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• A modern two-story Center for the Study of World Religions will be built by Harvard University near the institution's Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass. The new Center, which is expected to be completed by the fall of 1960, will provide permanent facilities for graduate students and visiting scholars from throughout the world in efforts "to encourage communication between men of differing religious faiths."

• Billy Graham will hold a three-week crusade at Miami Beach, Fla. Exhibition Hall beginning March 4, 1961. The site and dates were agreed upon at a meeting between the evangelist's team and representatives of the sponsoring Greater Miami Ministerial Association, Council of Churches and Ministerial (Negro) Alliance. Only the Episcopal Clericus has voted not to support the crusade officially, although many Episcopal clergymen and laymen will be active in the evangelistic effort as individuals.

• American and Jordanian archeologists will carry out extensive research in the region of the Dead Sea to discover the Biblical cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, the Amman Radio reports. Professor William F. Albright and William Foxwell, both of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, recently found potteries near the southeast portion of the Dead Sea which are believed to have belonged to Sodom. In addition pilots flying over the Dead Sea have repeatedly reported seeing ruins of buildings beneath the water.

—The Watchman-Examiner

• Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) will open a Chicago office Jan. 1. Rev. James M. Windham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Maryville, Tenn., will head the new office. He is a member of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and has served on the POAU national advisory council for more than 10 years.

• Almost 71 cents out of the taxpayer's dollar will go for war, either military preparation or the cost of past conflicts, the Friends (Quakers) Committee on National Legislation reports after an analysis of funds voted by the last session of Congress. Congress appropriated \$46,214,000,000 for military and atomic energy programs based on defense, or 63½ cents out of the tax dollar, the Quaker group said. In addition, the cost of veterans' benefits, survivors' pensions, maintenance of military cemeteries, etc., amounts to \$5,388,000 or almost 7½ cents of the tax dollar.

—The Watchman-Examiner

• The U. S. Post Office Department has announced that a Bible verse will appear on the new 10-cent stamp for overseas airmail to Latin America and the West Indies. The stamp, which pictures the Liberty Bell, will carry the bell's inscription: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants," which is taken from Leviticus 25:10. It will also carry the slogan "Let Freedom Ring" in large letters beneath the picture of the Liberty

Bell. It is the inscription which caused the bell to be known as the Liberty Bell, rather than its use, authorities declare. It will be issued on June 10, 1960.

• Dr. Clyde Taylor, addressing some 150 mission leaders at the 8th annual conference of Evangelical Literature Overseas, November 20-December 3, declared that "there are virtually no doors closed to literature around the

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Baptist Briefs

• **New Baptist Headquarters in Jamaica.** After lacking sufficient space for over 100 years, the Jamaica Baptist Union has opened its spacious new headquarters in Kingston. In addition to the office rooms, provisions have been made for a library and conference rooms. Reports for this year show nearly 30,000 Baptists in the Union of Jamaica and 57 ministers in active service.

• **Baptist Union of Scotland.** The new president of the Baptist Union of Scotland is David S. K. Macleay, a businessman educated at Dundee's Technical College and the School of Economics. Mr. Macleay's commercial career began with the firm of Cox Brothers of Lochee. In 1936 he served as manager of the St. Enoch House in

Glasgow, and since his conversion, he has worked with the Scottish Temperance Alliance, served as general-secretary of the Scottish Band of Hope Union, and has acted as joint secretary of the Alliance Crusade.

• **Israeli Baptists Meet.** The fifth annual meeting of Israeli Baptists took place at the Baptist village of Petah Tikva, about 25 miles northwest of Jerusalem. Discussions, partly in Hebrew and partly in English, were devoted to problems of the Baptist congregations, which are affiliated with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, U. S. A. The Baptist community, numbering some 200, also has centers in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Nazareth. Baptist literature is published at the Tel Aviv center, and Nazareth has a Baptist high school attended by 300 pupils of various faiths.

• **B. J. A. Associate Secretary Marries.** On Dec. 19 Mr. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and Miss Jane Ray Bean of Nashville, Tenn., were married at the First Baptist Church of Nashville. While Mr. Denny was working with Baptists overseas through the ministry of the Baptist World Alliance, Miss Bean has been working with the overseas students in this country for Southern Baptists. They are residing in the Washington, D. C. area.

• **New Baptist Secretary in Germany.** Dr. Rudolf Thaut, former pastor of Munich Baptist Church, was elected general secretary of the Baptist Union in Germany (Bund Evangelisch Freikirchlicher Gemeinden in Deutschland). He succeeds Rev. Paul Schmidt. Dr. Thaut, called into the ministry in 1945, received his Ph.D. degree from Hamburg University. During two pastorates in Mannheim and Munich, he was responsible for the Baptist Uni-

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Editorial

Baptist World Alliance Sunday

The high and noble purpose for the observance of Baptist World Alliance Sunday on Feb. 7, 1960 was graphically expressed by Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Alliance president, in these words: "It is for the deepening of faith and loyalty, for the enlarging of our hearts in Christian love, and for the strengthening of our wills to Christian service."

Baptists have always acknowledged their unswerving faith in and loyalty to Christ. The supremacy of Christ is the only creed that binds these 23,000,000 Baptists together in more than 100 countries of the world. It is the challenging theme expressed in these words, "Jesus Christ Is Lord," which will ring clearly and loudly throughout the sessions of the 10th Baptist World Congress to be held this year in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Christ commands, and as his disciples we follow and heed his words, regardless of the consequences to us personally. On this Baptist World Alliance Sunday, we ought to ponder the depth of our loyalty to Christ and our willingness to suffer, if need be, as we remember the witness of many fellow-Baptists around the world. This is "the fellowship into which we are called and, above all, the one Lord to Whom we belong," as Dr. Adams has stated.

Baptists are experiencing the enlargement of their hearts in Christian love. This is our privilege and joy in these days. We praise God for the several hundreds of thousands of Baptists in Russia who are still true to the divine Gospel that saves and that transcends all governmental edicts and man-made agencies. We rejoice over open doors of missionary service in Latin and South America and for the millions of fellow-Baptists with their ardent witness for Christ in these days. We thank God for the masses in Africa who have seen the light of Christ in thousands of Baptist mission schools in that continent and who are now rising to a newly discovered freedom in their land. Everywhere we go and look, our hands meet with others in the handclasp of a renewed spirit of oneness. Our hearts are enlarged in Christian love, and "through our ranks," as Dr. Adams has said, "there runs the power that comes from HIM who strengthens us."

This Baptist World Alliance Sunday reminds us that our wills must be strengthened to Christian service. The constraining love of Christ lays hold on us for one purpose only—to witness to Christ's saving power, to evangelize the world. Dr. Adams has pointed out that "our chief concern must not be our numbers or our status, our power or our possessions, but to make known the saving love of him, our Lord," who gave himself for our redemption. Baptists are called today to advance into all the world with the message of the Gospel.

The objectives of the Baptist Jubilee Advance are an expression of this world-wide task of evangelism and missions which has been entrusted to us. God's Word shows us the fields that are white already to harvest. As the large and wonderful family of Baptists, may we offer ourselves anew to Christ whose right it is to claim our utmost service. Then this Baptist World Alliance Sunday will have spiritual glory and significance for us throughout the year!

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A Gospel Digest in Seven Words

"Christ in you, the hope of glory." These seven words of Colossians 1:27 are wonderfully significant. This is the second of a series of studies on Paul's letter to the Colossians.

By Rev. George G. Kimsey of Indianapolis, Indiana

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: . . . and whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:16-17).

"CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory," is a Gospel digest in seven words. Never was the Gospel so condensed. Each word is significant, with meaning too deep for tongue or pen. More to be desired than gold is the truth of these words and no one can hide from the light thereof (Ps. 19). Let us deal with the digest word by word.

First, the word "Christ." The first part of the verse has stated that God willed to make manifest the mystery of the ages; and to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col. 1:27).

THE MYSTERY IN CHRIST

Christ is the hidden mystery of the Old Testament. "For unto us a child is born" . . . his humanity; "unto us a son is given" . . . his deity, was spoken over seven hundred years before Bethlehem. No wonder he is called wonderful, counsellor . . . The Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6). The fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, written seven hundred years before the event, is the best description of Calvary in sacred writ.

Christ is also the mystery and wonder of the New Testament. His birth in Bethlehem was a wonder and remains a mystery. The silent years of Nazareth remain a mystery. His preaching, teaching, and healing filled the multitude with wonder and provoked the question, "How can these things be?" (John 3:9). His way to the city, through the garden, by way of

Pilate's court, and up Calvary has filled the ages with mystery and wonder.

The poet with his seeing eye, the herald with his compassion, and the saint with his devotion, have all "laid their trophies at his feet." He is still:

"Wonderful Savior, wonderful Friend,
Wonderful life that never shall end;
Wonderful place, he's gone to prepare,
Wonder of wonders, I shall be there."

Stranger than fiction, the term Holy Spirit does not appear in the epistle to the Colossians. Why? There must be a reason. There is! They had questioned the person and deity of Christ. They had listened to the gnostics (speculative thinkers) until the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from them. Church history has proven that when a church or community has questioned the person or deity of Christ, that church or community has perished into oblivion. The poet has well said, "Better far had they ne'er been born, who read to doubt or hear to scorn."

Paul meets the gnostics by magnifying the person, place and deity of Christ. Listen as he states them one

by one in no uncertain terms and with definite purpose to refute the false teachings (Col. 1:14-2:9): Christ—"In whom we have redemption"; Christ—"who is the image (Greek, *eikon*) of the invisible God," (Eikon, the same word used in Gen. 1:26, we are created in the image of God); Christ—"the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created." "He is before all things, and by him all things consist (Greek, *sunhistanai*, to stand with, cohere, hold together)."

THE DEITY OF CHRIST

"He is the head of the body, the church." He is not only creator and sustainer of the physical universe but he is first and head in the spiritual. What is the purpose of it all? "That in all things (material and spiritual), he might have the preeminence." Finally, Paul wraps it up completely: "In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9).

Sometimes we feel like being grateful for the false teachers at Colosse because they primed Paul to bring out the dangers of accepting a substitute and not abiding "according to Christ." The tendency is always to accept a substitute, to take the easy way out. Humanism, materialism, philosophy, and the wisdom of men have spoiled the church in every age. It is impossible to have Christ without the cross, salvation without the Savior, or the church without Christ.

The greatest proof of Christianity is

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a committed Christian. The greatest proof of the Church, the body of Christ, is the church itself. The greatest proof of Christ is the person of Christ himself—no substitute. He demands first place. He will not share his glory with another.

"Sublimest thought will fail,
Churches change, systems go;
But our deep need, it will not alter
Christ, no after age will ere out-grow."

"CHRIST IN YOU"

"Christ in you." If ever there was a digest of divine truth, here it is. Think of it! "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Pascal said that salvation is from the parts to the whole. The fall in the first Adam broke the first arc; the fires of Calvary welded it. "Ye are complete (Greek, *pelaormenoi*) in him." The Greek word is in the perfect tense, meaning complete action, or idea, "ye have been made full." There is no place for a substitute when "ye have been made full in Christ."

Aristotle said that the soul never thinks without an image, that the mind never comprehends without a picture. For practical purposes we can illustrate "Christ in you" with a circle, a wheel. Put Christ at the hub, the center of your life, and the spokes that reach out will illustrate the two dimensions of the Gospel—the perpendicular and the horizontal, and also the four dimensions of the committed life—"Christ in you."

First, there are the spokes of prayer that reach upward. In essence, the epistle to Colosse is a prayer. It is not just prayer, but prayer with a purpose. There is no such thing as "praying lightly." Listen to its earnestness, "Since the day we heard of it, we do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled (Greek, *pleroo*, filled full, *not lightly*) with the knowledge (Greek, *epi-gnosis*, increasing knowledge)."

But what is the purpose? It is not only to know the will of God but that ye might "walk worthy of the Lord . . . in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." The increasing in knowledge comes in the "walking worthy"—*doing*.

ESTABLISHED IN CHRIST

Second, there are the spokes of the wheel which reach downward "in Christ" who is the center of the hub. It is a poor prayer indeed that does not deepen the life. The perpendicular phase of the Gospel is expressed in many metaphors. We will use only two verses: (Col. 2:7, 8). "Rooted," It is the figure of the roots of a tree going

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"Christ is the head of the body, the church: . . . that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Col. 1:18).

down into good soil. "Built up," it is the figure of consistent construction. "Established," it is the figure of making firm, solid, steadfast.

Then comes the word "teach" (Greek *didasko*, repetition). Unless the teaching deepens the growth in the life, the birds will come and steal the seeds. That is what the gnostics had done. "Beware lest any man spoil (Greek, *sulagoo*, to carry away). The deceitful philosophers had carried the church off after the "traditions of men." It is comparatively easy to evangelize. It is extremely difficult to

teach, train, and bring to maturity.

Now we turn to the horizontal phase of the Gospel. The first spoke is that of "being a witness" (Acts 1:8). If our upward reach in prayer and our downward reach in knowledge stops with the perpendicular phase, it stops indeed. The term "witness" has been abused in at least three ways: by faulty interpretation, by inconsistent living, and by preaching without performing. "Fine counsel is confusing, but example is always clear."

OBEDIENCE IN CONDUCT

Fourth, the wheel of "Christ in you, the hope of glory," is completed with the horizontal spokes of *obedience*. We must recognize that witnessing without *obedience* is a lopsided wheel. As the spokes of prayer reach upward, knowledge downward, witnessing outward, the whole structure must be kept in balance by *obedience*. "That ye might walk (the whole bent of the Christian life) worthy (Greek, *axios*, meaning scales, weight, balance) in every good work" (Col. 1:10).

If it stops short of obedience, it stops. The whole cycle is completed in obedience and conduct. The Author of our faith "learned *obedience* by the things which he suffered" (Heb. 5:8). We can do no less.

These wheels do not run smoothly. They are on the chariot of salvation which must travel "redemption avenue" all the way from the old rugged Cross up through the pearly gates and on past the Father's House of many mansions. This is "the hope of glory," and "my hope is built on nothing less."

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Mbingo! Where Is It?

The latest news of God's blessings from The New Hope Settlement for lepers in the Southern Cameroons
by Miss Gertrude B. Schatz, Missionary-nurse.

MBINGO! What is it? Where is it? This is the place in Africa where your "New Hope Settlement" is situated. It is in the Southern Cameroons, 21 miles west from Bamenda, where our Cameroons Baptist Mission headquarters are located, and 5 miles from the Belo Maternity Center. It is an area of hills, valleys, waterfalls, and many varieties of trees.

As one approaches Mbingo, one is thrilled by the sight of the zinc roof tops of the settlement patients' houses and the many painted buildings which are the hospital, clinic, crafts building, school, missionary homes, etc. From this location, a ministry of healing and teaching is supervised by your missionaries.

LAURA REDDIG'S HOUSE

Missionary Laura E. Reddig helped to establish the work here in Mbingo. How it has grown! For me, it is a real privilege to occupy the house which she helped to build. I would say it is a mansion in comparison with the mud and thatched hut in which Laura used to live and where the mushrooms grew in the corner. This house is built of stone with a zinc roof and cement floors. Laura herself selected each stone which was put into the fireplace. It is homey and comfortable for a missionary nurse. (See next page).

The location in regards to the doctor's house, manager's office and the hospital is excellent—all within walking distance. Then the view from the dining room window is magnificent. Each morning I marvel at the cloud formation over the hills, and then at the changing color as the sun rises and, finally as the clouds lift the panoramic view of the hills, trees and waterfalls.

The hymn, "How Great Thou Art," comes to my mind. I'm aware that, though we do not have the conveniences of Americans, the Lord has provided this great beauty of nature. Around this house are many flowers and fruit trees which not only beautify the place but provide fresh fruit the year around. What a joy, a month after I arrived, to have a beautiful gardenia which was planted by Laura Reddig.

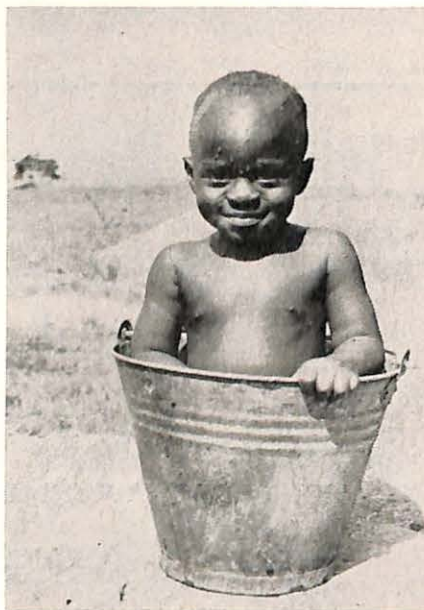
Looking towards the hospital, one can see the coffee plantation, which is now loaded with red coffee beans. This too is a beautiful sight and reminds me of Michigan cherries. One

can also see cacti plants, banana trees, corn fields and the abundant elephant grass. All this beauty provides a real source of rest and relaxation for the missionary.

"SALUTE" AND BAPTISM

Of course, a missionary's home is not without activity, and one of the first and most welcome occasions was a "salute" (greeting) by the women of "the clean staff." They came to the house, singing and clapping their hands in their special fashion. This gesture certainly made me feel much more "at home." They sang and prayed for me and, though I didn't understand all the Pidgin, I felt the sincerity and warmth of their greeting. On leaving, they "dashed" (gave) me some eggs and gave me the following verse: "My loved one, it is my prayer that you may do well in all things, and be healthy in body, even as your soul does well" (III John 2).

My heart was thrilled a Sunday later to see the large congregation of patients and other people marching past this house to a water hole for baptism. There were sixteen candidates. They were led by the pastor and the drummers, waving banners, accompanied by



BABY MBINGO

This African boy was born at the New Hope Settlement hospital and has been living in the area while his mother receives treatment. He was named after the settlement's name. He loves his "bucket bath" in the bright sunshine.

the clapping and singing of the congregation. Baptism is a special event in the life of an African and the whole day is spent in celebrating.

After the baptism, the congregation, singing and clapping their hands, marched back to the school which also serves as our worship place. Here, after a short message, we observed the Lord's Supper. Although we used "fu fu" (a thick porridge-like substance) for the bread and "tea" (served with spoons) for the wine, the spirit was the same and we were richly blessed. After this service, all those who march and lead the new church members to their homes are given food. This feasting and singing continue until the last member has been taken home. How happy they sounded!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The blessing of the Lord is appreciated by his people out here in Africa. Thus, a Sunday later, I observed women marching past our house with baskets of corn, yams and chickens on their heads. It was Thanksgiving Sunday, and the women, who do the farming, were bringing a portion of their fruit. After the thanksgiving message, the people carried with pride their offerings to the altar. First, the leper patients brought gifts of food or money. Then "the clean women and men," and last the missionaries. The food products were sold and the money added to their offering. We did not have the "typical" thanksgiving dinner but we enjoyed the day and were thankful for what we had.

We have plenty in food products out here, and this is one reason for the many markets. Each Saturday, on the two roads which meet beyond this house, I see people walking past on their way to market. Here the market is held close to the settlement store. People from far and near come to buy, trade and sell such things as food, fruits and other products.

This is also a great social gathering since it is one time during the week when friends can meet. It is also an "unofficial" newspaper and, if you want to know what's going on, go to market! From the hospital, you can hear their laughter, shouting and singing. The air is filled with excitement and the murmur of many voices.

This day, too, brings many people to our hospital clinic with their com-

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NIGHT WAS fast approaching! George Lang was on his way back to Ndu after having taken some window frames for the new school building being built at Fonfuka, Bum, about 50 miles from our main station here. With him was James Bindi, a Bible Training Centre student from the Bum area.

Thinking to save time, George took the Tabenken road, which has steeper hills but is shorter in distance. Rainy season has a way of making roads very slippery, however, and he got stuck!

LEAKY RADIATOR

About an hour later, during which time the chains had been put to good use, they were on their way again. Then the leaky radiator started to boil. So George said to James, "Tell me when you see some water." Just three or four minutes later, James said, "Now water."

There, beside the road, was a small stream. So James went back and forth in the dark, filling the radiator by means of a jar that had been taken along with drinking water in it. After the third or fourth trip, George heard James talking, as he went for water again. When James returned to the truck, George asked, "To whom were you talking?"

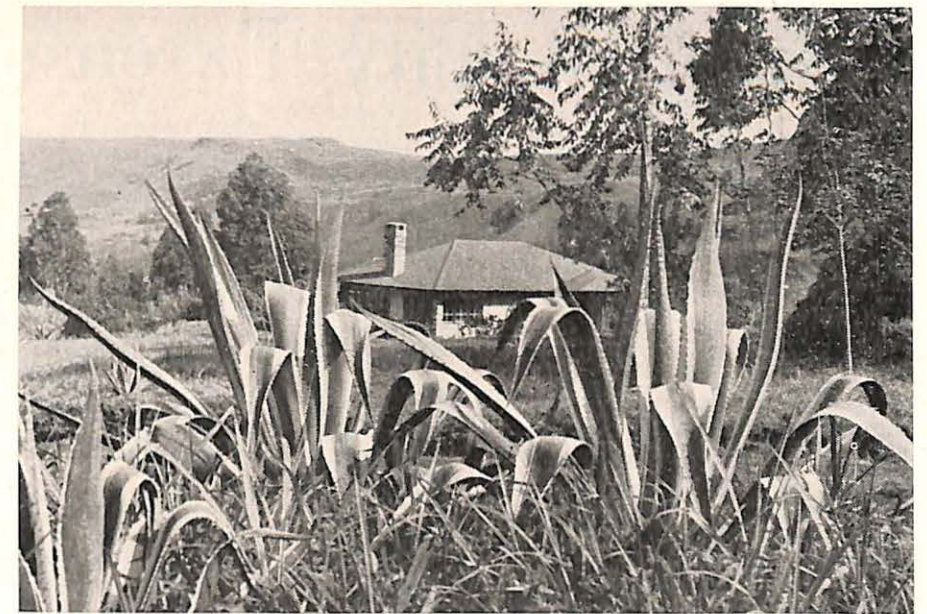
For several moments James didn't answer, and then he said, "I done thank God how he done bring we water for corner road." Motor trouble such as this does bring its testings of patience, but God seems to know just when to encourage us with unexpected help or blessings.

This is true in other phases of mission work as well. For example, for some time I had been feeling discouraged in regard to the spiritual progress of the women of this Ndu area. Attendance at weekly women's meetings had been sporadic and it seemed as if there was no real continuing interest among them for the Lord's work.

PRAISE SERVICE

At Ndu, the day for Women's Meeting is "Ntala," and the day before is Market Day (every 8 days). One morning on Ntala I saw Pastor Jato's wife, Rosa. Wondering whether the women would "come plenty" to the meeting, I asked, "They go get Women's Meeting today?" "Yes," she replied, and went on to say that that was the day on which the women were going to bring their corn for a Praise Service.

It turned out that about 70 women came, each one bringing some ears of corn which had already been boiled or roasted. Going over to the meeting place around noon-time, I found them



HOME OF THE MBINGO MISSIONARY—NURSE

The lovely home of the missionary—nurse serving at the New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons, formerly occupied by Laura E. Reddig (picture taken by her) and now by Gertrude B. Schatz. Around the house are decorative cactus plants, beautiful shade trees and the abundant elephant grass.

A Missionary's Daily Encouragements

By Mrs. George W. Lang, Cameroons Missionary Now at Home on Furlough With Her Family.

gathered in a circle on the grass, singing. My heart was made glad by the sight. I knew that there were probably some who had come just for the "feast," but I also knew that there were others who came because they really wanted to express their thanksgiving to God.

LIGHTS THAT SHINE

They have been doing this for several years at the time of the first harvest. Instead of taking their "first-fruits" to the native juju men, these Christian women bring them to the Women's Meeting. After a time of testimony and praise to God for giving them a good harvest, they all share in the eating of the corn that has been brought.

Since that time, attendance has been better. Recently, too, I have found

more reasons for being encouraged. On Women's Meeting report forms I have found some of their activities written for them by a former school girl:

"Influenced a heathen woman who did all her planting and harvesting with medicine. . ."

"Burial of a lonely mother whom the meeting has been caring for. . ."

"Witnessing and preaching to the lepers in Ndu clinic. . ."

"Built a hut for one leper."

Even though their farm work and other duties seem to keep them from being regular in attending all meetings, they are letting their lights shine for Jesus.

GOD'S LOVINGKINDNESS

So these are some of the things that encourage us, as we see the Lord's hand at work, even in such small details as providing water for a leaky radiator at that time finds an echo in our own hearts as we think of the goodness of the Lord to us in this our first term of missionary service. In ways both small and big, God has shown his love and faithfulness again and again.

We "will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us. . . and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses" (Isaiah 63:7).

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Junction City Extension Project

By Rev. Edwin F. Walter, Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Near Junction City, Kansas.

IN THE CLOSING days of this age, the enemy has succeeded in throwing up a smoke-screen and blind-folding the eyes of many of the faithful to the supreme business of the Christian church, so that while their hands are busily engaged in other activities, the church is being neglected. From the reading of the Bible, we clearly see that Jesus did extension work and the apostles went everywhere preaching and teaching.

Jesus went to the masses and taught them. Sometimes by the seaside, other times in their homes, other times on the street, but wherever people needed to hear the Word of God, it was given to them. Philip, the evangelist, preached the Gospel to the Ethiopian eunuch in his chariot by the wayside and baptized him and he went on his way rejoicing.

PREPARATION FOR EXTENSION

I feel that, while preparation for Christian work, prayer and a working knowledge of God's Word and consecration of life are essential, there is one supreme need in doing Church Extension work which goes beyond all these. We must have the Spirit of Christ, a life filled with love for sinful men and women, to see with the eyes of Christ, to feel with the compassionate heart of Christ, to love with the undying love of Christ, to seek and to save the lost with the compelling and impelling and capturing love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The church, which is the body of believers in Jesus Christ composed of those who personally have received him, have been commissioned to bear the good news of him to a lost world. Their love and unity in fellowship and mutual edification and cooperation will result in achieving this purpose.

SURVEY OF JUNCTION CITY

Since February 1959 the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Kansas in cooperation with the Church Extension Committee of the denomination, have been thinking in terms of establishing a new Church Extension Project in Junction City, Kansas.

A joint call was extended to me on July 13, 1959 to become the pastor of this joint project. After seeking God's guidance, the words of the prophet Isaiah 55:12 came to me, "For ye shall go out with joy and be led with peace." We had that joy and also peace in accepting this call.

On September 1st we began our ministry. The first two months went by fast since we were busy surveying the city to find the best suitable location for a church site. The area which is under consideration is in a new addition to the southwest part of the city. This is a very promising area and is developing quickly with many new homes being constructed. Since the city is building to the west and there is no church in this area, the city engineer informed us that this will be the stable part of the city. The school board has acquired a 10 acre tract of land for a future school site. Also an option calls for a new food market in this addition. About one-fourth mile west Highway U. S. 77 by-pass is under construction and city officials inform us that in five years' time this entire area will be built up with medium priced homes amounting to about \$15,000 each.

POPULATION OF 20,000

The present estimated population of Junction City, as given to us by the Chamber of Commerce, is 19,611. In 1953 the population was 13,398. This means that the city has increased in population a thousand each year. It is estimated that when U. S. Highway 77 by-pass and interstate 70 free way are completed the population will increase to 35,000 in about 5 to 10 years. At present there are about 6,117 homes. In the month of September,



Rev. and Mrs. Edwin F. Walter on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary last summer. Mr. Walter is the pastor of the Mt. Zion Church and of the Church Extension project in Junction City, Kansas.

more building permits were issued than in the entire year of 1958.

Fort Riley is located three miles east of Junction City on highway K. 18. At present there are 22,000 military personnel on this post. The post has 11 chapels with 27 chaplains and the average wage earned is \$80.00 per week. The post has inadequate facilities for Sunday Schools and limited room for all the service men to attend worship services. The Chief of Chaplains has advised all pastors to inform their denominational leaders to instruct their men who are in the Army to attend their own church if one is in the area. In this way, they keep in touch with their own church activities and their normal church life is not interrupted.

BUSINESS AND CHURCHES

Junction City's business is greatly helped by Fort Riley, Feed Mills, Lime Stone industry and railroads. New industrial sites are also being planned for the future.

There are 26 churches, representing all major denominations. There are four Baptist churches in the city. First Baptist (American) is the largest, Second Baptist (colored), Southern Baptist which was established five years ago, and Calvary Baptist (a small independent) church. In no way would we work in competition with any other group since they are a great distance from where we plan to establish our work.

A religious census was taken of the city, and we found that in this area at least one-third of the people have no church connections. Some of those, who gave a preference, never attend church or Sunday School. This is a potential field and, with new homes being built continuously, the prospects are even more challenging. When a church is in the area, we can invite any newcomer without any apology.

NEED OF THE HOUR

We solicit your prayers especially that we may find a place to start services. A request to use the Lincoln School was declined, and there is no other place in the area where a Sunday School can be held. Pray also that God will guide the Southwestern Conference Mission Committee and Church Extension Committee as with them we seek to secure a church site. These committees felt led of God in starting

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BAPTIST HERALD

Church Extension Field in Winnipeg

By Rev. R. Grabke, Pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

WINNIPEG, which is an Indian word meaning "muddy water," was the target for Baptist missionary work back in 1867. A deputation was sent out by Ontario Baptists to spy out the land for the establishment of Baptist work in this area.

The following report was returned to the Missionary Society: "Winnipeg is a small town, consisting of about 30 log buildings and one small brick structure. The town is situated on the west bank of the Red River, about half a mile below the mouth of Assiniboine—which comes in from the West—and about 100 rods north of Fort Garry."

Now, ninety years later, Winnipeg is one of the largest cities in Canada known proudly as the "Gateway to the West." There are 22 churches of Baptist faith in this city. But the city is growing so rapidly that there is still much virgin soil for an evangelistic outreach. For this reason we must mobilize our forces and move into these areas with a real ministry for God. The unfortunate situation is that 80 per cent of the evangelical churches are concentrated in one area, leaving over one-half the city without a real Christian witness.

Here, as in other areas on this continent, the young people are moving to the cities. We must give them an opportunity of serving in the language they understand. My file is filled with spiritual casualties—those who have fallen by the wayside and who need a strengthening hand of love and encouragement.

God has given our churches in Winnipeg the vision of the need of this work. The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. H. J. Waltereit, together with the Church Extension Committee felt convinced that we must do now what should have been done years ago. When the call came, my wife and I were assured that this was God's leading.

On September 1, 1959 I began my ministry in the city of Winnipeg. The blessing of God was immediately evident. On Sundays I spoke in our Manitoba churches. Their attitude and interest were an encouragement. A place of meeting for our initial services was found. We meet for our services now in the Central YWCA building, right in the downtown section of the city. This auditorium, although much in demand by many organizations, is available to us for both morning and evening services without a rental charge.

God also led in the choice of our



Rev. and Mrs. R. Grabke at their wedding reception last year. Mr. Grabke is the pastor of the Church Extension project in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

first home. Alongside the Assiniboine River is the house that was offered to us for the first eight months at a very reduced rate because of our vocation. It is here that we hold our mid-week services, entertain our friends and offer counselling.

The McDermot Avenue Church has shown a fine Christian spirit with some of their people in attendance at the services, with the purchasing of an organ, and with their prayer support and general interest in the work. Though we are salaried by Church Extension, the work is financed by the McDermot Avenue Church. Every fourth Sunday, they supply the music

at our services. The Advisory Committee appointed by the McDermot Avenue Church to give guidance and help in this work consists of men of vision, compassion and enthusiasm. The chairman of this committee is Mr. John Rogalski.

Other organizations have been a great help to us. Both the Winnipeg Bible Institute and the Mennonite Brethren College have sent their trios and quartets to beautify the services with Christian music and song. A Ladies' Trio and a Men's Quartet from our church have already been organized and are functioning.

A Sunday School has been started, though our facilities here are limited. A Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship has also been organized. The young people have also visited with the pastor on his regular calls in training for a systematic program of visitation evangelism.

Beginnings are difficult, but the rewards are gratifying. The beginning of this work, now known as Central Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is another indication of the growth and vision of our people and denomination.

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this work, and I know that God definitely called me to work here.

Let us remember that we are on God's side, and this is his work. If we are faithful stewards, he will bless us all. You are a part of this work in Junction City, Kansas. Our combined love and devotion for our Lord Jesus Christ and continued guidance by the Holy Spirit will give us new victories.



MEETING PLACE OF WINNIPEG'S CENTRAL CHURCH

In the auditorium of the YWCA building (on the 3rd floor), the Central Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is holding its morning and evening services without a rental charge.

February 4, 1960



A striking view of the outlying section of Rio de Janeiro with its sparkling beaches, modern buildings and the 1,230-foot high and scenic Sugar Loaf mountain.

Baptist Congress in Rio

The 10th Baptist World Congress will meet in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, one of the world's most beautiful cities, from June 26-July 3, 1960.

RIO DE JANEIRO . . . a city blended of modern and old, along a sparkling blue bay and dazzling white beaches against a backdrop of gray mountains in Brazil.

This is a city dramatically pictured in a colorful descriptive folder published by Brownell Tours, official travel company (for North America) for the Baptist World Congress.

Rio de Janeiro, capital of Brazil and one of the world's most beautiful cities, will be the site of the 10th Baptist World Congress, June 26—July 3, 1960.

CHRIST OF THE CORCOVADO

Some 3,000 to 4,000 Baptists from the United States and Canada, traveling by plane or ship, will get a breathtaking first impression of the colorful city on Guanabara Bay where the 1,230-foot Pao de Acucar (Sugar Loaf) stands as silent sentinel, and from the top of Corcovado (Hunchback) Mountain, the 100-foot statue of Christ the Redeemer, stands with outstretched arms.

The statue, by Paul Landowski, gives the appearance of a giant white cross when it is floodlighted at night, a fitting welcome to the Congress.

Baptist Congress delegates will travel along Avenida Rio Branco, 100 feet wide and bordered by brazilwood trees and skyscrapers, through the modern business district. The broad, tree-lined boulevards lined by patterned black and white mosaic sidewalks add to the city's famed charm.

A short distance from the bustling harbor and modern buildings of the famed metropolis, stand low stucco buildings along narrow streets, built when Rio was a Portuguese colonial city.

A CITY OF SPLENDOR

Rio is a city of architectural splendor, of scenic beauty and historic interest.

The 135-acre Botanical Garden founded by King John VI of Portugal



Hotel Gloria, one of the finest hotels in Rio de Janeiro, which will be largely populated by Baptists during the B.J.A. Congress.

Tenth Baptist World Congress

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
June 26 — July 3, 1960

Literature upon request. Write Miss Marjorie V. Fellman, **BROWNELL TOUR DIRECTOR**, 302 North Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, or Corydon Travel Bureau, Board of Trade Bldg. Lobby, Chicago 4, Ill.

A Tour to South America for North American Baptists is being planned.

in 1808, contains more than 5,000 kinds of plants.

A group of stately buildings at the southern end of Avenida Rio Branca include the Municipal Theatre, National Library and the Monroe Palace. The latter houses the Senate and was built for the St. Louis Exposition of 1904, moved to Rio and named for U. S. President James Monroe.

Examples of modern architecture include the Ministry of Education and Health Building on stilts with louvered ground level walls to guard against the sun. The spectacular Municipal Stadium can hold 150,000 spectators.

Rio de Janeiro has two universities. The University of Brazil was founded in 1920, and the Catholic University was established in 1941. The National Library is the largest in South America and has more than one million books.

Baptists will find endless pleasures in Rio . . . fine hotels, excellent cuisine, smart shops, bargains in clothing, accessories and semi-precious stones.

WARM, FRIENDLY PEOPLE

Our neighbors to the south are warm, friendly people. Those familiar with Walt Disney's cartoon characters will remember Joe Carioca. Rio Indians called the first structures erected by the Portuguese "carioca," or white man's house. To this day, people of Rio call themselves cariocas.

And the cariocas of Rio are preparing a memorable welcome for the "Norte Americano Bautistas" who visit their home city for the 10th Baptist World Congress.

Brownell Tours has travel agents throughout the United States and Canada handling reservations for the 10th Baptist World Congress Mission Tours. Numerous air and sea Mission Tours are available—tailored to fit the requirements of Baptist delegates. Information may be obtained from favorite leading travel agents.

BAPTIST HERALD

A Family Altar in Every Home

The family altar will sweeten the home life of every Christian and will enrich home relationships as nothing else can do!

By Rev. Jothan G. Benke, Pastor of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota.

IT SEEMS TO ME as a pastor that no greater need exists than to make the Christian life an every day reality in the homes of our people. "Ichabod," meaning "the glory has departed," can be written over every home where the family altar has been neglected or overlooked altogether.

No factor is more important in the spiritual life of our members than the necessity of a godly home life, in which family worship is regarded as a daily requirement, even as our daily bread. Indeed, man is not to live by bread alone but "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Prayer, too, is as vital as our breath, for without it we suffer spiritual destitution, if not death. The purpose of this article is to stir up the evident lack in the sense of parental responsibility, and to arouse conviction for the establishing and maintaining of family worship.

DECLINE IN FAMILY WORSHIP

Forty years ago, 50 per cent of Christian people had a family altar. Today, it is estimated that only 5 per cent of professing Christians conduct regular family worship. This 45 per cent drop has done terrible things to the life and morals of Christians in particular, and to the world in general! The divorce rate 40 years ago was one in every 33 marriages. Now it is one in every three. This fact alone indicates the terrible breakdown of the modern home!

Another evidence of spiritual stupor in this tragic hour is the time employed in most Christian homes to the affairs of THIS life,—preparing meals, washing dishes, watching TV and keeping the home and dress in strict conformity to worldly standards. Unmindful of the Lord's rebuke to Martha, the daughters of Zion employ most of their time and strength and money in serving the superficial, carnal needs of the Christian home, while the spiritual needs of their own families and of a needy humanity are left in utter neglect.

Is it any wonder that the work and witness of the Lord are in fearful apostasy and terrible declension because of the need of zealous daughters and stalwart sons of God to be about their Father's business? We have decidedly left our Father's business almost entirely up to the church, Sunday School

teachers, evangelists and pastors, and have trusted that the hour or two a week they can spend with us and our young people would be sufficient.

FAMINE OF GOD'S WORD

As a result, our young people, fed on this starvation spiritual diet of one meal a week, are not strong enough or wise enough to live a holy, clean, God-honoring life. A juvenile court judge recently reported, "Eighty percent of the youngsters arraigned in my court came from homes in which there has been no religious training." This idea is being substantiated time and again by youth leaders and pastors all over the land.

There is a terrible ignorance of the basic principles of Biblical morality among our Christian youth. No wonder divorce is abounding on every hand since family worship dropped 90 per cent. Be not deceived, there is a vital relationship between the two. Never was the need for the family altar more timely than in this critical hour.

America, indeed, is in a severe famine of God's Word. And I fear there are days of unspeakable horror ahead if this famine of God's Word is not soon remedied. In the famine of God's Word, life has become tragically cheap, meaningless, confused and frustrated. The answer to all this human degradation is the exaltation of Jesus Christ in his Word in every home of the land. We no longer can honestly call ours a Christian nation.

WHY THE FAMILY ALTAR?

Are we convinced that every Christian home should have a family altar? In a recent tract, W. E. Biederwolf lists ten reasons, based upon the Word

of God, why every Christian home should have a family altar.

1. Because it will send you forth to daily tasks with a cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty, and determined in whatever is done therein to glorify God. Read Colossians 3:17.

2. Because the family altar will give you strength to meet the discouragements, disappointments, unexpected adversities and sometimes the blind hopes that may fall to your lot. Read Hebrews 2:18.

3. Because it will make you conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of an unseen, divine One, who will bring you through more than conqueror over every unholy thought or thing that rises up against you. Read Philippians 4:4-7.

4. Because the family altar will sweeten the home life of every Christian and will enrich home relationships as nothing else can do. Read Ephesians 6:1-9.

5. Because it will dissolve the misunderstandings and go toward relieving the friction which sometimes intrudes into the sacred precincts of family life. Read Romans 12:9-11.

6. Because the family altar will hold, as nothing else can, the boys and girls who become young men and women and go from beneath the parental roof. The family altar very often largely determines the eternal salvation of children in Christian homes. Read II Timothy 3:15-17.

A HELPFUL, HALLOWED INFLUENCE

7. Because it will exert a helpful hallowed influence over those who may at any time be guests within the home. Read Romans 14:7-9.

8. Because the family altar will enforce, as perhaps nothing else can do, the work of your pastor in pulpit and in pew. It will also stimulate the life of your church in its every activity. Read Romans 15:6-7.

9. Because the family altar will furnish an example and a stimulus to other homes for the same kind of life and service and devotion to God. Read Acts 2:46-47.

10. Because the Word of God requires the family altar; in thus obeying God, we honor him who is the Giver of all good and the source of all blessing. Read Romans 12:1-2.

BIBLE READING PACKET

- Several leaflets on the Family Altar are in each packet.
- Other brochures on reading the Bible are also included.
- Use the "Daily Bible Reading" and "Prayer Reminders" leaflets, which are available in quantities.

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Dr. W. J. Appel bringing greetings from North American Baptists and reading letter of Rev. R. Schilke at the 90th anniversary service in Vienna, Austria.

Vienna Baptists Celebrate 90th Anniversary

The Mollardgasse Baptist Church, Vienna, Austria, was begun by a Bible colporter, organized in a Christian home, persecuted by city officials and police, built its house of worship with funds from North American Baptists in the United States, and is now flourishing spiritually with God's blessing.

By Dr. W. J. Appel, North American Baptist Representative in Europe

COMMISSIONED by the British and Foreign Bible Society to establish a center for the distribution of the Scriptures in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, Edward Millard arrived in Vienna in September 1851. With abounding energy and an unusual talent for organization in the ministry of the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature, the youthful colporter accepted the difficult challenge.

CLOSED AND OPEN DOORS

Officials of both city and state had neither understanding nor sympathy for this undertaking and constantly created obstacles and limitations to his efforts. Despite this opposition, more than 36,000 copies of the Scriptures were distributed within eighteen months, and preparations were made for the printing of 20,000 more.

Suddenly and without warning came the order to cease all activities, and the various Bible depots were padlocked and sealed. All pleading and efforts to negotiate were without avail, and it was with great difficulty that Mr. Millard was able to get his equipment out of the country before it was confiscated.

Mr. Millard continued as colporter in Germany, but was unable to forget Austria and especially Vienna, and awaited the day when it would be possible to return. In the year 1861, when Kaiser Franz Joseph I issued an Act of Toleration proclaiming religious freedom, Mr. Millard returned to Vienna and was able this time permanently to establish a Bible depot.

With renewed energy and faith in God, he undertook his important task.

He was a devoted servant of Christ, and a Baptist by conviction. It was not long before a number of colporters serving under his direction, as well as others whom he had led to Christ, requested believer's baptism. During a visit of the Rev. W. J. Lehmann from Berlin, Germany, in 1864, a baptismal service was arranged.

Five years later, Pastor G. J. Oncken of Germany, on his way to the

Balkan countries, visited Vienna, baptized the second group of believers, and recommended the organization of a Baptist church. The suggestion was gladly accepted, and on the 20th day of December, 1869, the first Baptist Church in Austria was born, with 20 charter members.

This little group received a cordial welcome to gather for worship and fellowship in the home of the Millards. In September 1871 the services of Missionary Eduard Baenziger were se-



U. S. MUSICIANS AT VIENNA CHURCH

Oberlin College musicians, who are studying in Salzburg, thrill the large anniversary audience in the Baptist Church, Vienna, Austria, with their instrumental numbers. Miss Louanne Fuchs, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Fuchs of Oak Park, Ill., is 2nd from the right.

cured, and his home became the meeting place for several years. The church increased in numbers and decided to rent a permanent place of worship. However, before this could be realized action by the city authorities forbidding meetings of Baptists made it impossible.

This introduced a lengthy period during which gatherings were held in various localities until disturbed by the police. For some time the little group met secretly in the homes of members, and at the close of the meeting, while bidding each other farewell, would whisper the time and place for the next meeting. In spite of these many restrictions and police interference, the membership increased in numbers.

The war years 1914-1918 brought with them additional problems and burdens. In 1915 the Rev. Mr. Peters, who was then pastor of the church, was drafted into military service, where he later died of typhus. To the suffering of the postwar years were added the mental and emotional disturbances which raised troublesome questions and resulted in tensions and misunderstandings.

HELP FROM AMERICA!

It was at this time that most welcome and substantial support came from the brethren in America, and it became possible to think of church buildings. The first house of worship was built in Ternitz, a mission station some 35 miles from Vienna, and three years later, on December 7, 1924, the building of the Mollardgasse Baptist Church in Vienna was dedicated. That the church had missionary interest and outreach is evident from the fact that a number of mission stations was fostered, some of which later became organized groups with pastors and places of worship.

To commemorate the wonderful leading of God in the development of the Baptist church in Vienna, and to recall the faithful labors of the 15 ministers who have served under unusual difficulties during the 90 years, Tuesday, the 8th of December (a national holy day), was chosen as a special day of thanksgiving and rededication of the newly-decorated and re-furnished sanctuary.

The anniversary began on the Sunday morning preceding, with celebration of the Lord's Supper and the first of a series of messages by Dr. Rudolf Thaut, the newly-elected Director of the Baptist Union of Germany. These deeper life messages, which continued through Wednesday evening, were based on the New Testament teaching of the Church as recorded in the letter of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians.

A special program had been pre-

From the Professor's Desk

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

The Authorized Version of John 3:16 uses the words, "only begotten," with reference to Christ. In many of the more recent versions this is changed to "only." What is the reason for this change?

THE WORD in question is the Greek *monogenes* which is made up of the words *monos*, "only," and *genos*, "kind." Most of the Greek lexicons are agreed that the significance of the word is "uniqueness," "one of a kind." Since the last part of the word does not derive from the Greek word *gennan*, "to beget," as some have supposed, the word *monogenes* has nothing to do with the manner in which a person is born.

Monogenes occurs nine times in the New Testament: once each of the widow's son (Luke 7:12), Jairus' daughter (Luke 8:42), the demoniac boy (Luke 9:38), and Isaac (Heb. 11:17), and five times of Jesus Christ (John 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18; I John 4:9). No question has ever arisen about the meaning of the word when applied to anyone except our Lord.

The first occurrence of the translation, "only begotten," for *monogenes* goes back to Jerome (4th century A.D.). Although the Old Latin versions, from which Jerome worked to produce his revision of the Vulgate, translated *monogenes* in John 1:14, 18 and 3:16, 18 by the Latin *unicus*, "only," Jerome rendered it *unigenitus* "only begotten." That Jerome made this change for dogmatic and not linguistic reasons is evident from the fact that he did not make the change to *unigenitus* in the passages where *monogenes* does not refer to Jesus Christ. From the Latin Vulgate, "only be-

gotten" worked its way ultimately into the King James or Authorized Version of 1611. Many of the more recent versions, however, especially those produced after the turn of the century, read "only" in place of "only begotten."

The fact that "only" is the more accurate translation of *monogenes* does not weaken the New Testament doctrine of the Virgin Birth. Our Lord is spoken of in I John 5:18 as "begotten of God" (here I follow the best and most ancient readings), which is clear enough, and the accounts of Jesus' birth in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels leave no room for doubt.

In addition, the translation "only" in John 3:16, etc., since the word means "one of a kind," "unique," is of great significance in itself. Christ is the Father's unique Son. He enjoys a special relationship to the Father which is enjoyed by no one else. The uniqueness of this relationship is clearly underscored in the Johannine writings by the consistent use of the word "son" for our Lord, whereas believers are never called "sons" but rather "children" (John 1:12 in the Authorized Version should be translated "children" instead of "sons").

An added note of interest is that "only begotten" does not occur in the Apostles' Creed. The statement is: "And in Jesus Christ his *only* Son our Lord . . ."

pared for the day of celebration on Tuesday, with a morning service at 9:30 o'clock, at which Dr. Thaut brought an inspiring message. At this service a letter of congratulation from Rev. Richard Schilke was read by Dr. W. J. Appel, North American Baptist representative in Austria. Other congratulatory messages came from Dr. Hans Luckey, president of the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg; Dr. Rudin, president of the European Baptist Federation; and the Baptists of Poland.

The following were present and brought greetings personally: Pastor St. Meier-Schomburg, of the neighboring Lutheran Church; Pastor H. Rippel, or the Reformed Church in Vienna; Director K. Uhl, of the British & Foreign Bible Society in Vienna; Director E. Jaquemar, of the Evangelical Rest Home in Salzbad; Pastor M. Monsky, retired minister of the

Evangelical People's Mission in Austria; Pastor F. Mayr, superintendent of the Methodist Church in Austria; Bajor Brandt, of another Evangelical group; Professor Dr. Schuerer von Waldheim, chief surgeon of the Rudolf Hospital in Vienna; and Pastor R. Ostermann, president of our Baptist Union in Austria.

These greetings gave evidence of the far-reaching influence of Colporter Millard in the establishment and development of many evangelical projects besides our Baptist church. High tribute was paid to the present pastor of the church, the Rev. Arnold Koester, who has served faithfully for more than 30 years.

The choir of the Vienna Church, under the able direction of Mr. Richard Rabenau, rendered the beautiful selection, "The Heavens are Telling," and the male choir, also under Mr.

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We the Women

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

SALT OF THE EARTH

"How can anything look so good, and taste so awful?" was the question posed by one of our boys as we began supper one Saturday night. As usual, I had baked dozens of crispy brown rolls for my hungry men. Some of these, together with a salad, scrambled eggs, and milk constituted our evening meal. It was the freshly-baked rolls that looked so good and tasted so awful. As I took one bite of the fragrant roll, I realized that I had forgotten to add salt when I had made the dough.

Salt, the most common condiment every housewife uses daily in everything she cooks, makes the difference between a palatable meal and a tasteless one. Salt is the inexpensive necessity in life which we never miss until it is omitted or we are deprived of it.

Salt was so valuable in early times that it gives us the word "salary" referring to "salt money," the allowance given Roman soldiers to buy salt. High taxes on salt were said to have been one cause of the French Revolution. In the Middle Ages, one's social rank was established by whether one sat above or below salt at table. Among ancient Orientals, to "eat salt" with a man was to indicate a sacred bond of friendship. It was an essential part of the Jewish religious service as an accompaniment to various offerings presented at the altar.

As one of the necessities of every diet, salt symbolizes hospitality, fidelity and purity. Hence, the expression, "covenant of salt." Small wonder that Jesus used this common everyday necessity to bring out a graphic truth in his Sermon on the Mount! "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall the saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under the feet of men" (Matt. 5:13 RSV).

We Christians are to add the zest to life that makes it good. In every circumstance, on every occasion, what the Christian does, what he says should make that circumstance or occasion better. Just as salt is greatly missed when omitted, the absence of the Christian's witness in the world leaves a void for which there is no equal replacement. How the thought of being the "salt of the earth" should inspire us to better, more consecrated daily living!

The world needs the Christian as salt in these times as never before. In the home, at school, at the office, at the conference table, in government, the Christian attitude could change the world. Be that salt today and every day! Christ commands it!

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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versity Student Program, organized following World War II, which provided excellent contacts with Baptist young people in Germany. Dr. Thaut and his wife have three children. The family will reside in Bad Homburg, location of the Baptist headquarters in Germany.

● **Seventh Day Baptists Urge Prayers.** Persistence in prayers for world peace was urged by the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in a resolution adopted at its 147th annual meeting at Salem, W. Va. A budget of more than \$170,000 was adopted, with one-third of the amount designated for the denomination's mission projects. These include a school and hospital in Nyasaland, Africa; a high school and vocational school in Jamaica, B. W. I.; and a mission in British Guiana. Founded at Newport, R. I., in 1671, the denomination currently has some 6,000 members in 60 congregations. Its headquarters are in Plainfield, N. J.

● **Two billion people without Christ.** The world's population explosion is so far outdistancing the advance of Christian missions that two billion people are today without Christ. Writing in THE BAPTIST WORLD, Dr. H. S. Hillyer of Toronto, cites United Nations statistics for a total world population (1958) of 2,852,000,000. The total Christian population, including all Orthodox, Roman and Evangelical branches, is 820,000,000. This leaves a major segment—2,032,000,000—of the world's peoples without Christ. Dr. Hillyer, general secretary of the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board, makes the pointed conclusion: "The responsibility of our generation for evangelizing these, our contemporaries, is sensationally logical. If we do not do it, they will never be evangelized."

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MARCH OF EVENTS

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world." In his keynote address, he added that our literature program should be two-fold: sowing and reaping. In his recent travels, Dr. Taylor said, he has found a revival all around the world in the use of colporteurs, especially in Latin America. On the darker side, he decried the flooding of India and other countries with lurid books and magazines from America, while the Communists send "clean, decent literature" to them, though filled with deceit and lies.

● Following the Pacific Garden Mission's 82nd Annual Rally early in November a new addition to PGM was dedicated on Chicago's Skid Row. The new addition consists of a 350-seat auditorium, an enlarged dining room and a larger women's and children's division. When the new facility is completed, the mission's capacity will be tripled. The mission has not closed its doors since its founding in 1877. During the first nine months of 1959 PGM ministered to an average of 17,000 persons each month, including 11,500 meals served. More than 1,000 meetings were held in the same period, with 4,586 recorded decisions for Christ. Since 1940, Harry G. Saulnier has been director of the mission.

—Moody Monthly

MISSION NEWS FLASH

GEIS MEMORIAL CHURCH, BURMA

A beautiful new church building in Burma, the Geis Memorial Baptist Church, in the town of Myitkyina has been completed after more than fifteen years of planning and four years of actual construction work. The beautiful stone edifice was built by Baptists of the Myitkyina area, most of whom are Kachins. It was named for George J. Geis, an American Baptist missionary who started Christian work in the area in 1893. (Brother Geis was a North American Baptist who was supported in Burma by several of our churches. Editor).

More than five thousand days of volunteer labor and equally sacrificial contributions of money helped build the imposing new church, which seats a thousand people. The church is strategically located, because Myitkyina is the capital of the Kachin state. It is the largest church in the Kachin Baptist Convention. The building includes a pastor's study, a committee room, and a smaller prayer-meeting room.

—"Missions" Magazine

SAYINGS OF MISSIONARIES

Judson: "The prospects are as bright as the promises of God."

Livingstone: "I will go anywhere provided it is forward."

Henry Martyn: "Now let me burn out for God."



What's Happening

● Rev. Purl Atkinson of Detroit, Mich., pastor of the Bible Baptist Church of Detroit since 1945, recently announced his retirement from the active ministry and from his pastorate in the church. He has had a notable ministry in the Bible Baptist Church with God's blessing upon his preaching. Mr. Atkinson will be 74 years of age in June 1960. His wife passed away in July 1958. The church is prayerfully seeking a successor to Brother Atkinson as its pastor.

● Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, Cameroons missionaries, sailed from New York City for England on Jan. 6th on the "S. S. Queen Elizabeth." From there they will proceed to the Cameroons Mission Field in West Africa, arriving in Africa before this issue of the "Baptist Herald" reaches the reader. They will be stationed at Kumba where they served prior to their recent furlough period. Their Cameroons address is given elsewhere in this issue.

● Rev. Noel I. Liddle has been serving as the interim pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bellwood, Ill., since Dec. 13. He received his Th.D. degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago in May 1959. He is also serving as a public school teacher in the 7th grade at Oak Lawn in the southern part of the Chicago area. He is looking toward a teaching ministry in the service of Christ. He and his family are living in the parsonage at 35 S. 20th Ave., Maywood, Ill.

● Ann Elizabeth Gebauer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer of Barmenia, Southern Cameroons, spent two weeks of the Christmas holidays with her aunt, Dr. Louise Koester of Mt. Prospect, Ill. She attended the Watchnight Service in the Forest Park Baptist Church. On Jan. 2nd she returned to her studies at the Northfield School for Girls, Northfield, Mass. This school, founded by the evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, has a student body of 530 girls. Ann Gebauer is a Junior student.

● Dr. G. A. Gabelman of Santa Barbara, Calif., pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city, has accepted the call from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., to become its Director of Placement. He began his ministry on the Seminary staff on Jan. 15, 1960. He is a spiritual son of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas, of our North American Baptist General Conference. At one time he served as the secretary of the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention.

● Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif.,

has stepped out of the ranks of "the retired ministers" and since Sept. 20, 1959 has been serving as interim pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church of Stockton, Calif. This is a church of the American Baptist Convention. The church has asked Mr. Schroeder to serve them for a six month period in 1960 to which he has consented. Several illustrated articles about Mr. Schroeder and his ministry from the pulpit and with musical instruments have appeared in "The Record," a newspaper of Stockton, Calif.

● Rev. George W. Lang, Cameroons missionary, now at home on furlough, began his special studies at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn., on Jan. 18. He will spend the entire school term there until May 1960. He and his family are living in Hartford, Conn., for this period. The Langs along with Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer and Miss Eleanor Schuler, other Cameroons missionaries, arrived in New York City on Dec. 21st on the "S. S. Sylvania," after having been delayed by fierce Atlantic storms and arriving two days late.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., held its Christmas program on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13. A large crowd of 275 persons packed the church with its normal seating capacity of 150. Musical numbers, a Christmas dialogue and a special presentation by the Rieger family were given. The Christmas offering amounted to \$178.35. Rev. Assaf Husmann is pastor of the church and Mrs. Husmann is president of the Society. The Immanuel Church is making extensive plans for a possible new edifice in 1960.

● Beginning with Jan. 4th, Rev. Edwin C. Kern, missionary to Japan who is now at home on furlough, began his special studies at the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif. He will be studying there for the winter term, ending about the middle of March. He and Mrs. Kern and their son, Timothy Dale, arrived in Van-

SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS FOR GENERAL WORKERS AND MISSIONARIES

The Summer Visitation Committee will meet in Forest Park, Ill., on March 11 to make all summer assignments for missionaries and general workers. All requests for conference and camp speakers must be sent by program committees or leaders prior to March 5, 1960. Send such requests to Dr. M. L. Leuschner, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

couver, B. C., on Nov. 24. After settling down in Spokane, Wash., they spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. Kern's relatives in the area of Leduc, Alta. They have already spent some time in a promotional ministry, visiting North American Baptist churches.

● From Jan. 3 to 8 the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., held a Bible Conference with Dr. Walter W. Wessel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Seminary professor, bringing the messages. On Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, a total of 875 people attended the Sunday School program which was presented against a background of a 19 foot Bethlehem scene. Mrs. Wanda Lippert is the Sunday School superintendent. The Sunday School has set a goal of 800 for Easter. At the Watchnight Service two films were featured: Beverly Shea's "Singing I Go," and Billy Graham's "The Caribbean Crusade."

● The First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J., held evangelistic meetings from Nov. 17 to 22 with Rev. Gordon Huisinga of Newark, N. J., serving as evangelist. There were 4 conversions and many who rededicated their lives to Christ. The Sunday School is holding a spirited attendance contest until the end of March. Miss Lillian Epp is the superintendent. A new Hammond organ was recently purchased which is now being used in the services. Mrs. Grace Epp is the organist. The church held a Fellowship Supper in the early hours of New Year's Eve as its Watchnight Service. From May 20 to 22, 1960 the Jamesburg church will observe its 75th anniversary.

● Miss Laura E. Reddig, missionary nurse, who has been recovering from illness in the United States since the first of the year 1959, has made a wonderful recovery and is now engaged in a limited but very inspiring promotional ministry visiting our churches prior to her return to the Cameroons Mission Field. On Sunday, Jan. 3, she took part in the services of the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, her "supporting church," of St. Paul, Minn. In January she participated in the sessions of the South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association and at the North Texas Association besides visiting some of the Texas churches.

● The German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, recently conducted an evangelistic campaign with Rev. W. Laser of Winnipeg, Man., serving as evangelist, during which time six persons made their decisions for Christ. On Sunday, Nov. 15, an impressive baptismal service was held at which time 12 candidates followed the Lord in baptism. On Sunday, Nov. 29, the church sponsored a German Song Festival in the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium for which the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Edmonton had been invited. The program consisted of a selection of Handel's compositions. The lower auditorium was filled to capacity.

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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. In prison his father had died some time later and his mother had passed away from a broken heart. Now James Thornton was in a bus riding across Texas, bound for 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 New Orleans Faith Ransom learned that her aunt, Mrs. Hamilton, had died quite suddenly without leaving any word for her. James Thornton helped her to find a room in the Garden District and also to get a job in an antique store. Faith's mother had always prayed for her daughter's conversion. Here in New Orleans, Faith was puzzled by the strange things that had happened to her. And her acquaintance with James Thornton had become infinitely more than friendship to her. He helped her to dispose of her aunt's belongings and counseled with her as to her future plans. But his plans were different! He was determined to find his father's enemy and to kill him. He went to Mobile where he called on a Mr. Martin there. But this was not the man for whom he was looking!

CHAPTER EIGHT

JAMES FELT disappointed and yet relieved as he left the house. When he realized that the man's wife was an invalid, he thought how terrible it would be if this were the man he had to kill. Cold sweat broke out upon him and a chill swept through him even though the day was warm. He hoped that if he did find Martin, there would be no invalid wife to arouse his sympathy.

The enormity of the crime he was planning bore down upon him as he leaved the depot and waited for the return train. He felt more surely than ever that he was being driven on by some force he could not master, to do a deed against which his whole being was beginning to revolt. It had not seemed so terrible when it was only a vague dream, but now that it was becoming a horrible reality, he wondered how he could have lived with

this thing all these years. But there was no turning back. He must go on to the task he had set himself. He wondered what the end would be. He was beginning to hope that he would never find his man, but he crushed that dim hope. He could not be disloyal to the memory of his father. He didn't stop to think that his father would never have wanted revenge at so high a price. If he could have spoken from the grave, he would have told him to forget hate and to live so that he would have the best in life, the life that they had planned together.

When he reached the rooming house he hurried in, hoping to get to his room without letting Faith know he had returned. He didn't want to meet her yet. He wanted time to get control of himself and plan what he would do.

He met her in the hall as she was leaving her room. When she saw him she uttered a glad little cry.

"Jimmie! You've come back! How glad I am! I was just going out to get something to eat, but now I won't have to go alone."

"I'm not hungry but I am tired," he said. "You'd better go on without me."

His heart smote him at her look of disappointment. The glad light left her eyes and her mouth drooped at the corners. She looked like a child getting ready to cry.

"All right, if you don't want to go with me," she said in a hurt little voice, then she turned and walked slowly down the hall.

He couldn't stand to hurt her, nor could he conquer the desire to be with her, so he called to her.

"Wait. I'll go with you. I'll eat, just to please you, even though I'm not hungry."

"I'm so glad," she whispered as he

caught up with her. "Now I'll be happy again." She gave him a bright smile.

She caught hold of his arm as they walked up the street and he held it close to his side.

"We should know this menu from memory after all this time," she remarked as he gave their order. "Was your business a success?"

"No, it wasn't." His face was so serious that she attributed it to disappointment.

"I'm sorry if you were disappointed, but I'm glad that it wasn't a success, because that means you'll be here a while longer, doesn't it?"

He nodded. If she only knew why he would be here longer, her love would turn to loathing. He gazed at her hungrily and she returned his look with a look of adoration that swept away his gloom.

"You're adorable," he whispered.

"I love you, Jimmie," she murmured while her eyes were alight with the joy that enveloped her at his words.

"It's heavenly, having you back," she remarked as they were on their way home. "This has been such a long day. It was because I knew you were not here and I was afraid that you would be leaving soon. I still hope that you will like it here well enough never to want to leave."

"Don't hope for that," he advised. His soul writhed within him. She was dear and her nearness thrilled him with a joy he had never had before and never hoped to have.

"I won't give up hope," she stated stubbornly. "I need something to cheer me up and give me hope, for this job isn't what I hoped it would be."

"What's wrong with it?" he asked with concern.

"I thought it would be wonderful to work among those lovely antiques and that beautiful jewelry, but that man-

ager is a crabbed old antique himself and his bookkeeper is even worse. They both seem to have it in for me. Nothing I do is ever right. All he ever lets me do is wait on customers who want to look at jewelry. I didn't want to tell you, but it's getting me down."

"We'll look for another job," he said encouragingly. "That's not the only place in town that can use a lovely little salesgirl like you."

She laughed happily. "I knew you'd say something that would help. Now everything will be all right."

When they reached her room, they paused a moment at her door.

"Goodnight, Jimmie, dear," she whispered. "It's good to know that you are not far away."

He put his arms around her and drew her to him. He kissed her almost roughly, then released her and turned away.

"Jimmie, I love you," she said in low tones as he turned away. "Just let me love you, please!"

"Don't! Don't!" he cried in a voice of agony as he hurried down the hall to his room and shut the door behind him.

THE HOT SUMMER and the pleasant fall passed and winter set in, with cold, rainy days and wind-swept nights. James saw little of Faith except on weekends. He was working at night and quite often on Saturdays during the rush period at the office. He was glad for an excuse to break off their constant association. He left for work before she was up and got a cup of coffee and doughnuts at the French Market on his way to his office. If she felt that he was avoiding her, she did not reproach him or complain when they were together. She just seemed happy to be with him.

During the summer they had been in the habit of going to one of the parks in the afternoon on Sunday or else out to the lake where they sat in the shade and watched the sailboats skimming along the water, but now he left her after dinner. He pleaded work that he had to finish and that he was too tired to go anywhere, so she was left to her loneliness while he tried to read or sleep.

Faith knew that he was avoiding her and she spent many unhappy hours wondering what it was that separated them. She believed that he had told her the truth when he had said that he was not married. But perhaps he was divorced and his wife might have some hold upon him that made him feel he had no right to her love. She could see that he was worried and that he was suffering from some hidden sorrow. She feared that she would never be able to solve the mystery.

She had asked him several times what was worrying him but he refused to talk about it and he became irritated when she tried to cheer him. She could not know, of course, that her efforts were like a knife probing a wound.

One day, after she had spent a miserable night trying to solve the mystery, she asked him again if he were married. It was after he had impulsively laid his hand upon hers as it lay on the table near him and had looked at her with such desperate longing that it brought a stab of pain to her heart.

"Jimmie, what is it that keeps you from me? Please tell me," she begged.

"I don't want to talk about it," he told her harshly. "I told you before that I didn't. Why can't you accept things as they are and not worry because they can never be any different?"

"Because I love you so much," she said in a voice that trembled in spite of her efforts to keep it steady. "I want to be happy in your love and I want you to be happy. I know you're not happy. You said you loved me. Were you telling the truth or were you just stringing me along? Tell me, Jimmie."

"It was the truth," he said slowly, as if the words were forced from him against his will.

"Then have you stopped loving me? If you have, please tell me. I'd rather we didn't see each other ever again, if you're just hanging on because you know I want to be with you."

"I haven't changed," he said heavily, "but it would be better if we didn't see each other, for nothing can ever come of love between us."

"Tell me the truth. Is there someone else out of the past who stands between us?"

Her words gave him such a sudden start that he could not conceal his surprise. He recovered himself quickly. How true her words were! Someone from the past did stand between them and that someone would always be there to stand between them. His shoulders sagged and he looked at her with such wretchedness that it brought tears to her eyes. She had seen his start and the fleeting look of fear that shone in his eyes and she felt that she must have hit upon the truth.

"Is it true that you are not married?" she asked as he did not speak.

"It's true. I told you the truth. I'm not married and I never shall be," he added so low that she could scarcely hear him.

"And you're not divorced?" she probed, trying desperately to get at the truth.

"No, Faith, I'm not divorced. Stop trying to quiz me. I don't want to talk about it, so let's let the matter drop."

"Just tell me one more thing, Jimmie," she said as her wistful gaze met his. "Would you rather stop seeing me altogether? If you would prefer to have it that way, please be honest with me and I'll do whatever you want me to do."

There was such a surrender and yet such heartbreak in her voice as her eyes held his that once more she reminded him of a little lost kitten,

fearing to be turned astray again and cringing against that possibility.

He put out his hand again and seized hers and held it so tightly that it hurt her.

"I want to be with you. I want you! I want you! God help me, I want you!" It was a cry of despair. "But I can never have you. You would be better off if you never saw me again. Let's go."

He rose and she followed him. They walked along in silence until they reached the rooming house. She stopped at her door and he was going to pass on to his room, but she laid her hand upon his arm and stopped him.

"Jimmie, just let me say this and I promise never to question you again. If there is something in your past that you have done, no matter what it was, I don't care. Even if you killed someone, it wouldn't make any difference to me. I would love you just the same. If you were running away from the law and had to flee to the ends of the earth, I would be willing to go with you and to share whatever fate you might face. I love you that much, Jimmie."

He looked at her a moment, speechless, then he caught her hand and pressed it to his lips.

"God bless you!" he whispered, then turned and left her standing with white face and eyes that suddenly filled with tears.

She went inside and dropped upon a chair. She felt that she had hit upon the truth. He must have committed some crime. That did not matter now. The past was gone and the future was ahead of them. If he could only know how glad she would be to face that future with him, no matter what it might hold! But she would never be able to do that. She couldn't beg him to marry her and since he had never given her any hope that he would want her as his wife, there was nothing she could do but grieve and suffer and hope. But hope seemed dim just now.

James shuddered and he felt sick and beaten as he went to his room. How surely she had hit upon the thing that stood between them! He had not killed yet, but he was a potential murderer. He was touched by her willingness to share whatever penalty he might be called upon to pay for the crime which she thought he might have committed. How he wished that he could have her with him if he should be forced to flee from the law! But a murder committed in the past and one which he expected to commit in the future were different matters. The past was not a part of her but this would be. He could never have her, no matter how willing she might be to go with him. He could not be burdened with anyone if he were forced to be a wanderer for the rest of his life.

He was glad that he could not see much of her as his work grew heavier.

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 14, 1960

Theme: MEETING ORGANIZED
OPPOSITION

Scripture: Acts 19:8-10, 23-28, 20:1-3

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Gospel of Jesus Christ is always a threat to the evils of the world.

INTRODUCTION: Thus far, Paul had encountered most of his difficulties with those of the Jewish faith. The Gospel of the crucified and risen Savior came into constant conflict with the religion and ritual of the Hebrews. Today's lesson gives us a graphic illustration of what happens when the Gospel comes into conflict with a pagan religion and with selfish materialism.

Sin is always at its worst where the evil forces are most strongly organized. The world knows that there is power in organization. Liquor interests are highly organized with a multi-million dollar advertising budget, convincing more and more people that they are proponents of "gracious living." Perhaps if Christians were better organized, more strongly united and more generous in their giving, they could convince the world that "gracious living" is living in grace. Organized gambling is terrifying! Millions are willing to wager their life's savings and often their lives, and in the end they lose both. Christians are organized to proclaim faith and trust in Jesus Christ who came that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

We can go on to corrupt government and vice of every kind and discover that they are all strongly entrenched because they are powerfully organized.

The early church discovered that where sin abounded, grace did much more abound because the church was organized around and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

I. THE POWER OF THE GROWING CHURCH. Acts 19:9-10.

Simply because the Gospel is full of love and grace is no guarantee that men will accept it gladly. It often provokes more opposition, more discord and division because of its virtuous qualities. The demonic powers are often stirred up a hundredfold. Indeed, it seems strange that this Gospel, which softens the hearts of sinners and brings them to repentance and faith, is the same Gospel which hardens the hearts of others and causes them to hate the Gospel of grace. But once the Gospel gets a foothold, it becomes the power which casts out all the demonic powers around it.

If Paul would have given up after his first attempt at Ephesus, nothing

would have happened. But he continued for two years until the power of God's Word began to be felt in the whole city. Some came out of curiosity, some with animosity, but most came because of a deep spiritual hunger. In every case, however, it could be said, "they heard the Word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks."

II. THE POWER OF A GROWING EVIL. Acts 19:23-28.

We get an insight, first of all, into the selfishness and materialism with which the pagan religion was held. Demetrius was not primarily concerned about the goddess Diana of the Ephesians. He was interested only in the profit which the pagan religion brought to him in the making and selling of the silver images. His concern for the protection of the pagan goddess was only a front by which he tried to hide his selfish business interests. He was determined to protect his trade, not his religion.

We also get an insight into the method of mass psychology. Just keep saying something loud enough and long enough and people will believe you and follow you. Few were aware of what the issue involved, but they were all for it. Simply following the biggest crowd and listening to the loudest voice gave them the assurance that they must be on the side of truth. How easily evil grows when you appeal to the emotions of man and ignore his intellect and reason.

III. THE CONTINUING INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH. Acts 20:1-3.

Here is an indication of how much power the Gospel has when it is preached positively and not negatively. Paul could have started out by condemning the city of Ephesus and its pagan worship. But even the town clerk had to admit that Paul and his disciples were neither "robbers of your goddess" (Acts 19:37). There was no need to denounce shrines as long as the Gospel was changing men and women. With Christ in the heart, there was no need of an outward shrine. The foundation of the Gospel was laid in Ephesus, and continued to grow in Asia and Europe. Diana was a great goddess in the time of Paul, but today there is not a single worshipper left. The victory is overwhelmingly in God's favor.

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 21, 1960

Theme: A PROGRAM OF

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Scripture: Acts 20:18-21, 28-35

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The best thing to do after you get saved is to get busy.

INTRODUCTION: Paul was a busy and tireless servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. The only time he had for rest and relaxation was when they put him in prison. Even there he continued his work by writing letters to many of the churches. His imprisonment was actually of immeasurable value and blessing to us, for in his epistles he gave us a program for Christian service and faith around which all our churches are organized. It was not a program which was based on theory, but a program which was based on actual practice and experience.

Joan of Arc reminded her followers that she lifted up her standard before her and then followed it herself. The great Apostle was always at the forefront of the battle. He was a pioneer, a trail blazer, a discoverer, an invader as well as a revolutionist. He lifted up the standard of Christ and then followed it himself.

In our lesson for today, Paul met the elders of the Ephesian church in Miletus 36 miles south of Ephesus on the Aegean coast, not because he was afraid of another riot, but because it was important that he instruct others to continue in the event that he would have to face prison or death.

I. CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN THE PAST. Acts 20:18-21.

It is not enough to save sinners. The saints must be instructed and leaders must be trained. But above and beyond that, a good example must be given them. Paul was strong as a preacher, teacher and evangelist. But his true strength as a Christian shone most brightly in his exemplary life. For the early church he was the example par excellence and he needed no false humility to hide it. He was careful, however, to qualify his statement, "Be ye followers of me even as I follow Christ."

Paul requested the Ephesians to take a little backward look. He had been with them for about three years and had given them a good account of what God expected from his servants. Paul's account of himself was not centered around statistics—how many converts he won, how many miles he travelled. The emphasis on the quantity of his service was almost totally lacking. It was the quality of his service and his program which he tried to impress upon the minds and hearts of those who would continue the work. The service in the past was centered around character, humility, tearful concern, heartfelt teaching and

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CONTESTING SUNDAY SCHOOLS — GACKLE AND CARRINGTON

The Sunday School of the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., is at the left with Rev. Bernard Edinger, pastor in front row (right in picture). At the left, the Calvary Baptist Sunday School of Carrington, N. Dak., is shown with Rev. Howard Westlund, pastor, and Mr. Norman Martin, superintendent, at the left in the picture.

Spirited Sunday School Contest

The story of a successful Sunday School contest between the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., and the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, N. Dak., reported by Rev. Bernard Edinger of Gackle, N. Dak.

A STUNNED silence greeted Sunday School superintendent Norman Martin at the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, N. Dak., as he announced the first Sunday's attendance report (received by telephone) in the closing session of the Sunday School. This was the first Sunday of the contest with the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., and the report read: Carrington—122; Gackle—102. No doubt there was jubilation at the Carrington church!

"How can we overcome such a lead?" was the question uppermost in the minds of all at Gackle, especially in the mind of the superintendent.

This highly exciting contest, which left the outcome in doubt to the very last Sunday, resulted in the Grace Church of Gackle barely defeating the alert Calvary Baptist group of Carrington. Contest dates were October 25-November 29. All previous attendance records in both churches were shattered in this amazing feat of Sunday School outreach when Carrington reached a high of 168 and Gackle of 166. Contest averages were: Gackle 135 1/3; Carrington 134 2/3.

Since both churches averaged about 100 in attendance in the weeks preceding the contest, that figure was taken as the basis by both churches. Carrington took the lead and held it for two Sundays, yielding reluctantly to Gackle on the third Sunday by a narrow edge. Gackle took a quick sprint ahead, but only briefly as the hard working Carrington school narrowed the gap to a mere six on the fifth Sunday. Carrington, seeing victory ahead with just one more supreme effort, surprised themselves

with an attendance of 168!

Every effort was made in both schools to reach the unchurched. But Gackle realized that a margin of six was no comfort. So in the homes, in school, on the streets, and everywhere the conversation turned to the contest and invitations to attend were being

THE FAITHFUL FEW

In every church, in every clime,
When there's some work to do,
It very likely will be done
By just the faithful few.

While many folks will help to sing,
And some of them will talk,
When it comes down to doing things,
A lot of them will balk:

"We can't do this, we can't do that,
Excuse us, please, this time—
We'd be so glad to help you out,
But it's not in our line."

So when the leader casts about
To find someone who'll "do,"
Although he's done it oft before,
He asks the Faithful Few.

Of course, *They're* very busy, too.
And always hard at work,
But well he knows they'll not refuse,
'Nor any duty shirk.

They never stop to make excuse,
But promptly try to do
The very, very best they can
To smooth the way for you.

God bless, I pray, the faithful few,
And may their tribe increase—
They must be very precious to
The blessed Prince of Peace.
—Chester E. Shuler.

given with a resulting attendance of 166. The final tally was recorded with Gackle in the lead by only four people!

Both churches were thrilled as their buildings were filled to capacity Sunday after Sunday, overflow rooms being opened, and extra space arranged for classes. Both had accomplished their main purpose—bringing in many people whom they had been trying to reach in the past. Superintendent Lowell Leppke of Carrington and Norman Martin of Gackle were aware that their schools were now challenged with the task of holding their gains.

The hard working pastor, Rev. Howard Westlund of Carrington, expressed no regrets at the outcome of the contest since their goals were realized. Since the close of the contest, both churches have maintained about a 20% gain. An added item of interest which was used in the friendly competition was the fact that Deacon Benjamin Edinger of Carrington and Pastor Bernard Edinger of Gackle are brothers.

The attendances for the six Sundays were:

Carrington	122, 118, 122, 133, 145, 168
Gackle	102, 127, 139, 144, 134, 166

Since they lost the contest, Carrington travelled to the Gackle church to present a program of sermon and song. The Gackle Sunday School played host by serving a delicious lunch to the visitors, joining in a period of good Christian fellowship. Many of the contest experiences were shared by the people as they conversed together. These churches encourage others to engage in this type of friendly competition to spark their Sunday School and church attendance.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Central District

Mission and Christmas Programs at Lorraine, Kansas

On Sunday evening, Dec. 20th, the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, was privileged to hear Mr. Flavius Martin from our Cameroons Mission Field in Africa. Mr. Martin, a student at the Sioux Falls Seminary, proved to us anew the necessity of our prayers and gifts for the cause of missions.

To commemorate our Lord's birth, a Christmas program was presented on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. A choir, composed of the Beginner, Primary and Cradle Roll Departments of the Sunday School, sang several songs. The adult choir, under the direction of Mr. Jona Baltzer, brought the cantata, "A Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson. Mrs. E. D. Meacham was at the piano and Mrs. Edward Staebler at the organ. The narrator was the pastor, Dr. Douglas Gallagher. Our yearly White Christmas gifts were offered to the Babe in the manger at the close of the program.

Mrs. Theodore Wilkens, Reporter

Junior CBYF Entertains Parents, Madison, South Dakota

Parents and members of the Junior C.B.Y. of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., enjoyed a seven o'clock pot-luck supper on Dec. 18th in the church parlors. Following a delicious and appetizing meal, the Juniors presented an interesting and impressive two-part program for their parents' enjoyment. Mrs. Jothan Benke, Junior leader, introduced the program by reading the poem, "In the Music of a Song." The group then sang Christmas carols followed by accordion selections, poems, piano solos, and prayer by the Juniors and an installation of their newly elected officers. As an introduction to the Christmas story on film, the Junior choir rendered a selection.

Rev. and Mrs. Jothan Benke had taken the children to a farm and had taken pictures of them dressed as Biblical characters portraying the different scenes in the Christmas story. While the pictures were filmed, corresponding Bible verses were read. Tape recordings of songs rendered by the Senior choir were played in appropriate places. Also, a solo and duet were sung by the Juniors. In conclusion the group sang, "Joy to the World," and Mr. Benke pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Elmer Moose, Reporter

Inspirational Events at Baptist Church, Creston, Nebr.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 29, the Baptist Church, Creston, Nebr., observed its Harvest and Mission Festival program. Mrs. Milton Scheffler, sponsor of the Scripture Memory Course, presented awards to the honored children. The Sunday School superintendent, Kenneth Prang, presented Sall-

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man's picture of Christ to Linda and Sandra Scheffler for completing the nine year Scripture Memory Course. They are the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Scheffler. Friday, Dec. 4th, the ladies observed Woman's Baptist Day of Prayer with the ladies of the Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Nebr., as guests.

Friday evening, Dec. 18, the Dorcas Society presented its annual program with members of the Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Nebr., as guests. It was a privilege to have Flavius Martin, a native of Africa, now of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Rev. Ed Michelson, Church Extension pastor of Wichita, Kansas, as guest speakers. Saturday evening, Dec. 19, the CBY entertained First Baptist Church of Columbus, The Evangelical Free Church, and the Shell Creek Baptist Church young people at a roller skating party. Rev. R. Stading led the devotions and the group singing in Christmas carols.

Mrs. Orton Hulsebus, Reporter



MEMORY COURSE AWARD

Kenneth Prang, Sunday School superintendent of Creston, Nebr., presents awards to Linda and Sandra Scheffler for completing the 9 year Scripture Memory Course.

Events At Anamoose and Lincoln Valley Churches

On Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, the Baptist Churches of Anamoose and Lincoln Valley, N. Dak., welcomed their new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Milton Vietz and children, Jonathan Paul and Gloria Ann. Words of welcome were brought by representatives of the various church organizations. Representatives from the neighboring churches of Martin, Drake and Rosenfeld also extended a welcome. Prior to the new pastor's coming, extensive work had been done in the parsonage at Anamoose of redecorating, installing new doors and woodwork and a wool rug.

On Oct. 9th the Ladies' Mission Society of Anamoose observed their annual Birthday Dinner. The banquet tables were decorated in a fall theme. A special program was presented. On Sunday evening, Nov. 1st, the Ladies' Mission Society of Lincoln Valley presented their annual program to a capacity audience. The program featured the play, "By Thy Faith." On Nov. 15th the church at Lincoln Valley observed its annual church fellowship dinner. On Nov. 22nd the Anamoose church observed its Harvest Mission Festival in the morning service, and in the evening the young people presented their annual program. Special numbers included a dialogue and Thanksgiving playlet. On Nov. 29th, the Harvest Mission Festival was observed in the Lincoln Valley church.

Mrs. Milton Vietz, Reporter

Eastern District

Christmas Tidings from Central Home, Chicago, Ill.

The Christmas season brought many activities to the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., that were enjoyed by our guests. The churches did their utmost to bring the happiness of the season. The Lutheran Church of this vicinity came with a large group, brought refreshments, conducted a short meeting, and then went singing through the halls. The Girl Scouts made favors and brought candy and made hearts glad as they sang Christmas songs. The Forest Park Baptist Church had a unique program through the Guild and many of the church turned out. The Foster Avenue Baptist Church sponsored a meeting with the College Choir singing beautifully.

The young people of the Forest Park Church did not forget the guests in the Home with spiritual refreshings as well as material things. Many of the organizations of our Conference churches as well as the churches remembered the Home by sending money, cookies, gifts and other things. The gift of God was great, when he gave his Son, to bring redemption to mankind. All of the above was as a reminder of that great Gift, and we are grateful to the givers.

M. Vanderbeck, Superintendent

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Christmas Programs at Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Illinois

The C.B.Y.F. of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois, presented a three act play entitled, "Carol Finds Christmas," by Rega Kramer McCarty, on Sunday evening, Dec. 13th. The heroine of the play, Carol Davidson, was ably portrayed by Janice Williams. The other 14 members of the cast were also well played by members of the young people's societies. William Morin was the director; Sharon Salzman is the president of the C.B.Y.F., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simmons are the sponsors.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 20th, the Immanuel Baptist Sunday School presented "The Christmas Story," a pageant dialogue by Rev. F. Y. Lower, a former pastor of ours, and music by Mr. Darwynne Pucek, one of our members. Mr. Arthur M. Menard was the narrator. This was all tape recorded and pantomimed very beautifully. The direction of Cecil B. Martin and Mr. Pucek contributed to an unusual portrayal of the Christmas story. Mrs. Marshall True, church organist, made a very sensitive background for the pageant. Clifford Benedict, Sunday School superintendent, and Gene Foster were in charge of lighting.

Fourteen new members were accepted into the membership of the Immanuel Church at a recent Communion Service and received the right hand of fellowship from our pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson. Eight of the following were baptized on Sunday, Nov. 29th, the six others being received by letter or statement: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carner, Charles Carner, Pamela Girard, Mrs. Alice Harding, John Redman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ruelly, Janice Salzman, Allen Salzman, Mrs. Hazel Strange, John Strange and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Webb.

Alice Luhrs, Church Clerk



NEW CHURCH MEMBERS AT KANKAKEE, ILL.

Fourteen new members who were recently received by Rev. Louis R. Johnson (behind the pulpit) at a communion service into the fellowship of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill. (See report for their names).

Dedication Services at Fleischmann Memorial Church, Phila.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 22, the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held a dedication service for their new F. M. B. C. - two channel audio system. The main function of the system is to broadcast chime recordings from the bell tower before each Sunday service and special services. This has been an inspiration to the neighborhood.

The system is also used for a general public address ministry to any room or department from a master control panel. It enables the nursery

workers to hear the services. This system covers the entire building. Microphone sockets are located in each room. The microphones can be put away when not in use.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 6, the Fleischmann Memorial Church dedicated its lovely new hymnals to the service of the Lord. These Tabernacle Hymnals were presented to the church by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Albert Noll in loving memory of Dr. Noll's parents, Charles and Evangeline Noll.

Mrs. Jeannette MacMeekin, Reporter

Western District

Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., "on Fire" for Missions

The new Terrace Heights Baptist Church in Spokane, Washington, is on fire! On fire, so to speak, for their new project. The project—to motivate the entire North American Baptist Church into becoming partners in saving souls in Japan. How do we propose to do this? Here's how! The Christian Fellowship Group, made up of the adults of the church, joined forces and came up with \$193.25, for the purchase of land in Japan. This land will eventually be the site of a new Baptist church. For your information, the approximate cost of a 6 by 6 foot plot of land in Japan is \$55 to \$95.

The immediate response of one of our members, upon hearing that the group was buying a plot, was this—"If you folks can buy a plot, then we will buy one ourselves." It just so happened that the man happened to be Mr. Philip Huber. And by some strange coincidence, he is the father of our own Mrs. Edwin Kern. Rev. Edwin Kern is our N.A.B. missionary to Japan. Now we believe our little church has started something that will make every church in the entire North American Conference want to buy these plots which will be the site of a new church. The need

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MORTGAGE BURNED AT ANAHEIM, CALIF.

Participants in the mortgage burning ceremony on the Christian Education building, Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., are (left to right): Mr. Victor Schmidtmann, Moderator; Rev. John Vanderbeck, Church Membership; Mr. Robert Ulrich, Chairman Finance; Mr. William Ballman, Chairman Trustees; Mr. Virgil Isbell, Chairman Deacons' Board and Mr. Herbert Stabbert, Chairman Building Committee.

Dr. J. F. Olthoff, a Great Pastor

Memorial Tributes to the late Dr. J. F. Olthoff of Emery, South Dakota

A TRUE SERVANT OF CHRIST

By Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon, Moderator of the General Conference

I COUNT IT as one of the great blessings of my life to have known Dr. John Olthoff, first of all, as an uncle by marriage and true friend of our family, and also as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ who consecrated himself unreservedly and irrevocably to the service of God and his fellowmen. It was a real joy for our family to have had him in our home often and also to visit in his home. He always manifested himself as a Christian of pronounced characteristics, and at the same time delighted himself in the fellowship and activities of wholesome family life.

His whole life revealed a definite experience of Christ's saving grace. He believed implicitly in the Word of God as divine and authoritative, in the power of prayer that gives God an opportunity to work on our behalf, and in ceaseless efforts for the promotion of the cause of Christ. His far-reaching influence, wielded for so many years in the work of our denomination, continued undiminished to the end, even though a stroke had rendered him inactive for the last years of his life. We shall miss his manly form, his scholarly and persuasive voice and his consecrated personality. May his life and ministry be a constant influence to us who follow in his train and may he rejoice in the abiding Presence of the Lord whom he loved and served.

FOOTPRINTS OF A SOLDIER OF CHRIST

By Rev. Willibald S. Argow of Erie, Penn.

Those of us who attended the General Conference in Portland, Oregon, in 1937 may recall that a quartet was introduced as the one of "The Former Century," composed of G. Eichler, Ed. Wuerch, S. Blum and J. F. Olthoff. It was the second quartet to go out from the seminary in Rochester, N. Y. Now he, the last of that group, has joined the heavenly choir. He greeted me when I arrived in Rochester in 1896. Our friendship lasted through the years.

Brother Olthoff was Christ's disciple of whom it could be said: "Jesus loved him." He was a P. K. (preacher's kid) who followed in the footsteps of a worthy father, who did pioneer work in the middle west. He was a true pastor and shepherd, a Biblical preacher, one of the few to whom Sioux Falls College gave the D. D. However, he seldom made use of it.

Both of us represented our seminary at the Student Volunteer Con-



Dr. J. F. Olthoff
of Emery, South Dakota
Born—March 5, 1876
Died—October 29, 1959

vention in Pittsburgh, Pa. We shared our hospitality through the years. I was happy to relinquish the pastorate of nine years in Madison, South Dakota, to his capable leadership.

If it is true, as the poet said,

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints in the sands of time,"

then Brother Olthoff's footprints have left a definite trail in the churches and denomination. As it was said of old soldiers, that they do not die, but fade away, so this soldier of the Cross has answered the roll call. We'll see you in the morning, dear old comrade!

A GREAT PASTOR WITH A CONTAGIOUS SPIRIT

By Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Over forty years ago it was my privilege to become acquainted with Rev. John F. Olthoff. At that time, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Avon, South Dakota, while my father pastored the neighboring church-

es of Tyndall and Danzig. He served on the Seminary School Committee when I moved into the Student Home at Rochester, New York in 1920 to begin three years of study there for the ministry. From then until his death, our paths often brought us together as members of denominational committees and neighboring pastors. During the closing years of his life, Brother Olthoff was the oldest living alumnus of our Seminary in the Sioux Falls area and was always seen at Seminary affairs as long as strength permitted.

Mr. Olthoff was a devoted Christian pastor. He had a deep interest in the spiritual well-being of all people, especially of the members of his churches. Being in his presence was an uplifting experience for the soul. Under his leadership, his pastorates gave evidence of numerical and spiritual growth.

He was deeply devoted to Jesus Christ, his Lord, and to his beloved denomination. He gave much encouragement to young pastors and always sought to develop in them loyalty to the denomination. Fruitage of this contagious spirit is found in the devoted services of many in our churches and denomination today.

Having inherited the pioneer spirit from his father, who began some of our churches in the Dakotas, Brother Olthoff was willing to endure hardship in meeting new challenges and changing times. He and Mrs. Olthoff, his faithful companion, served different churches in different sections of the country. Though cherishing the memories of the past, nevertheless, he launched out with younger spirits into new problems and challenges for the Lord.

The words of the Apostle Paul can fittingly be quoted for our departed brother: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7, 8).

The memory of his life is an inspiration to all who knew him. May his kind of Christian witness increase among us!

TRUE GREATNESS

The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution; who resists the sorest temptations from within and without; who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully; who is calmest in storms, and most fearless under menace and frowns; and whose reliance on truth, on virtue, and on God, is most unfaltering.—Channing.

MEMORIAL TO DR. LEYPOLDT

In the Jan. 21, 1960 issue, page 12, of the BAPTIST HERALD, the first tribute to Dr. John Leypoldt was written by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary. This credit line was inadvertently omitted from the column. EDITOR.

MBINGO! WHERE IS IT?

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plaints of headaches, backache, toothache, etc. They always ask for a "chuck" (injection) which they believe will cure everything. They are never quite satisfied if we just order pills for them. Some of these people require surgery, and even though this is a Leper Hospital, we do surgery on selected cases. Sometimes half the hospital patients are "clean people" having had surgery, babies, or some infection.

The only leprosy patients in the hospital are those with large ulcers, severe drug reactions or those requiring surgery. The remaining leper patients live in the huts on the settlement or, if they are "out patients," they stay in a compound close to the settlement so that they can come to the leper clinic for their treatment twice a week.

Thus, a buzz of activity goes on at Mbingo. The care of the leper patient is a challenge, physically, mentally and spiritually. The way in which each need is being met is wonderful. The testimony of the Christian staff and patients is encouraging. Our prayer, as we work with these people, is: "Touch thou our hands, O Christ, And so shall we minister unto thee."

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is great! Can't we all do something to help? You can be assured that, for every soul that is saved in Japan, the Lord will bless you a thousand times over.

Max Buettgenbach,
President, Christian Fellowship Group

Northern District

Women's Birthday Program, Baptist Church, Minitonas, Minn.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Minitonas, Manitoba is happy to share some of its many blessings in this report through our working together harmoniously for God's Kingdom. On Nov. 30 a splendid Birthday Program was presented to a large audience, composed mostly of Home Builders and the Men's Fellowship Class. The program consisted of various vocal and musical numbers besides poems and a German reading with a number of timely Bible questions added. A pageant named, "The New Leaf," as found in a recent issue of the "Broadcast" also was delivered.

Our 1959 new members were presented with Scriptural gifts. The offering amounted to \$75.00. After a delicious lunch served on 12 tables representing the months of the year, a picture was taken of our society with 40 ladies who have worked in beautiful harmony to the glory of God.

Mrs. H. Schatz, Reporter

Obituary

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

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Mrs. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., wishes to thank all friends who sent cards and letters of sympathy to her and her family following the homegoing of her husband on Dec. 8th. She finds it impossible to reply personally to the great many expressions of sympathy which were received. EDITOR

MRS. MARIE KUGELBERG of Forest Park, Illinois

Mrs. Marie Kugelberg, nee Suerburg, of Forest Park, Ill., was born on Jan. 10, 1874 in Hannover, Germany. She was united in marriage in 1897 to the late Herman Kugelberg. She attended the Baptist Mission in Hamburg, Germany, 1901-1909. Then the family came to Forest Park, Ill. She was baptized by the late Rev. A. Pistor in 1910 and remained a faithful member of the Forest Park Baptist Church until her passing. Her husband preceded her in death in 1910.

She leaves to mourn her passing four children: Elsie, Elizabeth Seeck, Herman and Mary; 4 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and a brother, Adolf Burg of Spokane, Wash. She departed this life on Dec. 10, 1959 at the age of 85 years, 11 months. Services were conducted on Dec. 12 by Rev. C. B. Nordland. Blessed are they who die in the Lord!

Forest Park, Illinois
C. B. NORDLAND, Officiating Minister

MR. R. ADOLPH WUNSCH of Redcliff, Alberta

The funeral services for Mr. Robert Adolph Wunsch of Redcliff, Alta., was held on Dec. 22, 1959 at the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta. He was born in Wollentien, Russia, on Dec. 23, 1882. He came to Canada in 1899 and spent several years in the Edmonton and Leduc areas before he homesteaded in the Cypress Hills area near Medicine Hat in 1906.

In March 1908, he was married to Elizabeth Hepper, who predeceased him, leaving him with 6 children, two having passed on before. On May 7, 1939, he was married to Mary Rebmann. This marriage resulted in 6 children, 3 of whom died in infancy. He was born again on July 15, 1901 at the age of 18 years and became a member of the Josephberg Church. For 20 years he was the superintendent of the Sunday School at Thelma, Alberta. Later he became an active member of the Grace Baptist Church and in 1955 a member of the Temple Church in Medicine Hat.

He died at the Medicine Hat Municipal Hospital on Dec. 19, 1959. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Mary; 4 sons: Walter Adolph (Missionary to Haiti), Arthur James, Gordon Robert and Norman Albert; 5 daughters: Martha Katherine, Esther Tabitha Maloy, Marion Eleanor Young, Alice and Alma Irene; and also 6 grandchildren.

Temple Baptist Church
Medicine Hat, Alberta
HENRY SCHUMACHER, Pastor

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MR. FREDERICK WEBER

of Killaloe, Ontario

Mr. Fredrick Weber of Killaloe, Ontario, was born Oct. 25, 1879 in Killaloe, Ontario and departed this life Dec. 18, 1959 at Killaloe, at the age of 80 years, one month and 23 days. In 1905 he accepted Jesus as his Saviour. In 1906 he was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church by Rev. Mr. Schoen. He remained a faithful member until his death, serving in many offices of the church and its organizations. On June 19, 1906, he was united in marriage to Adeline Ristow at Killaloe by Rev. R. M. Klingbeil. This union was blessed with two sons and two daughters.

He leaves behind two sons: Gordon of Killaloe, Paul of the home, one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Kuehl of Killaloe, two half-brothers, August Felhaber of Kitchener, and William Felhaber of Pembroke, 12 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, many other relatives and a host of friends and neighbors. Funeral services were held on Sunday, Dec. 20, 1959 in the home and the First Baptist Church. Interment was in the Immanuel Baptist Cemetery.

Killaloe, Ontario
NORMAN BERKAN, Pastor

MR. EMIL ECKERT of Leduc, Alberta

Mr. Emil Eckert of Leduc, Alberta, passed away peacefully on Nov. 9, 1959 at the age of 68 years. He was born in Poland in 1891 and was brought to Canada at the age of 8 years. He spent all of his years in the Leduc area. On March 16, 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Eckert were united in marriage. He faithfully attended the services of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc and loved to hear God's Word taught, because he knew his Savior.

Besides his loving wife, Bertha, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ellen Hein of Edmonton; 3 grandchildren; 3 brothers: Adolph of New Brook, Gus of Edmonton, and Roy of Kavanagh; and 2 sisters: Mrs. Alva Gilliland, and Mrs. Helen Bailey of Edmonton. Mr. Eckert was predeceased by a daughter, Lillian Agnes.

Temple Baptist Church
Leduc, Alberta
RAYMOND HARSCH, Pastor

MR. PHILIP F. WALKER of Medicine Hat, Alberta

Mr. Philip Fredrick Walker of Medicine Hat, Alberta, was born in Wilhemstal, Russia, Feb. 6, 1893 and died in the Medicine Hat Hospital at the age of 66 years after a prolonged illness. He emigrated to Winner, S. Dak., at the age of 17, and in 1914 moved to the Hilda, Alberta district. There he married Christina Biske where they made their home on a farm until 1928, when they moved to Medicine Hat. Here Mr. Walker worked for the Cantalini Hotels from 1942-1956. Although he never became a member of the Grace Church, he attended the services whenever it was possible for him. He died in the blessedness of the forgiveness of his sins and the assurance of eternal salvation.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife: one daughter, Mrs. Elsie Diebert of Medicine Hat; 5 brothers: Christian of Medicine Hat, John of Winner, S. Dak., Henry of Hilda, Alberta, William of Chilliwack, B.C., and Fred of Lashburn, Sask.; also 2 grandchildren.

Grace Baptist Church
Medicine Hat, Alberta
P. T. HUNSICKER, Pastor.

MR. AUGUST STAHL

of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Mr. August Stahl of Sheboygan, Wis., was born Sept. 15, 1864, in Germany, and died Dec. 11, 1959, at the age of 95 years. In July 1891 he came to live in Sheboygan, was baptized by Rev. W. J. Zirbes in 1894, and on August 7, 1895 was united in marriage to Margaret aus der Finten. Two children were born to this union: a daughter, Esther Knopf of Milwaukee, Wis.; and a son, Herbert, who preceded his father in death on May 21, 1928. His wife also preceded him in death on Dec. 23, 1952.

Recently, he made his home with his daughter, Esther, in Milwaukee. Services were conducted by the pastor of the Milwaukee Gospel Tabernacle, Rev. H. Flaherty, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, with graveside services on Monday morning at the family plot in Sheboygan, with Rev. Fred Mashner, officiating. Brother Stahl will long be remembered as a staunch defender of the faith and charter member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan where he served faithfully for many years as Sunday School superintendent, deacon and treasurer.

Bethel Baptist Church
Sheboygan, Wisconsin
FRED MASHNER, Pastor

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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ty. Rev. Waldemar Ertis is pastor of the church.

● A number of our Cameroons medical missionaries and missionary nurses attended the International Convention of Missionary Medicine held on the campus of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., from Dec. 28 to 30. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee and Miss Laura E. Reddig were among the delegates to this first convention sponsored by the Christian Medical Society and attended by 770 persons from 39 states, 4 Canadian provinces and 25 other countries. In addition, Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Fluth of Minneapolis, Minn., who received an appointment as North American Baptist medical missionaries, and Miss Helen Schmidt of Spokane, Wash., were also in attendance besides Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary. Dr. and Mrs. William S. Boutwell of Janesville, Wis., former Cameroons missionaries, also attended this important conference.

● The Southern California churches of our conference are supporting a new Church Extension project near Anaheim, Calif. It is the Bolsa Baptist Church located on Westminster Blvd. near Brookhurst Road in Orange County. This church was started on Oct. 11, 1959 by Rev. V. Donald Buell, 38 years of age, who brings a broad background of training and experience, both secular and theological, to this task of building a new church. Mr. and Mrs. Buell have joined the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim for the present. The Bolsa Church congregation is holding services in the Simonette Private School which has been rented for its meetings. The congregation has the use of three buildings with auditorium space for about 65 and Sunday School space for 150. The Southern California Church Extension Committee, with Rev. H. John Vanderbeck as chairman, and the Southern California churches are supporting this new project.

VIENNA BAPTISTS

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Rabenau's direction, sang an appropriate number. An unusually talented quartet delighted the large audience with their instrumental and vocal selections. These four young people are members of the Sophomore Class of Oberlin College, who are studying at the Mozarteum in Salzburg. One of these, Miss Louanne Fuchs, is the daughter of our Director of Evangelism and Church Extension.

On Tuesday afternoon, the members of the church met for a "Love Feast." At this service a historical resume of the 90 years' development and ministry of the Vienna Church was given by the church historian, Mr. Franz Birkner.

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At the end of the service, the four young American musicians, at the insistent request of the congregation, remained to play and sing for more than an hour, bringing to a delightful climax the memorable Anniversary Day celebration.

THE LONG SEARCH

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She took a cold and had to remain in bed for a few days. The landlady was kind and took care of her until she was up again. She did not have a doctor, but even after she was able to return to work a little nagging cough hung on.

James saw how pale she looked and it worried him. Her skin seemed almost transparent and though she insisted that she felt well, he was concerned about her. She had not said anything more about the unpleasant situation at the shop and he had not asked her about it. He was engrossed in his own problems and she did not want to annoy him with her troubles. She searched the want ads but she could not find anything that seemed to be what she needed or what she could do.

James was so busy that he had no time to continue his search. The experience he had had in Mobile made him willing to wait until he had more time. He was anxious to get it over, yet he dreaded what would happen if he did find his man.

Christmas week came and the city assumed a festive air. The light standards on Canal Street were decorated with Christmas trees and huge Santas. red and white candy sticks and other

toys, and the stores were brilliant with lights and with nativity scenes displayed upon their front walls. People thronged the stores and the streets were crowded with shoppers.

James suggested that they should go downtown on one of his free nights and wander through the stores. He had not seen her all week and he could not control the longing to be with her. This was a peaceful interlude in his life now that his search had ceased until after the New Year's rush was over. They strolled along Canal Street and through the stores and then ate hamburgers and drank coffee before they returned home.

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testifying and indiscrimination.

II. CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN THE PRESENT. Acts 20:28-31.

If you are concerned about continuing this program of Christian service, Paul says, then the first requirement is to watch yourselves. The apostle's personal spiritual discipline was rigid. A step forward or backward affected not only his own life, but the lives of all those who looked to him for fellowship and followship. The shepherd must be morally and spiritually prepared to oversee the flock. The Church of God was bought with a high price, not with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The under-shepherd is often called upon to give his own life in the responsibility of overseeing the flock.

Two dangers are to be continually and constantly guarded against—the danger from without and the danger from within. False prophets and teachers are always evident. Because of selfishness and pride they try to win followers for themselves rather than for Christ.

III. CHRISTIAN SERVICE IN THE FUTURE. Acts 20:32-35.

Paul is frankly realistic in reminding the brethren of their responsibility, and of the dangers and difficulties of the pastorate. But he is also realistic enough to realize that his advice and example are not enough, even as it was not enough for him. For the future, he says, "I commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up." He did not commend them to a bishop or a presbyter, but to the source of all power—God. Just as Paul was not able to do anything except "through Christ who strengthened" him, so now he commends them to the same source of grace and power.

Again he reminds them of his personal example: his clean hands, honest work and loving service. Most of all he wants them to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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