bread and wine of the Supper, he prepared the ground for a more satisfying doctrine of Christ's presence at the Supper.

ZWINGLI'S GREAT DOCTRINES

Zwingli's theology was based upon two great doctrines: the supremacy of divine revelation in the Scriptures, and the sovereignty of God in his grace and man's election. All that is good in man is derived from God, and faith is only possible for man because God decreed it so. Predestination is not only a divine fore-knowledge but, on the contrary, it is a determination of the divine will concerning the salvation of the elect. God provides everything! He makes atonement for the sins of men by the death of Christ, and provokes to faith by the working of the Holy Spirit.

But God predestines some to eternal life and others to eternal death, that he may display his mercy to the one and his justice to the other. The ground of salvation is not faith or anything in man, but divine election. Election precedes faith. The elect are God's children, even before they are saved. The Christian is assured of salvation, not because he believes, but because he is conscious of his election. Man's faith is an uncertain and variable thing. Only the eternal and unchanging predestination is the firm ground of assurance.

The doctrine of predestination was the most powerful factor in the Reformation. Some even said that without it there would have been no Luther, no Zwingli, no Calvin, no Cromwell, no "Mayflower" and no modern democracy. The conviction that he was chosen by God made man fearless of king, emperor, pope, devil, heaven and hell, and gave a tremendous impetus to dare to risk and to accomplish that which otherwise would have seemed impossible.

But this doctrine also has its difficulties. It destroys any real freedom of choice in man. It is true that if God be really God, he must be the ultimate cause of everything. But there were always many believers who refused to accept an interpretation which predestines countless millions to everlasting perdition.

Zwingli's conception of the Church is also based upon his doctrine of election. The true Church is not the outward organization of the church to which all belong. The true Church is the entire number of the elect, redeemed and called out from every nation at all times. This company, he calls the invisible Church. Whoever belongs to it is known to God alone. Wycliffe already spoke of "the number of the elect," and Luther also spoke of the "invisible church."

THE INVISIBLE CHURCH

Between this invisible company and the visible church, made up of professing Christians, there is no necessary connection. This does not mean that the elect have no external expression in the world. They all belong to the visible church, but not all members of the visible church belong to the redeemed. Zwingli's intention was to take the significance out of the outer institution of the church, as taught by the Roman Catholics.

To summarize, Zwingli emphasized personal experience and consciousness of divine forgiveness, but even more the absolute and unconditioned will of God. He knew the importance of proclaiming the Gospel of God's forgiving love in Christ, but he stressed even more the revelation of the divine will and the authoritative law for ruling Christian life and thought. He viewed Christian life less as a free and spontaneous expression of gratitude to God, but more as obedience to the divine will revealed in the Scriptures.

But having said this, we must also emphasize that Zwingli's theology was a magnificent attempt to restate Christian doctrine in a consistent Scriptural form. His bold radical stand is admired by many. His early death prevented him from constructing a comprehensive, systematic theology, but he laid a foundation upon which others continued to build. In his short life, Zwingli accomplished a work of permanent value in the Kingdom of God, and he has his place with the foremost leaders of the Reformation.

THIS IS ALBERTA, CANADA

Alberta With Scenic and Industrial Phenomena Is a Place of Great Friendliness
As Described by Rev. Karl Korella, Acting-president of the C. T. I.

ALBERTA, with its capital, Edmonton, the host of the General Conference next July, is one of Canada's most diverse and picturesque provinces. It extends from the United States border in the south to the Northwest Territories and from the plains of Saskatchewan west into the heart of the Rocky Mountains.

There are vast agricultural lands, large wooded areas, many thousands of acres of grazing terrain, woodland and glacier lakes and masses of hills and mountains. These phenomena are on a grandiose scale. They are so distinctly characteristic of their kind that Alberta impresses itself upon the observer as the province of great contrasts.

ALBERTA'S HISTORY

Although Alberta was officially recognized as a province of Canada in 1905, its history associated with the white man can be traced back to 1754. This date to the turn of the century marked Alberta's first period. It was the time of the fur traders. The days of the whiskey trader, consisting of a few exciting years, represented the second period.

The coming of the Northwest Mounted Police, later known as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in 1873 ushered in a new era, the "golden age of the cattle baron." The fourth period was one of farm and agricultural development. During the last decade and a half Alberta has entered upon its

industrial era. Agriculture and related endeavors, however, are still the province's greatest single economic venture.

Looking back from the historian's point of view, even the earlier periods show only a minimum of hostility between the Indian and the white man. The Mounted Police and the pioneer missionaries won the friendship of the Indians so extensively that Indians and Whites lived quite peaceably side by side. This tradition may well be one of the main factors accounting for the relative ease with which missionaries today may approach the Indian with the Gospel.

The Alberta of today has become a complex and noteworthy pattern of human endeavor.

Its cities, with the exception of Medicine Hat, are situated along an axis running north and south at various points approximately 75 to 150 miles east of the Rocky Mountain foothills. Edmonton, the largest city with a population of about 270,000, is on the northern end of the axis. Lethbridge, with about 29,500 people, marks the southern end.

During the last decade and somewhat earlier, Alberta's cities and towns have expanded enormously. Rural people have been moving to cities and populated centers. There is a concentration of people, especially in the city of Edmonton and vicinity. Half of Alberta's population lives and works

in and around Edmonton for 100 miles. The chief incentives are the economic opportunities created by numerous new industries, large and small.

RICH OIL DEVELOPMENTS

The core of most of these industries represents Alberta's vast resources of oil and natural gas. Since the first discovery of oil near Leduc in February, 1947, exploration and development have proceeded at an enormous pace. The great number of opulent gas and oil fields can be found in the Edmonton area. Among them are well-known places, such as Leduc, Golden Spike, Redwater, Acheson and Stony Plain, Wizard Lake, Pembina and others. The Pembina field alone has been estimated to hold recoverable oil reserves of 750 to 950 million barrels.

These rich oil discoveries necessitated the construction of refineries and pipelines. There are three large refineries and two lubricating plants on the outskirts of Edmonton alone. Two double pipelines extend 2,000 miles east to Superior, Wisconsin, and Sarnia, Ontario, and west across the Rockies to the Pacific Coast.

Similarly, the natural gas discoveries led to the building of gas plants producing propane, butane and other products. Gas pipelines radiate into different directions to carry natural gas, not only to Alberta's towns and cities, but far east and west in other Canadian provinces and south across the border into Montana. Alberta's natural gas reserves are estimated at 12 trillion cubic feet. This potential supply of fuel along with oil has given rise to multimillion dollar establishments in Edmonton alone. Here you will find a Polythene plant, a chemical and cellulose plant, a nickel refinery and fertilizer plant, a steel smelting plant, to mention but a few.

Other industrial endeavors in Alberta are pulpwood and lumber mills and plywood factories. There are cement plants near Edmonton and in the Rocky Mountains. There is considerable expansion of electric and hydroelectric power. In the south and the southeast of the province, a number of sugar factories were built during the last few years. The increase in prospecting ventures have led to the discovery of new mineral deposits, not only of oil, gas and coal, but of salt, cement, lime and sulphur. As a result, mining development has gained momentum.

VARIETY OF CROPS

Alberta's agriculture and related endeavors, perhaps, need less comment because they represent the older aspects of the province's life. The vast eastern and central plains are well known for their rich yields of wheat,

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LANDMARKS OF EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Interesting Sights in the General Conference City (July 21 to 27, 1958) Are Described

By Rev. O. R. Schmidt, Teacher at the Christian Training Institute

WHEN YOU come to Edmonton, Alberta, for the General Conference sessions in July 1958, be prepared to see a young city taking giant strides to meet the new phase of development in the city and in the surrounding area. Edmonton has attracted many new citizens recently, although the streets are not paved with gold. In fact, many streets are not paved at all, but the city fathers are endeavoring to keep pace with the rapid expansion. The last century has seen the city double its population which now stands above the quarter-million mark.

As a result of the recent expansion of Edmonton, you would expect to find landmarks, both from the older era and from the recent one. Two of these have already been brought to your attention through the pages of the "Baptist Herald." Of recent origin is the Alberta Golden Jubilee Auditorium which has been described in glowing terms.

EDMONTON'S OLDEST BUILDING

The other is the oldest and most interesting landmark in Edmonton. Just south of Jasper Avenue on 101st Street stands this unpretentious grey building in the shadow of the large downtown McDougall United Church. The legend above the door of this landmark is "Methodist Church, 1873." It was the first building outside of the protecting walls of old Fort Edmonton.

This memorial was also a "first" in the history of our denomination in Edmonton. When the pioneer Baptist minister, Rev. Abraham Hager, gathered his flock to worship, this church was used for their first meetings.

The next landmark that you must not miss is the new City Hall. It is a nine-story building of extremely modern design. Its architecture expresses well the progressive and far-sighted character of an expanding city prepared to take a leading role in the country's future.

The fountain surmounting the lagoon in front of the building is to represent the Canada Goose and is symbolic of "Flight and Progress"—Edmonton's position in the air lanes of the world. Many citizens cannot appreciate this symbol and call it "The Mayor's Bonanza," in spite of the fact that he is very popular and has been re-elected recently to his fourth term in office with a resounding majority.

Dominating the rotunda of the City Hall is a majestic mural which depicts the builders of Edmonton's community from the days of the Indians to today's industrial age. The handsome, hand-carved, oak mayor's chair in the Council Chamber is a gift from the

Borough of Edmonton, England, to the City of Edmonton, Canada.

The first clerk at Fort Edmonton was from Edmonton, England. The fort was called Edmonton in tribute to him by the Hudson's Bay Company who established the fort in 1795, and who owned all the land in this area before it became part of the Dominion of Canada.

IMPRESSIVE CAPITOL

A visitor to Edmonton should not miss seeing the Alberta Legislative Building. The construction of the provincial capitol building was completed about 45 years ago, a number of years

Park on the north side of the river. Queen Elizabeth Park is towards the east of the High Level Bridge and may be entered from Saskatchewan Drive. This is a lovely spot with a swimming pool, open grates for casual cooking operations, and a roofed dining pavilion.

Victoria Park is west of the north end of the High Level Bridge. It covers 135 acres and has excellent picnicking facilities. This will probably be the spot for our Saturday afternoon (July 26) outing at the General Conference. One entrance to the park is from 105th Street on a road



The new, nine-story City Hall of Edmonton, Alberta, incorporating the most modern architectural designs.

after the incorporation of the Province of Alberta in 1905. It stands on the ground where fierce Indian battles were once fought, just a little northwest of the place where old Fort Edmonton stood. The grounds of the Legislative Building are beautiful and well kept.

Slightly west and south of the Legislative Building is the famous High Level Bridge of Edmonton. (See front cover picture.) The completion of this bridge also dates back about 45 years. It was the first bridge to span the Saskatchewan River at Edmonton. This bridge helped to unify the two cities that had sprung up on the opposite banks of the river and eliminated most of their rivalry.

Parks which will be of interest to the General Conference visitor are the Queen Elizabeth Park on the south bank of the river and the Victoria

that passes beneath the High Level Bridge. Borden Park, which has a new band shell, picnic grounds, and playing fields, is in the eastern section of the city.

Westmount Shoppers Park is the largest of its kind in western Canada. It has every shopping convenience and free parking space for about 3000 cars. The large downtown department stores may be of interest to you. I may mention especially the Hudson's Bay Company, because of its historical interest to this area.

STRIKING LANDMARKS

Of further interest to you may be such striking landmarks as the Mosque of Al Roschid between 101st and 102nd Streets on 111th Avenue. This is the only Moslem Temple on the North American continent. There is also the

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—Alberta Government Photograph
A sugar factory in Southern Alberta, typical of some of the new industries in the province which have brought considerable prosperity to Alberta.

MILLIONS OF BAPTISTS IN PRAYER

A Call to the Baptist Day of Prayer, June 1, 1958, by the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee
By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of English Publications

NINETEEN MILLION Baptists on the North American continent are ready to launch their greatest spiritual offensive for Christ. For the first time in Baptist history the seven Baptist bodies on the continent—Negro and white, Canadian and American conventions—are uniting in the program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance to be launched in prayer and with a bold faith at the Watchnight Services on December 31, 1958. This will be a cooperative evangelistic program seeking to win millions of people for Christ through church services, simultaneous revivals, radio and television programs, visitation evangelism and many other special events.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

But this Baptist Jubilee Advance must be empowered from above. It must have God's touch of blessing on it. It must be prayed into action. It must have the divine dynamic. This is achieved only as God's people get down on their knees to pray as they pray earnestly and persistently until the place where they are praying is shaken by power from above! Baptists have always believed in such a prayer-answering God.

Can we as Baptists demonstrate this power of prayer again to the world as our spiritual forefathers did in the New Testament Church? Baptist leaders of all the conventions, who have been working intensively at this Jubilee Advance program for almost two years, confidently believe that this power of prayer can be found in Baptist groups everywhere. Accordingly, Sunday, June 1, 1958, has been set aside as Baptist Day of Prayer for a North American continent-wide prayer fellowship in all Baptist churches.

PRAYER DAY CALL

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary and a member of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Joint Committee, has sent such a stirring prayer call to all of our North American Baptist churches. These prayer objectives will be the same as those to be emphasized in all Baptist groups on the continent. But the suggested program for that Day of Prayer has been adapted to our churches and their peculiar needs. Literature pertaining to the day is also being made available to our pastors and leaders.

We are all aware of the great need in our Baptist churches for "a deepening devotion to Jesus Christ, a quickening of evangelistic zeal, a worthier level of stewardship, and a more vital and fruitful church life." As born-again believers we are concerned about "winning through a compassionate witness the allegiance to Jesus Christ of a great host of people, at home and be-



The official poster announcement for the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

yond the seas, who have not as yet experienced a saving faith in him as their personal Lord and Savior, Redeemer and Friend."

PRAYER DAY PROGRAMS

This Baptist Day of Prayer is to be observed in every North American Baptist Church on Sunday, June 1st. The pulpit prayer, the sermon or a part of it, the announcements and special features of that morning worship service should take definite cognizance of this observance and of these prayer objectives. Hymns are being suggested to our leaders to be sung by all congregations. This emphasis on united prayer can also become a part of the morning program in every Sunday School and Sunday School class as well as at the family altars on that morning.

In addition, we have suggested several prayer programs for this day. The entire morning worship service in our churches can emphasize this program. Or the morning service can be extended from 15 to 20 minutes, in which the pastor and church leaders will lead the congregation in prayer. Representatives of the various organizations and leaders of the church should be brought to the platform and should be ready to pray for definite objectives in the Jubilee Advance program. The entire congregation should be

QUOTABLES

The devil is willing for a person to confess Christianity as long as he doesn't practice it.

Prayer must mean something to us if it is to mean anything to God.

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load you can carry.

urged to share in this prayer fellowship on this Sunday morning.

An alternative program that has been suggested to our North American Baptist churches is the setting aside of the entire Sunday evening service or arranging for a prayer program on that Sunday afternoon for this purpose. A brief message by the pastor, testimonies by some of the leading laymen of the church and representatives of the church organizations, special music and the presentation of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program could be featured along with the time set aside for definite prayer in which members of the congregation can participate. At any one of these services, literature pertaining to the Advance program can be distributed.

NEW LIFE FOR YOU

The theme for the first year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance is to be "New Life for You." That is the purpose of our cooperative Baptist witness and evangelism, and it is also the heart of the Gospel invitation through Christ. The Evangelism Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, of which Rev. R. Schilke is the North American Baptist representative, has outlined this spiritual program of prayer fellowship for all Baptists.

- (1) Adoration of the Triune God.
- (2) Penitence and Confession of our sins.
- (3) Thanksgiving for the history and tradition of our Baptist witness.
- (4) Petition and Intercession for renewal in the life of the church, for dedication, for the illumination of the Holy Spirit and for insight and power for a bold cooperative, evangelistic witness and advance with conviction and humility.

TWENTY GUIDEPOSTS

This united prayer fellowship should also prepare our hearts and quicken our spirits for the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta, from July 21 to 27, when the 1958-1959 program, representing our participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance, will be officially announced and launched. A six-page leaflet showing "The Twenty Guideposts" of this program will be distributed at the Conference sessions and later in all of our churches.

As we make this Baptist Jubilee Advance the object of earnest prayer and give witness to our Baptist faith, we shall learn more about going forward as a great host of Baptists in winning America and the world for Christ. Let Baptists everywhere join hands and hearts in this inspiring prayer fellowship on Sunday, June 1st.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

April 7-8—General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C.

April 11—Chicago Baptist Association.

April 22-23—Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

April 24-26—Seminary Board of Trustees, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

May 2—Publication Board, Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. R. Schilke

April 13 (Sunday)—Indianapolis, Indiana.

April 29-May 1—Annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

April 24-27—Atlantic Conference sessions, Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

May 15-18—British Columbia Association, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

April 11—Gladwin, Mich.

April 12-13—Auburn, Mich.

April 26—Kankakee, Ill.

May 17—Seminary Banquet, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

May 20—Sunday School Lessons Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

Rev. L. Bienert

April 6—Easter Sunrise Service, Forest Park, Ill.

April 26—Workers' Conference, Kankakee, Ill.

May 20—Sunday School Lessons Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

April 25-27—Centenary Jubilee Program, Baptist Church, North Freedom, Wis.

May 2—Publication Board, Cleveland, Ohio.

May 4 (Sunday)—Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas.

May 18 (Sunday)—Beulah, N. Dak.

Miss R. Bathauer, Children's Worker

April 15—Workers' Conference, Shattuck, Okla.

April 17—Workers' Conference, Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kans.

April 26—Kankakee, Ill.

May 20—Sunday School Lessons Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

MAY MEETINGS

(All sessions at denominational headquarters, Forest Park, Ill.)

May 9—Investment Committee.

May 10—Finance Committee.

May 20—Sunday School Lessons Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

May 21—Committee on Education.

May 22-24—General Council.

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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible
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What is the meaning of the statement in Matthew 18:19: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven?"

AN EXPLANATION of this saying of our Lord must be sought in the context of church discipline which is the subject of Matt. 18:15-20. Jesus is here explaining by anticipation the orderly process of church (the word "church" appears only here and in Matt 16:18 in the Gospels) discipline. "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone." If this fails to reconcile the offending brother, one or two other Christians are to accompany the offended brother in an endeavor to settle the matter. If the offender still refuses to listen, the matter is to be brought before the church.

This is the final attempt at reconciliation. When it is clear to the church that the offending brother does not wish to be reconciled, he is to be disciplined by the action of the church. This discipline takes the form of ostracism from the Christian community. Apparently the thought behind this action is that by continued fellowship with the church, the offender might lead others of the membership to become impenitent and rebellious. Thus decisive action is enjoined.

Now verses 18 and 19, although they have been considered by some scholars to have been lifted out of another context and placed here by the author of the Gospel of Matthew, are to be interpreted in the light of this passage on church discipline. Verse 18, refer-

ring to the church, states: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (RSV). This is to say that the decisions of the Christian congregation in the matter of disciplining one of its members is final. God has given the local congregation this authority.

The following verse bolsters this contention: "If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven" (RSV). This is a guarantee that God himself will seal the decision of the congregation. He has an open ear to its prayers, in fact, to the prayers of any two members of it.

Christ's support of the congregation in its disciplinary functions is further emphasized in the final verse (v. 20) of this paragraph in Matthew's Gospel. Here the Lord of the Church promises to be present in their midst, no matter how small the local congregation might be, when they meet to carry out disciplinary measures.

Although the immediate reference of the promise of verse 19 is to the matter of church discipline, we are justified on the basis of John 14:13, 14 and other New Testament passages to make a much broader application. However, the words of that prince of exegetes, Dr. Alfred Plummer sound a warning: "The saying in Matthew does not mean that God is pledged to grant whatever any two persons agree to ask. His will is to grant what is best for them, and what two agree about is likely to be good, especially if Christ is with them." (*An Exegetical Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew*, (p. 255).

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BETHANY

Oh, come into my kitchen, Jesus,
Bide a while and talk to me!
Though my Martha's hands wash
dishes,

My Mary's heart is set for thee.
You were such a welcome Guest there
Long ago—in Bethany.

Yet to me the priceless grace is
Your visit in my home with me!
—Lydia Schmoker Heck

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We the Women

By MRS. T. D. LUTZ, President
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INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Fred Mashner, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Northwestern Conference, a busy mother and the wife of the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., writes for "We, the Women." Besides the many lovely thoughts, she renders a beautiful tribute to her mother in her original poem.

BEHOLD, THY MOTHER!

By Mrs. Fred Mashner

"MOTHER" — the first name ever given to a woman! (Genesis 3:20).

Think of the influence of good mothers. In the Bible we see it on page after page. How far reaching was the influence of Moses' mother, a poor slave woman! She was not afraid of the king's commandment (Heb. 11:23). And in the little ark of rushes, she hid her greatest treasure. By her works her faith was made perfect (James 2:22). She did all she could.

Think of Hannah, the mother of Samuel, dedicating her baby to God before he was born, and hear her say, "For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord" (I Samuel 1:27,28). Every year she made a little coat and brought it to him, year after year (I Samuel 2:19).

Mothers are still making little coats and hoods and stockings—all sorts of things for little folks. AND WHAT A LESSON! Not only does mother clothe the body but she forms the habits, too. She clothes the soul for glory and immortality, or for degradation and death. The coat of character is never worn out; and, Mother, you fashion it, thread by thread, stitch by stitch. What kind of coat are you making for that boy or girl of yours?

For the Christian mother there can be but one answer. Lead your child to him. His power will keep you patient, pure, loving and obedient. Then, almost unconsciously, the child will follow your example, and "when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

If you have a praying mother, you are most fortunate. Do not forget or neglect her. Remember how Jesus loved his mother, and that he says to each of us as he did to John: "BEHOLD, THY MOTHER!"

For your busy hands, mother,

And your tender care;
The days and nights of bother,
Yet enfolded by your prayer;
Such mother love that I did see,
Revealed the Christ in you;

May my children see the same in me,
This Lord of Calvary, so kind, so true.

—Norah Smaridge

Statement on Baptist Relationships

Adopted February 28, 1958 by the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee,
Meeting in Oak Park, Illinois

SEVEN North American Baptist bodies, differing conscientiously in some areas of polity and practice, have banded themselves together in the Baptist Jubilee Advance for the purpose of fellowship, mutual aid, shared objectives, and a common passion for the redemption of men through the proclamation of the Gospel.

In this Baptist Jubilee Advance each cooperating unit desires and prays for the strengthening and advance of brother Baptists of other bodies and areas. None desires to grow at the expense of others; none believes it has a right to say to another, "We must increase and you should decrease."

WORKING TOGETHER

Each believes that "where one member of the body rejoices, all the members rejoice with it." Each believes that Baptist advance in North America should be an advance on every Convention and Conference front. Each cooperating unit will use its distinctive

organization and its particular methods and resources. Each will strive for the enlargement of its particular fellowship in the faith. But this spirit-prompted ambition will not tolerate scorn of any brethren, nor that type of rivalry which flouts the principles of brotherhood in order to resort to tactics of predatory warfare.

It cannot be denied that unhappy tensions have, at times, marred relationships among Baptist bodies in North America, even when these bodies have affirmed their oneness in things essential, and their membership in one great world family of Baptists. Neither can it be denied that at times one or another body has appeared to ignore the rights, feelings and best interests of fellow-Baptists, even though such practice has at times resulted from preoccupation with unilateral concerns.

It is a most hopeful and healing sign that this fact is frankly acknowledged by representatives of bodies cooperating in the Baptist Jubilee Advance. This very sense of regret and of charitable resolve to build bridges of communication and understanding augur well for results from the Baptist Jubilee Advance program which shall partake of the true character of Christ's Kingdom of light and love and power.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Members of the various Baptist Jubilee Advance committees are of one mind in the conviction that all North American Baptists need a deepening of devotion to Jesus Christ, a quickening of evangelistic zeal, a worthier level of stewardship, a more vital and fruitful church life. To advance together in these areas of humbling challenge is our earnest hope. To establish many needed Baptist churches in all parts of this continent and its growing population and its multitudes of people outside the fold of Christ is the responsibility of all bodies united for fellowship in action within the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Not as competitors, but as compatriots; not in fear of one another, but with deeper faith in another; not with jealousy but with shared joy, Baptists of North America should march forward toward a nobler destiny.

Within the wide liberties of the children of God, and in the clear light of the Spirit who guides us into all truth, and gives us every valid victory, we of the Baptist Jubilee Advance go forward, certain that our labors together in the Advance program will do much to strengthen our unity and our witness, to resolve our differences, to clear away the misunderstandings which stand in the way of our finest advance to the glory of Christ in this fateful generation.

What's Happening

• The Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., held "Deeper Life Meetings" from April 2 to 6 with Professor Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as the guest speaker. A baptismal service was held on Palm Sunday morning, March 30, and on that evening the church choir presented an Easter cantata. Rev. Adam Huber is pastor of the church.

• The Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Gordon Voegelé of Glen Ullin, N. Dak., a 1958 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry at the Germantown Church on July 1st. He will succeed Rev. Elmer C. Buening, now of Parkston, and Tripp, South Dakota.

• The Fellowship Supper of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, Feb. 18, was attended by more than 300 people. The pastor, Rev. H. W. Gieseke, served as toastmaster. Musical numbers were rendered by Mr. Vaughn Lippoldt, vocal solo; and by Mrs. Menno Friesen and Mrs. Jerome Janssen, marimba duet. Mr. Leland Janssen led the group singing. Dr. F. B. Thorn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas, brought an inspiring address.

• From May 4 to 12, Dr. Paul Gebauer and Rev. Walter Sukut, missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa, and to Japan, respectively, will hold missionary conferences in each of the 12 North American Baptist churches of Kansas. A mass rally of the western Kansas churches is scheduled for Sunday evening, May 4, at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans. This is also the opening day for a missionary conference of three days at the Lorraine Church.

• Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., will be the guest speaker at the B. Y. P. Y. (Youth) Convention from May 16 to 19, to be held at the First Baptist Church, London, Ontario. This will be a young people's convention for all of the Canadian Baptist churches in the province of Ontario. Rev. Henry Ramus of the Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ont., and a number of his young people are planning to attend.

• On Maundy Thursday, April 3, the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., held a Holy Week Communion Service. Dr. William A. Mueller of Louisville, Ky., a former pastor of the church, was the guest speaker. On Wednesday, April 30, the Woman's Missionary Society celebrated its 90th anniversary with a Jubilee program.

Dr. A. E. Kannwischer of Philadelphia, Pa., another former pastor, brought the anniversary message. Rev. Paul Wengel is pastor of the Ridgewood Church.

• The Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, has extended a call to Mr. Raymond Harsch of Carbon, Alberta, a 1958 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, to become its pastor. He has accepted the call and will begin his pastorate in Leduc soon after graduation from the Seminary on May 18. Mr. Harsch is president of the Senior Class. He has been serving the Riverside Presbyterian Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as student pastor during the past two years.

• The Choir and Men's Chorus of the First German Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., rendered several musical selections at the Community Service for a local Hospital Benefit Fund held on Sunday, March 30, in the school gymnasium. The Men's Brotherhood of Herreid, S. Dak., brought a fine program of testimonies and musical numbers at the Ashley Church on March 17. On Sunday evening, March 23, the Ashley young people presented a missionary program in the Baptist Church of Venturia, N. Dak. Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer is pastor of the Ashley Church.

• The North Texas Association convened with the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, from Feb. 14 to 18. The keynote messages as well as missionary news and young people's address were brought by Rev. R. Schilke, Forest Park, Ill. Mr. John F. Lubeck served as moderator. The theme, "Applied Christianity," was treated by the local pastors. A few days later, Feb. 22-23, the sessions of the South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association were held at the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La., about which a report appears elsewhere in this issue.

• The Student Placement Committee of the denomination met on Friday, March 21, at the Forest Park headquarters and assigned 20 young people who are students at colleges and seminaries and members of our churches to various fields of service during the summer of 1958. They will conduct Vacation Bible Schools, serve on mission fields among the Spanish-American and Indian people, supply pulpits and as a result receive invaluable experiences in their witness for Christ. Reports about their activities and ministry will be published later in the pages of the "Baptist Herald."

• Mrs. Anna Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., widow of the late Rev. John A. Pankratz, who died in 1946, followed the heavenly summons on Tuesday,

March 25. She had attended services at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago several days previously. She was 78 years of age. Surviving are three sons: Arthur, Walter and Herbert, and a daughter, Mrs. Esther Sobeski. Rev. and Mrs. John A. Pankratz served the Foster Avenue Church for many years, which at that time was known as the First German Baptist Church of Chicago. The obituary will appear in the next issue.

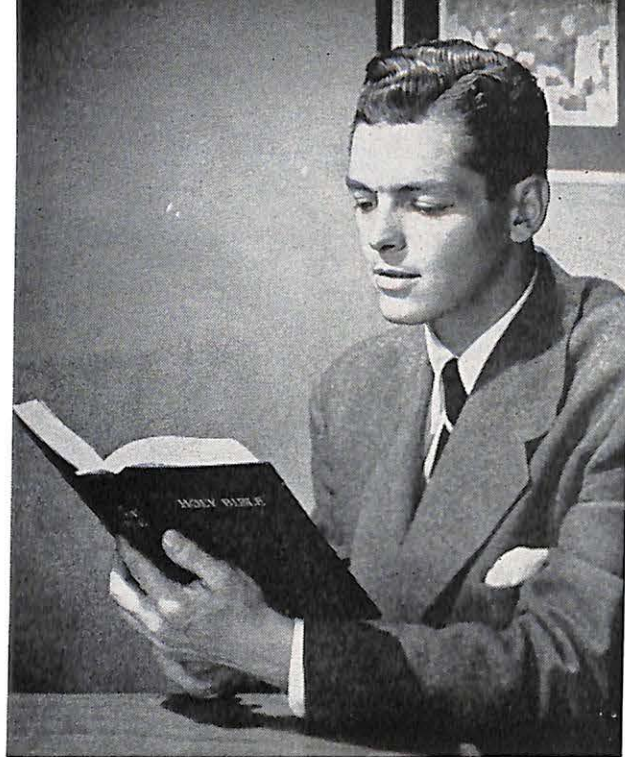
• The Grosse Pointe Baptist Church near Detroit, Mich., has announced that Rev. Victor Priebe has resigned as Minister of Youth in order to continue his studies. It has also been announced that the church has called Rev. Manuel Wolff of Gackle, N. Dak., as the new pastor's assistant and that he has accepted the call. He will begin his ministry on June 1st, "ministering in every pastoral capacity" but with special responsibilities for the youth program. Dr. A. Dale Ihrle is the pastor of the Grosse Pointe Church. Rev. Manuel Wolff has served the Grace Church of Gackle and Alfred, S. Dak., since 1953.

• Rev. Richard A. Blandau of Puyallup, Wash., passed away on April 1st at the age of 85 years. He was graduated from the Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., in 1900 and served the following churches as pastor: Springfield, Ill., 1900-1902; Pekin, Ill., 1902-1905; Erie, Pa., 1905-1912; and Tacoma, Wash., 1912-1920. During the many years of ill health and retirement since then, he rendered a wonderful spiritual ministry in the Calvary Church of Tacoma as a true friend of the pastors and an inspiring counselor to the congregation. The memorial service was held on Monday, April 7. The obituary will appear in a later issue.

• A baptismal service was held at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kans., on Palm Sunday afternoon, March 30, with Rev. Kenneth E. Unruh, pastor, baptizing four converts. The service was held in the First Baptist Church of Junction City because of its baptistry. At the evening service, the Mt. Zion Church observed the Lord's Supper and the pastor received five new members into the church's fellowship. From Sunday, March 23, to Wednesday evening, March 26, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., served as guest speaker, bringing a series of Bible studies on Ephesians and showing denominational and missionary pictures.

• Special meetings were held at the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., from Feb. 23 to March 2 with Dr. F. D. Whitesell, professor of practical theology at the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., as the evangelist. More than a score of decisions were made for Christ, and about 40 members of the church went out calling in a program of visitation evangelism. On Sunday evening, March 16, Inspector

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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 went to be with his aunt, Mrs. Murray, in quiet Pleasant Hill in order to forget the tragedy. But some revival meetings were in progress. Barry attended and was gloriously saved. Dale, David's fiancée, was overjoyed to hear the news when Barry came home and later advised him how to study for the Christian ministry. Then he went to Cicily's home to tell her the news. Cicily and Barry were thrilled to be together again.

CHAPTER NINE

FOR a moment there was no time for words, as his lips sought hers. He held her close while he gazed into her lovely face.

"I just can't believe it," she commented as she raised her hand and stroked his cheek. "I expected to see you wan and dismal and instead I see the old Barry with a new look in his eyes and a new glow on his face. You're going to forget the past and we'll be happy together in the future we planned before this terrible thing happened to upset our plans. You're strong enough now to go on with our wedding plans, aren't you, darling?"

She pulled his face down and kissed him. His face became serious and his arms released her.

"Let's sit down, sweetheart. I've got something I want to tell you."

"My goodness!" she cried in pretended alarm. "Have you robbed a bank or something? You look as if you were about to be executed."

He did not respond to her attempt at humor, but sat down and drew her to him. He hesitated and moistened

his lips. He felt the battle being renewed within him. How could he tell her that they'd have to wait a year or perhaps longer? It would be so easy to forget the promise he had made to God at that altar. It would be so wonderful to go ahead with his own plan for his life, to go through with the wedding and to know that this beautiful girl was his wife. Why not wait until after the wedding and then tell her? They could manage somehow, while he was at Bible school. While the battle raged he was silent. He sat there, just looking at her. The reflection of that battle shone from his eyes and filled her with alarm.

"What is it, Barry?" she asked. "Out with it. Let's get it over with so that we can talk about something pleasant. I can see by your face that what you have to say isn't pleasant. What is it?"

The memory of that thrilling hour when he had won the victory at the altar came to him and gave him courage to speak.

"It's this, Cicily, darling. Since I went away, something very wonderful has happened to me, something that has changed my whole life and has made me change my plans for my life. It's something that will make a change in our wedding plans."

She withdrew from his arms and sat up.

"A change in our wedding plans! What do you mean?" All the tenderness had left her voice. It was cold and angry.

"I mean that we can't get married right away as we had planned. I'm not going on in Mr. Neal's office. I'm going to study for the ministry."

"What?" It was a sharp angry cry.

"What has happened to you, Barry?"

"Something very wonderful," he repeated. "While I was with my aunt, I attended a revival meeting and I ac-

cepted Christ as my Saviour. I feel that God has called me to preach the Gospel."

"You mean that you've become a fanatical fool like David!" she blazed.

"Don't say that, Cicily," he warned sternly. "It was I who was the fool, not David. If I had listened to him and had done this long ago, he would be alive today. I feel deeply that if I can carry on in his place, perhaps a part of the sin I committed against him and against God will be atoned for. But whether that is true or not, God has laid His hand upon me and I can't refuse to obey His call."

She said nothing but continued to stare at him with eyes that had grown hard and cold.

"And you said you loved me," she finally commented in withering tones.

"I do, Cicily, darling. I love you more than my own life. I couldn't even imagine life without you. God knows I didn't want to do this!" His voice shook with emotion. "It was the hardest battle I ever had to fight, because I knew that it would delay our wedding plans for a while. But it will only be for a while, dearest. Can't you understand and be patient? Don't you love me enough to wait a while longer?"

Her eyes blazed as she retorted, "If you are determined to go on with this silly idea, there won't be any wedding."

"I thought you loved me." His face was white and his eyes were dark with tragedy. "Your love isn't very strong if it can't stand this test."

"No, it isn't strong enough to stand this test," she retorted. "I couldn't let you ruin my whole life for the sake of a foolish whim. We could be so happy together if you'd go on as a lawyer, but if you're going to throw your life away and give up everything you've planned for your life,

you can't expect me to go on with you. Can you picture me as the wife of a preacher?"

She gave him a twisted smile. He stared at her solemnly and his face became more white and drawn. He shook his head slowly.

"No, I don't believe I could. Not even if you were willing." His voice was low and strained.

He rose to go and she suddenly clung to him while sobs choked her.

"Barry, you can't leave me like this. You can't. You can't be serious about wrecking both our lives. Don't go on with this! Let's get married and forget this foolishness. We can both be so happy and you can do a lot of good with your law practice. Please change your mind."

He released her clinging arms as he replied. "I have thought about it and prayed about it, Cicily. I've spent sleepless hours thinking it over and fighting a battle with myself. I can't change now. I've said yes to God and I won't turn back. If it means giving you up, then it will have to be that."

"Then I don't mean anything to you at all," she said bitterly.

"I've told you that you do. Next to my Lord, you mean everything to me. I don't mean anything to you. If I did, then you'd be willing to go with me, even in this."

She turned from him without replying. He went to the door.

"Goodbye, Cicily," he said. She didn't answer and he went out and shut the door behind him.

Barry walked the streets aimlessly after he left Cicily, trying to get hold of himself and to banish the disturbing questioning which he was unable to answer. Finally he made his way to Dale. Like a child who has been hurt and who seeks a mother's comfort, because he knows that no one else can understand and comfort as well as she can, he sought this frail girl who had become a tower of strength and a source of comfort that he could not find even in his own mother.

"I'm sorry to bother you again," he said as he dropped into a chair, "but I had to talk to someone and I knew you'd understand as no one else can."

"Tell me about it," she said as she sat beside him.

"I saw Cicily. I knew it would be hard to make her understand, but I didn't think she'd throw me over entirely. But she did just that. She told me in no uncertain terms that I'd either give up this crazy idea or she wouldn't marry me. I never dreamed she would do that." He turned a tragic face to her. "This has hit me hard, Dale. I don't see how I can face it. I thought I had a battle on my hands before I surrendered at that altar, but this is worse even than that. I love her so, Dale!"

"Some things are hard to understand, Barry, but remember that God knows the end from the beginning and

He knows what is best for you. He knows every heartache you have. Remember that Jesus said that He came to bind up the broken-hearted."

"But why? I just can't understand it. I just can't. Why should this have to happen to me?"

"Remember that line in *The Charge of the Light Brigade*? 'Theirs not to question why; theirs but to do and die.' We can't question God. We just have to trust and obey." She leaned over and laid a hand upon his bowed head. "I know how hard it is, Barry, and I know that questions will come. I've just gone through that same testing time. But I know this. He will give strength to go on in his will."

"I can't give her up," he said stubbornly. "I can't go on without her."

"You'll have to choose between her and God's will for your life," she said seriously.

"That's what she said," he replied dismally. "I told her that I had made my decision, but now that I've left her, I'm not so sure that I have. Now that she seems lost to me, I want her more than I ever did."

"Are you willing to say no to God?" He shook his head. "If I do that I'll never have peace again. I realize that."

"Have you ever read Romans 8:28? It will become more precious to you as you grow in the knowledge of God's Word. It says that 'All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.' You have been called of God, Barry, and though you can't understand now, this will work out for good to you. Try to believe that. Perhaps God is letting this happen now because it is the easiest way out for you."

"What do you mean?" he asked, in surprised questioning.

"You couldn't marry Cicily if she is not a Christian. The Bible is specific on that subject."

"I hadn't thought of that," he admitted. "I was just hoping that she would wait for me and that I could lead her to the Lord sometime, even after we were married."

"Can you picture Cicily as a minister's wife?" she asked.

"Those were almost her same words," he said. "And I told her that I couldn't. But I was hoping that she would change."

"Perhaps she will, Barry, even if she has said she wouldn't marry you. But I believe that God calls a preacher's wife just as definitely as He calls a preacher. I think that is one of the reasons why there are often failures in the ministry. Young men called of God refuse to wait for God's choice for their life's companion and they go ahead in their own will and marry girls who are not fitted for that work. Perhaps God doesn't want you to make that mistake."

"I don't want anyone else. I want her," he said bitterly. "If I can't have her, I don't want anyone."

"Don't get bitter, Barry," she cau-

tioned. "That's Satan's strongest weapon when we're down or discouraged. That's what he would like to see happen. Don't you think I had every reason to be bitter?"

"Yes," he responded huskily, "and you have had every reason to hate me for ruining your life. Forgive me, Dale, for being such a baby, but I can't help it." A sob choked him. "I'm afraid I am starting out by being a failure with God."

"No, you're not. You're just a babe in Christ and God knows that. Just trust Him and let Him lead you and you'll live to thank Him for even this severe testing."

"It will take a lot of praying," he said with a sigh.

"It takes that for everything we do, but I'll pray with you and for you, that God will give you strength and grace to do His will."

"Will it be wrong for me to pray that Cicily will become a Christian and that she will change her mind and marry me?"

"Of course not," she assured him with a smile. "But be sure that when you pray you say 'Thy will be done, not mine.'"

He gave her a wan smile as he said, "I'll try to do that."

In the days that followed he found it very hard to say "Thy will be done." As time passed and he made his plans to leave for Bible school and no word came from Cicily, his spirits sank to the lowest depths. He felt himself slipping back once more into the old slough of despondency. In these periods of deep depression, he sought Dale and when he left her, he always seemed to have new strength and determination to go on in the will of God and to try to be happy in that will.

"What shall I do without you when I leave here?" he asked one day when he was down in the depths of gloom.

"You'll learn to rely upon God and upon yourself," she replied. "I can't always be your prop, you know. You'll be surrounded by others who have passed through deep waters also and who are going on in the will of God."

"Still I wish I could take you with me," he said.

She smiled. "Wouldn't that be something!"

He looked at her so long that a flush spread over her face.

"You can't understand just what you mean to me, Dale," he said finally. "I can't explain why it is, but when I'm with you, I feel a sense of peace and strength that I never have when I'm alone. You're a wonderful person, Dale. But I believe I've said that before."

"Thank you for saying it, but I'm not wonderful at all."

"You really would make a wonderful minister's wife," he remarked as he continued to gaze at her intently.

"I once thought that God had called me to be one," she replied as a look of pain came into her eyes.

(To Be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 11, 1958

Theme: **GOD'S PROVISION FOR WORSHIP**

Scripture: Exodus 35:20-26; 40:34-38

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The easiest way to keep God's law is to love and worship the Law-giver.

INTRODUCTION: There are three primary classes of people in our country. The lowest class are the law-breakers. Because of the danger to our lives and property, they must be fined and punished or rehabilitated so that we can live and work without fear and trembling. The next class is made up of millions of honest, decent and respectable, law-abiding citizens. These people do not often make the newspaper headlines, but they are the rank and file of our democratic way of life. The third class, and the smallest of the three, are dedicated to the patriotic service of our country. They are not only law-abiding citizens, but they are interested in the moral, spiritual and physical welfare of the nation. Love for their country is their passion and their concern, for its peace and security are their constant goal.

God's aim was not primarily to give the commandments, but to seek worshippers. For God knows that it is easier to be law-abiding children of God if we keep on abiding in him. In worship we learn how to live in his presence so that our lives are daily consecrated in his service.

I. WORSHIP AND SACRIFICE. Ex. 35:20-26.

An interesting worship experience is related in 2 Samuel 24:24 in which David says, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord, my God, of that which doth cost me nothing." In 1 Chronicles 21:24 he insists on paying the full price for the offering. If we were presented to the President of the United States or to the Queen of England, we would certainly not present an offering which we found in the "bargain basement." Such an honor deserves the highest sacrifice. If God is worthy of our worship then we must come as did the Israelites, with a stirred heart and a willing spirit. For when the heart and the spirit are right, then the sacrifice will be thought of, not in terms of cost, but in terms of love.

II. WORSHIP AND GOD'S PRESENCE. Ex. 40:34-35.

Because of the power of the enemies of Israel, together with the complications and obstacles on their journey, it was impossible for them to live without the presence of God. There was no comfort, no strength, no courage comparable to that which they possessed in the knowledge of his presence. The cloud and the tabernacle

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Faith without works is like a bird without wings; though she may hop about on earth, she will never fly to heaven. But when both are joined together, then doth the soul mount up to her eternal rest". — Beaumont

were symbols which gave them the assurance that God was in their midst and that all was well. We know that our churches, cathedrals and temples do not hold the presence of God, but by going often to the house of worship we are reminded and assured of his presence in our lives.

III. GOD'S WORSHIP AND GOD'S GUIDANCE. Ex. 40:36-38.

The cloud of God's presence was not only a symbol to Israel as to where to go, but also when to go and when to stop. It was their spiritual traffic signal. The journey was hard and difficult through the hot and trackless wilderness, and without faith in the guidance of God they would have been like lost sheep without a shepherd.

One important reason for worship is to focus our attention on the Guiding Light. And if we find our way often to the house of worship, then we can trust God to guide us through the cares and difficulties of our everyday life.

"He who, from zone to zone,
Guides through the boundless sky
thy certain flight,
In the long way that I must tread
alone,
Will lead my steps aright."

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 18, 1958

Theme: **GOD'S PEOPLE TESTED**

Scripture: Numbers 13:30-14:3, 19-24

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It is better to be tested and tried and found strong, than to be tested and tried and found weak.

INTRODUCTION: The wise buyer is the one who picks his merchandise carefully. He examines the quality. He notices the label and trademark. He wants to know whether it is a standard brand or a well-known manufacturer. He wants to know whether it has the seal of approval and whether it was tested in the (UL) Universal Laboratory. He wants to be sure that he is getting something that is genuine and not an imitation.

God is greater than the wisest buyer, greater than the best manufacturer.

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He is dealing with human beings with eternal souls. This world is his universal laboratory in which we are tested and tried. He is like a refiner's fire (Matt. 3:2); he is like a potter's house (Jer. 18); he is like a builder (Heb. 11:10). God gives life and he remakes life. We are his creation and his re-creation. But it takes time and effort, pain and trouble and often much sorrow before he shapes us into sons of God, worthy of bearing the name Christian.

I. TESTING AND COURAGE. Num. 13:30.

There is nothing like danger that brings forth the courage of a man of God. It is not so much a challenge to our own strength as it is faith in God's power. Caleb was ready because he knew God was ready.

II. TESTING AND COWARDICE. Num. 13:31-14:3.

What a sad commentary on the Israelites! After leading them out of Egypt, through the Red Sea, over the barren desert, overcoming thirst, hunger and enemies, they were afraid to trust God in this particular situation. They had all the evidence of God's power in the past, and suddenly they became cowards in the present. Rather than fight for their lives, they would rather die like cowards. Freedom is never easily won and it is never won by cowards.

III. TESTING AND GOD'S PARDON. Num. 14:1-21.

This must have been the most difficult prayer and request that Moses ever uttered. It is often easier to ask forgiveness for a criminal than for a coward. A criminal is a sinner and he knows he is a sinner needing forgiveness. But a coward has no excuse but his own self-pity, his weak will, and his deliberate failure to do what is right in the sight of God.

IV. TESTED AND FOUND WEAK. Num. 14:22-23.

The United States Navy has what is commonly referred to as a "Mothball Fleet." These are the ships which are of no further use for the task force. They are simply left floating in the harbor until they rust and rot away. God had no further use for this generation of Israelites. They were left in the desert to die a natural death. Never again did they become a part of God's "Task Force" in the battle for freedom and for a nation.

V. TESTED AND FOUND STRONG. Num. 14:24.

Just as the weaknesses became evident in the Israelites, so the strength and courage showed up in the life and character of Caleb and Joshua. Another spirit is very important if that spirit is the Spirit of God. It is always the spirit of courage over against the spirit of cowardice. They possessed two strong elements which were sadly lacking in the other Israelites—will- ingness and obedience. Where these two virtues are missing, God can do nothing at all.



The \$50,000 chapel of the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash. (left), to be dedicated on Sunday, June 8; with the pastor, Rev. Walter F. Berkan, behind the pulpit (center); and Sunday School leaders holding the bulletin board: Linda Buetgenbach, secretary; Bob Schmidt, superintendent; and Mrs. Louise Hatcher, vice-superintendent.

DEDICATION AT SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Announcement for the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash.

By Its Pastor, Rev. Walter Berkan

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8, at 4:00 P.M., the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., will be dedicated to the glory of God. As Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our dedication speaker, challenges us on the subject, "I Will Build My Church," the hopes and dreams, prayers and labors, joys and sorrows of a little congregation, that dared to believe that with God all things are possible, will be realized.

BEAUTIFUL NEW CHAPEL

The days of October 1955 were momentous ones. After 50 years of service in a changing community, should we close the doors of the church or should we relocate? We relocated! That month witnessed the following changes: a new corporate name of Terrace Heights; the sale of the old church for \$15,000; the purchase of property in the growing southeast section of the city for \$5,000; a temporary home in a Community Building of the area; a threatening winter; a hostile commu-

nity; and blueprints for the construction of a \$50,000 Chapel Unit.

Formidable obstacles—yes; impossible obstacles—no! Hostilities were replaced with good will and by faith. First, the foundations, then the walls, then the roof were erected.

A determined membership and group of friends acting as their own contractors were at work. Desperate times called for bold action. \$9,000 were borrowed from a bank. \$5200 of bonds were sold to the congregation. \$6000 were donated. With \$34,000 we built a brick-veneer chapel, 32 by 70 feet, on property 300 by 138 feet. The Chapel with a seating capacity of 200 persons has a balcony, Mother's Room, modern kitchen, full basement, tile floors, loud speaker system, classroom facilities for 200, Fellowship Hall, and a completely furnished, worshipful, acoustically sound sanctuary. By Easter 1956 we were meeting in the downstairs basement, and a month later we were in the sanctuary.

Since October 1955 the blessings of God have been evident in a Sunday School that has doubled in attendance, a community that is responding to our church and its organizations, an increased membership, an ever-widening area of friends and new opportunities that have come to us. Even though heavy demands have been on us in terms of time and money, God continues to raise up workers and assistants.

PROMISING FUTURE AHEAD

We realize that this is only the beginning of work in this area. Future plans call for the construction of an Educational and administrative Unit and a large church to meet the growing demands. Out of all the activity and challenge of these past years, there has come an ever growing conviction in the lives of our people which tells us that, because we believed all things possible, our lives can never again be the same.

THIS IS ALBERTA!

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oats, barley, rye, flax and potatoes. Numerous smaller areas show mixed farming. Field crops are augmented by livestock, dairy and poultry produce, honey, wool and fur. Areas surrounding cities, such as Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer, are specializing in dairy products.

The badlands and other arid territory of the south, as well as the foothills of the Rockies, are grazing lands for hundreds of thousands of cattle. This is the home of the large and smaller Alberta ranches. With the building of irrigation projects in the south and southwest sugar beets, corn, hay and green-feed products have been added to Alberta's agricultural

yields. Also here industrialization has brought about major changes. It has provided the farmer with power, machinery and power tools to improve and vastly to increase agricultural output.

MAGNIFICENT SCENERY

To the vacationer Alberta offers many places of attraction and enjoyment amid favorable climatic conditions. The climate in general is dry, clear and sunny the year around. The summer days are long and moderately warm and the night air is cool and invigorating. There are good roads leading to four large national parks, Elk Island, Jasper, Banff and Waterton. Many beach resorts, such as Sylvan Lake, Pigeon Lake, Gull Lake, and even the large Lesser Slave

Lake in the north, are readily accessible by motor roads.

Surrounded by magnificent scenery the tourist will find ample opportunity for bathing, fishing and seasonable hunting. There is many a sparkling lake in the mountains which has not yet been touched by vacationers. These and other phenomena are waiting to be seen and enjoyed.

This then, and much more than can be crowded into a few paragraphs, is Alberta. It is an ingenious blending of God's handiwork and man's attempts to control and appropriate "the earth . . . and the fulness thereof." These manifestations together with a friendly and hospitable people, a vigilant, Christian government, wholesome foods and Canadian ways will be awaiting you for the General Conference next July. Come and see Alberta!

Our Denomination in ACTION



Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Kauffeldt of Arnprior, Ontario, at their 50th wedding anniversary.

Eastern Conference

Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Kauffeldt, Arnprior, Ontario

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Kauffeldt of Arnprior, Ontario, recently held Open House for their many friends and relatives on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married by Rev. Edward Nieman on March 1, 1908 in the First Baptist Church of Arnprior. Then the young couple moved to the township of Brudenell where they took up farming. In 1920 they moved back to Arnprior and have been living here since then. Mr. Kauffeldt, who is a carpenter by trade, retired four years ago after working for 36 years with one of our local lumber industries. They have been blessed with a family of four boys and four girls.

We pray God's richest blessings on this happy Christian couple. May they have many more years of wedded life together. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior.

Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter

Central Conference

First Baptist Church, Norridge, Ill., Welcomes Pastor

On Sunday afternoon, March 9, the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Ill., met in the chapel of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged officially to welcome their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt. Dr. M. Vanderbeck served as chairman. Miss Glee Mack was at the Hammond piano. Mr. Herbert Siemund read the Scripture and Rev. J. C. Gunst led in prayer. Words of welcome and musical selections were given by the Baptist Mission Church, First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Forest Park Baptist Church, and Foster Avenue Baptist Church.

The president of the Home as well

as the denominational headquarters through Rev. Lawrence Bienert extended greetings. The Grace Baptist Church, still meeting in the old building, but now a part of the new, was represented by their choir. Dr. John Knechtel brought words of welcome in the name of the First Baptist Church of Norridge to their pastor, to which Rev. Walter Schmidt responded. A corsage was presented to Mrs. Walter Schmidt by the ladies of the Norridge church. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman from the denominational headquarters brought the main message of the afternoon, after which Rev. J. A. Hendricks pronounced the benediction.

M. Vanderbeck, Reporter



—Photo by Herman Siemund
Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt and family at the reception accorded them by the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Illinois. The picture was taken in the chapel of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged.

Annual Meeting at Central Baptist Home, Chicago

The annual meeting of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., was held Monday evening, March 17, at the Central Home. The Chapel was filled to overflowing. Mrs. Carl Jenkins was at the Hammond Organ and Mrs. Fred Sonnenberg at the piano. Mr. Daniel B. Granzow gave a welcome to all and then we were led in a song service by Rev. Fred Sonnenberg. Scripture was read and prayer was offered by the Rev. Walter Schmidt. The president, Mr. D. B. Granzow, gave a brief report showing the needs and responsibilities of Homes for the Aged. Dr. M. Vanderbeck, superintendent of the Home, brought a brief report showing what is needed to be happy in the Home.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Parson of the Moody Bible Institute Radio Station rendered two wonderful selections. The guest speaker, General William K. Harrison, brought an effective message

on "Trusting the Lord in every walk of life, and knowing as born again people that we can trust him." Rev. Joe Sonnenberg dismissed the meeting with prayer and benediction.

M. Vanderbeck, Superintendent

Northwestern Conference

Baptismal and Radio Services, Zion Church, Milwaukee

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the German Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., held a baptismal service in the Immanuel Baptist Church edifice. Before a large audience nine candidates followed their Lord in obedience to his command in baptism. Rev. John J. Kroeker, our pastor, in his message on Exodus 30:15 reminded us that Christ has made our atonement for our sins. On March 1st, just before we partook of the holy communion, these 9 candidates with a special dedication prayer were given the hand of fellowship into our church.

The Lord has opened another door to us in that on Sunday afternoons over radio station WMIL (1290) from 4:45 to 5:30 we are able to bring the Gospel in music, song and poetry in the German language. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit may continue to convict men and women of their need of a Savior.

Mrs. Bruno Ziegler, Reporter

Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn., Holds Missionary Reception

On Friday evening, Feb. 21, about 190 friends and members of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., honored Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr, newly appointed missionaries to our Cameroons Baptist Mission, at a fellowship dinner. The tables were beautifully decorated with centerpieces of miniature scenes of our Cameroons Mission. The head table had a replica of our Banjo Hospital where Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr will be serving after their arrival this fall.

Besides instrumental and vocal numbers, we heard two challenging



Dr. and Mrs. P. Fehr, missionary-appointees for the Cameroons, Africa, at the reception tendered them by the Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

messages by Rev. and Mrs. Donald Ganstrom, former missionaries to the Cameroons. A special love offering, which the people had prepared in envelopes, was taken. Rev. Walter Sukut, missionary to Japan, offered a prayer of dedication.

Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr spoke a few words in response. This fellowship with the Fehrs was one of the highlights of the year in our church activities at Minneapolis.

Mrs. Ben Woyke, Reporter

Evangelistic Services and Mortgage Burning, Sumner, Iowa

Evangelistic meetings were held at the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Ia., from Feb. 2 to 9 with Rev. John Vanderbeck of Elgin as evangelist. The messages were a blessing to us and several Sunday School juniors rededicated their lives while two made their decisions for Christ.

Sunday, Feb. 23, was a day of rejoicing for us. Dr. F. H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., was guest speaker for the day. Following the morning worship service, members and friends enjoyed a fellowship dinner. The afternoon meeting was a special occasion for us, because it was our privilege to observe the last payment on our church properties. Preceding the challenging message brought by Dr. Woyke, M. B. Potratz, a deacon and John Floden, a trustee, assisted our pastor, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, in a mortgage-note burning exercise, in which Dr. Woyke led us in dedicatory prayer. A talk of remembrance and reading concerning the charter members was given by M. B. Potratz and Mrs. W. O. Potratz, church clerk, respectively. An offering for general missions was received. May we continue to work for the furtherance of God's Kingdom upon earth to his honor and glorification!

Mrs. W. O. Potratz, Church Clerk

Pacific Conference

Baptism of 21 Converts, Trinity Church, Portland, Ore.

On Sunday evening, March 16, the members of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, rejoiced when 21 persons followed their Lord in baptism. This was the largest number of candidates since our pastor, Dr. John Wobig, came to us in 1946. A family of three were included in the group. This followed another large baptismal group of 17 in November 1957.

Rev. George Breitzkreuz, Minister of Christian Education, brought the message of the evening. There was a number by the choir and a special number, a duet by Victor Loewen and Paul Keple. These persons along with 6 others received the hand of fellowship at our regular communion service on Sunday, April 6. It is quite evident that God has been very good to us.

Mrs. Paul Keple, Reporter

God's Showers of Blessings, Magnolia Church, Calif.

During the month of November, the members of "God's Volunteers" team were a blessing to us at the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., as



Mortgage burning exercises at the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa. Left to right: John Floden, M. B. Potratz, Dr. Frank Woyke and Rev. J. C. Kraenzler.

62nd ANNIVERSARY

of the

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Supper will be served at the Home between 5:00 and 7:00 P.M.

Fancy Goods will be for sale at that time.

All Friends of the Philadelphia Home Are Invited!

they served their Lord. Over 900 house calls were made.

In February two additional blessings were received. Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., visited our church and spoke to us. The third blessing was the baptism of six converts along with many other new members added to



—Photo by Eric A. Pohl
Dr. John Wobig (center, front row), pastor of the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon, and the 21 persons whom he baptized on March 16 with the Baptismal Committee of the church on the far right.

the church, making our membership go over the 140 mark.

Then we celebrated our first anniversary recently, looking over the past and envisioning the future of our church. On Sunday evening, March 23, we expressed our thanks to God for his blessings and guidance. Our "thank you" was also expressed to our minister, Rev. Kenneth Fischer, and family for their ministry among us.

Mrs. Lillian Pinckel, Reporter

Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., Welcomes New Pastor

Members and friends of Bethel Baptist church, Anaheim, Calif., held an inspiring welcome service in the church sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, March 9, for the new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. H. John Vanderbeck and children, Kathy and Mark. Following the organ prelude by Nancy Bressel, organist, Rev. Herman Wedel gave the opening prayer.

Herbert Stabbert, moderator, introduced Rev. Henry Hirsch, beloved interim pastor, who brought the welcome from the church membership. Mrs. Herbert Stabbert, president of the Women's Missionary Society, Menno Thiessen, superintendent of the Sunday School, and Lloyd Kwast, Director of Christian Education and Youth Work, welcomed the pastor for their groups. Mrs. Dayton Smith gave a reading "The New Pastor." Mozart's magnificent "Gloria In Excelsis Deo," was commendably given by the chancel choir under its director, Herman Zachay.

His Honor, Charles Pearson, Christian Mayor of Anaheim, brought our city's greetings. Anaheim's Ministerial Union was represented by its president, Rev. Murray Morford. Rev. Fred David, of the Upper Bay Baptist church, brought greetings. The Bethel Girls' Trio: Phyllis Boettcher, Dorothy Burzlaff and Carole Arant, sang "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." Our pastor's message in response warmed our hearts and brought reassurance that the calling of Brother Vanderbeck as our minister was by divine guidance.

Mrs. G. E. Mellen, Reporter



Charter members of the Ann of Ava Guild, West Center Street Church, Madison, S. Dak. Left, to right: Mrs. Robert Backus, Mrs. Arthur Gimpel, Mrs. Harold Black, Miss Alinda Schrepel, Mrs. Iome Sommars, Mrs. Milton Schrepel, Mrs. Harry Gimpel, Mrs. Arthur Gutzman and Mrs. Gilbert Krause.

Dakota Conference

Silver Anniversary, Ann of Ava Guild, Madison, S. Dak.

On Sunday evening, March 9, the Ann of Ava Guild of the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., celebrated its silver anniversary. Mrs. Milton Schrepel, president of the Guild, presided. It was in her home 25 years ago that nine young girls first met to organize the group. The service opened with the singing of "The Old Rugged Cross" and with the president reading Scripture and offering prayer. This was followed by an organ and piano duet, "The Holy City," by Mrs. Arthur Gutzman and Mrs. Jothan Benke.

Mrs. Robert Backus, a charter member, gave a talk on 25 years with the Ann of Ava Guild. She described the origin of the name, the organization's progress in membership, its missionary activities, and the part it plays in Christian fellowship and church work. An interesting and most inspiring pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross," was presented by seven members. Our pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, closed the service with prayer.

Mrs. Elmer Moose, Reporter

Faith Baptist Church, Selby, S. Dak., Is Recognized

On March 14th eight North American Baptist churches of the Selby, S. Dak., vicinity, met as a council for the purpose of examining and recognizing the church at Selby as a sister church of our fellowship. Rev. G. P. Schroeder, who has labored there for almost four months, called for a temporary council to convene. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer was appointed chairman and Rev. A. J. Fischer the secretary. A permanent council was formulated in that the churches seated their delegates. Twenty-three persons, coming from our churches at Aberdeen, Eureka, Herreid, McLaughlin, Ashley, Lehr, Linton and Venturia were present.

The church clerk, Mrs. Clinton Berndt, read the minutes of the local church pertaining to the duly elected officers, the naming of the church, and the general organization and doctrinal

teachings. The council, after raising several questions and elaborating further upon the deliberations at hand, declared itself happy to recommend to the church to proceed with the recognition service.

The service was held that evening. Mr. Bibelheimer had charge of the meeting. Rev. A. Weisser brought the message, speaking to a large and appreciative audience on "Some Things That Make for a Good Church." His message proved to be an inspiration and blessing to all present. Rev. A. J. Fischer offered the dedicatory prayer



Twenty-eight new members recently received by baptism and letter into the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., by the pastor, Rev. R. E. Grabke (extreme right).

and also gave the charge to the church. A word of appreciation and thanks were extended to Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Schroeder for the fine work done in Selby. We should continue to pray for the Faith Baptist Church of Selby, and hope that a pastor will soon come to this new field so that the work may grow and prosper.

A. J. Fischer, Reporter

Northern Conference

Woman's Missionary Society Program at Morris, Manitoba

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, held its annual program, Sunday, March 9, together with its 35th anniversary celebration. After the scripture and prayer, Mrs. David

Berg, our pastor's wife and capable president, extended a hearty welcome to the many visitors and friends. The group song, "Thine For Service," was followed by the secretary's and treasurer's reports. After the second group song, "Count Me," the poem, "The Expected Guest," was recited.

The play, "The Macedonian Call," proved to be a blessing. Different countries were represented by women dressed in native attire presenting their spiritual needs. A ladies' quartet and trio provided special music during the play and an organ solo followed. Rev. David Berg spoke on "Missions," portraying the need in our own hearts and churches which must be met before effective foreign mission work can be done. The offering amounting to \$135 will be used in various mission projects.

Mrs. R. Stork, Reporter

Faith Church, Regina, Sask., Welcomes 28 New Members

On Sunday evening, Feb. 23, the Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., held a very beautiful and impressive baptismal service, with a large audience witnessing the happy event. Our pastor, Rev. R. E. Grabke, spoke briefly on "Three of the Greatest Things in Life," after which he stepped into the baptismal waters and baptized 9 believers in Christ. While the candidates were being baptized, the quartet sang very fitting numbers. Weeks prior to the baptism our pastor had held classes of instruction for the candidates. On

that same evening the church had the joy of welcoming 28 new members into the church.

We might also add that the "Faith Crusaders," our visitation organization, has felt the need of winning the lost who attend our church services. Our pastor has assigned two people to each individual who is a member of the church. We trust that by the end of 1958 we will see many of these who are lost come to the knowledge of Christ.

Isabel Gogel, Reporter

Southwestern Conference

Memorial Pulpit Bible Dedicated At Gotebo, Okla.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 23rd, the members of the Salem Baptist Church, Gotebo, Okla., met for a special serv-

ice. At this time a beautiful pulpit Bible was presented to the church in loving memory of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Nancy Neugebauer, who went to be with the Lord, Oct. 31, 1957. The Bible dedicated to her memory was a gift from Mrs. Braun, an aunt of Mrs. Neugebauer, Rev. Gerald Neugebauer and the Woman's Missionary Union, whose faithful president she was until the time of her death.

The service was in charge of Rev. Martin Massinger, president of the Dallas Bible Institute, Dallas, Texas, the school which both Mr. and Mrs. Neugebauer attended before coming to Gotebo. Mr. Massinger brought an appropriate and touching message on "Fruitfulness" bringing out the thought that although Mrs. Neugebauer's pilgrimage on this earth was only for a short time, it was wholly dedicated to the Lord's service and a fruitful life. May the Word of God, which was so dear to Mrs. Neugebauer, become more precious to all of us as it is faithfully proclaimed at this place of worship.

Viola Schanz, Reporter

Southern Conference

South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association Sessions

The Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La., was host to the 1958 South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association, Feb. 20-23. The opening message, "Unity in the Holy Spirit," was brought by Rev. Alex Sootzmann, host pastor. Other messages on the theme of "Christian Unity" were given by Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, pastor of the Kyle Emmanuel Church and Elm Creek Church; and by Rev. Frank Armbruster, pastor of the Greenville Church, Burton, Texas. Devotional periods were led by the laymen: Ludwig Casselman, Mowata, La.; Norman Lengefeld, Mowata, La.; Arnold Deiss, Elberta, Alabama.

Guest Speaker was Rev. L. G. Bientert, C. B. Y. F. Secretary, Forest Park, Ill. He spoke at the two Quiet Hour services, women's program and at the Sunday morning and afternoon services. All appreciated his messages of challenge and information. Our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Castro and family, were with us and shared some of the blessings of the work at Rio Grande City, Texas.

Special attractions during the Association were the Women's World Day of Prayer Service, missionary play by host church W. M. U., play by the local C. B. Y. F., film, "Seventeen," and Saturday afternoon outing. Offerings during the Association totaled \$547.15. Rev. Alex Sootzmann will be moderator for the coming year, succeeding Rev. Frank Armbruster. Mr. Norman Lengefeld, Mowata Baptist Church, was re-elected to serve as secretary-treasurer. According to tentative plans, the Association will be held in Donna, Texas, in 1959.

Eldon G. Schroeder, Reporter

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Our character is but the standard on our souls of the free choices of good and evil we have made through life." — Geikie

OBITUARIES

MRS. MARY HOLST KOLLER of Waco, Texas

Mrs. Mary Holst Koller of Waco, Texas, was born in Germany, July 26, 1875 and passed away in the Hillcrest Memorial Baptist Hospital, Waco, Texas, on Jan. 22, 1958. She came to the United States in the year 1889. She was united to John Koller in holy matrimony and in the year 1895 they both became charter members of the Central Baptist Church in Waco. She was a member of this church continuously since its founding. Her husband and a daughter, Emma, preceded her in death. She was a source of joy and strength to all who came into contact with her.

In her homegoing she is survived by three sons: Henry of Waco, Texas; Charles of Chicago, Illinois; and Edward of Dallas, Texas; and two daughters: Mrs. Lena Gaines of Glade Water, Texas, and Mrs. Betty Lide of Perry, Florida; by her sons-in-law and daughters-in-law; by 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

L. B. HINZ, Pastor

MRS. MARTHA LAUER of New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Martha Lauer, nee Scholtz, of New York, N. Y., was born in Germany on Oct. 13, 1873. She passed on to her heavenly reward on Feb. 25, 1958, having reached the age of 85 years, 4 months and 12 days. She accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and was baptized in her early youth. Here in New York City she was a member of the Harlem Baptist Church. When this church dissolved, she became a member of the Second German Baptist Church where she was active until her death.

She was united in marriage to Mr. Anthon Lauer in 1893. This union was blessed with five children. Two children and her husband preceded her in death. Mrs. Lauer leaves to mourn her passing two sons: Fred of Newington, Connecticut, and Robert of Detroit, Michigan, and one daughter, Mrs. Emma Muether of Rosdale, Long Island, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Rev. Frank Orthner and Rev. E. A. Hoffmann spoke in German and English at the funeral service.

Second German Baptist Church, New York, N. Y.

E. A. HOFFMANN, Pastor

MRS. MINNIE GOODWIN of Arnprior, Ontario

Mrs. Minnie Tena Goodwin, nee Runtz, of Arnprior, Ontario, was born at McNab Township, Ontario, on Jan. 19, 1891. She lived in the area of Arnprior all her life. She was converted and baptized by Rev. W. A. Schoen on Feb. 27, 1910 and received into the fellowship of the Arnprior Baptist Church, to which she remained true to the time of her death. She was married to Jack Goodwin in 1940.

She first took sick on August 26, 1957 in

an illness from which she never fully recovered. She was taken to the hospital on March 2nd, from where she went home to be with the Lord on March 4, 1958.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Jack; two brothers and three sisters and a large host of friends. Rev. A. E. Jaster and Rev. Frank Friesen spoke words of comfort at the memorial service which was held at the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ont.

Arnprior, Ontario
REV. FRANK FRIESEN, Interim Pastor

MR. ROBERT LADWIG of Loyal, Oklahoma

Mr. Robert Lee Ladwig of Loyal, Okla., was born on April 5, 1923 at Loyal, Okla. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 17 and was baptized at the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., and received into the membership where he remained a member until his departure. On March 2, 1942 he was united in marriage with Ollie Wells at Wichita, Kans. To this union two children were born. Bob, as he was known by his relatives and friends, was a veteran of World War II. Recently he was employed by various major oil companies. He departed from this life on March 20, 1958 while at work near Lamesa, Texas, at the age of 34 years, 11 months and 15 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Ollie; his son, Gary; his daughter, Eileen; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ladwig of Loyal, Okla.; a sister, Irene (Mrs. Ronald Duffy) of Kingfisher, Okla.; and 3 brothers: Louis of Gallup, New Mexico, Eugene of Purvis, Mississippi; and Freddie of Hennessey, Okla.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, Oklahoma

ELEON L. SANDAU, Pastor

MR. EDWARD BLUMHARDT of Ashley, North Dakota

Mr. Edward Blumhardt, of Ashley, N. Dak., was born Jan. 31, 1885 in Freeman, S. Dak., and died March 8, 1958 as the result of a heart attack. On Dec. 3, 1905 he was married to Margaret Schneider of Java, S. Dak. They had the great joy to celebrate their golden anniversary in good health. In 1905 they came to North Dakota and settled on the farm near the Berlin settlement. In 1948 they moved to Fredonia, and in June 1957 to Ashley.

Mr. Blumhardt was converted March 8, 1907 and on August 28 was baptized by Rev. H. G. Benz. He was a faithful member of our church for 51 years. He served as Sunday School teacher, trustee, treasurer and chairman of the building committee. His friendliness and cheerful disposition gave him many friends in the church and the whole neighborhood.

Sorrowing his homegoing are Mrs. Blumhardt and 8 children: Emily, Mrs. Adam Kungel of Kulm; Martha, Mrs. Edwin Meidinger of Ashley; John of Kulm; Jake of Fargo; Hertha, Mrs. Ted Wolf of Fredonia; Esther, Mrs. Ted Skaly of Chicago, Ill.; Harold of Fredonia and Reinhold of Fargo.

Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, North Dakota

V. H. PRENDINGER, Pastor

FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES		
	Feb., 1958	Feb., 1957	Feb., 1956
Atlantic	\$ 2,290.38	\$ 1,796.08	\$ 3,846.55
Central	2,632.12	8,314.12	5,250.25
Dakota	3,578.19	4,887.24	3,671.64
Eastern	916.38	1,147.87	1,124.98
Northern	2,010.10	2,225.46	1,025.30
Northwestern	5,533.77	3,665.40	6,143.17
Pacific	4,993.13	6,259.21	4,247.58
Southern	265.50	98.36	213.68
Southwestern	2,067.69	1,401.44	1,879.93
Inter-Conference			384.04

Total Contributions\$24,287.26 \$29,795.18 \$27,787.12

	CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED		Total Contributions
	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	
For the month of February, 1958	\$18,320.45	\$ 5,966.81	\$24,287.26
For the month of February, 1957	23,849.81	5,945.37	29,795.18
For the month of February, 1956	22,846.64	4,940.48	27,787.12

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR			
April 1, 1957 to February 28, 1958	\$507,518.20	\$49,318.16	\$556,836.36
April 1, 1956 to February 28, 1957	506,979.43	66,677.52	573,656.95
April 1, 1955 to February 28, 1956	441,544.55	79,282.24	520,826.79

LANDMARKS OF EDMONTON

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Groat Bridge, which is the latest link over the river between North and South Edmonton in the west end of the city. The drive over the bridge and along Groat Road is pleasant and scenic.

The University of Alberta, south of Saskatchewan Drive at 112th Street, is well known all over the world for its high educational standards and the excellence of its courses and facilities.

The Cenotaph, Edmonton's War Memorial, is situated on 100th Avenue and 102nd Street. If you are a connoisseur of art, you will find the Art Gallery located at 9842 on 105th Street. Here you may see sculptures and paintings by Edmonton and Alberta artists.

But if your interests lie in industry, you may drive four miles east of the city on Highway No. 16A, where you will find "Refinery Row." The sight will be especially pleasing at night when the tall towers are ablaze with myriads of sparkling lights. Planned city tours are conducted daily starting at the City Hall and ending at the Macdonald Hotel.

Edmonton is an attractive city, affording interesting sights and delight-

MOTHER

Once my youthful world was bounded
By a circle at your feet:
Then the lines were stretched and
widened
To the schoolyard and the street.
But the center of my circle
Was your tender, watchful care;
And when storms and darkness gathered,
My quick footsteps led me there.
Far horizons called and claimed me,
But they kept us not apart,
For an ever open highroad
Was the pathway to your heart.
And although the circle widens
To some distant, shining star,
I know your love will find me
And your hand will not be far.

—Josephine Wetzler

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Harry G. Fox, chief of the Juvenile Aid Bureau, addressed 80 young people and youth leaders, including about 20 from the First Brethren Church of the city. On Palm Sunday morning, March 30, Rev. Walter Sukut, missionary to Japan, was the guest speaker. Rev. W. C. Damrau is pastor of the church.

● On Good Friday evening, April 4, the choir of the First Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario, presented a musical program of "old favorites." The choir of about 20 voices is directed by Mr. Leslie Helwig. An Easter Sunrise Service was held on April 6 with young people bringing testimonies and rendering special numbers. On Easter Sunday evening, seven young people presented the two-act play, "To This End," by Lucile R. Green. This effective religious drama was directed by Mrs. Henry Ramus. An impressive dedication service for several children was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Henry Ramus, at the morning service. The guest speaker at the Palm Sunday services on March 30 was Dr. M. L. Leuschner, of Forest Park, Ill., who spoke on "Triumph and Tears."

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