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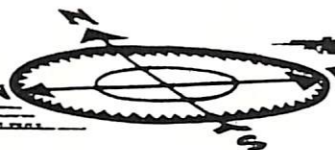
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Belo's Beautiful New Hospital

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Missionary Society's 75th Anniversary



● In The Netherlands, the General Synod of the Netherlands Reformed Church has decided to extend its missionary work in Africa, mainly in predominantly Moslem areas. The decision, made at the synod's annual summer conference, held in Driebergen, is described as an innovation for the Dutch churches because until now Dutch mission work has been largely restricted to areas politically linked with the Netherlands.

● The annual Wheaton Archaeology Conference will be held the afternoon and evening of Monday, November 3, 1958, at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. Featured speaker will be Dr. John Trever, young scholar who first photographed the Dead Sea Scrolls and brought them to the attention of the world of scholarship. Dr. Trever will speak on "The Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls," and in a second lecture will talk on "The Flowers and Plants of the Bible." He spent the earlier part of this year on a research project in Palestine, identifying and studying the flora of the Holy Land.

● In Indiana, Bentley D. Ackley, pianist and gospel song writer, died at the age of 85. Ackley, who had been in failing health for several years, held the title of music editor of the Rodeheaver Publishing Company at Winona Lake. He had traveled all over the world as pianist for famed evangelists, including the late Billy Sunday. Ackley composed more than 3,500 Gospel songs, the best known of which were "Sunrise" and "If Your Heart Keeps Right."

● The twelfth synagogue constructed since the end of World War II in West Germany was dedicated last September 7 in Duesseldorf. In a message to the Jewish community, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer said that for centuries the Jewish people had exercised a decisive influence on the spiritual life of the German and other European peoples and had contributed greatly to economic development of the European continent. The Jewish population in Duesseldorf is estimated at 1,000 out of 660,000. (Public records mentioned the Jewish community of Duesseldorf for the first time in 1438. Since then members have included the parents of Heinrich Heine, 19th-century poet. On the eve of World War II the Jewish community numbered 3,500 members. Only 55 survived Nazi persecution.)

● In order to reach the Bibleless people of Bolivia, Bible translators must go where they are; and they are in isolated places far from the outside world. They are, among others, the Yarinacocha in Peru, Limoncocha in

Ecudar, and also Lake Ivon in Bolivia. These operations are expensive in time, personnel and finances. But they are absolutely necessary to an effective approach to the program of translating the Word of God into these Indian languages of the jungle. In spite of the primitive living conditions in Bolivia, insufficient personnel, not enough workers and the lack of facilities to maintain and service the equipment, in the two and a half years the Wycliffe translators have been in Bolivia, the nine tribal areas now open to them have translators at work there.

—The Evangelical Christian

● Nigeria is a nation of 30,000,000 people, starting on the path of self-government; there is Islam in the north, Christianity in the east, and both religions in the west. There is plenty of

both opportunity and responsibility for the Christian Church there. In both east and west there is universal primary education; schools are being built faster than teachers can be found for them. Industrialization and urbanization are spreading rapidly. All this came about gradually in the Western world; in Nigeria, it has come about suddenly. It is recognized that a prime Christian responsibility in Nigeria is to raise the standard of the Christian ministry. More often than not, the Christians of Nigeria have never had sufficient pastoral care, or instruction; and may never have been confronted with the message that Christ is Lord of all.

● The American church family continues to grow. Membership now (Continued on Page 18)



Baptist Briefs

● **Burmese Leader Dies.** Rev. U. Ba Te, well-known throughout Burma for his work as pastor, teacher, missionary and evangelist, died recently. Born in 1869 to Buddhist parents, he gained education in a Buddhist monastery and achieved distinction in the law and government positions. In 1903, however, U Ba Te gave up his high position and salary to go into mission work. Among positions held with the Baptists was that of a professorship in the Burman Seminary and as pastor-founder of the Taunggyi Home Mission Society. He was able to speak and write in seven different dialects.

● **Liberian Baptists Elect.** Rev. W. R. Tolbert, vice-president of the Republic of Liberia, has been elected president of the Liberia Missionary and Educational Convention. Mr. Tolbert who is also pastor of the Zion Praise Baptist Church at Bensonville, Liberia, is a vigorous denominational leader. He

succeeds Dr. Levi Martin, member of the House of Representatives of Liberia. The National Baptist Convention, Inc., USA, has completed its new hospital at Monrovia. The 100-bed Maternity and Child Welfare Center is fully equipped and will enter upon operation by the convention and the Liberian government. Dr. John B. Falcorer is supervisor of National Baptist Missions in Liberia.

● **Palm Wine Is Problem.** Evangelism is spreading in the Belgian Congo, and 19 people were baptized at Upoto on a recent Sunday, but Rev. Samuel Koli of Upoto, a member of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee, writes that "with the good things there are always also the problems." Congo, too, is full of the Gospel's enemies. One of the greatest problems is palm wine. Many of our people here in Congo are often tempted by the wine, and they prefer it to be the one who is the Light and Savior of the world. This is aggravated by the opposite teachings of Roman Catholics who are making great progress in the Congo.

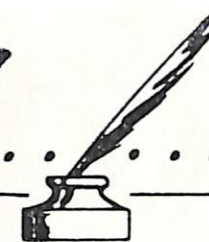
● **Baptist Dispute in Italy.** A Baptist pastor and the mayor of nearby Veroli at Santangelo, Italy, are locked in a dispute over whether or not the Baptist congregation has a right to build a new church. Rev. Graziano Cannit has already begun to construct the edifice which is to accommodate some 250 parishioners now worshipping in an old garage. But Mayor Antonio Baldassar, whose city council

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FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover picture shows the ground breaking ceremony in action, held by the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., at its new site on North Sheridan Road between Lake Street and Glen Ave. Mrs. Elizabeth Vinz, the oldest living member of the church in terms of length of membership, is energetically turning the first spadeful of earth, surrounded by children and "shutterbugs." The report of the occasion appears on page 20 of this issue.

Editorial



ARISE, MEN OF GOD

THIS is the time for Christian men to arise and to be counted for Christ. These days call for stalwart souls and keen minds to lead us with Christian discernment out of the crises of today onto higher ground. The clear and fervent witness of Christian men needs to sound like a trumpet in today's arena of life. The world is listening to those men of God who arise confidently and eagerly with a message to proclaim concerning their Christ and Lord.

In many of our churches, Laymen's Sunday will be observed on October 19. Our "Baptist Men" will have an opportunity to take part in the services, to speak "a good word" for Christ, to testify concerning those things that God has done for them. This will be one way to dramatize the story of Christian men in our day serving their Christ. It will also be a means of arousing other men to tackle the job that ought to be done and to testify radiantly for their Lord. Such an observance is bound to unite the forces of our Christian men and to realize the potentialities of power in such a united witness for Christ.

Our "Baptist Men" are rising to the challenge of this day. They are being brought together through "Baptist Men's" organizations in an enriching fellowship. They are experiencing "the ties that bind" in the observance of Laymen's Sunday on October 19. But more is required by Christ. It is required by every steward that he be found faithful in service in the carrying out of divinely appointed tasks!

"Baptist Men" of our denomination have been led of God to undertake a unique job for Christ. One of our finest young laymen, who is completely devoted to his Lord, is Dr. Peter Fehr, medical missionary, who is now on his way to the Banzo Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa. He and his wife were commissioned for service at the Edmonton General Conference sessions. An illustrated article about the Fehrs appears in this issue. In his profession as a doctor and in his witness for Christ, Dr. Fehr stands alongside every layman in our churches ready to serve the Lord.

"Baptist Men" feel that they ought to support Dr. Peter Fehr in his medical ministry with their prayers and gifts. So they have adopted the mission project of supporting Dr. Fehr with \$2000 annually and of lifting up his hands in missionary service. All laymen's organizations of our churches are invited to share in this worthy program, even though some may not be affiliated with "Baptist Men." Wherever Laymen's Sunday observances are held on October 19, it is hoped that such a mission offering will be taken and designated as such when it is sent to the Forest Park headquarters.

"Baptist Men" can also rise to new heights of Christian witness by participating in the Soul Winners' Fellowships in our churches. Laymen can witness to other men for Christ as no others can do. This is a unique opportunity for all devoted Christian laymen to win other men for Christ and the Gospel.

Arise, men of God, and be counted for Christ. Who knows but what this is God's opportunity for you to witness for him?

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—Photos by Roy Seibel
Our missionaries look over some of the things at the General Conference Exhibit (left to right: Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer, Rev. Walter Sukut, Rev. Earl Ahrens, Mrs. Sukut, Mrs. Ahrens); and (right) Rev. H. J. Wilcke (behind the pulpit) installs the newly elected General Conference officers and secretaries at the Sunday afternoon session, July 27, 1958.

Motives for Serving God

Synopsis of the General Conference Sermon in Edmonton, Alberta

By Dr. Donald G. Davis of Los Angeles, California

MANY different motives impel men to serve God in one way or another, and doubtless churches, associations, conferences, and even our General Conference could profit from analyzing their motives for service. Too often we rationalize our motives to satisfy ourselves and those who watch us applaud, but "the Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).

Putting aside all unworthy motives, let us consider three worthy motives presented to us in the Word of God for carrying on his work during the coming years. There are many others, but let us consider these three.

THE "IF" MOTIVE

At Bethel, while Jacob was in flight, he prayed, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go . . . then shall the Lord be my God . . . and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee" (Genesis 28:20-22). The "if" motive, the motive of self-interest, is not an unworthy motive, for it played its part in bringing every sinner of us to Christ, as we saw in his redemption our only hope. For our own best interests, let us do God's work in God's way, and we will find joy therein.

THE "THEREFORE" MOTIVE

In the twenty-seventh Psalm, David recounts the many mercies of God in the past to him and continues, "Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord" (Psalm 27:6). Here is a higher motive for serving the Lord, the "therefore" motive, that of gratitude. As we have reviewed

the goodness of our God to us during the past years, our thankfulness for his faithfulness, our gratitude for his direction, his enabling, should call us forth into renewed activity on his behalf.

THE "ALTHOUGH" MOTIVE

Habakkuk prophesied during the desperately decadent years during which judgment was poised over the kingdom of Judah. All seemed lost to the prophet, and yet the last three verses of his prophecy are among the

sweetest words in Holy Writ. "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines . . . the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord . . . the Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet . . . to walk upon mine high places" (Habakkuk 3:17-19).

OUR GREATEST POWER

Here we have the highest dynamic, the "although" motive, the motive of faith. As Habakkuk toiled on, without visible encouragements, but at the Word of God alone, so we too may find our greatest power in a humble, simple reliance upon the revelation of God to us in his Word. Job cried out, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him" (Job 13:15).

How well then will we do, for our best interests, in gratitude, and in simple faith and trust, to "continue in his Word" in loving, loyal service, that we might be "his disciples indeed!" (John 8:31).

OTHERS

Lord, help me live from day to day

In such a self-forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayers will be for others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true,
And know that all I do for You
Must needs be done for others.

Others, Lord, yes, others,
Let this my motto be;
Help me to live for others
That I may live like thee.



Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon, the pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, the moderator of the General Conference, and the author of the new book, "A Look at Baptists."

"Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty."

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

"All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord."

I WANT to ask you to go with me in mind and in spirit to one of the beauty spots of God's creation—a place that made a profound impression upon me this past summer.

GOD'S GREATNESS

"O God, how great thou art!" These were the words I exclaimed from my heart when, stepping from the car after a day of travel from Edmonton, Alberta, I saw the sun setting above Mount Edith Cavell in the Canadian Rockies. A majestic mountain, smooth and dauntless, reaching high into the sky, it is named for the heroic nurse of World War I. Upon its brow rests a cap of snow that never melts, but which seems to proclaim to the world the calling of this woman into the service of her country and of those who stood in need of her.

My eyes moved from Mount Edith Cavell to the dark, rough, forbidding wall rising next to the mountain upon which there is no snow in summer. Dark and rough and forbidding, it is named Sorrow Mountain.

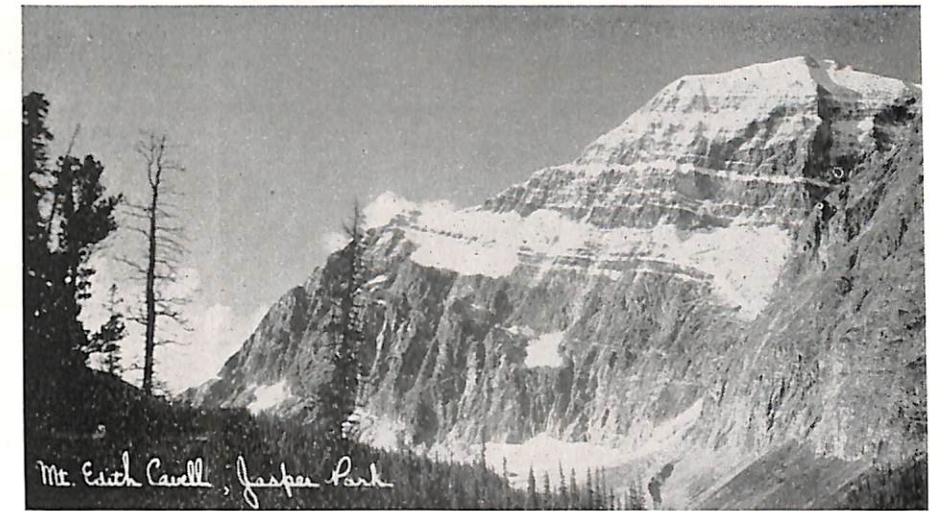
At the foot of these mountains, a shallow, restless stream rushes to Lake Forgiveness. This turbulent stream, separating and spreading, like fingers, upon the flat of the land, made me think of the petty, upsetting, everyday things that spread themselves over our daytime hours, and often throughout the hours of the night, ruining the best for which the day was made. Lake Forgiveness is quiet and deep. That spoke to me of the depth of God's love and the grace of his forgiveness.

MOUNT EDITH CAVELL

There is a plaque at the foot of Mount Edith Cavell on which are found these words: "Tears flow from Angel Glacier by Sorrow Mountain into Lake Forgiveness." The hurts that grieve us and cause us sorrow must be swept into the sea of forgiveness and forgetfulness.

Mount Edith Cavell rises to the height of 11,033 feet. Sorrow Mountain is longer and broader; but it does not rise to this great height. Never does sorrow rise to the height of undaunted belief and service.

A climb up a narrow and fairly steep path brought into full view the beauty of the snows of Angel Glacier. The depth of the ice and snow ranges in summer from 150 to 250 feet and in the winter to 1000 feet. This glacier, nestled in the hollow between Mount Edith Cavell and Sorrow Mountain, and spreading its wings equally over both, seems to proclaim anew the protection that women always have given to those entrusted to them in their



"O God, How Great Thou Art!"

By Mrs. Arthur Kannwischer

GOD'S DAWN

My life is dull and dreamless as the hills,
The misty, cloud swept hills,
Until God's dawn comes bursting out
His heaven, fills
Nook and cranny, bids the darkness flee,
And stirs to golden life
A million things—and me!
—Ralph Spaulding Cushman

families, in their churches and in their communities.

The word "angel" means a messenger or one who is sent. Edith Cavell was called to minister to the wounded and the dying in World War I.

GOD'S HANDMAIDENS

Let us look at some of the women who were called to do a work which they alone could do. There was Miriam, the sister of Moses, who not only performed an important service while her brother was still an infant, but who stood by him and the other leaders with her encouragement during some of the darkest moments in the early history of Israel.

We women today may not always be in a position of leadership. They may well be the men who are called into the forefront of service. But we can always give them courage to meet the

Devotional message given by Mrs. Arthur Kannwischer of New Kensington, Penna., at the business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Eastern Conference held at the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Penna.

day to day perplexities and problems. Our ministers' wives may not be in the limelight. Each one of them, however, can either help to lift her husband's burdens or add to them. We as women in the church can do the same for the minister, his wife and family, as well as for others.

We think also of Lydia, a woman who played a minor role among New Testament characters. Men such as Paul and Silas, Barnabas and Mark, Peter and John were the leaders of the first century Christian Church. But without the devotion of this Christian business woman and the services she rendered, there would have been no church group in her city for Paul to address. Lydia had gathered these people together in her home.

By our willingness to accept strangers and visitors into our homes, we have often, as the Bible says, "entertained angels unawares." In doing this, we and our families receive a blessing and an enrichment of life.

JOYFUL SERVICE

So we women must give of ourselves in joyful service to protect and to minister, to aid and to encourage; working always, sowing always, praying always; doing all in the spirit of our Master.

If beholding God's creation can calm our spirits and quiet our souls and inspire us to a deeper dedication of our lives to Christ, how much more can the daily contemplation of God himself do great things for us!

May the love of beauty possess our souls. May the search for truth direct our minds. May the longing for goodness fill our hearts. May our lives be a doorway through which God's love may enter freely into our world.



Our Third Missionary Doctor in Africa

The Story of Dr. and Mrs. Peter E. Fehr
and of God's Leading in Their Lives
and on Our Cameroons Mission Field

By Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

THE BOUNDLESS grace of God is very much in evidence as one looks in retrospect at missions and particularly at the medical phase of it. The hand of God can readily be seen directing and guiding the affairs and providing for the needs long before these become apparent to his children. All of this speaks of the fact that when God begins to answer prayers, he does so in a way which makes us stand in amazement and in awe before his presence.

BANSO BAPTIST HOSPITAL

In 1948 the General Missionary Society appointed its first missionary doctor to the Cameroons mission field, Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee. Banso Baptist Hospital was barely a dream at that time. It was the thinking of some that the doctor would be an itinerant medical missionary with a mobile unit, but God had other plans. Soon old Banso Hospital (government buildings which stood vacant some ten years or so) could be taken over and dedicated in the spring of 1949.

With this began the history of Banso Baptist Hospital with its first thirty-bed, one-room ward, which, though far inadequate, had to serve for five full years. Here Doctor Chaffee served faithfully and unflinchingly for his entire first term of four years and spread its fame and the Name of Christ throughout the length and breadth of the Cameroons.

In 1950 the building program of new Banso Baptist Hospital began when God laid his hand on Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, a farmer in Stafford, Kansas and sent him forth to undertake the building program for us. First, six months in a short term and then almost two years in another term were devoted to this task with utter consecration until by Christmas time of

1953 the doctor's home, a nurses' duplex, and a 75-bed hospital with three major wards, a children's ward and an out-patient clinic stood almost completed, waiting for the return of Doctor Chaffee to be dedicated and occupied.

A missionary doctor must of necessity come home on furlough to regain his physical and mental strength, to keep in touch with the home constituency and to promote the work of missions on the mission field. But the hospital work itself cannot be furloughed with him. It must needs go on and interim supply service must be found. How difficult it often is to find such an interim supply service is known best to those who are charged with the responsibility of finding it.

God answers prayers. In Dr. William S. Boutwell he gave us such an interim missionary doctor during the furlough year of Doctor Chaffee and we are grateful to this day for the services which Dr. William S. Boutwell rendered in 1953 to 1954 until Doctor Chaffee could again return. In June of 1954, the new buildings of Banso Baptist Hospital could be dedicated and the medical ministry was more than doubled.

NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT

The years 1951 and 1952 marked another great advance in our medical phase of missions. In 1951 we undertook to establish a leprosy hospital and in June 1952 the first treatment of leprosy patients began. This phase of medical missions needed a missionary doctor for itself and had to be kept as a separate phase from our general medical missionary work. The story of how God answered prayers and provided for us the needed personnel has been told in previous years at the time when Dr. Kenneth W. Jones went

cut in 1954 on a short-term appointment and then Dr. Eugene R. Stockdale followed in 1956.

Doctor Jones did an outstanding piece of work in the early stages of our leprosy mission, and for his two and one-half years of service on the field we are grateful to him and to God. Doctor Stockdale is able to carry on and to expand the work which has grown to about 1200 leprosy patients under treatment of which slightly less than half are at the settlement and the others in about twelve outlying clinics.

It soon became apparent that a third doctor was a "must" in order to provide continued service at both Banso and New Hope whenever the furlough year of the respective doctors would come due. Constantly to look for interim service was difficult, costly and very uncertain. Here again we see the hand of God in the affairs of men and missions.

GOD'S LONG-RANGE PROGRAM

In 1948 our society appointed its first missionary doctor. In 1948 God already laid his hand on a young man and gave him the vision of the need of a doctor on the mission field. Today this young man is our third full-time missionary doctor.

Peter E. Fehr was then sixteen years of age. That summer he attended the Northern North Dakota B.Y.P.U. Assembly at Camp Bentley and there heard our missionary Lois Ahrens in a stirring message as she presented the need on the mission field and particularly the need for medical missionaries. Young Peter was greatly stirred and could not resist the call of God. He did not yield to the altar call that evening, but the message had reached his heart. After the chapel service he yielded to the inner workings of God's Holy Spirit and resolved that if God would help him to prepare to get the



The Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons during the dedication festivities (June 1954) with some of the people in attendance shown at the right.

necessary training, he would be willing and ready to go out as a missionary doctor to the Cameroons.

Throughout the years of his training, Peter Fehr kept faith with that resolve. Mrs. Fehr later gave testimony to this his faithfulness when she said: "After I had been going with Peter for a short time, he told me of his plans for medicine but more specifically for missionary work. He said that everything he did, every decision he made, was made with the thought of going to the mission field. He did not feel that he should date any girl for any length of time if she was not willing to be the wife of a missionary — or rather be a missionary—because that was his aim in life."

How perfectly God sets his timetable. High school, university, medical school and a year of internship took up the ten years since the day of God's call and Peter Fehr's decision to heed it. Doctor Chaffee is due for his second furlough and Doctor Fehr is ready to carry on at Banso without interruption of any medical service. This is certainly God's doing, and we give him the glory!

MEETING GOD'S PLAN

Peter E. Fehr was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eilert P. Fehr in a farm home near East Grand Forks, Minn. Three brothers and three sisters followed him. Sundays found the family at Sunday School and church at the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and weekdays his parents set before him an example of Christian living in a community predominated by Roman Catholics. At the age of nine years Peter gave his heart to the Lord during evangelistic services in his church. On Easter Sunday 1941 his pastor, Rev. J. C. Gunst, baptized him on confession of his faith and Peter became a member of the church.

During his grade school near East Grand Forks and his high school at Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, Minn., he spent nine years in active 4-H Club work and 4 years in Boy Scouts. As a Scout he received his Eagle Rank in 1950 as well as the God and Country Reward for church work. The call of the Lord to missionary work changed his course of studies in high school from agriculture and mechanics to college preparatory courses and he graduated in 1950 as

valedictorian and with highest honors in speech work.

In 1950 Peter Fehr enrolled in a pre-medical course at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and in 1953 he enrolled in the medical department of the university. In 1954 he received his B. A. degree and in June of 1957 his M. D. degree. His year of internship was spent at the General Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn.

Through a family from his home church he became particularly interested in Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis where he became a regular attendant in 1952 and a member in 1954. He soon became very active in young people's and Sunday School work. For the past several years he was Sunday School superintendent and served on several church committees. Faith Baptist Church also had another very special reason for his interest and attachment. There he met Doris A. Adam, found in her God's choice for his life partner, became engaged to her in 1953 and married her on September 11, 1954.

DORIS ADAM FEHR

Doris A. Adam was born to Mr. and Mrs. John and Esther Adam on January 16, 1932 at Minneapolis, Minn. She has one older brother. Her entire life as well as that of her parents have been at Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis. Since her early childhood her mother and grandmother instilled in her the need of missions as well as the desire to be a missionary if the Lord should so lead and direct. At the age of nine she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized in June 1941 by her pastor, Rev. Henry Hirsch.

Throughout the years, she has been very active in her church, Sunday School, C.B.Y.F. and choir work. Her four years of high school were spent at Minnehaha Academy, a Christian interdenominational school, where she took a number of required Bible courses. During those years she felt God's call to missionary work, yet also felt that he was leading her into the business world. Upon her graduation in 1950 with the Commercial Award she took a secretarial job with the Minneapolis Branch of The Black and Decker Manufacturing Co., where she later became secretary to the District

Manager. This gave her valuable secretarial experience and also provided most valuable material aid to her husband for the continuation of his medical training.

APPOINTED AND COMMISSIONED

In April 1957, Peter and Doris Fehr were appointed as missionaries to the Cameroons under the North American Baptist General Missionary Society, Inc. Their glowing testimony of God's wonderful leading in their lives and their willingness to serve as missionaries when the medical profession and the business world were temptingly offering far greater material gains won the hearts of those who heard it. The appointment gave them God's seal to his leading in their lives.

At the General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, they were commissioned for service on Sunday afternoon, July 27, 1958. This moment highlighted for them, as well as for others who were commissioned with them, the experiences of the week and thrilled the vast congregation of over 5000 people in attendance that afternoon. God was truly glorified.

But another great experience awaited Dr. Fehr before his departure for the Cameroons. His service to the people of the Cameroons is truly a medical service, but no less a spiritual one. For this and other reasons he desired to be ordained into the Gospel ministry. His church therefore set him aside and called a council on August 22nd for the purpose of ordination.

On August 24th the ordination service took place at Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis when Dr. Peter E. Fehr was ordained into the Gospel ministry by the laying on of hands and by prayer. This was a further crowning experience for them and their church.

On September 4th, Dr. and Mrs. Peter E. Fehr and their infant daughter, Diane Jean, born on June 17, 1958, sailed from New York City on the SS BRITANNIC via England for the Cameroons. In the company of our Cameroons Field Superintendent, Dr. Paul Gebauer, who with his family sailed on the same ship there will be many hours of blessed fellowship and wise counsel concerning their hopes and anticipations on the mission field. Our prayer is that these hopes may be fully realized to the glory of God.

Training Cameroons Teachers to Serve

By Rev. George W. Lang, Cameroons Missionary

ALTHOUGH the students that come to the Baptist Teacher Training Centre at Soppo in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, primarily come to learn the techniques of effective teaching, they are also given training in carrying out effective Christian service activities.

Because each Baptist student is expected to undertake some form of Christian activity while at the Centre, each is given a particular assignment — teaching of a Sunday School class, visiting in the villages, holding a service in the Government Dispensary, preaching in the Buea Prison, passing out tracts along the motor road, or actually conducting a Sunday service and preaching at the Soppo Church or in one of the village churches.

School, and then hold the Sunday School at about 11:00 o'clock. His cold dinner would be waiting for him when he returned about 3:00 P.M. in the afternoon.

After Gamboh had had this assignment for a full term, I decided to be merciful to him and suggested to him that I would select some other student to take his place. However, at this he surprised me by requesting that he be allowed to continue this assignment. He had built up the Sunday School from an enrollment of six or seven to about thirty-two, and he wanted to continue to work there to see what further strides of progress could yet be made.

Another student, Isaac Ngwang by name, a Nsungli boy who lives about

called Tole Farms. Tole Farms is a project of the Cameroons Development Corporation which is trying to experiment in the growing of tea. In order to get enough laborers to carry on this experiment, many from the Grasslands had to be hired. As it is, there is a considerable movement of the active and aggressive young men from the rural Grassland areas to the somewhat more industrialized Coastal areas, using the term "industrialized" very loosely.

As Isaac visited from one house to another, he discovered that there were a number of Grassland Baptists there. As you know, the Baptist work in the Grasslands is much more extensive than that on the Coast. (I suppose it would almost be an overstatement to say that any Christianized Grasslander who isn't a Gebauer Baptist is someone who has been tampered with). At any rate there are many Grassland Baptists.

Seeing so many of them at these Tole Farms, Isaac began to bring them together for the purpose of holding a Christian service, as a beginning of the establishment of a church there. Thus through Isaac's enthusiasm and initiative in carrying out his assignment, he reclaimed many former Baptist Christians who otherwise would have become colder and colder because of lack of Christian fellowship and worship.

TRAINED TO SERVE

Evidences of the enthusiasm of other students are also present. The time, when this is especially brought home, is on Sunday evenings when by their reports and their testimonies concerning the day's activities and experiences they demonstrate that they are not only being trained to teach but also to serve.

Baptist Teacher Training Centre

By Rev. William Rentz, Cameroons Missionary

THE Baptist Teacher Training Centre at Soppo was opened in order to meet a definite need in our missionary effort and outreach. For many years education had been stressed as a vital method of reaching the youth of this country in their most impressionable and formative years. With the growth of the mission schools, there also grew the need for trained Christian teachers to staff the schools. This need for trained teachers was partially met when our first class graduated from the Centre in 1956.

TEACHING STAFF

Under the able principalship of Miss Esther Schultz and Rev. George Lang, the Centre has made great strides forward. From a one class school staffed with two teachers, it has now grown

to three classes staffed by six teachers with the prospects of an additional class in 1959. The staff at present is made up of three African teachers and three missionary teachers. Two of the African teachers, Mr. Williams and Mr. Haddison, have for many years been teaching in our mission schools and have at different times been mentioned in "Baptist Herald" articles. Mr. Haddison, who has just returned from a year of advanced study in England, is the latest addition to our staff.

The third teacher is Mr. Flavius Martin whose aim it is to study in America. We pray that this may be possible in the near future. Missionaries Eleanor Schulert, Norma Haupt and William Rentz make up the rest of the staff. Miss Schulert has served on

the staff from the beginning of the training program. Mr. and Mrs. Haupt have been with us since the beginning of 1958 and are a welcome addition. Although Mrs. Haupt has two children to look after, she still finds time to teach the Bible course at the Centre.

The student enrollment is quite high. Registered at the present time are eighty-five students of whom twenty-six will be graduating this year. The first year students come to us directly from our mission schools. After a year of training, they teach on a permit for two years and then it is the Entrance Examination for a further two years of training. Graduating students who have met all the requirements receive a Grade III certificate. Should they desire further training, they may enter the advanced Teacher Training Centre at Kumba. Beyond that, they must either go to college in Nigeria or England.

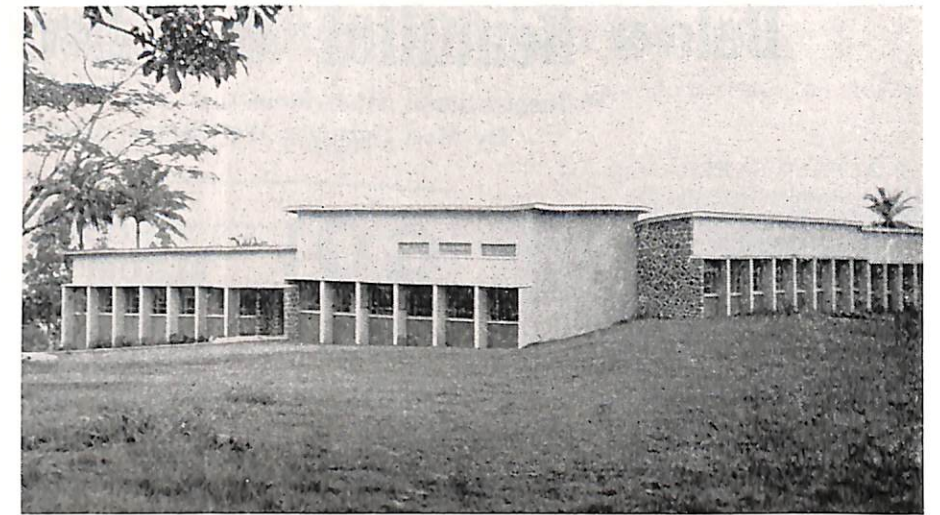
STUDENT LIFE

The student who has successfully fulfilled the requirements for admittance to the Centre finds that he still has some difficulties to overcome. Fees and transportation present his next big problem. Generally he borrows money from his relatives unless he is fortunate enough to win one of four scholarships made available to him through the kindness of Mr. Carl R. Bender of Lombard, Illinois.

Once at Soppo, the student is introduced to a much more ordered way of life than that to which he has been accustomed. From the rising bell at 6 A.M. until classtime at 8:10 A.M., he has already cleaned the dormitory, attended chapel and worked on the school farm. At 1:30 P.M. classes are over. After lunch there is a short rest period, more studying and then farm work or games. The evening meal followed by a study period and devotions brings the day to the close.

Besides our regular everyday class routine, we have a Wednesday evening prayer meeting attended by both students and Soppo church members.

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The beautiful buildings of the Baptist Teacher Training Centre in Soppo, Africa, as seen from the athletic playing field.

Pastors' Retreat at Ndu

A Report from the Cameroons Mission Field

By Mrs. George W. Lang

"I HAVE decided to follow Jesus." The voices of our African pastors blended in harmony as they sang together around the fireplace in the Lang home. "I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back."

It was a Saturday night, the closing evening of the 1958 Retreat of our Cameroons Baptist Convention pastors. There were 13 who had been able to come, out of the total of 16, which is two more than the total of last year's 1957 first Retreat. Pastor Adolph Wemson and Pastor David Tallah (now called Pastor Wepnjong) were the two newcomers, both ordained during 1957.

GREETING FRIENDS

The meetings had begun on Thursday morning. I had gone on an errand on the compound Wednesday evening and was nearby when some of the arriving pastors caught sight of Pastor David Nyanganji (one of our Bible School tutors). They rushed up to him

to shake his hand energetically and all began talking very fast in their vernacular language. I thought to myself, "Christians the world over love to greet their friends at conferences!"

We too were able to have a share in the joy of fellowship with friends, for on Wednesday evening the Schneiders and Lawrences arrived. The Rentzes from Soppo were also with us for a short time, having come upland to interview prospective Baptist Teacher Training Centre students. The retreat theme was "The Baptist Pastor and His Work."

Rev. Gilbert Schneider, acting field superintendent, spoke on "How the Baptist pastor applies the Christian message to the African way of life"; and Rev. Ben Lawrence, supervisor of schools, on "How the Baptist pastor approaches education and politics." Mr. William Rentz, B.T.T.C. principal, gave his comments on the work being done at the Baptist Teacher Training Centre, and Rev. George Lang spoke on "How the Baptist pastor administers his church program."

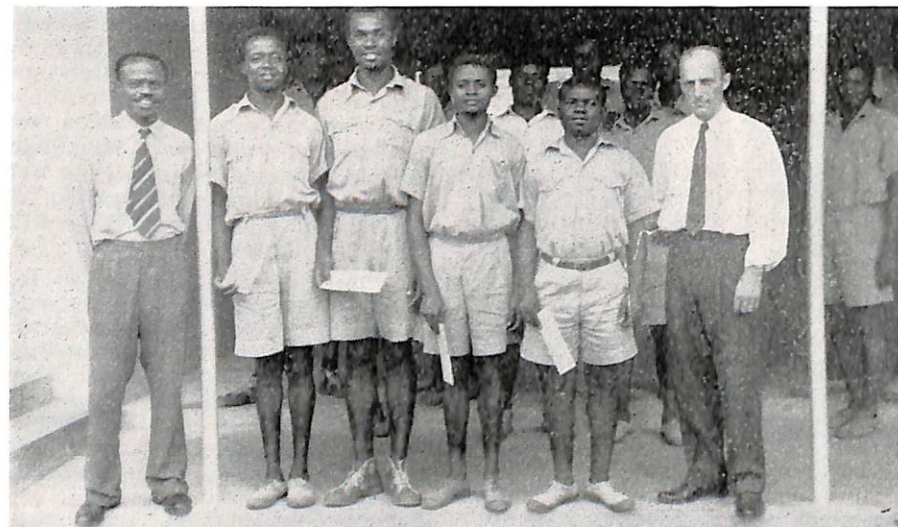
LIVELY DISCUSSIONS

During the afternoons and evenings there were discussions between the pastors and the Bible School students, a courtesy visit to the Ndu Chief, and a football match. (The Bible School students, younger, more limber and agile, won!)

Thursday evening there were games and refreshments at the Lang home. One of the games was a sort of "blow table tennis," seeing which pastor had the most "wind" by blowing a ping-pong ball off the end of a table. The pastors enjoyed this immensely. They also spent some time telling native riddles, a favorite African pastime.

All during the three days of the retreat there was a real spirit of Chris-

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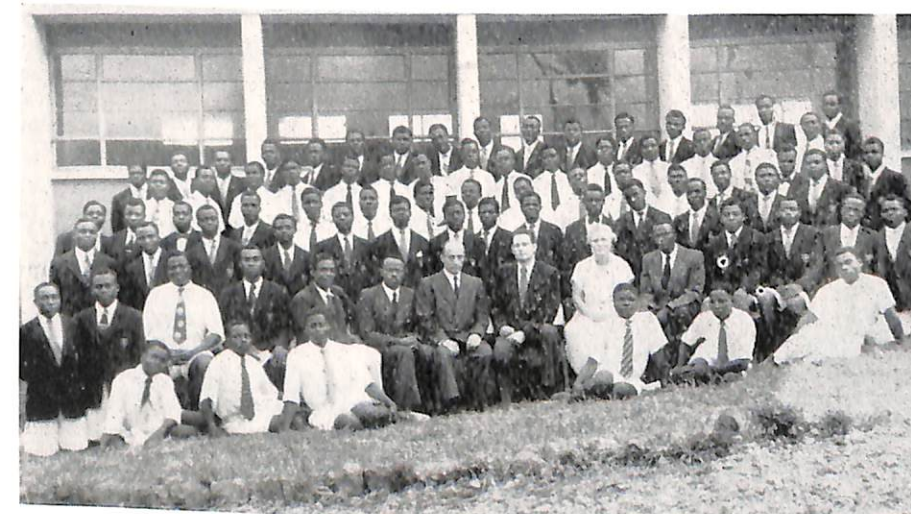
Missionary William Rentz (right) and Teacher David Williams (left) with four students of the Baptist Teacher Training Centre who received the Bender Scholarship last year.

Although we assign the students where they should go, we are concerned not only that the students carry out the assignment faithfully but also that they carry it out willingly and eagerly. Thus it is heart-warming when there are evidences of the fact that the student takes an active interest in his Christian work.

ABRAHAM GAMBHO

Abraham Gamboh, a student who comes from a village called Dumbo, located in the Ndu area, was assigned to help in the Sunday School of a trading village called Muea. It was with some hesitation that I assigned any student to that church, because it is about a three-hour trek from the Centre, some of it being through the "bush." (Trekking is particularly trying and sloppy during rainy season when there seems to be no let-up of a steady downpour throughout the day).

This meant that Abraham had to leave immediately after breakfast, which was at 7:30 A.M., trek for three hours, visit the people to encourage their children to come to Sunday



The entire student body of 76 young men and 6 teachers at our Baptist Teacher Training Centre in Soppo, Africa.

Belo's Beautiful New Baptist Church

An Inspirational Story from the Cameroons Mission Field
By Miss Berneice Westerman, Missionary

IF ALFRED SAKER could look back one hundred years, he would see many changes in the Cameroons. It was in 1858 that he began the Baptist witness in Victoria. Belo Station is much younger, since it was begun only 30 years ago next year.

With high mountains on almost every side there is a small, long hill in the Bekom area known to the natives as Ngwa. This hill was barren—except for a very small hut with "medicine" or "juju" inside which served as a place of worship to the pagan gods of the Bekom people.

Rev. Frank Orthner, in the company of Bobe (Mr.) Robert Jam, went to visit the Fon of Liakom (the chief of the Bekom people) to ask permission for Ngwa Hill as the site for the new Baptist Mission Station. The chief agreed and sent his "Prime Minister," a very reliable servant, as his representative down to the local area ruler with the chief's spear. (In Bekom any spokesman for the chief carries with him the chief's personal spear as a sign that he really comes from the chief. Because all recognize that spear, they will respect his word).

ROBERT JAM'S COURAGE

Permission was given and Bobe Robert Jam showed his courage by personally removing the pagan place of worship. This could have been easy for him if he had asked the missionary to do so, but he did not, and as a result he was beaten for doing so. Today he

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has a grandson whom he has named in honor of the event — "Flog Them Fine." Bobe Robert adds that he desires the flogging to be done with God's Word.

The next step was to build a house of worship in which the people could meet. They used elephant grass stalks and erected a small house very quickly. This annoyed the pagans and so our first Baptist Church on Belo Sta-

tion was literally cut down with cutlasses (long sharp knives).

The Christians knew that a church built fragily was easily destroyed and so in 1932 they built a new church from mud blocks with a stone foundation and a grass roof. This building served the Belo Christians until the end of 1957 when they moved into a new burned brick building with a metal roof.

This new church was begun in 1947 with the plans being made at that time. It was not until 1950 that Miss Margaret Kittlitz began the ground breaking for the new building and later that same year Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Bobe Robert Jam and Daniel Chiamba laid the cornerstone for it. Missionary Roth helped the natives put in much of the foundation. Then work stopped again for some time until Rev. Fred Holzimmer continued the work by putting up the walls.

Again work stopped due to lack of funds. It was most discouraging to the native Christians and missionaries to have all these delays. Then in 1957 the fire at Belo destroyed some important building materials such as zinc roofing sheets, cement and nails.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

It was a real day of rejoicing when Ernest Hildebrand came to Belo to finish the part of Belo school that had been begun and also continued work on the church. After years of discouragement, it was most difficult to get the native Christians vitally interested to resume their share of the work. However, by December 14, 1957, the building was given back to God in a special service of dedication. Even though it took ten years to build this lovely church, we realize that these 29 years have brought other blessings to Ngwa Hill (Belo Station). Here are some of them:

1. A Maternity Center which has been a blessing to 500 new babies in 1957 and almost that many mothers. A new building is much needed for this.
2. A Primary School that has 12 classes with over 350 pupils and 13 teachers.
3. A First Aid Station which helps many people every day who come with ulcers, worms, burns, toothaches and coughs.
4. There are five "out schools," and 20 outstation churches under the supervision of Belo Station missionaries.

Has God blessed us? Yes, and we praise him for what he has accomplished through you, your missionaries and our African brothers in Christ.



The Belo Baptist Church in the Cameroons, Africa, on the glorious Sunday of victory and dedication after ten long, laborious years to build this lovely sanctuary.

Under Twenty Flags for Christ

The Story of the General Missionary Society on the Occasion of its 75th Anniversary (Sept. 25, 1883)

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner

A MISSIONARY vision opens the eyes of a Christian to see the whole world as his field of service for Christ. North American Baptists have always kept that missionary window open, looking out upon the world and its spiritual needs. That missionary passion with its accompanying burdens united our denominational work in 1883, seventy-five years ago, with the organizing of the General Missionary Society. It is the unfolding story of God's many open doors for missionary service throughout the years since then.

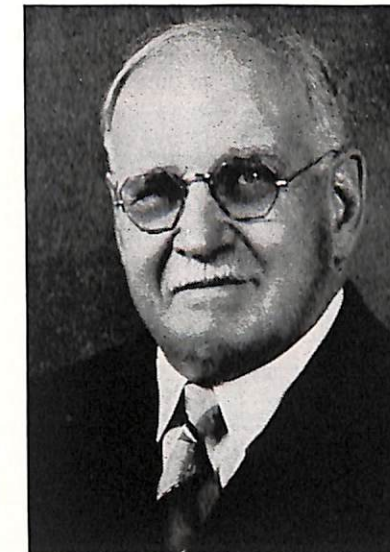
MISSIONARY FERVOR

We have been missionary-minded from the very beginning. Dr. O. E. Krueger in his book, "In God's Hand," reminds us that the first record of money (\$6.00) given for foreign missions was sent to Boston for Burma in 1855. Missionary articles in "Der Sendbote" called the attention of our people to God's open doors in far away places of the world. For years our churches cooperated with the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society with the Eastern Conference and Western Conference churches engaged in their separate activities and programs.

Then a God-given vision came to the Rev. G. A. Schulte. As a pastor in New York City, he was also a member of the local mission committee. We needed a strong, united missionary program. This was recognized at the sessions of the Eastern Conference in Hepburn, Penna., in 1881, with the result that a committee was appointed to study such a program with the West-

ern Conference churches. However, the recommendation merely called for triennial sessions for a missionary society and for the appointment of a German Baptist Mission Secretary by the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

But this was a step forward in the right direction! Rev. G. A. Schulte was sent to the various Western Conference sessions to "feel out" the brethren. In Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Central Conference sessions he found a strange coolness toward the plan. He decided not to visit the other conferences in the West.



Dr. William Kuhn, General Missionary Secretary from 1916 to 1946.

THE UNFOLDING PLAN

But the ball had been started rolling. Letters and articles appeared in our denominational publication in which church leaders expressed themselves opposing or favoring the plan. Many of them were definitely suspicious of "a general missionary secretary, fearing that too much power might be placed into his hands."

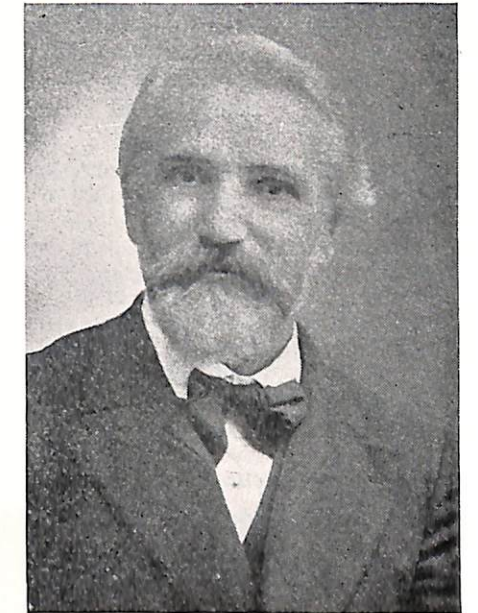
However, since the Western Conference had been divided into three conference groups, they had organized a mission board which extended an invitation to the Eastern Conference brethren to meet with them in April 1883 at Indianapolis, Indiana, to consider a possible unified missionary

THREE ARTICLES

This is the first of three articles on the 75th anniversary of the General Missionary Society. The other two articles by Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Rev. R. Schilke will appear in the next issues of the "Baptist Herald."



Rev. J. C. Haselhuhn, first chairman of the General Missionary Committee.



Rev. J. C. Grimmel, first Missionary Secretary, who served from 1883 to 1892.

plan. Shortly before this session, an article appeared in "Der Sendbote," written anonymously and signed "By a Mission Friend," which outlined a complete plan for the organizing of a Missionary Society.

It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to the brethren when they came together to begin such a united missionary work. This was recommended unanimously by the group. Rev. L. Donner, the father of the late Mr. H. P. Donner, and Rev. G. A. Schulte were appointed as a committee to prepare a constitution. They worked on it throughout an entire night as every paragraph was carefully thought out and worded. By daybreak the laborious task had been completed and, as Mr. Schulte stated, "we believed that the Lord had led us marvelously and had given us wisdom for this difficult task."

"GEM OF SIMPLICITY"

Except for some minor changes and improvements, this constitution of the General Missionary Society has remained in effect without drastic revision throughout the seventy-five years of its ministry. Even though the Edmonton General Conference this year changed the name of this committee to "Board of Missions," the original plan of seventy-five years ago is still largely intact. Dr. A. J. Ramaker called it "a gem of simplicity." Each conference continued to elect its own local committee and empowered one or two of its members to sit in council with representatives of every other local

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"God's Volunteers" Answer God's Call

The Story of the Third "God's Volunteers" Team

By Rev. Walter Hoffman, Director

THE GREAT commission of Jesus Christ has been accepted by the 1958-1959 team of "God's Volunteers" as a challenge to "Go" and present the Gospel. "To Know Him and to Make Him Known" is our motto. The theme chorus which we have chosen to use is:

"Souls for Jesus is our battle cry,
Souls for Jesus, we'll fight until we die,
We never will give in
While souls are lost in sin;
Souls for Jesus is our battle cry.
A call comes to one and all
Enlist now and answer his call—
As a Volunteer."

The first part of our motto, TO KNOW HIM, has already been put into effect. From September 8 through October 4 this group of young people

to Christ ready to be used in his service and to his glory.

The tremendous responsibility that is mine as director of the team is ever becoming a greater challenge to me. We as a family have entered into prayer, asking God to lead us in this program. We have found real joy to accept the call and challenge to be used of God in this way.

We are living in a house-trailer and plan to take it with us to the various appointments. Our prayer to God is that we may be of help to the many churches as we endeavor to accomplish the work of "winning souls for Jesus." Our two boys, Wendell (4 years of age) and Warren (2 years of age), are also a part of our concern and responsibility. My wife and boys will be joining us for the special meetings.

Again, as I refer to our Lord's Com-

and peace in saying, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Yes, we rejoice in the privilege to be volunteers for Jesus. We would ask you to join us in prayer for this task of "Making Christ Known."

Promotion. Many have asked how they can assist in this work. One of the concerns should be to make known the work of "God's Volunteers" in every organization of your church. If this is done, then that which is accomplished through the Volunteers will be a joint effort—yours and ours as fellow-laborers. Should this be neglected, then the team stands alone, and will be in want of God's blessing.

THE CRUSADE'S PROGRAM

Program. This, of course, is making Christ known which we will strive to do through various areas of service. During their training period, the Volunteers have been receiving information regarding some of the fundamental Bible doctrines. They have also been directed as to the practical application of these truths to their own lives as well as the sharing of God's Word with others.

Following the training period, the Volunteers are moving out into the various churches to minister in this Crusade for Christ. The first week on any field will be given to visitation personal evangelism. As they go from house to house of the many prospects, they will endeavor through their personal testimonies to lead such souls to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

This is not an easy task, but rewarding to those who put their confidence in Jesus Christ as One who promises to go with them. Even as he said, "Go ye," he also said, "Lo, I am with you always."

The second week of the Crusades will be a combined effort of visitation evangelism and special services. During this week the volunteers will supply the special music and story time as well as act as personal workers in the meetings. It will be the responsibility of the director to bring the messages from God's Word. Thus united, we trust to be able to make Christ known.

PRAYER HELPERS

Prayer. Without prayer our entire effort as "God's Volunteers" will have little or no results. We have a fine group of young people, and we certainly will do our best to have a good program, but without prayer for power to present this program to the salvation of precious souls, all will be in vain.

We therefore challenge you to set aside some time each day during which you will remember this ministry of evangelism. Can we count on you to support this group of young people in their witness for Christ? We do want to "know him and make him known."

PRAYER PARTNERS

You can become a "God's Volunteers Prayer Partner" by enlisting your services and contributing \$5.00 or more to this ministry. Ask your pastor for enlistment forms or write to the North American Baptist headquarters office.

In a recent issue the members of the "God's Volunteers" team were named and the name of Joanne Heckman was inadvertently omitted. She is a very active member of "God's Volunteers" team.

UNDER TWENTY FLAGS

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conference. Each local committee made its recommendations to the General Committee (now Board of Missions. It has been "a remarkable instrument in the hands of God for carrying out his work," as stated by Dr. O. E. Krueger.

The seventh General Conference in 1883 convened in Cleveland, Ohio. Then on September 25, 1883, the plan was adopted by action of the General Conference, and the General Missionary Society of our denomination came into being. The first General Committee was composed of the following brethren: J. C. Haselhuhn, chairman; C. Schoemaker, H. L. Dietz, G. A. Schulte, J. S. Gubelmann and R. Machholz. The following gifted and dedicated men have served as the general missionary secretaries throughout these past 75 years: Rev. J. C. Grimm, 1883-1892 (from 1883 to 1886 he also served as pastor of the First Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.); Rev. G. A. Schulte, 1892-1916; Dr. William Kuhn, 1916-1946; Rev. H. G. Dymmel, 1946-1950; and Rev. Richard Schilke, 1951-.

WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

The worldwide outreach of the General Missionary Society in proclaiming the Gospel to peoples under twenty different flags has constantly characterized its glorious work. A few sentences will have to suffice to describe this worldwide ministry of the society.

The Cameroons of West Africa represents our most important and largest field of missionary service since the going of Rev. and Mrs. August Steffens to Africa in 1891. It has always been close and dear to the hearts of North American Baptists as we have poured out our prayers and gifts for these Cameroons and have sent our young people to this mission field.

Following a visit to South America by Rev. Heinrich Schwendener, evangelist, in 1900, and continuing for more than three decades, we supported missionaries and German-speaking churches and carried on extensive missionary work in Brazil and Argentina, South America. These former mission fields of ours in Brazil will be of interest especially to those who attend the 1960 Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro.

Following the first World War, we carried on a relief and evangelistic ministry and supported the building of Baptist churches and chapels in Russia in 20 different places, in Germany with chapel building support, and in Switzerland. We were also active in the missionary work in Poland, Latvia, and Lithuania.

DANUBIAN MISSION

Our missionary work in the Balkan or Danubian Countries (along the Danube River) prospered greatly before the second World War under the leadership of its director, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt. We supported many missionaries in fields in Czechoslovakia,

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible

North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

In the Revised Standard Version of the Bible the ending of the Gospel of Mark (16:9-20) is placed in the footnotes. Were these verses originally a part of the Gospel of Mark? If they were not, what right do we have to claim them as part of the Word of God?

It is true, as indicated by the RSV, that the so-called longer ending of Mark's Gospel (16:9-20) has been questioned as to authenticity. These doubts seem justified, both on the grounds of internal and external evidence.

The internal evidence is as follows: the narrative takes a fresh start in verse 9 as if what preceded had not been there; the verses read like an epitome or summary; the vocabulary and style are not Mark's. This last statement is particularly evident when the passage is read in the original Greek. The external evidence is more conclusive. The verses do not occur in the last two great uncial manuscripts, Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, nor in the Latin manuscript k, nor in the Sinaitic Syriac version, nor in three of the oldest manuscripts of the Armenian version. Both Eusebius (first half of the 4th century) and Jerome (late 4th and early 5th centuries) note the absence of these verses from the best manuscripts of the Gospel of Mark of their day.

Now this is not to say that these verses do not go back to at least post-apostolic times. They were known to Tatian (A.D. 140), were perhaps quoted by Justin (A.D. 160), and verse 19 is quoted as from Mark by Ireneaus (A.D. 180). Most scholars are of the opinion that they were written about the end of the 1st or the beginning of the 2nd century. Origin-

nally they probably were not composed as an appendix to Mark's Gospel but as an independent catechesis, summarizing the resurrection appearances of our Lord. It was only later on, probably about the middle of the 2nd century, that this catechetical summary was felt to make a fitting ending to the Gospel of Mark, and so the custom of attaching it to the Second Gospel began. It is included in the King James Version at the end of Mark because the manuscripts (many of which were late and inferior) available to the translators included it.

So much for the lack of authenticity of these verses. Your question is, "If these verses were not originally a part of the Gospel of Mark what right do we have to claim them as part of the Word of God?" It is important to understand that we do not necessarily call into question either the antiquity, truth or inspiration of these verses when we discuss their authenticity. Inspiration is independent of any particular human authorship. This is especially true in the case before us which involves a few verses added to a gospel which is strictly speaking anonymous anyway. We do not question the inspiration of these verses and thus do not hesitate to consider them part of the Word of God. However, on the basis of the evidence, we find great difficulty in considering them a part of the Gospel of Mark to which they are appended.



Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of "God's Volunteers," and his wife with some of the instruments with which they will glorify God in services to be conducted by the team.

was engaged in a training program at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. In these days of study and preparation, we were able to know the implication and the application of the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS TEAM

Our personnel includes Lydia Albrecht, Minnetonka, Manitoba; Irene Cuchiran, Regina, Saskatchewan; Joanne Heckman, St. Paul, Minnesota; Donald Hepperle, Plevna, Montana; Nettie Anne Janzen, Edmonton, Alberta; Revidera Neske, Edmonton, Alberta; besides my wife, Phyllis, and myself. Our Volunteers have already shown themselves willing to serve the Lord and have rededicated themselves

Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Austria. In Bulgaria we also saw the marvelous blessing of the Gospel among the Gypsy people which was supported by our gifts. The Baptist missionary work in Austria is still being continued by us.

Our mission support has also gone out to German refugees and for the building of chapels in Harbin, China, where Baptist refugees from Siberia finally settled down. The waste areas of Siberia have also been regarded as one of our former mission fields.

This brings the total number of countries in which our General Missionary Society has served with the Gospel up to seventeen. As you know, our missionaries are now serving in Japan in a flourishing new work, among the Indians on three reserves in Canada, and among the Spanish-Americans of

Colorado and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas in the United States.

With the Gospel banner flying over the twenty flags of various countries of the world, we have become witnesses of the many blessings of God upon the work of the General Missionary Society throughout these 75 years. In 1883 strong foundations were laid with Christ as the chief Cornerstone. The growing strength of our missionary work was assured by the spiritual objectives set before the brethren 75 years ago. Our denominational work was unified at that time, and it has been bound together more closely throughout the intervening years. We have kept true to Christ by responding to the many Macedonian calls that have come to us and from different parts of the world. God has richly blessed the proclaiming of his Word!

We the Women

CBY FELLOWSHIP

By Rev. Lawrence Bienert, General Secretary

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG

President of the Woman's Missionary Union

HARVESTS

The fall of the year, with its rich, vibrant colors, is a season of fulfillment, a time of garnering in, a time of fruition. We, who live on farms or in rural areas, find the fall of the year especially rewarding. It is the time of realizing the rewards of a whole year's work. To be able to harvest a good crop makes the months and hours of hard work seem worthwhile.

Harvesting becomes a time of rejoicing, a time of laying plans, of making dreams come true. The golden grain that flows lavishly from the hopper of a thresher into the waiting trucks can be converted into cash to pay for that new automobile, a long-planned vacation, a son's college education, a daughter's new piano, or a down-payment on a new home. A season of abundant harvests is the hope of every tiller of the soil.

Occasionally, however, harvest time can be a disappointment. When the harvesters return weary at the end of each day with very small yields for their long hours of hard labor, even their daily bread can come to taste bitter with disappointment. The fields of grain that looked so promising yield little more than straw. At such times, each day of harvest becomes a day of drudgery, not one of rejoicing. In the end, there can be no planning for a bright future, or making dreams come true. There can be only disappointment. Even hope for another year and another harvest seems to fade away.

The Master is also seeking a harvest in your life and mine. He is looking for fruits of the spirit manifested in our daily lives. Can he find in your life and mine the Christian attributes of "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance"? Or are we a disappointment to him as was the barren fig tree? When Jesus sought fruit on the fig tree, he found nothing but leaves. Will the Master Harvester find the fruit he seeks in our lives, or will he behold nothing but leaves?

Perhaps our lives are so full of trivial things—leaves or straw—that matters of eternal value are either lost or are non-existent. May we as women examine our lives in the light of this lesson and strive anew to be fruitful Christians. God's harvest will be rich in souls won for the Kingdom if each of us is that fruitful Christian.

HARVEST OF GOOD DEEDS

We must first be made good, before we can do good; we must first be made just, before our works can please God—for when we are justified by faith in Christ, then come good works.



Mr. Arthur Patzia of Winnipeg, Manitoba, the newly elected president of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship.

MEET ARTHUR PATZIA!

Meet Arthur Patzia, the new president of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship, who was elected at the General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta. He has been placed in a position of leadership and influence for which he is well qualified. He has endeared himself to young people by his Christian convictions, sincerity, leadership abilities, and wholesome sense of humor.

Mr. Patzia has the distinction of being the first Canadian to hold the office of president of the CBY Fellowship. He is a member of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His experience as president of the local CBYF and his activities in youth camps, Vacation Bible School and Sunday School will prove to be of great help to him in his position as president.

After taking grade 10 and 11 in Winnipeg, Arthur then attended the Christian Training Institute where he completed his high school and took one year of Bible training. At present he

is a senior at the University of Manitoba working toward his B. A. degree. Here too the Lord has opened doors of service to him through the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. He plans to enter our North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., next fall to prepare for the ministry. Here is part of a testimony given by Arthur:

"Since I have become a Christian, life has become a thrilling adventure for me. The greatest joy for any Christian is discovering and using what is available through our Lord Jesus Christ. My walk with Christ is like that of a pioneer. Even if I must struggle against the gigantic forces of this world, I can have victory through him. Also, it is because of Christ that each step of life is new, exciting, and yet so real. A good pioneer presses onward because he believes that his goal will be worthy of his efforts.

"Nahum 1:7 is a favorite Bible verse of mine because it expresses the confidence I can have in my Lord as I walk with him. 'The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble! and he knoweth them that trust him.' Truly I can say that the Lord is good. I am very grateful for the opportunity I have to serve him in the capacity of president of our CBY Fellowship. Youth work is a great challenge, and my prayer is that all may be done to his honor and glory."

Other members of the executive committee who will be working in close cooperation with your general secretary and the president are: Jack Wobig of Portland, Oregon; Barbara Weisser of Herreid, South Dakota; Marion Stahl of New York, N. Y.; and Richard Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wis.

The members of the executive committee urge you to join us in carrying out our theme for the coming year: "CHRIST AND YOU — PARTNERS FOR ACTION." Our key verse, I. Cor. 3:9a, "For we are laborers together with God," makes us conscious of our relationship to him. The theme song, "Our Best," reminds us of what God requires.

way, June 21-22, was described as the culmination of the hopes, prayers, and dreams of the 7,500 Baptists in that country who poured themselves and their substance into the enterprise. Baptists from both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions in the United States helped meet the cost, but the heavy part of the financial burden was borne by the local people. The president, Rev. Niels Engelsen, went up and down the country, visiting practically every church and laying the burden upon the hearts of the people. Norwegian Baptists also support a mission program in the Congo.

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administers Santangelo, ordered the pastor to tear down what already has been built. He threatened to send policemen to do the job if his orders were not carried out, maintaining that Pastor Cannit started building without a permit. The minister, on the other hand, declared that the order to tear down the structure was based on religious discrimination.

● **Norwegian Building Dedicated.** The dedication of a building for the Baptist theological seminary in Oslo, Nor-

What's Happening

● Rev. Victor Priebe is enrolled as a graduate student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, this fall. He was formerly director of youth activities and assistant to the pastor at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. He and his family have moved to a new house of theirs in Louisville where they have established their residence.

● The Onoway Baptist Church, Onoway, Alta., held a Vacation Bible School from August 4 to 8 with 25 pupils enrolled. The course of "Bible Sea Adventures" by the Gospel Light Press was used. Leona Breikreuz assisted in the Beginners' Department with Mrs. Robert Jaster as teacher. Rev. Robert Jaster taught the Junior Department. A 100 percent attendance was recorded during the week by the children.

● Rev. Gordon C. Huisinga, of Canistota, S. Dak., brought his ministry at the Spring Valley Baptist Church, near Canistota, to a close on Sunday, Aug. 10. He was honored by the church at a farewell service on August 7. He left soon thereafter to begin his ministry as assistant pastor at the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. John G. Buseman, reporter, wrote: "We pray God's blessing upon him as he continues to serve his Lord and Savior."

● The Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Robert Krueger of Lansing, Michigan, to which a favorable response has been given. He began his ministry in Sioux Falls on October 1st, succeeding Rev. Harold E. Weiss, now of Turtle Lake, N. Dak. Mr. Krueger is "a son" of our church in Fessenden, North Dakota, and his wife comes from our church in Martin, N. Dakota. He is a graduate of the Seminary of the General Association of Baptist Churches in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

● The Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon, held its "All Church Dinner" on Sept. 5 at which the program of the church and its organizations was presented. "Baptist Men" of the church held the first of their monthly dinner and lecture meetings for the winter season on Monday, Sept. 8, with Dr. Kenneth Jones, former medical missionary in the Cameroons, Africa, as the featured speaker. On Sunday, Sept. 28, the Bible School held its Promotion Day observance with Mr. James Billeter, general superintendent, in charge. Dr. John Wobig is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 14, Rev. Clarence H. Walth, pastor of the Willow Rancho Church of Sacramento, Calif., baptized 10 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. In Octo-

ber a Sunday School Contest is being conducted with the superintendent, Mr. Cliff Filler, in charge, assisted by Mr. Allen Rueb. The Vacation Bible School had an enrollment of 227. Mr. Allen Rueb is also the president of the Men's Brotherhood. On October 26 the church will observe its Harvest Mission Festival with Rev. Clemence Auch, missionary in Japan, as the guest speaker.

● From August 11 to 15, the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alta., held its Vacation Bible School with 78 children registered. This was the largest school ever conducted by the church. Miss Loretta Kurtz and Miss Leona Hoffman, working under the Student Service Plan, helped to conduct the school. On the last day of the school, nine children indicated their desire to follow Christ as their Savior. The closing program on Friday evening was attended by many parents of the children and members of the church. Rev. Arnold Rapske, pastor, brought his ministry to a close at the Camrose church on August 31.

● The Seminary exchange student from Germany for 1958-1959 is Mr. Hans Joachim Kolbe of Hagen, Westphalia, Germany. He was in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the opening day of school early in September, after visiting with friends in New York City and with relatives in Detroit, Mich., for several weeks in August. He is a 1958 graduate of the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany. He served this year for several months in Baptist churches at Salzburg, Bad Ischl and Vienna, Austria. After a year of study at the North American Baptist Seminary, he is scheduled to return to Salzburg and Seekirchen, Austria, for missionary work.

● On Thursday evening, Sept. 4, following the Bible study and prayer hour, the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., surprised its pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Loren Weber, in a welcoming reception. After messages by several leaders of the church organizations and special music, the church gathered downstairs for a time of fellowship. The women had prepared tasty refreshments which were enjoyed as the church became better acquainted with the Webers. Miss Minnie Peters reported: "We are anticipating a great time in the Lord as we begin a concentrated program of building up the work of the Lord and the local church."

● At present all the rooms in the

North American Baptist Home in Madison, S. Dak., are occupied, according to Rev. D. S. Wipf, superintendent, and applications are out among others who might be interested in entering the Home. The Home began operations on March 10, 1958 with four residents. There are now 26 residents of whom 18 are women and 8 are men. Among the churches represented there are the following: 5 Baptists, 3 Methodists, 9 Lutherans, 2 Presbyterians, 4 Catholics, 1 Episcopalian and 2 with no church affiliation. Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Wipf attended the sessions of the American Baptist Homes and Hospital Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, this past summer.

● The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., has undertaken several missionary projects in the past several months, one of which is the chapel in Japan and another is the Church Extension work. One Sunday of every month is considered as Mission Sunday when every teacher stresses missions and the mission fields are discussed. All monies collected on that Sunday by the Sunday School goes into a mission treasury and are then disbursed for the various mission projects. The Sunday School has recently started a Sunday School monthly publication which is distributed to all who care to have a copy and which has proven to be very interesting to the readers as reported by Mrs. Leonard Fischer.

● Sunday School teachers and workers of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., launched their fall program at a supper program on Monday evening, Sept. 8, with Miss Marie Baudisch, general superintendent, in charge. Thirty-three people were in attendance. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker. Mrs. John W. Lind is serving as the church worker in Sunday School visitation, youth work and in the leadership of the children's church services on Sunday mornings. She is a graduate of Gordon College of Theology and Missions in Massachusetts. Her late husband was a chaplain in the United States Army for six years. Mrs. Lind's services are regarded with high esteem by the church and its pastor, Rev. Wilmer Quiring.

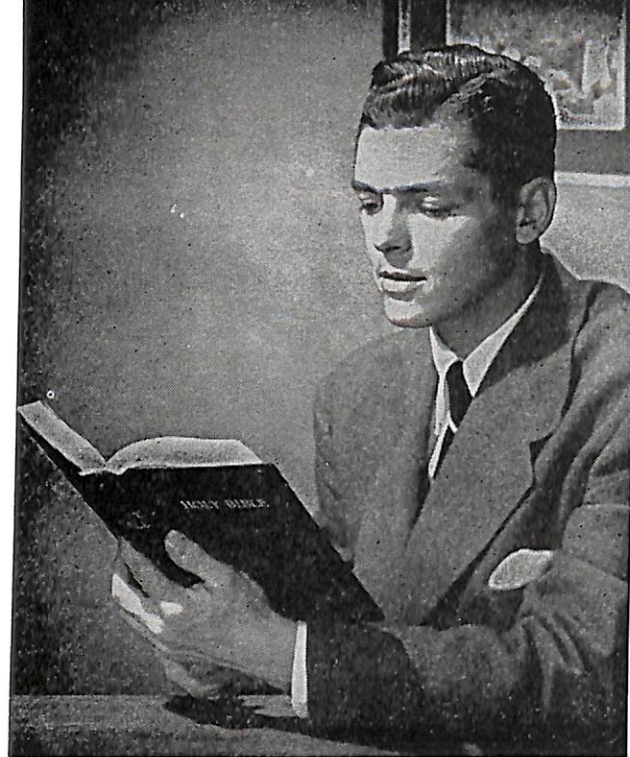
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On Sunday mornings while some of the students go out to our surrounding churches to help with the services, the rest attend the Duala service, Sunday School and the English service.

Our prayer is that we may not only turn out teachers but Christians who will help meet the spiritual needs of their own people as they return to their own villages. We, at Soppe, are humbly grateful to the Lord for the privilege of doing our part, however small it may be, in the great task of spreading his Word in this land.

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 19



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

SYNOPSIS

Barry Carter 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. He became a valued employee and even started a small church with other workers in town. Dale became a nurse at the plant. But lots of trouble was ahead! Mysteriously attendance dwindled at the church services. Enemies of Barry arrived in town. Then unexpectedly Cicily appeared on the scene.

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

Dale was so amazed when she saw Cicily that she could not say a word. She stood there staring at her while consternation overwhelmed her. Had Cicily found out that Barry was here? Why else would she have come? What would happen, now that she was here? Her association with Barry would be at an end, temporarily at least. It might be ended forever. It would be better to know the truth now than to continue on in hope and find that Barry still loved Cicily. She feared that he did. When she looked at Cicily and saw how lovely she still was, she knew how hard it would be for anyone who had loved her to forget her.

"This is a surprise," she managed to say when she could speak.

"You look as if you had seen a

ghost," Cicily remarked as Dale continued to stare at her.

"I thought for a moment that I was seeing one." Dale managed a smile though there was no smile in her heart.

Together they went inside to Dale's room and Cicily sat down while Dale took off her uniform.

"Why didn't you tell me you were coming?" Dale asked. "I would have met you at the station instead of leaving you to find where I lived."

"That wasn't hard," Cicily told her. "Everyone in town seems to know you. I decided all of a sudden to come and there was no time to write. I decided not to send you a telegram, but just to come on. I had to see you, Dale. I was so miserable and lonely that I couldn't stand it any longer. I felt that if I could see you for even a little while, I would feel better. I've gotten in the habit of depending upon you and I can't seem to go on without you. These past months have seemed like ages."

"Have you ever decided what you want to do with your life? You'll never find happiness in just drifting."

"You've told me that before," she replied wearily, "but I don't seem to have the desire to do anything but drift and drifting is slow torture. If I could just see Barry once more and find out if there is any hope that he could love me again, then I might be able to decide what to do. But I can't feel like doing anything until this question is settled."

"Do you have any reason to believe that he still loves you?" Dale asked.

"No," Cicily replied mournfully. "He was very bitter toward me after the trial, but if I could just see him and talk to him, I'm sure he would forgive me and I could make him love me again. Two people who were as much in love as we were for so long

just can't forget easily. I'm sure that down beneath the bitterness he felt for me is his love for me. It must still be there, in spite of everything. This may be a vain hope or a foolish thought, but I've got to know. I can't have a peaceful moment until I do. That's one reason I came here, Dale, to beg you to tell me where he is. Surely that can't harm him. It's my only hope. If I should go to him and he should tell me that he no longer loved me, then at least I would know the worst. Please tell me where he is."

Dale was silent for a moment, then she said in a calm voice which did not reveal the tumult within her, "Barry is here in Meadville."

Cicily stared at her with wide eyes which slowly became hostile.

"Here in Meadville!" she repeated. Her voice became cold and hostile as she continued. "So that's why you came here. To be near him. And yet you wouldn't tell me where he was, so that I could have just a talk with him. I might have known. You want him for yourself."

"I came here because they needed me here at the plant and because Barry asked me to come," Dale said. Her voice was calm but a guilty feeling stirred her as she continued. "There has never been anything but friendship between us. I have never had any thought or desire to take what belonged to you."

"You put that in the past tense as if you already know that there is no hope for me," Cicily said in icy tones. "Is that what you mean?"

"No, it isn't. I know nothing about Barry's feelings toward you. I never asked him. I went to him as a friend when David died and I've tried to be a friend and nothing more to him ever since. We have had Christian fellowship together, but you would not understand that, I'm afraid."

"I'm sorry," Cicily said in a voice that trembled. "Please forgive me. But what could I think when you refused to tell me where he was and then came here yourself? You had a good position there at home, so why should you want to come here where you knew no one, if you weren't in love with Barry?"

"You forget that I had memories that brought only sorrow there at home and that it didn't matter to me where I was since all of my family were gone. If I could be of service here and be of help to Barry, why shouldn't I come?"

"I'm sorry I was so suspicious, but I've been so upset. I know that is no excuse, but it is the only one I have," Cicily said contritely. Her voice became appealing. "Dale, please help me. I'm so desperate that I can't go on like this. How can I see Barry? I can't just barge in on him, but I must see him and have a chance to talk with him. Won't you help me?"

"I'll do what I can," Dale replied. If Cicily only knew what she was asking! She was asking her to give up the little hope that had struggled feebly within her and to turn Barry over to the girl who had once held his love and had thrown it away for a bubble which had burst.

"He may not want to see me at all," Cicily said despondently.

"I'm sure he won't refuse to talk to you," Dale told her. "Barry has started church services here and he will be preaching Sunday morning. You can go to church with me and then you can wait and see what happens after he knows you are here. I'm sure you will have a chance to talk to him."

"Thank's Dale. I'll do whatever you think best," Cicily said submissively.

"Now I'll have to see whether Mrs. Howard will let you have her other vacant room," Dale said.

Mrs. Howard agreed to let Cicily have the other room and agreed to let her have breakfast and dinner with the family as Dale did. Dale usually had her lunch at the factory with Barry.

The next day she sought Barry and told him that Cicily was there.

"What on earth is she doing here?" he asked in amazement.

"She came to see me. She didn't know you were here. You see, after we both went back home, she formed the habit of coming to me. Though I didn't tell you, I was her prop also. She was so desperately unhappy and I seemed to be able to give her some little comfort. She wanted to know where you were but I wouldn't tell her because I thought if you had wanted her to know you would have said so. She's so terribly unhappy, Barry, and she wants to see you and have a talk with you. When she begged me last night to tell her where you were, I told her you were here, because I knew she would find it out."

"Why should she want to talk with me?" he exclaimed. "I thought I had

told her all there was to tell her the last time I talked to her."

"She loves you, Barry. That's why she's so unhappy. She needs the Lord, but for some reason she would never let me talk to her about the soul. Do what you can to help her."

She felt that she was throwing away her last shred of hope. If Cicily had not come, perhaps he would have learned to love her. But now she felt sure that he never would. How could he, with Cicily at hand so lovely and still loving him so desperately?

"Where is she staying?" he asked presently.

"She's staying at Mrs. Howard's. You and I won't be having lunch together while she is here, for I'll have to eat with her at the cafe."

"I suppose that will be best. I'll be missing you." He gave her a wan smile. "Stick around," he said as she turned to leave. "I may be needing my prop." It was an attempt to be humorous but the smile he gave was far from humorous.

"I'm afraid that this is one time when you'll have to stand alone," she replied. Her heart beat rebelliously as she shut the door and went down the hall. That's all she would ever be, just a prop. If Cicily succeeded in winning him, he would no longer need her even as a prop.

Barry tried to concentrate upon the work on his desk but his mind refused to obey. Why had Cicily come back into his life just now when he had so many other things upon his mind to worry him? Though the bitterness he had felt toward her had been conquered, he resented her interrupting his relationship with Dale. The hours he spent with Dale were the one bright spot in a life which was, at present, far from happy.

No wonder Cicily would not let Dale talk to her about the Lord. She must know that if she accepted Christ as her Savior, she would have to tell the truth about her crime and he knew that she was too much afraid to ever do that. Poor Cicily! She was reaping what she had sowed. She had thrown away a love that would have made her happy and had plunged into a marriage where no love existed, in the vain hope that money would supply the happiness that love would have brought. She had tried to escape the penalty for her crime but now she was paying even more dearly in agony of soul and the sting of conscience which would exact payment through the years.

There were other things more important and more upsetting just now, however, than the presence of Cicily. Trouble was brewing at the plant. The men were threatening to strike. They had made impossible demands before voting on what they should do. Straps Duncan had succeeded in stirring them up to the point where they were determined to strike if their demands were not complied with. What no one knew

was that Straps had plans far more sinister than a strike. He knew that in one wing of that plant there were enough chemicals to blow the place to bits if a fire were to strike that particular wing. It was well protected from danger of accidental fire, but not from fire set by saboteurs.

He had worked patiently and cleverly and now the time was ripe for carrying out his plans. He felt sure that the demands of the strikers would be denied, for some of them were impossible and he had counted on that. If he could succeed in stirring them up to the point of marching upon the plant in a mob and making their demands, his plan would succeed.

Though neither Barry nor Mr. Compton had any suspicion of this plot, they could sense the growing tension and wondered what would be the outcome. If they had had any suspicion of possible violence, troops would have been requested to protect the plant, but there had been such a spirit of cooperation among the employees and they had seemed so well satisfied that neither Compton nor Barry suspected any attempt at violence. They hoped to be able to negotiate with the men. His men had been chosen with the greatest possible care, but when this trouble started, Compton suspected that somewhere among them was an enemy agent stirring them up.

Straps had kept himself under cover, for he knew that if Barry got a glimpse of him, he would know where the trouble was coming from. The methods he used to plant his poison in the minds of the employees were known only to himself, but they had succeeded even better than he had hoped. By the time Cicily had arrived, his whispering campaign against Barry had already accomplished what he had hoped. Those who had trusted Barry most now thought he was a hypocrite who had won his way to their trust by his pretense of being a preacher of the Gospel. Whatever influence he might have had over them to keep them from any mob violence had been destroyed.

He had won his way to the confidence of the men by pretending to be an undercover agent from one of the big unions in the East, sent there to check up on conditions at the plant. He had made them believe that their working conditions and salaries were far below what other similar plants were giving their employees. His cleverness and the gullibility of the men had enabled him to make his plans succeed thus far. By the time Cicily arrived, affairs were fast heading to a climax.

As Cicily walked to the school house for the morning service she was filled with apprehension. She would have preferred to meet Barry for the first time under different circumstances, but this was what Dale had suggested and she could think of no other way.

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE
October 26, 1958

Theme: **TEMPTATION IN THE WILDERNESS**

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It is human to be tempted; it is divine to resist.

INTRODUCTION: How often we have looked upon great saints and wished our lives were as spiritually easy and natural as theirs! We do not see that under the deep spiritual power there is deep spiritual conflict. Great souls have great temptations! The road to sainthood does not go over a four-lane highway. It is a "narrow way"—a rocky, rough, steep, treacherous and very lonely way. Many leave it after a very short and half-hearted effort.

But no matter where we go, we will meet with temptation. Rich or poor, strong or weak, educated or uneducated—each has his measure of temptation. There are no ideal circumstances or environment. Adam was tempted in Paradise and fell. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness and conquered. David was in a palace and yielded to temptation. Joseph was a slave and ran from temptation. From the experience of others, as well as from our own, we know that temptation must be met and resisted and, if no other way, to flee from it. (1 Tim. 6:11). To think about it and play with it is usually certain defeat. When the intellect begins to debate with the emotions the latter is sure to win.

I. PRAYER AND FASTING AND TEMPTATION. Matthew 4:1-2.

Many Christians have the mistaken belief that the more they pray and fast the less they will be tempted. Jesus did not use prayer and fasting to avoid temptation, but for spiritual strength to keep from yielding to temptation. Neither are prayer and fasting to be practiced in order to show people how strong we are. Rather, they are a confession of our own weakness and an evidence of our dependence on the power of God.

II. THE TEMPTATION OF PERSONAL NEEDS. Matthew 4:3-4.

The question is not that of supplying our own personal needs, whether it is the need of daily bread, clothing or shelter, but the order of importance of these needs. We can be so concerned about our physical needs that our spiritual needs are neglected. The Kingdom of God must come first, then God will include these other needs in the Kingdom. (Phil. 4:19).

III. THE TEMPTATION OF PERSONAL GLORY. Matthew 4:5-7.

One of the most subtle types of temptation, with which the Devil approaches us, is to give us the opportunity

of putting ourselves in the limelight and placing God in the shadows. Satan wanted to put Christ in the limelight and thus prevent God from putting his Son in the limelight in his own time and in his own way.

IV. THE TEMPTATION OF PERSONAL POWER. Matthew 4:8-10. Every ruler, whether it be Alexander, Caesar, Hitler or Stalin, has dreamed of conquering the world and exercising his authority to control it. The temptation, which was presented to Jesus, was the temptation to conquer the world by the sword instead of by the cross.

V. VICTORY THROUGH OBEDIENCE. Matthew 4:11.

In connection with this thought see Hebrews 5:8-9. The wilderness became a paradise of God when his angels came and ministered to his Son. Jesus could say, "It was worth it." The joy of obedience to God brought strength of spirit to his Son, for the salvation of the world hung in the balance.

A TEACHING GUIDE
November 2, 1958

Theme: **THE GALILEAN MINISTRY BEGINS**

Mark 1:14-22

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus went on from his baptism to his temptation, to his ministry, to his recruiting.

INTRODUCTION: In the Christian life there is a port of entry but no landing place. The Christian experience of entering the Kingdom of God through the new birth is only the beginning of a continual realization of God's plan for our whole life. Some stop when they have made a decision for Christ; others stop at baptism; many stop at church membership. Christianity is more than a rite or an ordinance or an organization. It is a life-long occupation, vocation, dedication and consecration.

After the baptism and temptation of Jesus, it was said of him that he "returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" (Luke 4:14). Much of the power of our Christian experience is wasted because we returned in weakness. After the inspiration of the message and the certainty of our decision and the exaltation of our baptism, we have often failed to go on to power and service. When we have once witnessed to what the Lord has done for us, we must go on witnessing in service and sacrifice.

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I. EXIT JOHN — ENTER JESUS!
Mark 1:14-15.

It was said of David that "after he had served his generation by the will of God he fell asleep" (Acts 13:36). That is our purpose in life, to serve our generation according to God's holy will. To find the cause for which we are born, the cause for which we are living and for which we are willing to die—this is the ideal of God for us. No greater service can be given to us.

II. THE DIVINE RECRUITING OFFICER. Mark 1:16-20.

The Gospel of Mark pictures Jesus as a man of action. Notice how often he used the expression: straightway! straightway! straightway! Mark gives the impression that Jesus knows what he wants, who he wants, and he wants action immediately. So important was John the Baptist in his ministry that Jesus continued the same message and appropriated some of the same disciples. By contrast, it seemed almost ridiculous to talk about the Kingdom of God in the shadow of the great Roman Empire, and to recruit coarse fishermen and illiterates to proclaim salvation to a sinful world. More than anyone else, Jesus knew what was in man, and he knew what man could become once the Holy Spirit took possession of him.

III. THE DIVINE TEACHER. Mark 1:21-22.

Many teachers teach to impart or to transfer knowledge. Jesus' teaching was so tremendous because he imparted the power of his own Spirit. He taught, not as the scribes and Pharisees, who prided themselves on their knowledge of the law, but with the power of his personal relationship with God, his Father. He was more than the law and the prophets because he was the fulfillment of all the law and the prophets. He taught the word because he was the Word!

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stands at 104,189,678 for all faiths—a gain for the year of 964,724. Of the nation's estimated 170,500,000 population, 61 per cent are reported members of churches or synagogues. This is the second highest on record—nearly twice as high as that for the turn of the century. For the first time since World War II, however, the percentage of membership increase was lower than the estimated population increase. Church membership rose by nine-tenths of one per cent; the estimated population increase was 1.7 per cent. Last year when 62 out of every 100 Americans were reported to have church affiliation, the membership rise was 3 per cent or nearly twice that of the estimated population rise. The latest annual compilation of church statistics, covering 255 church bodies in 48 states and the District of Columbia, appears in detail in the Yearbook of the American Churches, edited by the Rev. Dr. Benson Y. Landis, published September 2.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern Conference

Baptism of Eight Converts at Onoway, Alberta

From July 2 to 13 the Baptist Church of Onoway, Alberta, held evangelistic services with Rev. H. Pfeifer as evangelist. He and his wife were in our midst for this revival campaign. Brother Pfeifer's Feltograph talks and his heart searching messages brought blessing to young and old alike. The result was that eight young boys and girls accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Christians were challenged and brought to the foot of the cross, praying to the Lord for a revival that might be felt in the entire neighborhood.

On Sunday, August 10, the pastor, Rev. R. Jaster, baptized eight converts on confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This service was held at Alberta Beach. The Zion Baptist Band from Edmonton, Alberta, was with us and many visitors from far and near witnessed this wonderful scene. At 2:00 P.M. the Communion Service was held. The pastor brought a message challenging Christians to a life that is fully consecrated to the service of the Lord. Harvey Jaster sang the "Holy City" which lifted us to the courts of heaven. This great day came to a close with the observance of the Lord's Supper.

R. Jaster, Pastor

Vacation School at Winnipeg's McDermot Ave. Church

Vacation Bible School at McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Man., was conducted in the evenings from Aug. 11 to 22. With Ernie Rogalski as conductor and 15 teachers as guides, we went "Exploring God's Wonders." Opening exercises were held in the "Upper Room" with classes in the various Sunday School rooms of our new unit. The campaign to canvass the immediate vicinity resulted in an enrollment of 162 children, averaging 100.5 per evening; 35 pupils had a perfect attendance record. For variety, our



Vacation Bible School group in front of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltreit, and assistant pastor, Mr. H. Bushkowsky, provided a story on various evenings with special emphasis on conversion.

The results of our efforts cannot be fully determined, but with the children we must wholeheartedly and humbly join them in singing our theme song: "How Great Thou Art." The closing program was presented Sunday evening, after which everyone was invited to view the handwork displayed in the lower auditorium.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

Farewell Service for Pastor's Family, Camrose, Alberta

On Sunday, Aug. 31, Rev. Arnold Rapske, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alta., preached his farewell message, using as his text Romans 14:19—"Seek after peace!" He also reviewed the progress of the church and the various activities of the past two years. After the service the



The spiritual sons and daughters of the First Church, Leduc, Alberta. Left to right: V. Priebe, O. Patzia, L. Bienert, R. Kern, J. Benke, F. Mashner, Mrs. Agnes Mashner, Mrs. Cecilia Schwanke, Mrs. Myrtle Hein Funnell, and Mrs. Lillian Klatt.

ladies of the Mission Circle served a very fine dinner.

At the afternoon program Mr. Arthur Gerber acted as chairman. A very beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Glen Monson, "One Step at a Time." Mr. Robert Neske spoke in behalf of the Sunday School. Mr. Enos Lamprecht, president of the CBYF, thanked the Rapskes for the help they had been to the society. Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom spoke in behalf of the Mission Circle. Mrs. Glen Monson represented the Men's Brotherhood. Mr. R.

CHURCH DEDICATION,
OCTOBER 19

Dedication Services for the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., will be held from Sunday, Oct. 12, through Sunday, Oct. 19. All former members and friends are most cordially invited to share the blessings of this festive occasion.

— William Hoover, Pastor



Rev. R. Jaster of Onoway, Alberta, and 8 young Christians whom he recently baptized.

G. Soderstrom on behalf of the church presented Mr. and Mrs. Rapske and Dale Warren with a beautiful hostess chair, and wished them God's blessing in Mr. Rapske's new work as teacher at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Rapske responded with deep feelings since this had been their first church.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter

Homecoming at First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

Homecoming Sunday is an annual event at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta. On July 20, our church held a "different" service when all the "Sons" and "Daughters" of the church came "home" for a day of fellowship and inspiration prior to the General Conference in Edmonton. During the Sunday School Hour, a number of the returning pastors and pastors' wives taught classes. Later Mrs. Myrtle Hein Funnell spoke to the entire Sunday School. She is a daughter of the church and was one of the early missionaries to go to the Cameroons. During the worship service, Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., brought the message. He was the first son of the church to go into full-time Christian service.

In the afternoon a testimonial service, in which the sons and daughters of the church participated, was conducted. Those present to give their testimonies were: Rev. Victor Priebe, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. J. G. Benke, Madison, S. Dak.; Rev. Fred Ohlmann, Vernon, B. C.; Rev. and Mrs. Fred Mashner, Sheboygan, Wis.; Mrs. Myrtle Hein Funnell, Cameroons, West Africa; Mrs. Edgar Klatt, Kenosha, Wis.; Rev. Ruben Kern, Forest Park, Ill.; Rev. Otto Patzia, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Cecilia Schwanke of Alaska; Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Forest Park, Ill.; and Miss Georgene Kern, who is still at home, but is teaching at C.T.I. There were others who could not be present, some of whom sent greetings and messages of thanks and appreciation. After all the testimonials were heard, Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor of the church, responded in behalf of the church.

Fred J. Knalson, Pastor

Vacation Bible School at Wiesenthal, Millet, Alta.

A Vacation Bible School was held by the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Millet, Alberta, from July 28 - August 1st with 39 children enrolled. We had handwork, woodwork and Scripture memorization with Bible study. The theme was, "Exploring God's Wonders." There were five departments with teachers as follows: Nursery, Grace Fibich and Jean Adam; Beginners, Tillie Blade; Primary, Judy Meyers and Carie Kern; Juniors, Arlene Lessing and Dona Lessing; Intermediates, Marlene Dojohn. The director for the school was our pastor, Arthur Zeller.

The program on Sunday evening was presented to a large congregation and many people expressed their appreciation for the successful Bible School and for a good display of handwork.

Mrs. Arthur Zeller, Reporter

Large Vacation School, Faith Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

There has been a continual increase in registration from year to year in our summer children's work at the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask. This year we are particularly happy for the wonderful spirit that prevailed among the teachers and in the classrooms and which resulted in an unusual number of decisions for Christ. We are experiencing a space problem and pray that this coming year may see the completion of the church, thereby offering us opportunity for further growth and better facilities.



The Vacation Bible School staff of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan. Directors, departmental superintendents and Rev. R. Grabke, pastor are in the front row.

This year twelve homes were also used for conducting Bible School classes. The children's work this summer included sending 145 to camp and registering 596 at our Vacation Bible School. A staff of 106 included in the above did a fine task of reaching these children for Christ. The directors of the school were Ella Sailor and Dorothy Tominchuk. The pastor is Rev. Richard Grabke.

Isabel Gogel, Reporter

DUTY — "Duty is carrying on promptly and faithfully the affairs now before you. It is to fulfill the claims of today." — Thomas Carlyle



Children and teachers of the Wiesenthal Baptist Vacation Bible School near Millet, Alberta.

Pacific Conference

Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., Holds Vacation School

With 213 children enrolled and 217 averaging daily attendance, the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., conducted its Vacation Bible School from August 11 to 22, with Lloyd Kwast, director, aided by 60 teachers and helpers. Net offerings taken were \$226, given to the church building

card scrapbooks with stories, shell boxes containing donated toys and "skinny-penny" note books.

Department superintendents were Mrs. Evelyn Bradley, Nursery; Mrs. Hulda Schneider, Fours; Mrs. Edith Vanderbeck, Kindergarten; Miss Nancy Bressel, Primary; Mrs. Carrie Lambert, Lower Juniors, Mrs. Helen Ballman, Upper Juniors and Mrs. Viola Eggert, Crafts.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

Encouraging Summer Events, First Church, Lodi, California

The Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., was again a huge success, for which we praise the Lord. This year it was under the leadership of our student pastor, Mr. Allen Strohschein, who came to us from the Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. We had an enrollment of 190 children, with an average attendance of 159 children. We thank God for the willingness of the 31 teachers and helpers who worked faithfully. At the close of the session a very fine program was presented. The mission offering amounted to \$114.00.

We were truly happy to have had Mr. Allen Strohschein and his wife and daughter with us during the summer months, and we grew to love them very much, not only for themselves, but for their devotion to the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. The summer months went by all too fast, and they have had to return to the Seminary for their last year of school. It is our prayer that God will bless them mightily in the months and years to come.

Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. B. Rich, Oregon's Bethany Church

Mr. Bruce Rich of the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, met with an ordination council on Sept. 5, at the Bethany Church. The council was composed of 21 delegates from 8 churches of the Oregon Association. Rev. Arthur Schulz, pastor of the host church, welcomed the council. Mr. Rich gave a good account of his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and views of Christian doctrine.

The ordination service was held that same evening with the moderator presiding. Rev. Eldon Seibold led the song service, Mr. Allen Bortel read the Scripture, and Mr. Earl Marks led in the evening prayer. The ordination sermon was preached by the pastor of the church, Rev. Arthur Schulz. The ordination prayer and the laying on of hands was led by Rev. Henry Barnett. Rev. Everett Barker gave the charge to the candidate and Rev. Otto Roth gave the charge to the church. Rev. Eldon Seibold welcomed the candidate into the ministry. Rev. Bruce Rich closed the service with the benediction.

Mr. Rich is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He served as the pastor of the Southwood Park Baptist Church of Portland during the summer months. At present he is awaiting a call to further Christian service.

Ervin A. Gerlitz, Reporter

Dakota Conference

Twelve Converts Baptized at Martin, North Dakota

A baptismal service was held recently by the Baptist Church of Martin, North Dakota. At an impressive ceremony by the lakeside, the pastor, Rev. L. D. Potratz, baptized 12 young people. Many of these had made their decisions for Christ during the meetings of "God's Volunteers." These, along with four others received by church letter, were given the right hand of fellowship into the membership of our church.

Mrs. Betty Kessler, Reporter



Young people baptized and received into the Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak., by Rev. L. D. Potratz, pastor (center).

Vacation Bible School at Rapid City, South Dakota

We of the South Canyon Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., were happy to have our new pastor, Rev. Loren Weber, and wife arrive on the field so we might continue our plans for Vacation Bible School. God granted us a good week August 18 to 22. We had an enrollment of 71 with attendance varying from 44 to 62. Our emphasis in missions covered both home and foreign areas. We were happy to have a goodly number of parents present for our program on Friday evening. Three girls from Selfridge, N. Dak.: DeLores, Florence and Dorene Walker, came to help us. We thank the Lord for these who come and for those who pray for the work here.



The South Dakota CBYF Junior Camp at Mitchell, S. Dak. (left) was attended by 103 boys and girls and 19 counselors, and about 85 young people and counselors from South Dakota churches (right) were registered for the Young People's Camp.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, South Dakota; Rev. Loren Weber, pastor, is at the extreme right, standing.

On August 28th we gathered at the park with the youngsters for a time of fun. The parents came later and joined in the entertainment. A bounteous pot-luck supper was enjoyed by all in our annual picnic. Rev. Loren Weber led us in devotions to close a happy time of fellowship.

Minnie Peters, Reporter

South Dakota Young People's Camp at Mitchell

In spite of several days of cool weather, the young people of the South Dakota Association enjoyed a wonderful time of Christian fun, fellowship, and study at Camp Riverside near Mitchell from August 18-22. About 85 campers and counsellors were registered for camp, with many more attending the evening services each night. Our guest speakers, who were Miss Berneice Westerman and Rev. Herman Palfenier, taught a class every morning, and spoke during the evening services.

The all night prayer chain, beginning on Wednesday night at "lights out" time and continuing until Thursday morning reveille, gave the campers a feeling of unity in prayer as each one in turn brought before God the requests which were made known by the group. On Thursday evening the film, "Silent Witness," was shown. We are thankful that at the close of this service, several young people made a decision to be better witnesses for Christ in their daily lives. Some other highlights of camp were a mixer, talent night, two campfires and numbers by the choir.

The officers elected for the next year

are: president, Larry Winter; vice-president, James DeBoer; secretary, Fern Jacobs; and treasurer, Lois Mehlhaff.

DeLana Saylor, Reporter

South Dakota C.B.Y.F. Junior Camp at Mitchell

Camp Riverside at Mitchell, S. Dak., was the site of the South Dakota C. B. Y. F. Junior Camp. One hundred and three boys and girls and 19 counselors registered for camp during August 11-15. Campers and counselors alike were blessed as we prayed, studied, worshipped and played together. Classes were conducted daily by Rev. G. K. Zimmermann and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger. Rev. Herman Palfenier spoke at the chapel services which were held each morning. The three guest speakers also spoke during the evening services.

On Thursday evening an inspirational service was arranged in which the campers participated with testimonies, Scripture reading, special music, and story telling. Campers met in small groups with their counselor each morning to begin the day with devotions. A mixer, a vesper service and two campfires were added attractions during the camp time. The theme, "Not Your Own," based on 1 Cor. 6:19 and 20 was carried out throughout the camp session. "Thine, Lord, Only Thine," was the theme song. We rejoice that several young people accepted Christ as Savior at camp.

Gladys Hcogastraat, Reporter

Ground-Breaking at Peoria

Mrs. Vinz turns earth for fourth location of State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois

ASPRY, bright-eyed lady of 88 summers had a big job to do on Sunday, August 24. She took a shovel in hand and turned the first piece of ground at the site of the new location of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois.

Interviewed by a newspaperman in advance of the historic event, Mrs. Elizabeth Vinz said she wasn't the least bit worried about the work involved. "Maybe I'll need a couple of men to steady me," she laughed, "but I don't think I'll have any trouble with the shovel."

And she didn't have any trouble, either. As cameras from TV and newspaper photographers ground away, and literally surrounded by "shutterbugs" who were snapping the ground-breaking for their own personal scrapbooks, "Grandma" Vinz very successfully turned the initial spadeful—and construction of State Park Baptist Church's new building got its official start.

Mrs. Vinz has been a member of the church 75 years. She is the oldest member in terms of length of membership. (Henry G. Kuck, who was 92 years old this Sept. 26, is the oldest member in terms of age, and second oldest in terms of membership: 73

years. He was unable to participate in the ground-breaking ceremonies. Mr. Kuck was instrumental in the planning and building of the present structure which the church is vacating).

During her 75 years of membership, Mrs. Vinz attended the church at three different locations and has seen 13 ministers come and go. She was 11 years old when she joined, and recalls: "It was the German Baptist church then. But World War I came along and the name was changed to State Park Baptist Church."

Participating in the ground-breaking were Rev. Edgar B. Wesner, pastor of the church; Calvin Stone, chairman of the Building Committee; William Schultz, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees; George Axmann, Chairman of the Board of Deacons; A. W. Parker, Sunday School superintendent; and C. H. Warner of C. H. Warner & Sons, the contractor who is building the church.

Special greetings from the North American Baptist General Conference were brought by Mr. Walter W. Grosser of La Grange Park, Ill., immediate past moderator of the General Conference.

Walter Kohrs, Reporter

Baptismal Service for Immanuel Church, Beulah, North Dakota

On Sunday afternoon, August 3, members and friends of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah and Zap, N. Dak., gathered on the banks of the Knife River near Beulah for a baptismal service. The service began with all joining in the singing, "Shall We Gather At the River?" The pastor, Rev. John Wood, read from God's Word and led in prayer, after which nine candidates followed their Lord in baptism.

In the evening the Lord's Supper was observed at the church at which time these nine new members were

welcomed into the fellowship of the church. We are thankful for these blessings which the Lord has granted us.

Mrs. John Wood, Reporter

Central Conference

Missionaries "The Ahrens" at Immanuel Church, Kankakee

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, missionaries to the Cameroons, West Africa, gave the messages at the various services of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois, on Sunday, August 31st. Dr. Louis R. Johnson is the pas-

Obituary

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

MR. JOHN H. SEIBEL of Harvey, North Dakota

Mr. John H. Seibel, aged 81, of Harvey, N. Dak., died at the Harvey Hospital Aug. 10, 1958. He was born in Russia, April 18, 1877. He came to this country as a boy, settling with his parents at Olivet, S. Dak., in 1888. He was married there in February 1900 to Lucy Delk. The same year he came to the Lincoln Valley community where he farmed until retirement in 1953. That year he came to Harvey to make his home. Not until later in life did he profess faith in his Savior. He faithfully attended and supported the church. Surviving are 5 sons and 6 daughters and their families 5 brothers and 2 sisters. Mrs. Seibel, 2 sons and a daughter preceded him in death. In Rev. A. Krombein's absence, the undersigned was requested to serve at the memorial service held in the Lincoln Valley church.

Lincoln Valley, North Dakota
A. W. BIBELHEIMER,
Officiating Minister

MR. HENRY NEUMANN of Tacoma, Washington

Mr. Henry Neumann of Tacoma, Wash., was born March 13, 1874 in Germany. In 1898 he was joined in marriage to Eliza Rahlke. This union was blessed with seven children. Mr. Neumann came to America just preceding World War I, and could not bring his family. After the war, his wife was ill and could not come. She went to be with the Lord July 22, 1922, after which the children came to America to be reunited with their father. In 1923 he married Augusta Johnson. They moved to Washington in 1923 where he had lived since.

He had a stroke in December, 1957 from which he never recovered and passed away last spring. In Germany he was a deacon, a lay preacher, and youth worker. In America he was a Sunday School teacher for many years. His first love was the Lord and his house. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife Augusta; six sons: Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, Calif.; Kurt, John, Alfred, Eric and Harry; one daughter, Elsa Neubauer; all of Portland, Ore. Interment was at Portland, Oregon.

Calvary Baptist Church,
Tacoma, Washington
ROBERT S. HESS, Pastor

tor. Mr. Ahrens spoke in the two morning services and told us of his duties (many and varied) and gave a wonderful report about his work.

At noon a potluck or covered dish dinner was held honoring the Ahrens and a blessed time of fellowship was had so that the missionaries and the church people could become better acquainted. The Lord even cooperated and gave us a beautiful day. Due to vacations, etc., not as large a crowd came as was expected but it was a good and blessed time for all who attended. Mr. Ahrens showed slides of their work and spoke also at the Adult Training Union. In the evening service Mrs. Ahrens spoke on the Women's Work in the Cameroons and her activities, which was of great interest to us.

Alice Luhrs, Clerk

Eastern Conference

Women's Meetings at Eastern Conference, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On Friday evening, Aug. 22, the Woman's Missionary Union of the Eastern Conference was in charge of

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MRS. CARL MOSER of Streeter, North Dakota

Mrs. Carl Moser, nee Meidinger, of Streeter, N. Dak., died on August 4, 1958, at a Jamestown hospital following a long illness. Alma Meidinger was born Sept. 20, 1902 at Medina, N. Dak. She attended the Medina schools and lived with her parents on a farm near Medina. On Oct. 20, 1920 she and Carl Moser were united in marriage and began farming seven miles southwest of Medina. In 1923 they moved to Streeter where Mr. Moser has been engaged in business. She was a member of the Baptist Church in Streeter.

She is survived by her husband; four children: Alice (Mrs. Adolph Siegle), Streeter, N. Dak.; Elizabeth (Mrs. Lawrence Deutscher), Selah Wash.; LeRoy, Streeter, and Darrel, Fargo, N. Dak.; five grandchildren, four brothers, a half-brother, a half-sister, and two step-brothers. The funeral service was held August 8 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Streeter with Rev. Emanuel Broeckel, Bismarck, N. Dak., officiating. Rev. Raymond Rueb of Streeter assisted with the service.

Burial was in the Streeter cemetery.
Streeter, North Dakota

THE FAMILY

MR. THEODORE J. SCHRAMM of Winnipeg, Manitoba

Mr. Theodore John Schramm of Winnipeg, Man., was born in Russia on January 4, 1912. With his parents, he came to Canada in 1923 and settled in Glidden, Sask., but later moved to Trochu, Alberta. In 1940 he took up residence in Winnipeg and served in the Royal Canadian Navy during the last war. He was married to Mary Biluk in 1946.

Mr. Schramm developed a heart condition three years ago. A recurrence of this disease proved to be fatal on September 30, 1958 while on a business trip to the East. He was hospitalized at Steven's Point, Wis., on Friday, August 29, and died the following Sunday. Funeral services were held in Winnipeg from Kerr's Funeral Chapel to the Brookside Cemetery. Rev. David Berg officiated.

Left to mourn are his wife, Mary; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schramm of Trochu, Alberta; one brother, Eugene, also of Trochu, Alberta; and one sister, Mrs. T. Garner of Ninamba, B. C.

Winnipeg, Manitoba
DAVID BERG, Correspondent

MRS. ANNA DREYER of Aplington, Iowa

Mrs. Anna Wiesley Dreyer of Aplington, Iowa, was born Nov. 5, 1886 in Coal City, Ill., the daughter of Rev. Louis and Rosina Wiesley. In 1901 the family moved to Aplington, Iowa, where Rev. L. Wiesley became the pastor of the Baptist Church. She gave her heart to the Lord in the early years of her life and was baptized by her father into the fellowship of the Aplington Baptist Church where she remained a most loyal member until the time of her passing.

On March 13, 1907 she was united in marriage to Arend Dreyer. To this union were born six children. She passed from this life on Sunday, Sept. 7, having attained the age of 71 years, 10 months, and 2 days. She is survived by her husband; five children: Mrs. Calvin Snittjer of Parkersburg; Louis; Robert of St. Ansgar; and William of Los Angeles, Cal. One son, Henry Milton, preceded her in death in 1943.

Aplington, Iowa
DONALD PATET, Pastor

MR. HENRY ROSOM of Regina, Saskatchewan

Mr. Henry Rosom of Regina, Sask., was born at Seven Persons, Alberta, August 14, 1890. He passed to his heavenly rest July 31st. As a boy Mr. Rosom moved with his family to the Davin district. He farmed there until three years ago, when he retired to Regina. Mr. Rosom accepted the Lord at age of 16 years. He was active in the service of his Lord and his community. He served as superintendent of Davin Sunday School for 16 years and as deacon of the church for 8 years.

He was joined in marriage to Minnie Revwitz in 1915 with Rev. Klaus Pohlman officiating. Six children were born to this union, of whom two died in infancy. Mr. Rosom leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Minnie; three sons: Ernest and Edward of Davin; Walter of Calgary; one

daughter, Ruby (Mrs. Albert Lang) of Southey, Sask.; two brothers: John and William of Davin, 12 grandchildren and a host of friends.

Faith Baptist Church,
Regina, Saskatchewan
R. E. GRABKE, Pastor

MR. CHRIST DOHN of Ventura, North Dakota

Mr. Christ Dohn of Ventura, N. Dak., was born January 28, 1884 in Johannesthal, Russia. He came to this country in 1889 and settled in McPherson County, S. Dak. He died August 25 of a heart condition at the age of 74 years, 6 months and 27 days. He was converted and baptized in 1904 and was a member of the Ventura Baptist Church. In 1909 he married Sophia Bertsch. They spent their life farming until they retired in 1948 and moved to Ventura.

He is survived by his wife; 8 children: Adolph, Edmund and Theophil of Greenway, S. Dak.; Albert of LaMoure, N. Dak.; Walter of Eureka, S. Dak.; Otilda and Clara (Mrs. August Dockter) of Ventura and Martha (Mrs. Orvin Bader) of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; 16 grandchildren, one brother, Robert Dohn of Bismarck, N. Dak., one sister, Louisa (Mrs. Fred Loeb) of Leola, S. Dak. Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dak., assisted in the service.

Venturia, North Dakota
ORVILLE H. METH, Pastor

MR. GEORGE A. PEPPEL of Melville, North Dakota

Mr. George A. Peppel of Melville, N. Dak., was born January 1, 1893 in Rumania. In 1905 he emigrated with his parents to Argentina, South America, where he lived for seven years. In 1912 they moved to North Dakota where they settled in the Carrington district. On Nov. 18, 1920 he was united in marriage to Katherine Klein. The family resided in Wells and Foster Counties for 34 years and in 1954 they moved to Melville, N. Dak. In 1925 Mr. Peppel accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized at Cathay where he was also taken into the fellowship of the church. His was a joyous witness for his Lord through the years.

On July 31, 1958 he passed away at the age of 65 years and seven months. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife; two daughters: Mrs. Elvin Gedrose (Aurelia) of Melville; Mrs. Ben Edinger (Frieda) of Carrington; two sons: Percy and Perry of Melville; and 4 grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Bernard Edinger of Gackle, N. Dak., and a nephew, Rev. Edwin Michelson of McLaughlin, S. Dak.

Calvary Baptist Church,
Carrington, North Dakota
EDWIN MICHELSON, Reporter

MRS. MARGARET (Maggie) HANHARDT of Bison, Kansas

Mrs. Margaret (Maggie) Hanhardt of Bison, Kansas, was born Nov. 26, 1893, in Krim, Russia. She passed away August 29, 1958 at the age of 64 years, 8 months and one day. She was united in a happy marriage union with Mr. Alex Hanhardt on January 18, 1917. She was baptized into Christ on May 12, 1918. As a modest and faithful soul of her Lord, she endeared herself to her family and her friends. She and her husband made their home farming in the vicinity of Bison until 1944 when they moved into Bison. Since then they worked together about five years in St. John's Academy of Salina.

Remaining to mourn her homegoing is her husband; two sons: Harold of Aztec, N. M.; Raymond of La Crosse, Wis.; a daughter, Ruth (Mrs. Mike O'Brien) of Aztec, N. M.; and 11 grandchildren. Since her home church is not yet completed, she was buried from the Bison Methodist Church and interred in the Baptist Cemetery. Officiating in her service were Rev. Harold Fischer, a former pastor, and Rev. Oliver Ringering the pastor.

Bison, Kansas
OLIVER K. RINGERING, Pastor

MR. HENRY J. ARENDS of Parkersburg, Iowa

Mr. Henry J. Arends of Parkersburg, Iowa, was born on July 6, 1889, in Aplington, Iowa, where he spent his youth and young manhood days. In his teens he accepted Christ as his Savior, was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Aplington Baptist Church. He was united in marriage with Amanda Leander on Sept. 25, 1913, and this home was blessed with two children. Later, he and his family

moved to LeMars, Iowa, and in 1937 moved to Parkersburg, where he lived until his passing away on August 26, 1958. He attained the age of 69 years, one month and 20 days. His wife preceded him in death 16 years ago.

He leaves to mourn his passing two children: Marion of Parkersburg and Bob of Milwaukee, Wis.; three grandchildren, and two sisters: Miss Gertrude Arends and Mrs. Florence Sheffler, both of Cedar Falls, Iowa. He was a faithful member and worker of the Calvary Baptist Church. He leaves a rich heritage in spiritual things.

Calvary Baptist Church,
Parkersburg, Iowa
RAYMOND F. DICKAU, Pastor

REV. CHARLES E. SCHOENLEBER of Yakima, Washington

Rev. Charles Eugene Schoenleber was born in Schorndorf, Wuerttemberg, Germany, Dec. 26, 1881. In 1898 he was converted and found the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior. For three years he was a Salvation Army officer in Germany. He was then drafted into the German army. He became a licensed local preacher of the Methodist Church there. In 1907 he married Magdalena Hauber. In 1909 he received a call to serve a church in America. Here he served the following Methodist churches: Denison, Iowa; Tolstoy, S. Dak.; Wilmot, S. Dak.; Parker, S. Dak.; and Candon Settlement, S. Dak. In 1925 he moved with his family to Oregon.

Being convinced that baptism after personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior is the only biblical way of baptism and the command of our Lord, he and his wife were baptized by the Rev. Jacob Kratt at Portland, Oregon. He then served the following Baptist churches: American Falls, Idaho; Freewater, Oregon; Lind, Wash.; Odessa, Wash.; and Startup, Wash.

For reasons of health he gave up the active ministry and for about 9 years was in business in Roseburg, Oregon. In 1951 they moved to Yakima, Washington, where they became members of the West Side Baptist Church.

Of this marriage 5 children were born. The names of the living children are: Mrs. Eyer L. Elliott, Yakima, Wash.; Mrs. George H. Holt, Bellevue, Wash.; and Walter G. Schoenleber, also of Bellevue, Washington.

Yakima, Washington
THE FAMILY

REV. EMIL BECKER of New Leipzig, North Dakota

The Rev. Emil Becker of New Leipzig, N. Dak., was born at Kassel, South Russia, Oct. 28, 1896 and passed away in the Bismark Hospital, after a lingering illness, on Sept. 2, 1958 at the age of 61 years, 10 months and 4 days. The funeral services were held in the Baptist church of New Leipzig, N. Dak., on Sept. 5th and in the Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., on Sept. 6th. The burial took place in the Goodrich Cemetery.

Emil Becker came to Hilda, Alberta, with his parents in 1913. He confessed his faith in Christ in baptism in Hilda in 1919, being baptized by Rev. E. P. Wahl. The Lord laid his hand upon him and called him into the service of the ministry in which he served 30 years. He attended the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., 1920 to 1926. In his ministry he served the churches of Ableman, Wis.; Hutchinson, Minn.; Washburn, N. Dak.; Herreid, S. Dak.; Bethany Church, Vancouver, B. C.; Buena, Wash.; and New Leipzig, N. Dak. Faithful was his service unto the Lord, and many souls found their Lord through his faithful preaching of the Word.

He was married on June 25, 1926 at Goodrich, N. Dak., to Marie Mauch, which marriage was blessed with two daughters. He leaves behind to mourn his death his wife, and his two daughters: Virginia (Mrs. Orvil Chamman), missionary with her husband in the Belgian Congo, Africa; and Elaine (Mrs. Charles Morrison), of Pullman, Washington.

Rev. Emil Becker proved to be of a fine Christian character. We learned to know him and appreciate him, since he was always ready to cooperate in his gracious way, always ready and willing to take any assignment given him, working as unto the Lord, as health permitted. He was a true co-laborer in the Lord in advancing the cause of Christ and in shepherding the flock entrusted unto his care.

New Leipzig, North Dakota
C. H. SEECAMP, Correspondent



Rev. John Wood (rear row, right) pastor of the Immanuel Church, Beulah and Zap, N. Dak., and nine converts whom he recently baptized in the waters of Knife River.

THE TORCH BEARER

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How would he act when they met again? Their last meeting remained so vividly in her mind: his bitterness and contempt for her cowardice. Would she ever be able to revive his love or had it been killed forever? She would soon know. She must know. She could not go on in this uncertainty, alternating between hope and despair. She felt that if she could just have a chance to talk to him under different circumstances than their last interview, she would have a chance to plead for the love she had once held. That was her one hope.

Barry took his place on the platform and his eyes scanned the small congregation. They rested upon Cicily for a moment and he saw the tearful pleading in her eyes. He recalled the last time he had seen her in his congregation and how the sight of her had brought to life the love that he had thought dead forever. Now as he met her eyes he knew that that love was really gone forever and that it could never come to life again to disturb him.

His glance wandered to Dale and Cicily caught the quick look of warmth that leaped into his eyes and she saw the color rise in Dale's face in response to that glance. Her heart felt like lead within her. She knew, with the keen intuition of jealousy, that Dale was in love with Barry. Dale had not denied it, she had just side-stepped the issue when she had been accused of it in their first conversation after Cicily's arrival. Resentment and jealousy and the desperation of despair battled within her as she tried to listen to Barry's sermon. At first she found it difficult to concentrate upon what he was saying, for her thoughts were on her own problems, but as she listened, her attention was held by what he was saying. His sermon seemed directed to her alone and it stirred her as she

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

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the service at the Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Everyone was inspired by the beautiful music and a message by Dr. George Dunger. A play, "The Lost Church," was given by the women of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, which brought out the theme of the conference, "The Christian Home in Modern Society."

On Saturday morning after a breakfast the Woman's Missionary Union held its business meeting. Mrs. Arthur Kannwischer of New Kensington, Pa., led the devotions and a brief message was brought by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.

Mrs. Arthur Weisser presided at the business session. The officers elected for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Arthur Weisser, Rochester, N. Y.; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Adam Yung, Pittsburgh, Pa.; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Henry Ramus, Neustadt, Ont.; secretary, Mrs. Norman Berkan, Killaloe, Ont.; treasurer, Mrs. Robert Portonier, Erie, Pa. The women decided that their goal for the next three years will be \$2,000 for the Woman's Missionary Union project.

Mrs. Norman Berkan, Secretary

had never been stirred before. She would never listen to Dale, for she did not want to have to face her own soul's condition. It disturbed her to even begin to think about it. But now she had to listen and as she did, the sense of her own guilt and cowardice weighed more heavily upon her soul than ever before. She realized what she had never before been willing to face, the fact that she would have to atone for what she had done, or she would pay the penalty through all eternity.

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PASTORS' RETREAT

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tian warmth and fellowship. This was evident again as the pastors gathered for the closing testimony and praise service on Saturday evening. One by one they told of how the Lord had blessed and helped them through the year since the first retreat. There had been financial hardships when churches did not pay salaries in full or on time. There had been illness. But also there had been specific answers to prayer: people won to Christ, increased church attendance, the beginning of men's meetings.

Whatever their lot had been, none of them seemed, in that hour, to be disheartened or discouraged. In the words of the song, they had decided to follow Jesus . . . and from that decision there was no turning back.

CAMEROONS PASTORS

Baptist Herald readers may be interested in the names of the 16 pastors and their respective fields. (In our Cameroons Baptist work there are men known as church teachers, preaching and holding services in our churches. However, these have not been ordained to God's work in a formal ordination service.)

The pastors are as follows (first names not always known): Joseph Chufu, Dom, Jator, and Mfunya, all of the Ndu Field; Daniel Mokwele, Kumba Field; Nformi, Victoria Field; Ndi-chafah, Bamenda Field; Nshing, Belo Field; Stephen Nteff, Belo Field (former Bible School tutor now training in Nigeria); David Nyanganji, Mbem Field (now tutor at Bible School); Tangi, Belo Field; John Toge, Mbem Field (now a student at Bible School); Tubucuh, Bamenda Field; Adolph Wemson, Soppo Field (Soppo Church); David Wepngong, Victoria Field; and Yerima, Banso Field.

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