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Thanks Be to God!

*Thanksgiving---Sacrifice of Praise
Introducing the District Secretaries
Another Baptism in Japan*

• The famous hymn "My Jesus, I Love Thee" has generally been attributed to Dr. A. J. Gordon—the man who wrote the music. He did not write the words, however. The hymn was written by William R. Featherstone, a 16-year-old Canadian boy on the occasion of his conversion in Toronto in 1858, states "The People's Magazine," a Toronto church publication. Mr. Featherstone was born in 1842 and died in 1878. —The Standard

• The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions is sending 27 new teachers to Turkey this year. After a week's orientation in Boston the group sailed for Turkey with six other teachers who are returning after a year's furlough. The new teachers are mostly recent college graduates, beginning three-year terms of service. They are assigned to the American College, Tarsus; the American Collegiate Institute, Izmir; the American School for Boys, Talas; and the American Academy for Girls, Uskudar.

• The fourth centenary of the Reformation in Scotland will be celebrated in 1960. The Church of Scotland has appointed a committee to plan the occasion with Hugh O. Douglas of Dundee as chairman. The focal point will be a special meeting of the General Assembly in October 1960, attended by representatives of Reformed churches in all parts of the world. During the year all kinds of profound and popular literary works will be published. Playwright Robert Kemp, whose adaptation of David Lyndsay's 16th century "The Three Estates" has drawn crowds at the Edinburgh Festival for two years, has accepted the committee's invitation to write a pageant for the centenary. —The Christian Century

• More than 50,000,000 tracts have been distributed in Japan during the post-war years. This is enough for more than half the population of the country. In many instances, these tracts are the only Christian literature which unsaved Japanese read. Less than a fifth of those published in Japan are translations; those written by Japanese for their own people are of more value. Most of the 200 tracts now being published in Japan rate high in appearance, content and appeal. About a third of those being published have artistic, two-color designs on their covers. Lutheran forces have 43 different varieties of tracts, while the Evangelical Alliance Mission has 37 varieties.

• "The Navigators" is an organization that began with sailors, hence the name. Its founder, Dawson Trotman, taught one navy man to be a soul winner and to teach his converts to make disciples also. Man to man, the move-

ment grew from ship to ship, soon spreading to other branches of the armed services. Begun in 1933, the Navigators now work in 19 metropolitan areas of the United States and in the past nine years have grown to include an overseas staff of 55 (working in 16 countries), plus 28 national workers. In the United States, the Navigators conduct conferences, assist churches, help in Bible camps and evangelistic campaigns, and train individuals in Navigator homes. Around the world, they work with 42 mission agencies. —Evangelical Christian

• Property valued at more than \$3,000,000 has been turned over to the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church

at Guntur, India, by the United Lutheran Church of America. The property includes eight hospitals, a college, five high schools and training schools, and 800 elementary schools. In addition, the United Lutherans are deeding 2,000 churches, chapels and auxiliary buildings for worship to the Indian Church. Official transfer has been made at ceremonies in Guntur. The Indian Government revised its tax laws in order that the denomination would not be obliged to pay several hundred thousand dollars to make the transfer. Dr. G. Devasahayam, president of the Andhra Church, spoke of this move as "inaugurating a new era of partnership."



Baptist Briefs

• **Baptism Ratio: 1 in 10.** The annual meeting of the Italian Baptist Union heard statistics for 1957 showing that 401 persons had been baptized in the course of the year, about one baptism for every tenth church member. Five new churches had become completely self-supporting through the year. A new church with 44 members was received into the Union. One other church will be added very soon. Work has been started in two new places, Avellino and Messina. There is a great lack of ministers.

• **"Secret Place" for Blind.** Three experimental issues of "The Secret Place" have been published in braille, according to Dr. Bruce E. Mills, editor. "The Secret Place" is a devotional booklet produced jointly by the American Baptist Publication Society and the Disciples of Christ. The first printings offered only 30 copies of each issue, but the new plan has been so successful that the October-December 1958 edition numbered 325 copies. These have been specifically ordered by churches and individuals for blind members and friends.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

• **The Spurgeon Family.** One of the few remaining members of the Spurgeon family, who knew the Rev. Charles Haddon Spurgeon, has passed away. He was Mr. Arthur Robert Spurgeon of Great Dunmow, Essex, England, a first cousin of "C.H.S." He was in his 88th year and had been a member of Great Dunmow Congregational church for over 55 years. Like his more celebrated cousin, Mr. Arthur Spurgeon had a great interest in village churches and had given loyal support to the Dunmow church and its

associated village causes. A nephew, Mr. Harold Spurgeon Bell, is a member of Mitcham-lane Baptist church, Streatham.—The Baptist Times.

• **Baptists Are Strong in Texas.** Fantastic stories of Texas wealth and aggressiveness have spread around the world. It is interesting to note the findings of the latest survey of the Texas Poll, which says that more Baptist adults worship regularly than any other denomination in the state. The poll also revealed that Baptists exceed other Texas denominations in personal evangelism, in visitation by laymen and in emphasis on tithing. The survey said that 39 per cent of all adult worshippers in Texas churches on Sunday are Baptists.—The Baptist World.

• **New Baptist European Secretary** Dr. Erik Ruden of Stockholm, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden, has accepted, effective October 1, 1959, an invitation to be European secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Ruden, who also is president of the European Baptist Federation, was elected to the BWA Associate Secretaryship (London Office) at a BWA Executive Committee meeting in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, last August. Dr. Ruden is one of the foremost Baptist statesmen in Europe. In 1938 he became associate secretary of the Baptist Union of Sweden and became general secretary when Dr. Hjalmar Danielson retired in 1949. In 1950 he made a lengthy study of missionary work in the Belgian Congo. In 1951 he took another important journey, this time to India. He has published two important and widely sold books on the missionary problems of these two countries.



Our Jubilee of Thanksgiving

THIS IS OUR JUBILEE YEAR of thanksgiving for our North American Baptist churches. In our denominational work as well as on our mission fields, we have reached milestones that remind us vividly of God's goodness and guidance. Like the people of Israel, in response to God's command, we shall cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound and to proclaim our gratitude to God throughout all the churches. For this reason, the observance of Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from November 23 to 30 will have unusual significance for our people and will prompt them to make their generous offerings of gratitude to God in this Jubilee Year.

On the Cameroons mission field in Africa our missionaries and the nationals will join in the festive celebration of Victoria's Centenary Jubilee to begin early in December. The Gospel of Christ and the faithful service of a Baptist missionary, Alfred Saker, will be highlighted in this celebration. We as North American Baptists will also have a share in the proceedings, making our financial contribution to the expenses and rejoicing with our Cameroons friends over the wondrous things that God has done in Africa during the past century. In this Jubilee Year, we shall proclaim anew liberty through Christ "throughout all the land."

We have also taken account of the 75th anniversary of our General Missionary Society, now known as the Board of Missions, with the publication of a series of three articles on its ministry. This work has been blessed bountifully of God with the rapid rise of missionaries under appointment, with tremendous sums of money raised for missionary purposes, and with an ever expanding outreach through Church Extension, God's Volunteers and a strengthened evangelistic department. Rev. R. Schilke's article in the next issue will be another trumpet sound in this Jubilee of Thanksgiving of our churches.

The Christians of Japan are making final preparations for the observance of the Centenary Jubilee of Protestantism in Japan in 1959. The cause of the Gospel has had its hours of victory and its depths of despair in "the Land of the Rising Sun," but our missionaries there now report that God has opened doors of opportunity for us among the Japanese people in Ise and Kyoto. Your missionary offerings, when used in Japan, are bringing large returns in spiritual rewards, as the article on another baptism in Japan in this issue will reveal.

It was a Jubilee Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, last July, as all will attest who were there. The festive spirit of those days and the epoch making decisions reached there will continue to ring the bells of thanksgiving in many hearts for months to come. In this issue you will become better acquainted with the four newly appointed District Secretaries who present their challenge to remember our stewardship before God!

Every church in our fellowship and every individual can look back upon the experiences of the past year with overflowing thanksgiving. Harvests have been abundant. Achievements have been numerous. God has been good to us. Let us then continue the spirit of this Jubilee Year and give liberally to the Lord during the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week. "Cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound!"

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THANKSGIVING---

Sacrifice of Praise

To God

"Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15).

By Rev. Jack Block of Corn, Oklahoma

TRUE THANKSGIVING

Sweet it is to see the sun
 Shining on Thanksgiving Day;
 Sweet it is to see the snow
 Fall as if it came to stay;
 Sweet is everything that comes,
 For all makes cheer, Thanksgiving Day.

Fine is the pantry's goodly store,
 And fine the heaping dish and tray;
 Fine the church bells ringing; fine
 All the dinner's great array,
 Things we'd hardly dare to touch
 Were it not Thanksgiving Day.

Dear the people coming home,
 Dear glad faces long away,
 Dear the merry cries, and dear
 All the gay and happy play.
 Dear the thanks, too, that we give
 For all of this Thanksgiving Day.

But sweeter, finer, dearer far
 It well might be if on our way,
 With love for all, with thanks to
 Heaven,
 We did not wait for time's delay,
 But with remembered blessings then
 Made every day Thanksgiving Day!

ATTITUDE OF HEART

Thanksgiving is not the observance of a day, but an attitude of the heart! God's Word is full of admonition to thankfulness from the very beginning, and the record clearly shows that his blessings have attended faithfully those who remembered to be thankful. So let us be careful to

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

Nov. 23—Nov. 30, 1958

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

be truly thankful as we contemplate the blessings of God at this season.

The writer to the Hebrews strikes a wonderful chord that seems fitting as a theme for our praise and thanksgiving this year as he says, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Hebrews 13:15,16).

How clearly this portion of Scripture lays before all Christians the call to Thanksgiving!

I. NATURE OF THANKSGIVING

"Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

In his study of life, the Psalmist cried out, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call upon the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:12, 17). How we ought to thank God for what he is in himself, and what he is for our benefit. "For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord?" (Psalm 89:6).

Has anyone the knowledge of his glory, majesty and perfection? "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts" (Isaiah 6:3). So then, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2).

The heart full of praise to God is his delight and so "I will offer thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving."

But lip service alone cannot express our thankfulness. "But to do good and to communicate forget not" (Hebrews 13:16a).

Our thanksgiving to God is best expressed in that "thanksgiving is good, but thanks-living is better," as

a certain proverb has it. Is your heart thankful? Express it by showing it in sharing with others your blessings. John reminds us that "whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Jesus taught that if we would express our gratitude to God, we should serve him by doing good to others.

II. THANKS THROUGH A MEDIATOR.

"By him therefore let us offer—."

Jesus has been upheld in this Hebrew letter as the perfect sacrifice for sin and the Mediator of a new and "better" way. It is through him therefore that we have access to God, even as the Lord himself said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

He, as the Son of God, represents to us all that we may know of the Father. As the Son of Man, he represents us as the High Priest unto God as one who "was in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15b).

III. THANKS CONTINUALLY

For the Christian, thanksgiving cannot be one annual event, nor a periodic, and not even a daily thing, but a constant flowing forth of grateful praise:

"Not thankful when it pleaseth me;
 As if thy blessings had spare days;
 But such a heart whose pulse may be
 Thy praise."

Paul admonishes us, "In everything give thanks." Again he says: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20).

Can it be? Can it be that we can be sure that everything that befalls us as saints is worthy of our praise and thanks? Surely, it must be so according to Romans 8:28, if we walk in the close fellowship of God.

IV. PLEASING TO GOD.

"For with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

It is true that circumstances seem to prove that God is kind and good to the unthankful and evil, but our Lord Jesus taught that in the day of judgment a blessed reward shall be theirs who were merciful of heart in their relationship to others (Matthew 25:31-46). He will consider that "inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40b).

"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matthew 10:42).

So then, Christian friend, let us be thankful on this Thanksgiving Day and each day, continuing to live the life of praise unto God, the Father, by Jesus Christ, our Lord. To him be the praise and the glory for ever and ever.

Worldwide Study of Religious Liberty

Announcement by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

ONE OF THREE North Americans named to serve on a Commission on Religious Liberty of the World Council of Churches is C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The others are Alford Carleton, executive vice president of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Congregational Christian Churches of the U. S. A., Boston, Mass., and M. Searle Bates, professor at Union Theological Seminary, New York. J. D. Hughey, professor of church history in the Baptist seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, has been named as an alternate for Carlson.

BAPTIST INSIGHTS

Upon receiving word of his appointment to this responsibility, Dr. Carlson stated that it would be an excellent opportunity to share with other communions the Baptist insights on religious liberty. Historically Baptists have been leaders in this area, Carlson said, and they continue to have a position that could well be considered by the other religious people of the world.

The 13-member commission was created as a result of discussions in the Central Committee of the WCC in which request was made of the Executive Committee to arrange for a study of problems of religious liberty arising in Roman Catholic and other countries.

In recognizing the need for a worldwide project, the WCC committee stated that while there is a broad consensus concerning the importance of re-

ligious liberty and the need to take a definite stand in its favor there has not yet emerged a consensus concerning the theological and ethical reasons why religious freedom must be defended. (In the recent Baptist Religious Liberty Conference a committee of Baptist scholars presented a paper on "The Biblical Basis of Religious Liberty" which could make a contribution to these new studies, according to Dr. Carlson.) The "Baptist Herald" hopes to publish that article in the near future.

PROMOTING LIBERTY

Other projects to be undertaken by the WCC religious liberty commission will be to study the methods used to advance or restrict religious freedom, to gather, analyze and classify data on religious liberty around the world, to analyze trends and forces opposing religious liberty, and to suggest what the churches should stand for and how they can act in promoting religious liberty.

In addition to the three North Americans on the Religious Liberty Commission there will be S. U. Barbieri, Methodist Bishop of Argentina; H. Berkhof, director of the theological seminary of the Dutch Reformed Church, Netherlands; Metropolitan James of Melita, Greek Orthodox Church; N. H. Soe, professor of theology, Lutheran Church of Denmark; M. M. Thomas, youth secretary, Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, India; G. Peyrot; U. Scheunert; A. M. Tambunan; Alec Vidler; and G. Voigt.



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

In the Service of the King

By Rev. Frank Veninga of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — District Secretary for the Eastern Area

THERE IS NO MORE thrilling and satisfying experience than to be happily and busily engaged in "the Service of the King." Such has been my experience ever since the day of ordination into the Gospel ministry. This memorable service was held in the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, May 27, 1941.

My aspirations and goals concerning the Gospel ministry were then set forth as follows:

"I believe it to be my chief task to declare the eternal truths of God. It is to be my supreme mission to reveal God, in Christ, to all men, and to preach Christ as Savior and Lord. My one purpose is to exalt and glorify Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, our only Savior and Lord and to invite others to seek to follow and serve him. As I go into the ministry, I pledge it to be my solemn duty to fear God, to keep his commandments, and to preach the Gospel."

BLESSED PASTORATES

I have sought to translate these goals and aspirations into reality in the following fine pastorates: Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; State Park Church, Peoria, Ill.; Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa; and the Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. These splendid churches have contributed much to my life. In fact, they have added much more to my life than I could possibly add to their growth and development. Credit for any accomplishments or achievements must certainly go to my Lord and to these churches where it was my privilege to labor.

Now comes a new challenge and opportunity for Christian service, that of serving as District Secretary of the Eastern Area of our denomination. It is by no means easy to leave the pastorate which I have greatly loved and to which I have given eighteen years of service. However, being appreciative of my denomination and realizing a greater avenue of Christian service, I believe firmly that God has led me in the acceptance of this new position.

I come to the new responsibilities with the same aspirations with which I began my ministry in 1941. I covet the prayers of the denomination, and particularly the interest and prayers of the pastors and churches of the eastern area where it will be my privilege to be a co-worker in their midst. God's guidance in the call to the present challenging pastorate, and the return to the east, after nearly eighteen years of service in the midwest, seem to be preparatory for the service



Rev. Frank Veninga, District Secretary for the Eastern Area.

which I will be called upon to render in this geographical area.

It is my firm conviction that we are on the threshold of great happenings and tremendous developments as North American Baptists. Our dedicated witness is needed. Having served in numerous capacities and knowing something of the spiritual zeal and devotion of our pastors and people, I am convinced that great responsibility rests upon us as we face the future. When we, people, pastors, and leaders, find ourselves "Happy in the Service of the King," we will hear our Lord say to us, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it."

THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE OURS

Which doors, then, are opening to us? What opportunities are ours in this day of national tension and international upheaval?

THE DOOR OF EVANGELISM. This must always be the primary purpose of any church and denomination. God has blessed us with unique evangelistic opportunities such as we have not seen for a long time. This door will swing open even wider as we go into the Baptist Jubilee Advance Program together with other Baptist groups. May God help us to present a strong witness and to seize every opportunity to win to Jesus Christ!

THE DOOR OF MISSIONS. How marvelously God has blessed us in this phase of Kingdom work! What tremendous growth we have witnessed! With greater denominational coordination and unification of all our work we will see greater progress as we "go

into all the world—teaching, preaching, baptizing." The Lord has committed to us the propagation of his glorious Gospel. May we respond with the giving of our substance as our young people have responded with the dedication of their lives and the consecration of their abilities.

THE DOOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. With the intensification of this important phase of our work, we will experience a more adequate preparation for Christian service which, in turn, will lead to a deeper dedication and a more glorious service to God and man. A more adequate training program in our educational institutions as well as in our Sunday Schools and Sunday evening training program will make us more effective in our witness and in our work. Stronger Christian education today means better Christian service tomorrow.

THE DOOR OF STEWARDSHIP. The progress of evangelism, the growth of missions, and the success of Christian education will depend very largely on the stewardship we exercise. As we open this important door, we must open it to every area, activity and relationship of our denominational life. Our Lord is calling us today to a new survey and consecration of our time, talents and resources. The complete dedication of these will produce a stronger witness at home and abroad.

CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE

God has abundantly blessed us and he has greatly used us for well over one hundred years of service. As we look to the challenge of the future, we thank our Heavenly Father for the work which he has entrusted to us. I am personally grateful for the opportunity which will be mine to serve my Lord and my denomination, and I trust that I may be able to give a good account of my stewardship.

I am looking forward to the work which lies ahead, and I believe that the efficiency and service of our North American Baptist General Conference will be greatly increased by the enthusiastic cooperation and participation of all our pastors, people and churches. Through such a spirit we will continue to be "Happy in the Service of the King."

As a happily united people we will, with God's help, win many to a saving knowledge of Christ, enlarge our ever-expanding missionary program, strengthen our program of Christian education, and properly exercise our stewardship obligations. May God bless our efforts to his honor and glory!

Great Is the Future With Christ

By Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Illinois — District Secretary for the Central Area

ONCE A YEAR, when Thanksgiving Day approaches, we look back over the year to count our blessings and to express our gratitude to God. Occasionally one should look back more than once a year and recall God's goodness and remind oneself of his guidance, patience and also the victories through his abundant grace.

RICH, REWARDING YEARS

For more than a decade it has been my privilege to serve the North American Baptist General Conference in the capacity of general secretary for the youth and Sunday School work. For another triennium, by God's grace, there was a place for me to serve as promotional secretary. These were years when life was packed with challenging experiences and often pressing demands and with unique daily tasks. They were rich years.

The personal contacts with the people of our great denominational fellowship through visits and services in the churches across the land, the opportunity of serving at Associations, local Conferences, General Conferences, Pastors' and Laymen's Conferences, Youth Camps and Christian Workers' Conferences were such highly rewarding and enriching experiences that one can never adequately express his gratitude. I thank God for the opportunity of serving in these many and various places as well as areas of leadership. I shall always be grateful to our wonderful denominational fellowship for the privilege of serving as a denominational leader stationed at our Forest Park headquarters' office. God be praised for a great host of wonderful Christian people, fully dedicated to God's great commission of proclaiming the Gospel and reaching the lost souls for Christ at home and abroad.

All of us as North American Baptists should find no difficulty whatsoever to join in our Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week theme for this year: "Song of Jubilee and Thanksgiving." All we need to do is to recall, not only the countless blessings of the past year, as they are expressed in the spiritual, numerical and educational program of our churches, but also to think of the faithfulness of our pastors and church leaders, and the devoted and challenging services of our missionaries as well as the services of our general workers in all branches of our denominational life.

HIGH HOPES FOR SERVICE

The editor of the "Baptist Herald" has requested that something might be stated on "My Hopes for Service" in the new capacity of service as District Secretary of the Central District

in our larger denominational work. May I be so bold as to say that I have high hopes for a thrilling and highly profitable ministry in the months and years ahead.

Why not have high hopes for the best? I know our wonderful churches, their dynamic spiritual leaders and pastors, as well as the grand membership of our churches serving as God's people. This host of servants is not only dedicated to the cause of Christ in carrying out Christ's commission, first in the local churches and communities, and secondly in the local conferences with all their many facets of services and functions, but they are also fully consecrated to support our challenging, world-wide missionary enterprise.

We have the organizational provisions with qualified youth leaders for a dynamic youth program in our churches and on local conference levels through the excellent youth camps. We can always have great hopes for the future if we take special care of our youth by providing a strong spiritual training program.

In the Central District our denominational Seminary is located. It is a great training center for ministers of the Gospel. Our Seminary is one of the best in the nation. For us it is THE VERY BEST to train qualified men of God for spiritual leadership in our own churches. It is my sincere prayer that together in the four local conferences of the Central District we can have a united goal for no less than five young men to enter our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls each year in preparation of service for the Gospel ministry.

Through our Sunday School Union, a



Rev. J. C. Gunst, District Secretary for the Central Area.

splendid Christian Education program has been developed. The program is unique as well as suited for every local church. It is my sincere hope that our pastors, Sunday School superintendents and teachers will take advantage of our Christian Workers' Conferences and training curriculum to train still more adequately our local church workers for a more dynamic church educational program of evangelism, missionary outreach, and leadership ministry.

THE CHALLENGE AHEAD

We have a Church Extension program. The Central District has unlimited possibilities for Church Extension, establishing new churches in new areas where they are very much needed. It is my hope and sincere prayer that our people in the Central District will immediately unite, resolve, and pledge themselves to promote and to establish no less than three new churches in the district each year. This venture will be very much in keeping with our denominational goal.

We have a General Conference Woman's Missionary Union. I am confident that our Central District Conference Unions, wholeheartedly supported by our local church societies, will go over the top with their share of the goals that the General Conference W. M. U. has set.

We have the General Conference laymen's brotherhood. The missionary goal set is in support of our medical missionary, Dr. Peter Fehr, now in the Cameroons. My hope is that the Central District Brotherhoods will not only get the vision of the importance in reaching the set goal, but that this challenge will be an incentive for a dynamic, effective program in winning men and in enlisting them in the total program of the local church.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

At our last General Conference in Edmonton, the session approved our cooperation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance program. By this program we will be challenged to win thousands to Christ, to give more of our time and talents in the program of our church, and increase our stewardship.

We must always remember our hopes for the future, and also in this new endeavor of ours for our General Conference. Our future is as bright as the promises of God. Let us unitedly claim God's promises as our own. I not only hope but fully believe that much greater advances for Christ are yet before us. I know we shall accomplish great things for God through our denominational fellowship as we shall band together and boldly go forward in his Name.

God's Call to a Great Ministry

By Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Chicago, Illinois — District Secretary for the Western Area

THE PURPOSE of this article is to introduce myself in a way that will show the reader my personal indebtedness to the denominational family of which I am a part.

GOD'S WAY WITH ME

My beginnings go back to lowly origins. I grew up in a Christian family that was hard put at times to find resources adequate for my mere existence. Spiritually, my parents did all they could to meet the inner needs which I had, but educationally, contrary to their wishes, they could not help me. Early in life I learned to do battle with the grim and glorious facts of life. Hardships are an education in themselves!

In 1942 I had the privilege of entering the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alta. If I possess fond memories of this humble place, the reader will understand that it was there that I heard "God calling yet" in a clear voice, calling me into the pastoral ministry. I believed my chances impossible but was counselled to "let him have his way with me" by the late Rev. Fred W. Benke and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and others who must remain unmentioned here.

SEMINARY AND CHURCHES

In January 1946, I entered our Seminary at Rochester, New York. Deficient in many ways, including academically, I was encouraged to work hard and hopefully which I did. That may have been the best advice ever given to me, and to the professors, who are still with us and those now gone to their reward, I owe more than I can tell. Through them I gained a fondness for



Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, District Secretary for the Western Area.

study and reading which has served me well ever since.

Since June 1950, I have been engaged in the pastoral ministry, serving the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, for three years, and the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, since 1953. In both places I have enjoyed the friendship and confidence of people whom I love with a deep love. Both churches have been instruments of God's grace in my life, doing for me that which no

Seminary or formal training were meant to do nor could possibly accomplish.

It is "very hard" for me to think of myself leaving this satisfying work of a pastor. I feel a debt of love and appreciation that I should like to repay the people of our churches who have meant so much to me. I should like to pay that debt through the medium of a pastoral ministry!

CHRIST'S SUFFICIENCY

But the call has come to something different, something new in our work and therefore untried. I never sought this work, but God has called through the medium of leaders in our work. Mrs. Sonnenberg and I assume this new responsibility, asking for your prayers. We do not know what the way ahead is like. We are sure that the sufficiency of Christ goes before us and will be available. And if "Jesus goes with us, we'll go anywhere!"

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IN GOD'S HAND

I have just finished reading the book "IN GOD'S HAND" by the late Rev. O. E. Krueger. I was amazed at the insight into our past history revealed by the author. It is phenomenal. Few of us have the insight of our past as revealed by the author. Fewer of us have any idea of the reading required to compile such a history. This book should be read by all of our people—by the young "who know not Joseph," who know nothing of the heartaches and the backaches endured by our forefathers, to give us what we enjoy today, and by the older ones to remind us how far we have come. I urge everyone to read it.

In the next edition I hope to see it rebound in a more substantial cover and preserved as a cherished history of our denomination. I was glad to read a hopeful sign in the last chapter. Yes, "the best is yet to be," even in our denomination. By all means, read it!

Chas. F. Zummach.
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More Than Conquerors Through Christ

By Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba — District Secretary for the Northern Area

IN THE KINGDOM of God, large numbers are not necessarily an indication of greatness and of spiritual strength. Nevertheless we contend that fifty thousand individual church members belonging to our denominational family are jewels in God's crown. They are a manifestation of life and strength.

In our Baptist interpretation, the individual is the key to the denomination. This is mentioned because I have always been aware of God's concern and guidance to me as an individual. The Lord has used and is using insignificant individuals, by fitting them into his great plans together with many others. So we rejoice over the fact that we now are part of a great team, or better yet, a division in God's army, prepared to defend the faith and to be more than conquerors.

IN GOD'S HAND

The General Conference at Edmonton was certainly a great milestone, on one side of which was written, "Hitherto Has the Lord Helped." The publication and presentation of the late Dr. O. E. Krueger's book, "In God's Hand," was timely and significant. Over one hundred years of our history is retold in the author's original and inimitable style.

The various reports and graphs prepared by secretaries and board chairmen gave us a sobering view of our denominational standing. I believe that we are deeply grateful to the Lord our God that he holds us in his hands. It is also quite indisputable that our

history has only been "glorious" so long as men and women were guided by the Holy Spirit.

It has been my privilege and joy to share actively in our denomination and church work for twenty-two years. During this time, and even during the twelve preceding years, I have worked under the guidance of and in cooperation with men of vision and faith.

But, above all, I see God's grace in my life. After three happy pastorates, I was called by the Baptist World Alliance to direct a Baptist immigration program from Germany to Canada. Our North American Baptist churches received the great majority of these immigrants. Our own Fellowship Fund Committee took over the responsibility of the immigration ministry in 1953, and entrusted me further with the direction up to this date.

OFFERINGS OF PRAISE

There were times when the addition of so many new Canadians to our established churches seemed a burden, but by the love of God we can now see the great blessings which have come to our churches. God works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. It would be utterly shameful, if at this time our hearts were not deeply stirred by thanksgiving and praise to our Lord.

I consider the established Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week a wonderful opportunity to pay unto the Lord his due. At a time when we have so much for material advancement and for entertainment, should we not be prepared to bring a real sacrifice unto him?

On the other side of the milestone, facing forward, is written in bold letters the word "FAITH." The plans of reorganization and expansion, the aim and project of soul-winning and spiritual growth were certainly conceived by the Spirit of God in full faith in God and our denomination. That at this milestone, I am called upon to serve as one of the newly appointed District Secretaries has made me very humble and grateful.

It would not be correct at this point to endeavor giving a detailed outline of the future program, for we must be guided by the Holy Spirit as we proceed. I am, however, carried by the deep conviction that in our struggle against "isms" and powers of sin and evil, we are on the side of the God of Jacob and our forefathers, the Lord of lords, in whose Name alone there is healing and help, and who cannot be overcome by the gates of hell.

During the past thirteen years I have worked in Canada, a growing giant among the nations. I must say

that I have learned to love this land and its peculiar people, made up of many races and tongues. We as North American Baptists are not alone in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, but we do have a peculiar task. We must build an intimate brotherhood of churches and individuals on two languages, winning the English-speaking



Rev. William Sturhahn, District Secretary for the Northern Area.

Canadian-born, and also preaching to the new Canadian in his own German tongue. With the economic frontier pushing ever more to the north, we must follow the people as missionaries into sparsely populated areas.

CHRIST'S IMPERATIVE

At the same time, it is important that young churches enter into the true Christian program by learning and accepting the imperative of Jesus, "He who loses his life for my sake shall gain it." The Church of Christ can only live and prosper as it expends itself by giving of material goods and by giving life and talent of its young people in direct service and sacrifice for Christ. This is not a natural thing to do, but must be given by the Spirit of God through the teaching of the Word.

It therefore becomes one of our major tasks to create and to further the interest and concern in our denominational projects and missionary undertakings. In faith in our Savior, we have but one direction to go—FORWARD! Thus we trust that such special occasions as our Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week may become a period of inner searching and renewed dedication to the forward movement of Christ our King in the ranks of the great brotherhood of North American Baptists.



"The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing." (Psalm 145:15-16)

I Visited Our Japan Mission

By Ronald D. Erickson of South St. Paul, Minnesota
A Christian Layman in the United States Army

IT WAS ALMOST midnight as the lights of Tokyo, Japan, came into view when our plane landed at Haneda Airport. This was my first look at Japan, where I was to spend the next year and a half. I was not coming to Japan as a minister or missionary, but as a Christian layman in the United States Army.

My station was Camp Zana, twenty-five miles outside of Tokyo. As I was looking over this new post on my first day there, I came to the chapel. Among the Protestant services listed on the bulletin board was one called "Gospel Hour." The following evening I attended the Gospel Hour, where I heard an inspiring message by a missionary. Here I also met a wonderful group of Christians with whom to fellowship.

MISSIONS IN JAPAN

Each week the Gospel Hour had a different missionary speaker, and each week I heard more about missions in Japan. After the Gospel Hour each time we could meet the missionary, and invariably he would invite anyone interested to visit him and see the work first hand. In this way I was able to know many missionaries of different evangelical groups, and see the work which they were doing.

As I came to know Japan and the missionaries working there, I could see the great need in Japan for Christ, and I could also see the dedication of the missionaries laboring there. I met many Japanese Christians and I could see the light of Christ shining in their faces. I also met national pastors, who labored faithfully, sometimes with hardly enough to buy food. But how much is still needed! There are 90 million people in Japan, and only about one-third of one per cent are Protestants of all denominations!

A Japanese friend of mine had found Christ as Savior while a student in a Tokyo university. He invited me to go with him when he went home for the New Year's holidays. We traveled an entire day before finally reaching the small farming village where his family lived. His family was very friendly and they made me feel most welcome.

They told me that I was the first American ever to come to this village. But the most significant thing I remember about this visit is that there has never been any Christian witness in this village! The nearest Christian preaching point was an hour and a half away by bus. How many more villages there are such as this which have never had the opportunity to hear about Christ!

During the time I spent in Japan, I

had been hoping for an opportunity to visit our North American Baptist mission work in Kyoto and Ise. Finally everything was arranged. Our missionaries had given me a most cordial invitation to visit them for as long as I could and whenever I had a leave from the army.

After a nine-hour train ride and forty minutes on a streetcar, I arrived at our mission house at Kyoto, receiving a warm welcome from Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern. I stayed with the Kerns for four very interesting days.

Soon after my arrival two very young visitors came. The two children of one of the church members had ridden their bicycle from the other side of town on a cold January morning to bring a gift to the Kerns. This was a most touching gesture and it showed how much the people love our missionaries.

More visitors came—a young man and his mother. This young man was very confused with life and he thought that possibly Christianity was the answer—would they tell him about it? He was most interested in what he heard, and he couldn't wait until the next Sunday service. He came to the midweek prayer meeting and Bible study that night! This is not an isolated instance, for many young people in Japan are confused. They don't believe in anything, and they are looking for the meaning of life.

While in Kyoto, I also visited the Fred Moores, who were hard at work at language study. Although they had just arrived, they had a good start in



The imposing Hirotsuki Castle at Hirotsuki, Japan.

the hard struggle to master the Japanese language.

After a three hour train ride from Kyoto, I arrived at Ise. Here I met Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch, our missionaries working there at the time. I found a well-established church with as many activities as many of our churches have back at home. On Sunday morning there was Sunday School, with all the teachers being Japanese Christians.

VISITING THE ISE FIELD

Next there was the morning worship, at which service Rev. Akasaka, the new assistant pastor of the Ise church, preached his first sermon. In the afternoon the Sunday School teachers, together with Rev. Akasaka, conducted an outdoor Sunday School in a neighborhood that was not being reached by the church. Rev. Clemence Auch and I visited this meeting merely as onlookers, since this outreach work was being done entirely by the Japanese.

I was happy to see that the work at Ise was moving towards becoming completely indigenous. When this happens, our missionaries will be free to expand into other areas near Ise, where there has never been a Christian witness.

Before going to Kyoto and Ise, missionaries from other groups had told me that these two cities are especially difficult places in which to work because of the strong traditions. Kyoto, a city of over one million, has more famous Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples than any other city in Japan. A shrine on the outskirts of Ise is visited by the emperor, who comes to worship there every New Year's Day, the important religious holiday in Japan. But our missionaries have a very creditable work started in the relatively short time they have been in Japan.

These visits with missionaries were truly mountain-top experiences. I wish that every Christian in America could go to a mission field and see the needs and opportunities first hand. Actually, we at home are just as essential to mission work as the missionaries themselves. For without our prayers and financial support, mission work could not continue.

After returning to the United States I asked myself, "How can I communicate with Christians here at home that the need for mission support is real?" I hope and pray that this sharing of my experiences in Japan will help someone to see his part in fulfilling the Great Commission which Christ commanded us.

Baptism of Seven Japanese Christians

By MRS. CLEMENCE AUCH—Missionary to Japan, Now at Home on Furlough

IT IS A JOY to report from our mission field in Japan that another baptismal service was held on the bank of the beautiful Miagawa river near the city of Ise, Japan. On Sunday afternoon, July 6th, seven Christians followed the Lord in baptism. I wish each one of you could meet these people personally and hear their testimony. Since this is impossible, I will introduce them to you through this article.

SPIRITUAL VICTORIES

Mrs. Yodaaji is an elderly lady who accepted Christ over a year ago when her daughter made her confession but did not desire to be baptized at that time. The radiant Christian life of her daughter together with further study of God's Word increased her faith, making her sure of her salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mr. Ueda and Mr. Hashimoto are two university students who came to the English Bible classes. Of course, their only purpose at that time was to learn English. As they became more interested in the Bible, they gradually began attending the young people's meetings and then the regular church services. Both of these boys are very good students and have read the Bible through several times, studying God's Word.

The Holy Spirit convicted them of their sins and after a long battle they accepted Christ. We cannot help but rejoice and praise God now for the way these two boys are giving themselves so freely to God and for the way they serve in the Sunday School and young people's group.

MISS KIMURA

I am especially happy to be able to introduce Miss Kimura to you as one of those who were baptized. She worked in the mission home while Walter and Barbara Sukut lived in Ise and also while we were there. She made a profession of her faith in Christ several years ago but was not willing to follow fully. Her father is a medical doctor and very influential in the large Red Cross Hospital in Ise. We were filled with joy when one day she came to me and requested baptism.

Miss Nakayama was encouraged to attend church by her younger sister, a Sunday School student. After a member of their family had died and she was worshipping the dead at their family altar, her sister told her about Jesus Christ and invited her to church. As a result, in one of the special evangelistic meetings she accepted Christ as her Savior.

Miss Okota is a niece of Mrs. Sekoguchi, a widow who has been a member of the church for three years. She

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At a former baptismal service, Rev. Edwin Kern, missionary, baptizes a Japanese woman in the waters of a river.

Vacation Schools in Japan

By Yoshiko Yamamoto, Former Helper of Miss Florence Miller
Who Is Now Studying in Bible School

I BELIEVE that the Vacation Bible Schools this year on the Japan mission field were blessed more than any other preceding ones. We held Bible Schools in three different places in Ise and one in Kyoto, making four in all. They continued over a five week period.

The theme of this year's Bible School was "Jesus Calls Us." Through

the Bible stories, workbooks and handwork, the children were able to hear the tender voice of Jesus calling them.

Five years have passed since the church at Ise was begun. During that time, I believe it has matured considerably, for this year a large number of the believers assisted in the Bible School. There were eight teachers.

CHURCH IN KYOTO

The women's group helped out by purchasing and serving refreshments to the Kindergarten children every day. The church at Kyoto has not yet developed that far, so it was necessary for teachers to be sent to Kyoto to help there. However, we were very grateful for the help of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kern and Mr. and Mrs. F. Moore. I am confident that the church at Kyoto will also grow.

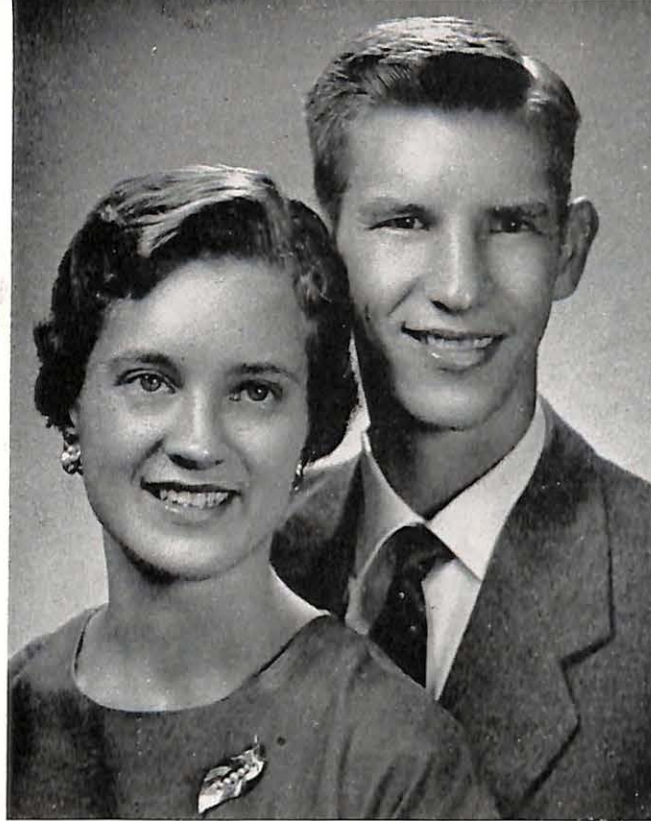
I pray that both of the churches may continue to increase and that they will be pleasing to the Heavenly Father. Thank you all for your prayers thus far, but we beseech you to continue earnestly in prayer that we may be strengthened for this work.

I would like to share with you one of the blessings which came to us through the Bible School. We held a Bible School for one week in Kurose Cho in Ise. Since this part of the city is composed of almost all farmers, the older children are very busy during the summer vacation. But in spite of

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Yoshiko Yamamoto (left) talks to one of the faithful women of the Baptist Church at Ise, Japan, after a morning service.



Preparing to Train Nationals in Africa

The Story of Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts
Missionaries to Be Stationed at Soppo, Africa,
and Now Studying in England.



By Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO, one of my co-workers at our Forest Park office submitted the name of Fred C. Folkerts, a student at Wheaton College, as a possible candidate for the mission field. Our first meeting and interview came about a year later. During that first interview, Mr. Folkerts expressed his special interest in the field of teaching and training on the mission field and desired to know whether such openings existed in the Cameroons of West Africa.

In his resulting application for missionary service, Mr. Folkerts stated the following: "An inner conviction of the Holy Spirit, my interests and aptitudes and the encouragement of friends and relatives led me definitely to believe that God was preparing me ultimately for the mission field. The great need for national leaders on the field further prompted me to be led of the Lord to take advanced study with the thought of training the nationals in the Christian faith and way of life."

EARLY INTERESTS

Fred C. Folkerts was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hie H. and Lulu E. Folkerts on June 18, 1931 at Steamboat Rock, Iowa, as the youngest of four children. The first six years of his life were lived on a farm with his parents, a brother and two sisters. The illness of his father over a period of some twelve years necessitated a move of the family to the town of Steamboat Rock. Here Fred attended both grade school and high school, graduating from the latter in 1948.

Through the ministry of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock and the influence of his Christian home, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior when he was eight years of age. In

1941 he was baptized and became a member of the church. In his church he became active in youth groups and as part time Sunday School teacher. In high school he took an active part in sports and music. About those years he wrote: "I have sought to serve Christ through the opportunities at hand. The world is his mission field, and I have always felt acutely that it reached to my doorstep."

MOUNTING CONVICTIONS

Referring to God's guidance in his life, Mr. Folkerts stated the following: "A mounting conviction pressed upon me throughout high school that God wanted me in his service. I felt a need for further education and enrolled in college at Wheaton, Ill." This was in 1949.

By 1955 he was graduated with a B. A. degree with a major in Bible and a minor in education. He continued at Wheaton for post-graduate work completing his class work for an M. A. degree in 1956 and obtaining the same in January of 1958 with a major in theology and a minor in Biblical literature.

While at Wheaton College he gained practical experience in Chicago's Skid Row mission work, in Gospel teams and frequent Sunday services at the college, as well as teaching a colored Sunday School class. For two summers he was co-director at the Wheaton College Day Camp for Boys.

At Wheaton College another mounting conviction came upon him when

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he made the acquaintance of Miss Nancy Wood, a "daughter of the manse," whose father was a Presbyterian minister. The conviction of both, for Nancy Wood wrote: "I felt God directing me to a boy, a year my senior—Fred Folkerts," led them to the altar when on August 6, 1955 they pledged their vows to each other and became man and wife in the sight of God and man.

NANCY WOOD FOLKERTS

Nancy Wood was born to Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. and Virginia R. Wood at Pekin, Ill., on November 2, 1932. Soon after her birth the family moved to Humboldt, Tenn., and when she was eight years of age, to Knoxville, Tenn., where her father became pastor of Presbyterian churches. During a Vacation Bible School which Nancy attended at the age of nine, she realized that the Christian atmosphere in which she had been raised was not sufficient for salvation. As a result of this realization she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and became a member of her father's church.

Through summer camps and conferences she became interested in missions. Her call to the mission field is not the result of a thunderbolt experience but rather an accumulation of inner drives. To her church came such men of God as Dr. Robert McQuilken, Dr. G. Allen Fleece, and Dr. Harry Ironside, who were entertained in her home. They spoke in glowing terms of following the Lord "anywhere the Lord directs." Through them and their influence she was directed to Wheaton College after completing her high school at Fountain City, Tenn., in 1950.

In 1954 she was graduated from Wheaton College with a B. A. degree

in Christian Education. Following her graduation from college she went into teaching, a year at Knoxville, Tenn., and since her marriage to Fred Folkerts in Glen Ellyn and LaGrange, Ill. In the spring of 1958 she became a member of her husband's home church by baptism.

CALL AND APPOINTMENT

Though particularly interested in teaching on the mission field, Fred Folkerts desired more than college training in order to be of greater service. The following quotation will express this desire: "The great call of the unreached, understaffed areas of the world where the Gospel of Christ has only been faintly heard or little understood beckons me to share the Good News." To get a better understanding himself of this Good News, he enrolled at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., in 1956 and was graduated in 1958 with a B. D. degree.

During his seminary years he became very active in the Forest Park Baptist Church where he became student assistant pastor and where his occasional preaching was well received. In an extensive canvass and visitation program he gained further valuable experience. Through such experiences, his call to the mission field became intensified.

Appointment to the mission field came in the annual session of the Board of Missions in April of 1958. This appointment gave to both of them the seal to God's leading and directing in their life. Mr. Folkerts' home church at Steamboat Rock, Iowa, set him aside for the ministry of the Gospel and called a council of ordination which took place on June 24, 1958. On July 27th at the closing service of the General Conference in Edmonton, Alta., Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts were among those who were commissioned to missionary service to the Cameroons of West Africa.

FURTHER PREPARATION

The appointment of Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts to the mission field was in line with their special interest in the field of teaching, and they were assigned to the staff of the Baptist Teacher Training Center at Soppo. Such an assignment requires further approval by the Education Officer in the Cameroons, and to get this approval it was found necessary that a further year of studies be taken at London University, Department of Education.

On September 20th, Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts sailed from New York City on the SS FLANDRE for England where they will be engaged in further studies until the end of June, 1959. May the Lord who guided them step by step bring them through this last step of preparation and then on to the field of their calling and their choice to train Cameroons youth "in the Christian faith and way of life."

From the Professor's Desk

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

Recently I read in the newspaper the statement of a minister in the South to the effect that God meant for the races to be segregated. He based this contention on the fact that Noah had three sons whom, he suggested, were the progenitors of the present races of mankind. Furthermore, he asserted that the present subordinate position of the Negro in our society is the result of God's curse on Ham recorded in Genesis 9:20-25. All of this seems inconsistent with the Biblical teaching of the essential equality of all men before God.

What do you think?

IT IS a distressing thing to see the Bible, which has brought incalculable blessing to mankind, used to serve ulterior motives. The statements of the minister rest on a number of serious fallacies.

First it is not true that all the races of mankind can be traced back to Shem, Ham and Japheth. That contention rests on the theory of a universal flood (as contrasted to a local one), a theory which is freighted with difficulties (cf. B. Ramm, *The Christian View of Science and Scripture* (Eerdmans), 1954, pp. 240-247).

Furthermore, even if the entire human race got a fresh start with the three sons of Noah, there is no evidence that they were the progenitors of the present races of mankind. A look at the Biblical record reveals that Shem and his sons inhabited Arabia and the surrounding area. As far back as anthropologists can determine, this area was inhabited by the eastern sub-division of the Caucazoid (white race). Ham and his sons inhabited Egypt and North Africa generally. This area was inhabited by the Mediterranean sub-division of the Caucazoid race. Japheth and his offspring went to live in the region of Assyria, an area inhabited by the Armenoid sub-division of the Caucazoid race.

Thus, in so far as anthropology can help us, the three sons of Noah were all Caucasoids. The only conclusion possible from this data is that the Bible, although it asserts the unity of man, says absolutely nothing about the origin of the races of mankind.

Of a far more serious nature is the contention that the curse placed upon Ham (really upon Ham's son Canaan) accounts for (and by inference, justifies) the present subordinate position of the Negro in our society. It is evident from the preceding discussion that if a perpetual curse was actually placed on Canaan and his descendants, then the white race (or at least a part of it), not the colored race, is cursed. However, apart from the above consideration it is far better (with most commentators) to understand the curse on Canaan to have been fulfilled when during the conquest of Canaan by the Israelites the Canaanites were subjugated and eventually, through war and intermarriage, became extinct as an ethnic group.

It is a sad fact that the twisting of Scripture has caused great harm in the world. Any attempt to justify racial segregation, "white man supremacy," or "master race" concepts from the Bible is a tragic twisting of the Word of God.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Sept. 28 (Sunday)—Harvest Festival, Turtle Lake, N. Dak.
Oct. 4—Finance Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
Oct. 6-7—Iowa Association, Baileyville, Ill.
Oct. 12 (Sunday) — 70th Anniversary, Berlin Church, Fredonia, N. Dak.
Oct. 15-16 — Executive Committee, Woman's Missionary Union, Forest Park, Ill.
Oct. 17-18 — Church Extension and Loan Fund Committees, Forest Park, Ill.
Oct. 19 (Sunday)—Harvest Festival, Lorraine, Kans.
Oct. 24-25—Board of Education and Publication, Lorraine, Kans.
Oct. 28-30—General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C.
Oct. 30—Centennial Program, Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. R. Schilke

Oct. 23—Milo Terrace Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 24—Berean Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 26 (Sunday A. M.)—Dedication of Second Unit, Magnolia Church, Anaheim, Calif.
Oct. 26 (Sunday Afternoon) — Dedication of Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif.
Oct. 26 (P.M.) — Harbor Trinity Church, Costa Mesa, Calif.
Oct. 28 — Inglewood Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 29 — Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.
Oct. 30-Nov. 2—California Association, First Church, Lodi, Calif.
Nov. 2 (Sunday P. M.)—Sacramento, Calif.
Nov. 8-9 — Missionary Conference, Mich.
Grosse Pointe Church, Detroit, (More Engagements on Page 14)

We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG
President of the Woman's Missionary Union

MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WOMAN'S UNION PROJECT

We are very happy over the wonderful spirit of giving which the women of our Missionary Societies have shown toward the Union's missionary projects in years gone by. We have set our goals even higher for this coming triennium. God will certainly bless you as you remember this work in your prayers and as you make your contributions as individuals through your missionary societies.

Our headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill., has given us some practical instructions in the sending and designating of these contributions. These are very IMPORTANT. Please read them carefully and carry out the requests when mailing your missionary contributions to the Forest Park, Illinois, office.

The National Woman's Missionary Union adopted the following project for 1958 through 1961 at their business meeting held at Edmonton, Alberta, during the Conference sessions:

Home Missions	\$18,000.00
a. Home Mission Churches	
b. Home Mission Fields	
Foreign Missions	
Cameroons	\$24,000.00
a. Women's Work	
b. Medical Work	
Japan	\$ 6,000.00
Church Extension	12,000.00
	\$60,000.00

In the past, contributions sent in for the Woman's Union project were distributed proportionately to the individual accounts involved in the overall project. There was a great deal of detailed work involved in this procedure.

You will understand, especially with the numerous items involved in the new project for this triennium, that there would be heavy expenditures for the accounting department at headquarters office if there were to be detailed divisions and listings on every receipt. In order to avoid this, the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union voted that all money sent to headquarters for the Woman's Union project will be acknowledged in one lump sum, and not itemized as before.

If an entire contribution is designated for one particular item of the Woman's Union project, then the receipt can be prepared in that way. Unless such a designation is specified, receipts will give credit only for the Woman's Union project.

A Good Minister of Christ

A Tribute to Rev. Emil Becker of New Leipzig, North Dakota

By Rev. John E. Grygo, Bismarck, North Dakota

"Behold, the Lord of hosts doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah . . . the prophet, and the prudent and the ancient" (Isaiah 3:1-2).

EVER SINCE President Emil Becker of the Philomathia Society at our Rochester, N. Y., seminary welcomed several of us Academy students into that literary society, I held him in high regard. Looking up to him as a freshman was a refreshing pastime. His cordial and winsome manner had endeared him to professors and fellow-students alike. Like many other men of the theological department, he too was the hero of the beginners.

He was at that time a senior who, with the others, was determined to go forth in the Name of the Lord. As it is with other institutions of learning, so it is with theological schools. Many graduates make good; a few fail. Our friend Becker made good. Although his record would not impress miracle seekers, nevertheless, his life and his work have greatly contributed to the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

His ministry was rendered primarily in parishes which demanded his utmost attention. Without any help from an assistant or church missionary or office secretary, he cheerfully labored alone. Yet not alone, for God had granted him a willing companion who stood by him in good and evil days. That always is a pastor's second blessing; the first is his salvation.

Since his churches usually were miles and miles away from so-called

religious centers, he, like so many other faithful pastors, was thrown on his own resources. In such a situation, a man's library becomes his place of refuge, his workshop and his fitting chamber. Brother Becker made the most of it. One sensed it as one conversed with him. One recognized it as one listened to his sermons.

Ministers, like other people, react differently to the common experiences of life. They may stand up well when fair weather is smiling through the parsonage windows but turn sour when the blasts of adversity come upon them. It was not so with our departed friend.

Several years ago a dreadful disease selected him as its victim. Yet those who knew him were amazed at his ever cheerful disposition. During one of my visits to his sick room, at the Bismarck Hospital, he became especially dear to me when from his feverish lips the words of the Psalmist clearly came: "For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even unto death."

After that he rallied again, and for several months he was able to go about his master's work. New hope and gratitude flooded the souls of his loved ones and friends. But the Lord willed it otherwise. Last June, his flame of life began to flicker again until it ascended into the realms of eternal bliss during an early morning hour of September 2, 1958. "Wer so stirbt, der stirbt wohl."

MORE ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. J. C. Gunst

- Oct. 8—Iowa Association, Baileyville, Ill.
- Oct. 12 (Sunday)—Harvest Festival, Napoleon, N. Dak.
- Oct. 14—First Church, St. Joseph, Mich.
- Oct. 18-19—Church Dedication, Napier Parkview Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.
- Oct. 26-30—Bethany Church, Vancouver, B. C.
- Nov. 7—Ordination of Mr. Herbert Mitchell, Kyle, Texas.
- Nov. 9 (Sunday)—Carroll Ave. Church, Dallas, Texas.
- Nov. 16 (Sunday)—Sumner, Iowa.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

- Oct. 26-27—Central Church, Erie, Pa.
- Nov. 2—Centennial Program, Foster Ave. Church, Chicago.
- Nov. 5-9—Ridgemont Church, Detroit, Mich.
- Nov. 18—Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Ill.
- Nov. 24-25—South Dakota Christian Workers' Conference.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

- Oct. 24—Board of Education and Publication, Forest Park, Ill.
- Oct. 26 (Sunday)—Harvest Festival, Tyndall, S. Dak.
- Oct. 31—Centennial Program, Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill.
- Nov. 2 (Sunday)—Ground Breaking Exercises, Temple Church, Buffalo (Cheektowaga), N. Y.
- Nov. 8-9—115th Anniversary Program, Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

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What's Happening

• The Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, New Jersey, has announced that its pastor, Rev. F. Dean Banta, has brought his ministry there to a close. He has served the church during the past year. He is continuing his ministry at the Shelton College, Ringwood, New Jersey, where he has been serving on the teaching staff for some time.

• Thirty ministers and their wives of Chicago, Ill., and vicinity met at the North American Baptist Home in Norridge, Ill., on Tuesday evening, Sept. 30, and revived their Ministerial Association. Their first official meeting for fellowship and inspiration was held in Kankakee, Ill., on Monday evening, November 10, when they were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Louis Johnson and of the Immanuel Baptist Church.

• A baptismal service was held at the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California, on Sunday evening, October 26, with the pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, baptizing several converts. The church is now using very attractive, new bulletins, showing the new church edifice on the front cover. On Sunday evening, Oct. 5, Rev. Carl Jungkeit, a representative of the American Sunday School Union, showed the film, "Proclaim Liberty," which was well received.

• The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Shattuck, Okla., observed a "Deeper Christian Life and Evangelism Week" from Sept. 22 to 28, with Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Lorraine, Kansas, the secretary-elect for the Board of Education and Publication of the denomination, bringing the messages. Rev. LeRoy Schauer, pastor, is conducting a Bible study on "Life of Christ" using the four Gospel writers as a basis for his messages at the mid-week services during the fall, winter and spring months.

• The Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., held revival meetings from October 12 to 19 with Rev. Connie Salios, pastor of the Bellwood Baptist Church of Illinois, as the evangelist. The goal of 300 set by the Sunday School for Rally Day on Oct. 5 was virtually reached with an official attendance count of 297. The church has engaged the services of an architectural firm in Joliet, Ill., to help them plan for the new church building, as reported by the pastor, Rev. Louis R. Johnson, in the "News Letter." A baptismal service was held on Sunday evening, September 28.

• The Grosse Pointe Church, Detroit, Mich., held its annual School of Missions from Oct. 15 to Nov. 19 with weekly missionary programs on Wednesday evenings. Africa, the Philip-

pine Islands, Haiti, Russia and the Continent of Europe were represented by various missionaries. At the banquet on Saturday evening, Nov. 8, missionary Earl Ahrens of the Cameroons was the featured speaker. On the closing Sunday and missionary climax on Nov. 9, Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, spoke at the morning service and Mrs. Lois Ahrens, Cameroons missionary, spoke in the evening. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie is pastor of the church.

• The Trinity Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, held special services during Sunday School Week from Sept. 28 to Oct. 5. Mr. John Binder, last year's exchange student to Germany, presented a colorful film on "A Tour Through Europe" on Sunday evening, Sept. 28. Missionary Earl H. Ahrens spoke about the Cameroons mission field on Friday evening, Oct. 3. Prof. Hugo Lueck spoke at the services on Sunday, Oct. 5. The 60 voice chorus of Sioux Valley Hospital presented a wonderful program on Sunday evening, Oct. 12. Rev. Henry Pfeifer is pastor of the church.

• The interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., for the past several months has been Rev. Frank Friesen of Forest Park, Ill. His services have been so deeply appreciated by the church that the congregation has asked him to continue in this ministry until at least January 1, 1959. Both Mr. and Mrs. Friesen are living in the parsonage next to the church building at the corner of Pavone and Clay Streets. The recognition service for the new church was held on Friday evening, Sept. 26,



As God has blessed you bountifully so remember Him during THANKSGIVING and SACRIFICE WEEK, Nov. 23-30, 1958.

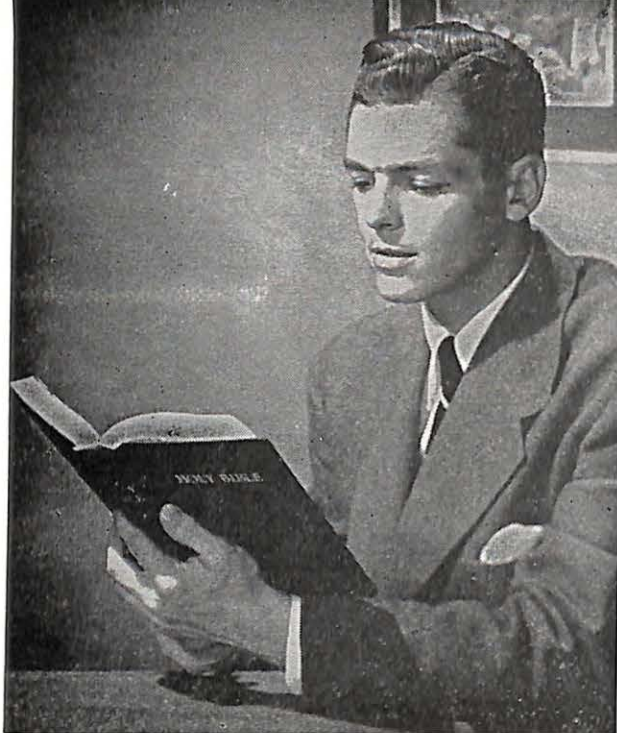
about which a more detailed report will be given in the "Baptist Herald."

• The Baptist Churches of Tyndall and Danzig, South Dakota, observed Laymen's Sunday on October 19. At the evening service the combined Woman's Missionary Unions presented a missionary program featuring the play, "Key to the Handcuffs." The Tyndall Church observed its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 26, with Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. On Monday evening, Oct. 27, the Men's Fellowships of the two churches held a special program with Mr. Leuschner showing missionary pictures and speaking. The ministry of the South Dakota Nursing Home was presented vividly at the Tyndall and Danzig Churches on Sunday, November 2. Rev. Rubin Herrmann is pastor of the churches.

• The East Side Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., contributed \$200 as a memorial to its former pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Koch of Colorado, who served the church from 1936 to 1944. He passed away on March 12, 1958, in a Denver, Colorado, hospital. His widow, Mrs. Clara Bickel Koch, who has written frequently for our publications, has announced that the money for this memorial has been designated for a Bible woman in India, the printing of Braille Bibles for the blind, a missionary chapel for refugees in Germany, the Baptist work in Colorado, a fund for neglected children, and \$50.00 for the North American Baptist Church Extension fields.

• Rev. E. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Mich., pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, left on November 10 on a five month tour of mission fields in Africa and a trip to Palestine and other Bible lands. He will be in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, on North American Baptist mission fields until Dec. 17, attending the Missionary Conference in the Cameroons and the opening celebration of the Victoria Jubilee. He will contribute several articles for the "Baptist Herald" about his experiences in the Cameroons, Africa, and concerning some of his observations of missionary fields of the world. Dr. Paul Gebauer is making the arrangements for his visit to the Cameroons Field.

• On Sunday, Sept. 21, a reception was held in the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, to honor Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Green on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. After a brief program, which included a solo by Mr. Richard Nallinger, and brief addresses by the pastor, Rev. Robert Penner, Mrs. Abia Haas, Mrs. Frank Fast, and Mr. Dick Bartel, the couple greeted their many friends. Mrs. Marvin May reported for the church that they "are thankful for the years of faithful service which Mr. and Mrs. Green have given to the church, to the community, and to their Lord and Master."



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

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 knew that he was responsible for the death of his very close college chum, David Gardner. In deep remorse, he sought the faith by which his friend had lived and was gloriously saved. Later through the influence of Dale, David's fiancée, he entered the ministry and became pastor of a church in New Orleans, La. His former girl friend, Cicily, to whom he was once engaged, married Roy Farlan, but there was little love for each other. They visited New Orleans and attended Barry Carter's church, but Roy had a sinister plot in mind. As a result he trapped the minister in his home and accused him of trying to break up his marriage. He threatened him with a gun which accidentally went off and killed him when his wife tried to intervene. But all evidence pointed to the Rev. Barry Carter as the murderer. He was convicted of the crime and sentenced to prison for 10 years. His entire life seemed to have fallen in ruins about him. After some time, Barry was visited by Dale who tried to cheer him that "God would help him get out of this." Later Barry was pardoned and received an appointment to work for a manufacturing company in Meadville. Dale became a nurse at the plant. Later Cicily appeared unexpectedly and wanted to become reconciled with Barry. She telephoned him one night, when Dale was taking care of a sick child, and pleaded for Barry to see her—just this one time! He came, but was very cold to her. Cicily pleaded with him: "Please, give me the chance to win back your love."

CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

She threw her arms about him and clung to him desperately while sobs shook her. "I love you so, Barry!" she cried. "I love you and I can't go on without you! Please try to find a little love in your heart for me!"

He put an arm around her and gently stroked her golden hair, the touch of which had so thrilled him in the past. "I'm sorry, my dear Cicily, terribly sorry, but there is no love left in my heart for you. You'll be happier if you will just try to forget me."

Dale came home sooner than she had expected, for the child was much better and there was no need of her staying with him any longer. Though the light in the Howard living room was dim, the shades had not been closely drawn and as she mounted the steps,

she saw the tableau. She saw Cicily clinging to Barry and he had his arm around her while he stroked her hair. She opened the door quietly and went to her room. Her heart was like a great stone weight within her. The faint hope which had dared to raise its feeble head had died a sudden death.

Why should she have thought, that, with lovely, golden-haired Cicily to love, he would ever learn to love her? As she took off her uniform tears blinded her and ran unheeded down her cheeks.

Cicily said nothing to Dale the next morning about Barry's visit. Dale wondered if she would mention it, but she soon saw that Cicily had no idea of doing so. Both of them were too preoccupied with their own heartaches to do much talking at the breakfast table and if the Howards noticed anything unusual in their silence, they did not comment upon it.

Cicily had decided to leave, for there was now no reason for her to stay. She knew the worst. She must make some plan for her life, a life without hope of sharing it with Barry. She was reluctant to leave, for she felt that when she did, it would likely be the last time she would ever see Barry. Even though he had told her he no longer loved her, she still clung to the faint hope that some day he might change. She decided to remain a few days longer while she tried to decide what she should do with her life and where she would live. She did not want to live any longer in her old home. Now that Dale had left, it would be too lonely for her there and there were memories for her also, now that she knew the worst, memories which would cause bitter pain as they told her what might have been if she had been different.

While she was still hesitating to

leave, events moved rapidly toward a climax at the plant. Straps had succeeded in rousing the more volatile and pliable workers to a threat of violence. He succeeded in persuading them that if they marched upon the plant with the threat to wreck it if their demands were not met, there would be a speedy compromise on the part of the management. Some of the workers, remembering Compton's kindness and eagerness to cooperate with the men, were not easily convinced that this plan was a wise one.

In their secret meetings Straps tried to convince them that it was not the local management which was holding out, but the general management which had headquarters in the East. He told them what other workers in the other branches had accomplished by the methods he was trying to get them to use. He succeeded in planting his ideas in the minds of the most gullible and they, in their eagerness to end the strike, overruled the objections of the others who were still willing to wait and hope for a peaceful settlement.

Barry was at the plant with Compton when the mob began their march. Dale was still in her room. There was no need for her at the plant at present, so she seldom went there.

A small boy from one of these homes brought the news of the threatened violence to her. This boy, Jimmie, had heard his father and mother talking about what the strikers planned to do. The boy's father had been one of those who had objected to the proposed mob threat and he was telling his wife that he was afraid there might be real trouble. The boy's mother had begged her husband to have no part in the affair.

What Jimmie heard frightened him and he wished he could do something to keep his father from going, for he

was afraid he might be hurt. He thought of Dale. She had done so many things to help them in times of need. Perhaps she could think of something, for he knew that she worked at the plant. He slipped out of the house and ran as fast as he could to the Howard home. Excited and out of breath, he told her what he had heard his parents discussing.

"Can't you do something to stop them?" he asked. "I don't want my daddy to get killed. Mom told him he might be killed if they went in a mob to the plant. She said the guards might shoot them."

"I don't know, Jimmie, but I'll try," Dale told him. "You go back home and I'll see what I can do."

When the child had left she called to Cicily.

"I'm going to the plant," she said. "The strikers are forming a mob. They are going to threaten to wreck the plant if their demands aren't met. Barry will be caught unawares and there's no telling what may happen. There are enough chemicals in the plant now to blow it to pieces."

"I'm going with you," Cicily told her. "I can't do anything to help but I can at least be there, not sitting here wondering what is happening."

"Come on, then. Let's go."

They took a short cut to the rear entrance of the plant. The guard let them in and they went to Barry's office.

"There's a mob coming," she told him as she burst in. "They are going to threaten to wreck the plant. Little Jimmie told me. He heard his father telling his mother about it."

They all hurried to Compton's office. "I think I hear them coming now," Barry said.

In the distance there was the din of loud voices as the men approached the hill leading to the front entrance of the plant.

"I'll go out and talk to them," Barry said. "Perhaps I can keep them from getting out of hand. It's our only chance."

"You'll be in a dangerous spot," Compton warned. "Those men have been deliberately incited to this by some outside trouble maker and if you attempt to talk with them you're liable to get hurt."

"Better for me to get hurt than for the plant to be wrecked," Barry replied.

He left the room with Dale and Cicily following.

"You girls stay here," he said. "It may get rough out there."

"I'm going with you, so don't waste time arguing," Dale told him firmly. "I may be able to help. Those men know how I've helped their families. Let's hurry."

Cicily said nothing and both of them seemed to have forgotten her. She followed silently as they hastened toward

the front gate of the plant enclosure. The mob had already gathered there and were arguing with the guard to open the gate and let them in.

"Men!" Barry called as he approached. "Don't do this thing! Don't do it! Take time to think of what you're doing and what you're getting yourselves into. You'll only bring trouble on your families. Aren't they already suffering enough? Do you want to see them suffer more just because you've lost your heads? Think it over, men! Don't do it!"

He held out his hands to them in a gesture of appeal but he was met with derisive sneers.

"Look who is talking!" someone yelled. "Look who's trying to stop us while we're being sold out by those birds in New York!"

"Yeah!" shouted another. "You're a fine one to tell us what to do. You big phoney!"

"Sure! That's what he is, just a phoney. Coming here and preaching to us about our sins as if you were a saint. What are you but just a jail bird hiding under a preacher's coat?"

"Yes!" called someone else. "Telling us to be careful what we do. Why weren't you careful when you killed that fellow down in New Orleans?"

"You're nothing but a murderer and an ex-con!" shouted another. "What right have you got to tell us what to do? You've got a nerve! Open that gate!"

So! That was why they had shunned him and stopped coming to church. Barry had suspected it but now he knew. Then he saw Straps. Straps had been hiding behind the others on the edge of the mob, but in the growing excitement the group had moved and he was in Barry's view.

"Part of what you've said is true," Barry said quietly. "I am an ex-convict. But I never killed anybody."

"That's what all jail birds say," shouted someone. "They never did anything."

"I've done everything I could since I came here to make you believe that I lived what I preached. I've tried to prove that to you by helping you in every way that I could. I've been a friend to everyone of you, no matter what my past has been. If you want the one who is responsible for all this, the one who is deliberately trying to lead you into trouble to gain some reward for himself, there he stands."

He turned suddenly and pointed to Straps who stood in full view but who had been so absorbed in what was happening that he did not realize it.

"There's the fellow who has deliberately incited you to this. I'm sure he is being paid to do it by enemy agents. He's trying to use you to destroy this plant. He is wanted today in Louisiana for plotting to blow up a part of the prison there and engineer an escape that would have cost many lives."

Straps suddenly became aware that Barry was talking about him and pointing to him. The eyes of the mob were suddenly focused upon him and he saw all of his carefully laid plans being wrecked in a moment. Barry was about to spoil his plotting a second time. He did the only thing that a criminal of his type could think of doing. He pulled out his revolver from the holster under his coat and fired at Barry.

Barry was looking at the men and didn't see the swift senseless movement of the enraged Straps whose one thought was revenge. Dale did not see the quick movement either, for she was looking at Barry and praying that he would succeed in quieting the men.

Cicily alone saw what was happening. With a startled cry she threw herself in front of Barry and the bullet that was intended for him struck her in the back, penetrated her lung and lodged against a rib near her heart.

Barry caught her as she slumped in his arms.

"Get that man!" he called as he saw Straps turn and flee down the slope. Two men ran after him while Barry turned his attention to Cicily.

She straightened up and turned to the awed and now silent men crowded about the gate and though her breath came in a gurgling gasp, she spoke loud enough for those nearest to hear.

"This man is not a murderer," she gasped. "He was sent to prison for a crime he never committed. He was convicted of killing my husband—but I killed him. He's innocent of any crime. Please listen to him!"

"Lay her down, Barry," Dale told him.

Barry obeyed and Dale called to one of the men to go and get the doctor.

Someone left on the run while the others milled about, watching with grave faces while Dale gave Cicily what assistance she could.

Barry went to the fence and spoke to the men. "Don't you think you had better go home now, men? This thing was all planned for one purpose and that was to wreck this plant. You were only the innocent tools. Go home and continue to remain innocent. I'm sure we can work out something that will be satisfactory to all of us."

"We didn't want to strike in the first place," someone told him. "We were just dumb dopes. That fellow had us all fooled."

Barry returned to Cicily. She was breathing a little more easily but they knew that her life was ebbing rapidly away. He knelt by her side.

"I did what you said I would have to do if I ever found peace," she gasped, "but it's too late now."

"No, it isn't too late, Cicily dear," Barry hastened to tell her. "Just tell the

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 23, 1958

Theme: JESUS AROUSES OPPOSITION

Scripture: Mark 2:18-28

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: In order to make enemies a person must do something, either very good or very bad. Those who are neutral like to be safe.

INTRODUCTION: Habits, traditions and human nature are so deeply imbedded that they are change-resistant. It takes a long time for people to accept something different, no matter how much better, because for generations they have followed the same pattern. This is not to say that the new is always better because it is new. But neither is the old so sacred simply because our fathers and our forefathers have always acted in the same way and have believed in the same creeds. The importance lies not in the oldness or newness of anything, but whether it is based on the truth.

Moses and the law and the prophets were established in Jesus' day, and the proper and final interpretation was given. No one dared to question them or change them or clarify them until Jesus came. He changed little in the law and the prophets and yet fulfilled everything.

I. FEASTING AND FASTING. Mark 2:18-20.

Jesus came "that we may have life and that we might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Life is not all trouble and sorrow. Christianity is not one continuous solemn religious ritual. The wise preacher in the Old Testament said, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Eccl. 3:1). Surely Jesus left us time for celebration, for feasting, for joy. Christ was certainly not a "kill-joy" at the wedding in Cana. He taught his disciples to be naturally joyous and not hypocritically pious.

II. A PATCHED-UP LIFE OR A NEW LIFE. Mark 2:21-22.

Many of us have had experience with hand-me-down and patched-up clothing. It never fit well and, once it had a patch, it did not take long before more mending was necessary. How thrilled we were when we got something entirely new!

The life that Jesus presents to us is not a reconditioned life, nor is it a remodeled life. It is a brand-new life. All our efforts to remake, to remodel, to recondition our life must be given up. A new start must be made from the very beginning. We must be born again, and only then can Christ come in and make all things new (Rev. 21:5.)

III. THE LAW OF THE SABBATH OR THE LORD OF THE SABBATH? Mark 2:23-28.

There is a difference in keeping the Sabbath and letting the Sabbath keep you. Spiritually and physically we are so constituted that we need rest. People have weakened themselves by the legalism of the Sabbath rather than strengthened themselves by the rest of the Sabbath. To Jesus, human welfare and the worship of God was more important than the law of the Sabbath.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 30, 1958

Theme: TEACHING BY PARABLES

Scripture: Mark 4:1-12

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The teaching of Jesus not only makes an impression on the mind; it transforms the entire nature.

INTRODUCTION: Our destiny lies primarily in the hands of teachers—whether these teachers be parents in the home, instructors in our public schools, or teachers in Christian education in our churches. What we have learned and what we are learning shapes our lives and determines our future. When we think in terms of eternity, what a solemn responsibility rests with those who are leading and guiding the children and youth of the world. We can be grateful that we have never experienced a "brain washing" in a communist school, that we are not a part of an illiterate culture, that we are not living in a heathen part of the world where the Gospel and the teachings of Christ are unknown. These are not blessings we should think about selfishly, but they should help us realize our responsibilities for future Christian service.

Whether the lessons which Jesus taught were short or long, they always stuck in the mind, or hit the target, or provoked to anger, or led to action, or won followers, or lost followers. Something always happened when he taught! The subject of his teaching, the method of his teaching and the power of his teaching are felt in all the world!

I. JESUS' PARABLES. Mark 4:1-2.

In spite of the fact that Jesus' parables were simple stories which illustrated his teaching, nevertheless, they opened up a storehouse of interpretation and a far-reaching application to all of life. Because their point was usually simple, obvious and direct,

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their meaning was often hidden from those who expounded truth in more profound terms.

II. THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER AND THE SEED. Mark 4:3-9.

For a more complete study of this parable, read also the accounts in the other two gospels: Matthew 13:18-23; Luke 8:4-8.

This is probably the best-known parable of Jesus which can be used to discuss the important areas of conversion and Christian education. All the types of human nature which Jesus mentioned here are still with us today.

(a) The stubborn, hard-hearted. The unrestricted traffic of the world has toughened the heart and mind so that no dent can be made for spiritual truth to penetrate. For something to be moth-proof or rust-proof is good, but to be Gospel-proof is a calamity.

(b) The enthusiastic, shallow-hearted. These are the ones who frequently fool the evangelist but drop out in the first class on solid Christian education.

(c) The two-faced or double-hearted. Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). Unless a person makes an honest effort to keep his garden of life weeded, the weeds will take over.

(d) The cultivated and pure-hearted. These hear the Word; they understand; they learn; they grow. They are slow, steady and patient in their growth, but they know that the power of the Holy Spirit is surely guiding them to fulfillment.

VACATION SCHOOLS, JAPAN

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this, a boy in the ninth grade came to the Bible School. He was the only pupil in the junior high class. His teacher was a woman. It appeared that under such circumstances, he would probably not come back after the first day. The teachers prayed especially for him. The Lord rewarded their faith and sent the boy back again for the entire week.

On the last day this young man made the following decision:

"I was invited by a friend to Bible School and for the first time heard about Jesus. The result of it is that my attitude has been changed. I thought at first that I would be lazy and not go but the voice of Jesus called me to go in the right direction. But as he leads me, the devil puts many hindrances in my way: hatred, an unforgiving spirit, quarrelsomeness. However, I want always to keep the teachings of Jesus and practice them in my daily life."

The weariness of five successive weeks of Bible School during the most intense heat was forgotten by the teachers when they considered what God had done in the life of this young man. For them, it was all the reward they needed.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Dakota Conference

Harvest Festival and S. S. Week at Mott, North Dakota

The annual Harvest and Mission Festival of the First Baptist Church, Mott, N. Dak., was held on Sunday, Sept. 21st. Rev. Clemence Auch, missionary to Japan, was our guest speaker in the morning service and Rev. Iver Walker of Hettinger, N. Dak., the guest speaker in the evening. The church sanctuary was beautifully decorated with fruits, vegetables, flowers and sheaves of grain. These fruits came from the farms and gardens of members. We are thankful to the Lord for the offerings brought on this day and for the bountiful harvest.

Sunday School Week was observed from Sept. 28th through Oct. 5th with special activities each night. The teachers and classes enjoyed the fellowship and visitation evenings. On Rally Day the pastor, Rev. Milton Vietz, brought a message on "The Open Doors of Opportunity," theme of Sunday School Week.

Mrs. Milton Vietz, Reporter

Farewell for Mrs. E. Becker, New Leipzig, N. Dak.

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 14, was a sad occasion for the New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N. Dak. At that time we bade farewell to Mrs. Emil Becker, our pastor's wife, who left us to go to Washington to be with her daughter following the recent death of her husband. The neighboring churches of Mott, Hettinger and Hebron joined with us in a special farewell service. Dr. C. H. Seecamp of Hebron led the service. Special musical numbers were presented by each visiting church as well as our own church, and messages of appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Becker were given by representatives of the church, Sunday School, Ladies' Missionary Society, C.B.Y.F. and the choir. Mrs. Becker then expressed her gratitude for past help, prayers and cooperation.

As a church we shall miss Mrs. Becker greatly. She served the Lord well in all phases of church work. Our prayers follow her and we know she will continue to give of her best to the Master. In this time of loneliness and grief, we send with her the blessed promise found in Psalms 46:1: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Carl Okken, Church Clerk

Great Blessings at Rosenfeld Church, North Dakota

We, the people of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., have been richly blessed of the Lord. On Sunday evening, July 13, the reception was held for our new pastor, Rev. Arnold M. Friez. The following churches took part in the program: Martin, Anamoose, Drake, and Kief. After words of welcome from each of these churches, the response was given



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mauch of Goodrich, N. Dak., on their 60th wedding anniversary day.

by the new pastor and his wife. The special speaker for the evening was Rev. R. C. Schmidt who was a former pastor of the church and is now dean of men and teacher at a Christian school in Portland, Oregon. Reuben Kolschefske, who is one of the deacons of the church, acted as moderator.

On Sunday, Sept. 7, we held a baptismal service at Camp Bentley, just west of Drake. Three candidates were baptized on confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. That same evening these three as well as five others (including the pastor and his wife) were received into the church. Our annual Harvest Mission Festival was held October 19. So for all of this we thank God and we are looking toward even greater blessings in the future.

Arnold M. Friez, Pastor



Rev. Arnold Friez, pastor of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., and 3 baptismal candidates. Left to right: Rev. Arnold Friez, Roy Frankhauser, John Isaak, James Isaak and Reuben Kolschefske, who assisted with the baptism.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauch's Anniversary, Goodrich, N. Dak.

Open house was held on Sept. 28 for relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mauch of Goodrich, N. Dak., on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. This event was celebrated a little ahead of the actual November date while their daughter Amelia from California was visiting here. Rev. and Mrs. I. H. Schmuland and others greeted them with congratulations. Lunch was served by their children and grandchildren to about 80 guests.

Of their 7 children, 5 were present, namely: Mrs. Oscar Martenson of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. John Haux, Mrs. Fred B. Felchle, Mr. William Mauch and Mrs. Albert Schmidt, all of Goodrich, N. Dak. Those absent were Mrs. David Axt, McClusky, N. Dak., and Mrs. Homer K. Kirkendall, Seattle, Wash. They also have 22 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren. One granddaughter, Mrs. Leon Sandau, is a pastor's wife serving the Baptist church at Loyal, Oklahoma.

Mr. Mauch came from Wurms, South Russia, in 1898 and was married the same year, settling at Fessenden, North Dakota. Then a few years later they moved to Goodrich where he was engaged in farming until retiring. They are members, also charter members, of the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, North Dakota. Mr. Mauch served as trustee at the time the Goodrich church was built in 1923. He also served a long term as church treasurer.

Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter

Southern Conference

Reception for Pastor, Immanuel Church, Kyle, Texas

On Sunday, Sept. 4th, the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, had the joy of welcoming its new pastor, Mr. Herbert Mitchell. Mr. Henry Schmeltkopf, chairman of the Board of Deacons, presided and spoke words of welcome to a large group in attendance. Rev. Russell Bowie, of the First Baptist Church of Kyle, read the Scripture and Rev. Lon Spears of the First Methodist Church of Kyle led in prayer. Words of welcome were spoken by representatives of various organizations of the church.

Rev. L. B. Hinz of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, was the guest speaker who brought a challenging message and also welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell to the Southern Conference. Special music was given by the choir, a duet by Mrs. Walter Hill and Mrs. W. E. Wiegand, a solo by Miss Delores Schmeltkopf and a poem, "The New Pastor," by Miss Roxie Dean Hill. A response was given by Mr. Mitchell, thanking for the kindness shown and for the newly redecorated parsonage. One of our former members, Mr. Wm. Hofmann of Austin, Texas, recently redecorated the entire parsonage and we are deeply appreciative of this fine and noble deed.

Mrs. Adolph Hill, Church Clerk

Northern Conference

Baptismal Service at East Olds, Alberta

On Sunday, September 7th, the East Olds Baptist Church of Olds, Alta., held a very impressive baptismal service. Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor, had the privilege of baptizing five converts on the confession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

The repairs at the church buildings have been completed. The exterior of both church and parsonage has been painted and they continue to extend a warm welcome to everyone. We praise God for his manifold blessings.

Margret Pohl, Reporter

Vacation Bible School at Minitonas, Manitoba

July 7 to 11 were the five short days during which the Lord bestowed his rich blessings upon teachers and students at the Vacation Bible School in Minitonas, Man. The theme of our studies, "Exploring God's Wonders," was greatly enjoyed. The course, intended for two weeks of instruction, was completed in five full days. Busy boys and girls worked intensely from nine o'clock until four o'clock every day. The total enrollment reached the point of 88, with an average attendance of 72.

The teachers were as follows: Beginner Department, Miss Mary Boy-mook assisted by Miss Rose Eichler; Primary Department, Miss Frieda Grieger assisted by Miss Alice Eisner; Junior Department, Mr. Milton Ginter and Miss Lieba Mueller assisted by Mr. Helmuth Mueller and Miss Anita Gust; and Intermediate Department, Rev. H. Schatz assisted by Mr. Ernie Fishbook. Three prizes were given to Primary, Junior and Intermediate students for best memory work. Daily, after four o'clock, the teachers had a discussion and prayer meeting. This helped to bring wonderful harmony and joy in work, precious souls to Christ, and others closer to him.

Lieba Mueller, Reporter

Vacation School at McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alta.

During its ten day voyage the "S.S. McKernan" with a crew of 81 went "Sailing with Christ" at the McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alta. With Christina Hufnagel as the Skipper, the Vacation Bible School concentrated on the Compass, the Word of God, for direction.

The Beginners were taught by Mates Mrs. Ivan Muth, Mrs. R. Harrison, and Mrs. Herb Bachle. Mrs. Wm. Schubert and Mrs. Oswald Orthner taught the Primary children. The Mates for the Juniors were Mrs. Medford and Mrs. Peter Schroeder, Jr. The Intermediate class was taught by Mate and Chaplain, Rev. A. Lamprecht. Other helpers were Sharon Lang, Brigitte Wutzke, and a number of ladies to supply snacks for the Beginners and to "baby sit" for mothers who taught.

Every day, preceding the offering which went to the Bansa Hospital, the story about a little leprous African boy was given. The offerings amounted to \$25.15. The two weeks passed



Rev. H. A. Pohl, pastor of the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alta., and five converts whom he recently baptized.

swiftly and we trust the memories of happy days will remain in the hearts of the boys and girls and that as they travel the Sea of Life, may they look to Christ as their Pilot.

Mrs. O. B. Orthner, Reporter

Sunday School Week, McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg

In accordance with the program set up by our denomination in connection with Sunday School Week, we at the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Man., observed the week from Sept. 28th to October 4th. Rally Day, with promotion and acknowledgement of completed Scripture Memory Work, drew a large attendance. In the evening services the two C.B.Y.F. groups were completely in charge, pointing out that the majority of the executive began their training in the Sunday School.

Parent-Teacher Night was something new, when the panels discussed the theme, "What Do We Expect From Our Sunday School?" The many helpful contributions convinced us that we must have more of this type of fellowship in the future. Prayer Meeting and visitation were also on the agenda.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

Temple Church of Calgary, Alta., Is Recognized

On Saturday, Sept. 20th, twenty delegates of seven churches of Alberta met as a council for the purpose of examining and recognizing as a sister church of our fellowship the 163 members of the newly organized Temple Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta. Rev. R. Kanwischer was appointed chairman and Rev. H. A. Pohl the secretary. Rev. R. Milbrandt, serving the church at present, gave a concise statement of the reasons pertaining to the general organization, pointed out the tremendous missionary opportunities, and outlined their doctrinal teachings.

The recognition service was held the following Sunday with Rev. R. Milbrandt in charge. Rev. R. Kanwischer brought the message on 2 Cor. 8:5 and extended greetings on behalf of the Northern Conference. Then Rev. O. Ertis spoke. Rev. H. A. Pohl addressed the congregation and also offered the dedicatory prayer, followed by the solo, "The Holy City," by Gertrude Kruschel. The brass band, mixed choir and guitar group of the new church rendered inspiring numbers, which

were gratefully accepted by a festival crowd of almost 400.

May God bless the new church abundantly, and may the cooperation of our now three churches in Calgary be a proof of that tie that binds hearts in Jesus Christ.

H. A. Pohl, Reporter

Rev. Ethel Ruff Honored on Preaching Ministry

The Park Allen Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, was taxed to capacity on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21, to honor Miss Ethel Ruff who this year is observing her 25th anniversary in the preaching ministry, having preached for 10 years before she was formally ordained in the Payne Ave. Church of St. Paul, Minn. The hope expressed by Miss Ruff that "Jesus Christ be praised" was the theme voiced throughout the service.

Miss Ruff gave an interesting review of her past, showing the gracious leading of the Lord in her life while serving the different churches as well as during her illness and restoration which she likes to call her "resurrection." Her talk was climaxed by relating her awesome experience in the land of Palestine in 1952.

Delegations were present from the following Baptist churches where Miss Ruff has ministered in past years in some capacity or another: Forestburg, Camrose, Wetaskiwin, Leduc, Wiesen-thal, McKernan Church, Mallaig and Park Allen. Greetings were brought by Rev. Ted Lashley, Forestburg; Rev. Grant Samuelson, Westskiwin; Rev. Raymond Harsch, Leduc; Rev. Oliver Ohsberg, Edmonton; Mr. Ivan Stonehocker, Lacombe; Mrs. E. G. Nelson, Edmonton; Mr. Harold Phillips, Edmonton; and Mr. Adam Buyer, Carbon. A brief message among others was also brought by Rev. E. P. Wahl, president emeritus of the Christian Training Institute. Miss Ruff also served on the teaching staff of the C.T.I. for several years.

Mrs. E. Price, Reporter

Eastern Conference

Vacation School and Baptism at Killaloe, Ontario

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ont., last summer, and was sponsored by the Calvary and First Baptist Churches. There was an enrollment of 130 with an average daily attendance of 123. Fifteen teachers and helpers sacrificially gave of their time and talents to teach the children. On Friday evening a program was held to show the parents what their children had learned, and also to show their display of handwork. The offering which amounted to \$84.40 was designated entirely for missions.

On July 13 we held a baptismal service at which two candidates followed the Lord in baptism and were received into the fellowship of the church. We were also very fortunate to have Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Auch from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with us, who ministered to us during the summer months. Our hearts were drawn closer to God as we listened to Brother Auch's many challenging messages.

Mrs. Charles Rhode, Reporter

Baptismal Service at Lake, St. Catharines Church, Ont.

It was our pleasure of the Immanuel Baptist Church, St. Catharines, Ontario, to witness a baptismal service conducted by Rev. A. Hart of our church on Sunday, September 7. Due to the lovely weather, we were able to have an outdoor service on the shores of Lake Ontario.

Before going to the lake, all relatives and friends of the four precious souls and converts who followed the Lord in baptism gathered at the church for a short time of fellowship. Then the entire congregation proceeded to the lake. After we had assembled Mr. Hart delivered a brief message to the congregation, but especially to those who were about to follow the Lord in baptism. During the service, we enjoyed the music provided by the guest choir from Hamilton, Ontario. We are grateful for the blessings which the Lord has bestowed upon us.

Hilda Maier, Reporter

Ground-Breaking for Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

About 130 members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., gathered on Sunday afternoon, September 7, to break ground for the first unit of the new Bethel Church. The new church edifice will be located on a beautiful 7½ acre tract in the Town of Amherst (northern suburb of Buffalo).

Construction is to begin immediately. This first unit, to be built of concrete block and brick veneer, will provide Sunday School space for approximately 300 students, and a chapel with normal seating of 200. A church sanctuary, to seat 500 persons, is planned for the future.

Those participating in the ground-breaking service were: Irving Kroecker, Building Committee chairman; Alfred Marzec, architect; G. Panke, deacon chairman; Arthur Mueller, guest soloist; a quartet composed of Lu Williams, Irma Distler, Raymond Krehl, and John Cappeller; Carl Roehl, trustees' chairman; Robert Schmidt, Finance Committee chairman; and the pastor, Albert Fadenrecht. We praise the Lord for his guidance in this relocation program.

Mrs. Virginia Fadenrecht, Reporter

Central Conference

Second Annual Kick-Off Banquet, Grosse Pointe Church

The second annual Kick-Off Banquet of the Grosse Pointe CBYF was held Sept. 12th with footballs and football players (not real ones) making up the decorations. Our jovial toastmaster aided our digestion with his humor, and three of the boys put on a skit, "Casey at the Bat," which was so hilarious that tears ran down many an eye. Two very fine musical numbers were presented by our girls' trio. Then came the big challenge. Rev. Herman Riffel of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit brought a message, reminding us that the kick-off is just the beginning. How are we going to carry on from here? Time will tell whether we have fumbled the ball.

Manuel Wolff, Reporter



The Immanuel Baptist Church, St. Catharines, Ont., prepares for a baptismal service at Lake Ontario. Left to right: Hildegart Nickel, Ursela Jaeckel, Mrs. Elsa Schwarz, Rev. Alexander Hart and Mr. Richard Hoffman.

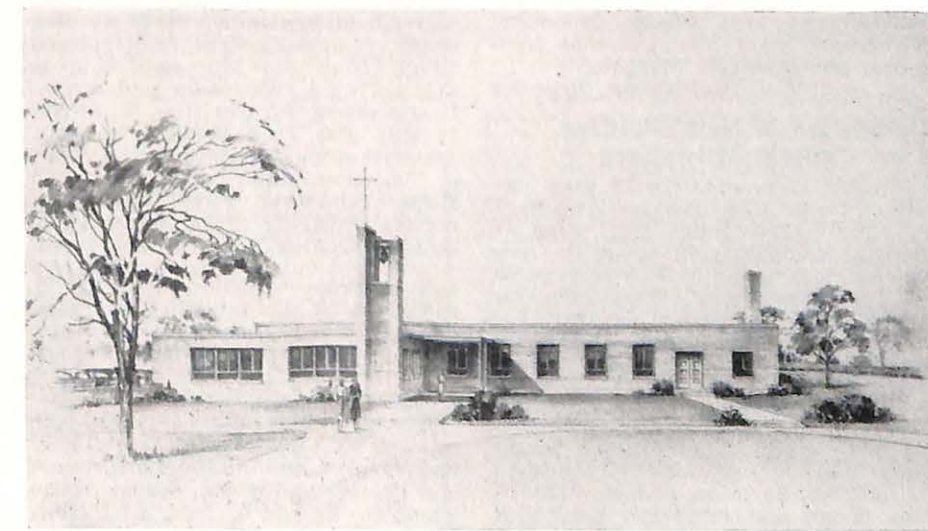
Christian Workers Conference at Center Line, Mich.

The First Baptist Church of Center Line, Mich., held its first Conference of Christian Workers from September 24 to 28 on the theme, "Our Needs for a Growing Church." It took the place of the annual Sunday School Workers Conference.

The speakers and their subjects were as follows: "Our Need of Christian Education," Rev. Haakes, First Baptist Church, Pontiac, Mich.; "Our Need of Christian Training," Dr. Brandt, Personnel Consultant for Missionary Internship, Detroit; "Our Need of Church Administration," Dr. Dale Ihrie of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit; "Our Need of Faithfulness," Dr. Strauss of Highland Park Baptist Church, Highland Park, Mich. (A banquet for all workers was held on this evening); "Needs of a Growing Church," Rev. A. Braun, pastor; and "Needs of Visitation," Rev. Richardson of Hazel Park, Mich.

Each message was inspirational, challenging and timely. A period of questions and answers after each message proved most beneficial.

Ruby Smith, Periodical Sec'y



The architect's sketch for the proposed first unit of the new building of the Bethel Church, Amherst, near Buffalo, New York. Rev. Albert Fadenrecht is pastor.

Missionary Conference, Parma Heights Church, Cleveland, Ohio

With the theme, "To All the World," the Parma Heights Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, launched out in its second annual Missionary Conference from Sept. 14 to 21 in co-operation with our other North American Baptist churches in Cleveland. A large globe, 4 feet in diameter, was erected in the baptistry window under which was posted our theme. Each time we entered the sanctuary this globe served to remind us of the greatness of the task of going into all the world with the Gospel.

On Sunday morning, Sept. 14, Rev. Edwin Miller opened our Missionary Conference with a challenging message entitled, "The Mission Field of Parma." We were privileged to have Rev. J. C. Gunst with us for our evening service. The importance of prayer in the work of missions was particularly emphasized at our weekly prayer meetings. At the Men's Prayer Meeting which is held each Tuesday morning at 6:00 A. M., the director of the Cleveland City Mission spoke on "Prayer in the Work of the City Mission."

It was so good to have three of our own denominational missionaries with us for the concluding weekend of our Conference. Berneice Westerman, Eleanor Weisenburger and Rev. Walter Sukut pointed out to us through slides and the spoken word how the Lord is working among the people in Africa and Japan. The weekend experiences were blessed ones. They included a family missionary night on Friday, a children's missionary rally on Saturday morning, our youth banquet on Saturday night, a women's missionary tea on Sunday afternoon, and a missionary emphasis at all of our usual Sunday services.

The youth banquet on Saturday evening was one of the highlights of our Conference. After a delicious meal served by the women of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, our young people were challenged to full time Christian service through the testimonies of Berneice Westerman and Eleanor Weisenburger and the banquet message by Rev. Walter Sukut.

Mrs. Harold Lang, Reporter

Northwestern Conference

Community Vacation Bible School at Aplington, Iowa

The annual Community Vacation Bible School was held in June, with a good representation from the three Aplington churches: Baptist, 105 children; Reformed, 97; Presbyterian, 69; and 30 from various denominations of the surrounding vicinity. The enrollment was 301 with an average attendance of 294. A missionary offering was received each Friday which amounted to \$202.58. This was divided among the Pacific Garden Mission, the American Bible Society and Christian Radio Broadcasting. "Exploring God's Wonders" was the theme of the two-week session and was an inspirational adventure for the four-year-olds up through the high school students attending.

Mrs. Harm Sherman again capably served as general superintendent with Rev. Donald Patet in charge of Primary music as well as serving as one of the high school instructors. Others from the Baptist church on the teaching staff included: Mrs. Bernie Lindeman, Mrs. Clarence Ostercamp, Mrs.

ment and kitchen. The members redecorated the educational unit for the dedication service.

Our pastor, Rev. John J. Kroeker, told us that, where the educational unit now stands, there was a little Baptist chapel sold to the Presbyterian church in 1909, and replaced by an educational wing in 1926. After a span of years, 1909-1958, God in his goodness has granted it once again to be a Baptist church. The keys were handed to our pastor by our moderator, Mr. Emil Brenner, and together they led the congregation into the church for the dedication service. Our choirs inspired us with special numbers at both services.

At the afternoon service the mixed choir from the Chicago Mission Baptist Church favored us with musical numbers. Poems and special music rendered by our own mixed choir male chorus, male quartet and stringed orchestra helped to inspire the afternoon service. Representatives of the former Washington Park Presbyterian Church and Rev. David Griffith of the Trinity Presbyterian Church brought greetings. Rev. Elvin R. Schuelke of the Chicago's Mission Baptist Church was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Bruno Ziegler, Reporter

part on the program, and also as a delegate from his new home church, Faith Baptist, was Rev. H. Palfenier. Local talent was also put to good use. Mr. Al Alquist led a devotional period, and discussion groups on teaching techniques and administration were led by Ramona Fluth, Marilyn Junker, Milton Jahn, Vernon Heckman, Reuben Glewwe, all of our own churches.

The new officers are: moderator, Rev. S. D. Ganstrom; vice-moderator, Vernon Heckman; secretary, Milton Jahn; treasurer, Leonard Engler; Mission Committee, Rev. Wm. Jeschke, Rev. B. Itterman, and Hiram Phillips. Jerry Fluth, Reporter

Ordination and Commissioning Services, Faith Church, Minn'p'l's

On Sunday evening, August 24, we at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., were happy to honor Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr and their little daughter, Diana Jean. An especially important part of the service was the ordination of Dr. Fehr, medical missionary for the Cameroons. Dr. George Lang, as moderator of the council, presided at the ordination service. Scripture was read by Rev. Harold Lang, and Rev. R. Neuman led in prayer. The minutes of the ordination council were read by its clerk, Mr. Milton Jahn. Rev. S. D. Ganstrom (River-view, St. Paul) preached the ordination sermon, and the ordination prayer was offered by our pastor, Rev. Adam Huber. The charge to the church was given by Rev. Wm. Jeschke (Daytons Bluff, St. Paul), and the charge to the candidate by Rev. Bert Itterman (Randolph). The hand of fellowship and welcome to the Baptist ministry was extended by Rev. John Ziegler (Appleton), who also presented the ordination certificate.

Then followed the commissioning service, when Doris and Peter each gave brief testimonies. Mr. Ted Hirsch, chairman of our deacon board, presented them with a "book of remembrance" from the church. Rev. Walter Sukut, missionary to Japan, offered the commissioning prayer, after which the congregation joined in singing Dr. Fehr's favorite hymn, "Living for Jesus." We will greatly miss the Fehrs, but we are happy that they have been called and have responded to this great opportunity for service in the Cameroons.

Mrs. Edward L. Quiring,
Church Clerk

Pacific Conference

Women's and S. S. Programs, Elk Grove, Calif.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 21, the Ladies Missionary Society of Elk Grove, Calif., held its anniversary program. Now we are going on our 34th year. "The Desert Shall Bloom" was the name of the play in which nine women took part. At present the officers of the Women's Missionary Society are: president, Mrs. Ed Kammerer; vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Knauf; secretary, Mrs. Art Dockter; and treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Adam.

September 28 to October 5 were the dates of our Sunday School Week. On Sunday, Sept. 28th, we had promotion day. Monday evening was Sunday

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Obituary

MR. JOHN HOFFMAN of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

Mr. John Hoffman of Ebenezer, Sask., was born in Redaichick, Poland, on Nov. 20, 1880. Shortly after his marriage to Alvina Netz in 1904, he was converted and baptized under the ministry of Rev. Lusch. In 1912 Mr. Hoffman and his family moved to Ebenezer, Sask., and joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church. This marriage was blessed with eight children: three daughters, Alma (who preceded him in death); Erica (Mrs. Gerhard Falkowski), of Regina, Sask.; Gertrude (Mrs. Rudolf Kurtz) of Edenwold, Sask.; five sons: Gustov and Ervin (who preceded him in death); Hugo and Albert of Ebenezer, Sask.; and Alfred of Chilliwack, B. C. His wife preceded him in death in 1954.

Brother Hoffman served his Lord in a quiet way. He served as deacon of the Ebenezer Baptist Church for several years. He was an ardent reader of the Old Testament rejoicing in the fulfilled prophecies concerning his Savior. He died on July 6, 1958, having reached the age of 77 years. Funeral services were conducted at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and interment took place in the Church Cemetery.

John Hoffman, Saskatchewan

JOHN WOLLENBERG, Pastor

MARLIN DREESSEN of Rock Rapids, Iowa

Marlin Dreesen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Dreesen of Rock Rapids, Iowa, was born May 12, 1950. Marlin was a twin; his little sister died soon after birth. Marlin Dreesen died Sept. 25, 1958. He reached the age of eight years, 4 months, and 13 days. His sudden death was caused by a pickup truck and bicycle accident. Marlin had come home from the country school and had received permission from his mother to ride his bicycle on the road for a little distance. In the meanwhile his father, coming home from combining beans, with the sun blinding him, did not see the lad on the bicycle, and ran into him. He was immediately rushed to the Rock Rapids Hospital, but he never regained consciousness.

He leaves to mourn his sudden death, his father and mother, four sisters and two brothers: Alvira (Mrs. John Memenga), Elizabeth, Irene, Ben, Denten and Audrey. He leaves also to mourn his departure a host of school friends and relatives, and Sunday School classmates. The funeral took place on Sept. 29, 1958, at the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa.

JOHN REIMER, Pastor

MR. GORDON RAY KROLL of Lodi, California

Gordon Ray Kroll of Lodi, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Kroll, was born July 29, 1911, at Underwood, N. Dak. In 1919 the family moved to Lodi where they engaged in farming. Gordon attended the local schools, but was unable to complete his high school education because of an undiagnosed condition. He assisted his father on the ranch as best he could, but his usefulness was limited due to a gradual paralysis of his body. After ten years of complete physical helplessness, the Lord took him home on Sept. 18th at the age of 47.

At the age of 12, Gordon trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation. He was baptized by Rev. Lohr and united with the First Baptist Church of Lodi. Since 1954 he was a member of the Temple Baptist Church. His sincere faith in God helped him to patiently endure his suffering and many a visitor was encouraged by his victorious faith during the years of his affliction. Those who have known him will long remember the joy of his Christian life and testimony.

Temple Baptist Church
Lodi, California

ROBERT SCHREIBER, Pastor

MRS. PAULINE M. SCHINKE of Cleveland, Ohio

Mrs. Pauline M. Schinke, nee Gabriel, of Cleveland, Ohio, was born in Germany, April 14, 1883 and passed away in Cleveland on Sept. 25, 1958. At the age of 11 she accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior and was received into the Baptist Church by baptism. In 1907 she came to America and made her home in Cleveland where she joined the First German Baptist Church. In 1940 she became a member of the White Avenue Baptist Church. In all these years

she was an active participant in all the branches of the church.

In 1908 she was united in marriage with Fred Schinke who preceded her in death on January 8th of this year. Two children were born to this union. She leaves to mourn her passing her son, Theodore Schinke, and her daughter, Ruth (Mrs. Arthur Leach) and their families. Her one sister, Augusta, was the wife of Rev. Gustave Henke in Brazil. Rev. Edward Kary led the memorial service, speaking on the words of Jesus: "She has done a beautiful thing" (Mark 14:6).

White Ave. Baptist Church
Cleveland, Ohio

EDWARD KARY, Pastor MRS. ELIZABETH GRAPENTINE of Olds, Alberta

Mrs. Elizabeth Grapentine, nee Korthals, of Olds, Alberta, was born in June 1882 in Germany. In 1901 she was united in marriage with F. M. Grapentine, to which union the Lord gave seven children. In 1925 she came to Morris, Man., and settled on the farm near Olds, Alta., in 1928. In 1951 she observed with her husband her golden wedding anniversary. In her youth she accepted Christ and was baptized. Throughout 30 years she was a member of the East Olds Baptist Church, in which time she was in her quiet manner a testimony for her Lord.

On Sept. 30, 1958, at the age of 76 she passed peacefully away at her home following a brief illness. She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, two children (five preceded her in death): Clara (Mrs. Emil Grapentine) of Olds, Alta., and Hedwig (Mrs. Ed Gretsinger) of Sturgeon Falls, Ont., four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three sisters, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

East Olds Baptist Church
Olds, Alberta

H. A. POHL, Pastor

MR. REINHART KLEIN of Shattuck, Oklahoma

Mr. Reinhart Klein of Shattuck, Okla., was born in Russia on Dec. 20, 1886 and his death came at the Shattuck Hospital on Sept. 17, 1958 at the age of 71 years, 8 months and 28 days. He came with his parents to the United States in 1903, first living near Lucas, Kansas, but later coming to the Shattuck community where he farmed until retirement in 1940.

He was united in marriage to Anna Herbel of Dorrance, Kansas on Nov. 20, 1910. To this union three sons were born, one dying in infancy. In 1918 his wife died. In 1919 he was united in marriage to Helen Fiel. His conversion experience occurred in 1910. During the ministry of Rev. E. J. Ehrhorn he was baptized and became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of which he was a member for 48 years. He was always active in teaching and served for many years as one of the church deacons. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Helen; two sons: Victor of Shattuck and Ted of Tulsa; one foster daughter, Mrs. O. L. Moody of Odessa, Texas; two grandsons, two brothers, and four sisters.

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Shattuck, Oklahoma

LeROY SCHAUER, Pastor

MR. ARTHUR JECKEL of Chilliwack, British Columbia

Mr. Arthur Jeckel of Chilliwack, British Columbia, died suddenly on Sunday, Sept. 14th, as he sat in church with his family waiting for the opening of the morning service. He suffered a heart attack. He was born in Poland on Aug. 18, 1911 and came to Canada as a child with his parents in 1913. They settled on a farm in the Yorkton, Sask., district. In his twelfth year he gave his life and heart to the Lord, was baptized by Rev. Aug. Rosner and received

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the many friends who showed their kindness to us during the illness and death of our husband, father and grandfather, Rev. Emil Becker.

May we take this means of thanking all who sent cards, since there are too many to write to each individually. Especially do we want to thank all who remembered him and the family in prayer, both at home, in churches and at the General Conference.

Your kindness will never be forgotten. May God richly bless you, each and every one!

Mrs. Emil Becker, Rev. and Mrs. Orville Chapman and family, Belgian Congo, Africa; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Morrison and family, Pullman, Wash.

as a member into the West Ebenezer Baptist church. In 1942 he came to Chilliwack, B. C., and attended the meetings of believers.

In 1952 he was married to Miss Helen Wiebe and this union was blessed with three daughters. The burial service took place from the Missionary Alliance Tabernacle, Chilliwack, B. C., on Sept. 16th. Rev. J. McNair and Rev. Phil Daum took part, speaking words of comfort. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife Helen; three daughters of tender age; Margret, Elizabeth and Agnes; his mother, Lydia Jeckel, Agassiz, B. C.; two sisters and four brothers.

Chilliwack, British Columbia

PHIL DAUM, Correspondent

MR. ALBERT NELITZ of Yorkton, Saskatchewan

Mr. Albert Nelitz of Yorkton, Sask., was born in Wohleninien, Poland, on Dec. 30, 1897. He died in the hospital at Saskatoon, Sask., on Oct. 2nd, at the age of 60 years, 9 months and 2 days. In 1913 he came to Canada with his parents, Gottlieb and Caroline Nelitz, and one sister, Pauline. They settled down in Winnipeg. In 1920 he married Emma Hart. To them were born six children: Lucille (Mrs. John Prebushski) and Bernice (Mrs. Edgar Fritze), both of Saskatoon; Glenn of Vancouver; Alice (Mrs. Lawrence Rouleau) of Ottawa; Ruth (Mrs. Peter Doerksen) of Eyebrow, and Robert of Yorkton.

Mr. Nelitz, his wife and eldest daughter came to Yorkton in 1924, when they settled down on a farm 6 miles north of Yorkton. Here he farmed until 1944 when he moved to Yorkton, where he lived until his death. Mr. Nelitz was converted and baptized before he came to Canada. He was a member of the Central Baptist Church of Yorkton.

Central Baptist Church
Yorkton, Sask., Canada

PAUL GALAMBOS, Pastor

MR. FRED GOEBEL of Lehr, North Dakota

Mr. Fred Goebel of Lehr, N. Dak., was born in Glueckstahl, South Russia, on January 4, 1882 and died in the Bismarck Hospital Sept. 30, 1958, at the age of 76 years, 8 months and 26 days. The cause of his death was a heart attack from which he had suffered for about two months. At three years of age he came to the United States with his parents and settled on a farm near Eureka, S. Dak. He lived with his parents until 1904. On Jan. 25, 1904 he married Katherine Kessler and settled northwest of Lehr where he built and expanded his farm. In 1924 they moved to Lehr and went into the implement, auto and oil business. He was well known in this community and because of his friendly disposition was held in high esteem.

Mr. Goebel was saved in 1909, and two years later was baptized and united with the Ebenezer Church of Lehr. In the church he served in several important offices, such as deacon, trustee and church treasurer; also as Sunday School superintendent. He leaves to mourn his passing his widow; three daughters and two sons: Martha (Mrs. Arnold Jenner), Lehr, N. Dak.; Erna (Mrs. Wendell Schell), Rugby, N. Dak.; Walter, Lehr, N. Dak.; Edna (Mrs. Henry Johnson), Lehr, N. Dak.; and Eldon, Lehr, N. Dak.; also 11 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and two sisters.

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Lehr, North Dakota

E. S. FENSKE, Pastor

MR. HARLEY W. GEISSLER of Lancaster, New York

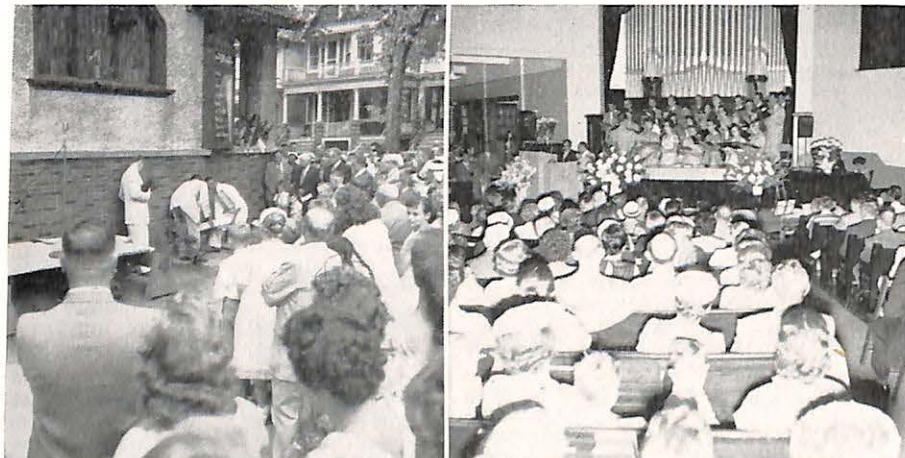
Mr. Harley W. Geissler of Lancaster, New York, was born March 5, 1915, at Muscatine, Iowa, and died suddenly on August 23, 1958, as the result of an unusual accident.

On June 2, 1929, he was baptized by his father, Rev. Peter Geissler, and joined the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained a faithful member, interested in the things of God, and always willing to serve. His quiet, unassuming manner gained him many friends in his church and in the community. Blessed with a good voice, Mr. Geissler loved to sing to the praise of his Savior, and was for many years a member of the Bethel Quartet and also of the choir. He was happily united in marriage to Miss Marian Kroecker on June 26, 1941.

Left to mourn his sudden demise are his beloved wife Marian; his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Peter Geissler, now living in retirement in Rochester, N. Y.; his sister, Edna M. Geissler, of New York City; and a host of relatives and friends.

Bethel Baptist Church
Buffalo, New York

ALBERT FADENRECHT, Pastor



The cornerstone is laid for the newly dedicated edifice of the German Zion Baptist Church (left), Milwaukee, Wis. The main sanctuary on Dedication Day is shown at the right, opening into the educational unit.

Edwin Lindaman, Mrs. Earl Stukenberg, Mrs. Ed Frey, Mrs. Kenneth Dreyer, Mrs. Donald Lindaman, Mrs. Marlin Lindaman, Mrs. Lawrence Dreyer and Miss Louise Chenetter. Substitutes were Mrs. Clarence Neymeyer and Mrs. Gus Maifield.

Mrs. Paul Voogd, Reporter

Dedication of New Building, Zion Church, Milwaukee

August 17 was a day of great rejoicing for us of the German Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., when we held the dedication service of the new sanctuary. It began at 9:30 A. M. with the placing of a new cornerstone. Our church was organized in October 1953 with 43 charter members under the guidance of the Bethany Church. It now has increased to 250 members, outgrowing our old church building. The Lord has wonderfully led in that we were able to purchase a larger sanctuary and more centrally located for \$80,000. It is located at 2176 N. 39th Street and seats 600 people. It gives us the much needed Sunday School rooms, a nursery, a larger base-

Minnesota Association Sessions at the Randolph Church

The Minnesota Association meetings were held September 26-28 at Randolph, Minnesota. The fine representation from our Minnesota churches and LaCrosse, Wisconsin, added much to the wonderful Christian fellowship. It was also good to have so many (seven) of our denominational workers present and participating. Dr. Ralph E. Powell gave the opening message, "Living Christ through Personal Dedication." Our young people, who turned out in large numbers, had two Saturday sessions with Rev. L. Bienert, who also brought the evening message. Rev. Clarence Auch spoke Saturday, and again Sunday afternoon at our closing missionary rally held in the beautiful Carleton College Chapel.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut were with us, too. She was the special guest and speaker at the women's dinner and he expounded the Sunday School lesson to the adults. Rev. J. C. Gunst briefed us on the Baptist Jubilee Advance and God's Volunteers. Taking

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School and Officers' Night. At this time we set up our standards and discussed the future. At the Prayer Meeting, the adult and Junior departments met in separate groups. Friday night was "a get acquainted night." All teachers, Sunday School pupils and parents were especially invited, and a program was given by the young children. Following this, cookies, coffee and punch were served to the parents by the small girls. Concluding the week with Rally Day, Oct. 5, a prize was given to the class that brought the most visitors.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich Reporter

Reception of New Pastor in Kitimat, British Columbia

Next in importance to the actual establishment of a young church is the reception of the first pastor. Our church at Kitimat, B. C., had this great experience and joy on Sunday, Sept. 28. Faithful brief interim services had previously been rendered by Rev. P. G. Schroeder and by Mr. B. Tutschek, but this time it was "for good." Every heart beat high when the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Pohl started their ministry on this Sunday. Rev. Adolf Przybiski, who had faithfully rendered a spiritual ministry to the Kitimat church, was the able chairman for this day. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., brought the reception sermon. The new pastor then gave a heart-warming inaugural message on the text from Malachi: "I have loved you."

The afternoon was set aside for messages of greetings by the various church organizations and visitors. Rev. J. Kuehn brought the greetings from Prince Rupert. It was a sign of fraternal relationship that the entire Prince Rupert choir, under the baton of Herbert Strauss, had come to enhance the day with several songs of praise. Rev. Rudolph Rapske spoke words of joy and encouragement in behalf of our church in Terrace. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn then extended the welcome in behalf of our great denominational fellowship. Mr. Ernst Reimann, as chairman of the church, read the greetings received from former members of the church and from others.

The Rev. Arthur Pohl is not unknown in our circles. After his immigration to Canada, he served several of our churches in Alberta. He has now come back to us from a brief ministry with a Canadian Convention Church in Saskatoon.

William Sturhahn, Reporter

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has expressed a desire to dedicate her life to full-time Christian service. Pray especially for her that God may be able to use her in his service in Japan.

Miss Ito has attended church for some time but only recently accepted Christ as her Savior. Her testimony was very clear and her desire was to be baptized immediately.

These young Christians are surrounded with idols and evil influences. They need your prayers. Remember them daily.

Annual Meeting
of
Baptist Home for the Aged
Portland, Oregon
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8:00 P.M.

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Lord that you want that peace and He will give it to you."

"You tell Him. I can't she gasped huskily. 'I don't know how to talk to God. I never have.'"

"Just tell Him that you want Him to forgive you and to save your soul."

He said the words and she repeated them after him, slowly and with effort. Then her eyes closed and they thought she was gone. Presently she opened her eyes again and a faint smile curved her lips.

"Just say that you forgive me for ruining your life," she gasped.

"I did that long ago," he said.

She gazed into his eyes as the light was leaving hers. "I love you so," she murmured. "How I wish I could go back and live it all over again. I've made such—a-mess—of—everything."

Her voice faded away and her hand was cold within his grasp.

"She's gone," he said unsteadily. "There's no need of the doctor now. I only hope that the Great Physician healed her soul while there was still time."

"I believe He did," Dale said gently.

It was Sunday night and the service was over. There was the largest congregation in the school house that Barry had ever preached to. They listened with rapt interest to his message. When the sermon was finished, he told them the facts of Roy's death.

"I would never have told this if she hadn't confessed of her own free will," he told them. "I realize that I did wrong in shielding her at the time, but the evidence was all against me and I knew that if she didn't confess, and I had to die in her place, I was ready to die which she wasn't. I thought, while my mind was so confused by the shock of the whole thing, that if I had to die, perhaps my death would be the means of saving her soul."

By the time he finished, there were few dry eyes in the house. As the people filed out the door, they grasped his hand and asked him shame-facedly for his forgiveness. He knew that there would be no more strike after this night.

Barry and Dale walked home together.

"I'm so glad you told the truth at last," she remarked. "I never did believe that you killed Roy."

He squeezed her hand that lay upon his arm. "Thanks, my dear, for your faith in me. You and Mother were the only ones who still had it."

"How glad she will be to know that you will be exonerated. I've already sent word to the New Orleans papers and they're sending reporters up here to get your story. You'll be reinstated to your standing in the ministry. Won't that be wonderful?"

"I'm not sure that I care about that any longer," he said soberly. "Of course I shall be glad to have my name cleared of the stain of murder, but I wouldn't go back to my pastorate even if they wanted me. These people now believe in me and they have no church nor preacher but me. Unless God calls me to some other work I shall stay on here."

"But you won't be needing me any longer, so I think I'll go back home and rest for a while, then perhaps I shall take up some home mission work. There is a need for that."

"You won't do anything of the kind," he informed her. "You will stay right here where you're needed as much as I am. And I still need my prop. The torch may burn rather dimly for a while, until I get over the shock of this. I'm the cause of two deaths now, instead of one, and that thought isn't easy to bear."

"It will be hard for you, I'm sure," she said sympathetically. "She has meant so much to you for so long."

He turned to her in surprise. "Why, she hasn't meant anything to me for a long, long time. Not since she ran out and left me to pay for the crime she committed. When she ran out that door and didn't come back, she took all my love with her."

"You mean that all this time you haven't loved her at all?"

"Yes, that's what I mean." He smiled down at her then his face became serious. "I had to tell her that, the last time she talked with me. I hated to, but I couldn't have her still hoping that we could ever be anything to each other again."

He stopped there in the road and suddenly took both her hands in his.

"It's no use trying to keep it from you any longer, Dale, darling," he said. "It's you I have loved now for so long. I didn't want to tell you for I feel that you still love David's memory, but now that you are talking of leaving here, I can't keep silent. Don't leave me, Dale. I can't go on without you."

"O Barry!" she cried. It was a glad, joyous cry that thrilled him.

He held out his arms and she entered their shelter gladly.

"I began to hope that you cared until Cicily came and when I saw her in your arms the other night, I felt there was no hope. I've loved you for so long."

"We've both been blind, haven't we?" he said with a happy lilt in his voice. "Let's make up for lost time."

"Let's," she murmured as her lips met his.

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