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Pioneer Preaching in Canada*

• An estimated four million children of all faiths are released from the public schools of the United States once a week to attend week-day religious education classes. Mrs. Alice L. Goddard, director of religious education for the National Council of Churches, who reported this at a meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., said classes for most of the Protestant children released are conducted on an interdenominational basis.

• Production of 20,312,000 tracts, a new record, in 1957 was announced by the American Tract Society. Henry G. Perry, executive secretary of the society, which has been producing Christian literature since 1825, says the production figure just exceeded the goal of 20,000,000 pieces that had been set for the year. Hundreds of thousands of "Tracards" were sent free of charge to Africa for translation into African languages, Mr. Perry said. These cards bear color pictures on one side and religious messages on the other.

• Paul S. Rees, for 20 years minister of First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minn., has announced his resignation effective June 8. He plans to return "for a while at least" to the work of evangelism and Bible teaching, with particular emphasis on ministries overseas. A vice-president of the World Evangelical Fellowship, Dr. Rees was one of the founders of the National Association of Evangelicals, and served as its president for two terms. He was associated with Billy Graham's campaigns in London, Glasgow and New York City.

• Member papers of the Associated Church Press have a total circulation of 14,021,008, it was reported to the Association's 39th annual meeting in Chicago, Ill., by Peter Day of Milwaukee, Wis., president. Mr. Day, editor of "The Living Church," Episcopal news weekly, said 12 new publications were voted into membership in the ACP, bringing the total number to 158. The ACP comprises editors of Protestant publications in the United States and Canada. Rev. L. Bienert, general secretary of the CBY Fellowship, attended the sessions. The "Baptist Herald" is also a member of the Associated Church Press.

• The 59th anniversary of the entrance of evangelical Christianity into the Philippines was commemorated in a Festival of Faith and Freedom attended by 10,000 persons at Manila's Rizal memorial coliseum on the evening of Palm Sunday—"Domingo de Ramos," as it is known. The main address was given by Bishop Enrique C. Sobrepna of the United Church of Christ. He traced the Filipino people's struggle for religious freedom, culminating in the revolution of inde-

pendence in 1896 and the subsequent introduction of Protestantism. The closing evangelistic message was delivered by Rev. Gregorio Tingson, who was introduced as the "Filipino Billy Graham."

• An international group of plaintiffs, including Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japanese Christian leader, and two prominent British clergymen, filed suit against the United States Atomic Energy Commission in Federal district court, Washington, D. C., asking that the commission be enjoined from conducting further nuclear tests that will harm the health of the world's people. The group, among whom are several noted scientists, also announced plans to bring similar lawsuits in England and the Soviet Union in an attempt to force those nations to halt all further nuclear tests.

—Watchman-Examiner



Baptist Briefs

• **Baptist Church in Montreal.** A magnificent new edifice has been dedicated by the First Baptist Church of Montreal, Canada. It is now located at crossroads of the town of Cote St. Luc, the town of Hempstead and the city of Montreal on the Cote St. Luc Road. Rev. R. S. Dunn is pastor. The First Church of Montreal has for over 125 years provided a Baptist witness in the central area of the city of Montreal.

• **Baptists in Tokyo.** The Tokyo Baptist Church was organized January 5 for English-speaking people in Japan. Now made up mainly of military personnel, the church hopes to enlist the civilian population to ensure stability during troop shifts. There are an estimated 10,000 civilian Americans in Tokyo. Rev. and Mrs. William H. (Dub) Jackson, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries, have been leading in the organization of the church, and Mr. Jackson will serve as pastor until July.

• **Eastern Seminary Library.** Eastern Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., dedicated the new wing of the Austin K. De Blois Library on the afternoon of Sunday, March 6. A goodly company assembled in the Curtis Lee Laws memorial chapel. Trustee Paul Almquist presided. Trustee H. Stewart Warner read 2 Timothy 4:1-13. President Gilbert L. Guffin introduced Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of "The Watchman-Examiner," who spoke on the theme "The Dream and the Glory." Dean Carl H. Morgan delivered an address on "What Is a Library." The prayer

of dedication was rendered by Prof. Edward R. Dalglis.

• **Accreditation at Sioux Falls.** Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was granted full accreditation March 28 by North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Reuben P. Jeschke is president of the Baptist-related school. Acceptance by the North Central Association means that Sioux Falls College, having reached the high standard set by the Association for academic strength, financial stability, and satisfactory plant, now takes its place with hundreds of other schools already so recognized.

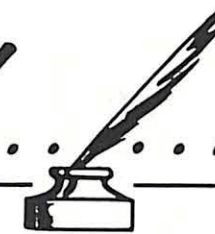
—United Evangelical Action.

• **The Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society** plans to erect in Wheaton, Ill., a building that can function as headquarters and will include several apartments for the use of missionary families en route to and from their fields of service. Working in the same building will be the headquarters staff of the Conservative Home Mission Society. The move is being made because the present space in Chicago is crowded. Due to increased cost of living charges for missionaries, the CBFMS had a deficit of \$49,000 as of December 31.

• **Bibles for Russia.** Russian Bibles and a message on world peace from Southern Baptists were taken by Congressman Brooks (D., Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, to Russian Baptists on his recent visit to Moscow. The two Bibles and four

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Editorial



SING WITH GRACE IN YOUR HEARTS

WHY DO WE as Christians sing? We sing because we are happy, because we want to tell to all the world the blessings that are ours in Christ. The singing of a hymn can express an assurance of victory. Therefore, God sometimes gives us songs in the night, when we can sing jubilantly in the time of trouble, as Paul and Silas did in prison. We join with others in congregational singing to give vent to our heartfelt gratitude for all the gifts we have received.

"Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices."

The Apostle Paul calls on us to "sing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16). God's matchless grace is the priceless gift of his love which we have received unmerited through Christ. You can count on these blessings of God, on his grace, so that you can thank and praise him even now for blessings and victories still to be received. This was the testimony of a faithful Christian: "Today I will lift burdens or meet sorrows, with God's praises ringing in my heart." That is singing with grace in your soul.

Such singing is not only your personal expression of gratitude and praise, but it is a winsome, mighty witness to others. I have always been deeply impressed by the preaching power of our congregational singing.

When John Wesley was crossing the Atlantic Ocean, something he witnessed and heard made a lasting impression on him. In the midst of a terrible storm, as the waves dashed over the ship, passengers screamed in terror—but not the Moravians who were aboard. They gathered with their wives and children, and sang a hymn of praise to God. The simplicity of their faith and the fervor of their singing deeply impressed Wesley.

One of the leaders of the Baptist Church at Salzburg, Austria, is Arthur Parizek, whose testimony appears in a new missionary leaflet, "How Jesus Christ Found Me." He was gloriously saved from black magic, spiritism and the clutches of Satan. But that which drew him to the little chapel of Salzburg, where he heard the Gospel, was the singing of God's people. "There in that chapel we felt that we were in another world," Mr. Parizek said, "where love, friendliness and the hand of welcome were all extended to us. In the hymns which the choir and congregation sang lay words of power and love, humility and steadfastness for me."

Our singing can be such a testimony of praise and a glowing witness for Christ to others. Through the choir anthem, the vocal solo, and the congregational singing, the tidings of the Gospel can go forth with captivating power. In evangelistic meetings we become the co-laborers with Christ in the winning of souls through our spirited, joyous singing. This is evident these days in the Billy Graham meetings in San Francisco, California, with the great choir and the singing of Beverly Shea supporting the evangelist. In every service we show forth the glory of God as we sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord!

Every song should be a Christian's testimony to the saving and keeping power of Christ. Let this singing resound in your sanctuary and in your soul as you sing heartily as unto the Lord!

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The Tenri-Kyo Temple at Tenri City, which is the shrine of the fastest growing and the strongest of the modern cults in Japan with over a million believers in the sect at the present time. Its teachings and practises are described by Missionary Walter Sukut in the article below

Missionary Advance in the New Japan

The Challenge of Difficulties and Open Doors Facing Christianity in the New Japan

Described by Rev. Walter Sukut, Missionary

THE DEATH TOLL of a system of government and a religious philosophy was sounded as the atom bombs of World War II struck their targets in Nagasaki and Hiroshima, Japan. The diabolical teachings of State Shintoism, that the emperor was of divine descent and that the people of Japan were a super-race destined to conquer the world, were shattered. In their place there has sprung up in Japan a new system of government and many new religious and philosophical teachings that we can dub with the title, "New Japan."

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The new government that has arisen might be called an American inspired democracy that has taken many Oriental characteristics into its veins. Although there have been times when this new government has faltered and has caused some to fear that it might not succeed in making a true democracy of Japan, and even though there has been a certain degree of swinging back to the old, we can say that it is making fairly good progress. Generally speaking, diplomats are quite optimistic in their convictions that democracy is taking root in Japan.

Religiously it can be said that as a result of the democratic principles, upon which the new government is founded, there has never been a time in the history of Japan in which there has been a greater spirit of religious freedom. An evidence of this is the fact that in New Japan almost an unbelievable number of new religious sects of various natures have come into existence. Indeed, if you went to Japan today, it is likely that you would hear a great deal about the term "Shinko-Shukyo," which literally means "newly-arisen religions."

According to recent statistics, ap-

proximately 200 new sects of Buddhism have arisen in post-war Japan. Also, even though the diabolical teachings of State Shintoism were shattered through the defeat in war, Shintoism itself has had a tremendous comeback in New Japan. Altogether there are approximately 255 Shinto sects in Japan today. In addition to the large number of Buddhist and Shintoistic types of religious sects, there are ap-



Japanese girl with kimono and spring flowers around her

proximately 153 new sects which are neither distinctly Buddhist nor distinctly Shintoistic.

TEACHINGS OF TENRI-KYO

What do some of these new sects teach and believe? Typical, and undoubtedly the strongest and best known of all "Shinko-Shukyo" (newly-arisen religions) is Tenri-Kyo.

The history of Tenri-Kyo dates back to November 26, 1837, when its founder, Mrs. Miki Nakayama, is believed to have received a revelation. However, it was not until post-war Japan that this sect really became very popular.

The doctrine of Tenri-Kyo is rather simple. The god Tenri-o-no-mikoto is the "Oya-gami" of all human beings. The English word officially adopted by the sect to translate "Oya-gami" is "Parent-god." According to Tenri teachings, this Oya-gami takes constant care of human beings as his children so that they may live truly happy lives.

Death is no reality to Tenrikyo. It is simply a putting off of one's garment. Man's soul being immortal, he will at some future time come back to this world in a new garment. Sin, also, has no reality. It is nothing but dust on one's soul, which can be removed by sweeping and dusting.

The same is believed concerning sickness. Sickness is simply an effect on the body of mental dust. Remove the cause and the effect will immediately disappear. A part of the reason for its great popularity may be due to the healing power with which this sect is credited. However, in spite of this element of faith healing in its teachings, Tenri-kyo does not reject the use of medicine.

Tenri-kyo is today the most successful and best organized of all the newer

sects. It is believed there are over a million believers in this sect. It is also, I believe, the fastest growing religion in Japan at the present time.

However, Tenri-kyo is not the only newer religion in Japan that is enjoying a rapid increase in its followers. There are also many of the other newer religions that are very prosperous in this newly established democracy.

THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

How does all this add up as far as the missionary advancements of the preachings of the Gospel are concerned? I believe that there are at least four primary factors that one may observe and may interpret as being rather encouraging as far as the cause of Christ is concerned.

I. To begin with, the fact that so many new religions have sprung up in post-war Japan is a clear indication that there is a deep spiritual hungering on the part of the Japanese people. They are longing and seeking for light. This is encouraging because we well know that people who are seeking after spiritual truths will be much more responsive to the preaching of the Truth, than are people who are self-complacent and satisfied with what they have.

II. A second primary factor is that the doors for the preaching of the Gospel are wide open. An elderly missionary of the Cross who has been a missionary in Japan for almost half a century has stated that there hasn't been a time in all the years that he has been in Japan in which there have been greater opportunities for the preaching of the Gospel. Ministers of the Gospel can preach in peace—without having to fear the secret police and government opposition that loyal servants of former days had to endure.

This, however, should not be interpreted that persecution of the Christians in Japan is a thing of the past. Even in New Japan Christians still very often face serious persecutions because of their faith. This persecution, however, is not government inspired but is rather experienced within family groups. The non-Christian persecute the Christian because they feel that the Christian, who no longer worships the ancestors, is placing disgrace and dishonor upon the ancestors.

The degree of persecution suffered, therefore, depends as a rule upon how fervent the non-Christian members of the family are in their religious convictions, especially concerning ancestor worship. Nevertheless, in spite of these persecutions, it is easier to become a Christian in Japan today than it was in Old Japan.

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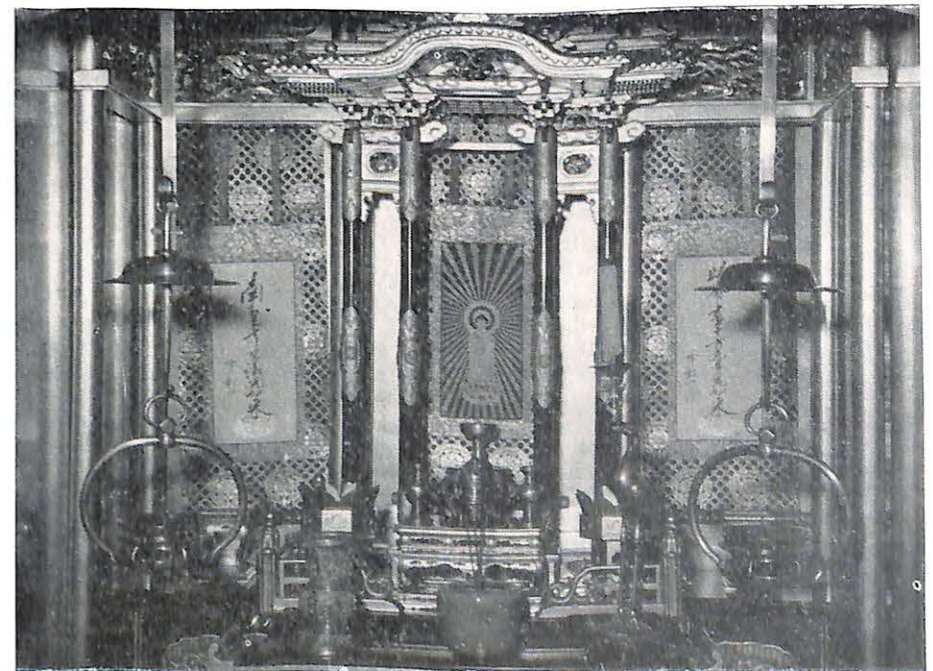
III. Another encouraging factor is that, even though Christianity is not as prosperous as many of the other newer religions of Japan, the preaching of the Gospel is producing a gratifying amount of fruit. Our own North



It is the supreme purpose of our missionary efforts in Japan that many Japanese might come to know Christ as their Savior and Risen Lord, even as this truth is symbolized in the lovely Easter lily.

American Baptist work may serve as an apt illustration. Our work in Ise, which is now in its fifth year, has been enjoying the blessings of God in a wonderful way. In that work we have 34 baptized believers who are on our church membership roll. These believers have organized into a formal church and are continuously growing in their new found faith.

Our work in Kyoto now has eight baptized believers. Others will soon be ready to receive baptism. This work is in its third year. These results are especially encouraging when you



A Butsudun or Buddhist god-shelf, usually found in a Japanese home, with tablets on each side of the central Buddhist god containing the names of the deceased members of the family.

take into consideration the fact that, until recently when Miss Miller sailed to Japan to begin her second term of service, all of your missionaries on the Japanese field have been first-term missionaries who have had to give the primary portion of their time and efforts to language study.

IV. A fourth encouraging factor is that throughout Japan one can see the appearance of truly indigenous churches, that is, churches that are completely self-governing, self-supporting and self-propagating. These are churches that are completely run by the Japanese themselves. One must admit that there still are not very many of these churches in Japan. But throughout the various parts of Japan, churches of this nature have appeared, and they stand before us as living examples that it can be done. This is a real source of encouragement, for indeed it is the heart's desire and goal of every true missionary to plant indigenous churches. To this end all of your missionaries in Japan labor and pray daily.

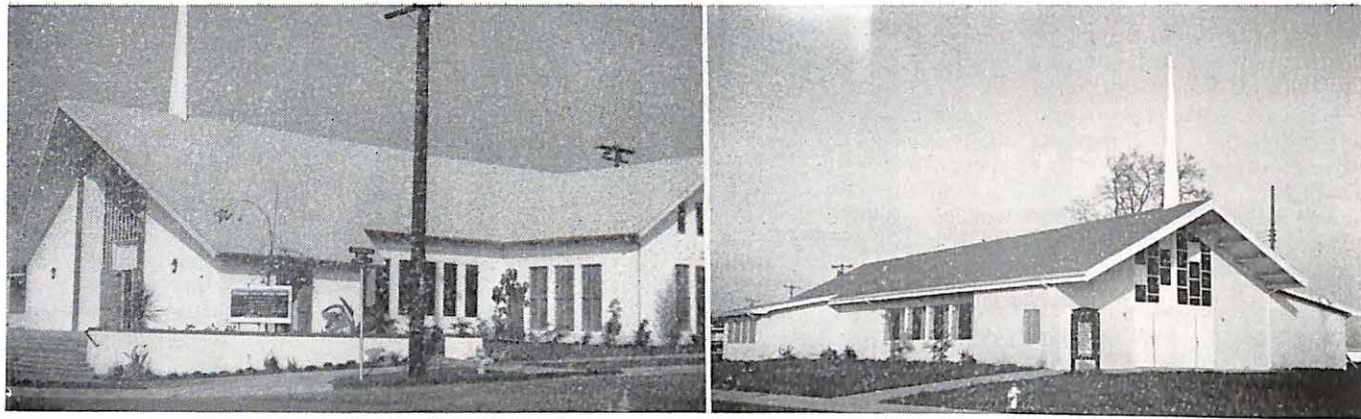
PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that God will give us wisdom in our new work in Japan to establish policies that will help us to be the most effective in planting indigenous churches.

2. Pray for the young converts so that as they are trained to become the members and leaders of these indigenous churches they may remain humble and obedient children of God.

3. Pray for the New Government of Japan that it may indeed succeed in establishing a democracy in which Christianity can be nurtured.

4. Pray that the Japanese people who are fervently seeking for light may learn to know the True Light and Savior of the world.



The beautiful new buildings of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif. (left), and of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., which served as the center of evangelistic activity and outreach by "God's Volunteers" for over a month in California.

This Year's Circuit for "God's Volunteers"

By Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, 1957-1958 Director of "God's Volunteers"

LAST FALL it was my privilege to prepare an article in regard to "What Our Churches Had a Right to Expect from 'God's Volunteers'" and also "What 'God's Volunteers' Had a Right to Expect from Our Churches." With 12 of 14 churches on our itinerary now visited, we can examine our objectives in the light of accomplishments while you determine the success of such a program.

First, I wish to express our thanks as "God's Volunteers" and director for the hundreds of people who were our vital Prayer Partners throughout this year and who closely followed us through Mrs. Roehl's articles in the "Baptist Herald." We trust that as you read this report, you will also enter into the joy of our Lord with us. We have been laborers together.

PROFIT TO OUR CHURCHES

The churches profited in a great many ways from the work of "God's Volunteers." I can only mention a few. The SPIRIT of "God's Volunteers" will linger on in the memory of those who met them. This splendid spirit sprang from the Well of Living Water, the Fountainhead of our salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ, and their contact and fellowship with him.

Their ZEAL had the ability of becoming contagious. Not all who were exposed to it caught it, but the exposure was a challenge and a revelation as to what God can do with lives which are surrendered to his will.

Their MUSIC was graciously received and welcomed. They were not selected on the basis of their musical accomplishments, but the sincerity of presentation and warmth of the message made this talent most acceptable.

Their CALLING consisted of two types. The first I refer to as "Prospect Calling." These are the ones who have had some contact with the local church and to whom "God's Volunteers" went with a personal testimony and desire

to win them to Christ and to full obedience. The other type was "Canvass Calling." These calls were especially made when working with new churches or churches in new areas. "God's Volunteers" would call as representatives of the local church and discover the church affiliation or preference and then report to the pastor those who showed an interest or were warm to their invitation.

In two churches they made nearly 1,800 Canvass Calls. One pastor reported that over 150 families are now on his vital prospect list. They averaged nearly a thousand calls in each church visited. Another pastor said, "Now that they have turned up so many prospects, I could use them for another six months."

In the first 12 churches visited, we reported over 150 souls whom we heard confess Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin. This would average about 12 per church. Each church had at least 5 decisions. You may ask, "Who were these who accepted Christ?" As you would expect, about 80 per cent were children under 15 years of age. Most churches find this age group the best in which to reap souls for the Kingdom of Heaven. However, we also rejoice in the 20 per cent over 15 years who acknowledged the claims of Christ upon their lives. Some were mothers and dads.

On a number of occasions it was our joy especially to see young people realize that Christ not only desired to become their Savior from sin, but also Lord of their lives.

How did "God's Volunteers" profit or what did they receive from our churches? On a number of occasions I have heard "God's Volunteers" testify that they were receiving far more than the churches, and I am sure they would all underscore this statement.

First of all, they received practical classroom instruction in 12 subjects from our choice professors and in-

structors. They will long remember the inspiration of the classroom, and they are thankful for it. They will return to their home churches with a zeal and desire to serve as opportunities are presented to them. The theory of the classroom was not left to rest but made practical in guided Christian service. All of the Volunteers did some new things which they had not done before. Some discovered new talents for future use and present development.

Choice Christian fellowship was provided by students, professors and their wives, pastors' families and our churches. Parsonages were often local headquarters. Many Christian friendships have enriched their lives, not to mention the fellowship among the Volunteers themselves. They were a close and harmonious family of brothers and sisters in Christ. "God's Volunteers" thrilled often to see the power of God manifested in newly surrendered lives.

ENDURING SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

These blessings are those which are most enduring because of their spiritual nature. They praise the Lord for this program and thank him for you who have given them this opportunity to serve their Lord through our churches. Less abiding blessings were the inspiration and beauty of the ocean, rivers and waterfalls, mountains, deserts and other things of scenic beauty stretched out over thousands of miles as seen by them in their travels across the United States and Canada.

As this year of service draws to a close, I wish to express my thanks to the Lord for being permitted to share these joys with "God's Volunteers" and our churches as this year's director of this program. I was glad, too, that my wife, Ruth, and our children, Amy and Holly, could also enter into the joys with me and accompany me on this year's circuit.

God's Commands Are His Enabling

Observations of the Ministry of "God's Volunteers"

By Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss, Wife of the Director

ANOTHER RUTH coined these words, "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge." They seemed suitable for me to quote to my husband in the early days of our marriage, though we could not know how literally they would be fulfilled.

"GOING PLACES"

Following the public sale last year which emptied the lovely parsonage at Ellinwood, Kansas, of our household goods, we as a family began the pilgrimage of accompanying my husband, who had recognized God's leading to become director of "God's Volunteers."

The car was loaded to capacity, including all we needed for our two daughters, Amy age 4, and Holly, age one. We thank the Lord for their adjustment to this change in methods of living, even to the extent of liking it. Part of Amy's prayer is, "Thank You that we can go places."

Our initial joy in this venture was meeting the "Volunteers." This joy has increased month by month. To us they are no longer a collective group only, but six individuals, eagerly devoted to the Lord and his service. We treasure our associations with them and count them as dear as family members.

Floyd and Shirley Roehl were married on our anniversary, shortly before joining the team. It was a standing joke among us that they had so many people to accompany them on their honeymoon. They have been getting some practical experience. We give them credit for teaching Holly to walk at the age of 10 months. The capabilities of the Volunteers seem unlimited!

WORKING WITH MY TEAM

My husband encouraged each of them in many fields of endeavor, including the telling of continued children's stories. At one church, Lily Boymook gave the first installment of a story only to find that the children had already heard it and knew its outcome. The next night she had another story in shape, and kept the exciting events moving on to a thrilling climax.

All children, including ours, appreciated the "Volunteers." LeRoy Kiemele found himself overrun with juvenile admirers. Having a total of 20 nieces and nephews, he felt perhaps at home with all this attention. Our children loved the affection they received in return.

The days the Volunteers came to our apartment or motel were red-letter days for our whole family. Saturday was often a get-together day for making reports, going over future plans,

having prayer, and visiting together. When the Volunteers could not yet be accommodated with meals at the next church, it became our joy to have them over. Though our places were comparatively small, we could fare quite well by eating cafeteria style. We have found that we do not need a great deal of space and equipment to get along.

The Lord provided us with enough to share. When Leona Hoffman returned from Christmas vacation, we brought her home from the bus depot to spend the night on our davenport. One night may have been enough from her point of view, but we enjoyed having her in the family circle. She always seemed to know when Holly wanted a snack or drink.

It was under different circumstances that we later added another Volunteer

to our household. When the team arrived at St. Paul, Minn., Violet Rau was ill with flu. The Lord was good in having led us to a motel apartment with two small bedrooms so we could put Vi to bed in Amy's room. She missed the Volunteers greatly during her days of recovery, and they missed her assistance in singing and visitation. It was a glad day for her when she could rejoin the team.

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Because we are so pleased with the "Volunteers," we were happy that the people of the various congregations took them to their hearts so warmly. The response to their glowing zeal was gratifying. As a bystander, I observed appreciation for the Gospel messages also. People are not looking for the profound, but for the practical.

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ENLIST IN "GOD'S VOLUNTEERS"

By Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

"The Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come" (Luke 10:1).

As in days of old, so even now the Lord lays his hand upon those who would hear his call and appoints them and sends them forth into every place that they might bear witness of him. The work of "God's Volunteers" is such a work of witnessing as two and two go together from house to house, telling the wonderful story of salvation and inviting men and women, young and old, to come and accept Christ as Savior and Lord.

THE THIRD SEASON

For two seasons 12 young people, in two different groups of six each, have given of their time and talent in this ministry of witnessing. Over this period of two years 27 churches have had these young people work and minister in their midst and have caught some of the devotion and consecration which these young people so readily and willingly have given in a most sacrificial ministry. Many have been the blessings in souls saved and reclaimed and in revival fires which have flared up here and there. We have received some of the finest reports from these churches concerning the ministry of "God's Volunteers."

Plans are being made for a third season of "God's Volunteers" ministry. A goodly number of invitations from churches which desire this ministry are already at hand. As soon as sufficient invitations to fill another season

are received, the itinerary running from approximately October 5, 1958 to April 26, 1959 will be set up.

By necessity, we will again be limited to a group of six young people between the ages of 18 and 45 years. It is our prayer that we might again have at least one married couple in this group. Such an arrangement has proven itself advantageously in the past two years. No specific training beforehand is required but some Bible School training is preferred. Talented young people with musical and singing abilities will be a great asset to the group, but most of all a sincere devotion and consecration to such work will be signally blessed by the Lord.

ENLIST NOW!

Is the Lord speaking to you through these lines? Would you be willing and ready to take about eight months out of this next year and give yourself unreservedly to the Lord for this work? If so, then enlist in God's Volunteers! Applications will be considered and decided upon by God's Volunteers Committee in the early part of June.

By the end of July we desire to have the program set up and all those who are appointed notified so that they can make further plans as needed. The four week training program preceding the actual ministry will begin on September 8, 1958 and will be held at the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta, this year. For further information and for application forms write at once to: Rev. R. Schilke, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

TEN YEARS AS EVANGELIST

Since March 1948, in his first campaign at Madison, South Dakota, the author has proclaimed the riches of the Gospel, has won hundreds of people to Christ and has never missed a single service because of ill health!

By Rev. H. Palfenier, Denominational Evangelist

TEN YEARS, ten years! Ten years of what? Ten years of boundless grace and love and faithfulness. As I look back upon them, it is with wonder and amazement and deep gratitude to God and to the many faithful friends and helpers in the Lord who have made it possible for me to do the work of an evangelist in all these years. As I try to describe some of the events which have occurred, there is one word which will guide me, and that is FAITHFULNESS!

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

There is, first of all, the faithfulness of the Lord. In 1 Cor. 1:9 the Apostle Paul exults: "God is faithful by whom ye were called." In the fall of 1947 when I received the call to be a denominational evangelist, I knew with unshakable conviction and impelling urge that this was of the Lord. And yet with what trepidation and worry did I begin the work! I shall never forget those first weeks of my labors, when sleepless nights and tear-stained pillows were my portion.

The trouble was that I thought I was the one who had to produce results. Hence all the worry and apprehension and fears! But, oh, how graciously did the Lord show me that it was not my poor efforts but his grace and power that could convert souls and revive his people. When we have learned that the grace of the Lord is sufficient for us, it brings the blessings of trust and utter dependence with itself.

Throughout these years God has been faithful in every circumstance and trial. In weal and woe he has been there to sustain and to help, to lead and to enable. It would fill the pages of a book to tell of all the miracles and manifold graces which came, because he is faithful. Because he is faithful, he blessed his word to the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the faith of his people. It was his faithfulness that overcame the wiles of the Devil and the indifference and hardness of heart of people. He applied the Word by the Holy Spirit to the hearts of the unconverted and convicted them of their own sinfulness and lost condition and showed them Christ as Savior and Lord.

SPIRITUAL VICTORIES

Hear this young man cry: "O Lord, I'm dirty and filthy within!" And then turn his eye of faith to Christ, beholding him as Savior from sin, and see him arising from his knees, redeemed and cleansed, with heaven in his eyes, saying: "I will live for him as long as I live."

Early in my ministry as evangelist



A recent picture of Rev. and Mrs. H. Palfenier of Minneapolis, Minn.

I came to a church where one of the members of that church organized a public dance and invited all the members to come. Here was the Devil trying to frustrate the work of the Lord, but the Lord gave us the victory! How glorious it was to see the arm of the Lord made bare in behalf of his people and the salvation of souls! Many years ago Dr. Leuschner said in a message: "Hold on to the faithfulness of God!" As we look into the future, we are confident that this same faithfulness will attend our way.

The faithfulness of our churches and people have been marvelous indeed. It was our privilege to go into the homes of thousands of them, and we had sweet fellowship with them. We have received an insight into their problems and trials as well as their joys and privileges. Often it was our privilege to counsel with them and help them as far as that lay in our ability to do. The common love to our precious Lord has united our hearts.

WONDERFUL HOSPITALITY

Their splendid hospitality was truly Christian and their food better than in any hotel or restaurant or train! And a lot cheaper! Indeed, it was free of charge. The best proof as to how good these meals were and how splen-

CONGRATULATIONS!

The "Baptist Herald" family extends sincerest congratulations to Brother Palfenier on his tenth anniversary of faithful service to Christ as a denominational evangelist. The General Missionary Committee at its recent session reappointed Rev. Daniel Fuchs and Mr. Palfenier as evangelists.

EDITOR.

did the care I received is the fact that in all these years I did not miss a single service because of ill health! With John Newton of old, I can exclaim: "Amazing grace!"

Some homes are humble and small and poorly furnished, but the Spirit of Christ is there. Others are resplendent with wealth and filled with the choicest of furnishings, but the same spirit of Christian hospitality is there. The gracious lady of a very rich home polished my shoes at home one time, and when I objected she said: "Brother, I want to do this for you."

What shall we say about the ones who live in the manse, about our faithful pastors and their families? Words fail us to give expression to what they have meant to me and still mean to me. I have always loved my fellow-laborers in the Gospel, but after ten years of coming into their churches and homes I love them more than ever. We have sung together, prayed together, laughed and wept together. Throughout these years I have been father-confessor to them. Their joys and woes, their problems and victories have been poured into my ears.

With many I'm an old family friend since I have been with them so often. All have treated me as a friend and brother in Christ. To feel their hand-clasp and to see their friendly faces, to sit down with them and to fellowship with them have helped me over many a rough road and often out of the slough of discouragement. I owe them a great debt of gratitude. I thank God upon every remembrance of them.

MY WORK WITH CHILDREN

The work with the children has been and still is dear to my heart. As I look back over the years, I see them with their bright shining faces and their eager hearts. They have been an unalloyed pleasure and joy to me. Many responded to the love and grace of our Lord and they opened their youthful hearts to him. Some have grown to manhood and womanhood, and as I meet them now they remind me how I was privileged to lead them to the Lord when they were still boys and girls.

I shall never forget an experience which happened about two years ago. It was in the Bethany Church in Vancouver, B. C. The C. T. I. chorus gave a concert on the last evening of our meetings. At a certain point in the program, a lovely young lady, a member of the chorus, talked to the children. She described how she had lived on a farm and how one afternoon she had gone for a walk into the woods and before she knew it she had lost

her way and did not know how to get home again. But she was a child of God and so she asked him to show her the way home. And he did! Then she told how she had been lost in a different way, namely, spiritually, and could not find her way home. Then, pointing to where I sat in the audience, she exclaimed: "But Brother Palfenier, who sits right over there, showed me the way home!"

Words cannot express the thrill that went through my heart when she said that, and then I remembered. She had been in the home of the pastor when she was about twelve years old, and there it was my joy to lead her to the Lord. It was a blessed experience then, but the thrill to see her again and to hear her story was just as joyous to me.

TOKENS OF LOVE

In a church, there was a boy of ten years of age. He and his sisters came all the way from the other end of town to attend the meetings, and they were present every evening. But the boy was a problem. He was simply irrepressible. At any moment he would pop up with a question or an answer. The people smiled indulgently for they knew his nature and deportment. On the final evening of our meetings as I stood at the door to say "Good bye" to the people, this boy came and shook hands with me and told how much he had enjoyed everything. Then he opened his grimy hand and held out a quarter, saying: "Here is a little gift for you." I closed his hand upon the quarter and managed to say, "No, sonny, you keep it." There was something in my throat that made it difficult for me to talk.

Of such is the kingdom of heaven! A little boy of seven wrote a little note and gave it to me. It said this:



"Christ will not fail us. In utter trust we lay our hand in his and commit all to him." —Rev. H. Palfenier.



During the past ten years Evangelist Palfenier has been the trumpet of God in thronging cities as well as in rural areas, calling on men and women to turn to the living God.

"May God bless you, and may the Spirit be with you always. I'll pray for you, too. May he bless you, amen. Bobby."

At a Pastors' Fellowship session, the talk drifted into denominational channels, as it invariably will when pastors get together. In the course of the conversation a pastor whose antecedents lie within the fold of another denomination, said the following: "Our men in Forest Park have given me the greatest lesson in humility that I have ever received." What a wonderful testimony that was as to the quality and Christian character of our brethren in Forest Park, those faithful men of God who labor so selflessly in behalf of our work as a denomination and the work of the Lord in general.

I could add my hearty "Yea and

Amen" to that. From the day that I began my work as denominational evangelist to this very day, there has never been one single note of discord between us, not one single rift in our relationship together. Dr. Kuhn, of blessed memory, said to me at one time: "Brother, in your work you are going to experience much enmity." And these words were true! Satan and his crew have shown their hatred more than once, but from the leaders of our denomination I have received nothing but love, patience, understanding and the fullest co-operation. May the Lord richly reward them!

ON WINGS OF GRACE

The faithfulness of our Lord, of our people and pastors, and of our leaders has been my abundant portion throughout these ten years of service. They have made me see my own selfishness and inadequacy so often. What I have written is but a fragment of all that could be said about the ten years of serving as evangelist, but space does not permit to write more.

On wings of grace the Lord has carried us thus far, and we are confident that he will not fail us in the future. In utter trust we lay our hand in his and commit all to him. Continue to pray for us that the Lord may use us to the glory of his name and the salvation of souls!

GOD'S COMMANDS

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Today's life is confusing enough without adding vague, difficult sermons.

The friendship we found in the pastors' families and many others has been precious to us. Though our thoughts often turn to our friends of the pastorate, we thank the Lord for the new friends he has given us all along the way. It has been a rewarding term of travel whereby we have found anew that "God's commands are his enabling."

A Gift of Sacrifice to Youth

The story of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, which will attract many General Conference visitors to its open doors and attractive buildings from July 21 to 27, 1958

By Rev. Arnold Rapske of Camrose, Alberta

VISITORS to the 1958 General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, will have an opportunity to see the school that has come to mean very much to the young people who have attended it. Open House at the Christian Training Institute has been arranged for Thursday, July 24, at 4:00 P. M. It will be of particular interest to former students to visit their Alma Mater. It will be of interest to parents and friends of former students to see the institution that has had a part in shaping the lives of their young people.

NEED FOR BIBLE TRAINING

Most of the visitors will see a building, classrooms, a students' lounge, a library, a dining hall. But C. T. I. is more, much more than what will meet the eye. C. T. I. is a gift of sacrifice to the youth of our denomination. It is the visible expression of deep concern that pastors, parents and people have for the spiritual welfare of young people.

ern Alberta. These were an attempt to meet the need, but they were much too brief. Mr. Wahl and others began to dream of establishing a Bible school with several months of classes. Since Mr. Wahl had been active in conducting short-term Bible schools, it was quite a natural development that he should spearhead the movement to get a Bible school built.

A DREAM REALIZED

To dream was one thing, but to see the funds necessary to begin construction of a building was another. It is at once both sad and glorious that it was tragedy that began to turn the dream into a reality.

In 1937, Ivan Wahl, the son of Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Wahl, met death in a traffic accident. An insurance policy on the boy's life, that may well have been used for his education, was given by the Wahls as the beginning of a building fund for a Bible school. When the news of this spirit of sacrifice filtered out to the churches of the area,

GOD AND THE TRUTH," placed prominently over the entrance to the School, testified to the passerby the purpose of the building. In January 1940, the school was officially opened for classes, and the first students arrived to satisfy their hunger for the Word of God.

SCHOOL FEES

To enable the young people from the churches to attend, the fees for board and room were kept at a minimum, and even below. The 1942-43 Year Book lists the price of lodging at \$2.75 per week. Continued sacrificial giving by the churches made these low rates possible. Foodstuffs were sent in regularly. The same Year Book states: "Our churches, desirous of assisting as many as possible to take advantage of the training C. T. I. has to offer, help to supply the school kitchen."

Even today, with food prices rising steadily, the almost embarrassingly low cost for board and room is \$7.50 per week for Bible School students. Current prices in Edmonton are easily double this amount. Again it is the liberality of the churches in the Edmonton area, still sending in foodstuffs, that makes this possible.

During the first years, the faculty, with the exception of Rev. E. P. Wahl, received no monetary remuneration. There was no money for a library, so Mr. Wahl contributed most of his personal library. He has never removed these books. The Swedish Baptist Conference, while affiliated with C. T. I., contributed about 500 books, but these were withdrawn last fall. This has created an acute need that will have to be met very soon. There is still room for the kind of sacrifice shown in the first years of the school.

A VENTURE OF FAITH

From its beginnings, C. T. I. was a venture of faith and continues to be just that. The 1410 students, who have spent some time at C. T. I., are today scattered throughout Canada, the United States, and even on our mission fields. Of the 107 graduates since 1942, at least 8 are pastors, 3 are missionaries, and 13 are pastors' wives. There are many more who spent only a year or two at C. T. I. and who then went on into the ministry or became pastors' wives.

The main emphasis at C. T. I. has been the training of Christian youth. Some of the students came to the school as unbelievers, but under the influence of this training accepted the Lord as their Savior. Last year, one of the students of the University of Al-

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Concentrated Courses at C. T. I.

The story of several Alberta and Saskatchewan pastors serving as part-time instructors at the Christian Training Institute in a concentrated program of study and a new venture of faith

By Rev. Eldon L. Janzen of Arnprior, Ontario

ON A RECENT Sunday evening, I boarded the train for Edmonton, Alberta. Once again I was C.T.I. bound. Arrival in Edmonton brought back the thrill and excitement of former days. There was so much that was familiar about C.T.I.: the sleepy silence of early morning, the harsh br-rr-rr of the rising bell, the hustle of preparing for the day, a chorus, morning devotions about the table, and breakfast.

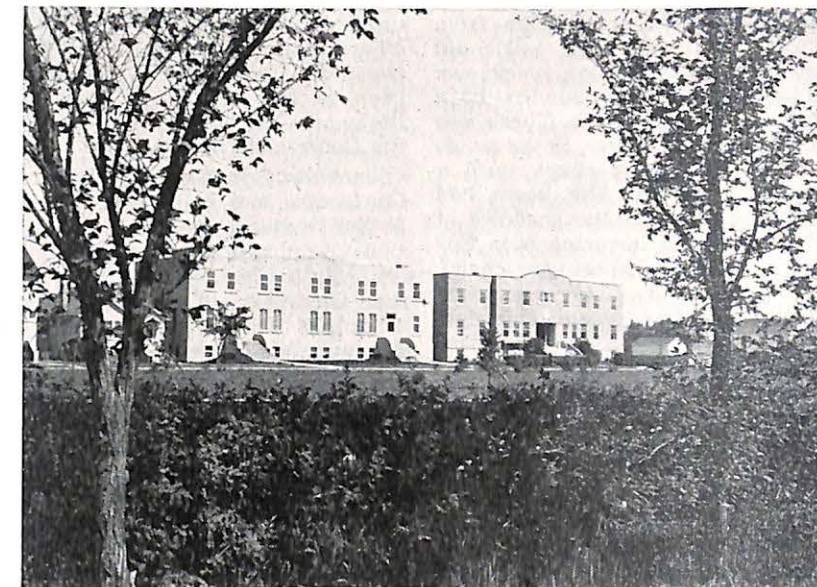
After that, students were busy with their "gratis" work, classes, the joyous singing and quiet meditation of chapel, and so on until "lights out" for another day. Add to this the greeting of friends and the meeting of the new students, and you have a full first day!

SERVING AS INSTRUCTOR

There was so much that was familiar, and yet so much that was strange. You see, after a lapse of a number of years, I came back not only as a student to learn, but also for the space of four weeks to serve as instructor in one of the concentrated courses offered at the C.T.I. this past term. It was this which was strange and a bit bewildering.

These concentrated courses, as they were called, were a new venture in the teaching program of the C.T.I. this year. Some of the courses of instruction, previously held for one hour a week for five months, were now being held one hour a day for four weeks. Several pastors of our churches in Alberta and Saskatchewan served as instructors in these courses.

A venture such as this cannot be carried out without both advantages and disadvantages. Allow me to call your attention to some of them. The main disadvantage, as I see it, concerns



The Christian Training Institute buildings at Edmonton, Alberta.

the pastor and his church. Apart from the time involved in preparation, it does take him away from his church for the better part of a month, especially when he comes from a distance which makes it impractical for him to return to his church for weekends. This is a long time for both pastor and church to be out of direct contact with each other.

Now let us consider some of the merits, first of all, to the Christian Training Institute. This plan enables our Bible School to reach out to a greater distance in recruiting its part-time teaching staff, thus easing the load carried by those pastors living in Edmonton or within an hour's drive of

PART-TIME TEACHERS AT C. T. I. DURING 1957-1958 TERM

REV. ERVIN J. FAUL
Calgary, Alberta

REV. ELDON L. JANZEN
Fenwood, Saskatchewan
(now of Arnprior, Ontario)

REV. WILLY R. MULLER
Carbon, Alberta

REV. H. SCHUMACHER
Wetaskiwin, Alberta

the city. This sharing of the task makes for more efficient teaching on the part of all concerned.

ADVANTAGES FOR STUDENTS

These concentrated courses have an advantage for the student in that the course is not so thinly spread over the months as to seem somewhat unreal, but on the contrary the student is in daily, vital contact with it for a whole month. This keen awareness of the subject militates against its quick and easy departure from the mind of the student.

Although the pastor's church, perhaps, suffers the greatest disadvantage, there are also advantages here. It brings the church into direct relationship with the Christian Training Institute in that its pastor is serving on the part-time teaching staff. The educational phase of our home mission work is distinctly drawn to their attention

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Faculty and staff members of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. Left to right: Ed Martin, Ed Link, Mrs. Ed Martin, O. R. Schmidt, Gerda Deutscher, Etta de Vries, Inez Wahl, Mrs. K. Korella, Karl Korella, acting president.

The Christian Training Institute, like most of the churches in our denomination, was born to meet a need. The movement to establish a Bible school was a grass roots movement. During the 1930's there was a widespread desire and need for Bible training in the western Canadian churches.

Rev. E. P. Wahl and others were active in conducting a short course of one or two weeks of Bible training in various churches. Some very successful schools were conducted in North-

the dreams began to take on more reality.

The idea of erecting a Bible school caught fire. Gifts of money were given. Once the actual construction began, the men from the churches in the Edmonton area and beyond—as far as Carbon and Calgary, 200 miles away—gave of their time to contribute the necessary labor.

In 1939, after much prayer, planning, and very much hard work, the first unit of the Christian Training Institute was erected. The motto, "FOR



Christian Training Institute students enjoy an exciting game and one another's fellowship during "Fun Time" in the Students' Lounge.

Pioneer Preaching in Canada

The author went to Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada, almost 50 years ago as a preacher of the Word and a circuit rider of God, serving the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton from 1916 to 1922

This is the Edmonton of 40 years ago to be visited by General Conference visitors in 1958.

By Rev. Charles F. Zummach, Peoria, Illinois

WE WENT to Saskatchewan from Trenton, Ill., in 1913. Little did we dream that within six weeks we would have to lay to rest our first born daughter, a victim of polio. There was no parsonage in Ebenezer, Sask., so we rented and lived in a shack until a parsonage was built. The boom had passed its zenith, and the shadows of World War I were hovering over Europe and Canada. Labor was cheap, and by doing much of the work ourselves the new parsonage cost less than \$1800.

HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS

Those were the "horse and buggy days," and our first task was to acquire a means of transportation. This meant finding a horse and buggy and cutter. But that is a story in itself. Rev. J. Ansberg was pastor in Yorkton, Sask., and Rev. F. Alf was minister in West Ebenezer. Ansberg left in the winter of



Rev. Charles F. Zummach of Peoria, Ill., as he appeared some time ago while in the active pastorate.

1914, after which we supplied both Yorkton and Ebenezer, driving 24 miles every Sunday. Besides this we supplied the Homestead Station, 18 miles away, once a month, where we built a church in 1915. The Homestead Station has since disbanded and the West Ebenezer Church has united with the church in Springside. At that time there was bitter rivalry between East and West.

In 1916 the Northern Conference met in Ebenezer in a tent donated by Rev. F. A. Muller. All conference sessions, as well as the larger associations meetings, were held in that tent. The shortage of pastors in the northwest was a constant worry and the main theme of

discussion. One would hate to guess what would have happened in the Northern Conference if that had not been the case. Rev. F. A. Bloedow was the general and executive secretary of the Conference at that time.

That same year (1916) the General Conference met in Detroit, Mich., and at the invitation of the General Mission Committee we moved to Edmonton, Alta., in October 1916. The war was then two years old, and feeling against all things German was running high. We were privileged to write several articles defending the German immigrants and the foreigners in general, some of which were syndicated in the Western papers. Owing to our Canadian citizenship, we made friends with all the high government officials in Alberta and were able to help many Germans in their predicament. In fact, it became proverbial among the Germans: "Geht nur zum Zummach, der kann euch helfen." (Go to Zummach; he can help you.)

A DISCOURAGED CHURCH

We found a discouraged church in Edmonton. (This is now the Central Baptist Church.) Almost half of the membership had left, many of them the leaders in the church. The church had been left with a staggering debt, owing to the defalcation of a group which had bought the old church property. Taxes had not been paid, and the city was pressing the church for unpaid taxes. To add to the problem, the bank was pressing the church for the repayment of the loan, for which the church had pledged its present property.

Our first task was to satisfy the city on the tax problem. Never shall we forget the faith of five members of the church, who went to the bank and pledged their homes and property as additional security for the loans from the bank. They have all gone to their eternal reward, but their faith has been an inspiration to us through the years.

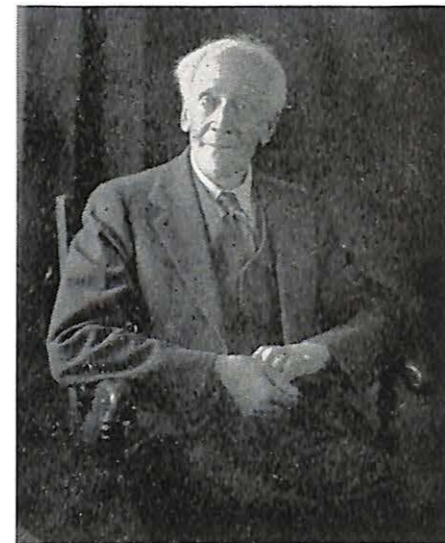
It was at this point that the late Dr. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary, stepped in and saved the situation by taking over the property and paying off the loan to the bank. What a prophet he was! The ensuing years have justified his vision, in spite of the scurrilous attacks upon him for his action.

Never to be forgotten was the revival under the late Rev. H. Schwendener in 1917. As a result we were privileged to baptize 63 persons that year. Many of them became leaders in the denomination in the course of the years. Next was the "Flu" epidemic

in 1918. We buried 18 persons, most of them young people. It also marked the end of World War I on Nov. 11th, 1918, an event never to be forgotten.

ABRAHAM HAGER, PIONEER

Among the many friends we made in Edmonton was Rev. Abraham Hager, founder of the church in 1899. The people in Edmonton almost worshipped



Rev. Abraham Hager, pioneer preacher of Canada, who founded the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta, in 1899 with a small group of faithful Baptist people.

the ground on which he walked. There were many others we might mention, among them Rev. J. A. Wuttke, pastor in Winnipeg, Man., and Rev. A. Kujath, pastor in Trochu, Alta., who stood loyally by us during those heart-breaking years.

But the shortage of pastors in the Northern Conference continued to plague the churches and became very acute in 1919. The result was that many churches were left without ministers, and some untrained leaders crept into the churches. The hail storm in 1917 damaged the church building in Edmonton to the amount of \$304. No insurance! We held weekly prayer meetings in North Edmonton, now Lauderdale, walking the four miles both ways. Besides we served Ellersly and Bruderheim occasionally, both stations of Edmonton.

We visited Edmonton again in 1949, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Central Church, after an absence of nearly 28 years. If we had not seen it with our own eyes, we could not have believed the transformation that had taken place during those years. What used to be open prairie and farm land was now built

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CONFERENCES AND CAMPS

MAY 29 - JUNE 1

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE — First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa — Dr. Walter Wessel and Mrs. Walter Sukut.

JUNE 5 - 8

ALBERTA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION — First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta — Rev. R. Schilke and Miss Ida Forsch.

JUNE 8 - 11

NORTHERN NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION — Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota — Rev. O. R. Schmidt and Miss Ida Forsch.

JUNE 9 - 10

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE — Latham Springs Encampment, Acquilla, Tex. — Rev. Roy Seibel and Rev. Walter Sukut.

JUNE 9 - 12

KANSAS CBYF CAMP — Camp Fellowship, Goddard, Kansas — Dr. W. Wessel, Prof. Martha Leypoldt and Rev. David Keiry.

JUNE 10 - 14

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE YOUTH CAMP — Latham Springs Encampment, near Waco, Texas — Rev. Roy Seibel and Rev. Walter Sukut.

JUNE 12 - 15

MANITOBA ASSOCIATION — Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man. — Rev. Karl Korella.

JUNE 12 - 15

CENTRAL ALBERTA AND SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION — First Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta — Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.

JUNE 12 - 15

MONTANA-DAKOTA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION — McLaughlin, South Dakota — Rev. O. R. Schmidt and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger.

JUNE 14 - 21

CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY — Hume Lake, Calif. — Dr. Walter Wessel and Dr. Paul Gebauer.

JUNE 16 - 21

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

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
June 8 (Sunday) — Dedication of new church, Terrace Heights Church, Spokane, Wash.

32nd GENERAL CONFERENCE at Edmonton, Alberta, July 21 to 27, 1958
PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible

North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE PROPER name for the God of Israel in the Old Testament is represented by the Hebrew consonants JHVH, translated in the Authorized Version Lord. In the Revised Version (both English and American), the same JHVH is translated Jehovah. The reason for this is that the tetragrammaton JHVH became to the Hebrews such a sacred name that, when the Scriptures were read publicly in the worship service, another name for God, Adonai, was pronounced in place of JHVH. Subsequently the vowels of the word Adonai were applied to the four consonants of JHVH with the result Jehovah. Most Old Testament scholars are convinced that Yahweh is a far better rendering of the Hebrew JHVH.

When the Septuagint Version of the Hebrew Old Testament was produced in about the third century B. C., the Greek word kyrios, Lord, was used to translate the Hebrew Yahweh. Through this medium the writers of the New Testament appropriated the word Lord as a designation for Jesus Christ.

There can be no doubt that the New Testament's choice of the word kyrios as a title for Jesus is both deliberate and meaningful. Deity is being ascribed to him. The Jesus of the New Testament is none other than the Yahweh of the Old Testament. As Peter declared in his great sermon on the Day of Pentecost, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus, whom

ye crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). Thus to Jesus are ascribed the same might, glory, sovereignty and power as are ascribed to Israel's God, Yahweh!

This truth has practical implications. It is often overlooked that the New Testament teaches that, when Jesus becomes our Savior, he also becomes our Lord. Indeed, a Christian is by definition one who confesses the Lordship of Christ. Romans 10:9, correctly rendered, reads ". . . if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord . . . your will be saved."

No one understood this better than the Apostle Paul himself. At the outset of the Epistle to the Romans he underscores this great truth by the use of two terms, slave and Lord. Paul is the slave; Jesus is his Lord. From the day he met his Lord on the Damascus road, this was Paul's joyful experience. He could be slave because of Who was Lord. What the latter term meant for Paul can be seen from his use of it in Philippians 2:9ff: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus is Lord."

God's very name has been given to him! He is our sovereign Lord in the absolute sense. A recognition of this great truth would transform our living as it did Paul's.

GIFT OF SACRIFICE

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bertha, while boarding at C. T. I., accepted the Lord.

For the former students, an alumni luncheon has been arranged for Friday, July 25, at 5:30 P.M. This promises to be one of the highlights of the General Conference days for former C. T. I. students. This will be a time to roam the halls again, to note the many changes that have been made, and to reminisce.

To all friends of the school there is extended a hearty invitation to see the building's material facilities. But, more important than that, there is the invitation to use the eye of imagination to see the sacrifice and devotion, which made this school possible, the spiritual guidance it has offered, and the potential aid it can yet provide in the future for the cause of Jesus Christ.

The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton is like a fast growing teenager that needs sympathy, love and understanding, much more than criticism. As God has blessed the school in the past, he will surely continue to do in the future.

We the Women

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

May the Holy Spirit touch our hearts as we read this stirring message that God has given us through Mrs. Edwin Michelson. She served formerly as a missionary in the Cameroons and is now the pastor's wife at McLaughlin, South Dakota.

PRAY AND GIVE

By Mrs. Edwin Michelson

Did you know that our missionaries are counting on us? We might say, "What a foolish question to ask. Of course, we know they do." And yet, how far or deep does our concern go?

Sometime ago I heard someone pray especially for Laura Reddig that God might continue to give her much grace and strength as she works among the lepers, treats their festering ulcers, and gives witness of Christ's love for them. I was thrilled over this prayer as here was someone who prayed for a missionary by name and for her special need and work. Only too often we hear, "God, bless the missionaries and the work they are doing." If we really care enough for our missionary enterprise, we will endeavor to pray more intelligently, effectively and personally for our missionaries.

Most of us have had the opportunity to meet and to hear a missionary, and some of us correspond with them. We should make an effort to familiarize ourselves with their needs and problems. Attentive listening to missionary messages and careful reading of their letters will acquaint us with what we need to know. If we could experience the tremendous effects of our prayers for them, we would not forget that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16b).

A little, old, crippled Christian lady said to a friend one day, "I am not able to walk or go anywhere, but I find great joy in serving my Savior—even on the mission field." The friend asked, "Please tell me, how do you do that?" The little lady had found the joy in giving and sharing with those of another race, and she gave whatever she had and more.

What of our giving to missions? Do we give enough? Always we hear of the need of more workers and funds to do the work of the Lord. Missionaries visit our churches and challenge us with their messages and the experiences they have had in bringing the lost to Christ. We praise the Lord for what he has wrought, but altogether too often we have been only momentarily inspired or stirred up by what has been said and presented. The offering taken that day may have been a fairly good one, but after the missionary is gone we quickly forget that there is a CONSTANT need before us to be met.



What a thrilling sky ride on the Banff Chair Lift with the town of Banff, Alberta, and the Bow River below and Mt. Rundle in the distance. It's very safe, too!

PIONEER PREACHING

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up with modern houses. When we left in 1922, Edmonton had a population of 70,000; in 1949 it had a population of 150,000; now it boasts a population of more than 250,000. The discovery of oil in and around Edmonton has made this growth possible. Of course, there was always talk of oil deposits near Edmonton, but it took faith and capital to develop it.

Looking back upon those years, we marvel at what has been accomplished. In 1913 we had a little over 2000 members in the Northern Conference. Now we have over 8000. Our missionary budget showed a deficit of thousands of dollars every year, which had to be supplemented by the General Mission Committee. Now it contributes thousands of dollars every year to the missionary program of the denomination. Where there was one struggling church in Edmonton, there are now five.

The Bible Institute, now a flourishing institution, was then merely a dream. It was founded by one of my successors, Rev. E. P. Wahl. Owing to

The Gospel of Christ cannot be sent forth to many lands and people unless you and I provide the means for it. Have we sacrificed in order that someone may hear and receive his Word? We need to search our hearts and ask him what he would have us to do. Then much blessing and joy will be ours if we do his will in this matter. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35b).

God has entrusted us as North American Baptists with a challenging and wonderful work among the Africans, Japanese, Austrians, Indians and Spanish-Americans. He has called out talented and consecrated Christian men and women to proclaim his Word. God expects us to pray for them and to send them forth "into the fields," for "they are white and ready for the harvest."

the immigration policy instituted by our denomination after the war, thousands found new homes in Canada after the war had devastated Europe. Work in Vancouver was not even started in 1922. Missions to the Indians were unheard of until Rev. Fred Benke became interested in them. Of course, the shortage of pastors continues to be a problem for the Northern Conference. But in spite of it all, we can only say with the Psalmist, "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23).

Travelling from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1951 with the late Dr. William Kuhn and the late Dr. O. E. Krueger, we discussed some of our experiences in the past. In the course of the conversation, we remarked:

"When I think of some of the things I went through during those years, I sometimes wonder if I were a saint or a fool." To which Dr. Kuhn replied: "You were God's fool." Yes, I was God's fool. But I would not give in exchange the memories of those years and the treasures of many friendships we made in the Northern Conference, in spite of the hardships and sacrifices involved, for all the gold in the world.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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New Testaments in the Russian language were a gift from the American Bible Society, and the message on world peace was from a 1955 resolution passed by the Southern Baptist Convention as proposed by the Christian Life Commission, of which Hays has served as chairman. Hays has recently made proposals that the American and Southern Baptist Conventions set up special committees to study the problem of world peace and the contribution that Baptists can make toward its achievement. Before departing for Moscow Hays stated that he hoped opportunity would present itself for him to make a gift of one of the Bibles to Premier Nikita S. Krushchev of Russia.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Ervin Strauss of Cleveland, Ohio, have announced the birth of a daughter on April 23 to whom the name Ivette Joy has been given. This is their third child. Mr. Strauss is pastor of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland.

● Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., baptized three adults on Easter Sunday evening and received them into the church at the communion service that followed. This was the second baptismal service for the church during the 11-month ministry of the pastor. Mr. Fenske reported: "We enjoy the work here in Lehr, N. Dak., very much."

● Rev. Walter Gordon Gummelt, formerly pastor of the Hurnville Baptist Church, Henrietta, Texas, has become the pastor of the Parkway Baptist Church, District Heights, Maryland. This small church of the Southern Baptist Convention, which was recently organized, is located about four miles east of the city limits of Washington, D. C. Mr. Gummelt's address is 7925 District Heights Parkway, Washington 28, D. C.

● On Monday evening, May 26, Rev. Louis Johnson, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., received the Th. D. degree. This was conferred on him by the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary at the Commencement Exercises held at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, Ill. Dr. Johnson wrote his thesis on the subject, "American Preaching in the Seventeenth Century." He majored in Church History, and worked under Dr. F. D. Whitesell in preparing his thesis.

● Mr. Leonard Meier of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, has resigned as missionary on the Indian Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, and the resignation was accepted regretfully by the General Missionary Committee. His services will terminate at the end of July. He hopes to enter the teaching profession. He has served as missionary on the Bull Reserve since 1946. On April 15 a grass fire on the reservation burned and destroyed the old church building, which was used years ago before the Benke Memorial Chapel was constructed.

● At the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., during the Easter Sunday morning church service, Robert Bender, president of the young people's group, made a presentation of \$25 to the church to begin a church expansion fund. This group was the first to present a sum of money to the church for this purpose. It was accepted the following week at the church's executive committee meeting. Many other groups and individuals of the church

have helped this fund to grow, as reported by Barbara Leischer.

● The Cameroons missionaries, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger and Miss Bernice Westerman, sailed from Africa, on April 23rd on the "SS Nicoya" on the first lap of their journey back to the United States for their furlough. They spent several weeks in European countries on a very pleasant vacation. They expect to arrive in the United States sometime in June. Both of these missionaries will be at the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alberta. The home of Miss Weisenburger is Venturia, N. Dak., and of Miss Westerman is Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

● On Sunday, April 20, in observance of "Christian Education Sunday" the Sunday School of the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., made a presentation of a dozen books to the high school and college teen-agers of the church. The book, "Making Marriage Christian," an Inter-Varsity selection, was selected to serve as a guide to preparation for life ahead. The presentation was made at the morning worship service by the superintendent, Mr. Francis Guenther. On April 27th the Sunday School had "Teacher's Exchange" with a shift in all classes of the school. Rev. Fred Mashner is pastor of the church.

● On April 15, Rev. Emil D. Gruen completed 20 years of missionary service with the American Board of Missions to the Jews with headquarters in New York City. An informal gathering of members of the Mission staff and personnel celebrated this anniversary occasion with a large cake and with remarks by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, missionary secretary. Mr. Gruen is the conference secretary for the American Board of Missions, arranging schedules and programs for the various conferences. He is a member of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. He and his family live in Livingston, New Jersey.

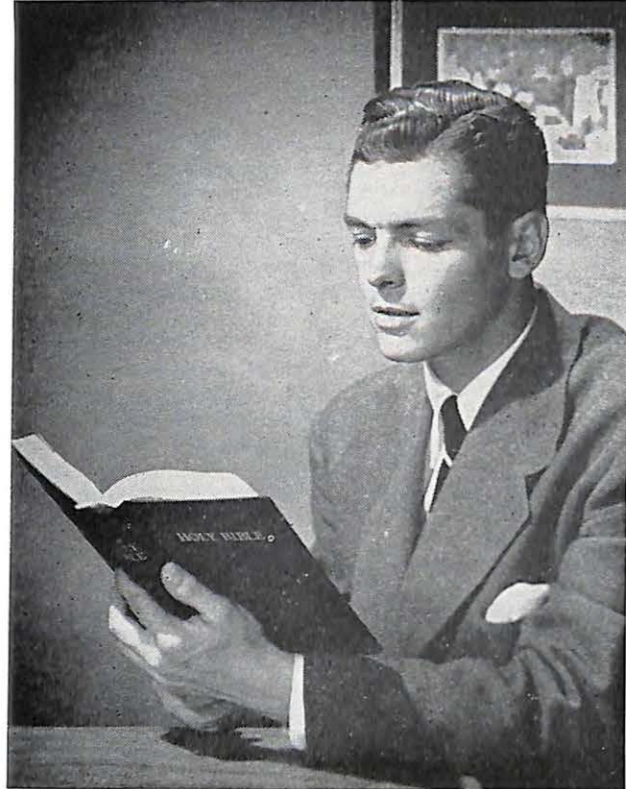
● At the annual business meeting of the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak., on March 27, the following officers were elected: clerk, Mrs. Argo Brockel; treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Schweigert; deacon, Mr. J. J. Schweigert; trustee board, Mr. Argo Brockel; publication agent, Mr. Leo Friez, reporter, Mrs. Chris Aldinger. The Sunday School superintendent is Mr. Andrew Bertsch with Mr. Leo Friez as assistant. The building committee which supervised the work on the church's new construction as reported elsewhere in this issue, is composed of Messrs E. D. Slater, John Schmidt, Delford Strobel, Reinhold Walker, Reuben Schlenker and Rev. Ed Michelson, chairman.

● The membership of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., has reached an all-time high of 255 with 9 new members recently coming into the church by letter. Rev. Adam Huber, pastor, has announced that Mr. Carl Palfenier, a first-year student at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will serve as the student pastor during the months of June, July and August. Mr. Palfenier is the son of Rev. and Mrs. H. Palfenier, Minneapolis, Minn. The young people of the church were in charge of the Mother's Day program on Sunday evening, May 11th. Rev. J. C. Gunst was the guest speaker at the morning service on that Sunday.

● On Easter Sunday morning a record crowd assembled to witness a baptismal service at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal, Okla. At the communion service 8 candidates received certificates of baptism, new members packets and the hand of fellowship into the church. In the evening the choir, directed by Mrs. Emil Weber, presented an hour program of Easter hymns and anthems. Recently the men of the church combined their talents and equipment to repaint the exterior of the church and parsonage and make minor repairs. The sanctuary was also enhanced with some new chairs in the choir section. Rev. Eleon L. Sandau is the pastor.

● The anniversary program of the Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana, was held on Easter Sunday evening, April 6. The women presented the drama, "The Great Inheritance," assisted by the Men's Fellowship group of the church. Mrs. Martha Huber, secretary, reported that an average of 12 members attended the 12 meetings held during the past year. The society has contributed to foreign and home missions, filled mission boxes and provided materials for White Cross and used clothing drives. A gift was donated by the group for chairs to be used in Sunday School classes and the dining room. Rev. R. H. Zepik is pastor of the church.

● Rev. Milton R. Schroeder of Jacksonville, Ill., pastor of the First Baptist Church in this college city, passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 26, as the result of a heart attack. He served as minister of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., from 1936 to 1941. At the General Conference sessions in Burlington, Ia., in 1940, he spoke at the great Sunday afternoon Youth Rally when the Honorable Harold E. Stassen, governor of Minnesota, could not be present. In recent years he has served churches of the American Baptist Convention. The memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 29, with Dr. T. W. Bender of Chicago, Ill., officiating. Rev. Milton R. Schroeder was the son of Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Schroeder of St. Paul, Minnesota. Survivors are his wife and three children. He was 46 years of age.



—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 fiancé, was overjoyed to hear the news when Barry came home and later advised him how to study for the Christian ministry. But he was deeply hurt when Cicily repulsed him coldly and soon announced her plans to marry Roy Farlan. Barry asked Dale to go with him to the wedding. She agreed to go along.

CHAPTER TWELVE

THOUGH Barry had shown a brave front before his mother and had joked with Dale, when he entered the elaborately decorated church and sat waiting for the notes of the wedding march to sound forth, he felt as if he really was waiting for Cicily's funeral. He would not suffer as much, he told himself, if she really were dead, as he was now, knowing that she would soon belong to another; that other arms would embrace her, that other lips would cling possessively to hers and that another life would be blended with hers instead of his. And of all men, Roy Farlan, with his low, mean nature.

When the wedding march began and he saw her coming down the aisle, blonde and lovely beyond descriptive words, his heart began a wild pounding and he felt as if it would burst with its torturing throbbing. He sat as immobile as a carved image during the ceremony. When the couple came down the aisle after the ceremony,

Cicily's eyes met his for a brief moment. He was near the aisle and he could have reached out and touched her. In that brief moment, as she looked into his pain-filled eyes and his ashen face, the fixed smile faded from her lips and a look of agony swept across her face. She hesitated an instant, unconsciously. Her husband felt her hesitate and turned a surprised glance upon her. Then he saw Barry and the look that passed between them. He gave Barry a triumphant smile, but the look in his eyes was not pleasant to see. With a quick jerk of his arm upon which Cicily's hand rested, he recalled her to her role of smiling bride.

Barry, remembering Roy's youthful sadistic tendency, and seeing that look upon his face, suddenly felt sorry for Cicily and just a little afraid for her.

The Rev. Barry Carter faced his congregation on this Sunday morning with a sense of having won a victory over frustration and possible defeat. When he had first come to this church in New Orleans, his youthful enthusiasm had met with hearty appreciation from his congregation, but when he attempted to put some of his ideas into practice, he found himself against a cold wall of indifference.

These staid, self-satisfied church members had been accustomed to listening to soothing sophistries and empty phrases which carried neither conviction of sin nor a challenge to serve the God they professed to love.

Barry was on fire and the fire of his sermons burned through their complacency and made them feel more and more uncomfortable every time they heard him preach. He made them feel that if they were Christians they would do something to prove what they professed. He hammered home again and again that message from James

which read, "Faith without works is dead." It stirred their resentment every time he quoted it.

He was trying to make them understand that merely belonging to some church and contributing to the support of the work was not the saving faith that would put them on the road to heaven. They had listened to a bloodless gospel for so long that they were not willing to have their peace of mind disturbed by the revelation that they were not even Christians in the true sense of the word.

Fortunately for Barry there were a few members who were in accord with what he preached and with what he was trying to do. He was trying to do what David had started, a work with the underprivileged boys and girls. Memory of David and of Pee Wee Banks spurred him on in the face of opposition and discouragement.

In the face of criticism and opposition and even the suggestion from some of the more influential members that he might be in the wrong place and that he should try some other field of service, he continued to preach the soul-searching sermons that he felt called to preach.

By the end of Barry's first year as pastor, there was a marked change in his congregation. Some of those who had been cold and indifferent had realized that they needed salvation. They had come to the altar and had received Christ as their personal Saviour. Those who had professed salvation began to realize that they had done nothing for the Lord who had done so much for them and they gradually became interested in the work Barry was trying to do.

During the time that had passed Barry had grown stronger in the Lord and in the knowledge of His Word. Since that agonizing hour at Cicily's wedding, he had buried his love for

her in the deep recesses of his heart. It still remained there, but he knew that it was just one of the memories of his past life and that she was forever lost to him. He refused to let his thoughts dwell upon her. If memory of her came to him, as it sometimes did in spite of himself, he resolutely blotted it out. Thinking of her would only bring regret and he had no time for regret or sorrow over lost dreams.

He had seen Dale on his occasional visits home and they still wrote regularly. He had suggested that she should come to New Orleans, for her mother had died and she was living with an aunt, but she had not acted upon his suggestion. Their friendship might cause gossip and that gossip might hinder his work or harm it. She was not willing to do that.

Cicily's marriage had proved a disaster to her. Too late she discovered Roy's vicious, venomous nature. He had succeeded in hiding it under a suave exterior when he was courting her, but soon after they were married she discovered it to her sorrow.

Though she still loved Barry when she married Roy, she had tried to convince herself that Roy's wealth would atone for whatever happiness she might have lost when she gave Barry up. She had fought the battle with herself before she had consented to marry Roy. He had pictured to her a rosy future. They would travel and they would spend their lives in having all the fun that life offered. She felt that, in the pursuit of pleasure she could forget the longing for Barry that often swept over her and made her restless and miserable.

Their plans for a carefree life were rudely interrupted not many months after they were married. Roy was in an auto accident and was in the hospital for months. When he was finally released he was in a wheel chair and there was some doubt as to whether he would ever walk again. It was then that his true nature asserted itself. He was not only cross and unreasonable, but he seemed to take a delight in hurting her. He spent his time in thinking up things to say that would hurt her or things that would embarrass her before the servants or the nurse that he had to keep constantly in attendance upon him. As time passed, Cicily's indifference toward him gradually turned to violent hate. Regret over the past and the miserable failure of her life mounted within her until at times she felt that it would be a relief if she had the courage to kill herself.

One day while she was out, Roy wheeled himself into her room and rummaged through her desk. He came across a clipping from a New Orleans newspaper giving the announcement of Barry's appointment to the Avenue Church. A cruel smile twisted his lips as he saw Barry's name. His evil, warped mind gloated over this discovery. She was still interested in his old rival. This would be something he could use to make her suffer.

He had long had the suspicion that she had never stopped loving Barry. It would be great to taunt her with this, to see her writhe while she lied to him, for he knew that she would lie. He would make her suffer and he would find some way to make this Barry fellow suffer too. He had always hated him and now that hatred mounted to new intensity within him.

When she came in he showed her the clipping.

"This is an interesting little article," he commented as he handed it to her.

She took it unsuspectingly but when she saw what it was, her face paled. She knew what was coming. She could tell that by the look in Roy's small cruel eyes and the set of his lips. It was strange that she had never noticed, in the days of his courtship, how small and cruel those eyes of his were. "Where did you get this?" she asked as she held the paper. She knew that he was watching her and he was expecting her to say something.

"Where do you suppose?" he retorted as his lips parted in a smile. "You had it among your souvenirs. A wife shouldn't hold out on her husband. He should share all her joys and all her sorrows."

"A wife is entitled to some privacy," she retorted. "You had no right to rummage through my desk."

"I have a right to do as I please in my own home and with my own property," he said in thin, cutting tones. "You're my property, for I bought you with my money. Don't forget that. I'll do with you as I please and you can't do anything about it."

She was silent while she stared at him with white face and fear-filled eyes. She had seen him like this once or twice before when for some unknown reason, he had been in a rage. He had made her the victim and the consequences had been terrible. She knew now that he felt he had a reason for going into a rage and she dared not think of what the consequences would be.

"You never loved me," he said in tones that sent a chill through her. "You married me because you thought I could give you more than that fellow, but all the time you've been in love with him. I've suspected it for a long time, but now I'm sure of it. This is all the proof I need."

"That's no proof at all," she retorted, though she knew that no matter what she said, it would only make him more angry. "Because I married you is no reason why I can't be interested in old friends."

"Friends!" he scoffed with a harsh laugh. "You don't think I'm fool enough to believe that lie, do you? People don't keep clippings among faded flowers for friends. Give me back that clipping."

Instead she tore it to shreds. His face became purple with rage.

"Do you think that by tearing it up, you've convinced me that you are not lying? You're in love with him and you've made a fool of me by pretend-

ing to love me. I shall see that you do not forget this, my dear wife, and I shall see that your old friend shall have something to remember you by. Not a newspaper clipping but something more convincing or shall we say more exciting."

"What do you mean by that?" she asked as a new fear gripped her. It was bad enough to have his fury turned upon her, but if he planned something diabolical against Barry, it would be unthinkable.

"You'll know when the time comes. But in the meantime, my loving wife, tell Miss Gibbs that I need her. I want to go to my room. And I don't want to see you any more today."

She made a feeble effort to defend herself.

"I think you are being very unreasonable, Roy. Just because I kept that clipping doesn't prove anything. I've been a faithful wife to you and you have no reason whatever for being so angry about such an inconsequential thing."

He stared at her coldly as he said, "I told you to get Miss Gibbs. Go and do as I say."

She left the room but her soul was sick within her. What new form of torture would he think of now? He would hold this over her and use it in some way that only his cunning, warped brain could conceive.

She lived in constant dread of what he might be planning, but as time passed and he made no further mention of the incident, she began to hope that he had forgotten it or had decided to do nothing about it. Knowing him as she did, however, she could not believe that he had decided to let an opportunity such as this pass when he could use it to make her suffer. She could only hope and wait—and the waiting was hard. It hung over her like the sword of Damocles and whenever she caught his glance resting upon her speculatively, she trembled, wondering if the sword would fall.

As the days dragged into weeks and the weeks into months, she gradually lost some of the fear. When Roy was finally able to leave his wheel chair and begin to walk again, he assumed a more amiable disposition and hope raised its feeble head within her.

"How would you like to go to New Orleans?" Roy asked one day.

Cicily's heart skipped a beat. New Orleans was where Barry was and she knew that Roy remembered that. Was he hatching up some scheme to hurt her? She knew, in that brief moment before she answered, while her eyes glanced at that thin face of his and those cruel eyes, that he had something sinister back of that question.

"I'm not particularly keen about it." She tried valiantly to sound indifferent and to hide her uneasiness, but she knew that those keen eyes of his saw through her attempt and she

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 8, 1958

Theme: IN THE LAND OF PROMISE

Scripture: Joshua 11:16-20, 23; 24:14-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Living in the land of promise becomes meaningful only in so far as the God of promise is living in the midst of it.

INTRODUCTION: God's promises often take long before their fulfillment. In the meantime, they are valuable spiritual lessons in developing faith and patience. However, God's promises are often unfulfilled because of our ignorance and disobedience. We make the postponements when God demands immediate action. We create detours when his highway leads directly to the goal. Such was the case in the lives of the Israelites. God was ready to bring them into the land of promise, but because of their lack of faith and courage they wandered aimlessly in the wilderness for 40 years. It took a strong leader to speak forcefully and to act courageously in order to bring the Israelites out of their apathetic spirit. They needed physical training and spiritual cleansing for the final invasion of the promised land. That is why Joshua addressed them and said, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you" (Joshua 3:5). He wanted to be ready for action as soon as God gave the marching orders.

I. THE ENTRANCE INTO THE LAND OF PROMISE. Joshua 4.

Just as there were seemingly insurmountable obstacles when the Israelites went out of the land of bondage, so now there appear great difficulties as they prepare to enter the land of freedom. The Jordan River looked uncrossable, but they crossed it. The walls of Jericho seemed impregnable, but they fell. The kings formed strong alliances against Joshua, but all the enemies fell before him, because God was with him. The only obstacle that hindered the Israelites was their own sin (Joshua 7:1).

II. THE CONQUEST OF THE LAND OF PROMISE. Joshua 11:16-20, 23.

Entering the promised land was comparatively easy. Conquering the land after they once got in was the more difficult task. Invasion is not occupation. It was the fact that they never fully occupied the land that later brought them much difficulty. Instead of occupation, they compromised and accepted co-existence. In the matter of conversion we are confronted with the same problem. The initial decision is often easy, but the total surrender is difficult. Many Christians settle for part of the Kingdom of God.

III. THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTINUED POSSESSION OF THE LAND OF PROMISE. Joshua 24:14-18.

a) Fear the Lord. Not a cringing fear, but a fear that keeps you from sin and makes you look upon God with awe and reverence.

(b) Serve him in sincerity and in truth. If you are busy serving God you won't have time for selfishness. Busy people, not busybodies, is what our aim should be.

(c) Put away the gods. Make your surrender complete. Give up the little gods of sin and bring in the great God of love and service.

(d) Choose you this day. Make a positive choice and then choose daily and hourly to seek and to do the will of God.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 15, 1958

Theme: THE TIMES OF THE JUDGES

Scripture: Judges 2:16-19; 4:4-9; 5:6-9.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: If we do not learn from the experiences of others, we must learn the difficult lessons from our own sad experiences.

INTRODUCTION: The Book of Judges depicts a time of spiritual and material insecurity among the Israelites. The nation swung on a great pendulum of war and peace, defeat and victory, despair and hope, love and hate, sin and grace. They lacked co-operation; they lacked leadership; they lacked faith in God. It was a time of political, social and religious chaos.

They felt strong enough to live in their promised land in safety, but not zealous enough to drive all their enemies out. (Judges 1:27-32). It was not only dangerous to accept the inhabitants which dwelt among them, but the greatest danger lay in accepting the gods which the inhabitants worshipped. With the Israelites, as well as with us as Christians, the difficulties always arise when our loyalties are divided.

I. OUR SIN AND GOD'S GRACE. Judges 2:16-19.

It is difficult to explain why the Israelites reverted again and again to the worship of idols. There is not one instance in which they found blessing and prosperity while worshipping Baal. They were enslaved and distressed by their enemies, and only in their most desperate moments did they call upon the God of Israel. Again and again the Israelites went through the same cycle—sin, judgment, repentance, deliverance, and then back to sin again. That

God's grace can be operative so long and so often is also beyond our comprehension. But God has always been greater than our greatest need, and his grace has always been greater than our greatest sin.

II. GOD'S GRACE AND HIS SERVANTS. Judges 4:4-9.

God's servants are those who have experienced the grace of God in their own lives and who now proclaim his grace to their fellowmen. There is no limit to what a man or woman can do who has been changed by the grace of God.

Deborah was a different person and all Israel was aware of it, even though they could not explain it. They went to her for judgment because they knew she was just. (v. 5). She knew what the will of God was and did not hesitate to say so. (v. 6). She inspired courage and confidence in Barak and the children of Israel and feared no danger herself. (vv. 8,9).

III. GOD'S SERVANT AND VICTORY. (Judges 5:6-9).

In this poem of praise and victory, we get a glimpse of the awful conditions which existed in the land of Israel. The highways were so dangerous that the travellers walked through byways and the farmers no longer found safety in their small villages. They were like helpless children until Deborah arose as a mother in Israel. Yet she did not fail to give God the credit for sending rain so that the chariots of the Canaanites became helpless in the mud (4:15; 5:4), and she also expressed her grief and sorrow for all those who offered their lives willingly for the nation of Israel (5:9).

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knew that he was gloating over her uneasiness.

"I thought you would be," he remarked with a lift of his brows.

"Why should you think that?" she asked. She was sure that he must hear the loud beating of her heart.

He smiled. She had learned to hate that smile. It was so evil.

"I've heard you say that you had never seen the Mardi Gras and that you had always wanted to see it. Now that I can walk again, we may as well begin to do some of the things that we've never been able to do."

Under any other circumstances, she would have been thrilled at the prospect of seeing Barry once more even though the sight of him would bring added pain and regret.

"It doesn't matter to me where we go," she told him and shrugged with an indifference she didn't feel.

"Does that mean, my dear, that you are so happy with me, that just to be with me is all that you want in life?"

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Pacific Conference

Baptism, Easter Music and Pageant, Elk Grove, Calif.

On Sunday, March 30, we of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., had the joy of seeing six believers follow Christ in the ordinance of baptism. These and two others received the hand of fellowship at the communion service. Six others came by testimony and letters from other Baptist churches earlier during this year. We praise God for these evident blessings.



Rev. W. W. Knauf (right, with dark robe), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., and six converts whom he recently baptized.

On Sunday, April 6, our choir presented a program of Easter music under the direction of Edwin Schuh. On Sunday evening, April 13, the C.B.Y. presented an Easter pageant, "The Unshadowed Cross." Miss Theodora Wuttke directed this pageant.

W. W. Knauf, pastor

Bible Day Program at Chilliwack, British Columbia

On Sunday, March 23rd, the Sunday School of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Chilliwack, B. C., presented an inspiring Bible Day program, with Mr. G. Rinas, our superintendent, in charge. The sanctuary was decorated with spring flowers and the children sang and recited joyfully. The Intermediate boys, in Oriental dress, dramatized in pantomime the following parables of Jesus: The Sower, the Good Shepherd, and the Pearl Merchant. The young people assisted as readers and special singers between acts.

For the song, "Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord," Mrs. Mabel Neher had painted colorful pictures depicting the

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flower gardens, the jewel mine, and the Bible. As the Primaries and Juniors sang the verses, the rich meaning of the words were vividly portrayed through the changing scenes. The film, "Our Missions to Japan," was then shown, and an offering was received for the spreading of God's Word to a lost world.

Mrs. G. Beutler, Reporter

Easter Sunday Joys, Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon

Easter Sunday night was a special occasion for the members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Ore., when the parsonage mortgage was burned. The \$8,000 mortgage was liquidated in 27 months while the giving in other church funds increased or remained the same. The lovely parsonage in the West Salem hills has cost \$22,000. We thank the Lord for his faithfulness to accomplish this. On Easter evening the Bethel Choir gave an inspiring Easter cantata entitled, "Hallelujah! What a Savior!"

The Crusaders' Sunday School Class recently installed an underground lawn sprinkler system for the parsonage grounds. The Senior C.B.Y. Fellowship purchased a four-drawer suspension file cabinet with lock for the church. The late Miss Emma Schifferer donated a 10-place setting of Noritake China for special occasions. The Homebuilders' Class built a cabinet for the new china.

Mrs. Gordon Rands, Reporter

Easter Festivities at Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash

The first Easter in our new church edifice was a memorable day for the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash. A goodly number of our young people and adults attended the sunrise service at Wapato Park, sponsored by the evangelical churches of the area. The church sanctuary was well filled



Victoria Ave Sunday School children, Chilliwack, B. C., depicting the message of the song, "Thy Word Is Like a Garden," at the Bible Day program.

for the morning worship service, and an attentive audience listened to two anthems sung by our Senior Choir under the capable leadership of its director, Mr. Ben Yost, and organist, Miss Ethel Kageler.

The activities of the day came to a fitting climax at the evening service when the 40-voice choir presented the Easter cantata, "Tragedy and Triumph" by Bernard Hamblen, the story in song of Christ's betrayal, death and resurrection. The cantata was a blessing to all who participated and who listened. The Youth Choir, Junior Choir, and Men's Chorus also give us much joy and blessing at the Sunday evening worship services and other special occasions. These three choral groups alternate in singing on Sunday evenings.

When Rev. Robert S. Hess, our pastor, gave the hand of fellowship to 23 persons at the Good Friday Communion Service he remarked that for the first time in the history of the church the membership had passed the 400 mark.

Elfriede Gudelius, Reporter



The choir of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington, with the director, Mr. Ben Yost (3rd row at left) and the organist, Miss Ethel Kageler (1st row at right).



Ministers at the Southwestern Conference Pastors' Institute held at the Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska.

Southwestern Conference

Southwestern Conference Ministers' Institute at Creston, Neb.

The pastors of the Southwestern Conference area met at the Creston Baptist Church of Creston, Neb., for the seventh annual spring meeting on April 8 to 10. Guest speakers for the occasion were Dr. Gordon H. Schroeder, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln, Neb.; Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," and Rev. David C. Keiry, missionary to the Spanish-Americans at Monte Vista, Colo. Dr. Schroeder spoke on phases of personal evangelism, public relations and church administration. Dr. Leuschner challenged the pastors in their obligations and opportunities in writing for the "Baptist Herald" and other Christian literature. Rev. David Keiry gave a message on "A Missionary and Native Philosophy."

Eleon L. Sandau, Secretary

Northwestern Conference

Easter Sunday Sacred Concert at Randolph, Minn.

Easter services at the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., were brought to a beautiful climax Sunday evening, April 6, with the presentation of the Easter story in narration and song by the church choir. A large background painting portraying the Easter story from the crucifixion to the resurrection helped us to visualize Christ's sufferings and victory as the choir unfolded the story in song. Effective lighting also added color to the presentation.

The suffering of Jesus was felt as the choir sang, "Neath the Old Olive Trees," and as the quartet sang, "Jesus Paid It All." As these songs were sung, the corresponding part of the painting was emphasized. Then the thrilling glory of Christ's resurrection was felt as the choir closed with the selection, "All Hail Immanuel," while the empty tomb in the painting showed that Jesus lives again and is Victor over sin and the grave.



Against a backdrop scene from the Garden of Gethsemane, the choir of the Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., presented a sacred Easter concert. The choir director is Rev. Bert Itterman (men's section, 2nd from right, front row); pianist, Mrs. Wilbur Magnuson (women's section, left, back row); and organist Mrs. Bert Itterman (right, back row).

are seriously considering the purchase of a parsonage or the possibility of building one.

God also sent us our denominational evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier, whose inspired preaching has reawakened within us the spiritual needs of our community and of each individual Christian. The evangelistic meetings were conducted during the week of April 6 to 11. Three persons confessed Christ as Savior and on Friday night when the invitation was given the church members pledged themselves to greater support of the church work.

John Ziegler, Pastor

Tabitha Society and Easter Programs, Elgin, Iowa

The Tabitha Society, First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, entertained their husbands and other guests at the annual dinner and social evening in mid-March. The evening featured a "ship" theme of the grace line, including worship, fellowship, and friendship. Following the dinner, a TV-type program, with music, devotions, newscast, commercials, and audience participation contest was enjoyed. The committee in charge was Mrs. Ross James, chairman; Mrs. Earl Kiple, Mrs. Elmer Pinney, Mrs. Hugo Hackmann, and Mrs. Guy Probert.

The combined Junior and Senior choirs of our church gave a concert Easter Sunday evening. The musical numbers were interspersed with selected readings and Scripture passages. Mrs. Arbie Schroeder is the organist, Mrs. Edward Krueger, Junior Choir director, and Mr. Harry Johnson, Senior choir director.

Rev. Henry R. Schroeder, interim pastor at our Elgin church, spoke on the topic, "Is It Nothing to You?" at the Union Good Friday Service. St. Paul's Methodist Church of Elgin united with us for this service at 1:30 P. M. A community sunrise service was held at the Elgin Lutheran church.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter

World Mission Conference at Buffalo Center, Iowa

The First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, held its third annual World Mission Conference, March 6 to 20. Rev. John Rhoads, missionary to Japan, preached at the opening service Sunday morning and Missionary Dick Wyma from Bolivia, South America, gave the message in the evening. Throughout the week, afternoon sessions were devoted to reports from the field and a message by a missionary, followed by the informative panel discussions in which all the missionaries participated. Bible meditations were also given each afternoon.

Besides the above named missionaries, Rev. Elmer Strauss, director of "God's Volunteers," spoke on "Why I Am Going to Africa." Missionary to Germany, Miss Lena DeVries, Missionary Ruth Hall from Swaziland, South Africa, and Miss Lavona Lee from Nigeria, both of Africa, along with Dr. R. A. Mathews of the China Inland Mission, all added much to arouse interest in missions all over the world.

From March 23 to 28 we had Dr. Jim Mercer of Minneapolis, Minn., as evangelist for revival meetings. A young mother accepted Christ as her Savior. Recently we started a Women's Prayer Group which meets for prayer each Sunday evening before the service. Our pastor is Rev. W. G. Gerthe.

Mrs. Joe Jurgens, Reporter

Central Conference

Spiritual Uplift of Easter Sunday, Lansing, Mich.

A special evangelistic campaign was held at the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., the week previous to Easter, resulting in blessing and spiritual uplift to the church, with Dr. Jim Mercer of Minneapolis, Minn., as the evangelist. Although the number saved during the meetings was not large, there were several candidates waiting for baptism. A total of 18 were baptized, and these with 7 others, a total of 25, received the hand of fellowship into the church the same evening. This was then followed by the closing message by the evangelist, and another goodly number responded to the invitation. The service came to a close with the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Easter was indeed a great day. The Sunday School set another record high with 612 in attendance in the morning, and a well-filled auditorium for the morning service. The church now has reached a membership of 486.

E. A. Roloff, Reporter

Revival Meetings and Missionary Emphasis, Gladwin, Mich.

We are happy to report from the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., of the success of our revival meetings held in March with Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lansing, Mich. There were a number of souls saved and some renewed their covenant with the Lord. Many unsaved homes were visited during this time. Mr. Buhler's messages on the first nine chapters of Acts were a great blessing to all.

Our people have been enjoying the



The choir of the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., that presented the Easter cantata, "God's Only Son," with Harvey Mehlhaff, director, at the extreme left and Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor, at the right (2nd row).

slides we have been using from our different mission fields and are becoming better acquainted with our missionaries. We have the first Sunday of each month as Mission Sunday. Our Sunday School is supporting a native evangelist in the Cameroons.

On April 11 we had Rev. G. K. Zimmerman in the interest of Sunday School work. It was a very profitable evening, and we trust our Sunday School will put to use many of the suggestions given. We are planning a Dedication Service for the new addition of our church on June 22nd. We hope that many of the former pastors, members and friends will be able to visit us on that day. If not in person, we hope to hear from you by some means of communication.

Mrs. Ernest Lauth, Reporter

Dakota Conference

Streams of Blessings, Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

We of the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., have prayed for a manifestation of God's Spirit and have received a clear and convincing

answer. A very fine group of our young people responded for the cleaning of the church, particularly the floors of both auditoriums. The church was led to beautify the church, painting the main sanctuary and reaching out as far as funds permitted. It was an undertaking with an outlay of more than \$300 over and above our regular financial obligation. The people had a mind to work and within 10 days it was accomplished to the satisfaction of all.

Another great achievement which brought many blessings was the performance of our choir on Palm Sunday. With about 30 singers under the direction of Harvey Mehlhaff, student at Sioux Falls College, the choir rendered the Easter cantata, "God's Only Son," on Palm Sunday evening. A very appreciative audience gratefully filled the sanctuary and experienced a real spiritual feast. On Easter Sunday God granted us the privilege to step into the baptismal waters for the first time in the history of the church. The testimonies of all nine converts kindled within us a real spirit of thanksgiving and the streams of blessings during the first baptismal service thrilled our hearts.

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor



The 25 new members received by baptism and letter into the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., on Easter Sunday evening are shown here on the church platform with Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor (extreme right).

Twelve Young People Baptized, Anamoose, North Dakota

On Friday afternoon, April 4th the Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. Dak., held a baptismal service and our minister, Rev. A. Krombein, baptized 12 candidates in the Fessenden Church baptistry! It was a dreary rainy day, but there was sunshine in our hearts and we rejoiced in the Lord. These young people were saved last fall during our revival campaign with Rev. J. Kastelein of Harvey, N. Dak., as evangelist.

Our young converts were instructed for 3 months with 12 lessons on "The New Life in Christ, Baptist Principles, and Duties as Christians," by Mrs. A. Krombein every Wednesday evening in the parsonage. It is our prayer that the Lord may bless the seed that has been sown so it may bring forth fruit for his glory.

Mrs. Elard Helm, Reporter

Teen-Agers' C.B.Y.F. Easter Program at Fessenden, N. Dak.

Recently the teen-age C.B.Y.F. was organized at the First Baptist Church, Fessenden, N. Dak. We hold our meetings the first and third Mondays of the month.

On Sunday evening, April 6, we presented the following Easter program in our church with Cathay and Germantown Baptist Churches as guests. The song service was led by Curtis Martin and Scripture was read by Clinton Fuhrman. Prayer was offered by Dick Martin, and the welcome by Betty Martin. Two numbers were given by the teen-age orchestra. The play, "Easter's Glory," was given with the following taking part: Dick Martin, Jerry Rodacker, Freddie Rusch, George Pepple, Grace Faul, Nancy Faul, Betty Martin and Clifford Wahl. A solo, "The Holy City," was presented by Betty Martin. Then another play, "Mine Eyes Have Seen Him," was given by Linda Kessler, Doris Koenig, Karen Kost, Billy Kieper, Douglas Kessler, and Betty Martin. Advisers for this group are Mrs. M. DeBoer and Mrs. James McBain.

Billy Kieper, Secretary

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sukut

The golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. and Mrs. Edward Sukut of Napoleon, N. Dak., was observed with Open House at the Baptist Church in Napoleon on Sunday afternoon, March 16, and with a program also at the church in the evening. The honored couple have 13 living children, 28 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Present at the festive occasion were 8 children, 16 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, about 50 relatives and a host of friends.

Rev. Walter Sukut, a son of the couple, was in charge of the program. Friends and relatives recalled past events, and Rev. Henry Lang, pastor of the church addressed the couple with a very appropriate message. Mr. Andy Sukut, also a son of the couple, presented a gift to the parents on behalf of the children. A love offering was also given by the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sukut were married at Long Lake, S. Dak., on March 10, 1908. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to a farm 21 miles southeast of Napoleon. They operated this farm



Twelve young people baptized on April 4 by Rev. A. Krombein (top, back row) and received into the Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. Dak.

until they retired to Napoleon in 1945, where they are now living.

Walter Sukut, Reporter

Building Improvements and Easter Services, Cathay, N. Dak.

The entire edifice was recently revised with additional outlets and several memorial light fixtures installed. A new ceiling was put in the lower auditorium, and then it was completely redecorated. Stair pads on the steps and a new linoleum on the kitchen floor, a gift, were also laid. Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke of West Fargo, N. Dak., conducted a series of evangelistic meetings, March 10-31. Four decisions for Christ were made.

On April 1 the members of the church enjoyed a fellowship supper sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Louis Bibelheimer is our able president. The program for the evening was about "The Home." Mr. Albert Reddig presided as toastmaster. Mrs. Eldon Leitner and Mrs. Albert Seibold planned the program and were in charge of recreation for all following the supper. "The Seven Last Words," by M. Isabelle Ritter, a Good Friday cantata, and several other special musical numbers were presented at the church on Good Friday evening.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sukut of Napoleon, N. Dak., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration on March 16.

Mrs. Albert E. Reddig is the choir director. Easter Sunday featured special music, the Easter offering and "The Message of Easter" by the pastor, Rev. David Zimmerman.

Mrs. Edward Seibold, Reporter

Dedication of \$6,500 Addition, McLaughlin, S. Dak.

The First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak., dedicated its new church addition on Sunday, March 30. Our former dining room and kitchen have been transformed into lovely classrooms. A new basement addition has been added at the back of the church, providing a modern kitchen and dining room area. Our special guest speaker for this Sunday was our executive secretary, Dr. Frank Woyke.

Words of greeting and congratulations came from our neighboring pastors: Rev. Bernard Edinger of Selfridge, N. Dak.; Rev. Walter Klempel of McIntosh, S. Dak.; and Rev. Herbert Vetter of Isabel, S. Dak., and layman Aaron Bertsch of Greenway, S. Dak. Andrew Bertsch, our Sunday School superintendent, spoke in behalf of the Sunday School. Senior Deacon, Mr. J. J. Schweigert, spoke for the church. He congratulated our beloved pastor, Rev. Edwin Michelson, who was chairman of the building committee. We heard selections from our Junior and Senior choirs under the direction of Mrs. Edwin Michelson.

The cash outlay for carpenter and materials amounted to \$6,448. A total of 1500 working hours represented donated labor. We are now looking forward to completing the job started, namely, adding on the upstairs portion to the new basement addition. A delicious ham dinner was enjoyed at noon and also at supper time prepared by the women of the church.

Mrs. Chris Aldinger, Reporter.

45th Anniversary Program, Johannestal Church, Ashley, N.D.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Johannestal Baptist Church, a station of Ashley, N. Dak., met on Good Friday evening, April 4, to observe our 45th anniversary. Mrs. Albert Bertsch led the general singing. Mrs. Jacob A. Bertsch, the president, led in devotions. Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer welcomed the guests. Mrs. Theodore J. Fischer briefly gave the history of the society.

The organization was founded by Rev. C. M. Knapp in May 1913 with 15 members. Of these, five are still living, namely, Mrs. Barbara Stroh, Eureka, S. Dak.; Mrs. Lydia Bertsch, Mrs. Ben Arlt, Mrs. Christ Arlt, and Mrs. Mathilda Bertsch, all of Ashley.

Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer led the memorial service, honoring those who have gone to be with the Lord. Mrs. Mathilda Bertsch, the only living charter member present, was given a miniature corsage. Mrs. Jacob Wageman brought a German anniversary reading and Mrs. Adolph Arlt an English reading. The highlight of the program was a dialogue entitled, "And They That Be Wise Shall Serve." Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer brought a short talk on the four words: "Come, Go, Give, and Serve." The offering was used entirely for missions.

Mrs. Theodore J. Fischer, Reporter

Easter Music and Baptism at McClusky, N. Dak.

The Ministerial Association of McClusky, N. Dak., sponsored a community choir, which was directed by our pastor, Rev. E. Oster, of the Baptist Church. In January we started to practice Easter music for a concert which we presented on Palm Sunday evening at the High School auditorium with 43 voices and seven churches participating. For our Leadership Training Courses, taught by the pastor, the Sunday School teachers and officers studied "Old Testament Law and History" and "A Guide for Pedagogy." An average of 15 persons took the course.

It made our hearts rejoice as on Good Friday evening we had the joy of witnessing the baptism of four converts. Since we do not have a baptistry, our sister church at Turtle Lake offered us the use of their beautiful church and baptistry.

Easter Sunday morning at 5:30 A.M. found a goodly number entering God's house for sunrise services, followed by fellowship breakfast. After our morning worship hour, the hand of fellowship was extended to these four who had been baptized. We observed the Lord's Supper to climax a wonderful message and a beautiful service on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. John J. Ebel, Reporter

Northern Conference

Special Programs at McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg

The Woman's Missionary Society of the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Man., celebrated its 52nd birthday at a program presented on Sunday evening, March 30. The play, based on the story of the talents, was very practical and could be applied to each of our lives. Rev. H. J. Waltereit, our pastor, challenged the ladies of the church to continue their efforts although they may appear small and insignificant. It is only when the little things are not done that we notice them.

On Sunday evening our choirs combined talents in a musical concert. The triumphant Easter message, as presented in song, was a source of spiritual strength and blessing to the large audience in attendance. Under the direction of George Berthin, Hans Rogalski and Kurt Wollenberg, the Mass and Male choirs sang in both English and German. The addresses were brought by two young men of our church who plan on making the ministry their life's work.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

Two Indians of Muscowpetung Reserve are Baptized

"They chose to obey God rather than man." Two Soto Indians of Saskatchewan in a joint baptismal service with the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., were baptized on confession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Mary Pratt, age 57, of the Muscowpetung Reserve has been a Christian for a number of years. During the winter of 1957 she made inquiry as to baptism by immersion, while her son, Orval, was in the hospital. Through this experience the Lord dealt with

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OBITUARIES

MR. JOHN F. NINNEMAN of Appleton, Minn.

Mr. John Fredrick Ninnemann of Appleton, Minn., was born on April 22, 1878 in Carver County, Minn. He died peacefully as in sleep on April 4, 1958 at the age of 79. On December 10, 1902 he was united in marriage to Emma G. Friedrich by Rev. Sexler. He was baptized on July 22, 1909 by Rev. Heinemann, pastor at St. Bonifacius, and was received into the membership of the German Baptist Church of Holloway, now the First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn. He was active in this church by regular attendance and in the capacities of church treasurer and trustee.

Those remaining to mourn the loss of their loved one are his wife, Emma; three daughters: Mrs. O. B. (Carrie) Winje; Mrs. Robert (Lydia) Liebe; Mrs. Elmer (Gertrude) Peterson, of Montevideo; 2 sons: Marvin of South St. Paul; and Eric of Ortonville, Minn.; 14 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 4 brothers and one sister. Rev. John Ziegler officiated, and Rev. Herman Lohr, Corona, S. Dak., assisted in the service.

Appleton, Minnesota

JOHN ZIEGLER, Pastor

MISS GLADYS M. BERKAN of Southey, Saskatchewan

Gladys Margaret Berkan of Southey, Sask., was born on Dec. 8, 1920, at Southey, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berkan. At the age of 21 she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. On confession of this faith, she was baptized and received into Southey Baptist Church on June 1, 1941. Gladys contracted virus pneumonia and was ill but a very short time. The Lord saw fit to take her to himself from Cupar Hospital on March 12 at the age of 37 years, 2 months, 12 days. Funeral services were conducted on March 17 in the Southey Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn her passing her father and mother; three sisters: Viola Phipps, Montreal; Grace McIlmoyl, Southey; Ethel Hoffman, Regina; seven brothers: William, Raymore; Roy, Semans; Gordon, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta; Elmer, Regina; Norman, Killaloe, Ontario; Walter, Spokane, Wash.; Floyd, Regina; and a large host of relatives and friends. We mourn but not as those who have no hope. Our hope is in Jesus Christ.

Southey, Saskatchewan

E. L. THIESSEN, Pastor

MR. BEN VAN LENGEN of Stout, Iowa

Mr. Ben Van Lengen of Stout, Iowa, was born on August 23, 1901 in Grundy County. He passed away on April 2, 1958, attaining the age of 56 years, 7 months and 10 days. He experienced the new birth in Christ in 1940, was baptized the same year by Rev. H. Lohr and received into the fellowship of the Calvary Baptist Church of Parkers-

burg, Ia., the same year. He was united in marriage with Dena Hemmen on June 20, 1929. Their home was blessed with four children, one boy preceding him in infancy. He leaves to mourn his passing, his deeply bereaved wife; one daughter, Mrs. Hattie Fruisner of Parkersburg, Orville of Cedar Falls, and Verne of Parkersburg; and three sisters: Mrs. S. Hagen of Cedar Falls, Beulah and Jennie of Stout, Iowa; 8 grandchildren and other relatives. The pastor spoke words of comfort on Psalm 46:10.

Parkersburg Iowa
RAYMOND F. DICKAU, Pastor

MRS. FRANK FINNIE of Madison, S. Dak.

Mrs. Frank Finnie, a life long resident of Lake County, S. Dak., passed away at the North American Baptist Nursing home in Madison, S. Dak., on March 30 at the age of 70 years. Mrs. Finnie was born on December 11, 1887 at Wentworth, S. Dak. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wiese. On August 14, 1918 she was united in marriage with Frank Finnie who preceded her in death on Dec. 12, 1957. On March 3, 1907 she was baptized on profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior by Rev. R. J. Haack, and then united with the West Center Street Baptist Church. She was very active in the women's work in the church and for the past several years was a Sunday School teacher.

She is survived by three children: Dale of Brookings, S. Dak.; Morris of Griffith, Ill.; and Mrs. Frances Noehl of Minneapolis, Minn.; 4 grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Henry Kirstein of Madison; and one brother, Mr. Frank Wiese of St. Paul. May the presence of the Lord she loved be the comfort to all who mourn her passing.

Madison, S. Dak.

J. G. BENKE, Pastor

MR. ERNEST V. BLACK of Sturtevant, Wis.

Mr. Ernest V. Black of Sturtevant, Wis., was born Sept. 2, 1892, in Sauk County, Wis., and was suddenly called to his heavenly home on April 12, 1958 with a heart attack. When he was 15 years of age, he was converted and baptized by the Rev. W. S. Argow and became a member of the North Freedom Baptist Church. On Sept. 14, 1916, he was united in marriage with Lydia Grosinske. One son, Robert, was born to them. In 1926 he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he joined the White Ave. Baptist Church. All his life the church has been the center of his activities, especially the choir. At various times he served as song leader, choir director, trustee, and finance committee member.

During his 31 years of residence in Cleveland, he was employed by the General Electric Company. Upon retirement, April 1957, he moved to Racine, Wis., and became a member of Grace Baptist Church. Services were held in Racine and at the North Freedom Baptist Church where the undersigned and Rev. G. Lawrenz spoke words of comfort to the bereaved.

Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin

D. RAYMOND PARRY, Pastor

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	March, 1958	March, 1957	March, 1956
Atlantic	\$ 2,965.63	\$ 2,559.07	\$ 4,025.89
Central	4,379.06	3,675.56	3,853.71
Dakota	6,427.19	5,503.61	6,596.42
Eastern	2,788.07	1,463.15	1,196.68
Northern	4,656.76	2,449.77	3,868.49
Northwestern	6,241.78	7,552.31	10,665.45
Pacific	5,345.10	5,008.97	6,806.34
Southern	650.69	666.64	428.12
Southwestern	2,862.31	3,340.96	4,744.29
Inter-Conference	599.87	426.47	225.34
Total Contributions	\$36,916.46	\$32,646.51	\$42,410.73

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of March, 1958	\$31,709.12	\$ 5,207.34	\$36,916.46
For the month of March, 1957	26,731.85	5,914.66	32,646.51
For the month of March, 1956	37,756.35	4,654.38	42,410.73

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1957 to March 31, 1958	\$539,227.32	\$54,526.50	\$593,752.82
April 1, 1956 to March 31, 1957	533,711.28	72,592.18	606,303.46
April 1, 1955 to March 31, 1956	479,300.90	83,936.62	563,237.52

CONCENTRATED COURSES

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and, moreover, they have a share in it, and this share has not been without cost to them.

For the pastor himself the advantages are numerous. First of all, there is the preparation to teach. This study and research into the course assigned him cannot help but influence and aid him in his pastoral work.

His soul is refreshed as he is able to sit in chapel with students and staff and hear the Word of Life spoken to him, whereas in his pastorate he is constantly imparting it to others.

DORMITORY LIFE

Living in the dormitory with the students for a month, sharing with them their meals, study, play, and meditation, he will also learn to know and understand the young people of today as he would never do from behind the pulpit.

Thus it was that, after four weeks, I once again boarded the train, with my home church as destination, with the feeling that my life had been enriched by the close fellowship with these young people and with a keener awareness of the presence and greatness of our god.

I am deeply grateful to the C.T.I. and to the Fenwood Baptist Church (which I was serving at the time) for the month's leave of absence granted, which enabled me to embark upon this adventure of being both student and teacher for a month.

Children's Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1958

- Program material has been mailed to our churches.
- Use the fine Program Sheet as bulletin inserts. The story of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., is related colorfully.
- The Children's Day Offerings are for the Chapel Building fund. Send them to North American Baptists, Inc., 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

INDIANS BAPTIZED

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Mrs. Pratt in a real way. We petitioned God and he favored us with mercy and grace. Shortly before Orval was to leave the hospital, it so happened that his parents and we the missionaries were by his bedside together. Mrs. Pratt asked me to come to her side. With tears flowing down her cheeks, she said, "I want to follow my Lord all the way. I want to be baptized."

The other baptismal candidate was Mr. Noel Crowe of the Piapot Reservation. This Reserve borders on the west end of the Muscowpetung Reserve. He was converted during the last evangelistic campaign held on the Reserve. He has encountered much opposition in the short time of his Christian life, but he was determined to have his convictions realized.

Mr. Crowe is 48 years of age, mar-

ried, and has now only two children at home. He has been a Counsellor on the Reserve for many years, and is one of the most successful farmers here. We as missionaries welcome these two baptized believers into the great family of Baptists.

Reinhard Neuman, Missionary

Central Conference

Activities at the Baptist Church, Center Line, Michigan

The First Baptist Church, Center Line, Mich., held its Father-Son Banquet on March 22nd. It was an enjoyable occasion for the 125 persons attending. Dr. Brown of the Christian Business Men's Association was guest speaker. Pioneer Gal and Pal Night was a highlight in the church's activities during the week of March 23rd. The 85 persons in attendance enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship. Interest in the Boys' Brigade also is growing and a great need is being met in these activities for the boys and girls.

Our church met with five cooperating churches of Warren and Center Line, Mich., at the Vandyke Baptist Church for Good Friday observance. Our pastor, Rev. Adolph Braun, brought a message on "What the Cross Meant to Christ." Our Sunday School is growing steadily and Easter Sunday brought our church attendance to a record high of 450, which was 65 above last Easter. We set aside the week of April 27-May 4 for Spiritual Life Meetings. Rev. Obed Stucky, superintendent of Detroit City Rescue Mission, was the guest speaker.

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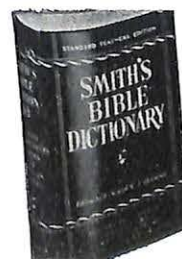
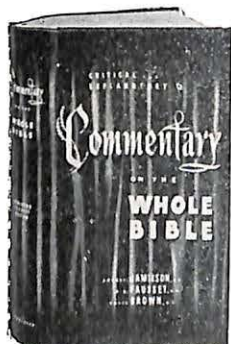
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