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Berlin Entertains European Baptists*

March of Events

• A memorial tablet to the late Dr. John R. Mott, given by seven of the interdenominational religious organizations with which he was associated, was unveiled in Washington Cathedral (Episcopal) in Washington, D. C. He was buried in the Cathedral's chapel of St. Joseph of Arimathea after his death January 31, 1955. He received the Nobel peace prize for his Christian leadership in creating international understanding.

—The Watchman-Examiner

• Carlos P. Garcia, president of the Philippines, upon receiving a gift copy of the Bible, revealed his favorite verse to be Galatians 6:7. Applying that text towards every act of injustice committed toward his administration, he declared: "That is the simple truth. Jesus Christ put it in simple words to remind man that no act of vindictiveness or injustice will go unpunished. A man answers for every act he commits."

—Moody Monthly

• Allan Lea, a student at Briercrest Bible Institute, Saskatchewan, Canada, is the first Canadian in 67 years to win the Founder's prize of the Children's Royal Academy in London, England. His water-color landscape, completed during his last year in high school last year, won him a Gold Star certificate—only five are awarded—and a collection of books. Allan, who would like to be an artist, has decided instead to prepare himself for Christian service.

• In February, 1958, Cairo, third largest Centre of the United Presbyterian Church, became the headquarters city of a new Egyptian Evangelical Church. Twenty Cairo congregations have grown from the parent Ezbekia Church, founded 96 years ago on the property of the United Presbyterian Mission. Delegates convened in March in this historic church to complete plans for the new denomination, to be known formally as the Coptic Evangelical Church in the Nile Valley. Membership totals 30,000 with some 45,000 adherents. Some 140 pastors and lay evangelists minister to 196 congregations in Egypt and the Sudan.

—The Evangelical Christian

• The Sudan Interior Mission announces the merging of its two arms of print, the "Niger Press" and the "African Challenge." The union, made official in Jos in November, 1957, is regarded as a most strategic move in the history of the modern missionary literature program. It will combine the experience of a pioneer organization in the field of missionary printing with the younger, newer establishment, both of whom are ready and eager to meet the challenge of the hour in a new literature offensive. The Niger Press began printing in 1910, and over the

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
"The doctrines of grace humble man without degrading, and exalt him without inflating him."

—Charles Hodge

years has expanded its facilities until recently it produced four million pages in four months. The African Challenge, with its highly successful "man-on-the-street" literature has, since 1951, increased its English edition circulation to the latest figure of 185,000.

—The Evangelical Christian

• Average salary for Protestant ministers today is \$4,432 a year, about 25 per cent more than it was five years

Baptist Briefs

• **New Name for Baptist Group.** The Baptist General Conference of America has voted to change its name to "Baptist General Conference." Until the conference constitution is changed, the new name will not apply for another year. The change was made because the Conference includes a number of churches in Canada. In 1945 the conference dropped the word "Swedish" from its name.

• **National Baptist Convention.** Philadelphia has been selected as headquarters for the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc. Board chairmen and secretaries of the organization from all sections of the country have conferred with President J. H. Jackson for the specific business of unifying services of the boards. The purpose for such a central headquarters is to strengthen all agencies and develop a unified budget which would financially strengthen all their work.

• **President of ABEA.** Dr. Herbert Gezork, Newton Centre, Mass., president of Andover Newton School, was elected president of the American Baptist Education Association (ABEA)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NUMBER

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK to be observed in all churches — September 28 - October 5, 1958.

Theme for the week: **OPEN DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY.**

Read the many fine articles in this issue and the literature on SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK sent to your church.

ago. New England ministers were the lowest paid and ministers in the Southwest the highest paid, according to the survey by the National Council of Churches. One major problem, according to the survey, is the lack of adequate reimbursement for car expenses. Two thirds of the ministers reported that they were in debt. A preacher from Indiana commented, "Most people want the preacher to live on earth and board in heaven."

• The city of Rochester, N. Y., has won the first World Brotherhood award. Announcement to that effect was made by Carlos P. Romulo, ambassador to the U. S. from the Philip-

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June 28 at a conference convening at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Other officers elected included the vice-president, Dr. Reuben P. Jeschke, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., president of Sioux Falls College; and the secretary-treasurer, the Rev. Earl F. Spencer, State College, Pa., university pastor at Penn State University.

—The Watchman-Examiner

• **Polish Baptists Observe Centennial.** Baptists in Poland celebrated the 100th anniversary of their beginnings in this country with a three-day observance July 11-13. Rev. Alexander Kircun, president of the Baptist Union of Poland, presided. Representatives from Sweden, Russia, Denmark, East Germany, West Germany, Canada and the United States of America joined Polish Baptists in the observance. Included among those on the program were Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Alliance. Dr. Adams and Mr. Denny were received by the Polish government's Minister of Religious Affairs, who assured them that Baptists and other evangelicals have freedom of worship and education. Plans are underway for a new building for the Warsaw Baptist Church on land made available by the government near the heart of Warsaw.

• **Baptist Is Chief of Army Chaplains.** President Eisenhower nominated Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Frank A. Tobey (American Baptist) as new chief of Army chaplains. He will succeed Chaplain (Major Gen.) Patrick J. Ryan (Roman Catholic) who will retire November 1 after 30 years of service. Chaplain Tobey, who was decorated

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Editorial

Open Doors of Opportunity

Guest Editorial by Reverend G. K. Zimmerman

General Secretary, Sunday School Union

ADVANCEMENTS were evident in every phase of our work as the reports were given at our General Conference in Edmonton this past summer. We rejoice over the increase in our church and Sunday School membership and in our missionary adventures at home and abroad. It can truly be stated that God has abundantly blessed us by guiding and providing according to his will.

To assure even greater advances, we must set new goals and challenging objectives for the years before us. The Sunday School Union has announced the theme, OPEN DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY, for the next triennium, and now calls upon all our Sunday Schools to join in the challenge which was brought to the church which first heard these words, "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it" (Rev. 3:8).

Our Sunday Schools are asked to launch this theme during Sunday School Week from September 28 through October 5. The suggested program for this week, which was made available to the superintendents and pastors, provides a united effort on the part of all our schools to challenge all our Sunday School scholars and church members to attain goals during the next three years which will call for the utmost in faith, prayer and service.

There are three areas which should especially be considered as we seek to enter the OPEN DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY. The first of these is "spiritual dynamics." Our accomplishments for the Lord Jesus through the multiple open doors of opportunity will only be possible in building his Kingdom if pastors, superintendents, teachers and other workers in our Sunday Schools maintain a consistent spiritual growth through prayer, Bible study, and fellowship with God. All of us experience the tug of the forces of this world which seek to keep us from giving our best and our all for Christ who gave his all. The open doors before us must bring us to spiritual heights which heretofore have not been our experience.

Another area, in which all of us must share as members of our churches, is that of being confident leaders. Never before in the history of our nation has so great a stress been placed upon training. In every realm of development, be it science, industry or agriculture, we note that the key to success is better training. As Christians, we are charged with the greatest responsibility in the world, namely, to proclaim Christ as the Redeemer of mankind. To reach the multitudes in our respective areas for Christ we must sacrifice time and effort to be more fully trained. Every school should make it a requirement for all of its workers to share in at least one training course a year. The open doors before us require the best.

A third area which needs our consideration is the "field which is ripe unto harvest." Spiritual adequacy and trained confident leadership are pre-requisites for a look to the open doors of our communities to win the lost to Christ and teach the Gospel to all men. Not a single community is without a goodly number of prospects who need to be brought into our Sunday Schools. Scarcely 25 percent of our population is enrolled in Sunday School. With a vision to win for Christ in the next five years, we will achieve the goal set by our Sunday School Union to have "60,000 enrolled in our Sunday Schools by 1964."

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A friendly hand and a sincere welcome can win others to Sunday School from your neighborhood and community and win them for Christ.

Open Doors Into the Community

The open doors of the community are the Sunday School's chief opportunities for growth.

By Rev. D. J. Draewell of Auburn, Michigan

"WE ARE not interested in numbers" is a devilish doctrine! What a tragedy that sometimes Sunday School workers piously repeat this statement as a cover-up for their numerically stagnant schools.

"We are holding our own" is not a good enough report when we realize that Christ died for the sins of ALL men! The population of our country is soaring. Sunday Schools MUST grow if they are going to meet the needs of an expanding population. Almost every community is wide open to Sunday School advance. The open doors of the community are the Sunday School's chief opportunities for growth.

COMMUNITY CANVASS

One of these open doors is a community canvass. The purpose of a community canvass is to discover the unchurched families in your area. You may guess that everyone in the neighborhood of your Sunday School has a regular church home. Statistics reveal, however, that such a community does not exist. There are those who are spiritually needy living everywhere.

I have taken part in canvass programs in rural, village and metropolitan areas. Prospects were discovered in each of them. More than 25 per cent of the homes contacted in some of these communities revealed families without regular church affiliation. Imagine that! Every fourth home in your neighborhood may contain prospects for your Sunday School.

If in your area only one out of ten homes contains prospects, a community canvass would be worthwhile to find out who they are. In fact, if only one family was won to Christ through your canvass, all of the time, prayer and service put into this effort would be justified. "God forbid that I should

sin against the Lord in ceasing to canvass my community to discover its spiritual needs" could well be the heart cry of every Sunday School worker who takes his calling seriously.

VISITATION PROGRAM

A second open door into the community is a Sunday School visitation program. Systematic visitation will produce a more permanent growth than any kind of "gimmick" which may be used to build attendance. We have noted in our church that our Sunday School attendance is in almost direct proportion to the number of visits made during the week. A personal visit at a scholar's home is dramatic proof that a teacher is interested in him.

A systematic visitation program will enable any Sunday School to:

1. Win the unchurched;
2. Reclaim the indifferent;
3. Stabilize the irregular;
4. Encourage the faithful.

Although the fruits of a visitation program may not always appear at once, they will appear. Some experts in the field of Sunday School visitation have said that it takes ten visits, on the average, to win prospective scholars to the habit of regular attendance. A successful visitation program demands, therefore, great patience, great faith and a great concern for the spiritual needs of others.

A third open door into the community is the Cradle Roll Department.

The Cradle Roll Department ministers in the home to families with babies who are not being taken to any Sunday School or church. Its goal is to provide a Christian home for every baby of the community.

CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT

A community canvass gives you the best opportunity for starting a Cradle Roll Department. Unchurched families with children three years of age and under who were discovered in a canvass are referred to Cradle Roll workers for follow-up. On the first call back, the worker enrolls the baby of the home. She then keeps in close contact with the home through monthly visits. During each visit, a Christian home magazine is left with the family free of charge. As the months pass, the Cradle Roll worker becomes a personal friend and spiritual counselor to each family on her calling list.

Parents of a new baby tend to think that the world revolves around their little child. As far as their "family world" is concerned, it probably does. When Cradle Roll workers from your church show personal interest in this little one, an important contact for Christ and the church is made.

Recently a young father of our community was presented to the church as a candidate for baptism and church membership. In his testimony at a Wednesday night prayer service he said, "I want to thank the church for those who showed a concern for our family through their regular visits." His children had been enrolled in our Cradle Roll Department and, therefore, every month calls of encouragement had been made at the home through this open door into the community.

The Extension Department of the
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OPEN DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY
"I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."
Revelation 3.8.
SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK —
Sept. 28 - Oct. 5, 1958.

Open Doors of the Church

The local church must assume greater responsibilities toward its church school for its successful ministry.

By Rev. D. Raymond Parry of Racine, Wisconsin

AT the very beginning of this article let it be said emphatically that when speaking of the Church School we are not referring to an organization within or apart from the church. We are speaking of the church at study.

When the Church School is viewed as the total church constituency at study, then it becomes clear that the church assumes all responsibility for financial support, for organization and administration, and for the physical necessities. All of the foregoing are channeled through the church-elected Board of Christian Education.

ADEQUATE FACILITIES

Certainly one of the key areas for concern on the part of every church member is the area of facilities. Granted that housing and equipment are not primary in the work of the church, still ways of making them as effective as possible must be considered.

Naturally, the needs of each church differ according to the local situation. There are, however, basics that can guide in any situation.

As a complete study of the total program is launched, the needs of the pupil must be kept central in thought.

In the realm of housing, adequate space is a goal for each department and class. There can develop a situation where a point of saturation is reached and growth is hindered by lack of space. A church that refuses to face such a problem and do something about it refuses, in essence, to practice the principle of stewardship, a cardinal expression of the Christian faith.

The ideal, of course, is separate classrooms. This is not possible always, yet with ingenuity sliding partitions, draw curtains, modern-fold doors can be put to most profitable use. In the writer's church, for example, the use

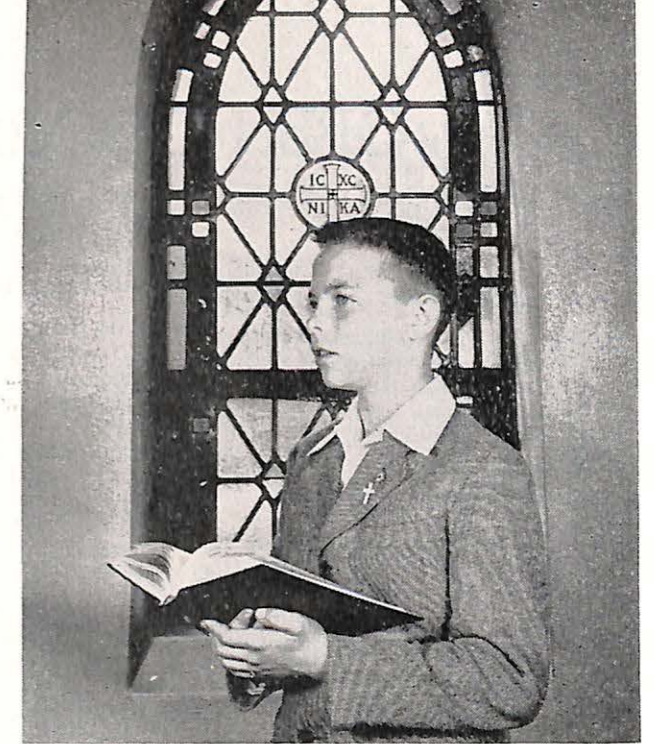
of canvas curtains attached to the ceiling and rolled down has created eleven separate classrooms that help audibly and visually in the teaching process. When not in use, these curtains are pulled up to the ceiling in neat rolls and no floor space is lost.

In these days of spiralling costs, with church building projects at peak, some congregations continue to struggle with inadequate space because of a real burden that would be created by a construction program. A partial solution to such a condition could be effected by the purchase of a house as closely adjacent to the church building as possible. Such a house can be utilized for church school purposes, thus relieving crowded areas in the church building and making it possible for departments and classes to expand. The overall cost involved would be a fraction of the total cost of a new building, especially where the parishioners are willing to devote their time and skill to the renovating of the house. Again the principle of stewardship comes to focus.

FUNCTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Another key factor in relation to church school facilities is this matter of equipment. When we think of equipment we ask, "Is it functional?" "Does it serve a purpose, or is it just space consuming?" There probably is no end to equipment needs that any given class or department would desire. Remember, however, the pupil's needs.

Tables and chairs that accommodate the graded needs of the children's division particularly are necessary. A blackboard should be in every classroom, and a bulletin board should be in every department, if possible, in every classroom also. Shades for every classroom and worship area window are desirable so that projection equipment can be used to advantage. Ade-



—Luoma Photo
Every church can offer its Sunday School scholars opportunities to serve and to sing, to take part in its activities and program, and to count for Christ.

quate storage space, or cupboards, are an absolute necessity in each department.

Beyond these very basics, there are numerous items adaptable to each department or class. The resourcefulness of the leadership will provide these items many times at minimum cost. When an expenditure is expedient, every effort should be exerted to secure anything that will strengthen the educational program.

In thinking through the church's responsibility in providing proper space and equipment, it is suggested that the younger members of the parish be favored above the older ones in the assignment of said resources. Children are more impressionable, for they do not adapt as well as adults, and they usually require more space and facilities.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Where a church finds it impossible to expand or renovate to functional advantage, another alternative would be the multiple use of existing space. This would mean scheduling church school classes at various hours, some to meet while the church is at worship.

It is important to keep in mind that every phase of the church's educational program comes under the supervision of the Board of Christian Education. This board exists for the purpose of interpreting the educational policy to the church family, for evaluating the total educational process of the church, for securing and developing leadership in relation to education, and for creating enthusiasm for advance at all times. These are the vital phases of its ministry.

Many Christian people spare no expense nor time in beautifying and modernizing their homes, then com-

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OPEN DOORS OF TRAINING

Christ needs workers in his Kingdom who have a call to service and who are continually learning the best way to get that task done.

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Lorraine, Kansas

TODAY'S CHRISTIAN worker must be trained! In an age of "stepped-up" education and increasing specialization, good intentions are no longer sufficient. Our Lord Jesus Christ needs workers in his Kingdom who have a call to service and who are continually learning the best way to get that task done.

EQUIPPED TO TEACH

Take the Sunday School teacher, for example. He has one of the most important jobs in all the world—passing on the Word of Life to the next generation. Let's suppose he teaches a class of eager Junior boys. Shall he know less about his particular age group than the teacher in grammar school? Shall he be less familiar with his greatest of all textbooks, the Bible, than the history teacher is of his? Never!

For in addition to all he can learn from earthly sources, the Christian teacher has the mind of Christ and the mighty help of the Holy Spirit. But he must have a burning desire to be a well-trained teacher, open to every helpful suggestion on his pupil and the Book. Remember: "He that willeth to do his will, shall know . . ."

Admitting the basic need of the trained worker, how shall we get the job of training done? In my opinion, the Sunday School must take the lead. (A vital Sunday evening "training program" could well share the load,

but in many of our churches, this has not been fully exploited.) The Sunday School and its leadership must set the pace. Their task must be to make the entire church "training conscious."

Open doors of opportunity for training are all about us. Here are a few suggestions for the enlistment and training of the Sunday School's own personnel, which should soon reach and affect all the church members.

ANNUAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Begin an annual training school. Set aside some Monday through Friday in early fall or spring as an all-church Training Week. Challenge all your leaders (actual and potential) to study together for five nights—two 45-minute periods each evening, interspersed with a brief sing, devotional time and "coffee-break." On prayer meeting night, invite the whole church family to come.

Start with a few classes the first year, but eventually schedule enough simultaneous classes to challenge every department in your school. Our denominational Sunday School Union is ready to advise you on courses and texts. Bring in some guest teachers, pastors or Sunday School "experts" from neighboring churches, for example.

Incidentally, ask your C. B. Y. Fellowship to hold its required study courses during this same week. You will find that training for Christian

leadership can become contagious and not a chore. The impetus of this week will carry over into the regular teachers' and officers' meeting all through the year!

2. Discover the resources of your pastor. Most of our pastors use Wednesday nights to do expository work in some Bible book. This is a unique opportunity to acquire basic Bible knowledge. To miss this is to miss a great part of your Christian education. How gratified your pastor would be to see the entire Sunday School staff present on Wednesday evenings. With such an audience, he would soon become an inspired interpreter of the Word of God. And the teachers would be immeasurably blessed!

3. Employ gifted young people in positions of leadership. During Sunday School Week, ask your youth leaders to take over as departmental superintendents. Use them in the opening and closing assembly sessions and the song services. At least in their own classes, urge young people to teach the lesson. And when Youth Week comes around, C. B. Y.'ers will be thrilled to try their hand at being "pastor," "deacons," superintendents" and "committee members." Nothing will help them so much as the opportunity to observe closely and to participate actually in the varied life of your church.

Experiment with practice-teaching. In preparing for public school teaching, a student not only must have the required number of education courses, but he must actually "practice-teach" in a regular classroom with real, live-wire students!

THE MASTER TEACHER

Why not have a prospective teacher sit in a class taught by an experienced teacher, observing his methods? Then let the prospect try his hand at teaching for two or three Sundays, using an outline he has prepared well in advance under the supervision of his mentor. Have the mentor "sit in" while the new teacher does his work and, later, let him offer candid and constructive criticism. I believe it is worth a try! At any rate, it would convince new teachers that we consider their job one of the most vital in the life of our church.

There must be a dozen more "open doors of training" calling. Let's discover them and walk through them. For today's Christian workers must be trained.

As we work at the task, we shall know the warm approval of our blessed Lord Jesus, who himself gave three years of intensive training to his disciples before he sent them out to teach others!

OPEN DOORS FOR THE TEACHER

A door of unparalleled opportunity has been opened to every Sunday School teacher to reach and win others for Christ and his Church.

By Mr. Lloyd Emerson Kwast of Anaheim, California

THE 20th CENTURY has experienced a phenomenal population increase which is unprecedented in world history, a fact which has been of great concern to many world leaders. In America, public school officials and educational leaders have expressed a twofold concern over (1) the great influx of people to many parts of our country, and (2) the consequent tide of young people entering our educational institutions in overflow numbers. Plans are now in progress, both locally and nationally, to expand educational facilities and enlist a larger number of qualified teachers to meet the growing demand.

To the Church of Jesus Christ and the teachers of our Sunday Schools has been opened a door of unparalleled opportunity in reaching these many new people moving into our neighborhood for Christ and his Church. As teachers we must be prepared to meet this challenge. If the church is to meet the challenge, we will have to enlist and to train more teachers, build bigger and better Sunday Schools, and provide adequate facilities for an effective outreach.

SPIRITUAL TRAINING NEEDED

The second door of opportunity has been recently emphasized in our thinking through shocking statistical reports on the waves of increased crime and delinquency sweeping our country. The need for sound moral and spiritual training among our youth is so acute that even national law enforcement agencies have made a plea to the churches of America for spiritual help. Our nation is awakening to the fact that technological and scientific advancements, the acquisition of material goods, or even universal public education cannot by themselves give our youth spiritual qualities necessary for responsible social and moral adjustment.

A century ago much confidence was placed in a system of public schools to solve our moral, social and educational problems. Since that time worldwide education, both public and private, has grown to be a multi-billion dollar enterprise. In the United States alone, the cost of schooling during 1957 amounted to over \$15,544,000,000. Over 41 million Americans—one in every four—attend some school! Certainly education has come a long way from its humble origins when parents, churches and private enterprise offered the only education available.

Notwithstanding this vast expenditure of effort and money, we are confronted with an appalling crisis in major crimes, liquor, narcotics, divorce,

political chicanery, gambling, corrupt athletics, contempt for law and order, corrupt morals, and youth delinquency. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F. B. I., informed the nation that last year a total of 2,563,150 major crimes were committed in the United States—a 13.3 percent increase over the preceding year. Further, since 1950 the increase in crime has been 43 percent, while population increase has been

might ask ourselves, "Who has failed?" One conclusion is certain: The emphatic claims of a century ago that a system of public schools would do away with crime now look absurd! Not only has public education failed to eliminate crime and social problems, but it seems to be in some measure responsible for their increase. Apparently our churches have failed as well. We have failed to walk through this



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The greatest joy of a Sunday School Teacher is to teach the children the truths concerning Jesus Christ and of leading them to a knowledge of him as Savior and Lord.

only 11 percent. Hoover went on to say that crime is increasingly becoming a youth problem. During 1956 young people, 17 years of age and under, accounted for 24.7 percent of the arrests for robbery; 53.9 percent of the arrests for burglary; 66.4 percent of all auto arrests.

TEACHING FAILURES

Why is this moral decay so shocking in a country where educational opportunities are unlimited? Without question, the underlying cause is the lack of moral and spiritual training for American youth. Mr. Hoover says: "People for the most part commit crime because they do not have the moral stamina and traits of character to withstand temptation . . . The criminal is the product of spiritual starvation. Someone failed miserably to bring him to know God, love him and serve him."

After considering these words we open door of opportunity to reach

young people who are so desperately in need of God and Christian training.

Oh yes, faithfully we teach those few who come to our church school from Sunday to Sunday, but have we gone out into the highways and byways with hearts filled with love and concern to compel them to come in? If Christian Sunday School teachers fail to provide moral and spiritual guidance for our youth, we shall have failed altogether.

OUR THEME OF LIFE

In an age when the world is making a strong bid for the minds and talents of our young people, certainly we cannot overlook the awesome opportunity confronting the teacher to influence the ideals and ambitions of young people and help them grow in their ability to think, choose and act according to the mandates of Christ.

As every good hymn or piece of lit-

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At the Christian Leaders' Conference held at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Miss Ruth Bathauer, right, shows several young people how to be "live-wire teachers."

Open Doors of Mission Fields

During the year 1958-1959, our North American Baptist Sunday Schools will assume both the prayerful and financial support of three mission projects.

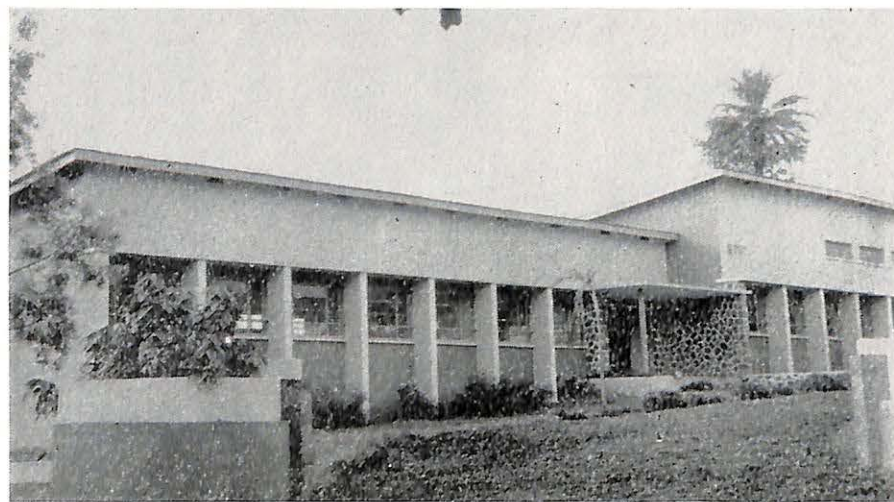
By Rev. Herbert J. Freeman of Hamden, Connecticut

"A GREAT and effectual door is opened . . ." These words from 1st Corinthians 6:9 seem to be fitting as an introduction to this article. It is neither right to lament over doors that once were open but are now closed, nor to engage in idle dreams of tomorrow's open doors. Today's opportunities are a persistent challenge to our profession of faith and dedication.

Christian missions have always been a challenge, both to the church and to the world. It would seem that the church was at her best whenever she was united in a great effort to reach the lost for Christ. Society, on the other hand, has become her best whenever she has responded to the Christian Gospel. The modern missionary supports this observation as does the more recent evangelistic efforts, such as the Billy Graham Crusades.

GOD'S CALL TO ACTION

Without question, Baptists have always displayed a keen interest in, and concern about, missions. Like the Christian Church in general, we were also at our best when actively engaged in the missionary enterprise. Within



The attractive and modern buildings of the Baptist Teacher Training Centre at Soppo in the Southern Cameroons, West Africa.

the framework of the Christian family, Baptists have faced and have met every challenge to fulfill their mission. They have laid hold of every opportunity as it were God's call to action!

Christian missions in general, and Baptist missions in particular, need our prayerful interest and material support. Conversely, we need missions as a divinely ordained means to fulfill our calling. Our first introduction to the "open door" of missions is given in the Christian home. A more formal and systematic foundation may be laid in the Sunday School.

Our North American Baptist family

holds a proper and respected position in the larger Baptist family. While we ought, and certainly do, have a genuine interest in the general missionary efforts of the Christian Church, our first concern in all good conscience is for those fields and projects which are peculiarly our own. Under God, we are solely responsible for the Christian witness in these areas. The place where we may properly learn our responsibility and where our prayerful interest and concern may grow is in our Sunday Schools. During the year 1958-1959, our NAB Sunday Schools will assume both prayerful and financial support of three mission projects. A poster and a leaflet covering these proj-

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No. 780 — Spanish-American Mission Fields.
No. 640 — Church Extension.
Read about these mission projects in the accompanying article.

ects will be sent to our Sunday Schools shortly.

THREE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECTS

The first project is our Cameroons Baptist Mission Schools (Project No. 770). Common sense and experience demand that those to whom we bring the Gospel be properly trained and instructed in all phases of Christian witness and living. The missionary who first brings God's Word to a people may not be free to continue his work for one reason or another. The answer to this problem is the mission school. North American Baptist effort in Afri-

ca is undergirded by the ministry of our Cameroons Baptist Mission Schools. These schools play a major part in the conservation of our spiritual and material contributions to the Cameroons.

A second project for which our NAB Sunday Schools will assume some responsibility is our Spanish-American Missions (Project No. 780). Here is a field within the area of our home base where we find a people whose language and culture are different from that of ours, but whose spiritual need is as real and great as is ours. Let not the glamour of distant peoples and places blind us to the need and opportunity within our own borders.

The third challenge (Project No. 640) to which we in the Sunday School will give our prayers and assistance is Church Extension. For some strange reason we as North American Baptists have not responded to this opportunity with the support and enthusiasm it deserves and needs. The church must first evangelize her own neighborhood before reaching beyond her borders. Our Lord first set this pattern when he said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8b). This quotation in no way contradicts the ideal which is a simultaneous missionary effort for the distant opportunities.

The need in this area is two-fold: firstly, in the establishment of new churches where the need is greatest and, secondly, the maintenance of these new churches until such a time when they will be sufficiently strong, numerically and financially, to carry on alone. In a sense, this is a perennial challenge to us, both as local churches and as a denomination fellowship.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

One of the best areas in which to become acquainted with all the "Open Doors of Opportunity" is the Sunday School. Here we may systematically and properly learn of all our denominational program, including missions. Proper and effective Bible study is, first, to learn the teaching of the Scriptures and then, in obedience, to do the will of God.

Our NAB missionary projects are, in fact, our attempt to be obedient to the will of God in the light of his Word. Other churches and Sunday Schools likewise have their responsibilities before the Lord, but only the North American Baptist churches and Sunday Schools have the burden and responsibility of our fields. Let us enter our own "Open Doors" through knowledge and support and, as God may direct, through full dedication of self.

Open Doors in Scripture Memorization

The purpose of the Scripture Memory program in our denomination is to stimulate an interest in and a love for God's Word.

By Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Illinois

A WONDERFUL DOOR of opportunity is available to us through the study of God's precious Word. The Psalmist states, "The entrance of thy words giveth light" (Psa. 119:130a). Through the study of God's Word we receive light for daily living and God's power can be ours. Boys and girls, too, may be enriched through this study. With the many forces in the world today tugging for the attention of the boys and girls, we need to challenge them to find a solid foundation for their lives in the study of the Bible.

We as leaders as well as their parents need to encourage them to be enriched through Bible study, for we know that they may grow spiritually. "Like newborn babies, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation" (1 Peter 2:2). There are many ways by which children might learn to know God's Word better. One unique way for a personal study is by committing God's Word to memory.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

It is only a natural process of growth to have many questions arise as boys and girls begin to think for themselves. These questions might be answered through God's Word for the Bible again speaks for itself, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Questions which Junior and Junior High young people might have are: Why should we be baptized? Why should we pray? How much should we pray? How do we know God answers prayer? Is it necessary to belong to a church? How can I be sure I am saved? Through the carefully selected Scripture portions these questions and many others may be answered in the Scripture Memory Course II which is the current course for the fall months.

The Primary children will be learning verses showing God's love and care; verses on Christian living, and verses entitled "Words of Jesus." The "Calls to Worship" which they learn should be used again and again in their worship services in the various activities of the church. This age group will also learn Psalm 100. An interesting suggestion for teaching this Psalm is found on page nine of the Scripture Memory Book, Course II.

MEMORY COURSE II

The Scripture Memory Course II has been placed into booklet form during the summer months. By this time sponsors who have ordered the material have received assignments for their use. Enrollment cards should be distributed the third Sunday of September with the first assignments going out



Warner Sallman's painting of "The Head of Christ" is the grand prize award to all Scripture Memorizers.

the last Sunday of September. This will enable the children to be off to a good start, for the course is designed to cover an eight month period from October through the end of May.

To be beneficial to their spiritual lives, memory work must be more than rote memory for the children. In teaching Bible verses the entire selection should be read several times. Take time to clarify difficult words and bring out the meaning of the verses. If the verses pertain to Christian living, for example, discuss the verses in the light of the problems and circumstances in your pupils' lives.

From the reports which have arrived at the office during the summer months, there is a definite evidence that the past winter has been an excellent year for Scripture Memory work. The number of memorizers who enroll and complete the work is increasing and we realize that churches are taking advantage of this "Door of Opportunity."

The spring of 1958 showed the largest number of Grand Award winners in the history of the course. To be a winner of the Grand Award, the memorizer must complete all nine courses of the Scripture Memory Course. The following is a list of the 53 winners who received Sallman's HEAD OF CHRIST as the Grand Award:

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Love is the hardest lesson in Christianity; but for that reason it should be most our care to learn it."—William Penn.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE — Richard Edinger, James Reddig, Robert Reddig, Lois Zimmerman and William Zimmerman of Cathay, N. Dak.; Sharon Woehl, Fredonia, N. Dak.; Lester Buening, Germantown, N. Dak.; Janice Gienger, Karen Schneider and Kerriene Schneider of Goodrich, N. Dak.; Myrna Parks, Ione Rutter and Sharon Schlafmann, Turtle Lake, N. Dak.; Lorna Herr and Larry Wahl of Wishek, N. Dak.; Gloria Bauer, Judy Berndt, Marlyn Quenzer of Herreid, S. Dak.; Carolyn Bowen, Charles Friessen, Lorette Janssen, Melvern Schrader and Joann Klock of Emery, S. Dak.; Peggy Jucht of Plum Creek Church, S. Dak.

MANY PRIZE WINNERS

NORTHERN CONFERENCE — Garry Elssor, Medicine Hat, Alta.; Alice Eisner, Minitonas, Man.; Grace Albrecht, Oak Bank, Man.; Ruth Waltereit, Winnipeg, Man.; and Garry Unrath of Golden Prairie, Sask., Canada.

NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE — Robert Floden and Betty Sage of Sumner, Iowa.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE — Darlene Neetz, Earl Nessel and Delorus Wilke of Chilliwack, B. C., Canada.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE — Ernest Bieber, Ellen Loewer, Erich Loewer and Ingrid Loewer. Mowata Church, Louisiana.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE — Linda Ann Eitel and Arlyn Thielenhaus, Bison, Kans.; Richard Belton, Durham, Kans.; Marcia Dobrinski, Joyce Janssen, Sandra Kohrs, Lyle Ploog, and Vicky Joe Schroeder of Lorraine, Kans.; Merlyn Hartsell, Lorna Mueller, and Bernard Thole of Safford, Kans.; John Gableman, Paul Hobbs and Kathleen Schultz of Vesper, Kans.; and Jerry Pope of Loyal, Oklahoma.

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

May the Lord continue to bless these young people, and may they always remember that this is an achievement which will aid them in their Christian lives. The purpose of the Scripture Memory program is to stimulate an interest in and a love for God's Word. As they use this door of opportunity to study God's Word, we trust that early in their lives it will awaken a consciousness of God and Jesus as their Savior. It is our objective that our youth will acquire the needed Bible knowledge for spiritual growth, and that it will prepare our young people for effective use of the Bible in later years.

The open doors of opportunity through Bible study should be a challenge to all of us.

Berlin Entertains European Baptists

Report of the Memorable Sessions of the European Baptist Congress held in Berlin, Germany, from July 26 to 31, 1958

By Dr. W. J. Appel, Our European Representative

THE VERY first European Baptist Congress was held in the city of Berlin, Germany, in the year 1908. Fifty years have passed, and now the Congress has met here again. How the world has changed in the meantime! Of the 22 unions belonging to the Federation today, 15 lie on one, and 7 on the other side of a frontier line which separates two political ideologies. The Berlin Congress of 1958 was the means of bringing together, across boundaries, representatives of 1,200,000 Baptists in Europe.

After considering both the east and west sectors of Berlin as possible meeting places, the new Deutschlandhalle in the west sector of Berlin was finally chosen. This hall has a capacity of 11,000, with adequate restaurants, parking space and other facilities available for such a large gathering.

BAPTIST CROWDS

Special arrangements were made for the entertaining of visitors from the east zone of Germany. That they were eager for fellowship with other Baptists is attested by the fact that 2,500



The "Deutschlandhalle" of Berlin, Germany, where the sessions of the 50th Jubilee European Baptist Congress were held with almost 10,000 Baptists in attendance.

were registered as delegates and in attendance at the meetings. In addition to these, there were 500 delegates from the east sector of Berlin, 830 from West Germany, and another 800 from other European countries.

Upon entering the great Deutschlandhalle, we were greeted by the conference theme, "Christ Our Hope, Europe Our Responsibility." About 9,000 people were in attendance on Saturday evening, July 26, for the opening session, at which Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World

Alliance, brought a heartwarming message, calling attention to the extent of our Baptist fellowship and stressing the influence of its nearly 22,000,000 members throughout the world.

At this meeting greetings were extended by Mayor Amrehn of West Berlin, who assured the large congregation of a sincere welcome. Dr. D. Martin Niemoeller, president of the Evangelical Churches of Germany, and Dr. Reinhold Kuechlich, president of the Evangelical Alliance of Germany, each brought greetings and wished God's blessing upon our great Baptist gathering.

On Sunday morning, worship services were conducted in the 27 Baptist churches of Berlin, with visiting pastors as guest speakers. These 27 churches have a membership of 9,000.

At 4:00 P. M. on Sunday, nearly 11,000 people crowded the hall to share in a great meeting of the Congress. The theme of this meeting was "God Is Able." The three speakers covering the subject were Godfrey Robinson of Great Britain, whose topic was "God Is Able to Make All Grace Abound";

Alexander Karev of Russia, who spoke to the subject, "God Is Able to Supply Every Need"; and Alfred Baerenfaenger of Germany, whose subject was "God Is Able to Save to the Uttermost."

GREAT YOUTH MEETINGS

At 7:30 P. M. on Sunday evening we gathered again for a great youth meeting under the leadership of Dr. Joel Sorenson of Sweden. The main floor of Deutschlandhalle had been reserved for the young people, and the galleries

were well filled with Congress guests. With his usual enthusiasm and love for young people, Dr. Sorenson was the center of Christian warmth which radiated from him and permeated the large gathering.

A stirring message, "Europe Our Task," by Dr. Guenter Wieske of the Baptist Seminary, Hamburg, Germany, thrilled the young people to renewed loyalty to Christ and the cause of the Gospel witness in Europe. The young people also were in charge of the meeting on Tuesday evening, when delegates from Russia, England and Holland gave stirring testimonies of what Christ meant to them. These testimonies were followed by a challenging message by Dr. Sorenson, whose subject was, "For Me to Live Is Christ."

A beautiful ceremony was conducted as a vital part of this youth service. Dean J. D. Mosteller of Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, conferred upon Professor Johann Arndt, Director of the Young People's Department of our Hamburg Seminary, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Arndt has given very able and devoted service to the cause of Baptist young people in Germany. The youth and their elders rejoice in this deserved recognition of one who has been a great teacher and friend of youth.

At these sessions, as well as at those that followed, the Congress was blessed by the magnificent singing of the Berlin and Swedish choirs. Each day began with a service of devotion and prayer, in which delegates participated in their own language.

Regular sessions each day and several sectional meetings, emphasizing the interests of Christian men, women and young people, gave everyone opportunity for information and inspiration. The men's meeting was under the leadership of Eberhard Schroeder, manager of the Publication House of the German Baptists at Kassel. Speakers representing Great Britain, Norway and Switzerland told of the methods of witnessing by men's groups in those countries.

MRS. EDGAR BATES, SPEAKER

The women had charge of the Monday evening service, at which Mrs. Ruth O. Pepper of Great Britain, president of the Women's Work of the European Baptist Federation, was the leader and brought a message of encouragement.

Among the many visitors to the Congress was Mrs. Edgar Bates of Hamilton, Ontario, who had come from Canada to speak to the women. Mrs. Bates brought the greetings of the women of the North American Baptist

General Conference, where she had been the speaker at the 32nd General Conference in Edmonton, Canada, the previous week. With enthusiasm she told of the gracious reception and fine fellowship she had experienced with the women of this group.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fluegge, president of the women of Germany, also had a share in the Monday evening program. A special meeting of the women was held at the Bethel Deaconess Home on Monday afternoon. A report of this will be published elsewhere.

On Wednesday evening a great missionary rally was held, with Rev. Henri Vincent of Paris, France, president of the Federation's Missionary Society, in charge. The theme under consideration was "Our Answer to Modern Paganism." The speakers were Maurice Farrelly, missionary on furlough from the Cameroons mission field of the Federation's Foreign Mission Society, who spoke on "Foreign Missions," and Helmut Grim of Germany on "Home Missions."

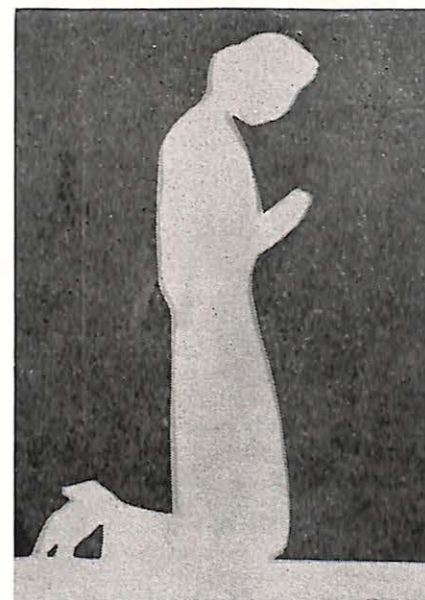
This great program was opened by the ringing of mission bells and greetings from one of the mission stations in the Cameroons, being broadcast by tape recording. At present this missionary society has four couples and two nurses on the field, and another couple, nurse and builder are studying the French language, preparing for service on the field. Eight of these workers are from Germany, two from Switzerland, two from Finland, and two from France.

RELIEF WORK IN EUROPE

In reporting on relief work in Europe, Dr. Nordenhaug of the Southern Baptist Convention told of the organization of a special committee to deal with the Hungarian uprising of October 1956. Dr. Bell of the American Baptist Convention reported on the work of reconstruction of damaged or destroyed church properties in the areas of the various Baptist unions of Europe since the close of the war. This report showed a total investment of \$9,850,000. Of this amount, not more than 20-25 percent was received from outside sources in the form of assistance, leaving the very significant figure of about \$7,500,000 as the sum provided by the various Baptist churches on the continent and in England.

A total of 279 churches were reported as having been destroyed and rebuilt. It was also reported that 366 new church buildings, almost all of them to house new congregations, have been added. The Theological Seminary in Hamburg lost its property in the war and has been reconstructed. Ten new school properties, representing in several cases new schools for the training of pastors, evangelists and missionaries, have likewise been added. New institutions, that is, homes for children, young men and women, old people, youth camps and leadership training centers number 53.

Dr. W. J. Appel, of the North American Baptist General Missionary Society, gave a report concerning his two-year assignment in Austria. Seventeen representatives of the Austrian Union were in attendance at the Congress. Mr. Richard Rabenau, Secretary of the Austrian Union, was elected to the Council of the Federation.



"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to that alone,
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries, 'It shall be done!'"

A PROCLAMATION

OUR FATHERS trusted in God, and they were not confounded. Believing that all men are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," they conquered the wilderness, built homes, charted the course of free institutions, and defended their liberties against forces which threatened from within and from without.

In our time, buffeted by unprecedented changes and challenged by an aggressive denial of Divine Providence, we have continuing need of the wisdom and strength that come from God, and we shall always find our highest satisfaction in a steadfast purpose to know and to do his will.

In this spirit, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved April 17, 1952 (66 Stat. 64), has provided "That the President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in

to a fitting close on Thursday evening, with the great hall again filled for the farewell service. A thrilling song festival was presented on this evening by a choir of 350 voices, a string orchestra and a brass band from the membership of the Berlin churches, culminating in the stirring "Hallelujah Chorus."

The sessions of the Congress came

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Wednesday, October 1, 1958

By the President of the United States of America,
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."

It is a privilege to carry out this resolution, and I accordingly set aside Wednesday, the first day of October 1958, as a National Day of Prayer; and I call upon my fellow Americans and all who may be visitors in our country, each according to his own faith, to join in prayer for our Nation and for all mankind, and especially:

First, that we may be humbly mindful that this Nation, under God, arrived at its present position by the toil and sacrifice of many citizens who subordinated personal interests to the common welfare and passed on to us a heritage with which we are singularly blessed;

Second, that we may have divine guidance in our efforts to lead our children in the paths of truth and to provide a healthy environment in which they may grow in body, mind, and spirit;

Third, that we may ever exercise a compassionate concern for human suffering, whether at home or in distant lands, and that we may strive to alleviate hunger, eradicate disease, and advance the well-being of our neighbors;

Fourth, that we may be saved from blinding pride and from any act hurtful to the concord of free nations joined in building a just and durable peace under the guiding hand of Almighty God;

And, finally, that we may have courage to move forward in the unconquerable spirit of a free people, strong in faith, having a will to endure the burdens which have been given us to carry in our day, and to work toward goals of human betterment which may be attained only beyond our span of years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this first day of August in the year SEAL of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-third.

Teach Them to Observe All Things

By Mr. Vernon C. Heckman of St. Paul, Minn.
President of the Sunday School Union

TODAY we Protestants take our Sunday Schools for granted. It was not always so.

"Ah sir! Could you take a view of this part of town on a Sunday, you would be shocked indeed! The street is filled with wretches who spend their time in noise and riot, cursing in a manner so horrid as to convey an idea of hell." Thus spoke a woman of Gloucester, England, to the editor of the "Gloucester Journal" in 1780.

Robert Raikes, the editor, rented a room in the congested street, invited the children in on Sunday and began to teach them to read and write as well as impart to them a knowledge of the Bible and the God of the Bible. Pen-nies were given as a reward for those who came regularly and who washed up before they came. Three years later the "Gloucester Journal" received a letter that said, "Our lane is like heav-

en compared to what it used to be." Thus was founded a school that met only on Sunday for its teaching ministry—178 years ago.

Does the Sunday School still have a ministry to do in our day? Indeed, it does! Little fellows, little angels, bigger boys, bigger girls, young men, young women, fathers and mothers, grandpas and grandmas, all need to be continuously gaining a knowledge of the Bible and the God of the Bible. The Sunday School is the arm of the church that can effectively teach if it is well staffed, properly equipped, and Holy Spirit led.

Our Lord came unto his own and unto the Gentiles of his day TEACHING and teaching purposefully. Let us do likewise, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

OPEN DOORS FOR THE TEACHER

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erature worth reading has a theme or a compelling idea, so it is in a sense in our lives. Each of us has a theme, a compelling idea, or we might call it a "philosophy of life" which gives meaning to experience and aim to life. The maturing young person is desperately struggling to find a workable, consistent system of beliefs which will give meaning to the events in his personal experience. Unfortunately our society and our schools often have nothing more to offer than a naturalistic, evolutionary philosophy of life, which denies the reality of the supernatural, rejects changeless truth and moral certainty, and which spurns the relevance of historic Christianity to the problems and thoughts of contemporary life.

FAITH IN CHRIST

From observation and experience, the Christian knows there is but one philosophy of living through which human life can find ultimate meaning, the only philosophy upon which a wise man can build. This is the sure foundation—Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Lord. All other ground is as sinking sand.

In this process of maturing spiritually, many, if not all young people, question their religious training, argue about ethics, or even doubt their faith in God and the Bible. However, in their deepest moments of doubt they are seeking a faith which will give them strength for every experience of life, vision for the future, and a faith that takes into account all that they have ever known or loved. They are seeking a faith in something or someone stronger and more important than themselves. Without such faith life lacks all meaning.

In guiding young people, the teacher has the opportunity to help them find a way of life which is centered in a regenerate, transformed life in Christ Jesus.

Neither time nor space permit me to comment on the opportunities the teacher has to reach into the homes and communities of the students; or the opportunities for counseling and sharing in the lives of individuals; or the blessings which come through faithful service to God.

WINNING OF SOULS

We must now mention our closing thought. Considering the advantage of all doors of opportunity through which God leads us, the greatest of all is the joy of leading souls to the knowledge of Jesus as Savior and Lord. This is one door which is not opened by population influx or the growth characteristics of adolescence. It can be opened only by the Holy Spirit of God. The winning of souls is the greatest and most important task in life. Therefore all our teaching and reaching opportunities should lead to this climax.

As faithful and devoted teachers to God's Word and the Gospel of his Son Jesus Christ, our contribution to society and this world is far greater than the banker's accumulation of dollars, the lawyer's drawing of briefs, the merchant's trafficking of goods, or the doctor's mending of broken flesh. We are challenging, encouraging, influencing, and molding human souls—the most precious thing on God's earth. Our opportunities are many. Our challenge is great. Our responsibility is even greater. May we look to God to help us take advantage of "Open Doors of Opportunity."

MARCH OF EVENTS

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pires, and Scientist Arthur H. Compton, co-chairmen of the World Brotherhood Association. The city was cited for its "community-wide activities for promoting international understanding and friendship with communities overseas." Rochester has over 4,000 members in a local association for the United Nations, an extensive teen-age diplomat program, pathfinding fields of world study at its university, and a score of other activities directed toward international good will. The city has "few parallels in the history of peacetime international action," the judges said.—Christian Century.

● An authority on African affairs, Major Louis Kraft, reported recently that for every ten converts in Africa today, seven are becoming Moslems and three Christians. In the past 30 years Islam has advanced 1,000 miles down Africa, he said. According to Kraft, Islam provides Africans with a simple, understandable rule of life which has not the "stigma" of European origin. It interfered less with the basic social structure of the Africans, particularly by countenancing polygamy. If important reforms were undertaken in predominantly African communities to separate Christianity from purely Western human distortions, those who might be attracted to Christianity might then cease to regard it as the exclusive product of the Christian West, he added.—Eternity

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What's Happening

● Rev. John Ziegler of Appleton, Minn., has presented his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church, and announced that he had accepted the call of the Ridgmont Baptist Church (formerly Conner Church) of Detroit, Mich., to become the associate pastor. He began his ministry in Detroit on Sept. 14, assisting Rev. Otto Patzia, the church's minister. Mr. Ziegler had served the Appleton church in his first pastorate since 1956.

● The Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, has extended a call to Rev. Gordon C. Huisinga of Canisota, S. Dak., pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church since 1954, to become the Director of Christian Education in the church. The minister of the church is Rev. Ervin B. Strauss. Mr. Huisinga has resigned at the Spring Valley Church and announced that he would begin his ministry in Cleveland's Erin Ave. Church on August 31.

● Mr. Gunter E. Rochow has resigned as pastor of the First German Baptist Church, Saskatoon, Sask., and has announced that he is entering the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as a first-year student in Sept. 1958. He has been pastor of the Saskatoon church since 1957 and at the same time he studied at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

● The Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., has called Mr. Lyle Wacker of Washburn, N. Dak., a 1958 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as its pastor. He has accepted the call and began his ministry in the Shell Creek Church on Sept. 1st, succeeding Rev. Paul T. Hunsicker of Prince George, B. C. Mrs. Allen Mohrmann, reporter, wrote: "A fine Vacation Bible School was held the last week of May. Although we have been without a pastor for a length of time, we are grateful to neighboring pastors who supplied the pulpit and to our young people who so faithfully served us on Sunday evenings."

● Rev. C. E. Schoenleber of Yakima, Wash., died suddenly of a heart attack at his home on July 29. The memorial service for him was held at the West Side Baptist Church, Yakima, Wash., on Aug. 1st with Rev. S. Sweeney officiating. Mr. Schoenleber served as pastor of several North American Baptist churches in the Pacific Conference, the last pastorate having been at Startup, Wash. He was the statistical secretary of the Pacific Conference for almost 20 years, having distinguished himself notably in this service. He served again as the Pacific Conference statistical secretary, for

1958, when the duly appointed secretary took up work in another conference.

● "Deeper Life Meetings" were held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, June 16-22. Rev. Howard Schenk, pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, Lorena, Texas, brought inspiring messages during these days. It was a happy occasion for the Kyle pastor, Rev. Eldon Schroeder, recently, to baptize two young boys and to receive them into the church on profession of faith. Mrs. Adolph Hill, clerk, wrote: "It is with deep regret that we announce the resignation of our pastor, Rev. Eldon Schroeder, who has accepted a call to First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa. His last Sunday in Kyle was Sunday, July 27."

● On Sunday evening, June 8th, a special dedication service was held at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. The occasion for the service was the dedication of the new Allen Organ. The service was led by Mr. Herbert Mitchell, the summer worker. Mr. John Ferguson of the Bethel Baptist Church of Cleveland was the guest organist, and Mr. Daniel Majeske, first violinist of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, was guest soloist. The church's Vacation Bible School was held June 16-27, as reported by Miss Johanna Reich. The enrollment was 158 with an average attendance of 112. Rev. Ervin B. Strauss is pastor of the church.

● A new North American Baptist Church has been organized in Calgary, Alberta, named the Ebenezer

HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 1958

The program sheets and recitation material (English and German) for the observance of Harvest and Mission Festival have been sent to all of our churches. In Canada as well as in the United States the observance will be on Sunday, Oct. 12. However, any other Sunday in October can also be used for this Sunday School and church observance.

The program sheet, which can easily be inserted in the church bulletin, has a message on "Japan Needs Christ," and shows Rev. and Mrs. Fred J. Moore, missionaries. The offering will be designated for our foreign missionary enterprise. Extra copies of the recitation material or of the programs can be secured by writing to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Church, with 180 charter members. They left the congregation of the Bridgeland Baptist Church in order to organize their own church. Since June 8th they have been meeting on Sunday afternoons in the edifice of the United Church of Calgary with Rev. R. Milbrandt serving as the supply pastor. They have already made plans for their own church building.

● The Baptist Church of Kitimat, B. C., has called Rev. A. Pohl of Saskatoon, Sask., as its pastor to which a favorable response has been given. He will begin his ministry in Kitimat in September. He has served as minister of a Canadian Baptist Church in Saskatoon, following his pastorate of our church in Forestburg, Alberta. In Kitimat he will succeed Rev. G. P. Schroeder who served as interim pastor for some time.

● On Sunday, June 22, the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Minn., held a baptismal service at the new camp grounds on the shore of Wellman Lake. The neighboring church of Swan River also attended, so that a large crowd and 150 cars surrounded the baptismal site. Rev. Henry Schatz, pastor, baptized 14 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The Minitonas church choir and the brass band also took part in the service with musical numbers.

● The Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. Henry Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, to become its pastor to which he has replied favorably. He will begin his ministry in the Medicine Hat church early in October, succeeding Rev. Walter Hoffman, now director of "God's Volunteers." Mr. Schumacher has served as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin since 1950.

● On Sunday, July 6, the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River, Man., held its reception for its new pastor, Rev. L. Zilkie, a 1958 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, and his wife. Words of welcome were spoken by representatives of the church's organizations and by Rev. H. Schatz of Minitonas, Man., and by Dr. Powell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Swan River. Mr. and Mrs. Zilkie responded with sincere gratitude for all expressions of kindness accorded them in this first pastorate of theirs, as reported by Mrs. John Kokot.

● The members of the "God's Volunteers" team and their director, Rev. Walter Hoffman, are in the midst of their training period (Sept. 8 to Oct. 3) at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta. Seminary and C.T.I. teachers are serving on the faculty, instructing and training the team members. "God's Volunteers" for 1958-1959 as appointed by the committee are: Donald Bruno Hepperle of Plevna, Mont.; Miss Riviera Alice Neske of McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alta.; Miss Lydia Albrecht of Minitonas,

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ON LIFE'S PATHWAY WITH CHRIST

Report of the Woman's Missionary Union meetings at the General Conference, Edmonton, Alta.

By Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, Burlington, Iowa

A MULTITUDINOUS host of people brought immensity, inspiration and interest to the meetings of the 32nd General Conference at Edmonton, Alberta, from July 21 to 27. The women's meetings were no exception. A capacity crowd filled the banquet room of the Trocadero as about 575 women gathered for the business luncheon of the Woman's Missionary Union.

As the delicious Canadian turkey dinner was enjoyed, a group of musicians delighted us with lovely background music. Mrs. Walter Hoffman of Medicine Hat, Alberta, played the vibra harp; Mrs. Arthur Weisser of Rochester, New York, the violin; and Mrs. Eldon Seibold of Portland, Ore., was at the piano. The favor at each place setting was a small gold brooch inscribed with the word, "Canada." Several beautiful selections were brought by the Christian Training Institute Choralettes during the dinner hour. The song leader was Mrs. Fred Knalson of Leduc, Alberta.

over-abundance of White Cross supplies.

Mrs. Albert Reddig of Cathay, N. Dak., expressed the gratitude of all the women to our beloved president for her devoted and sacrificial service. A gift was presented to her as a small token of our love and appreciation.

Mrs. Edgar Bates, the guest speaker for the Woman's Missionary Union program on Friday, brought greetings from the Baptist World Alliance of which she is a vice-president.

The election ballot was presented by the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. J. J. Lippert of Waco, Texas, and the following officers were elected to serve during the next triennium: Mrs. Albert Reddig, Cathay, N. Dak., who has served as vice-president and as White Cross chairman, was elected president. Mrs. Arthur Weisser of Rochester, N. Y., was elected vice-president. Mrs. David Draewell of Auburn, Mich., is our new secretary, and Mrs. Henry Schmunk of Tacoma,

\$15,000 for Home Missions: (a) Home Mission Churches, (b) Home Mission Fields; (3) \$10,000 for Church Extension; (4) \$5,000 for Japan.

The Scholarship of \$300 was granted to Miss Goldie Mae Orth, a student at the Baptist Missionary Training School. She is a member of our church at Elgin, Iowa, and was the scholarship girl last year also.

This past year Mrs. Earl Ahrens has been the Woman's Worker in the Cameroons. We were happy that she could be with us, and she brought an informative and challenging report of her work. She told us that every African woman belongs to a particular society or club, depending on her phase of life. Christ must and does fill the place and need of such a society when they accept him into their lives.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY PROGRAM

The beautiful Alberta Jubilee Auditorium was the meeting place on Friday afternoon, July 25, for the Woman's Missionary Union program. Our president, Mrs. Thomas Lutz, presided and brought greetings. She introduced the wife of the mayor of Edmonton, Mrs. William Hawrelak, who graciously greeted us, and also Mrs. McLaughlin who represented the Western Baptist Union of Canada in place of Mrs. W. C. Smalley, who was unable to attend. Mrs. Rudolf Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alberta, president of the Northern Conference women, also greeted us. The worship in song was led by Mrs. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., with Mrs. Rubin Kern of Forest Park, Ill., at the organ. The impressive and effective memorial service was led by Mrs. W. R. Muller of Carbon, Alta.

As co-chairmen, Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa, and Mrs. O. R. Schmidt of Edmonton, Alta., wrote and directed the presentation of a beautiful, inspiring and instructive pageant entitled, "On Life's Pathway With Christ." It depicted the personalities, objectives and goals of our Woman's Missionary Union work. The lovely and detailed scenery was designed by Mr. Bernard Oppelt, Edmonton, Alta., and provided places for representatives of each of the seven goals on our Goal Chart.

ROLL CALL OF PRESIDENTS

The roll call of past presidents was taken by Mrs. Walter Grosser, a past president. The present officers and members of the Executive Committee were called by name to the platform center. A trio sang "My Task," and the drama closed with a solo, "O For A Closer Walk With God" by Mrs. Donald Patet, Aplington, Iowa. This drama will long be remembered by those who saw it and will help us to understand the goals which we are all



Looking toward the speakers' table and the Woman's Program Theme at the Woman's Missionary Union Luncheon held at the Trocadero during the General Conference sessions in Edmonton, Alta.

Our president, Mrs. Thomas Lutz, presided and called upon Mrs. Reinhard Neuman, missionary to the Indians in Canada, for the invocation. Devotions were led by Mrs. Paul Gebauer of the Cameroons, Africa, and she centered our thoughts around the Scripture verse, Micah 4:2.

BUSINESS MEETING

The secretary, Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, read the report of activity and progress of the past triennium. The faithful devotion and loyal support of all the women of our Union brought about an

Wash., who served as "Broadcast" editor, is our new treasurer. Elected to represent the W. M. U. on the General Council is Mrs. Herbert Hiller, Edmonton, Alta. A sincere "thank you" goes to all the past officers for their willing and faithful service, and we pray God's blessing and guidance for those who continue to lead us.

NEW GOAL CHART

The new Goal Chart was adopted which included a \$50,000 missionary project with the following goals: (1) \$20,000 for the Cameroons: (a) Women's Work, (b) Medical Work; (2)



"The Church Extension Table" at the Missionary Reception and Tea during the General Conference sessions, Edmonton, Alta., with Mrs. J. C. Gunst pouring for the conference guests.

working together to accomplish as we walk "On Life's Pathway With Christ."

INSPIRING SPEAKERS

Continuing with this thought, our Cameroons missionary, Miss Ida Forsch, told us about her work in Africa and Mrs. Walter Sukut about the work she has been doing in Japan. The newly elected officers for the triennium 1958-1961 were installed and charged by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of our Conference.

We were honored and grateful to have as our guest speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Edgar Bates, Dean of Women at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. She is also a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance. Her message was truly a "Challenge to Service" as it was entitled. The mission offering of the afternoon amounted to over \$800 and was designated for the new \$50,000 Missionary Goal Project.

After singing the theme song, "O, For a Closer Walk With God," everyone was invited to the Missionary Reception and Tea held in the lower hall of the Auditorium. The women of the Alberta Association served as hostesses. The tables were attractively arranged and decorated to represent the various mission fields. The seven new missionary appointees were introduced and all missionaries present were honored with a corsage or flower.

WOMAN'S UNION EXHIBIT

In addition to these activities the Woman's Missionary Union displayed an interesting and attractive booth in the Exhibit Hall. On Sunday morning the Women's Bible Class was led by Mrs. Thomas Lutz and Mrs. Harm Sherman taught the lesson.

The spiritual blessings received by all in attendance will radiate in each local society as we continue together "On Life's Pathway With Christ" in the days and years ahead.

We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG
of Cathay, North Dakota
President of the Woman's Missionary
Union

EVERY BAPTIST WOMAN A MISSIONARY

Those of us who were privileged to attend the General Conference in Edmonton, Alta., experienced many moments of spiritual ecstasy, and came away inspired by the words we heard. Among the highlights of the conference was the dynamic address of one of our guest speakers, Mrs. Edgar Bates, vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance. One phrase which she used in her brief message of greeting at our Women's Luncheon presented a most fitting challenge to pass on to all the women of our Woman's Missionary Union.

Her words, "Every Baptist Woman A Missionary," though not new, should stir our souls and cause us to take stock of our lives, and Christian motives. Traditionally Baptists have always held the concept that every member worthy of the name of Baptist should have missionary zeal. But perhaps we need to be reminded that our faith demands that we be missionaries, whether we are homemakers or professionally trained to serve God on a foreign field. We need to be reminded that we have fallen heir to the Great Commission which Christ gave to his

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Music wakes the soul, and lifts it high, and wings it with sublime desires, and fits it to bespeak the Deity."—Addison.

disciples so long ago. Even though hundreds of years have passed since then, the words, "Go ye into all the world," are as much a command to Christ's disciples today as they were when uttered to the first disciples.

Each of us must become aware that there are those about us who need salvation. What are we doing to win them—the members of our own families, our neighbors, friends, acquaintances?

May I relate a very happy and rewarding experience from my own life? Recently we had a baptismal service at which time a mother and her five children were baptized and became members of our church. It was just ten years ago that I first met this young mother in the maternity ward of a hospital. Each of us had borne a son. When she told me she had a family of four little girls at home, I invited her to bring the children to our Sunday School, which she did faithfully all these years. It was a small thing—a simple invitation ten years ago which resulted in the winning of a family for Christ. It thrilled my soul.

Anyone can do as much. There are opportunities to invite others all about us. "Every Baptist Woman A Missionary" can be reduced to everyday experiences and contacts. Few people lack missionary interest or zeal—for foreign missions. But many of us forget that the lost souls all around us are as precious to the Lord as the souls of the black, the brown, the yellow in distant lands. Are we trying to win those nearest to us?

May "Every Baptist Woman A Missionary" become a challenge to you as it was to me. Then the triennium which is just begun will be rich in a harvest of souls, and great will be the joy of those who are winners of souls.

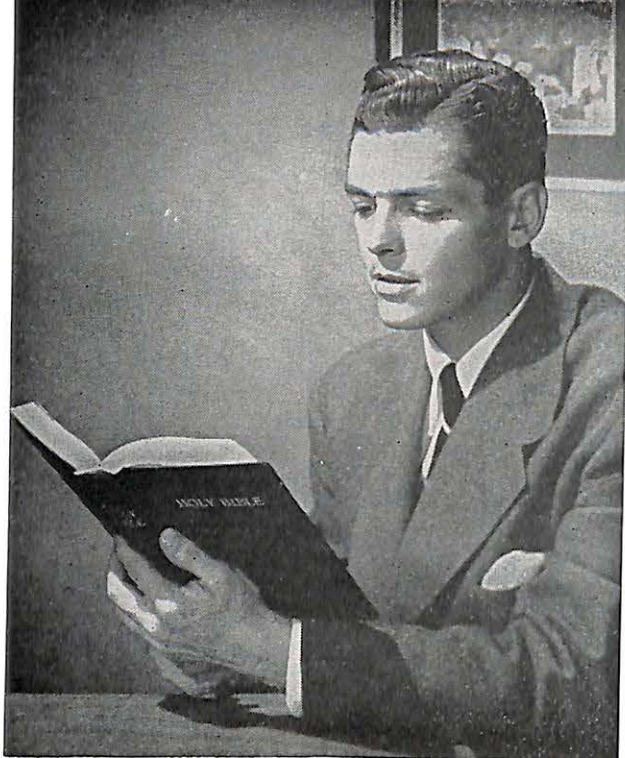
BAPTIST BRIEFS

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for heroism while serving as chaplain of the U. S. Eighth Army in the Korean War and for gallantry in the Southwest Pacific during World War II, has been deputy chief of Army Chaplains since 1954. Chaplain Tobey, 55, is a native of Everett, Mass., and a graduate of Gordon College and Gordon Theological Seminary in Boston.

◎ **American Baptist Headquarters.** First steps were taken July 1 to move the headquarters offices of the American Baptist Convention to Valley Forge, Pa. A \$100,000 line of credit to get the job underway was recommended to the General Council by the Headquarters Building Committee at its first meeting since it was appointed by the Council. Dr. Reuben E. Nelson, general secretary of the American Convention, is chairman. H. Gordon Fromm, an engineer from Dover, Del., and member of the committee, estimated that in view of the many problems to be faced, it will take three years for the move to be consummated.

— The Watchman-Examiner



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

The TORCH BEARER

By Sallie Lee Bell

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

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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 Farian, 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 told the good news to Dale, who was now planning to be a missionary, but who faced the uncertain future without Barry with panic as well as with pain.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

"I DON'T KNOW what kind of work I shall be doing," Barry said. "I may be oiling machinery or even sweeping floors, but I'm grateful for the chance to work and to get away where I'm not known. Though this is a small plant, it is important to the government and only trusted men are employed there. To know that someone is willing to trust me and give me a chance is enough to make me happy and I am as happy as I can ever be again." He uttered a sigh and his face became serious, but he turned to Dale with a smile as he said, "The only thing I don't like about it is having to leave my prop. How do you suppose I'll ever manage without you?"

His voice was tender and it brought a quicker beating to her heart.

"Perhaps you won't need a prop any longer," she said. "I will really feel strange, though, not being a prop. There will be a big vacancy in my

life. But I'll be thanking God every day that you are going on with Him. You'll be carrying the torch again, I'm sure."

"I'm afraid there won't be any torch to carry."

His voice was somber and there was a dejected expression upon his face that she had seen there so often during his term in prison.

"You can always be a witness for the Lord," she reminded him. "The torch may not be the blazing standard you once thought it would be, but even a little candle burning for Jesus will have its reward."

"Thanks for reminding me of that," he said. "I shall always try to witness for Him and who knows but that one day I may be allowed to preach again. You see, I still need you to encourage me. When I get a chance to talk with Mr. Compton, I shall try to convince him that you would make a wonderful private secretary."

"That's a wonderful idea if it just made sense," she retorted, "but it just so happens that I am a nurse and I don't know a thing about being a secretary, private or otherwise. Besides, I'm waiting for word from the mission board about going as a missionary nurse."

He regarded her with eyes of dismay. "If they accept you, then it will be years before I see you again."

She nodded.

"O Dale! That's terrible! I've grown so used to having you near that it will be hard to get used to doing without you. I just took it for granted that you would always be somewhere we could see each other or talk over the telephone and write regularly. But now—well I just hope they turn you down as a missionary."

She smiled while her heart suddenly

beat faster. "They may do that, for I still have that same old trouble, not serious enough to worry about, but enough to make it doubtful about my going to a foreign field. But if they do turn me down, I will at least have offered myself and there will be no regrets about my having held anything back from God. My life is in His hands to use as He sees fit."

"I'll say what I've said so many times before, how wonderful you are! No wonder David loved you so much."

A shadow suddenly stood between them, the memory of the one they had both loved so much. Barry took her hands and gazed for a long moment into her eyes.

"I'll probably not see you again before I leave for my interview with Mr. Compton. If he decides to take me on, Mother will send the rest of my belongings to me. If you get that appointment, we may not see one another for a long time, perhaps never. You'll never know how much you have meant to me, Dale, my dear. You were the one who put hope into my battered life and you were the one who brought conviction to my life that resulted in my salvation. If I live a thousand years, I could never thank you enough. Just keep praying for me and keep on being a prop even though oceans stand between us."

"I shall, Barry. You will always be a part of me, though we may be so far apart. God bless you and may He use you for His glory. I feel sure that He will."

He bent down and suddenly kissed her. "That was for David as well as for me," he whispered as he released her.

She put her hands over her face and began to cry softly. Barry turned and left her without another word. There was, however, sudden storm within

him, a conflict of emotions which tore at him and bewildered him. With that kiss, given with no thought but that of friendship and undying gratitude, had come a great awakening, a realization that left him stunned and suddenly desolate and utterly miserable.

That kiss had opened the eyes of his blindness of heart, blindness which had kept the truth from him all this time, the truth that he loved Dale with his whole heart, with a love which he had never known before, a love beside which the love he had felt for Cicily seemed empty.

How could he have been so blind, he wondered, as he walked aimlessly along. How could he have failed to know what was happening to him? He must have loved her all this time, even while he was fighting against his love for Cicily. He had just taken her for granted, never dreaming that it was love that made her so much a part of his life, so much a part of his every thought. It was because he loved her that he had found such comfort in her and that there was such peace within him when he was with her.

He was glad that he had not realized this until now. He might have betrayed his feelings for her and that would have spoiled everything. It would have been disloyal to David and it would have spoiled something very precious in their relationship. He was glad that she would never know. But he would never see her again, or at least not for long years. Life would now be doubly empty without her. He would have to fight another battle against love and the desolation of forgetfulness, but this time there would be no prop to give him strength and courage. He would be fighting to forget the prop. How empty life would be!

He found life full at Meadville, even though there was an emptiness in his heart without Dale. From his first meeting with Mr. Compton, the two men liked each other. Barry recognized in this competent business executive, a fine Christian character and Mr. Compton saw a kindred spirit in Barry. He felt that Barry was not the type who could have been what the law said he was. He had obtained a complete record of Barry's life before he signed him up, for that was a necessary requirement. Much to Barry's surprise and elation, he was put in the office as assistant to the director. His duties were to act as a general overseer. It was his business to see that the men were kept busy, yet not overworked, to see that all engineering equipment was kept in perfect operating condition, and he was also to be on the lookout for any suspicion of subversive influence among the factory personnel.

Barry soon made friends with the employees, not only while they were on their jobs, but when they were at home with their families. When he found that there was not even a church

in town, he made plans to have services in the school house and before long he had a small congregation which met regularly three times a week.

Before long he had become the most loved person in that small town. If anyone was in trouble he knew that Mr. Carter would never fail him. If anyone needed money for some emergency, he knew that Mr. Carter would either lend it or give it outright, depending upon circumstances. They trusted him and loved him and many who never went to hear him preach, respected what he professed for he lived what he professed and what he preached. He won many to Christ and he helped to mend broken homes.

At Christmas he paid a flying visit to his parents and they had a quiet time together. His mother was happy to know that he was happy and contented in his work and that he was working for the Lord. He did not see Dale. She was spending the holidays with a friend in another city. She had been rejected by her mission board because she was not physically strong enough to pass the rigid test of work on a foreign field.

She had written to Barry occasionally, but their letters were more formal than they had ever been. He was so afraid that he might betray his love for her that he misled her entirely. She felt that he had really grown to depend upon himself and that he no longer needed her, for he never mentioned her as his prop. It was a little word that she had treasured and which thrilled her every time he used it.

She was disappointed by his apparent indifference but she felt that it was perhaps best this way. She believed that he still loved Cicily and she thought that some day he would get over his bitterness and that they would be happy together. It would never do for him to suspect that she loved him. That was one reason why she decided not to be at home when he came home for Christmas. He was there for just two days and then plunged back into the work which took up every waking hour.

Barry did not know, when he was at home visiting his mother, that Cicily was also in town. She had come back home to live. His mother did not mention her name to Barry and she was hoping that he would not see Cicily while he was there, for she did not want to bring up painful memories. She felt that he still loved Cicily, but she was hoping that he would forget her.

Cicily was so utterly miserable and so crushed that Dale felt sorry for her. At first Cicily had avoided Dale, but when she saw that Dale wanted to be friendly, she accepted her friendship eagerly. As time passed she clung more and more to Dale, for she somehow seemed happier when she was with Dale. Dale realized how Cicily depended upon her and she smiled to

herself sometimes when she thought about it. Now that Barry no longer needed her as his prop, she was becoming a prop for the girl who still loved him; for the girl she thought he still loved.

For a long time Cicily never mentioned Barry's name, but Dale felt that she was hoping for some news of him every time they were together. Cicily would lead the conversation as adroitly as she could to the point where she hoped Dale would mention Barry and she thought she was cleverly hiding her real purpose from Dale, but Dale saw through her attempt and with a perversity that was not natural with her, she refused to fall into the trap. Finally Cicily asked her about Barry.

"How is Barry, Dale?" she asked. "I'm sure that you write to him for he always thought so much of you. Please tell me how he is."

"Haven't you ever asked his mother about him?" Dale responded. "You and Mrs. Carter were always such good friends."

"You know I never could ask her about Barry," Cicily cried in distress. "I'm sure she must hate me. She thinks I'm to blame for all that happened to Barry."

"Well, you are, aren't you?" Dale asked coldly. Her sudden coldness alarmed Cicily while it hurt her.

"What makes you say that?" she asked.

"If you had let Barry alone after you married Roy, everything would have been different."

"There was nothing wrong in what I did when I sent for Barry to come to see me that day," Cicily said defensively. "I was in such trouble that I needed someone to help me and there was no one else to turn to but Barry. How could I have dreamed that that terrible thing would have happened?"

"I don't know, but I do know that it all but ruined his life. If he hadn't trusted in God his life would have been wrecked."

"I know," Cicily said in tones of distress. "That's what keeps me awake night after night, remembering that I was the one who did that to him when I loved him so much."

"It was wrong of you to marry Roy when you still loved Barry," Dale told her. "It wasn't fair to Roy. You weren't being honest with him and you should have known that such a marriage could never bring real happiness."

"Please don't make it harder for me, Dale," Cicily begged. "You're the only one I can come to and find comfort. Don't make it impossible for me to be with you."

"Forgive me," Dale said contritely. "I didn't mean to do that. I was thinking of Barry and of all he has suffered, first in such bitter self-reproach for having been the cause of David's death and then in having to give you up. Then all the rest. It's been so hard for him."

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Several hundred people from the Dakota Conference churches attended the Baptist German Camp at Crystal Springs, North Dakota. The chapel building is in the background. —King Studio Photo

DAKOTA CAMPS AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS

YOUNG PEOPLES' CAMP, CRYSTAL SPRINGS, N. DAK.

Young people from North Dakota, Montana, and northwestern South Dakota gathered at the Crystal Springs Youth Camp from June 26 to July 2 for a week of inspiration, fun and fellowship. A total of 206 campers participated in classes taught by Rev. A. Weisser, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. G. Robinson and Rev. E. Becker. Our missionary speaker was Rev. W. Sukut. We were also privileged in having Mrs. Sukut and the three children with us for four days.

The evening program consisted of evangelistic services followed by lakeside campfires. The camp pastor, Rev. H. Weiss, besides Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. W. Sukut were the evening speakers. One evening was set aside as Talent Night. Three young people gave their testimonies regarding their calls to the ministry, the mission field and service in "God's Volunteers." Others brought their testimonies through musical renditions.

The highlight of the camp was the Tuesday evening campfire service when the work of the Holy Spirit was evidenced in the lives of many of the campers. In a quiet consecration service led by Missionary Walter Sukut, a majority of the campers made commitments to full-time service, to service in a lay capacity and to a closer walk with God. Each camper was able

to say as they departed the following day that "it was good to have been here."

—Ruth De Boer, Reporter

DAKOTA GERMAN CONFERENCE AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS CAMP

The Dakota German Camp, holding its second annual conference on the picturesque grounds of the Crystal Springs Youth Camp of North Dakota from June 24 to 26, was attended by more than 225 people of all ages. Many of these, although grandparents and more than three score years of age, stayed overnight in the cabins built for young people who like to "rough it." On the opening night, with an unusual turn of the weather, the temperatures went down to 39 degrees and it was "terribly cold" in the unheated cabins.

But these people were so thrilled over this entirely German conference with all the songs, messages, announcements and conversation in German, that they bubbled over with excitement like young people "on a lark." Four hours of Bible studies were held each morning and three on Thursday afternoon on the general theme of Psalm 23:3: "He restoreth my soul." The following ministers brought devotional messages and Bible expositions: A. Krombein, Walter Stein, C. H. Seecamp, Arthur Fischer, A. W.

Bibelheimer, E. Broeckel, Henry Lang, E. S. Fenske, Martin DeBoer, I. Schmuland, and Victor Prendinger. Rev. Adolf E. Reeh with spiritual tact and Christian graciousness led the services to great heights of inspiration. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., brought the evening messages.

Officers who were elected to serve through the coming year are: Rev. A. E. Reeh, moderator; Rev. V. H. Prendinger, secretary; members of the Program Committee, Arthur Fischer, Martin DeBoer, and A. Bibelheimer. Offerings of \$214.50 were designated for the building of a storm shelter on the camp grounds and for missions.

The people themselves took part in scores of testimonies and fervent prayers, thanking God for this opportunity of spiritual edification in their "mother tongue" with which many of their religious experiences have been associated. Songs long forgotten were revived, and many quartet and male choir numbers in German thrilled the hearts of these eager elderly listeners.

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter

JUNIOR CAMP AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS, 1958

We did expect a large number of Junior campers at Crystal Springs, N. Dak., again this year, but not 211! Added to our problem of overcrowd-

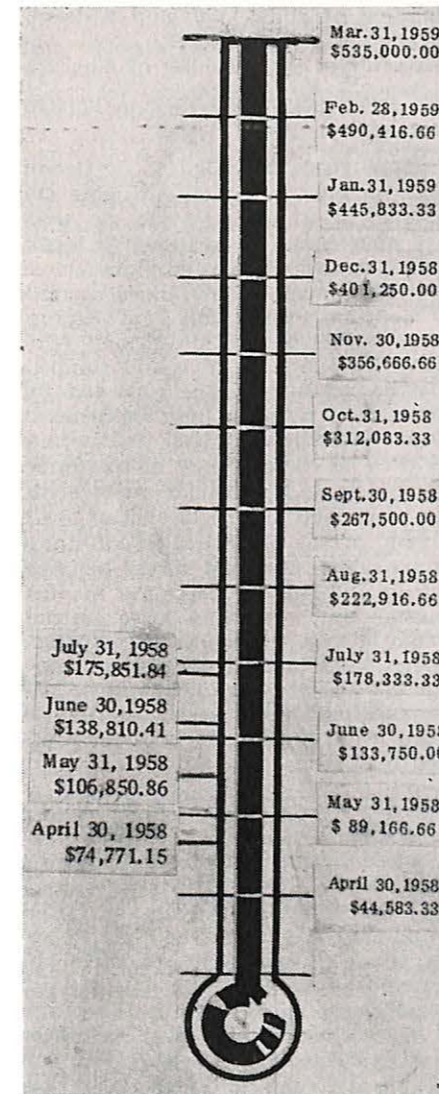
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The Baptist Senior Camp with young people, pastors and leaders at Crystal Springs Camp, North Dakota. The beautiful Crystal Springs Lake and the Dakota prairie are in the background.

CONFERENCE BUDGET JULY 31, 1958

During the summer months the income for our denominational budget recedes somewhat, as you will notice on the barometer. We began nobly a few months ago, but now we are lagging in our missionary contributions. This should arouse us to a greater prayer and financial support of God's great Kingdom work entrusted to us!



JUNIOR CAMP (Continued from Page 18)

ing, it was raining steadily on opening day, July 8.

That evening Junior campers prayed for a good time and for swimming weather. Forty counselors, teachers and camp leaders prayed for a wonderful time in the Lord and for "wearing-off energy" weather. All prayers were answered! The beauty of the following days of sunshine were symbolic of the joy in the hearts of the 30 campers who accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Our crowded camp was not without its little problems. Several Junior campers became homesick. We found one pretty little girl who got over it when we started her with a dozen

JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	June, 1958	June, 1957	June, 1956
Atlantic	\$ 1,855.99	\$ 2,357.67	\$ 3,057.69
Central	4,199.53	5,056.12	1,342.38
Eastern	2,139.44	1,030.88	1,136.50
Northwestern	8,547.27	4,402.90	6,176.07
Southwestern	848.88	2,477.86	2,541.76
Southern	1,107.83	1,484.34	1,569.47
Pacific	2,336.51	4,104.44	3,423.14
Northern	7,274.66	4,085.15	3,560.79
Dakota	6,792.96	3,612.14	5,919.47
Total Contributions	\$35,103.07	\$28,611.50	\$35,267.27

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of June, 1958	\$ 31,959.55	\$ 3,143.52	\$ 35,103.07
For the month of June, 1957	26,885.93	1,725.57	28,611.50
For the month of June, 1956	31,806.38	3,460.89	35,267.27

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1958 to June 30, 1958	\$138,810.41	\$14,557.52	\$153,367.93
April 1, 1957 to June 30, 1957	127,938.36	8,634.69	136,573.05
April 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956	124,562.78	11,146.48	135,709.26

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	July, 1958	July, 1957	July, 1956
Atlantic	\$ 2,604.85	\$ 3,318.69	\$ 1,859.16
Central	5,269.45	11,064.10	5,555.29
Dakota	5,606.54	5,408.64	7,613.09
Eastern	2,494.66	3,283.00	1,420.45
Northern	2,020.87	4,561.47	3,409.07
Northwestern	5,749.95	7,219.68	6,501.32
Pacific	5,831.53	7,021.85	5,084.83
Southern	2,781.16	3,038.20	787.96
Southwestern	3,004.37	2,146.81	4,327.96
Inter-Conference	4,011.93	19.05	22.75
Total Contributions	\$39,375.31	\$47,080.49	\$36,581.88

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of July, 1958	\$ 37,041.43	\$ 2,333.88	\$ 39,375.31
For the month of July, 1957	43,160.82	3,919.67	47,080.49
For the month of July, 1956	32,114.83	4,467.05	36,581.88

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1958 to July 31, 1958	\$175,851.84	\$ 16,897.40	\$ 192,743.24
April 1, 1957 to July 31, 1957	171,099.18	12,554.36	183,653.54
April 1, 1956 to July 31, 1956	156,677.61	15,613.53	172,291.14

plastic "pop beads" which matched her blue eyes. Every time she was seen smiling and having a good time, she got five more beads to add to her string. She smiled a lot after that and went home happy with a full string of beads. Not one of the Junior campers had to be disciplined by camp leaders. They followed the good examples set by the adults at camp.

One pastor of some camping study and experience remarked that he had never seen a more cooperative group of camp leaders in all departments than we had at Junior Camp this year. Typical of the willingness of the lead-

ers was the incident when nine were chosen to mop the dining room floor as a helping hand to the hostess, and more than 14 came to do the work, including Miss Martha Leypoldt. It might be added that the two daily "prayer and problem" meetings were always well attended.

We appreciated the services and fellowship of the two general workers, Miss Martha Leypoldt and Rev. Walter Sukut. They endeared themselves to us all, young and old, as they challenged us to a closer walk with the Lord.

Edwin Michelson, Reporter

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 28, 1958

Theme: JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: We are comforted and assured by God's justice; but we are also warned of the dangers of temptation by being reminded of God's judgment.

INTRODUCTION: This is the last of a series of lessons on the various aspects of God's divine justice. It is appropriate that the last lesson should bring to our attention the climax of divine justice in Jesus' graphic picture of the judgment of the world and its people.

The Word of God is replete with passages about comfort, sympathy, compassion, forgiveness, mercy, faith, hope, love and heaven. But we cannot escape the fact that it is also a book filled with numerous passages about temptation, danger, warning, condemnation, sin, judgment and hell. Those who think in terms of a general judgment of the world will find in these words of Jesus a grave personal responsibility for which each one of us must some day give an accurate account. The little things, which we thought were unimportant in the final analysis, now take on enormous proportions in the scales of judgment and justice.

I. THE INEVITABILITY OF JUDGMENT. Matthew 25:31-33.

"The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind extremely fine." The individuals, as well as the nations, go on day after day living and planning as if their daily lives had nothing to do with the final day of judgment. They are like some students who neglect to study daily because the final exam seems far in the distant future. But one day the teacher will enter the classroom with the list of questions which will decide the fate of those who are prepared or unprepared. "Then shall he sit upon the throne" indicates a definite assurance that a time of judgment will come for every one of us.

II. THE ATTITUDES AND ACTS OF THE RIGHTEOUS. Matthew 25:34-40.

To say that these people were saved because of their good deeds is to miss the meaning of salvation. If they thought they were gaining their salvation through good deeds, they would have been conscious of their good works. Christ gave them a test which revealed their complete selfishness. They were pure deeds of love because they were done with the pure motive of love. Jesus did not give them the Kingdom because they performed these acts

in categorical order, but because their whole life was a life of love and service.

III. THE ATTITUDES AND ACTS OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS.

Matthew 25:41-45.

The most tragic thing about these people was the fact that they thought they were Christians. They performed many so-called Christian acts which were commendable and praiseworthy. Their acts of worship were correct and faultless. No doubt, many people looked upon them as saints because of the way they talked and prayed and attended worship services. What probably surprised them was the fact that Jesus should mention these insignificant services and not the important religious observances in which they were so faithful. They were condemned, however, because of their attitude of self-righteousness and because they were blind to the need for love and service. They were condemned, not for what they had done, but for what they had left undone. The sin of omission is as fatal as the sin of commission.

IV. THE FINALITY OF GOD'S JUDGMENT. Matthew 25:46.

What a glorifying experience for those on the right, and what a horrifying experience for those on the left! On a dangerous intersection of two highways was erected this warning sign: "Drive carefully: death is so permanent!" The words "everlasting" and "eternal" have such a final and permanent connotation. This may be a disturbing thought to the luke-warm Christian and to the sinner; but there are times when we ought to be disturbed in order to strengthen our convictions.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 5, 1958

Theme: INTRODUCING THE GOSPEL

Scripture: Luke 1:1-4; 3:1-6

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The purpose of introducing the Gospel is to meet the Christ of the Gospel.

INTRODUCTION: During the next six months we will study the life of Christ in chronological order. These lessons will be based on Matthew, Mark and Luke. We call these three the Synoptic Gospels, which merely means that they give a general or

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common view in content, order and statement. The Gospel of John gives us a more theological treatment of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ as over against the practical and factual reporting of the Synoptic Gospels. John does not only report what Jesus said and did, but he also interprets his words and actions. However, as we study the content of these three Gospels we will try, through the Spirit of Christ, to receive a richer understanding of and to develop a deeper loyalty to the purposes, deeds and character of the teaching of Christ.

1. INTRODUCING THE AUTHOR. Luke 1:1-4.

Some years ago Dr. A. J. Cronin gave up the practice of medicine and devoted his time and talent to writing. As a result he is known in many countries as a famous author. We do not know much about Luke's practice of medicine, except that Paul referred to him as "the beloved physician" (Col. 4:14). No doubt his love and compassion helped to heal the sick and the wounded as much as his medical skill. He never wrote a medical treatise, nor lectured on the certainty of some new wonder drug. But he did write about the "certainty" of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and a "declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us." Any article for a medical journal which he may have written would have long since been surpassed by new discoveries in medical science. But the Gospel which he wrote is still as true and timely today as it was when he first recorded it about nineteen hundred years ago.

II. INTRODUCING THE ANOUNCER. Luke 3:1-2.

Luke's medical studies taught him to be accurate. Here is an indication of his thoroughness as a historian. Dates, people and events are recorded in accurate and chronological order. He was conscious of what went on in the political world as well as in the realm of the spiritual. While all these earth-shaking events were taking place, and the mighty voice of the Roman Empire was heard throughout the world, a man by the name of John heard the voice and the Word of God. Strange that God was not heard in the Roman palace nor in the temple of Jerusalem but in the wilderness. Perhaps it was a picture of what all the world was like.

III. INTRODUCING THE MESSAGE. Luke 3:3-6.

The message of John was three-fold:

(1) Repentance. There was much animal sacrifice for the remission of sins, but very little repentance. John saw that no matter how much Israel paid and sacrificed for forgiveness of sins, it did them little good because they had no change of heart.

(2) Preparation. John followed his own advice. He prepared himself by discipline and expectation. Everyone

Our Denomination in ACTION

Eastern Conference

Baptist Vacation Church School in Neustadt, Ontario

From July 28 to August 8 seven workers led 28 pupils in the Vacation Bible School, Neustadt, Ontario, with the theme, "We Worship the Lord." The school had three divisional classes: Kindergarten with Mrs. Henry G. Ramus and Evelyn Yungblut, Primary with Thelma Yungblut and Ronald Helwig, Junior with Rev. Henry G. Ramus and Roma Helwig. Our average attendance was 23 pupils. Each day a voluntary offering was taken for the Japan missions which amounted to \$9.08. Inez Derbecker, as music director, skillfully led the pupils each day in 15 minutes of "sing time."

Every morning at recess time three ladies of the church: Mrs. Jack Schnurr, Mrs. James Lemont, and Mrs. Aleda Yungblut, served refreshments. A picnic on the church lawn brought the school to an enjoyable conclusion. A closing program was held on Sunday evening, August 10th. Good learning and teaching were well demonstrated, and on the part of the parents sincere appreciation.

Henry G. Ramus, Pastor.

Northern Conference

The Forsch's Golden Wedding Anniversary, Carbon, Alta.

On July 6 the congregations of the Zion and Carbon Baptist Churches of Alberta gathered to honor Mr. and Mrs. John Forsch of Carbon on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. While the actual anniversary isn't until June 1959, this happy event was celebrated while their daughter Ida was home on furlough from Africa. It was also a farewell service for her, since she is returning to her work in the Cameroons. The program featured readings by some of their grandchildren, musical numbers, and words of greeting in German by Rev. William Effa of the Zion Church. Rev. Willy Muller of the Carbon Church was chairman for the evening.

After the program, a delicious supper was served in the church basement. After words of congratulation and greetings from various friends and relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Forsch graciously and touchingly responded. All of the Forsch children were present: Ida of Africa, Mrs. Jake (Alma) Berman, Mrs. Viola Bertsch, Mrs. Ben (Martha) Ziegler, and Mr. Arthur Forsch, all of Carbon. The only great-grandchild Susan Ziegler, was also present, along with all the grandchildren.

Mrs. W. Effa, Reporter.

Ordination, Rev. David Unrau, Valley View, Alta.

On the recommendation of the ordination council which met at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, during the time of the Alberta Association, the Emanuel Baptist Church of Valley View, Alberta, set apart its pastor, Mr.



Mr. and Mrs. John Forsch of Carbon, Alta., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

David Unrau, in an impressive ordination service. The guest ministers were Evangelist H. Palfenier, who brought the ordination message on, "The Preacher According to the Word of God," Rev. H. Hiller of Central Church, Edmonton; Rev. A. Lamprecht of McKernan Church, Rev. R. Kluttig of Zion Church, Rev. R. Jaster of Onoway, and Rev. W. Zylla of a neighboring church.

Rev. H. Hiller led the evening program. Rev. A. Lamprecht spoke the charge to the candidate, and Rev. R. Jaster gave the charge to the church. The ordination prayer was led by Rev. R. Kluttig. The church choir sang, "Das grosse Opfer." Appropriate special numbers were given by Mrs. Adina Hufnagel, Miss Helen Hufnagel, the quartet, and a solo by Mrs. H. Hiller. It was a full and rewarding evening. God's blessing was upon the ordination service, and it is our prayer that it will continue upon the Rev. David Unrau.

A. Lamprecht, Reporter.



Rev. Loren Weber, pastor of the South Canyon Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., who was ordained by the First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa, on August 4, 1958.

Northwestern Conference

C.B.Y. Activities, Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa

The Senior CBY in the Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa, recently elected new officers as follows; president, Evelyn Moore; vice-president, Kennon Schaefer; secretary, Roma Hungate; treasurer, Mike Boehlje; and pianist, Evelyn Niehouse. We will have last year's supervisors, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Smith, for the coming six months. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Grarup will take over the rest of the year.

Our church was represented by 24 young people at the Riverside Bible Camp, including the Intermediates and Senior CBYers. Our CBY camp project this year is helping build a chapel in Canada, supporting a student through Sioux Falls Seminary in South Dakota, and \$500 toward "God's Volunteers." To earn our part in this project, our group takes over the evening service every 5th Sunday in the month.

We have lost two members from our group. Dwight Miller recently moved to Steamboat Rock, Iowa, and Carolyn Moore to Harmony, Minnesota. Also two members from the Intermediate CBY entered our group. We are hoping to grow spiritually as well as in membership.

Nancy Barkela, Reporter.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that there will be an annual meeting of the members of the North American Baptist Home at the Home at Madison, South Dakota, on Tuesday, September 23, 1958, at 8:00 P.M.

Herman Bleeker, Sec'y

Ordination Service, Vacation School, Buffalo Center, Iowa

It was our privilege at the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, on August 4 to set apart one of our members, Mr. Loren Weber, for the Christian ministry. Thirteen sister churches had been invited to send delegates to these services. Mr. Loren Weber is a graduate of our North American Baptist Seminary. He has already begun his ministry on August 10, 1958, having accepted the call from the South Canyon Baptist Church of Rapid City, South Dakota. This is one of our new Church Extension churches. May the Lord greatly use Rev. Loren Weber and his wife in service for him!

We were also privileged to hold a Vacation Bible School in June, 1958. The interest was keen and impressions from the Word were made by faithful teachers upon young hearts.

Our Young People's Bible Club was host to a Youth Rally on July 29 with about 100 young people attending. Games, singing and refreshments were enjoyed, after which the film, "The Unfinished Task," was shown. This film is a definite challenge to young people to prepare for special service for the Lord.

Mrs. Joe Jurgens, Reporter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Man.; Miss Irene Jeanette Cuchiran of the Faith Church, Regina, Sask.; and Miss Nettie Ann Janzen of the McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alta. Reports about their ministry in our churches will appear frequently in the "Baptist Herald."

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

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Know." Our missionary, Mrs. Lois Ahrens, addressed the large audience. She told of the work she had been doing in Africa and challenged us to work for the Lord here, and to pray much for the work over there.

Marie Schmunk, Reporter.

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of us can testify to the fact that there were other persons instrumental in preparing our hearts for Christ to come in.

(3) Salvation. Humanly speaking, I suppose there was no greater honor bestowed upon man than the honor of introducing "The Author of Salvation," "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

CENTENNIAL IN CHICAGO
The Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., will celebrate its 100th anniversary Oct. 29-Nov. 2, 1958. All former members and friends are cordially invited to share in this festive occasion. Kindly write to the said church, 5142 N. Mtade Avenue, Chicago 30, Ill., in the event of your coming so that we can provide for your lodging and well-being while with us.

DOORS OF THE CHURCH

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pletely neglect to make the house of God a place of beauty and a delight forever. The church's responsibility, which means you and me, towards its Church School is more than a matter of whether it is convenient for us . . . it is a matter of urgency, for we are building tomorrow . . . for Christ.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"There are three kinds of people in the world: the wills, the won'ts, and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything; the second oppose everything; the third fail in everything."—Eclectic Magazine.

INTO THE COMMUNITY

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Sunday School is another opportunity for a church to minister effectively to its community. This department carries on its work among those who are unable to attend Sunday School for legitimate reasons.

Those who are enrolled in the Extension Department may include invalids, service men, the aged, those who must work on Sundays, students away at school, and others. This is certainly one area of Sunday School outreach which demands Christian love as its motivating force. It is carried on by those who desire no reward other than the privilege of assisting men and women in their relationship to God.

The Extension Department handles its ministry by mail and personal visits. Sunday School quarterlies, weekly inspirational leaflets, tape recordings of services, and personal encouragement go far in bringing the church and its message to those who cannot attend.

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