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● Postal authorities in Malta have issued a set of 6 postage stamps to commemorate the 19th centenary of the shipwreck of St. Paul there in A. D. 60. The shipwreck episode is narrated in Acts 28. The stamps will be on sale up to July 31, unless the stocks are exhausted.

● More than two-thirds of the conscientious objectors now performing civilian service as an alternative to military duty come from Mennonite churches, the National Service Board for Religious Objectors reports. Relatively few c.o.'s are coming at present from the ranks of major Protestant denominations. There are 825 young men now working on alternative service projects asking their religious affiliation. —*Watchman-Examiner*

● World Refugee Year has been marked in the U. S. by the absence of substantial governmental leadership, James MacCracken, new director of immigration services, told the board. He reported that 400 Indonesian refugees are arriving each month for resettlement in the U. S., but that an additional 7,000 refugees, not covered by any existing legislation, are "looking to us for help." In a telegram to Pres. Eisenhower, the board pointed out that the U. S. "has yet to show decisive action through positive legislation." Pleading for the President's intervention, it reminded him that "thousands of the world's refugees await governmental action for effective legislation permitting their resettlement." —*Christian Century*

● Long-range expansion plans for the Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico at San Juan, the island's only Protestant theological school, were approved by its board of trustees. However, the plans cannot be put into effect until endorsed by the seminary's six sponsoring denominations in the U. S. They are the American Baptist Convention, Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), Evangelical United Brethren Church, the Methodist Church, United Church of Christ and United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

● One of the largest and most representative meetings of European Christian youth ever held will take place this summer. The event will be the first Ecumenical Youth Assembly in Europe scheduled July 13-24 at Lausanne, Switzerland. The 12-day meeting will be the first major gathering of European young people across denominational lines and national borders ever held under auspices of the churches. Attending will be 1,400 youth from more than 15 European countries and approximately three hundred others from Asia, Africa, the Far East, the Middle East, North America and Latin

America. The European group is expected to include delegations from the USSR and other Eastern European countries.

● Rice Christians have disappeared from mainland China, says Tracey K. Jones, Jr. Today nobody would call himself a Christian in China for any other reason than that of faith, yet many continue to make that confession. At the recent meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions in Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, Dr. Jones pointed out that the most important thing to remember is that in China the churches live. "They have suffered. They have conformed to the political and economic objectives of the state. However, they remain . . . There are

still 70,000 Methodist and 700,000 other Protestants" left in China. Mr. Jones, the board's executive secretary for China and southeast Asia, has just returned from his area of responsibility. —*Christian Century*

● The Methodist Board of Temperance announced in Washington that it has broadened its field of concern to include smoking, in light of mounting evidence that smoking is harmful to health. The board is distributing free copies of the booklet "Should You Smoke?" issued recently by the American Cancer Society, pointing out the research findings which link cancer and heart disease to the frequency of smoking. At the same time, the Meth-

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## Baptist Briefs

● **Southern Baptist Sunday Schools.** Southern Baptists now claim the largest Sunday School enrollment of any Protestant denomination. Their record total for 1959 as released by the Baptist Sunday School Board was 7,276,502, which ranks above The Methodist Church for the first time. Southern Baptists also reported a record total of baptisms, 429,063.

● **New President for Colgate-Rochester.** Dr. Gene E. Bartlett, former Evanston, Ill., minister, will become president of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1961, as announced by the school's officials. He will succeed the Rev. Wilbour Eddy Saunders, who will retire. Dr. Bartlett, a native of Elkins, W. Va., has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., since 1953. He previously served the First Baptist Church, Evanston, Ill.

● **Address by Harold E. Stassen.** Mr. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, addressed a joint meeting of Southern Baptist executive secretaries and editors, February 16, in New Orleans. The subject of his address was "Religion and Peace." Mr. Stassen is a life-long Baptist, a deacon in the Second church, Germantown, Philadelphia, Penna. where he practices law. He has a son who is studying for the ministry at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

● **Billy Graham and Moslems.** Evangelist Billy Graham ran into Moslem opposition to his initial Nigeria rallies when anti-Christian pamphlets and posters were distributed. Some 40,000 persons packed Lagos race course on the second night Mr. Graham preached

—the largest crowd of his 10-week African Crusade so far—after 25,000 heard him on the opening night. Moslem leaders, aroused by attendances at preliminary meetings led by associate evangelists, circulated some 25,000 pamphlets denying key doctrines of Christianity and challenging Mr. Graham to a public debate.

● **Music at "Rio" Congress.** William J. Reynolds, music editor of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Convention, has been named to coordinate music at the Tenth Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro next June 26-July 3. Mr. Reynolds directed music at the Fifth Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto, Canada, in 1958. Announcement of his appointment was made by Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Reynolds will be coordinator of musical features, working with other specialists and the directors of various choirs which will appear.

● **Southern Baptists in Leprosy Work.** Southern Baptists are again ministering to victims of leprosy in the Orient, now in Thailand. The last such work, in China, was ended with the advance of communism. Missionaries have assumed responsibility for distributing medicine—and the gospel—to more than one thousand sufferers from Hansen's disease in Chon Buri Province, in southeastern Thailand. Authorities estimate that at least three hundred thousand persons in Thailand have leprosy, constituting one of the most pressing medical needs of the country and one of the greatest opportunities for the gospel, says Missionary Ronald C. Hill.

# Editorial

## "Lord, Stay With Us!"

Easter is the firm assurance for every Christian of the living Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because he lives with us and in us, every event of life is touched by his divine glory. In the light of the resurrection of Christ, all of life's experiences, and even death itself, are the ongoing, triumphant march of life eternal. Because Christ came and lived, died for us and rose again, we are more than conquerors in all things.

Because of this truth, the greatest blessing of Easter Sunday for you will be your awareness of the abiding Presence of the Risen Lord and of your continued vital companionship with him. With the Emmaus disciples, your most meaningful prayer will be: "Lord, stay with us!" Then human eyes are opened to the greatest glory of the Easter revelation that the Risen Christ has appeared to you also and that he will always walk by your side, leading you triumphantly to glory!

Easter is not a holiday, a festival, a special Sunday. It is an abiding experience of the living Christ. It is far more than the event of an appearance of the Savior to his disciples. It is more significant than his breaking of bread at our table and in our home. Our souls become aware of his living Presence with us, and we realize by faith that we can have him, his companionship, his real touch, with us always.

Dr. Dale in Birmingham, England, had preached many Easter sermons to his large congregation. They dealt with the event of Easter as an observance from every point of view. But one year, as Dr. Dale prepared another usual Easter sermon, he became personally aware of Christ's living Presence in the room, at his side, in his heart in such a way that an abiding, constant companionship was established and he shouted: "He is risen, indeed!" And that radiant testimony was expressed by this minister in every Sunday's sermon thereafter.

Easter is the story of our entering into the victorious life that can only be ours in and through Christ. Easter demonstrates the immortality of the soul, the reality of eternal life. "Because I live, ye shall live also" were Christ's words. But this eternal life has its beginning and complete expression in our faith in Christ and in his indwelling power in us. Eternal life cannot be measured by years or any segment of time. It is rather a quality of life, the power of the resurrection of Christ within us, the glory of the victorious life that is ours through Christ.

Easter is like the sunshine of a beautiful Spring day. It is the gladness that radiates from us, our testimony that shines through us revealing to others the ever living and triumphant Christ! This is our true self as Christians, the inner glow that reveals to others that Christ lives within us. And this is the greatest proof that Christ has risen from the dead!

Easter is only one of the 365 days in the year, a little span in our entire pilgrimage on earth. It is a triumphant expression of faith, a glowing testimony of the Christian that the risen Christ lives now in our hearts. It is the burning spirit within his disciples that prays: "Lord, stay with us!" For such, Easter is the joy of the abiding Presence of the triumphant Christ!

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Because Christ came, bringing the promise of new life, we have received a marvelous challenge to be his witnesses.

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

JESUS had more books written about him than any man who ever lived. He inspired the greatest art in the world. He furnished themes for the world's greatest composers. He inspired the building of countless numbers of cathedrals and churches and Church property, college buildings and hospitals, amounting to millions of dollars, are owned in his Name. Although he never left the little country in which he was born, he is now known in every country in the world and his Name is above every other name. Because Jesus came, man changed the calendar, dating the years from the time of his birth.

#### CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER

Christ's coming into the world means infinitely more than all this. These are but the results of the new life which he made possible for mankind. He came not to be merely the greatest man who ever lived, not merely the profoundest teacher who ever taught, not merely the finest exemplar of moral living that the world has ever seen. He was that, of course! But he came to redeem and to cleanse the world of sin. He came to strike at the root of our woe, and to plant in our heart the new life of righteousness, so giving us peace.

Sin cursed the race and filled the world with shame, fear, wretchedness and despair. Christ's coming showed clearly that sin cannot be taken lightly. His Cross is the eternal testimony of the heinousness of sin. But it also is a symbol of the Savior's atoning death, and the new life, power and blessing that are made available to man.

## Because Christ Came....!

Because Christ came, we may have the abundant life through his living Presence. We worship the living Christ as Savior today!

By Rev. E. Wolff of Cleveland, Ohio,  
Eastern District Secretary

Because he came, we have a new revelation of God. Christ taught us to think of him in terms of Fatherhood. A loving father is always anxious to reinstate his erring son. Even when wronged, the father does not wait for the son to take the first step, knowing that the son may be hesitant to do so because of an overwhelming sense of guilt. But the wise father realizes too that he must not minimize the wrong that has been committed. The son must be made to acknowledge the full meaning and extent of his sin. At the same time, the father's love must be revealed in such a way, that a responding love is awakened in the son's heart, causing him to turn to the father eagerly and completely, so that the breach between them is healed for all times.

The Heavenly Father acted much in the same way towards his erring children. He did not wait for sinful man to take the first step. The atonement took place as a result of God's initiative. "God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Because he came, we may have the abundant life through his living presence. We worship the living Christ today. Our faith is much more than simply accepting a creed or a doctrine. To say, "I believe in Jesus Christ," is a great confession, but the Christian life is much more than that. It is our privilege to put our trust in him for our daily guidance and strength. We may commit our life, and our talents and our possessions to him. We can translate the belief that Christ is the only foundation of life, the only Redeemer, the only life-giving source, the only hope into daily living.

In him we have forgiveness of sin. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." In him we find

strength for the present. As believers we are temples of God. We are assured of his living presence. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

In him we find hope for the future. We do not live in a world in which we have to be afraid to look forward. God is in control and makes all things work together for good for them who love him, to them who are called according to his purpose. Death itself is no longer the end, but the prelude to a greater glory. Christ's words to his disciples and to us are, "Let not your heart be troubled. . . . In my Father's house are many mansions. . . . I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

#### ABUNDANT LIFE IN CHRIST

Because he came, bringing the promise of new life, we have received a great and marvelous challenge and privilege. We are to be his witnesses. We are to bring his promise of the new life to all the world. When the command was first given to the disciples, Jesus made it clear that it was not an easy one. At the beginning of their actual service stood a cross, a cross connected with a struggle that resulted in sweat like unto drops of blood. Connected with it was the deepest soul-rending anguish, the cruelest suffering, the most awful death the world has ever known. His words to them were, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Stephen and James soon learned to know what the cost would be.

It is of supreme importance that this fundamental truth lay a firm hold on all of us: Christ has commissioned us to the task of proclaiming the purpose of his coming to earth to all

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## Because He Died....!

Because Christ died for me, there is a sense of great responsibility in my heart toward Christ. My life, too, belongs to him!

By Rev. Fred C. Moore,  
Missionary at Kyoto, Japan



—Luoma Photo

Christ has loved me and given himself for me. My life has been claimed by Jesus Christ—because he died!

THE EASTER season is here once again.

I am writing this in my study in Kyoto, Japan. Even as I write, the huge gong of a Buddhist Temple booms out its reminder that Christ is a stranger to this land. What do these people know about Easter? What does "Calvary" mean to them? "Because he died. . ."—what a world of significance there is in that simple phrase, but I wonder if even we Christians really pause to consider it. May I share a few of my thoughts with you, in a rather personal way? I'm sure this won't be "homiletical," but then I wasn't asked to write a sermon.

#### MY SALVATION

Because HE died, my sentence has been executed.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:20). This is a note that is sounded again and again in the pages of the Word of God. "There is none that doeth good, no, not one. . . . For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3).

I am there; there, in my mind's eye, with the children of Israel as they brought their endless sacrifices to the temple to atone for their sins. This was the Old Covenant, geared to the basic fact of the need for a blood sacrifice to atone for sins. As the writer to the Hebrews expressed it: "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood there is no remission" (9:22). And so the Israelites continued bringing their sacrifices, meeting the demands of the Law; but always keeping in mind the wonderful promise that God had given them of a Redeemer, who would forever end the need for blood sacrifices.

And then—Calvary! There Jesus

Christ, the very Son of God, perfect man and perfect God, himself became the sacrifice, the final, complete payment for sin. He died in my place; he redeemed my soul; he paid the eternal price for my sin. "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he. . . obtained eternal redemption for us" (Heb. 9:12). My sentence of death has been executed, the Law's demands fully met—because he died!

#### MY HOPE IN CHRIST

Because HE died, my eternity has been secured.

From one of the rear windows of our first home here in Japan, we could look across the small back yard to a neighbor's house, and there we often noticed a strange ceremony. In the summertime, through the open windows, we would hear the chanting of the Buddhist priest, and we could watch the pagan ceremony of praying for the dead father of that home. Time after time, night after night, this ritual was repeated. Why? In the vain hope that somehow, in some way, this might be of help to the one who had passed from this life.

But because Jesus died for me, I know what eternity will bring. Paul's vivid description in I Thessalonians 4 of the rapture that is our promise is climaxed by this last phrase in verse 18: "and so shall we ever be with the Lord." And Jesus himself told us, "I go to prepare a place for you. . . . that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2, 3). The joy of an endless eternity of blessed fellowship with my Redeemer Jesus Christ—this is his promise to me.

The "neighbors in back" continue their incantations—but they have no real hope, no assurance. My eternity has been secured—because he died.

Because HE died, my life has been claimed.

A tremendous sense of gratitude wells within my soul as I remember what Christ did for me on Calvary. But along with this gratitude, there is a sense of great responsibility, too; my life belongs to him.

Here in Japan if someone gives you a gift, custom decrees that you are to give him a gift in return. This practice sometimes seems to be an endless round of gift exchanging. However, if not carried to extremes, it does seem to be a nice custom. Indeed, the Word reminds us that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

But when I think of what Christ has given to me, the gift of salvation, and the gift of eternal life, plus all the many blessings he bestows from day to day, what can I give in return? Jesus gave himself. As poor a gift as it must be, I give myself to him. Can I do less?

In I Corinthians 6, Paul reminds us: "What? Know ye not that. . . ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." And this was Paul's own testimony, too, as Galatians 2:20 so vividly expresses it. He "loved me, and gave himself for me." I can do no less than to express my love for him by giving myself, completely, for his use, for his service. My life has been claimed by Jesus Christ—because he died.

#### LORD OF THE LIVING

Romans 14:7-9 has meant a lot to me, and in my Bible I have underlined certain words of verse 9 that make its truth stand out very clearly. As underlined, it reads, "For to this end Christ. . . died. . . that he might be Lord. . . of the. . . living." What

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# Because He Rose Again . . . . !

Because Christ rose again, we are blessed by the knowledge that a Christian's life is a resurrection life that shows forth constantly the glory of eternity!

By Rev. Hans J. Wilcke, Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas

**C**HRISt died and was buried. With him died that for which so many of his followers had hoped. For the moment, "It is finished!" meant the end of a life—nothing more. Even though Christ had told them of his suffering, death and resurrection, no one remembered or believed that he would rise again. If his resurrection was anticipated, there is none who mentions it. So many had learned to love him. Now they mourned his passing.

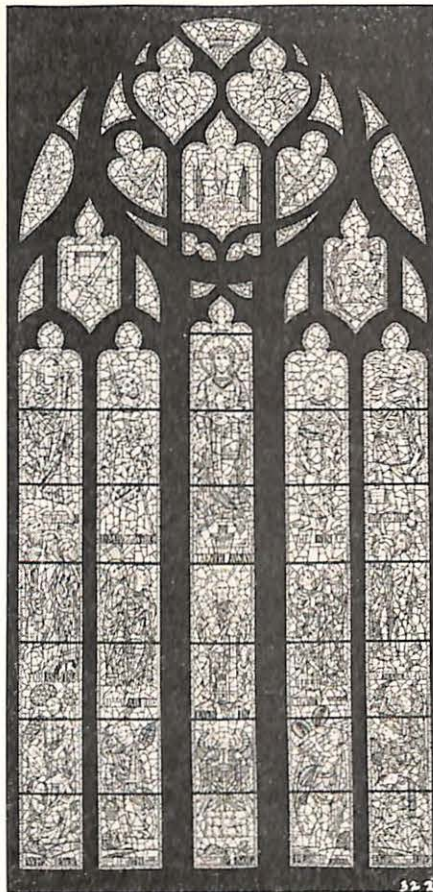
David once said, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:5). Forty-eight hours pass. A new week begins. The day dawns on a great Sunday morning. It is Resurrection Day! Singularly, in pairs, and in the gathering of a small disciple band, the word is heard. Christ is risen!

A group of mourners hears and heralds a message of joy. Christ is alive! Throughout the day, the news is told. The week that follows sees men and women transformed to a new understanding of the ministry of Jesus Christ. For almost two thousand years now, the same message has been told and retold. "The Lord is risen indeed" (Luke 24:34).

## THE RESURRECTION POWER

Yet as we would join Mary at the tomb, hearing the message that is told to her, we must certainly realize that Christ's resurrection is more far-reaching than at first we may think. It is a wonderful thing to be a part of a jubilant group cheering the resurrection of Christ. Yet with it all must come that power that becomes ours in seeing the resurrection with a true disciple's understanding. Many will sit in some church or chapel this Easter with nothing more than a new garment with which to worship the risen Christ. Others will make the resurrection of Christ a part of their lives. "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19).

Because Christ rose again, a number of vital truths become real to us. Some of these may come by way of other sources within the scope of God's ministry. Yet here, and here alone, they are linked together to make the salvation message complete. The power which raised Christ from the dead is the working energy of faith. God raised Christ from the dead. ". . . That ye may know . . . what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead" (Eph. 1:18-20). Because he



THE REDEMPTION WINDOW

This large stained glass window in the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., has for its theme the world's redemption through Jesus Christ.

rose again, death is swallowed up in victory (I Cor. 15:54).

The power of Christianity is in the resurrection of Christ. The day of the resurrection brought about a new relationship between Christ and all men. Christ is "the firstborn from the dead" (Col. 1:18). Firstfruits are a harvest

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joy. Yet a bountiful harvest brings rejoicing for all fruits. Eternity will make known the full wonder and blessing of Christ's death and resurrection. "Because I live, ye shall live also."

God's wonder-working power raised Christ from the dead. God's wonder-working power performs a work of grace in us. The resurrection of Christ is the strongest guarantee for the resurrection of the Christian.

## OUR SALVATION IN CHRIST

Because Christ rose again, the message of the Cross becomes real to us. May we always remember that our salvation or atonement comes by way of Christ's death. Our justification, made possible by Christ's death, is consummated in the resurrection. Christ "was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Romans 4:25). Christ's message and ministry were to bring life to man, to give him life on earth and in heaven. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26).

Because Christ rose again, we are blessed by the knowledge that a Christian's life is a resurrection life. It bears the quality of eternity. Paul so often speaks of that joy in his own life. Life, eternity bound, has eternity as a present possession. Death has now no power, even as it had no power in the resurrection of Christ. "Ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead" (Col. 2:12). Paul, a resident of this world, spoke of himself as a citizen of heaven. Risen with Christ, our relationship to sin has changed, our capacity for living has been enlarged, and our living has become life, indeed.

## PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS!

In all of the world's history there has been only one Resurrection Day. It was a day when sorrow was translated into joy and understanding. With joy comes responsibility. The men who now knew went and told the wonderful News. "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Was the task too difficult? Certainly not! They went forth in the power of the risen Christ.

Everyone who will accept the responsibility entrusted to him will be well aware of the strength given him. Because Christ rose again, you are alive in him today. Because you are his, you are called upon to tell the Good News to others. Tell them all that Christ died and rose again!

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# Because He Lives . . . . !

Because Christ lives, we will want to make this Easter a time of more complete commitment to serve him faithfully and sacrificially. Remember the Easter Offering!

By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary, Sunday School Union

**L**ARGE CROWDS will be gathering in churches around the world this Easter to hear once again the inspiring message that Jesus lives and that in him there is hope. Those who came to the scene at the open grave many centuries ago were filled with sorrow because they thought of the buried Jesus and not the beginning of new life through a resurrected Savior. The scene changed when the glorious news was proclaimed from the grave, "Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified; he is risen; he is not here; behold the place where they laid him" (Mark 16:6).

## CHRIST'S REASSURANCES

The reassurances of this truth came to the followers of Jesus at various times. When the eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, "they saw him" as he declared: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). When the frightened disciples gathered in a room with the doors locked, they suddenly found themselves in the company of Jesus who showed the scars upon his body as a result of the crucifixion. He spoke the words, "Peace be unto you!"

Thomas sought after personal assurance that Jesus lives, and he vowed: "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." When Jesus appeared again to the disciples, he said to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing." And Thomas answered and said unto him, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:27, 28).

The Apostle Paul reports in I Corinthians that Jesus "was seen of above five hundred brethren at once . . ." and he adds, "And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time" (I Cor. 15:8). These accounts from Scripture are but one phase of the evidences that Christ lives. Three additional current evidences that we follow a risen and living Lord include our assurance of life abundant and eternal, our dedication to service unto a living Christ, and our continuous sacrifices for the risen Lord.

## WE LIVE

Jesus stated very clearly that because of his resurrection, we shall live an abundant life which will continue eternally. He said, "Because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you" (John 14:19,

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20). This personal assurance has come to the followers of Christ because of his power to forgive us our sins, which removes the barrier between man and God. The experience of having our sins forgiven has become one of the great testimonies upon the face of the earth that Christ LIVES.

When Jesus healed the man sick with palsy, he said, "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon the earth to forgive sins." The decision remains personal which determines whether we have the assur-



If the living Christ is a reality in our Christian experience, then we, as members of the church, need to serve him faithfully.

rance of life abundant and eternal. The spiritual atmosphere of Easter, which proclaims the hope of eternal life for us, places the responsibility upon US to cast the vote whether we want to live because Christ lives.

With the hope of life abundant and eternal, we can do none other but desire for our fellowman to share in these blessings of a living Christ. Sharing our blessings of a living Savior increases the joys of our own spiritual self. The Holy Spirit has motivated the followers of Jesus to be faithful and bold in their proclaiming of the Gospel of a living Christ.

We who live in America have innumerable blessings because the message of the living Christ came to this land. We treasure the memory of the pioneers who marched past the established settlements to open new frontiers for missionary work. Changes are rapidly taking place in our urban and rural areas. Fringe areas of our cities which were orange groves, wheat or corn fields, have become residential areas with thousands of people in need of a place to worship and to study the Word of God. We, as North American Baptists, have had a unique role in establishing new churches through our Church Extension program.

## WE SACRIFICE

The victories won for Christ should motivate us in this joyous season to give more of our material blessings. In addition we must give of our sons and daughters that the living Christ might be proclaimed in these open mission fields in America. If the living Christ is a reality in our Christian experience, then we, as members of the church, need to serve him faithfully. Through our teaching ministry in Sunday School, our youth work and other organizations, others may learn to know him.

## THE EASTER OFFERING

North American Baptists have set some challenging goals for the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis for 1959-1964. Among these are the following: to have 100 missionaries serving our mission fields; 60,000 pupils in our Sunday Schools; 10,000 more members by 1964 and an annual budget for our denominational missionary enterprise of one million dollars.

We can exceed our goals if the consecrated spirit of our constituency continues.

Because Christ lives, we will want to make this Easter a time of more complete commitment to serve him faithfully and sacrificially.





Dr. A. S. Felberg, president, leads a chapel service at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta.

## The Christian Training Institute's Ministry for Christ

The C.T.I. is rendering an ever enlarged ministry in three departments: the Adult Privilege Division, the Bible School, and the Bible College or Theological Division, with the objective of preparing its many students to be "good ministers of Jesus Christ."

By Dr. A. S. Felberg, President of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta

BY THE GRACE of God, the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, has continued to instruct and train young people in the ways and truths of God. For the past twenty years, there have gone out from these halls of learning young men and women who bless the Kingdom of God as they labor in local fields with a consecrated and spiritual service for Christ.

The last few years have brought about marked changes in the program of the Institute. We experienced a change of administration and the adding of a number of new faculty members. We find ourselves in a process of readjustment and enlargement. After the resignation of Rev. E. P. Wahl, the founder and faithful president of the Institute, who for eighteen years most capably and loyally directed the activities of the school, Rev. K. Korella and Rev. O. R. Schmidt faithfully served one year as acting presidents, respectively. Gratefully we acknowledge the sacrificial and devoted ministry rendered by these three distinguished leaders in the twenty year history of the school.

### CAPACITY STUDENT BODY

The growing interest in things spiritual on the part of young people has filled our building to capacity. We need more of everything: four more classrooms to carry on an adequate ministry, more library and reading space, housing accommodations for students, books and equipment to meet the need of the program. Neglecting to meet the challenge and to use the opportunities before us means failing in our ministry to God and our beloved denomination.

All of us who are ministering here at the Institute are aware of the responsibility extended to us. We pray

earnestly that the Lord may grant us grace, wisdom and strength to attain to the goal set before us of lifting up the Lord's Anointed and accomplishing the work entrusted to us.

Our chief concern is that by the grace of God we may be able to maintain and to raise the spiritual standard of our school. We are truly grateful to God for every victory granted us, even thus far.

The program of the Christian Training Institute is seeking to meet a three-fold need by rendering a ministry in three departments.

### (1) OUR ADULT PRIVILEGE DIVISION

Young people from rural areas of Canada, who have limited opportunities for High School education, and mainly immigrant students who, because of language difficulties and age differences, cannot complete their education in regular High Schools are here receiving their needed training in a Christian environment. Many young people answer God's call to the Gospel ministry after the years of their acceptance into public High Schools are past. Therefore, they have the opportunity for full High School training to meet the university and college requirements which would in turn qualify them for their Bible and theological training. Our Adult Privilege High School Department provides a place for these students to acquire their needed academic training.

We are anxious to offer this ministry to our young people who otherwise would go to some non- or anti-denominational religious schools offering a similar program and who, through such influences, would be lost to our fellowship, or it would take years to re-establish their interest and loyalty to our work and denomination.

It is in this department that we have experienced a number of changes this year. All teaching personnel has changed. We need to pray that God will give us a qualified teacher in the field of science for next year. We are undergoing an adjustment in curriculum in this department more adequately to meet our need.

However, it is here that many young persons have found a deeper interest in the spiritual things of life. Some who come to us without a personal commitment to Christ have experienced conversion as it was witnessed again this year in our school. The daily chapel worship services, the morning devotionals and evening prayer meetings have been used of God impressively. Some students have rededicated their lives to Christ and his work. Others have become conscious of God's call to the full-time Christian ministry. All members of our denominational fellowship who pray and give toward the support of the work have a part in this ministry and share in the blessings thereof.

### (2) THE BIBLE SCHOOL DIVISION

Here the school has rendered a vital ministry throughout a history of twenty years, where literally hundreds of young people have been trained for more effective church work. A great number of men received their start here. Then they went on to our Seminary in Rochester, New York and Sioux Falls, South Dakota and are now engaged in the fruitful pastorate work of our fellowship. Thirty-eight young people are taking this course now. Sixteen are completing their two-years' requirements and shall receive the "Evangelical Teacher Training Association Certificate" at graduation.

In the Bible School department, the Christian Training Institute offers

courses in Bible Interpretation, Christian Education, Church Work and Administration, Missions, Evangelism and Music, to help establish a strong witness and an effective ministry for Christ and our churches. The main emphasis in these courses is the study of God's Word devotionally and practically. It is a combination of practical church work and Christian education.

This study does not take the place of college and seminary, but offers preparation for practical church work. This course is high enough to challenge and satisfy college graduates who desire training for a fruitful service in the church program and is within the reach of High School graduates.

In this course we seek to produce the integration of mind and soul, of education and Christian faith, to create missionary interest, to develop a high level of spirituality, to offer Bible training under close and personal supervision of godly and able instructors, to guide in faith and practice, and to teach compelling effort and divine truth in a clear-cut dogma, entrusted to us by God. We seek to give a balanced emphasis, not only of the message, but also of the method according to the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### (3) THE BIBLE COLLEGE OR THEOLOGICAL DIVISION

The adding of the Pastoral Training Department to the ministry of our school has enlarged our usefulness and service to the denomination and the Kingdom of God. Here we seek to render a long desired service and meet a specific need, particularly in the Canadian churches belonging to our denominational fellowship, by offering a ministerial training program in the German as well as in the English lan-



C.T.I. FACULTY OF THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT  
Left to right: Rev. E. B. Link, Dr. B. Schalm, Rev. A. Rapske, Dr. A. S. Felberg, and Rev. H. Hiller.

guages in order to serve the many bilingual churches effectively. Furthermore, we give young men an opportunity to acquire pastoral training on the B. Th. level.

### 18 THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

The entrance requirement for regular Bible College students is Junior College training. In Alberta that means completion of High School according to the Canadian standards and one year of training at the University of Alberta which equalizes Junior College. However, if young men feel called of God to the Gospel ministry, yet are not qualified to meet the above mentioned entry requirements, but have the ability to do the work on the required level, they are invited to enroll as High School graduates and com-

plete their university requirements with us or graduate after three years of theological studies with a diploma, indicating that they have completed the prescribed course in pastoral training and are recommended as regular pastors to our churches.

At present, we have eighteen students in this department preparing to serve as pastors, missionaries and directors of Christian Education.

Our students serve nearby churches in a very appreciated ministry. Some serve in Sunday School and youth work. Many are engaged in music and choir work, thus making a vital contribution to the Christian ministry here, while in the process of preparation for the pastorate.

### THE SCHOOL'S OBJECTIVE

It is the objective of the school to prepare its students to be "good ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ," to have an understanding for the pressing needs of our time and to teach those in training ways and means how best to apply the God-given resources to bring our generation to a saving knowledge in Christ Jesus. The Word of God is central in all courses of study. It is the faculty's great concern that many students experience a deepening of spiritual life and develop gifts to a well-trained and fruitful ministry, well-pleasing in the sight of God.

We are grateful to God and to all who so faithfully remember us for a blessed year of activity in all three departments of the Institute. We sense an ever-growing spirit of interest in the things of God. The Christian fellowship is sweet. The eagerness on the part of the students to acquire knowledge and equip themselves for the Gospel ministry is keen. Our faithful instructors and staff are carrying an overload to accomplish the work. The continued prayers of God's people in behalf of the Christian Training Institute and its growing ministry are gratefully appreciated.



CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE'S GOSPEL TEAM  
Left to right: Herbert Hoehne, Renate Kirchof, Dorothy Wuerfel, Selma Blischke, Priscilla Lorenz and Gracen Beutler.



# The Challenge of Christian Training Today

Only the "best" is good enough for the Master's use. That should be true especially of our denomination's educational institutions.

By Dr. Bernard Schalm, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton Alberta

**T**HE FOUNDATION stones of many an institution of higher learning were laid by the hands of the Christian Church. In recent times education, like a wayward son in his adolescent spirit of sophistication, has frequently denied its historical dependence upon the Church, and has attempted to sever all relations with its Christian parents. Such an attitude only reveals the immaturity of the speaker.

Although the Christian Church in the past has given birth to educational institutions, and has nourished them until such a time when complete independence was demanded, it must also be admitted that some branches of the Church have been guilty of reflecting a sentiment which discouraged the progress of education. Unfortunately, it was usually the conservative element in the Church that harbored such feelings.

## ATTITUDES TOWARD EDUCATION

When the present writer decided to further his education beyond the minimum required for the ministry, an elderly saint remarked somewhat ironically to the writer's father: "What else does your son intend to acquire? Will he learn more piety?" We do not have to search long to find church-groups that still foster a negative attitude toward education. Piety, so some believe, grows more readily in the climate of ignorance. A brief Bible School term is regarded as sufficient training for the full-time ministry, and degrees cannot but prove detrimental to one's spiritual life.

Why is such contradictory opinion held in the Church? Is education, especially Christian education, biblical? Then let the Church awaken to its great obligation and responsibility in this field. Is it contrary to the spirit of the Old and New Testament? Then let the Church take steps to rid itself of this foreign embryo.

Much confusion has resulted from an improper definition of Christian training. Often education is wrongly identified with life. A child which enrolls in public school at the age of six does not thereby hope to receive life. This has occurred six years prior to school enrollment. However, the success of the child's later life to a large extent will depend upon such training.

Spiritual life is imparted to us by a spiritual birth. Yet this new life will remain dormant or die of starvation unless nourished by spiritual exercise, care and training. The Church of today is confronted with a threefold

challenge in the field of Christian training: the challenge of the Bible, the challenge of Christ's commission, and the challenge of the present need.

## CHALLENGE OF THE BIBLE

In the primitive period of God's self-disclosure, God spoke to man directly: person to person. God was the Teacher; man the pupil. Later the family became the chief institution for religious instruction. A number of sacred rites aroused the interest of the child in family worship. The first "textbook" of religious education was written by God himself upon two tablets of stone.

So important was religious instruction that each father was charged with the God-given responsibility of continually exposing his child to the words of the Law: "And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 11:19).

In addition to training received in the home, there was public instruction under the direction and guidance of the priests and prophets. At the time of Elijah, mention is made of "schools of prophets" which existed at Bethel, Jericho and Gilgal. Although little is known about the nature of these schools, they were certainly educational institutions in the primitive sense. They had the "Torah" as their textbook, and it was from these schools that Israel received her spiritual leadership.

Somewhat different from the duties of the priest and prophet were those of the "wise men" and "poets." These may be compared to the secular educators of our day. Their main function consisted in giving "prudence to the simple, to the young men knowledge and discretion; that the wise men may learn and increase in wisdom, and that the man of understanding may attain unto sound counsel" (Proverbs 1:4-5). These wise men and poets followed in the footsteps of King Solomon whose wisdom was world renowned.

## CHALLENGE OF CHRIST'S COMMISSION

Religious training in the Old Testament constituted the basis of Israel's unique position among the nations and the success of her divine mission to the world. Whenever religious instruction was neglected in the nation, the missionary vision grew dim and her spiritual power and effectiveness declined. Religious training was not only advocated in the Old Testament,

but it was a divine command, the disobedience of which could only lead to spiritual poverty and death.

Jesus gave no priority to the task of preaching. In fact, the word "teach" is used more often in reference to his ministry than "preach." The Great Commission assigns an equally important role to preaching and teaching. The failure of the Church to carry out the "teaching-part" of the Commission is the chief cause of her internal weakness. Preaching confronts man with the new life in Christ; teaching enables him to live this life in accordance with God's purpose and will. There are far too many people in the Church who may be likened to the little boy who, after receiving a neatly wrapped package for his birthday, emptied its contents on the floor and began playing with the box.

Evangelism according to New Testament teaching can never be separated from Christian training. We have no right to evangelize until we have made provisions to train the young converts in the Christian way of life. To give birth to an infant and then expose him to his own fate is murder. He depends upon the family for nurture and care. Thus infants in Christ need the spiritual environment and parental care of the Church if they are to attain to the full stature of the man in Christ.

New Testament evangelism is conducted through the preaching and teaching ministry of the local church. So deeply rooted was this conviction in the Early Church that those, who were compelled to leave Jerusalem because of persecution, established churches wherever they went. The great importance of carrying out Christ's Commission of "teaching them to observe all things" is recognized most forcefully by our missionaries in the foreign fields where daily experiences prove that a rebirth alone is no guarantee against backsliding. It is through a prolonged process of Christian training that the marks of the past life are erased and new habits and traits formed in accordance with Christian principles.

## CHALLENGE OF THE PRESENT NEED

At the beginning of the 19th century William Wordsworth, one of Britain's renowned poets, wrote a poem entitled, "The world is too much with us." If this was felt by people living in a time when education was almost completely controlled by the Church, how much more does this statement characterize our present age! More Christian schools and an increased

enrolment of theological students are pressing needs of our day. In Canada approximately one theological student graduates annually for every 90,000 people.

Not only do we need more Christian schools and more theological students, but schools in operation must strive for higher goals and standards. If our young people are not ready for service in secular fields until basic educational requirements have been met, how much more ought they to strive for adequate training in preparation for Christian service! Only the "best" is good enough for the Master's use.

A school with high standards calls for "up-to-date" teaching methods and teaching equipment. The message entrusted to the Christian Church will remain unchanged throughout the Gospel age. However, the methods used by the Church to confront the world with the divine message must be re-examined by every generation and adjusted to the character of the time, the needs which are prevalent, and the tools available to the Church.

The Church of our day has been charged with manslaughter. Having in its possession the life-giving medicine for those stricken with the deadly fever of sin, the Church has employed the "horse and buggy" instead of the "jet liner" to convey the miracle-drug to the dying. While the world makes use of the latest methods in advertising, the most recent equipment, and expert planning in business and entertainment, the Church too often is guilty of employing tools that can be labelled "antique." Such inferior quality presented to our God cannot but



THE C.T.I. STUDENT COUNCIL AND ADVISORS

Seated (left to right): Ronald Helwig, Mrs. A. S. Felberg, Dr. A. S. Felberg, and Rev. E. B. Link.

Seated on arm of lounge, left: Mary Boymook, and at right (arm of lounge): Gene Hochhalter.

Standing (left to right): Ada Taylor, Robert Hickman, Eugene Kern, Peter Schroeder, Lillian Fillenberg, Betty Mantey, Marlene Taylor, and Irmgard Kutrieb.

evoke his displeasure upon our service.

## THE CHALLENGE FOR US!

The challenge of Christian training for our day is great. What can we do as North American Baptists to meet the challenge?

First of all, we can pray for a clear-

er vision of the ripened harvest fields on the part of every church. It is through the Church's prayer of concern that laborers are called into the vineyard of the Lord.

Second, we must intensify the program of Christian training in our churches. This is accomplished most successfully by "being" rather than "doing." Many a young man has been discouraged from entering the ministry by the conduct of his church toward the pastor.

Third, churches should pledge their full cooperation to our schools. Students with high spiritual, intellectual and ethical ideals should be recommended and, if necessary, supported financially. Students already in training should be invited into our churches to receive the necessary practical experience.

Finally, Christian training needs the material support of our churches. There are few Seminaries or Bible Colleges which can boast of "silver and gold." Million-dollar grants and gifts, so common in the field of secular education, would open "great and effectual" doors of opportunity to the Christian Church. Parents will do well to remember our schools in their wills and thus continue to share in the ongoing work of God's Kingdom.

The challenge of Christian training is partially met by our denomination in its support of two educational institutions: our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. May the years to come witness a growing interest in this important phase of the Church's mission toward our young people preparing for Christian service!



STAFF OF THE "C.T.I. PROMOTER"

Left to right, seated: Mary Boymook, Esther Semrau, Marlene Taylor and Dr. A. S. Felberg, C.T.I. President.

Standing: Erwin Lutz, Leona Hoffman and Ernie Rogalski.



# The 20th Anniversary of the C.T.I.

A Review of Two Memorable Decades at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., by Rev. E. P. Wahl, the C.T.I. Founder and First President

WHO PLANTED the seed that grew and developed into the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta? The answer to that question may never be fully known. What action was it that gave birth to our Bible School? Only eternity will fully reveal that answer. Of one thing we are sure. God wanted it, and it pleased him to entrust this special ministry to us.

Our pioneer missionaries and pastors of the Canadian northwest were often burdened with the fact that there were great potentialities lying dormant in the large families of the earlier settlers of the Canadian western provinces. The lot of the young people of those days of beginnings was hard. They had to engage in hard work: clearing the land, cutting down brush, picking stones, breaking up soil, building sod and log huts to serve as the dwelling houses of the homesteaders. But many were the parents who longed for a better day for their children and children's children.

## DREAMS AND PLANS

Young people dreamed of going to school, awakening slumbering talents, doing something and being somebody. The church was waiting for better leaders; opportunities for greater service were everywhere. But how could they do more "except some man should guide" to better understanding? All this and more led to what is today our Christian Training Institute.

It was after years of praying and waiting that in September 1937 God chose to show the way how the longing for a Bible School should be realized. How we hail the day when our hopes



Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, in a fine portrait study taken during the early years of his presidency of the Christian Training Institute.

and prayers for a Bible School, solely belonging and operated by the North American Baptist General Conference, became a reality. Since its coming into being, it has always been our prayer as expressed in Longfellow's words: "Noble by birth, yet nobler by great deeds."

In the summer of 1938, when the Alberta Association appointed a Bible School Planning Committee, things began to take shape. With great fear and trembling, but with deep conviction, the leaders moved forward.

In the spring of 1939 the unexpected started to happen. From the city of Edmonton, a building site consisting

of four lots was purchased. The city sold church and school sites at half price. Therefore, the ground cost us but \$600. Today the same would sell for \$16,000.

We had little money, but parents and sons and daughters were all enthusiastic about these beginnings. A dream was being realized, which would bring joy to many a home, greater service in many a church, and spiritual growth to many a soul.

## THE FIRST BUILDING

A building, 38 by 80 feet, with a full basement and two stories high with most practical arrangements was to be erected. Such a building, it was felt, would satisfy our immediate needs. But where would the money be found to purchase the building material? "Where there is a will, there is a way." The spirit of the pioneer settlers and the frugality of our forefathers had not completely died out.

The interested people pooled their strength, money, labor and food. God graciously blessed the feeble efforts. Only two carpenters, Mr. J. J. Ohlmann and Mr. Jonathan Hiller, were hired. Only 92 cents an hour was paid to these brethren. Devotedly they worked and directed the gang of volunteer workers. A double garage was the first building to be erected, and the same served as kitchen and dining hall to prepare three meals a day for the helpers. These men came from as far as 400 miles to give freely of their time, service and encouragement for the undertaking.

About a mile away from the building site, an empty store building was rented and converted into sleeping quarters for the workers who numbered at times more than two dozen. Snoring was not permitted, but often someone would break the rule and be razzed for it throughout the next day.

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Much money for material was saved by purchasing used lumber and second-hand plumbing. Farmers donated of their produce freely to feed the workers. A farm-brother loaded a cow on his truck one day and brought it to the place of work to supply all the milk and cream needed. The women volunteered their services and not one dollar was paid for preparing those delicious meals.

Young and old, men and women, freely gave of their strength, time and money. By the end of the year the construction work had advanced far enough to open the first school year of our beloved Christian Training Institute in January 1940. The seeming impossible had been accomplished, and

parents and children were very glad.

However, the task was not finished. More than 40 young people flocked to the school to constitute the first student body. A matron, a cook, kitchen help, instructors and more were needed. There was no money to offer salaries. The Lord knew all about this, and often we talked to him about our situation on our knees. Never did he fail to comfort and to assure our hearts that all would be well.

## STREAMS OF BLESSING

The matron and cook worked several winters without receiving one dollar as salary. The first lady teacher, giving her full time, received board and room and the "magnificent" sum of \$10 a month. After the school term had ended, she had to take employment in a laundry to earn enough money to go home to her parents. The living quarters of the president, his furniture and library were all part of the institute.

It was no sacrifice, but it was gracious of God for us to accept the offer and to use it to his honor and glory. There is nothing greater than to work along with God and his people.

From the very beginning, streams of blessing started flowing from the school into the lives of such splendid young people who had come to prepare for a life of service. Churches soon felt the benediction of the Institute. Our denominational life has been greatly enriched by the ministry of the school. Souls have been saved and blessings continue to flow into many parts of the world because the Christian Training Institute was given to us by God's love. His word is true: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

## THE RADIO MINISTRY

It would be impossible to enumerate all that God and his people have done through the Christian Training Institute. But one important thing might be mentioned. For 17 years the Institute carried on a radio ministry. The listeners supported the work freely and many contributed whom we never learned to know personally. Never was it necessary to ask for special aid from denominational funds for this ministry, but every year a liberal balance remained in the radio treasury to support the general work of the school.

Twenty years have passed. A new president, Dr. A. S. Felberg, has heard the call of the Lord and has left his rich ministry as pastor. He and his wife are giving themselves without reserve to the cause of building up a stronger and better Christian Training Institute than we have had heretofore. Let us remember them and the school board and all who are on the staff of the school in our daily prayers.

# Baptist Committee Meetings

Reports from Washington, D. C.

## DR. WOYKE'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT BJA MEETING

"One of the most encouraging signs of today is the new allegiance to the Bible," declared Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, in the keynote address to the Baptist Jubilee Advance committee in its semi-annual meeting in Washington, D. C., on March 2nd.

Stating that he was a theological student in Germany during the rise of Hitler's Nazism, Woyke said that the foundations of German national stability had been undermined by the prevailing liberalism that rejected the Bible as a revelation of God and made man the measure of all things.

This attitude is now rapidly changing, Dr. Woyke said, and the new trend is to turn from science, reason and experience as the approach to theology and to look to the Bible as the revealed Word of God.

Baptists have more to gain in this new attitude than others, he said. Catholics, although there is a rising appreciation for the Bible among them, look to the church, the Pope, the hierarchy as their authority. Many Protestant groups have their authoritarian creeds, but for Baptists the Bible is the sole authority for faith and practice.

As evidence of the widespread interest in the Bible, Dr. Woyke cited the controversy and publicity on the occasion of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Although not approving the adverse criticism of the RSV, Woyke said he was glad the discussion took place because it indicated the popular interest in the Bible.

Other evidences of the new allegiance to the Bible pointed out by Dr. Woyke are the publicity given to the claim of the Knights of Columbus that the Bible is a Catholic book, and the movements in various parts of the world for Bible reading crusades.

Certain practical effects of this new attitude toward the Bible are evident. Old themes are being resurrected and new meaning is being given to such expressions as the Word of God, revelation, faith, sin and love.

Renewed emphasis is being given to the ideas that there is such a thing as faith above reason, that man is an exceedingly sinful creature in the sight of God, and that the atonement of Jesus Christ is essential for the redemption of sinful men.

## BAPTIST COMMITTEE WOULD QUESTION ALL CANDIDATES

All candidates for public office, both state and national, will be asked to state their views on separation of church and state, if a suggestion of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is followed.

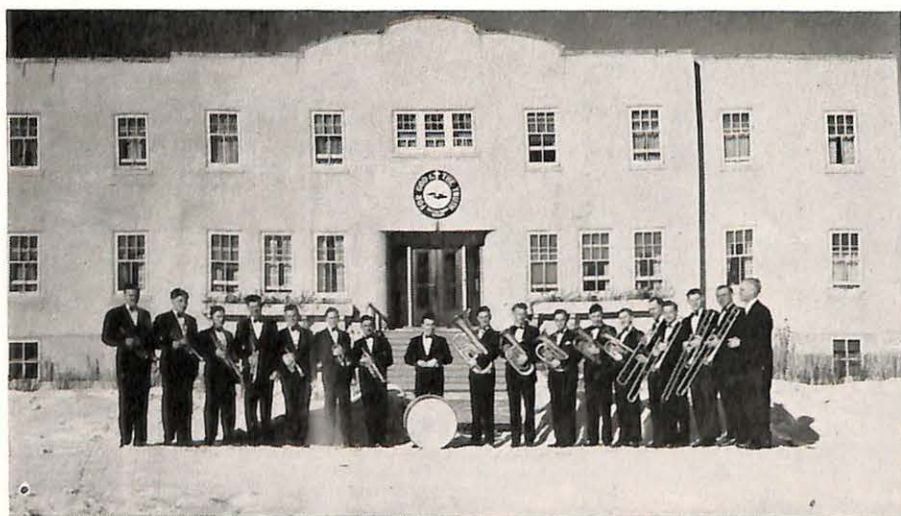
The BJCPA in semi-annual session in Washington, D. C., on March 3 and 4 expressed its loyalty to the historic Baptist position that no religious tests shall be made for public office, but it indicated that every candidate should understand the meaning and implications of the principle of separation of church and state and that the electorate has a right to know what the candidates think about these matters.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the BJCPA, was instructed "to encourage" social action agencies of Baptist conventions, organizations of men, women and youth, as well as state convention executive boards to inquire of all candidates for public office what their positions are in relation to church-state matters.

A special concern of the BJCPA for the preservation of freedom in the United States is the extent to which citizens fail to participate in the democratic process by voting. It was pointed out to the Committee that in the 1958 national elections only 43.8 per cent of the population 21 years old and over participated by voting. In several of the strong Baptist states less than ten per cent of those 21 years of age and older voted.

Commenting on this lack of civic participation on the part of the people, Carlson said, "The survival of democracy during the next couple of decades may well hinge on the degree of civic involvement on the part of the American people, not the least of Protestants. The favorite political devices of oppression include a one party system, political involvement by a minority only, and the use of fear, suspicion, and mob psychology by the use of half-truths and unanalyzed clichés."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is a denominational agency composed of officially elected or appointed representatives from seven of the major Baptist groups in the United States and Canada. Its mandate is "to act in the field of public affairs" and its major concern to date has been religious liberty and problems involved in church-state relations.



THE FIRST BUILDING OF THE CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

On a wintry afternoon the C.T.I. Band directed by the late Rev. F. G. Benke is photographed in front of the school building soon after its completion.

Give to Our Denominational  
**EASTER OFFERING**  
Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960  
Because Christ lives, ye, too, shall live! Because he has loved us, we, too, are to proclaim his Gospel of love to all peoples!  
NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE



# We the Women

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

## EASTER THOUGHTS

Easter, the greatest day on the Christian calendar, from the dawn of that first Easter morn has been of special significance to women. It was women who first received the joyous message, "He is not here, but is risen as he said," (Matt. 28:6), words spoken by no less a personage than God's holy angel himself. The angel further commanded the two Mary's to "go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead" (Matt. 28:7). They were so happy to hear such good news that they "ran to tell his disciples" (Matt. 28:8).

Characteristically, the disciples did not believe what the women had told them. Luke tells us, "But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them" (Luke 24:11). Even in those days men seemed to regard the words of women lightly. "Ah, women, all they ever do is gossip"—this was an attitude prevalent even in Bible times. It must have been a man who said that the fastest means of communication is not the telephone, or the telegraph, but tell-a-woman.

The women who came to the tomb on that early Easter morning received the glad message without doubting. They believed that he had arisen, and they lost no time in going to tell what they believed to everyone whom they met. It was men who doubted what they had heard. The message of Easter today is still, "Go and Tell."

It is a message for every believer, but it seems more women respond than men. We have more women church members, more women missionaries, more women Sunday School teachers! We women have been entrusted with the responsibility of telling the Good News everywhere we go—first of all, to our own families, then in a wider community circle, and, lastly, to the uttermost parts of the world through our missionary outreach.

Easter is especially for women! Just as nature each springtime puts on her verdant greens and glorious floral hues, we women delight in blossoming out in something new at Easter time. But the putting on of new apparel should be secondary to the deeper meaning of Easter. Christ, the Lord, liveth; therefore we, too, shall live! His resurrection means the gift of Eternal Life to all who believe. It is this glorious message which we must "Go and Tell" to all who will hear.

## THE SAVIOR'S CROWN

"The diamond that shines in the Savior's crown shall beam in unquenched beauty, at last, on the forehead of every human soul, risen through grace to the immortality of heaven."

# Annual Sessions of S.S. Committee

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

THE PROGRAM for the forthcoming Christian Leaders' Conference to be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, August 8-12, 1960 was reviewed and approved by the General Sunday School Committee at their annual sessions, February 12-13, at Forest Park, Illinois. This conference is sponsored jointly by the C. B. Y. Fellowship and the Sunday School Union to give practical help to officers, teachers and others who desire to improve their skills and technique so as not to be ashamed of their work in God's vineyard.

The program planned is somewhat different from leadership conferences held previously. It includes a young people's-adult emphasis, a children's emphasis, and a camping emphasis. Observation sessions, audio visual presentations, and work shops scheduled are real incentives for you to plan NOW to attend. Please do!

Welcomed to the 5th session of the General Sunday School Union Committee were three new members: Rev. Clemence Auch, Mr. Elmer Daum, and Rev. Le Roy Schauer, representing the Southern, Pacific, and Southwestern conferences, respectively. Illness prohibited the Northwestern Conference secretary, Mr. Myron Dudek, from attending. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general Sunday School secretary, and Miss Ruth Bathauer, director of children's work, gave complete reports on their activities as did also the secretaries of the area conferences. We rejoiced together as from these reports the following evidence came of God's guidance and blessing on our Sunday Schools in the North American Baptist fellowship:

1. Vacation Bible Schools were held by 208 of our Sunday Schools, which was 27 more schools than reported in 1958. The combined enrollment in these schools numbered 16,389 scholars. Conversions numbered 631, persons which also was an increase of 192 over the number reported by our schools last year.

2. The Baptist Jubilee Advance Bible Teaching and Training program is vigorously under way. Five thousand Bible reading packets have been distributed and an additional fifteen hundred will be prepared to meet the expected demand. Many churches are using the suggested study course on Colossians.

3. Miss Ruth Bathauer continues to direct a growing Scripture Memory Work. This past year 1,927 memorizers successfully completed the course set up for their age group. This is an increase compared to 1,738 who finished their assignments in 1958. The grand award, Sallman's "Head of Christ," was presented to 69 grand award winners. We say "Thank You" to the staff of faithful sponsors who have and are devoting considerable time to this program in the schools.

4. Leadership training courses were conducted in 41 schools and 501 certificates issued for work completed. That's good for the 41 schools, but what about the rest? Is yours a school that has never felt the beneficial impact that comes from "Teacher Training"? Training is a life-long service for each of us. "Forgetting those things that are behind—we press toward the mark for the prize of the

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THE GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Members of the General Sunday School Committee attending the annual sessions at Forest Park, Ill. At the head table, 2nd from right and right to left are Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker; Mr. Vernon Heckman, S. S. Union President; and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary.

# What's Happening

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 28, thirteen converts were baptized by Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., making a total adjusted church membership of 852. On that Sunday there were 809 persons present at the morning service and 771 at the evening service. Pre-Easter meetings began on April 6 with the pastor bringing the messages and with Einar Waermo serving as the featured soloist. The attendance goal of the Sunday School has been set at 800 for Easter Sunday.

● The First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., has called Rev. Daniel Heringer of Harlem, Montana, as its pastor. His response was favorable, and he began his ministry in the church on March 27, succeeding Rev. Edwin Michelson, now of Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Heringer has been associated with the Christian Missionary Alliance group, serving as a missionary in Montana. A more detailed report from the McLaughlin church by the reporter, Mrs. C. E. Aldinger, appears elsewhere in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● Miss Gladys J. Schielke of Milwaukee, Wis., a member of the Bethany Baptist Church, has served for 15 years as secretary, cashier and bookkeeper in the office of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention. In recognition of these 15 years of faithful service, the members of the Convention staff joined by their wives and other appreciative friends enjoyed a fellowship tea at the American Baptist headquarters on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 9. Dr. Ezra G. Roth, Convention secretary, expressed the group's tribute to Miss Schielke.

● On Sunday morning, Feb. 21, the guest speaker at the Sunday School session of the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., was Mr. Flavius Martin, Cameroons student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Professor Roy Seibel of the Seminary faculty spoke at the Sunday evening service. The church observed a time of silent prayer on that Sunday morning "for the every family use of the BAPTIST HERALD." Rev. William H. Jeschke brought his ministry at the Daytons Bluff church to a close on March 13 prior to his new pastorate in the Immanuel Church of Portland, Oregon.

● The Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Churches of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., were privileged to have Rev. G. Benke of Madison, S. Dak., with them February 8-12 for a week of Teacher Training. Because of bad roads, attendance was hampered and all the meetings had to be held at the Im-

manuel Church. Teachers, substitutes and others interested assembled each evening for two hours of study from the book, "You Can Teach." At the close of the week, a test was taken by those wishing certificates, as reported by Mrs. Myron Winter.

● Mr. Victor L. Priebe is continuing his studies at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, at present working on the Master of Arts degree. In January 1960 he completed the requirements for a Master of Theology (Th. M.) degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. Mr. Priebe expects to receive the M. A. degree in May 1960. Since February 1959 he has been serving as pastor of the Highland Park Second Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky, with a membership of 375. He is eager to serve in our denominational fellowship after the completion of his studies.

● Rev. R. A. Mikolon of Erie, Pa., the pastor of the Open Bible Baptist Church, contributed a two page article to THE FRIEND, the official publication of the Polish Baptist Association of North America in its January-February 1960 issue. The article was entitled, "There Is New Light For You!" It dealt with the second year's emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance on Bible Teaching and Training. Mr. Mikolon closed his informative article with this question: "Will this Jubilee year be a year of light to others because we allowed the Savior to work in and through us?"

● Rev. and Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke of Brooklyn, N. Y., will be leaving on a six weeks' tour to Europe about April 22. They will be going by freighter to Antwerp, Holland, travelling with Miss Ruth Tipton of the Evergreen Church, who is associated with the Church World Service. They hope to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany, and to visit with Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, Rev. Paul Schmidt, Mr. Eberhard Schroeder, and other Baptist leaders in Central Europe. Mr. Zoschke has promised to share his experiences and observations in several articles for the "Baptist Herald."

● A copy of GO, the illustrated brochure concerning the North American Baptist Mission in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, has been requested for the library of the "Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace" at Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. This mission book prepared by Missionaries Gilbert Schneider and George Henderson has been sent to this famous library, founded by the Honorable Herbert Hoover, a former president of the United States.

It is still available from our headquarters at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., at \$1.00 per copy, post-paid.

● The South Dakota Association of our churches sponsors the radio broadcast, "Chapel Cheer." The program is coordinated by Rev. Herman Effa of Chancellor, S. Dak. The messages are brought by the pastors of our South Dakota churches. Music is provided by talent from our churches and the Seminary. The program is heard over KSOO, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Sundays at 12:45 P. M. Of interest to our churches will be the announcement that the same broadcast can now be heard over WRVB FM in Madison, Wis., at 9:45 A. M. on Saturdays. This fine Christian station has extended free time for this broadcast.

● The Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, will be sending its pastor, Dr. John Wobig, to the 10th Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, this summer. Mrs. Wobig will also be attending the Congress sessions. In addition to Dr. and Mrs. Wobig, others in the church who will be going to the Congress in Rio are Mrs. Emma B. Meier, a member of the denomination's Education and Publication Board, and Mrs. Eric Pohl. On Sunday evening Feb. 28, Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Illinois, showed colored pictures of his tour to South America which he took with five Baptist editors in preparation for the Congress sessions.

● The North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., has sent a gracious letter to the St. Paul Baptist Church of Peoria which is now occupying its former building. This Negro congregation permitted the North Sheridan Church to use the church building for many months after the purchase had been completed. Mr. Walter E. Kohrs, clerk, disclosed the letter of thanks that was sent to the Negro church: "You are to be commended most heartily for the Christian love and grace shown when you permitted us joint occupancy of the building acquired by you, the only stipulation being that we share building maintenance expense and upkeep with you for the period of occupancy." Rev. Edgar B. Wesner is pastor of the church.

● The Gospel Jubilaires, the North American Baptist Seminary quartet of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is planning a concert tour to 100 churches during the summer months. The quartet is composed of William Keple, LeRoy Kiemele, Arthur Patzia and Walter Kerber. It plans to leave immediately after the close of school in May and will travel eastward to the Atlantic Coast and then north through Canada to complete its tour in North Dakota shortly before the beginning of the new school year. Through these sacred concerts, the quartet will seek to make a vital contribution to the churches and to bring the message of the Gospel through the medium of

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# The Long Search

By Sallie Lee Bell

A Prize-winning Christian Novel Laid in Texas.

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## SYNOPSIS

James Thornton was an embittered young man. His father had been sent to prison by a false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin, and had died there. He went to New Orleans, where he hoped to have his revenge on Thomas Martin. A young woman boarded the bus and sat next to him. Her mother had died and she was on her way to New Orleans to live with an aunt. But in this city, Faith Ransom learned that her aunt, Mrs. Hamilton, had died quite suddenly without leaving any word for her. Here in New Orleans, Faith was puzzled by the strange things that happened to her. And her acquaintance with James Thornton had become infinitely more than friendship to her. At the store, where she worked, she was accused of stealing jewelry. Circumstantial evidence was against her, and she was sentenced to Angola, the state prison, for 18 months. After some months of intensive investigation, the real culprit was found, Mr. Rogers, the owner of the store. Faith was released but during her prison term she had contracted tuberculosis. It was decided to take her to a hospital for tests and treatments. In this dark hour James Thornton could find no peace.

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

THE NEXT day Faith was taken to the Dibert Memorial Building. James followed the ambulance and waited nervously while she was being checked in and assigned to her ward. It was a long and tedious time of waiting, for there were many other patients ahead of her with other ailments.

It was with mingled emotions that he followed the roller which took her across the covered walk to the Dibert Building and up to her bed in the observation ward. It brought back many memories of the last time he had been in such a building, the rows of white beds, the patients in various stages of illness. Some of them were able to be propped up and were reading or crocheting, some were too ill to sit up or even talk. All of them were waiting as patiently as they could for the result of tests and the verdict which would either give them hope that they would be able to recover with only bed rest or whether they would have

to undergo the torturing experience of taking air so that the lung might be collapsed slowly in order to have rest and a better chance of healing.

There were so many new drugs which had given encouraging results that the terror which had filled the hearts of those condemned to hospitalization was removed in a large measure and hope had taken the place of despair and hopelessness.

For a little while after she was finally put in the bed she would occupy until the tedious rounds of tests should be completed, Faith closed her eyes and lay resting. She was exhausted by the ambulance ride, the long wait in the admission room and the trip across to the Dibert Building, with the added strain of anxiety and fear. She had never been in a large hospital before and the sight of the other patients in long rows terrified her. They made her more aware of her condition and made her feel that she was no longer an individual with a personality. She was just another case. James would be restricted to visiting hours and those hours were short.

When she opened her eyes she saw him sitting beside her, looking at her with adoring, pain-filled gaze. A nurse was just approaching to take her temperature and count her pulse, so for a few minutes she could do nothing but return his look while her heart cried out to him of her love and her terror.

When the nurse finally left to go down the line with her thermometers in small glasses of germicide, James leaned over and whispered words of encouragement. Tears filled her eyes in spite of her effort to restrain them.

"I wonder how long they will keep me here," she said. "Have you any idea? What did the doctor say?"

"He said he didn't know. They will have to take X-rays and make other

tests to find out what your condition is. You may not be here long. Let's hope that you won't."

Neither of them thought of praying that the time would not be long. Perhaps it was best that they did not, for they did not know, though Faith should have known, that they could not call upon God to answer such a prayer if they did not belong to Him as His children.

"I'm afraid I'm going to be here a long time," she sighed. "I know I'm mighty sick. I felt this coming on for quite a while, but I didn't want to give way to it. I kept hoping that I'd get better."

"You should have had a doctor before now," he said. "If you had, you might be well by now. But it's too late to think of what might have been. Let's just try to be happy and look forward to the time when we can be married."

He gave her a smile of encouragement, but there was no answering smile upon her lips. Just then an intern came in with his chart and sat by her and began to ask questions. James wondered why, when the visiting hour was so short, they had to take a time like this to interfere with a visit which meant much to both the patient and the visitor.

While he sat impatiently waiting for the intern to leave, his eyes wandered to the patients in the other beds. Just opposite Faith's bed there was a patient who looked even younger than Faith. She was propped by pillows and had a book open before her. By her side sat a young girl, perhaps in her early twenties, who was talking to her and pointing out passages in the book. His attention was arrested as he watched this visitor. She was strikingly pretty, with dark hair cut short and framing her face with ringlets. He could hear her voice, low and melodious, though he could not hear what

she was saying.

He looked at the patient who was listening with such absorbed interest to what the visitor was saying. She smiled at some remark and he noticed how radiant she seemed. There was a look of peace upon her face, even though she was thin and pale. He contrasted this peace with the look of fear and hopelessness upon Faith's face as she answered the intern's questions and let him use his stethoscope.

The visiting girl glanced for a moment at him and then at Faith. In that one swift glance James noted that she was even more lovely when he could look into her dark eyes than she was in profile. Her lips were firm and red and her brows were dark and straight, but there was a dimple in her chin which gave a cherubic aspect to a face which might otherwise have been too strong for perfect feminine beauty. The look that she fastened upon Faith was so full of compassion that he felt his own heart melt beneath its glance. It was so filled with love and sympathy that he felt the tears sting his eyes even though he was ashamed of this momentary weakness. She seemed to understand just what Faith was suffering, the fear that possessed her and the pain he was bearing.

He wished that he could talk to her, for he somehow felt that if he could she might impart to Faith some of the peace and strength which she seemed to possess. She turned back to the patient and what had been only an instant had seemed much longer to him because of the emotions which that one brief glance had aroused within him. While the intern continued his endless examination, he could not take his eyes off the scene before him. Finally the girl closed the book and both of them bowed their heads. He heard the murmur of the girl's mellow voice and he knew that she was praying. He could never remember praying and he felt that he was intruding by even watching as she prayed.

When she finished, there were tears in the eyes of the young patient, but there was a smile upon her face, a smile of happiness which he couldn't understand. Then the young visitor rose and took the book. As she passed him, their eyes met again, but her glance passed over him to Faith and she gave her a warm smile. Faith, to his surprise, answered that smile with her own, something which he had not been able to coax from her unwilling lips. As she passed, James saw that the book was the Bible. It seemed incongruous to him that those two young people should be interested in reading it. He had never even thought of reading it. In fact, he could not remember ever having looked inside one. There had been one in his home, but he had never seen his mother reading it nor had his father ever opened it. But these two girls had seemed interested.

He glanced once more at the pa-

tient and he noticed that she had opened her own Bible and was marking certain passages in it. She looked up and saw him watching her and she gave him a friendly smile. He felt embarrassed because she had caught him staring at her and he turned his attention to Faith. The intern was just leaving and he was thankful, for his time was almost up.

"You'd think I was going to be here forever, by the questions he asked and the time he took," Faith said wearily. "I don't see how I can stay in this place for long." She turned her tearful eyes to him. "I'll be lonesome. Jimmie. This is almost like being back in prison."

"You know it isn't," he protested, taking her hand and holding it tenderly. "You'll have me with you a little while every day and you'll have these patients in this ward instead of those low characters who were in prison. And you'll be getting better every day. I think that young girl over there opposite you will be good for you to have as a friend. See how happy she looks. You'd think she didn't have a worry in the world."

"Perhaps she's almost well," Faith replied skeptically.

She couldn't see how anyone could be happy in this place with the terrible disease she had.

"She doesn't look like it," he argued. "She looks sicker than you."

Just then the girl felt their gaze upon her and raised her eyes to meet theirs. She smiled at Faith and waved a hand at her. James saw how thin that hand was. Surely, physically, she had little to make her look happy and contented. It must have been the contact with that lovely young girl. He wished that Faith might have that girl as a visitor, if she could do for her what she had done for this girl. Faith waved back to her and just then the bell rang, a signal for all visitors to leave.

James leaned over and kissed Faith on her forehead.

"I'll be back this evening," he told her. "Be good and try to get some sleep. Remember that rest and sleep will do more than anything else to get you well fast."

She managed a smile as he left her, but his heart was heavy. He felt more lonely than he had felt since his mother had waved to him for the last time and had given him a similar wan smile.

WHEN JAMES finally got to bed after that first trying day with Faith at the hospital, he dropped off to sleep without any delay. He was mentally and physically exhausted. He was worried about Faith and worried about the bills to be paid, about which Faith knew nothing. He had used up almost all of the money he had and he knew that it would be a long time before he would be out of debt. He did not know what Faith might need in the future. He wanted her to have

everything possible to help her get well and to take care of her when she was discharged from the hospital.

He went about his work in a fog of misery and despondency. He was tortured by mingled emotions, hate and the desire for revenge, fear and worry over Faith and her condition, and desperation when he thought of himself and what the future might hold for him.

His hands were tied for the present, as far as finding the man for whom he had come to search. It gave him a sense of frustration, for he was forced to give up the search for the present and he might be forced to give it up forever. His only free time would be taken up with his visits to the hospital. He went there from one to two and from six to seven each day. The only time he would have to look for his man would be on Sunday and he knew that he couldn't go to a man's home on the pretext of business on a Sunday. He had exchanged his lunch hour with another employee who had a one o'clock hour so that he could see Faith then.

When she was discharged, and that seemed to be a long time in the future, if he married her he could not carry out his plan for murder. He had to confess the truth to himself that this wild scheme for revenge was just plain murder. If he married her he would have to take her somewhere out west where the climate would be more suitable for her, and a fugitive from the law could not pick and choose his place of abode. Even if he found his man while she was still in the hospital he could do nothing about it, for he could not run away and leave her alone. Even if he did not love her so much it would be cruel to leave her alone when she needed him and was helpless and dependent upon him.

He felt that the goal which he had set for himself to avenge his father's and mother's deaths had suddenly eluded him and there seemed to be a great void in his life, as if he had spent his years looking toward something that had suddenly been put out of his reach. He felt that he was failing in his life's purpose and that he was failing them.

He knew that it was not meant for man to take the law into his own hands, but he did not care. He was doggedly determined to make a man pay for the crime he had committed. He was not willing to let God take care of the one who had done this thing, in His own way which was the only perfect way.

He knew nothing of God except that He existed. He believed that and he felt that his mother had also believed, though she had shown little of the fruits of her belief, for she had taught him nothing except vague principles of right and wrong. Even this inadequate teaching had done nothing to eradicate from his heart hate and revenge as his life's purpose.

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# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 24, 1960

### Theme: HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Scripture: Matthew 5:6-7; 13:44-46; 18:23-33.

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** The people who have done the most for the world are those who have had the most meaningful hunger.

**INTRODUCTION:** There is a great deal of hunger and thirst in the world but it is the wrong kind. Over a hundred years ago, thousands rushed to the Pacific Coast in order to satisfy their hunger for gold. Many died in the effort and never had their hunger satisfied. All of us are familiar with the story of King Midas and his golden touch. When his hunger for gold was satisfied, he despised it because it robbed him of his most prized possession. Napoleon hungered for power and died in exile. The hunger of Alexander the Great was not satisfied, even after he conquered the world.

The hungers of the world are hungers which can never be satisfied. Hunger for food, hunger for pleasure, hunger for wealth, hunger for fame and hunger for social position have brought no one lasting satisfaction. It is often filling but never satisfying. In the end, it has always spoiled the appetite for spiritual food and taken away the thirst for the water of life.

#### I. THE WORLD'S MOST NEEDFUL HUNGER. Matthew 5:6.

Physical famine is not the worst type of catastrophe. The world is suffering from a more insidious affliction—it is suffering from malnutrition of the spirit. People are interested primarily in satisfying their lower appetites while they neglect to recognize their deepest spiritual needs.

Hunger for righteousness must, first of all, be a personal hunger to "get right with God." It is impossible to expect righteousness around us until we first have the righteousness of God within us.

#### II. THE WORLD'S MOST NEEDFUL ATTRIBUTE. Matthew 5:7.

When a man seeks only righteousness, he becomes so rigid in its requirements that he finds no room for love and mercy. If he is interested in dispensing justice in the form of an "eye for an eye," then he will soon lose his vision of God. Because he needs desperately the mercy of God, he must pass on the quality of mercy to his fellow-men. He cannot continually strive to give people what they deserve because God in Christ has not given him what he deserves. Accord-

ing to law, the sentence of death is over him, but according to grace and mercy, God has let him pass from death unto life.

#### III. THE WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE TREASURE. Matthew 13:44-46.

People have made great sacrifices in their pursuit of worldly treasure. They have sold everything and given up the comforts of home in order to seek gold, rubies and diamonds. What Jesus is trying to make clear in his parables of the treasure and the pearl is this: If men are willing to sell all and give all in order to possess a treasure which can bring them material happiness for a short season, how much more would it not pay a man to go on the Supreme Treasure Hunt and find the eternal treasure in heaven?

#### IV. THE WORLD'S NEED FOR FORGIVENESS. Matthew 18:23-33.

A little boy came home crying because another boy hit him. "Why did you not hit him back?" asked his mother. "Because then it would be his turn again," answered the boy. The world is in a turmoil because people are continually trying to get even with each other. Not only must the spirit of vengeance stop, but it must stop with a spirit of forgiveness. We were forgiven by Jesus and we must forgive for Jesus' sake.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 1, 1960

### Theme: THE PURE IN HEART

Scripture: Matthew 5:8, 27-37; Luke 9:61-62

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** "My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure." (Tennyson).

**INTRODUCTION:** One of the greatest needs today is the need for purity in the home. The morals of our national life are at a new low because the morals of the family life are broken down. The great Roman Empire was not destroyed because of the surrounding enemies but because of the immoral life within. With the moral disintegration of the family, the empire found itself in ruins.

In spite of Israel's many sins and shortcomings, its strongest point was nevertheless found in the strength of the family. It had, and still has, a great measure of love and loyalty, far surpassing the nations around it. Partly because of this strong family loyalty, Israel has been able to survive to the present day. Compared to others,

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it has one of the lowest percentages of divorce and delinquency in the world.

The Christian has one of the most difficult tasks in the world. Many give of their time and effort to neighborhood improvement, better housing, slum clearance and family counselling. Necessary as these services are, they are at best only temporary. The Christian must go to the root of all evil and bring Christ to the heart. With a pure Christ in a pure heart, we can be certain of pure motives and lasting results.

#### I. PURITY AND VISION. Matthew 5:8.

You see what you have been trained to see. A bank employee can see a counterfeit bill much more easily than someone of another profession. A naturalist, walking through a forest, can see beauty that is hidden to an ordinary person. A man looked at one of Turner's paintings and said, "I never saw a sunset like that." To which the artist replied, "Don't you wish you could?"

In this beatitude, Jesus implies that our vision is not necessarily dependent on the condition of our physical eyes, even though we may have 20-20 vision. True vision is dependent entirely on the condition of the heart. Only a pure heart can see God, and this is possible even though a man may be blind.

#### II. SIN AND SIGHT. Matthew 5:27-32.

An evil heart is the greatest handicap to true vision. To the scribes and Pharisees, lustful acts were only sinful, but to Jesus lustful thoughts were also sinful. The act of sin as well as the thought of sin were both wrong in the sight of God. The Jews were concerned about the cleanliness and purity of food and drink, but neglected the deeper purity of motive. Religion to Jesus was a state of heart, mind and soul, and he took the position that no sacrifice was too great in order to achieve the inner purity.

#### III. TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD. Matthew 5:33-37.

The Jews had a habit, even in ordinary conversation, to swear by the temple, the altar and the city of Jerusalem. They were swearing to the truth of everything and lying a good portion of the time. The bigger the liar, the more he had to swear that he was telling the truth. It was an attempt to conceal lies by powerful oaths.

All this, Jesus claimed, could be simplified by the simple truth in a simple answer in two simple words: yes or no.

#### IV. LOOKING FORWARD AND BACKWARD. Luke 9:61-62.

This is a picture of a divided man, and Jesus cannot use a divided personality. He wants the whole man, the entire man. Therefore he must break completely with his past and go forward in faith with Christ.

# Missionary Realism at the Seminary

By Mr. Richard Christeleit, President of The Bender Fellowship at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

A REPORTER came upon a group of workers constructing a large and beautiful structure. He asked the first man, "What are you doing here?" The man said, "I am waiting for the whistle to blow so that I may quit work and go home."

The reporter then asked another man, "What are you doing here?" The reply was, "I am earning fifteen dollars a day."

The reporter finally asked a third worker the same question, but before the workman said anything, he laid his tools down and, looking towards the ceiling, said, "I am building a cathedral!"

This man had a purpose in his work. Even though he had a small and insignificant part in this great and beautiful structure, he knew that there was a purpose in his own work. Every one of us has the opportunity to help build God's great Kingdom on earth. This is a great and mighty privilege given only to God's own children.

## MISSIONARY INTEREST

We of the Bender Fellowship at our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, feel that we must take every opportunity to help enlarge this great Kingdom. We feel that one very important way to help is to promote missions. Once we, as individuals and future leaders in the denomination, neglect the great mission enterprise, we will not be successful in God's sight, and our earthly ministry will suffer.

This holds true for the church as well. In many instances, we can look into our own neighborhood to see the churches that are slowly but surely "passing out of the picture," because they have neglected missions. They forget that if it were not for missions or for someone who was mission-minded, they would not have the opportunity to worship Christ. It is correctly said, "The church God blesses is the missionary-minded church."

In the 10th chapter of Romans, Paul gives us a challenge to go and win people to Christ who died for all. He tells us that preaching and teaching make known the love of Christ, and "no one who believes in him will be disappointed" (10:11). Paul again quotes from the prophet Isaiah and says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good tidings" (10:15).

From these verses, we can see that there will be joy in the hearts and lives of both the receiver of the Gospel as well as the deliverer of the precious Word. As Christians and lovers of Christ and of the Scriptures, we should be motivated to proclaim this Word

to all who listen at home and abroad. There are three things that should motivate us.

## CHRISTIAN MOTIVATIONS

The first is LOYALTY—loyalty of servants to their Master! Every Christian has the obligation of being a loyal servant to his Master, Jesus Christ. We were bought with a price, the broken body and the shed blood of Christ on the Cross. The disciples

We are obligated to tell others of what he can do for them, by showing what he has done for us.

The third motivation is that of LOVE—because he first loved us. This is the supreme motive for service. God loved the world and he gave his only begotten Son. Christ loved the Church and he gave himself for it. "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us." And we ought to lay down our lives for the



## MISSIONARY INTEREST AT THE SEMINARY

Mr. Flavius Martin, Cameroons student at the North American Baptist Seminary (left), points out our mission field to missionary candidates (left to right): Joyce Batek, Lucille Wipf, Richard Christeleit, president of the Bender Fellowship; and Barbara Kieper. Dr. George A. Dunger, professor of missions, is at the right.

and apostles of Christ were loyal and devoted to him. This was the uppermost thing in their mind—to serve him till they died. They went to many different and difficult places to tell others about him, because of their loyalty and love to him. We are obligated to do the same!

The second motivation we should have to serve him is that of GRATITUDE—gratitude for his infinite grace and countless blessings received. We may well ask ourselves, "Why was I not a heathen, or a deluded idolator, or a demon worshiper? Why was I born in a Gospel-lighted land, with Christian parents, and churches and an open Bible, and with countless other uplifting influences?" All we are and all we have are due to him. For all these blessings, we must show our gratitude by doing what he wants.

brethren. He tells us, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "Lovest thou me, . . . FEED MY SHEEP . . . !" This is the commandment for us. We are obligated to obey him if we call him our Lord!

## MISSIONARY PROGRAMS

The Bender Fellowship is endeavoring to foster this spirit in the minds and hearts of the Seminary family. Approximately once a month we have a meeting to which all are invited, including students' wives and faculty. These meetings consist of presenting missions and related problems of the missionary.

This year we have seen the slides of Dr. George Dunger's recent trip to Africa. During the Week of Prayer we sponsored a Missionary Night combin-

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# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Central District

### Baptism of 12 Converts, Beulah, North Dakota

On Sunday evening, Jan. 31, we of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. Dak., were privileged to witness the baptism of 12 converts by our pastor, Rev. John Wood. The baptismal service was held in the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak. The baptismal ceremony was followed by an inspiring message by our pastor. These new members were welcomed into the fellowship of our church at a communion service on the following Sunday. We are thankful for the use of the Hebron church on that evening and for the special numbers brought by their choir and by a duet of two of their girls.

Mrs. Gilbert Ost, Reporter



Rev. John Wood (left), pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. Dak., and 12 converts whom he recently baptized.

### Young People Present Play at Madison, S. Dak.

On Sunday evening, March 6, the Senior and Junior Young People of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., presented the thought provoking play, "The Lost Church." The play centered around a typical man of the world, who saw no reason to support his church and lived (in a dream) for one day in a churchless world. His strange experiences convinced him that the most common blessings of life owe their existence to the Christian Church. The play was directed by Mrs. Wm. Moose. Several young people participated in the service by leading hymn singing, reading Scripture and offering prayer, and special musical numbers. The offering was given toward the state mission project.

An increase of 10 over the highest recorded Sunday School attendance gave the MARCH TO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MARCH off to a good start on Sunday morning, March 6. Emphasis on faithful attendance and enrollment of new scholars is the challenge being promoted by the Sunday School workers. We want to join the MARCH and continue marching for the rest of the year to win souls to Christ.

Mrs. Harm Frerichs, Reporter

### 50th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hepperle

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 27th, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hepperle of Plevna, Montana, honored their parents at a reception and open house. The reception was held in the lower auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana. Approximately 250 friends and relatives called on them to wish them God's richest blessings.

Karl and Elizabeth Hepperle were married on Feb. 28, 1910 at Eureka, S. Dak. They have two daughters and one son, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren, and they were all present to help celebrate the occasion. A short program was given, with their son, Arthur, being in charge.

At the Sunday afternoon service,



Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hepperle of Plevna, Montana, at their celebration of their golden wedding anniversary on Feb. 28, 1960, at the First Baptist Church of Plevna.

they were again honored. Mr. and Mrs. Hepperle were charter members of the Baptist Church which had its beginning over 40 years ago. They are now the only charter members still retaining their membership here. At this service they were congratulated by the different organizations of the church, and a short program was presented in their honor.

Ruth Sieler, reporter

### New Pastor for Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak.

Rev. Daniel Heringer of Harlem, Montana has accepted the call of our First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak., and began his ministry here on March 27. He has been associated with the Christian Missionary Alliance group and serving as missionary in Harlem, Montana. He is a nephew of the late Rev. August Heringer, formerly of Napoleon, N. Dak., and is a

cousin to Rev. Walter Klempel of McIntosh. He will be joining our ranks as fellow North American Baptists.

We have been without a "shepherd" since Rev. and Mrs. Edwin H. Michelson left us, but we have been keeping on with the work of the Lord. We have had various speakers from Sunday to Sunday, including Rev. B. W. Krentz of Bismarck, N. Dak., Rev. Emanuel Broeckel of Bismarck has been filling in very faithfully. "Old soldiers," as Broeckel says, "do not die—they preach away." We now say with the Psalmist: Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good. Praise his name!

Mrs. C. E. Aldinger, Reporter

### South Dakota Men's Rally at Emery's First Church

The South Dakota Association of "Baptist Men" sponsored an annual Men's Rally at the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., on Feb. 29. There were more than two hundred men in attendance.

The local president, Herman Weeldreyer, led in the opening song and gave us a warm welcome although the thermometer was near the zero mark. Albert Radel, our association president, took charge of the program consisting of men's chorus groups, men's quartets, a men's duet, double quartet and an instrumental number. The churches participating in the program were: Avon, Chancellor, Plum Creek near Emery, Northside of Sioux Falls, Madison, Trinity of Sioux Falls, Spring Valley near Canistota, and First Church of Emery. Representatives from Danzig, Parkston, Tripp, Tyndall, and Westington Springs were also present.

President Frank Veninga of our American Baptist Seminary brought an inspiring message based on Revelation 3:8. An offering of \$138 was received for our Dakota Conference Project. The men of the Emery Brotherhood served lunch in the church basement following the program. The men enjoyed the time of fellowship and were challenged to go back to their churches and serve their Lord better.

Bert Terveen, Association Secretary

### Charter Members Honored by Wessington Springs Church

"This Is Your Life, charter members of Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak." What a surprise this phrase was to the 7 active charter members on the evening of January 31 when the Young Adult group of Ebenezer and Immanuel Churches met at Immanuel to honor Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Huether, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Liedtke, Mrs. Lydia Kludt, Dan Heitzman and August Bender for their many years of Christian service. Ivan Bender had charge of the program of songs and readings. Mrs. Leonard Holworth led in German singing.

Traveling down memory lane, these honorees along with their friends relived again their experiences beginning in the 1900's when services were first held northwest of town in the homes

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and school houses with Rev. C. A. Gruhn serving as state missionary. On July 20, 1920 a dream became a reality as they dedicated a sanctuary to the Lord. A dark cloud turned into a tornado and darkened the lives of this congregation on June 14, 1924 as it destroyed this new edifice. Another new church was erected. During an electrical storm on Oct. 20, 1943 this church went up in flames. Again faith, prayer, hard labor and another church building!

By this time many members had moved to town. Once again these charter members joined together in helping build Immanuel Church. We would have to look far and wide to find charter members who have helped to build four churches, hold church offices, taught Sunday School, and served when asked, whether the task was great or small.

Mrs. Myron Winter, Reporter

### Baptist Church Organizations Are Busy, Ellinwood, Kansas

Mrs. Leonard Kasselmann was elected teacher of the Homebuilders' Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas, at their annual meeting on Jan. 22. Harold DeWerff was named assistant teacher and Derril Widener was re-elected president. Other officers are Vernon DeWerff, re-elected vice-president; Kenneth Scheufler, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Vernon DeWerff, pianist. The C.B.Y. Fellowship observed Youth Week, Jan. 24 to 31, by taking part in Sunday services and the Wednesday prayer meeting. On Thursday evening the group with their guests enjoyed a progressive supper. On Sunday evening, Feb. 7, our pastor, Rev. Merle Brenner, baptized 12 young people on confession of their faith in Christ. An accompanying picture shows these baptismal candidates.

On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 7th, the Woman's Missionary Society met in the church basement with Mrs. Geo. Salem leading devotions and Mrs. Austin Widener directing a program on "African Trails." The annual election was held electing Mrs. August Krueger, president; Mrs. Stanley Ringering, secretary; and Mrs. Paul Scheufler, pianist. The vice-president, Mrs. Robert Kasselmann and treasurer, Mrs. Howard Keeler, will serve their offices for another year.

Mrs. Derril Widener, Reporter

## Eastern District

### Women's Luncheon, Napier Parkview Church, Benton Harbor

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., entertained the officers and members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., the Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor, at a noon luncheon, March 2nd. The kitchen committee did a superb job in preparing food for the 175 persons who sat down at the gaily-decorated tables. Mrs. William Hoover, president of the Woman's Missionary Societies, and wife of the pastor, presided. Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, missionary to the British Cameroons, West Africa, delivered a challenging yet searching missionary ad-

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### Four Leadership Courses, Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Recently four Leadership Training Courses have been given at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. On Sunday, Jan. 3, we gave formal recognition to those who had completed these courses. All those who had been in one of the classes and who were present in the service were called to the front and awarded the Leadership Training Credits. These courses were held: "Meaning and Message of the Book of Revelation" taught by Rev. Robert Wilkins; "These Things We Believe" taught by Mr. William Malin; "Teaching of Juniors" taught by Miss Mildred Schell; and "Knowing the New Testament," a textbook by Dr. Ralph E. Knudsen, taught by Rev. Robert Wilkins.

The following were enrolled in one or more of these courses: Miss Marie Conzelmann, Mrs. Anna Eisenbrenner, Miss Kathleen Eisenbrenner, Miss Anna Draeger, Miss Ida Draeger, Miss Alice Kaaz, Mrs. Sarah Mace, Daniel Pfeiffer, Miss Jean Nolte, Mrs. Elsie Stanley, Joseph Stanley, Robert Kershaw, Miss Dorothy Schweitzer, Mrs. Idelle Yahn, Miss Ethel Witzke, Miss Eva Yung, Miss Katherine Yung, Mrs. Lillian Wilkins, Mrs. Ruth Wallace, Mrs. Jennie Schmidt, and Carl Feurig, Jr. Harry E. Negley S. S. Superintendent



BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES, ELLINWOOD, KANSAS

Left to right, back row: Linda Kasselmann, Gayla Widener, Betty Widener, Caroiyn Dewey, and Ralpholene Roberts; middle row: Ronnie Koch, Keith Widener, Kent Kasselmann, and Lewis Kasselmann; front row: Sue Ann Salem, Carol Ann Wilkerson and Dennis Dewey.

dress. Rev. Fred Holzimmer spoke briefly at the prayer service the same evening. The showing of colored slides supplemented his address and revealed the inadequacies of roads, bridges, educational facilities, and hospital accommodations. The presence of the native schools and Christian churches made the difference between heathenism and Christianity, which was self-evident.

R. Shepley, Reporter

REMEMBER THE RISEN LORD WITH YOUR EASTER OFFERING



LEADERSHIP COURSE GRADUATES AT PHILADELPHIA  
Members of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., who were awarded credits on Jan. 3, 1960 for completion of work in Leadership Training Courses.  
Front Row: Eva Yung, Dorothy Schweitzer, Anna Eisenbrenner, Ida Draeger and Anna Draeger.  
Top Row: Ethel Witzke, Kathleen Eisenbrenner, Marie Conzelmann and Robert Kershaw.



our hearts and his working in our lives. New members, who have been given the right hand of fellowship, are Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Ruby and daughter Stevie, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and daughter Launi, Andrea Christiansen and Mr. James Moore.

The Torchbearers and Bethaneers continue to be eagerly attended. The children are being taught the Word of God and the craft in which each is interested. Rolland and Furne Rich, missionaries in Peru, South America, and their children, Marty, and Brenda, have been at home with us. They have been serving the Lord by helping in our Sunday School. It has been wonderful to have these dedicated servants of the Lord in our midst. It is a blessing to children and adults to know missionaries and to pray with them and for them.

Nola Haberman, Reporter

### Women's Birthday Dinner, First Church, Elk Grove

On Feb. 19th the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., held its birthday dinner. The women sat at their birthday month table which had decorations to go with that special month. The husbands of the women were also with them.

After a delicious dinner, the following program was given: duet by Mrs. John Wagemann and Mrs. Jack Baldwin; scripture read by Mrs. Alvin Adam; prayer by Mrs. Henry Rauser; Mother's Day reading by Mrs. Ed. Schuh; message, "The Well Traveled Path" by Rev. Arthur Brust of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif.; reading by Mrs. Ben Littke; duet by Rev. and Mrs. Walter Berkan; closing prayer by Mrs. Emmanuel Kandt. The table waiters and waitresses were from the C.B.Y. Chairman of the Food Committee was Mrs. Ben Kammerer, and chairman of Decorations was Mrs. Walter Veit; Cleanup, Mrs. Art Dockter. President of the Society, Mrs. Ed Kammerer, presided over the program. Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Fiedler of Vancouver, B. C., on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Fiedler is an honorary deacon of the church.

### 50th Wedding Anniversaries, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., was happy to honor Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Fiedler and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wollenberg on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversaries on Thursday evening, Jan. 28th. An enjoyable program was rendered under the chairmanship of Mrs. Louise Eggert, president of the Ladies'



Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wollenberg of Vancouver, B. C., celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

Missionary Society. Presented were musical selections and recitations by the grandchildren, poems, and several selections by the German Mixed Choir. Close friends of the honored couples recalled highlights of past events. Our minister, Rev. Otto Patzia, gave a fitting address.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Fiedler were married in the Ukraine and came to Westaskiwin, Alta., in 1928. For the past 17 years they have lived in Vancouver, B. C., Mr. Fiedler is an honorary deacon of the church. They have one daughter living, Mrs. Alma Krause, and two grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wollenberg were married in Volhynia and came to Winnipeg, Man., in 1913. For the past 13 years, they have lived in Vancouver, B. C. Mr. Wollenberg served as trustee and also as deacon of the church for a number of years. They have four children living: Oscar Wollenberg, Mrs. Eda Tiede, Mrs. Martha Effa and Mrs. Freda Ross, and 13 grandchildren.

Mrs. Terry Lueck, Reporter

### CHILDREN'S DAY

All programs and recitation materials for Children's Day to be observed on Sunday, June 12, 1960, should be received by our churches shortly after Easter. If not received by April 20, please make your requests known by writing: Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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high calling of God in Christ Jesus." We encourage superintendents and Sunday School staff to plan for a training school for your teachers soon. Suggested courses and text books are listed in the Christian Leadership booklet mailed to all superintendents last November. If you need a copy, please write to the Sunday School Union office today!

5. Most schools that have adopted the Sunday School Standard are consistently striving to attain higher levels of achievement, and we commend them for their effort. The filling out of an achievement report each year is a stimulating experience for the local Sunday School Staff. It reveals the accomplishments to praise God for and shows up the weaknesses that need to be corrected to strengthen the schools' ministry. About two-thirds of our 302 schools have not as yet adopted the standard, and we wonder why. Full attainment is not a requisite for adoption! Basically the Standard was developed to set up desirable goals to aim for. Attainment of the goals can and will take place after adoption of the Standard if the schools' program is directed to that end. If you need information about the Standard, please write to the Sunday School Union for it!

### 1960 SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

6. Visual aids are being used in increasingly greater numbers effectively to teach our pupils. Our slide and film library is being built up and as soon as additional space is available at the headquarters building, this department will be better able to meet your visual aid needs.

7. The quarterly publication "ACTION" is being enthusiastically received by our Sunday School superintendents. It will continue to be published in 1960 with its ideas, hints and suggestions for keeping us "on the march" in our school planning.

Looking ahead, plans were formulated for a Sunday School Week to be held September 25 through October 2, 1960. "Not your Own" was selected as the theme to follow the theme, "Born to Grow" considered in 1959. The Scripture passage chosen for consideration was I Corinthians 6:19, 20, and the song suggested was Wendell P. Loveless', "I Love to Hear His Voice."

A Handbook to aid schools in many phases of their work is being prepared by the Sunday School Union personnel. The format is based on the Sunday School Standard. It is expected that this book will be off the press, and available before our Sunday School Week emphasis next fall.

Materials for a summer Expansion Campaign are now being prepared and will be circulated by May 15. The dates suggested are July 17 through September 4.

## BECAUSE CHRIST DIED

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does that mean? I'm not sure that I grasp its full significance, but for me it means that I am here in Kyoto, Japan, rejoicing in the will of God, in his abundant blessing and constant strengthening, attempting by his grace to share the wonderful message of Jesus with the people of this land.

"I know not what gift you may bring  
In gratitude to Christ our King;  
A lesser gift I might have tried—  
I'll give myself—because he died."

## MISSIONARY REALISM

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ing the Trinity and Northside Churches with Dr. Dunger showing pictures of the Cameroons. For the third year we will present to the downtown area of Sioux Falls a window display of curios from some mission field. This year Japanese curios will be featured. Once each month several of the members present the evening service at the Sioux Falls Gospel Mission.

Since we feel that we should reach out to others concerning missions, this year, for the first time, we will be holding a Young People's Missionary Conference for our churches in this area. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, missionaries to Japan, will be with us for these dates of April 22 and 23. On Friday night they will present colored slides. On Saturday we will have a discussion session in the afternoon and a banquet with the Kerns as speakers in the evening. We are anticipating a blessed time with them.

We desire to have a testimony like that of David Brainerd, the great missionary to the American Indians: "I wanted to wear out my life for his service, for his glory. I rejoiced in my necessity of self-denial. I cared not where or how I lived or what hardships I went through, so that I could but gain souls for Jesus Christ."

## BECAUSE CHRIST CAME

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people. Upon the grip, which this truth will have on the hearts of the believers, depends the redemptive power of the church as well as of the individual. It will keep our missionary and evangelistic enthusiasm always at white heat. It will never lose its power, even when policies and methods, even the stress of minor theological differences threaten to disrupt our spiritual harmony.

Program, method, policies, church facilities, capable leaders are important. But the thing of greatest importance is that we give ourselves to making known the Gospel message in the same prayerful and sacrificial manner in which Christ came to bring us the abundant life.

## MARCH OF EVENTS

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odist agency is distributing an increasing volume of literature dealing with gambling, indecent literature, and narcotics. It recently added a cartoon film for teen-agers on automobile safety entitled "Stop Driving Us Crazy."

● Buddhism in our Newest State. The recent granting of statehood to Hawaii calls attention to a significant Buddhist element in our population. According to some statistics, Hawaii's population was at one time 95 per cent Christian. Today the largest single religious group in Hawaii is the Buddhists, with 160,000 devotees in a population of 640,000. This gain is due not to immigration alone but also to a vigorous missionary activity by Buddhist priests and teachers in the islands. On the mainland of North America there are already more than 100 Buddhist priests of the liberal (Mahayanist) sects.—Edmund Perry in *SVM Newsletter*, publication of the Student Volunteer Movement.

## FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Feb., 1960	Feb., 1950	Feb., 1958
Atlantic	\$ 3,293.27	\$ 2,967.68	\$ 2,290.38
Central	10,290.66	6,098.98	2,632.12
Dakota	4,389.06	3,269.74	3,578.19
Eastern	1,269.03	1,509.26	916.38
Northern	5,918.39	4,528.65	2,010.10
Northwestern	7,515.90	4,201.44	5,533.77
Pacific	9,231.52	3,790.55	4,993.13
Southern	710.46	355.71	265.50
Southwestern	3,427.61	3,631.30	2,067.69
Inter-Conference		32.00	
Total Contributions	\$ 45,045.90	\$ 30,385.30	\$ 24,287.26

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denomination Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of Feb., 1960	\$ 34,121.99	\$ 3,736.02	\$ 8,187.89	\$ 46,045.90
For the month of Feb., 1959	23,430.19	6,954.39		30,385.30
For the month of Feb., 1958	18,320.45	5,966.81		24,287.26

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1959 to Feb. 29, 1960	\$567,112.90	\$ 58,944.22	\$ 87,488.29	\$713,545.41
April 1, 1958 to Feb. 28, 1959	570,986.24	67,360.35		638,346.59
April 1, 1957 to Feb. 28, 1958	507,518.20	49,318.16		556,836.36

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# Obituary

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

### MRS. CHARLES GROSS of Pound, Wisconsin

Mrs. Charles Gross, nee Emily Dams, of Pound, Wis., was born in Russia on March 21, 1884. As a child she came to America with her parents and settled first in Buffalo, N. Y. A few years later she moved to Pound, Wisconsin, where in 1900 she was baptized and became a member of the newly organized German Baptist Church. She was married to Mr. Gross on April 9, 1901. The couple operated a farm near Pound until 18 years ago when they retired and moved into town.

Mrs. Gross passed away on Dec. 23, 1959 and is survived by her husband; three daughters: Mrs. Walter Montie, Mrs. Fred Tegge and Mrs. Helen Chilcote; four sons: Herman, Emil, Walter and Edward; a brother and a sister; 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on the day after Christmas at the Pioneer Baptist Church where she will be greatly missed by friends and loved ones. Pioneer Baptist Church Pound, Wisconsin

G. W. BLACKBURN, Pastor

### MRS. EMMA WAHL of Emery, South Dakota

Mrs. Emma Wahl of Emery, S. Dak., born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Huether on June 20, 1887, in Hutchinson County, S. Dak., went to her eternal rest on March 3, 1960. She suffered severely for nearly three weeks from a fall from which she never recovered. Sister Wahl found her Lord in her youth and was baptized on May 29, 1904 by Rev. Henry Hilzinger, pastor of the Plum Creek Baptist Church. She was a faithful member of that church until May 1927 when she became a member of the First Baptist Church of Emery. Here she continued to minister with her family and people to the glory of God, ever ready to encourage the faithful proclamation of the Word of God.

She was married to Emanuel Wahl on Nov. 18, 1905 and for 55 years they were privileged to live together in the vicinity of Emery until the Lord called Mrs. Wahl home. Bessie (Mrs. Art) Edzards, also of Emery, was their only daughter who with her family and Mr. Emanuel Wahl will delight in the comfort of the Lord in this separation. "The Lord is my refuge and strength."

First Baptist Church Emery, South Dakota  
LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

### MR. WALTER FRANK JUNG of Madison, South Dakota

Mr. Walter Frank Jung of Madison, S. Dak., passed away at his home on Feb. 25 at the age of 71 years. He was born on Jan. 31, 1889 in Wayne, Wisc., and came to Lake County with his parents in 1901. In 1904 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and to give evidence of his new found faith in Christ he was baptized on April 3, by Rev. Koester and united with the local Baptist church. He was united in marriage to Ella Koch on March 17, 1915. The couple farmed until 1943 when they moved to Madison.

The funeral service was conducted on Feb. 27. The message for this service was based on Psalm 8:4. Survivors include his widow; one son, Elmer of Madison; one daughter, Mrs. R. L. Schweitzer, Monmouth, Ill.; 5 grandchildren; 2 brothers: Ben and Ed. Jung of Madison; 2 sisters: Mrs. Charles Backhaus of Madison and Miss Esther Jung of Minneapolis, Minn. May the Lord comfort, strengthen and bless the loved ones and the many friends who mourn his homegoing.

West Center St. Baptist Church Madison, South Dakota  
JOTHAN G. BENKE, Pastor

### READY FOR GOD'S SUMMONS

He who always waits upon God, is ready whensoever he calls. He is a happy man who so lives that death at all times may find him at leisure to die.—Feltham.



## THE LONG SEARCH

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He did not yet know what Faith's condition was. He had asked the doctor in charge of her case but he had gotten no definite information. He discovered that they gave out little information, except to prepare a patient for taking air or for an operation when that was necessary. Faith had tried to get some information but had met with the same failure. She was told that she would have to wait for further tests and additional X-rays. She learned from the other patients what a long and trying time it was before they were finally classified and either sent to other wards or kept for a further stay in the observation room.

She had become acquainted with the girl in the bed opposite her and this girl had tried to cheer her up and to give her encouragement, but her efforts had met with failure. Faith was still in the depths of despair. The girl in the next bed was sullen and gloomy and complained constantly about everything. Her attitude did not help Faith to become reconciled to her lot. James realized this and was glad when the patient was finally moved to another ward.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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song to our people.

● The German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, Ontario, enjoyed the ministry of several guest speakers in February and March. Rev. E. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Mich., who had made a tour to Africa in 1959, showed some of his fine pictures about our denominational mission field in the Southern Cameroons. His ministry was greatly appreciated, as reported by Rev. John Wahl, pastor. A week later Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District Secretary, spoke to the Hamilton church congregation and reviewed the ministry of North American Baptists. On Thursday evening, March 3, Rev. Eldon Janzen of Arnprior, Ontario, served as the guest speaker endeavoring to unify the German and English-speaking churches of Ontario.

● A dinner and special program attended by about 150 people was held at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., to install two of its highly esteemed members as deacons emeritus. They are Mr. Joseph B. Klausmann, a member of the church for 62 years and a deacon for about 45 years, and Mr. George W. Joithe, a

church member for 48 years and a deacon for 38 years. The installation program was in charge of the pastor, Rev. Sidney Larson, with tributes to the ministry of these two honored members brought by Messrs. Arthur Gauss and Charles Klausmann. Mr. Harold Stout presented certificates to the deacons emeritus in behalf of the Clinton Hill Church. Mr. Klausmann is also a member of the N. A. B. Finance Committee and Mr. Joithe has been the "Baptist Herald" representative for the Publication Society for many years.

● A Teacher Training Course was conducted in Eureka, S. Dak., with a good response of teachers, substitute teachers, officers and other interested members of the church in attendance. "OUR PUPILS AND HOW THEY LEARN" by Frances Cole McLester was used as textbook while Rev. A. E. Reeh, pastor, was the instructor. A baptismal service with reception of new members and the Lord's Supper was held on Good Friday evening. Pre-Easter services were conducted at the Eureka church from March 7 to 11 with Rev. Richard Grenz as speaker. Evangelistic services will be held in Leola, in the newly completed and furnished auditorium with Rev. Ron Dalzell as evangelist.



—Photo by David W. Corson from A. Devaney, N. Y.

## YOUR MONEY CAN WORK FOR GOD!

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### ANNUITIES

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### WILLS

There is a spiritual challenge in remembering the missionary and cooperative work of your own denomination by making a will, designating some part of your estate for the Lord's work. Your bequest may be designated for any one of your cooperating organizations. It will memorialize your life as a witness for Christ for years and decades to come. All of a Christian's time, talents and possessions are to be used to the glory of God. The Christian will want to demonstrate this in the making of his will to the greater glory of God!

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