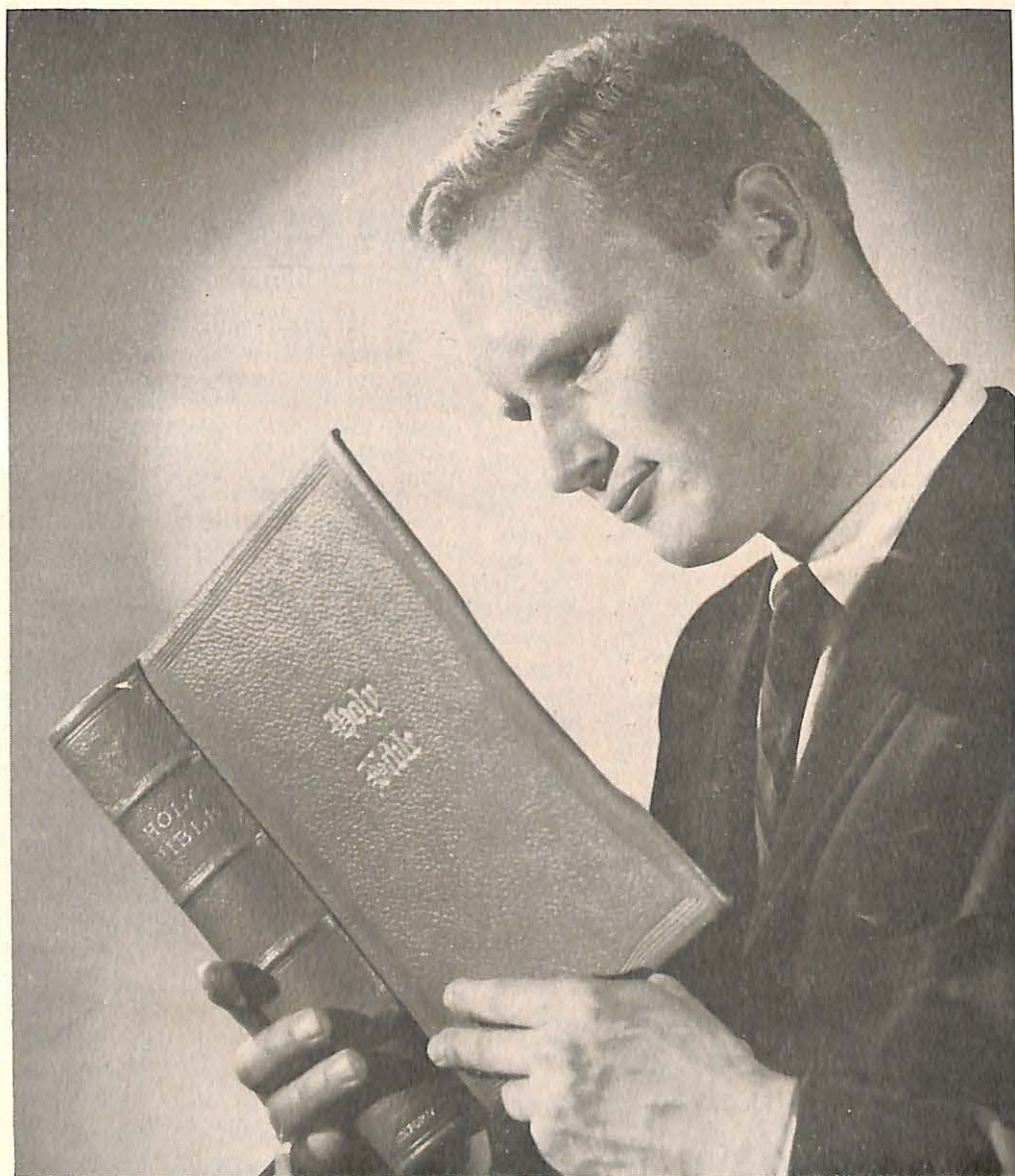


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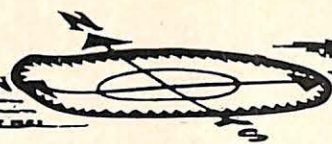
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● The Story of Jesus, written by Dr. Frank C. Laubach for use with new literates, has just been translated into the 80th language, Lit-Lit's New York office announces. A new, revised Spanish edition waits only for funds to provide top quality illustrations.

● The U. S. Information Agency announced last month in a report to its overseas posts that free-world nations abroad now have 819 television stations compared to 166 for the Communist bloc. The report noted that the free world had gained 2.2 million television sets since last April for a total of 24 million, while the Communist bloc, with a gain of 200,000 sets during the same period, has a total of 4 million.

● A team of Protestant evangelists from the United States will visit the Dominican Republic early this year for a crusade in co-operation with the Evangelical (Protestant) Church of the Caribbean island nation. Part of a five-year "forward movement" of the Church, the crusade will be conducted by from 15 to 20 visiting American evangelists, who will hold preaching missions and do visitation evangelism with Dominican ministers and laymen. Half of the evangelists will be Methodists.

● The head of the Ahmadiyya Muslims in West Africa has asked the Christian Council of Nigeria to arrange a meeting between Muslim leaders and Billy Graham during the American evangelist's crusades in West Africa in January and February. Maulvi Naseem Saifi, missionary of the Pakistani sect known for its proselytizing fervor, said that "an exchange of views between Billy Graham and some of the Muslim missionaries would be very much appreciated."

● *Biblical Zoo.* The Israel Embassy plans to present to the National Zoological Park more than 50 plaques which will identify animals mentioned in the Old Testament. The plastic plates to be installed for temporary display on cages and dens in the Washington zoo resemble those used in the unique "Biblical Zoo" in Jerusalem. Other U. S. zoos will get the plates subsequently. Engraved in Hebrew and English on weatherproof surfaces are such quotations as "The lion which is mightiest among beasts," "the little foxes that spoil the vines," and "the turtle (dove) whose voice is heard in our land."

—*Christianity Today*

● The American Bible Society provides the Scriptures for Africa in nearly two score languages. Last year the Bible Society's share accounted for a total distribution there of nearly 100,-

000 copies—the greatest number in its history. Most of this was in the Congo Basin, where the Bible Society serves the Scripture needs of over 2,000 missionaries, the majority from the United States. In the last ten years annual circulation of the Scriptures in Latin America, increased from 1,935,151 copies to 4,758,975 volumes for which the American Bible Society provided about 70%. The results of this work can be seen in more rapid accessions to the Christian church than in any other comparable area of the world.

● Russian libraries have Bibles but they are not accessible to the ordinary Soviet citizen, the American Bible Society's Advisory Council was told at its 41st annual meeting. All religious books in Soviet libraries are classified as research material avail-

able to "specialists" only, meaning that only a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church can get such a volume for reading, said Miss Barbara Wolfe, who served as a Russian-speaking guide at the U. S. Moscow Fair last summer.

● Six industrial evangelists, the first to work in Latin America, will shortly be on the job alongside of fellow workers in Brazil's mines, factories and steel mills. The National Council of Churches Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, after learning the actual conditions confronting the Protestant churches working in Latin American countries, decided to do this. The job of the industrial evangelist is to create a nucleus of Protestants in factories, mines and mills who

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Baptist Briefs

● **Sunday School in every church in Chile.** Every Baptist church in Chile has at least one Sunday School for all ages, and most of them have two. The statistics show, in fact, 75 Baptist churches affiliated with the Chilean Convention and 144 Sunday Schools. The second Sunday School is, of course, in a mission station operated by the church. About 90 per cent of the Chilean churches have a Training Union and most also have organized women's missionary unions.

● **Burmese Baptist Named to Seminary.** Dr. U. Hla Bu, former president of the American Baptist-founded Judson College at Rangoon, has been named Henry W. Luce Visiting Professor of World Christianity at Union Theological Seminary in New York. A native of Burma, Dr. Bu was educated at Judson College, University College in Calcutta and King's College in London. He joined the Judson faculty in 1922 and became president in 1939.

● **Seminary in Soviet Zone, Germany.** Baptists in Germany have opened a seminary in Bad Buckow in the Soviet Zone to train preachers for the 35,000 members of the denomination in East Germany. There are about 100,000 active Baptists in the entire country. Before World War II, pastors for all 530 Baptist congregations were trained at the Hamburg-Horn seminary, in West Germany.

● **1963 Youth Conference in Lebanon?** A suggestion that the next Baptist Youth World Conference (1963) meet in Beirut, Lebanon, within commuting distance of key cities in the Holy Land, has been voiced to the Baptist World Alliance by George Garabedian of Jerusalem. Various places in the Orient and Africa have also been mentioned as meeting sites for this world meeting which has gathered previously in Prague, Zurich, Stockholm, Rio de Janeiro and Toronto. Havana, Cuba, also has invited the 1963 conference.

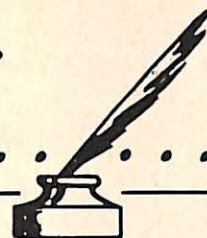
● **Baptist Missions in Borneo.** Borneo has been selected by the Conservative Foreign Mission Society as a new field. As soon as missionaries are available, work will be undertaken principally among the Dyak people. The new work will compass an area of western Borneo (just opposite Singapore) of about 4,500 square miles. About 15,000 Dyaks live in the immediate area. Six new missionaries were appointed at the recent meeting of the board of directors of the CBFMS.

● **Israeli Baptists.** The fifth annual meeting of Israeli Baptists took place

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Editorial



Word of Life

Guest Editorial by Rev. Lawrence Bienert, General Secretary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship

YOUTH WEEK IN 1960! What a golden opportunity for young people to search for and to meditate on the deeper personal message of the Word of Life! In the experience of Christ's life on earth, when many of his disciples turned back and walked no more with him, he asked the twelve if they too would leave him. It was then that Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Word of life—how rich and meaningful these words ought to be for all who have the privilege of reading the holy Bible or of listening to its message!

There is no doubt in our minds about the power and influence of the Word of God. The world's greatest leaders of all ages have been influenced by the Bible and its teachings. Christian leaders of today agree that what this world of ours needs most is the practice of the teachings of Christ as we find them recorded in the Book of books.

As participants in the Baptist Jubilee Advance, the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship has chosen its Youth Week theme to tie in with the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis on "Evangelism through Bible Teaching and Training." It is our hope and prayer that the Bible and its teachings will grip us anew and take a more central place in our daily lives. After this has become a reality, we want to take our places in the ranks of responsible people who are dedicated to "holding forth the word of life" (Phil. 2:16), so that our fellow-men will also know the joys of walking with our Lord.

"Holding Forth the Word of Life" is our sacred obligation, our commission, and our joy. The Lord needs dedicated, Spirit-filled young people to share the Gospel with the thousands in our own land and foreign fields who do not have a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. There is a great need for Christian young men to fill the pulpits of our many pastorless churches. We would ask you to pray earnestly that there will be many young people from your church who will dedicate their lives during Youth Week to serve the Lord and to follow where he leads.

In spite of the fact that there are Bibles in most homes, and that sermons are preached and Sunday School lessons are taught by faithful servants, there is still a woeful lack of knowledge of the Word itself. We all need to set aside a specific time for concentrated Bible study. Have you ever given thought to spending a year at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, or at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in order to become better acquainted with the content and message of the Bible? It would be one of the best investments of time you have ever made.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God . . . holding forth the word of life . . . until Jesus comes."

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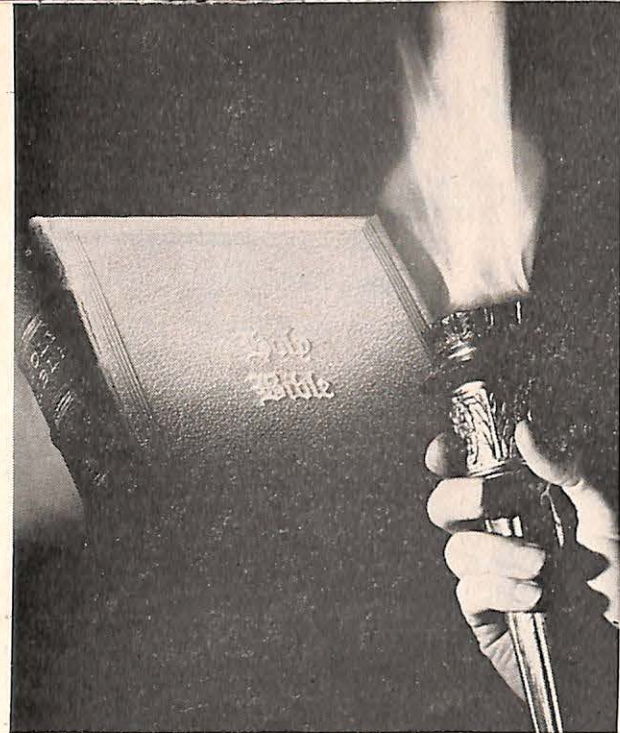
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The Joy of Bible Study

Bible study in its finest expression involves a confrontation with Christ and an involvement in his will and work.

By Dr. Walter W. Wessel, Professor of Bible at the North American Baptist Seminary



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"I rejoice at thy word as one that findeth great spoil" (Psalm 119:162).

THE JOY OF STUDY! This was the title of a collection of essays published a few years ago in honor of a great and beloved Biblical scholar. The title describes the experience of this man of God through over forty years of the study of the Word of God. He was not the first to discover this joy. The Psalmist wrote: "I rejoice at thy word as one that findeth great spoil" (Psalm 119:162). Jeremiah also experienced it: "Thy words were found and I did eat them, and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart" (Jer. 15:16). There is no joy like the joy of digging into the inexhaustible treasures of the Word of God.

STUDY THE WORD DILIGENTLY

But it takes real digging! Archbishop Trench well said, "Holy Scripture is not the Book for the slothful. It is a field, rather, upon the surface of which, if sometimes we gather manna easily and without labor, given as it were freely to our hands, yet of which also many portions are to be cultivated with pains and toil, ere they will yield food for the use of man. This bread of life also is to be eaten in the wholesome sweat of our brows."

Now since everybody cannot attend a Seminary, other situations for studying the Bible must be sought. Many of our churches have a week of special Bible studies once a year with a guest Bible teacher. These are helpful and often provide a stimulus for further Bible study.

Leadership training classes in which a specific area of the Bible, e.g., the Old Testament Prophets, or the Life of Christ, or the Letters of Paul are studied in a group situation also are extremely valuable. And we should not forget the importance of the week-by-week teaching ministry of the Sunday School. Important as all of these are,

it is doubtful whether the child of God can know the real joy of the study of the Bible apart from *personal* Bible study.

What are the pre-requisites for successful personal Bible study? First, *personal* Bible study must be *systematic*. No half-hearted, slipshod approach will produce worthwhile results. This means that *specific* time and *sufficient* time must be faithfully allotted for study. Most people find the morning, before they become involved in the day's activities, the best time for this purpose, although any time when one can spend a few minutes without disturbance is suitable.

Systematic Bible study also means that a *method* will be employed in pursuing one's study. The simpler the method, the better. Great profit can be derived from the verse-by-verse or paragraph-by-paragraph method by which each verse or paragraph is read carefully and meditated upon in turn. Sometimes the reading and re-reading of large blocks of Biblical material proves especially valuable in comprehending the message or main themes of entire chapters or books of Scripture.

Another excellent method is to choose one of the great themes of the Bible, e.g., Redemption, Sin, Holy Spirit, Grace, and with the help of a concordance trace it through a book of the Bible or even through one of the Testaments. Whatever method is adopted, it should be one that seems helpful and natural, and then it should be continued at least long enough to give it a fair trial.

Secondly, the Word of God must be studied in dependence upon the Holy Spirit. The Bible is no ordinary book. Its author ultimately is God, and the Holy Spirit of God alone can interpret

Scripture and reveal its truth. All Bible study should, therefore, begin in humble, earnest prayer: "Come Holy Ghost . . . unlock the truth, thyself the key; unseal the sacred book."

Now unfortunately some have misconstrued dependence upon the Holy Spirit to mean complete independence of any human helps in studying Scripture. (I am reminded of a popular Bible teacher who told me that he never looked at the commentaries for fear they might rob him of some of his sermons!) The Holy Spirit often does use human agents in revealing the truth, as he did in the case of the Ethiopian eunuch who was faced with a problem of Biblical interpretation. Philip, the evangelist, was the Holy Spirit's means on that occasion of explaining Isaiah 53.

APPLY THE BIBLE'S TRUTHS

Although much of the Bible is self-evident, there are some passages "in which are some things hard to be understood," and we are grateful to God for the godly and learned men who have so freely given themselves to the exposition and interpretation of the Bible. All possible helps, including those provided by our denomination in the "Bible Reading Packet" should be utilized.

Finally, the Bible should always be studied with a view to applying the truth that the Holy Spirit reveals. What a tragic thing to study the Word of God simply to add to our Biblical knowledge! It were better not to have studied at all, for greater light rejected means greater judgment. Bible study in its finest expression involves a confrontation with Christ and an involvement in his will and work. This is the chief end of all true Bible study and it is this which, above all else, makes it a pure joy!

Worship and the Bible

The request of the Psalmist might well become the prayer of Christians, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

By Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Illinois



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As we become aware of God, we become conscious of our own need and of our dependence on God.

IN THE quietness of a beautiful temple, a young man worshipped God in "the beauty of holiness." Listen as he tells us of his sacred experience: "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up . . . Above it stood the seraphim . . . and one cried unto another and said: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isaiah 6:1-3).

As young Isaiah saw God in all his holiness and purity, his thoughts immediately turned inward and he saw himself as he really was. He tells us of his reaction. "Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

After Isaiah was cleansed from his sin, he was ready for service. His response to the voice of the Lord was, "Here I am! Send me."

AN AWARENESS OF GOD

This beautiful scene, recorded in the sixth chapter of Isaiah, is perhaps one of the most striking illustrations of worship. Down through the ages, men have tried to define worship. As we study this scene, we must include in our definition that worship is an *awareness* of God. In addition to this awareness, worship includes reverence, humility, awe, adoration, praise and gratitude. Worship includes a glad spontaneous response of our spirit to that of the Spirit of God, and we respond with the Psalmist in saying, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!"

The sixth chapter of Isaiah very definitely suggests that, as a result of man's worship experience with God,

man becomes the servant of God, his ambassador, to carry on the work of God in our world today and in our daily life. James D. Smart in his book, "The Teaching Ministry of the Church," makes this statement. "Worship is the Christian's vital breath."

From such exhortations as "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" and "thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve," it makes us realize the importance of worship in the daily life of a Christian. Appreciation and gratitude often result in an offering.

For Christians, worship should include offerings as well as gratitude. This seems to be the concept of worship both in the Old Testament and the New Testament. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (I Chronicles 15:29). This offering is more than presenting our gifts to him. Worship is offering ourselves to God even as Isaiah did. We present him our thoughts, our ambitions, our contributions, our gratitude and the aspiration for our own lives.

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

The Psalms have contributed much to our worship. A careful study of many of the Psalms will show that they are centered on God and not on the feeling or mood of the worshiper. If the Psalmist is discouraged or depressed and considers his own feelings by asking, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul?" in the next breath he courageously states, "Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him." The Psalms prove to be wonderful channels of communication with God because they lift us out of ourselves and our moods and cause us to look upward

and to rejoice.

There are many conditions under which one may worship. On some occasions, we worship best when alone. At other times, we worship best in groups. Sometimes we find that we can worship as a result of disappointments. A man described as "blameless and upright, one who feared God, and turned from evil" worshipped God when in deep sorrow after he had been informed that everything he held dear was gone. The Scripture tells us that Job's oxen had been stolen, his sheep had been killed by lightning; his sons were killed and he was a sick man. "Then Job arose, and rent his robe . . . and worshiped."

Paul gave thanks when he was facing certain shipwreck and even when he was a prisoner of Rome. A greater authority than Job or Paul is the Lord Jesus Christ who, before he was crucified, worshipped and thanked God. It is not so difficult for us to understand his spirit of thanksgiving when he blessed the loaves and fish to feed the five thousand, but it is hard for us to follow him when he faced his time of sorrow. Yet Paul tells us to "give thanks always for all things." Worship involves gratitude and appreciation.

FULNESS OF LIFE

There is a tendency to think of worship in the sense of worshipping in a group. Jacob, however, was a man who had a real worship experience with God alone. In Genesis 32:24 you will read, "And Jacob was left alone . . ." Recall our definition of worship which included an awareness of God. In the loneliness of the night, Jacob wrestled with a man. We find that he called the place Peniel because he said, "I have

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God can only use those people who have a desire to serve him out of a great heart of love.

Called of God Into Christian Service

"Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

By Mr. Roland L. Pierson of St. Paul, Minnesota

OFTEN WE speak of Christian service as being the work of those who have accepted the call into a pastorate or to the mission field, but seldom do we stop to think or to remember that this is not the extent of Christian service.

In II Timothy 1:8 and 9 we read, "Be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace." Paul is telling us that God has called everyone to service whom he has saved. We have all been called to do a certain task for our Savior.

ABILITY

In I Corinthians 12:8-11 we read, "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gift of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; but all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

God has given each of us certain

abilities or talents, and these are to be used for his service. As in the discourse of the men who had been given various talents which were to be used and increased, we also are commanded to use our God-given talents. Possibly we have few talents, or even only one talent, but if we use the one talent that we have for the glory of God, we have given our best and will receive added blessing.

Perhaps the only talent that one has is that of making friends easily, and winning their confidence in himself. Though this appears at first to be an insignificant talent, it can be used greatly to God's glory when your friendly talks turn to spiritual things and you have an opportunity to lead that friend to an acceptance of Christ.

When we have used our talent wisely, then we will receive the recognition from our Lord, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

CONCERN

God asks for our time and our talents. This is the least that we can give in return for the gift of his Son, and yet if we give these talents only out of a feeling of duty, they will be to

no avail. God can only use those people who have a desire to serve him out of a heart of love.

In I Corinthians 13 we read, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing."

TRAINING

There are many people who have a real concern and zeal to serve God, yet they hesitate because they lack the training which they need in a particular area. Many people would like to stand before a group and tell them of Christ, but because of the lack of training they cannot.

One of the best training programs that we have is the young people's C.B.Y.F. in our individual churches. Every young person has a great opportunity to gain leadership training

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by participating in the work of the C.B.Y. Fellowship.

We spend the majority of our time, as young people, in preparing ourselves for the work that we will be doing in later years. It is extremely important that we should train properly for our vocation. We must not forget that God placed us here for his purpose, and we must constantly seek his guidance in exacting that purpose.

KNOWLEDGE

Far more important than the rest of our training is the effective knowledge of the Scriptures and a solid prayer life. II Timothy 2:15 tells us to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Ephesians 6:17 instructs us to "take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Continuing into verse 18, we read, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

Whether we are called into Christian service as a pastor or missionary, or whether we are called to Christian service as a layman, teacher, farmer, businessman, nurse, or into some other field, we must realize that God has called us for a purpose. "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31).

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History Can Teach Mission Lessons

If you have a good, live missionary program, your youth and your church will feel the spiritual impact.

By Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

LUXOR, EGYPT, with its temple ruins of ancient Thebes and the tombs of the kings is a "must" for any visitor to see in North Africa.

I traveled the overnight train from Cairo southward along the Nile River and arrived, dusty and cold, in the early morning at the little town in Luxor.

Among the ancient but magnificent ruins of this "royal city," I found evidences of Christian art upon walls of mighty temples built by Rameses the Great. Early in the Christian era there was evidently a vigorous witness to Christ here, and believers worshipped in the ruins of ancient Thebes. These evidences on historic walls brought to my mind the sad fact that Islam rules North Africa now, and somewhere along the line the Christian church failed. Shall we learn from history?

LIVING STONES

"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." So spake our Lord and Savior shortly before his Spirit-filled disciples, obeying his last command, went forth into the then known world to preach the Gospel.

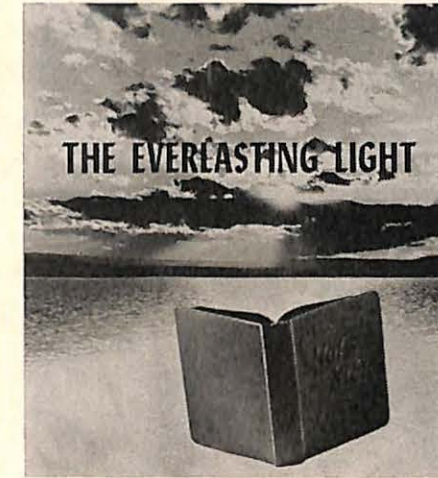
Thus it came about that the first three centuries of the Christian era witnessed the building up in North Africa, from Libya in the East to Morocco in the West, of "living stones" into a "spiritual house" to the praise of his glory.

A feature of the European occupation of North Africa during the past century has been the uncovering of extensive Roman remains of remarkable historical value and interest.

Yet who can visit the sites of these ancient cities, and behold the partially-erected Christian churches, pulpits and baptistries without feeling what a tragic reproach they constitute to the church today?

Is any decadence more utterly sad than the slow petrifying of "living stones" into dead stones? Yet such is the summary of the North African church's gradual apostasy.

History makes clear the cause and underlines the warning. We learn of the increasing worldliness and laxity in the Christian life of the Roman colonies. The church leaders themselves failed in a paramount duty—that of translating the Word of God into the languages of the great Berber nation that formed the mass of the people outside the coastal cities. The eventual falling into ruins of the actual church



Thank God that the Bible, in whole or in part, has been translated into over 1,100 languages and dialects.

buildings was but a sad and significant picture of what had already happened to the "living stones" of North Africa's early Christian church.

FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

No wonder, then, that these regions relapsed into a still deeper darkness when the tide of Moslem invasion swept through the land in the seventh century. In Arabia, the Evil One had found a new tool—a once obscure prophet who, though long dead, still "lives" in the hearts of over three hundred millions of his followers to this very day. Mohammed!

It is he who, through many weary centuries, has usurped in North Africa the place once held by our Savior and Lord. Instead of the one "Foundation . . . the Chief Corner Stone," it is the Black Stone of Mecca and the Five Pillars of Islam.

If the pace and tempo of these early Christians in pressing on to the regions beyond with the message of the Kingdom had been maintained, the whole

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world long ago would have been reached, even with the slow means of transportation available to them. But it did not continue, and after Constantine had performed the marriage ceremony between the church and the world and the lines of demarkation were obliterated, the church settled down in the world to enjoy itself.

The hope of the coming of the Lord to reign and rule faded and practically disappeared, and with it went the program of reaching the unevangelized in foreign lands. Except for the Nestorian missionary enterprise, there is hardly a missionary effort to be noted between the early church and the nineteenth century.

History as it relates to the church in North Africa has its lessons for us today in our attitudes toward our own missionary outreach.

LESSONS FOR TODAY

Alas, today Christendom at large in these United States has lost the vision and has settled down to enjoy its religion. Competitive grandeur among the churches is the order of the day, with never a missionary to issue from their portals and with missionary giving reduced to chicken-feed proportions.

Thank God that the blessed Book, the Bible, in whole or in part, has been translated into over 1,100 languages and dialects. But there are many areas yet unreached. Let every young person in our churches who loves Christ carry on with redoubled earnestness this great task which is everybody's business in every true church of Christ—the preaching of the Gospel.

Everyone in our youth groups should have a vital personal interest in the missionary program of our churches.

Ask to be on the missionaries' mailing lists to receive news from the field. Plan regular missionary programs, giving news of the missionaries you know and information about various stations. Have a card with a missionary's name printed on it prominently displayed in your youth group each week. This missionary is to be especially remembered in prayer by your group. The name may be changed each week. Have a large map in your meeting place showing the locations of your missionaries.

If you have a good, live missionary program, your youth and your church will feel the spiritual impact. Without it your people will wither spiritually as a plant dies in the winter air.

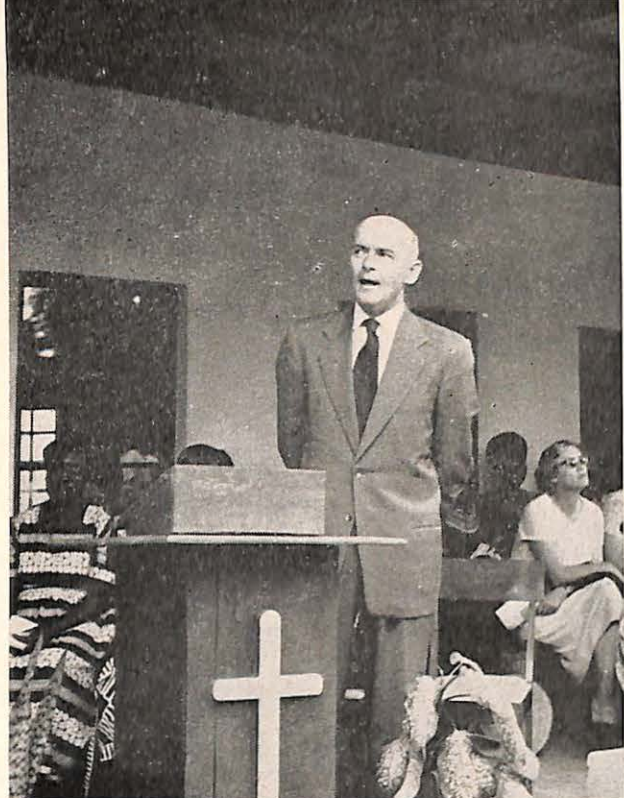
Don't neglect the great purpose of the church to reach all mankind with the Gospel.

January 21, 1960

The Big Week-end at Bikom, Cameroons

Baptists of the Bikom Area dedicate the new Maternity Center, hold their Annual Bible Conference and bring their Thanksgiving Offerings in a festive setting.

By Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Missionary
of the New Hope Settlement



Dr. Paul Gebauer extends the official greetings in the name of the Cameroons Baptist Mission at the opening ceremony of the Belo Maternity Center.

THE DAYS of November 20, 21 and 22, 1959, without a doubt, will be long remembered by the Baptists of the Bikom Area. God really blessed all who came for the many activities. Even the heavy rains of Friday and Saturday afternoons did not dampen the spirit of the jubilant crowd of Christians who came to receive God's blessings in these services of praise, thanksgiving and fellowship.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20, 1959

Many months, weeks, days and hours of hard work brought the Maternity Center at Belo to completion. November 20th was the day set for the official opening months before. The time had arrived, and with it came the people of Kom by tens, by hundreds, over 3,000 in all. This was their day and their hour! The embroidered cloth of the Kom "dalas" worn by the men, the colorful nylon and rayon headties, or kerchiefs, of the women and their gay "labas" and "bubas" added greatly to the pageantry.

At 10 o'clock over 300 pupils of the Belo Primary School came marching, singing with joyful hearts. They sang several numbers and then stood solemnly at attention to one side. Dr. Paul Gebauer, your Field Superintendent, brought the official greetings. He made it quite clear that the Center was a gift from the missionaries and Baptist friends from the United States and Canada. It was also a promise of some years ago, now fulfilled to the Kom people.

The Government District Officer, Mr. Harmon, responded with words of encouragement and commendation. He urged the people to give the Mission their full cooperation.

PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENTS

The Fon of Kom could not be present, but he had sent his representative, Mr. "Johnny" Ngong, the Prime Minister, who is a highly esteemed man and a good friend of the Mission. His few remarks were packed with emotion and he wished the Center well during the coming years. He also mentioned the name of the first woman to enter the new Center on this very day. Her special contribution, twins, were an indication of God's highest approval

on the new building.

Mrs. Mary Mbeng, teacher, mother, and wife of Johnson Mbeng, now studying in England, responded for the women of Kom. She gave credit to all missionaries responsible for the construction and financing of the building, and also to the missionary mid-wives who give so much of their time in this special service to the women. After her remarks Mr. Harmon officially declared the Center open, and the tour of the Maternity Center began.



DIGNITARIES AT THE MATERNITY CENTER DEDICATION

Left to right: Mrs. Mary Mbeng, representing the women of Kom; "Johnny" Ngong, prime minister of the Bikom Area; Mr. Harmon, Government District Officer; and Dr. Paul Gebauer, Baptist Mission Field Superintendent.

The early afternoon program was taken up with school displays, plays, feasting and singing. Everyone was happy to be present for the Big Week-end!

SATURDAY, NOV. 21, 1959

Saturday morning was sunny and beautiful. At 10 o'clock the Annual Bible Conference and Thanksgiving festivities began on the Belo Mission Station. Belo and Wombong Associations, representing 22 churches, were all in attendance. Each came prepared with drums and other musical instruments. The program was filled with speech making, Bible dramas, Bible classes, church reports and singing.

The missionaries had their individual contributions to make at appropriate times, but the program was arranged and managed by the pastor and church people of Kom. It was an encouraging thing to see.

At 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, a soccer football game was played between Mbingo Leper Settlement (staff members and a few patients nearly ready for discharge) and Belo Christians to the delight of the cheering spectators. The Mbingo captain asked me to be Goalie for the Settlement team, and it was great sport both for myself and the Baptist athletes! Mbingo lost 3 to 2, I must add, but the fun and fellowship overshadowed the defeat.

SUNDAY, NOV. 22, 1959

Sunday was another fine day! After a few preliminary speeches and a brief sermon by a Field Pastor, the big event began. This is the Day of Gifts—the gifts of thankful people. For the last few years each church group brings their thanksgiving offering to the Bible Conference, and with marching and singing presents the gift as a group on the offering table. Here the contribution is accepted, acknowledged and an announcement made to the large congregation.

The previous year's contribution is also read out and, if the present offering surpasses that of a year ago, the congregation responds with a clapping of hands and words of encouragement. If the church falls back in its giving, no response is given. This is a public shame to the group, of course, but well taken.

The total Thanksgiving Offering came to £166 (Pounds) which is expended for the Field Pastor and evangelists' efforts in the field. In the Belo Field this money is handled entirely by the Field Council who usually sit after the conference and budget the offering for the coming year.

COMMUNION SERVICE

After the offerings were received, the Christians were requested to remain for the Communion Service. Here all the Baptist Christians present of the entire Belo Field were partakers together of the Lord's Supper as a group. It was a fine and fitting close to a Big Week-end!

January 21, 1960



THE NEW MATERNITY CENTER AT BELO

Dedication Day at the new Maternity Center in Belo, Southern Cameroons, with many national dignitaries and about 3000 people in attendance.

'IF' FOR MISSIONARIES

From "The Evangel Christian"

*If you can hear God's call, when those about you
Are urging other calls and claims on you;
If you can trust your Lord when others doubt you,
Certain that he will guide in all you do,
If you can keep your purpose with clear vision,
Bear lack of sympathy, yet sympathize
With those who fail to understand your mission,
Glimpsing his world-task through your Master's eyes;*

*If you can work in harmony with others,
Yet never lose your own distinctive aim,
Mindful that even among Christian brothers
Methods and plans are often not the same;
If you can see your cherished plan defeated,
And tactfully and bravely hold your peace;
Undaunted be when seemingly ill-treated,
Praying that love and good will may increase;*

*If you can trust to native Christian brethren
The church you've built in lands across the sea,
Seeing in them as your growing children
Promises of men that are to be;
If you can lead these eager, weak beginners
By patient, loving care, your life, your prayer;
For failures and mistakes not judge as sinners,
But make their growth in grace your earnest care;*

*If you can share with humblest folk your virtue;
If nobler souls are richer for your touch;
If neither slights nor admiration hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill your most discouraged minute
With sixty seconds' worth of patience true,
Yours is the task, with all the challenge in it!
You'll be a missionary—through and through.*

A Christian Teacher's Influence for Christ

A Personal Testimony by Miss Iola Kludt of Wessington Springs, South Dakota

IT IS A commonly accepted truth that the three greatest influencing factors in the life of every individual are the home, the school and the church. Every individual is what he is partly because of or in spite of these three institutions.

TEACHING CHRISTIAN LIVING

The largest responsibility that the home, the church and the school have is that of teaching Christian living. The home often fails to meet this responsibility because it desires to fail. The church often fails to meet this responsibility because it must fail, since many young people seem to have no reason to be associated with a church.

Because students are required by law to attend the public school for a certain length of time, it would seem that by this educational means they receive much Christian teaching. Yet the school often fails to meet this responsibility because so many in the professional care to fail.

One of the important duties of a teacher is that of counseling. Some teachers have thirty or more students in their midst during the entire school day. Others have one hundred or more students in their midst for at least one hour during the course of each school day. The teacher is an instrument by which lifetime principles and ideals are molded by the students which he holds in his hands for a short while or a long time.

By discussing the various problems and personal questions with the students, a teacher is able to direct their thinking toward Christian living. Because of the tremendous challenge of helping young people become mature adults with a sense of right from wrong, with a knowledge of Christian ways, and with a desire to live for Christ, I feel it is necessary for me to know Christ.

THE POWER OF EXAMPLE

Another duty of a teacher is to teach by means of example. Students from kindergarten age on make it their business to find out what each teacher's purpose in life is. Their ears are constantly alert for hearing a teacher's speech. Their eyes are constantly open to see a teacher's actions. Their minds are constantly ready to weigh a teacher's verbal expression on any topic.

Not only do students judge a teacher by his speech, actions, and viewpoints, but also they are apt to follow his examples of speech, actions and viewpoints. Because of the opportunity of teaching by the best example I am able to be, I feel it is necessary that I know Christ, the Master Teacher!

A third duty of a teacher is to teach subject matter. One needs to be care-



Miss Iola Kludt of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., a high school teacher of English in Worthington, Minn.

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ful when interpreting subject matter so as to point the students to a Christian way of thinking on the subject, whatever it may be. I find that in the field of English, I must constantly be aware of the fact that many great pieces of literature, such as Paradise Lost, have an entirely different meaning when interpreted from the Christian viewpoint than when interpreted from the non-Christian viewpoint. Students seem to find it quite natural to note and to accept as truth non-Chris-

IOLA KLUDT

Miss Kludt is a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of rural Wessington Springs, S. Dak. At the present time, she is teaching English in the Worthington High School, Worthington, Minnesota. Along with her teaching activities, she is in charge of the Worthington High School Year Book.

She is a graduate of Sioux Falls College, having received her B.A. degree there. She also has her Master's Degree in English from the University of South Dakota.

Miss Kludt has helped in church music a great deal. She is a very willing worker, and has taken an active part in teaching our Vacation Bible School, as well as teaching in Sunday School.

Rev. Elton Kirstein, Pastor

tian philosophies in writing by authors from any period, but they seem to need guidance to find the Christian ideals held by these same authors. Because of my obligation to teach subject matter with the seemingly unusual Christian approach, I feel I must know him!

WRITING A PARODY

From the personal files of a public school teacher, I found the following true story which illustrates that teachers have no way of measuring their influence upon students. This same story also seems to say that the world is looking for more people who know Christ to enter the profession of teaching.

An English Twelve Class was given the assignment of writing a parody, which is a composition imitating the style of some other work but treating the serious subject in a nonsensical manner in an attempt to humor or to ridicule. On the day when the assignment was due, the teacher noticed an unusual amount of restlessness among the class members. Each member took his turn in reading and explaining the particular parody he had written.

Everything went fine, until one of the fellows read his parody on the Ten Commandments. Needless to say, the teacher was left with a limp, helpless and speechless sensation. She asked the student to remain after class. Although the boy seemed uninterested in what she had to say, she courageously explained to him that she felt his writing a parody on the Ten Commandments was a sacrilegious act and that she could not tolerate further deeds of that kind because they were not deeds that met Christian principles which she held.

A TEACHER'S INFLUENCE

The student continued his education at the University of South Dakota. The summer following his sophomore year at the university, he was killed in a train-car collision. The teacher sent a note of sympathy to the family. Several weeks later the teacher received a reply from the boy's mother. Enclosed was an essay which the boy had written during the previous school year. In this essay the boy told of the session in his English Twelve Class. He described the facial expression and voice tone of his teacher as she witnessed of her Christian beliefs and explained her feelings about his composition.

He concluded with the idea that it was during her brief monologue when he realized the importance of Christian living and that he was one who would not be satisfied with the things of the world but would aim for the eternal things.

Seminary President Is Inaugurated

Account of the inaugural ceremony for the new president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by Prof. Roy Seibel, Director of Public Relations.

THE Rev. Frank Veninga was officially inaugurated as president of our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in an impressive ceremony held on Friday night, Dec. 11, 1959.

The colorful activities began with a banquet in the Fellowship Hall of the seminary at 5:30 p.m. The inauguration service followed in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church at 8:00 p.m. An informal reception in the honor of President and Mrs. Frank Veninga was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church following the inauguration service.

INAUGURATION BANQUET

There was an air of festivity in the Fellowship Hall of the seminary as the faculty, students, and official delegates found their places around the tables which the members of the Seminary Guild had beautifully decorated. Eight pre-theological students, accompanied by eight young ladies dressed in black and white, made an impressive sight as they served the guests with an air of gracious ease and efficiency.

The Rev. H. J. Wilcke, chairman of the Education Committee of the Board of Trustees and pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas, served as toastmaster for the occasion.

Mayor Fay Wheeldon welcomed President Veninga to the city of Sioux Falls and expressed appreciation to the seminary for the contribution it has made to the community life in spiritual leadership and service. The American Association of Theological Schools was represented by the Rev. Gene Siekmann of the University of Dubuque.

Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., extended congratulations and best wishes from our sister institute in Edmonton.

Greetings were extended by representatives of the North American Baptist General Conference. Rev. Donald Ganstrom spoke in behalf of the Ministerial Association. The Central District was represented by the Rev. J. C. Gunst, and the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke brought greetings from the Board of Education and Publication. Dr. John Wobig, the moderator of the General Conference, and Dr. Frank Woyke, the executive secretary, spoke in behalf of the General Conference.

Mr. Karl Bieber, president of the student body, and Dr. George A. Lang spoke in behalf of the students and faculty of the seminary. Dr. Albert Bretschneider, emeritus professor of the seminary, spoke glowingly of former years as he placed aside his pre-

pared manuscript to reminisce among the rich treasures of his memories.

SOLEMN FESTIVITIES

The inauguration service began with a colorful academic procession of representatives from the North American Baptist General Conference, institutions of higher education, the board of trustees, and the faculty.

"The Church's One Foundation," sung by the congregation, sounded forth as a reaffirmation of the conviction that the seminary has found its purpose and being within the eternal purpose of God to establish his Church upon the earth.

In his address, "Changeless Objectives in Theological Education," Dr. Charles Koller, president of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., cautioned that in our world, eager for change, we must hold firmly to the fundamental goals of the Christian ministry outlined for us in God's Word.

The ceremony inducting the president into his office was most solemn and meaningful. The Rev. Raymond Dickau, secretary of the board of trustees, read the statement of the action of the board in calling President Frank Veninga. Mr. Walter Pankratz then formally presented the president.

A hush was felt over the congregation as Mr. Herman Bleeker called upon President Veninga to affirm that in accepting the office of president of the seminary, he was declaring his unwavering faith in the Bible as God's Word and in the fundamental doctrines held by the Baptist Fellowship. The president replied in a firm and deliberate voice, "I do."

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

In the charge to the seminary, presented by Dr. John Wobig, and the charge to the president, delivered by the Rev. Harold Gieseke, the mutual trust and responsibility of the seminary and president were clearly defined.

As Dr. George A. Lang led the congregation in the prayer of dedication, he stood as a spokesman before God in behalf of the president and faculty, the seminary as well as all present. Fervent hearts submitted themselves into the hands of God as they saw their task more clearly.

"Man is fascinated and captivated by outer space. He is challenged by the unknown of the space age. Yet he ignores the challenge of the earth where man fights man," declared the president in his acceptance speech in describing the threshold of the new age. (This address by President Veninga will be published at a later date in the "Baptist Herald.")

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THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW SEMINARY PRESIDENT
Speakers and leaders at the inaugural festivities for President Frank Veninga at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Left to right: Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Prof. Roy Seibel, Mr. Walter Pankratz, President Frank Veninga, Mr. Herman Bleeker, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke and Dr. Frank H. Woyke (behind the pulpit).

A True and Great Minister of Christ

Tributes to Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Illinois, who followed the heavenly summons on Dec. 8, 1959

OUR North American Baptist fellowship has in every generation been blessed with devoted and faithful pastors and leaders. Dr. John Leypoldt belonged to such a generation, all too few of whom are now surviving. So much could be said about his outstanding ministry; space permits mention of only a few of his characteristics.

Consecration. No one who knew Brother Leypoldt could ever doubt that he was a truly consecrated servant of God. This was evident in his entire way of life—his speech, his dress, his walk. Even strangers must have been able to tell just by a glance that he was a clergyman. He was meticulous in the care of his health, carefully watching his diet and his personal habits. He was beyond reproach morally, an example both to lay people and pastors. His life was truly "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God."

Faithfulness. Brother Leypoldt was also characterized by faithfulness. When a task was entrusted to him, one always had the assurance that, if it was humanly possible, it would be faithfully executed. Such reliability revealed itself in his preaching, his church administration and in his pastoral work. In recent years, he was particularly concerned about emphasizing the importance and value of pastoral work. As an interim pastor, he would often make pastoral calls on all families of the church in the period of a month or two. Recently he said to me: "How I wish that I could impress upon our young pastors the great rewards of faithful pastoral visitation!"

Loyalty. This characteristic was evident especially in Brother Leypoldt's relationship to his fellow-pastors and to the denominational fellowship. He loved his brethren in the ministry with all his heart. As a supply pastor, he frequently had personal contact with pastors who were struggling with difficulties. His one desire always was to help his brother in the ministry.

Brother Leypoldt's denominational loyalty was unquestioned. Faithful in his attendance at all denominational gatherings, he served on numerous committees and boards. He was thoroughly informed about the denominational missionary program, and he always saw to it that his church was informed also. His churches were missionary-minded churches.

Having been faithful unto death, he has now gone to his Lord to receive the promised crown of life.



Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Illinois
1884-1959

"For the great hereafter I trust in the infinite love of God as expressed in the life and death of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

—J. G. Holland

CHRIST'S FAITHFUL SERVANT

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

DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT was a true and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. I first learned to know him as a student when I made his acquaintance during a meeting which he was attending at our seminary. About twenty-two years ago it was my privilege to serve with him on our General Missionary Committee. In 1946 I became his successor at Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Leypoldt was a worthy predecessor and his ministry well-merited and influential. During all those years and up until his demise, a Christian friendship was established that strengthened as the years went by.

Personally I feel that his love for and loyalty to our denomination, as well as his positive message and clear convictions of his faith brought a real contribution wherever he went. In his consecrated life, in his fidelity to his friends, and in his devotion to God and the churches which he served, there lies real greatness of heart and self-sacrificing service.

I pay tribute to him as a friend, as a faithful preacher of the Gospel, and as an untiring worker in the ministry of our denominational enterprise. May the future continue to reap the fruits of his labors and the Almighty console his loved ones and strengthen them with the knowledge that he now has

entered into eternal glory to be crowned with honor.

HE WAS MY PASTOR!

By Rev. Rubin Kern
of Brooklyn, New York

From my records, as pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., I find that Dr. John Leypoldt was the first person to whom I extended the right hand of fellowship. That was providential for me. During the seven and a half years of my ministry at Forest Park, he was a member of the congregation. For me he was a very distinct member. He was the PASTOR'S PASTOR. Whenever I needed counsel or encouragement I would turn to my senior brother. His words were deeply grounded. His advice was Scripturally founded.

He was able to communicate his Christian character and convictions in conversation, as well as through his preaching. I was always aware of his sincere, spiritual sturdiness. I always felt free to ask Dr. Leypoldt, even at short notice, to take my place in the pulpit during absence or illness. Without any hesitation he would say, "Brother Kern, I shall be glad to help." And he did.

He was my pastor when he was away on preaching missions of pastorless churches. Frequently there was a letter from him. The things he wrote always had meaning and content. I appreciate this to this very day.

Because of this saintly senior brother, my faith is firmer, my approach to the ministry is more meaningful, my outlook on life in general is more optimistic and my devotion to Christ and the church is deeper. I consider myself very fortunate, as a pastor, to have had him as a friend and as the pastor's pastor.

DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT OF FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner,
Editor of the "Baptist Herald"

Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Illinois, was born on March 10, 1884 in Allentown, Pa. He was the oldest of seven children, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Leypoldt. At nine years of age he gave his heart to Christ as Savior and was baptized by Rev. John Linker in the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. During the ministry of Dr. William Kuhn, this church in Philadelphia sent John Leypoldt to our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., where he prepared for the Christian ministry from 1904 to 1910.

On May 10, 1910, a few days after graduating from the Seminary, he and Miss Hulda Kusch were married in Rochester, N. Y., by Rev. Frank Kaiser. He and his young bride went to Philadelphia to serve in the pastorate of the Third German Baptist Church of that city from 1910 to 1913. He was or-

dained by the church on June 1, 1910.

Rev. John Leypoldt held a succession of illustrious pastorates in large and influential churches. He was the minister of the Baptist Church of Hanover, Ontario, from 1913 to 1920; of the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, from 1920 to 1925; of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan, from 1926 to 1935; of the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, from 1935 to 1937; of the Trinity Church of Portland, Oregon, from 1938 to 1945; and of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from 1946 to 1951. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Leypoldt's ministry extended far beyond the limits of his church parishes. He was our denominational evangelist in 1937 (Sept.-Dec.). He served as the denomination's interim pastor from 1951 to 1953; as interim promotional secretary from 1953 to 1955; and/as interim and supply pastor since 1955.

He was a servant of God who was heavily burdened over "the care of the churches" and was especially concerned about the spiritual prosperity of his own church in Forest Park. He labored tirelessly for the Lord. On his last Sunday he preached twice and taught a Sunday School class in the German Mission Baptist Church of Chicago. His Sunday School quarterly showed his notations as a result of his preparations for next Sunday. He served on most of the denominational committees and boards and spoke frequently at General Conference sessions. He was an inspiring friend and counsellor for many people in our churches throughout the United States and Canada.

He was called to his heavenly Home very suddenly on Tuesday evening, December 8. He followed God's summons while he was "in the harness" of active life, as he hoped it might be. He was always ready to do the Lord's bidding and prepared for life's next adventure. Even the memorial service for himself had been carefully outlined by Dr. Leypoldt some years ago. He was a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church.

His homegoing is mourned by his wife, Hulda; by 5 children: Ann, Mrs. Arnold Koppin, and her husband of St. Clair Shores, Michigan; Esther, Mrs. Arnold Bourziel, and her husband of Muskegon, Michigan; Martha, a member of our Seminary faculty in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Mary, the denominational comptroller at the Forest Park headquarters; and John and his wife of Covina, California; by 4 grandchildren: Phyllis Ann Bourziel, Michele, Maureen and John Kenneth Leypoldt; by 3 sisters, all of Philadelphia, Pa.: Anne, Margaret (Mrs. George Rapp) and Frieda; by 3 brothers: William and Samuel of Philadelphia, Pa., and Reuben of Baltimore, Maryland.

The memorial service was held on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11, with Dr.

From the Professor's Desk

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

What happened to the ten tribes which were carried away captive into Assyria by Shalmanezzer according to II Kings 17?

Many different theories have arisen in an attempt to find the so-called "lost tribes" of Israel. The Mormons claim to have "found" them in the original inhabitants of North America; the British Israelites, by fantastic linguistic and historical sleight-of-hand, in the Anglo-Saxon people (the people of the British Commonwealth are the tribe of Ephraim and the United States the tribe of Manasseh!), while still others have "found" them in Arabia, China, Africa and the mountains of the Near East.

It is doubtful whether the Northern Tribes should be referred to as "lost" at all. They were transported by Shalmanezzer in 721 B. C. to Assyria, to be sure, but that some of them returned is evidenced by such passages as Ezra 2:28 which speaks of the inhabitants of Bethel and Ai (both of which were in northern territory) returning; Ezra 2:70: ". . . and the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants lived in their towns, and all Israel in their towns;" and 6:17: "They offered at the dedication of

this house of God one hundred bulls . . . and as a sin offering for all Israel twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel."

These passages reveal that there were considerable "Northerners" (i. e., those from the ten tribes) living in the land at the time of the return. Some of them had never gone into exile. Others had returned with Judah. Those who stayed in Assyria were, as far as we know, assimilated among the peoples of the east. (It should be noted here that only a fraction even of Judah returned; the majority who remained in the exile were assimilated like their northern brethren.)

In a very helpful treatment of this problem, H. L. Ellison (*Ezekiel the Man and His Message*, p. 133) writes: "Sufficient of the Northern Tribes joined Judah under the divided monarchy and doubtless at the return from exile to make the modern Jew representative of 'all Israel' (Romans 11:26) . . ."

So the best answer to this often discussed question is that the people both of Judah and Israel, who remained in the exile, were for the most part assimilated by the process of intermarriage and acculturation among the people with whom they lived.

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M. L. Leuschner in charge assisted by Rev. R. Schilke, Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Mr. Gerhard Schroeder. General secretaries of the denomination served as pall-bearers. Like Stephen of old, Dr. Leypoldt was a man of God, full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, who was always obedient to the heavenly vision and whose entire ministry was blessed with glory and the wonders of God's power.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY

Sunday, Feb. 7, 1960

Offering to be received for the
work and relief ministry of the
Alliance.

SEMINARY PRESIDENT

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"How frequently God's people think little thoughts and do little things and undertake little programs when God challenges us to be big people and undertake great things for him." In applying this challenge to the seminary the president declared: "The latest techniques in theological training and the best human resources will be employed for the expansion of the seminary."

INFORMAL RECEPTION

Following the inauguration service, the delegates and friends assembled in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church for an informal reception in honor of President and Mrs. Frank Veninga.

The seminary owes a debt of gratitude to those who provided capable leadership in former years. Those who have gone before have designed a solid foundation upon which we can continue to build our seminary. Standing upon the shoulders of the past, we can grasp for greater heights in the future.

The inauguration ceremonies have been etched in the monuments of history. Now, the present task of the seminary commands our full attention. The total resources of the seminary are concentrated upon the commission of forging true ministers and missionaries of the Gospel through soul discipline and academic struggles.

We the Women

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

AN INTRODUCTION

Our guest editor is a laywoman who is a member of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Stahnke has long been active in every branch of her church in several positions of leadership.

"LET GO AND LET GOD"

By Mrs. Arthur Stanke
of St. Paul, Minn.

I HAVE A WORD for disappointed parents, whose children are now out of their reach, even in their own home. They are embarrassing us by not coming to services, absenting themselves from Sunday School and choir. We are sometimes asked by church people: "Why have we not seen them lately?" It irritates us to be making excuses for them, so we stay home from church ourselves. Soon we are accusing God. He has let us down!

All this time we are needling our son, hoping to get him back into the pattern of behavior acceptable, not especially to God, but the people in the local church. He is constantly doing just the opposite to our teachings and delighting in startling us at every turn.

Take heart! All is not lost. He is proving to himself that he can get along without Mama! This is the time for us to stand aside and look to the Lord. "The battle is thine," we must say.

We think we have learned all of life's lessons by this time, but the dear Lord is teaching us more than we ever learned before, while we are hoping he is teaching those children what they ought to know. God's training school is perfecting us as well as our children. When your child has grown, take him aside and tell him kindly: "We are all in this together, son. I'm really not as perfect as I have wanted you to believe. I did some of the very same things when I was your age," (relate some escapade), "but I found the Lord kept after me till I gave him my life."

"It is not for me to say what church you should attend or whom you should marry; that is between you and God. From now on I'm going to try to keep my mouth shut and my hands off, and leave you in God's hands. I believe he will finish the job I have begun. I'm trusting him."

Then pray aloud, asking him to overrule your defects for good and enable you to fulfill your resolve. Commit him to the Lord right there for the Lord's purpose, not yours.

"Lord, my eyes are on thee. It



CLOSING DAY FOR THE AMERICAN CLASSES

Missionaries' Children with their certificates on the closing day of school. Left to right: Linda and Evan Schneider, Diane Stockdale, Miriam Holzimmer, David Stockdale and Walter Gebauer. (Billy Ahrens is not shown in the picture).

A Junior Missionary Project

Seven Cameroons missionaries' children gave a love offering of \$15.00 to the Mbingo Baptist Church.

By Esther Helen Schultz, Missionary

OCTOBER 25TH dawned bright and clear, with great excitement in the Schneider and Stockdale homes.

MISSIONARIES' CHILDREN

All year long the children of American

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

After a 45 minute walk, the children and parents arrived at the church and the children put on a program consisting of much they had learned in Junior Church and Sunday School. They gave a love offering to the church for cement for the new building which amounted to £ 5:15:- or about \$15.00.

It is hard to say who received the greater blessing—the giver, or the receiver!

BAPTIST HERALD

What's Happening

● The First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Leduc, Alberta, Canada, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leduc since 1957. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Mott church on January 24, succeeding Rev. Milton H. Vietz, now of Anamoose, N. Dak.

● The Community Chorus of Martin, N. Dak., presented its annual Christmas cantata on December 21, in the school auditorium. Mr. Albert Seibel of the Martin Baptist Church directed the presentation of "The Holy Child" by Carrie Adams. The chorus was composed of more than 50 voices from the Evangelical United Brethren, Mennonite Brethren, and Baptist churches, as reported by Mrs. Betty Kessler.

● Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, missionary-nurse in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, has recently presented her resignation to the Board of Missions. It was accepted regrettably by the Board members, effective Nov. 19, 1959. She has served as a Cameroons missionary since 1949. While on furlough and at home in the United States, Miss Weeldreyer has made her residence in Emery and Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

● The Baptist Church of Serath, Sask., has launched out as a separate church field with Raymore as a mission station. The Serath church used to be associated with the Southey church as one field served by a pastor. The new pastor of the Serath church and its mission station is Mr. Arthur Browatzke who has been the assistant to Rev. E. L. Thiessen for the past few years. Mr. Thiessen has gone to Saskatoon, Sask., to serve as the Church Extension pastor there.

● The new educational Sunday School Unit of the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana, is almost too small for its increasing school attendance. Early in December there were 231 in Sunday School and 267 people in the morning worship service. At the annual business meeting of the church, the announcement was made that the church had met its budget and had gained 27 new members during the year. The salary of the pastor, Rev. C. T. Remple, was raised in addition to a \$300 Christmas gift.

● The Church Extension Committee of the denomination has extended a call to Rev. E. L. Thiessen of Southey, Sask., to serve as the pastor of a new English-speaking Church Extension project in Saskatoon, Sask. He has presented his resignation to the Southey and Serath churches which he has served since 1953 and an-

nounced his acceptance of the Saskatoon call, effective Jan. 1, 1960. Visitation work has already been begun in Saskatoon and suitable property for a new Church Extension building will be purchased as soon as practical. Mr. Thiessen's new address will appear in a forthcoming issue.

● The First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., voted to adopt the Every Family Subscription Plan for 1960. An offering for that purpose was received on Sunday, Dec. 13. On that same Sunday, Rev. E. Wolff, Eastern District Secretary, was the guest speaker at the morning service. In the evening the city's Union Christmas Vesper Service was held in the Baptist church. On Friday, Nov. 13, the Mother and Daughter Banquet was held. The Baptist church gave a liberal offering at its Thanksgiving Day service toward the North American Baptist missionary work. Rev. J. R. Kruegel is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday morning, Dec. 13, the 15 voice Male Chorus of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, presented the Christmas cantata, "The Incarnation," following a brief message, "The Word Became Flesh" by Rev. Don Rich. The church choir brought the Christmas message in song at a well attended Christmas Eve service. The Sunday School pro-



BOY SCOUTS' 50th ANNIVERSARY
In 1960 the Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Since the very beginning the Protestant Churches have played a large role in the development of the Boy Scout movement. Most of the first Scout units were in Protestant churches.

gram entitled, "Jesus, the Light of the World," was presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 20. The Oak Street Church is still without a pastor. Rev. Don Rich serves the church as director of Christian education and as interim pastor.

● From Dec. 18, 1959 to Jan. 3, 1960 Rev. Edwin Michelson, Church Extension pastor of Wichita, Kansas, and Mr. Flavius Martin, student at our Seminary from the Cameroons mission field in Africa, visited many churches of the Southwestern Conference area. This visitation trip during the Christmas holidays was made possible by the cooperative efforts of the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Church Extension Committee. This was the first extended visit by one of the Cameroonians to our churches. On Sunday, Dec. 20, the team was in Lorraine and Stafford, Kansas; on Sunday, Dec. 27, in Wichita, Kansas and Shattuck, Okla.; and on Sunday evening, Jan. 3, at the last service in Beatrice, Neb.

● The Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., honored Rev. and Mrs. John E. Grygo on their silver wedding anniversary day, Nov. 8. The entire Sunday evening was set aside for this occasion. Following the pastor's message, Mr. Andrew Fischer served as chairman. Rev. Erich Gutsche led in prayer. Rev. Fred Trautner delivered the congratulatory address. During the reception, Mrs. E. Helm acted as hostess. The presentation of an attractive check and flowers was made by Mr. John Rauser in behalf of the congregation. Honored guests were also Rev. and Mrs. Victor Prendinger of Fredonia, N. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. Grygo with deep feeling expressed their appreciation to the church.

● The choir of the Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., presented its 22nd annual concert on Christmas Eve at a candlelight service with Mr. Elmer Wengel conducting and with Mrs. Wm. Potter at the organ. The Wycliffe Bible Translators' film, "O for a Thousand Tongues," was featured at the Watchnight Service. The members of the Board of Deacons of the church were in charge of prayer meetings held in various homes during the Week of Prayer, Jan. 3 to 10, 1960. The newly installed president of the Woman's Missionary Society is Mrs. Maurice Kelly. In December Rev. Herman H. Riffel, pastor, brought a series of Sunday morning messages on "The Ten Commandments" to a close.

● The Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., has appointed Mr. Milton Quiggle as student youth director. He is a resident of Minneapolis, Minn., and a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute and the University of Minnesota. At present, he is a student at Bethel Seminary. The church has adopted the Every Family Subscription Plan with a great deal of en-

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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. There in prison his father had died some time later and his mother 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. Thornton tried to comfort her. 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, in order to cheer her, took her to see "the old city" of New Orleans. Faith's mother had always prayed for her daughter's conversion. Here in New Orleans, Faith was puzzled by the strange things that happened to her. And her acquaintance with James Thornton had become infinitely more than friendship to her. He helped Faith to dispose of her aunt's belongings and counseled with her as to her future plans. But his plans were different! "When I get through here," he said, "I'll be going somewhere, but there is no place where I really want to go."

CHAPTER SEVEN

"WHEN why not stay here?" Faith suggested hopefully.

"I don't believe I would like that." His eyes became clouded again and a sigh escaped him which she heard but of which he was not aware. It would indeed be lonely for him when he became a wanderer. Perhaps he would never be able to find anyone with whom he could be friends. He would be afraid to make friends. He could never be too intimate with anyone for fear that they might connect him with his crime. He knew that the law's long arm was far reaching and that it never gave up searching for its victim. He would be a hunted man for the rest of his life.

This was his weakest moment, when he was almost ready to give up this mad scheme of vengeance and live a normal life, the life he had been born to live. But the memory of his mother's face and her agonized voice when

she told him that his father had died, the months of suffering while her life was slowly ebbing away, made him forget this moment of weakness while he grimly determined to carry on.

She saw the shadow deepen on his face and longed to say something that would remove it. She looked at him silently while he seemed unaware of her presence, loving him and grieving that before long they would be parted, perhaps forever.

A few weeks later he decided to look up another Martin on his list. He took the bus to the address and discovered that it was a small double cottage, common in that part of the city. He stood outside for a while, looking at the house and wondering just what he should do and say when he rang the bell. He did not think that this could be the home of the man he sought. He would not be living in a house as small as this one. He had made too much money in settling the business after James' father had been sent to prison. He must see the man, however, just to be sure. He rang the bell and waited impatiently for someone to answer. A young man not much older than himself opened the door. He eyed James silently, then asked him what he wanted.

"I'm looking for a Mr. Thomas Martin," James told him. "My firm sent me to interview him about some insurance he took out a number of years ago." It was a plausible lie and could not cause any suspicion.

"You must mean my uncle," the young man told him. "He used to live here and the phone is listed in his name. I'm John Irving. Mr. Martin was my mother's brother."

"Would you mind telling me where he is now?" James asked.

"He lives in Mobile. Would you like to have his address?"

"If you don't mind," James replied.

"Come in and I'll get it for you," Irving offered.

James followed him inside and waited in the living room while the young man went to get the address. He looked about him at the simply furnished room and he saw a picture hanging on the wall opposite him. It was an enlarged photograph of a man, perhaps sixty, rather stout, with wide mouth and deep set eyes. He caught his breath as he stared at the picture. This could be the man he sought! He was both elated and stunned now that he thought he had found his man. Just then the young man returned.

"Is this your uncle's picture?" James asked.

"Yes. How did you know?"

"We had a picture of him in our files in the office, taken some time ago," James replied. "I'm fortunate if I have found him so soon. He has been out of touch with our office for so long that we did not have his present address."

The thought came to him that this man might remember him when he learned that his uncle had been murdered. A shudder of fear and revulsion swept through him, but he managed to smile at Irving as he took the address, thanked him and left.

He would not be able to go to Mobile until the next weekend. He could make the trip in a day. If this were the man he sought, he would be moving to Mobile. And he would not see Faith any more. He would miss her and now that the parting seemed imminent he realized how much he would miss her. He had not counted on this and he was sorry that he had ever met her. But she had given him many pleasant hours that he had not thought possible. He would regret that parting and the thought of what the trip might mean to his future made him reluctant to take it. But he must. He could not rest until he knew.

He did not tell Faith of his intended trip until the night before he was to leave. He had Saturday off and planned to go then. If he had to stay overnight, he would still be able to get back to work on Monday.

They had had dinner and were on their way home. They stopped for a moment and sat in a corner of the steps.

"It's too early to go to bed," he said and drew her down beside him. "Let's sit here for a little while." He turned to her and gave her a smile. Then the smile faded and he became serious. He hated to tell her just now, but he had to. "I'm going to walk out on you tomorrow, little one."

"Walk out on me!" she echoed aghast. "You mean you're going away?"

He nodded.

"You're going away! Oh, Jimmie!" A sob choked her.

She had never called him Jimmie before. In fact, he could not remember her ever having called his name before. The look of utter woe upon her face touched him and wakened something within him that was new and entirely unsuspected.

"Don't let it upset you," he said soothingly. "Perhaps it will be only for a day. I'll be back before you have time to miss me."

She uttered a deep sigh and gave him a reproachful look.

"That was mean of you to frighten me so. Please don't do it again."

He leaned nearer and looked into her eyes that were filled with tears.

"Would you really miss me that much if I should go away?"

"Of course," she responded, trying to regain her composure. "I have no other friends and I really would be lonesome, especially at meal time." She tried to smile, but the smile refused to come.

He leaned back against the step and caught his knee in his hands.

"I would be lonesome without you," he told her. "But I may have to go away sooner than I expected. It depends upon how things turn out on this trip. I shall hate to leave you, little one," he added with a tender note in his voice. "It's been fun, taking care of you. I'll be better satisfied, though, knowing that you have a job and a good place to stay."

"Please let me know ahead of time if you have to go. Don't spring it on me as you did tonight. Give me a little time to get used to being without you."

"I will," he assured her.

"Will you write to me when you go away?" she asked.

He was startled at her question and the realization of what would follow when he did go away. He could not even write to her. He would never know what became of her after he left her, whether she would find someone else to take his place or what would happen to her. The thought that she would find someone else gave him a

pang of jealousy. It swept over him with a sickening sense of frustration and loss. He loved her. Why hadn't he seen this coming long before now? He had been too engrossed in his obsession to even realize that love had come into his life while hate was poisoning that life and leading him to destruction.

He turned to her and tried to smile but it was a dismal failure.

"I'm a poor hand at writing, but I'll do my best," he told her, but he knew that he was lying. When he left her she would never hear from him again. She would suffer, just as he would suffer, for he knew that she cared for him. He realized it tonight.

"Let's go," he said heavily. "I'm tired and this step is getting hard."

They rose and as she gazed at him she thought that he could not see the look of adoration that was in her eyes, but he did see. He caught her in his arms and kissed her tenderly. Then he let her go suddenly as if he regretted what he had done.

She stared at him in unbelievable, rapturous joy while she held her hands clasped against her breast.

"Jimmie!" she breathed. "You kissed me!"

He tried to laugh but the laugh would not come.

"Yes, I kissed you. Was that so terrible?"

"No! No! It was wonderful—so—so—wonderful! Oh, Jimmie, did it—did it mean that you care?"

He meant to laugh it off and tell another lie, that the kiss meant nothing, that it was just a good-by, but he could not. When he looked into her rapturous face and saw the joy in her wide eyes, as her lovely face was held up to him, he could not tell her anything but the truth.

He took her in his arms again and whispered, "Yes, it means that I do care, little one. I care a great deal, more than I should care for anyone. I love you, Faith, darling. I love you."

He bent and his lips met hers again. She clung to him with her arms about his neck.

"Oh, Jimmie! How glad I am that you do care! I've loved you for such a long time, it seems, but I never hoped that you would ever care for me. Jimmie! I love you so! I love you so!"

He took her arms from about his neck and released her almost roughly.

"I have no right to love you," he said harshly. "Just forget what I said."

"What do you mean?" she cried in distress at the sudden change in him. "Why have you no right to love me? You said there was no one else."

"I have no room in my life for love," he told her.

In that moment he drank the very dregs of bitterness and despair. He turned away from her while his shoulders drooped in absolute dejection. She came closer and put her arms around his neck again.

"Please don't turn away from me," she begged. "Let me love you even if

there is no room in your life for Loving you is all I have and hav. your love is all I want."

"I must," he said and the words were a moan. "I can't tell you why, so don't ask me, but I must. I love you and perhaps I always shall, but there never can be anything between us, so just try to forget that I kissed you and forget what I said."

He tore away from her clinging arms and ran up the steps and into the house.

She followed him slowly while the tears coursed down her cheeks. She had mounted to the dizzy heights of joy and had been plunged into the depths of despair in so short a time that she could not bear it. She went to her room and dropped onto the bed where she lay sobbing. No matter what the reasons for his words might be, they were final. She could not doubt that. He would soon be gone and she would be left alone to think of what might have been and to wonder what sinister shadow lay between them. All her life, perhaps, she would wonder and would never know. It seemed more than she could bear, yet she knew that she must go on living no matter how great was the burden of sorrow.

She got up and turned on the light and got ready for bed. The night seemed dark indeed, the darkest she had ever known.

JAMES LEFT EARLY the next morning before Faith was up. He slipped a note under her door telling her that he was sorry he could not have breakfast with her, but that he would have to catch an early train. This was not true, but he did not want to see her again after last night. He must have time to gain strength to control his emotions until he could master the desire to hold her in his arms again and feel the touch of her lips upon his.

Perhaps it would be better to move to another rooming house as he had planned in the beginning if the man he met in Mobile was not the one he was looking for. It would be hard to be near her and to continue their relationship as mere friends. It would be almost impossible, for, even if he could conquer his own desire he knew that the sight of her pleading eyes and the knowledge that he was making her suffer would be almost more than he could bear.

He was hoping that this Martin might be the man he sought so that he could get the matter over and get away where he would never see her again. Seeing her every day and knowing that they could never belong to each other would be torture.

As the train sped along the coast where he could see the wave-lashed waters, he felt that he was being driven by some demon force within him which was impelling him to his doom. The meeting ahead and the task to which he had dedicated his life became more abhorrent each mile he

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 31, 1960

Theme: **RESPONSES TO THE GOSPEL**

Scripture: Acts 17:10-12, 22-23, 29-34

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The unknown God is now the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION: It is interesting to notice the responses to the Gospel as Paul and Silas travelled from place to place. In Philippi there was a good response but they were imprisoned, beaten, freed and then asked to leave the city. Again in Thessalonica there was a very favorable response, but here also they encountered difficulty and danger. After a riot, during which Jason's house was almost broken down, the brethren sent Paul and Silas away secretly by night because they were in danger of their lives. In Berea, it was said, they were more noble and they received the word. But this lasted only for a short time and, after another riot, Paul had to flee for his life. In Athens we have a peculiar situation. All the opportunities for preaching the Gospel seemed favorable. Paul had all the freedom he wanted; no one hindered him or forbade him to speak; no one threatened him with physical harm; his life was never in danger; there was no riot and he left the city of his own free will. But the strange thing was that he had very little response, and there never was a church organized and established in Athens.

It seems the Gospel was far more effective and the churches grew much more rapidly only where the opposition was most evident. Is it possible that in our easy, carefree society the Gospel often loses a positive response because there is no active and sometimes violent opposition? Where it was easy to accept the Gospel, it was rejected; where it was difficult to accept the Gospel, it was received.

I. THE HOLY DISTURBERS OF THE PEACE. Acts 17:1-9.

The early Christians were accused of turning the world upside down. Without any apparent effort, they created trouble and disorder wherever they went. In the literal sense of the meaning of the term, they disturbed the peace. But those who wanted to preserve the peace cried "peace, peace where there was no peace," and those who wished to preserve the present order were merely advocating disorder. Jesus himself said that he did not come to bring peace, but a sword. That is, he did not come to bring a kind of peace that can co-exist with sin, neither can he allow the old order of things, for he brought with him a new order.

What these enemies of Paul did not know was that their world was already upside down, and the Apostle, by the power of the Gospel, was turning it right side up.

II. THE EAGER SEEKERS. Acts 17:10-12.

The noble Bereans "received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." They received the word eagerly, but not so eagerly that they did not just as eagerly prove their new-found faith by a thorough study of the scriptures. Here we see evidence of the high place which the scriptures occupied even among the Jews. The Gospel of Jesus Christ as the risen Lord and Savior had to be proved according to the scriptures. It was never Paul's intention to present it any other way. In I Corinthians 15 his argument is strengthened again and again by the phrase "according to the scriptures." "Search the scriptures," Jesus said, "for in them ye think ye have eternal life."

III. THE SCEPTICAL LISTENERS. Acts 17:22-32.

This was probably the most difficult audience Paul ever addressed. An evangelistic appeal would be meaningless to them, nor would a scriptural emphasis penetrate their spiritual darkness. Here he was surrounded by the intellectual snobs of Athens trying to present Christ to the top brains of his world. The only avenue he found was the avenue of their intellect and their curiosity, hoping to break through to their basic need for Christ. Yet through it all, it was difficult to win even their courtesy and their respect.

IV. THE MEAGER RESPONSE. Acts 17:33-34.

Paul did not have to leave without a little hope and a little encouragement. "Howbeit certain men clave unto him and believed." We do not know what happened to these few converts. Evidently they never became strong enough in the faith to continue what Paul began. Perhaps Paul had Athens in mind when he wrote to the Corinthians and said, "not many mighty, not many noble are called" (I Cor. 1:26).

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 7, 1960

Theme: **PERSEVERANCE IN CHRISTIAN WORK**

Scripture: Acts 18:1-11

The Editor of "Sunday School Lessons" is Rev. B. C. Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Christianity is not a matter of taking it or leaving it, but taking it and sticking with it.

INTRODUCTION: Jesus had much to say about perseverance in the Christian life. All around him he saw people make good beginnings and poor endings. Many had good intentions but they lacked the enforcement of good actions. In the parable of the sower and the seed, only one type of soil persevered until the seed was brought to fruition. The other died by the wayside or perished of over-enthusiasm or choked to death. Perseverance was also the topic in much of his other teachings, "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). "He that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matt. 10:22). A true scientist sticks to his experiment until the very end. Marie and Pierre Curie went through years of discouragement and much privation, but in the end they gave to the world the wonderful substance of radium.

Paul certainly had enough trouble and difficulty, enough suffering and discouragement to have reason to give up. But he always kept his goal in view, "to strive for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The apostle was possessed by a holy stubbornness. The memory verse gives us the impression that he was firmly fixed; he was constant; he was unswerving; he was relentlessly pursuing the work and will of the Lord. Whether it seemed useful or useless was not a matter for him to decide—none of it was in vain as long as it was done for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I. FELLOWSHIP IN CHRISTIAN WORK. Acts 18:1-3.

Because of the meager results in Athens, and the fact that no church was founded there, it is thought by some Bible scholars that Paul should not have gone to Athens. But we must remember that Paul was not forbidden of the Holy Ghost to speak the word in Athens as he was in Asia. The door was left open and he entered unhesitatingly. Still conscious of the cool reception he had received in Athens, he must have felt the comfort and warmth of the fellowship in Corinth with Aquilla and Priscilla. The fellowship with this lay couple was really three-fold: there was, first of all, the spiritual fellowship of like-minded people; there was the fellowship of a common vocation of tent-making; and there was the Sabbath fellowship in which Paul found opportunity for preaching and teaching that Jesus is indeed the Christ.

II. DISCOURAGEMENT IN CHRISTIAN WORK. Acts 18:4-6.

One of the greatest disappointments for a Christian is to have his most intimate and dearest friends reject the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It must have hurt Paul deeply to give up his

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BAPTIST HERALD

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern District

Happy Events at McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg

On Sunday, Oct. 18, it was our privilege to welcome Rev. and Mrs. R. Grabke who have accepted the pastorate of the new branch of our church, the Central Baptist Church, temporarily holding their services in the Y. M. C. A. We trust and pray that God will richly bless his servants in this work, which is also a Church Extension project of the denomination. Our Vacation Bible School was held in August with Ernie Rogalski as director. Our total enrollment was 220 and average attendance was 151.

Thanksgiving Day, Oct. 12, was celebrated with a very successful bazaar and delicious supper, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society. We were also happy to have Rev. Philipp Scherer of Toronto, Ontario, as guest speaker at our evangelistic meetings held in the German language. His messages were indeed inspirational to us.

Violet Holland, Reporter

Recognition Service for W. W. Sibley at Wetaskiwin, Alta.

On Nov. 28, the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alta., held a recognition service for Rev. W. W. Sibley, its pastor. The council, called together, consisted of 20 delegates from 7 neighboring churches and of the Christian Training Institute. The entire service was held on the same evening. Dr. A. S. Felberg was elected moderator, and Rev. A. Zeller as clerk. Mr. Sibley gave clear and convincing statements of his conversion experience, his call to the ministry, and of his doctrinal beliefs.

Scripture was read by Rev. R. Harsch, followed by the invocation by Rev. A. Zeller. A fitting duet was rendered, after which Dr. A. S. Felberg brought a very fitting and challenging message. The hand of fellowship and words of welcome were ably presented by Rev. E. P. Wahl. Rev. W. W. Sibley closed in prayer and benediction. Rev. W. W. Sibley has been an evangelist for a number of years with in the Youth for Christ movement and pastor of a Christian Missionary Alliance church. Our trust is that, through prayer and faith in Christ, we will accomplish many things as we work together with our new neighboring pastor and family.

Arthur Zeller, Clerk

Eastern District

Baptism and Fellowship Supper, Temple Church, Pittsburgh

The first Fellowship Supper of the season was held at the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Oct. 28. The Violet Stockdale Circle of the

January 21, 1960

NOTICE, REPORTERS!

All reports for publication in the "Baptist Herald" should be brief and limited to a maximum of 175 words. Otherwise they will have to be abbreviated. The reports must be sent within one month after the occurrence of the event or events which are described. Only reports of golden wedding anniversaries (and beyond the 50th) are eligible for publication. No annual reports of church or women's societies can be published. If possible, have your reports typed, double spaced, when sending them to the editor, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

Woman's Missionary Society prepared and served a delicious meal to 170 members and friends, after which the prize-winning film, "Centerville Awakening," was shown.

At the morning worship service on Sunday, Nov. 22, a capacity crowd was privileged to witness the baptism by the pastor, Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, of nine candidates who publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The baptism followed an inspiring message by the pastor on "The Meaning of Baptism." These new members, including a brother and sister and a young married couple, were welcomed into the fellowship of the church at the communion service Sunday, Dec. 6. We pray that the Lord may richly bless them as they join us in serving him!

Betty J. Staib, Reporter

Students' Reception at Denominational Headquarters

About 60 North American Baptist students from the Chicago area and denominational secretaries and their wives attended the Students' Reception on Friday evening, Dec. 4, at the Forest Park headquarters office. Sponsored by the C. B. Y. Fellowship, the reception soon became a gala and happy gathering. Students from the colleges, Bible Schools and seminaries in the Chicago area were taken on a tour of the headquarters building by the office secretaries. They were given some of the latest denominational literature, including copies of "Youth Compass" and the "1960 Annual."

Rev. L. Bienert, C. B. Y. F. general secretary, served as master of ceremonies and introduced several fascinating games which helped the students to become acquainted with one another. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, led the other general secretaries in a panel discussion about the work and objectives of the denomination. The latest film of our Church Extension and Indian mission fields was shown by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary. A brief devotional period was conducted by Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secre-

tary. The evening was concluded with refreshments and continued fellowship. The students returned to their schools and classrooms with their interest in the denomination awakened anew and with their loyalty to the cause of Christ strengthened.

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter

Central District

"Baptist Men's" Banquet, Northern N. Dak. Association

"Baptist Men" of the Northern North Dakota Association held their sixth annual Fall Rally at the Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., on Nov. 27. A banquet was served at 7 P. M. in the church basement to approximately 90 men. Mr. Harold Michelson of Martin, N. Dak., was master of ceremonies. The evening service was held in the church auditorium. Special musical numbers were brought by the Anamoose, Martin, Minot and Turtle Lake churches.

The following officers were installed: president, Hilmer D. Zimbelman, McClusky; vice-president, Don Schimke, Harvey; and secretary-treasurer, Gordon Mayer, Harvey. The installation service was conducted by Mr. Ed Wobig, Madison, S. Dak., a director of the Dakota Conference "Baptist Men." The guest speaker was Mr. Ray Lippert, Parkston, S. Dak., president of the Dakota Conference "Baptist Men." All were richly blessed by his inspiring and challenging words.

Hilmer D. Zimbelman, Reporter

25th Anniversary of Berlin Women's Society, N. Dak.

The 25th anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., was held on Sunday, Oct. 18. This society was organized under the leadership of Mrs. A. Krombein, now of Mercer, N. Dak., who was our guest speaker. Six of the 10 charter members were also our guests of honor, as well as members of the Ebenezer Church, Lehr, N. Dak., with Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske. At the present time we have 18 active members. A total of 1857 sick calls were made during the 25 years, of which 1,210 were made during the past six years under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Victor Prendering.

In these 25 years we have raised \$8,873.18 of which foreign and home missions received \$2,245.22. We had a total expense of \$8,520.01 which was spent as follows: Women's Mission project, White Cross, medical supplies, Crippled Children's Home, Crystal Springs Youth Camp, and our Old People's Home with gifts and food. The offering of the anniversary evenings was \$127.62. We were also privileged to have our Mission Festival on Oct. 18th with Rev. A. Krombein as our guest speaker. Our missionary offering at this occasion was \$948.90.

Mrs. Adam S. Harr, Reporter

Woman's Society Presents Program, Turtle Lake, N. Dak

The Turtle Lake Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., held its annual missionary program recently at the church with the Mercer church members as guests. Our Society has been active in White Cross work and missionary emphasis and has been working on projects within the church. We have 27 active members and 4 honorary members.

A pageant, "The Macedonian Call," was given by the Society. Mrs. Harold Weiss was our guest speaker speaking on the theme, "You Are Needed!" We are thankful for the many blessings received during the past year.

Mrs. Raymond Walker, Secretary



The newly dedicated edifice of the Bethel Baptist Church, Cherokee, Oklahoma. Rev. Kenneth E. Unruh is the pastor of the church.

Dedication Day at Bethel Church, Cherokee, Oklahoma

The new sanctuary of the Bethel Baptist Church, Cherokee, Okla., was dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 22. Rev. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Illinois was our guest speaker for the entire day. Other guests participating in the program of dedication were Mayor Pro Tem, Mr. Raymond Kunzman; president of the Ministers' Alliance, Rev. Kenneth Miller; Conference Mission Secretary, Rev. Leon Bill; and Rev. LeRoy Schauer of Shattuck, Oklahoma.

The beautiful brick sanctuary of modern design is 24x90 feet with Pastor's Study, Kitchen, Nursery and dining facilities. The entire building is

Beatrice, and preached there and at Jansen until 1891 when the Jansen group organized a separate congregation. Another church was built on North Bluff Street near the Blue River, but after it was flooded several times it was moved to the corner of Court and LaSalle, where it stood until the famous night of March 1, 1950. On that evening the church choir was rehearsing for an Easter cantata and was to meet at 7:30 p. m. At precisely 7:27 p. m. the church was ripped apart by an explosion felt throughout the city. None of the choir members had shown up at that time and providentially the church building was empty and no one was hurt. A new church was completed on the site of the old one in 1956. Rev. George W. Neubert has served the church as its present pastor since 1951.

Mrs. C. M. Ellison, Clerk

Dedication of New Baptist Parsonage, Hutchinson, Minn.

Sunday, Nov. 22, was a day of rejoicing for the members and friends of the Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn., as they dedicated their new parsonage. After disposing of the old manse, it was decided to build a new parsonage and garage. Building began in July 1959, and on Sept. 1st Rev. and Mrs. Bert Itterman and family moved in.

The parsonage is a one and one-half story home. It has a living room, kitchen, dining area, three bedrooms and study, 1½ baths and full basement. We were grateful to have Rev. Roy Seibel, professor at our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker. A mixed quartet sang "In Times Like These." Following the service at the church, open house was held at the parsonage, at which time Rev. R. Seibel offered a dedicatory prayer.

Rev. and Mrs. Bert Itterman began their ministry here on Sept. 6. A fellowship supper and reception for the Itterman's were held on Sept. 27. Representatives of the church organizations brought brief messages of welcome.

Mrs. Otto Fratzke, Reporter

Western District

Pacific Northwest Association Sessions at Missoula, Mont.

It was a delightful trip through the mountains as we made our way to the fair city of Missoula, Montana, where the Pacific Northwest Association met this year. The Great Master Artist of the universe had painted the trees and mountain sides with the most gorgeous harmony of colors. The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, and pastor, Rev. C. T. Remple, proved to be excellent hosts to all the visiting friends and delegates.

The Association program was build around the Baptist Jubilee Advance theme: "More Light for You." Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, District Secretary, gave the opening message, "Evangelism in its Depth." The pastors of the various Association churches delivered the following messages: "Christ, the Light of the World," Rev. Robert

Hess; "Christians, the Light of the World," Rev. Kenneth Howe; "The Light of the Gospel," Rev. Ed Kopf; "The Walk in the Light," Rev. F. E. Klein; "New Light in Our Sunday School," Rev. Herbert Schauer; Mr. Sonnenberg preached the missionary sermon on Sunday morning and delivered the inspirational address at the Sunday School Workers' banquet Saturday evening. Rev. Henry Smuland gave the message on Sunday evening. We were very happy also to have Dr. Leslie Chaffee as one of our guest speakers. With warmth and fervor he spoke of our mission work in the Cameroons.

One of the important highlights of the Association was the decision that our Association start a Church Extension project in the Seattle, Washington, area. A committee, with Rev. Robert Hess as chairman, was appointed to make a study of the possibility of the field and take the initial steps to establish a work there.

F. E. Klein, Reporter

THE LONG SEARCH

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traveled. He wanted to get it over and go on to whatever fate might await him when the deed was done. He could not keep from thinking of the love he had turned his back upon and the happiness which that love would bring and which he was deliberately throwing away for a future which he dreaded to contemplate.

He tried to sleep so he would not think, but every time he closed his eyes Faith's face appeared before him. The tear-drenched eyes with their pleading look and the echo of her voice would ring within his memory as she begged him to just let her love him even if he had no place in his life for love.

He opened his eyes to shut out the sight of that face which had become so dear to him, drearer now that the

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parting would perhaps be so near. He scanned the landscape with listless eyes that scarcely saw, the tall marsh grasses that covered the land between the train and the waters that led to the Gulf, the swarms of black marsh birds that flew up from the ground and lined the telephone wires, then flew away again, black dots against the blue sky.

When the train stopped at stations along the coast, children gathered around with small crates of crabs or shrimp imbedded in moss, offering them for sale. One small boy held up a string of fish, hopefully waiting for someone to buy them. James could not resist a smile at the little fellow's efforts to dispose of his catch, and he wondered what the coach would smell like during the next hour or so if those fish came aboard without ice or other means of preservation.

As soon as he reached Mobile, he took a cab to the address of Thomas Martin. His heart beat with excitement and dread bore down upon him as he reached the house and got out, telling the driver to wait for him.

With perspiration dripping down his face, he walked up the steps and rang the bell. The house was much more pretentious than the one this man had occupied in New Orleans and he wondered what sudden burst of prosperity had made the change possible. He did not have long to speculate, for a maid answered his ring.

"Is Mr. Martin in?" he asked as she waited for him to speak.

"Yes, he is," she replied. "Who wishes to see him?"

"He doesn't know me. My name is John Travers. I've come to see him on business."

She invited him in and went to get Mr. Martin. James waited nervously and presently Mr. Martin came in and looked inquiringly at him. James rose and approached to get a better look at him. He saw at once that this man did not resemble the newspaper cut. He wondered why that picture he had seen in New Orleans looked so much like it when the original of the picture did not.

"Mr. Martin, I'm John Travers," he said. "I'm looking for a Mr. Martin who lived in New Orleans and when I went to your former address your nephew sent me here."

"What is it you want?" Mr. Martin asked. "Please sit down."

"I represent the U & V Insurance Company," James told him. "We have a paid up policy for Mr. Thomas Martin which the company has had for some time. The owner of the policy did not leave his latest address with us and the company has not been able to reach him. We would like to get the matter finished so that our books may be cleared of the transaction. They sent me to New Orleans to see if I could locate him."

"I'm not the man you want," Mr. Martin replied. "I never have had any insurance with that company. I'm sorry you have had the trip for nothing."

He rose to indicate that the interview was at an end and James was forced to rise also. He could not leave without putting one more question to the man.

"I saw your photograph in your nephew's house," he said. "It doesn't look very much like you. I wonder why. Would you mind telling me? That photograph looked like the man I was seeking."

"That was not my picture," Martin told him. "That was my brother's picture. He died several years ago. He was Ted Martin."

"Did he ever live in Arizona?" James asked. He was determined to be sure that the dead man was not the one he sought. "It was there that the policy was taken out."

"No, none of us has ever lived anywhere outside of New Orleans. I came here to Mobile after my brother died to look after some business and we both liked it here and decided to move here. We lived in that little old house in New Orleans because my wife had lived there all her life and hated to leave it. I was glad to get rid of it. My wife is an invalid and this house is more comfortable."

"I'm sorry if I have bothered you," James remarked as they went to the door.

"It was no bother," Mr. Martin replied politely.

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Special Program at Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas

On Nov. 3 we of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas, began two weeks of revival meetings with Rev. Bernard Fritzsche of West Fargo, N. Dak., serving as evangelist. He presented object lessons each evening. There was also special music. The meetings were a real inspiration to everyone and two persons came to know the Lord as Savior.

Just a week before the meetings, our "Baptist Men" had their first public service with members and friends present. Harvey Tewes, Kansas Patrolman, presented the need of highway safety. They concluded their meeting with lunch served by the men. In the words of the men I can say, "The meeting was a huge success!"

On Nov. 20th the Bible Learners Class held a Thanksgiving Supper for prospective members of their class. There were seven class families and four prospective members of their class. There were seven class families and four prospective families present. Each table was decorated with "Thanksgiving Blessings." The program of the evening included poems, readings, songs and a devotion by our pastor, Rev. Edwin Voigt.

Mrs. Edwin Voigt, Reporter

air-conditioned for year round comfort. The building was completed at a cost of \$20,000 plus much donated labor and several special projects. It has been a long and hard struggle from the day of our ground breaking on Jan. 11, 1958 to the present, but we are grateful to God for permitting us to use our talents to complete this sanctuary for him. Our plans for the church plant will not be completed until we have the means and the vision to add the \$10,000 to the Educational Unit and complete the structure. With only 42 members and some \$13,000 of indebtedness, we are trying to relocate the parsonage from Ingersoll to Cherokee to complete the relocation program.

Kenneth E. Unruh, Pastor

75th Anniversary, West Side Church, Beatrice, Nebraska

On Sunday, Nov. 15, the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebraska celebrated its 75th anniversary with three festive services. The guest speaker for this occasion was Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary. At the evening service, the sermon was brought by Rev. D. Lott of the "Back to the Bible Broadcast."

In 1886 the congregation called its first regular preacher, Rev. Ewald Meier of Germany. He built his own church on South Center Street in

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Nov., 1959	Nov., 1958	Nov., 1957
Atlantic	\$ 4,410.24	\$ 1,656.07	\$ 2,690.12
Central	18,863.10	10,832.45	13,727.44
Dakota	25,440.88	17,923.66	14,715.78
Eastern	3,280.64	1,747.72	2,075.02
Northern	8,135.93	8,035.50	12,413.41
Northwestern	10,477.63	8,015.75	6,780.73
Pacific	18,713.42	9,604.31	8,170.28
Southern	1,924.33	1,509.08	1,651.71
Southwestern	7,444.07	6,340.29	5,255.18
Total Contributions	\$ 98,690.24	\$ 65,664.83	\$ 67,479.67

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of November, 1959	\$ 54,334.49	\$ 44,355.75	\$ 98,690.24
For the month of November, 1958	58,298.26	7,366.57	65,664.83
For the month of November, 1957	63,024.55	4,455.12	67,479.67

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1959 to November 30, 1959	\$380,756.41	\$94,058.03	\$474,814.44
April 1, 1958 to November 30, 1958	382,750.40	36,117.32	418,867.72
April 1, 1957 to November 30, 1957	344,734.67	27,476.91	372,211.58

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE

July 1, 1959 to November 30, 1959	\$49,920.62
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Reviews of Good German Books

DA HILFT NUR BETEN. By Adalbert Baerwolf—Muth Verlag, Duesseldorf—\$2.50.

NOT MUCH is said about the author, but he seems to know his science and facts. A book like this deserves to be translated and read widely in America. The author wants to show to men and women, who are the bearers of life, that the very life which they strive to create and build is being threatened. With a shocking and revealing presentation of scientific facts, possibilities and probabilities, he sounds the warning, almost a fatalistic cry about the danger of continued hydrogen and cobalt bomb experiments to all life. For the first time the story of the fate of 6,000 German scientists, ballistics and atomic experts from Pennemuede is being told. All but fifty of these men and their families have now been returned to Germany.

The author relates the frightening story of brainwashing, torturing methods by which these scientists were literally milked dry of all their knowledge and facts. Here is the answer to the puzzling question, How was it possible for the Soviet Union in the span of so few years to wrest leadership in atomic and ballistics missile research from the hands of America? On the other hand, the book is no reflection on scientific progress as such, but exposes the greed and lust for power of the Kremlin leaders. Man is helplessly caught in the atomic machine, which will grind to dust and destroy its creators. Nothing can stop the "progress," only the hand of the Almighty. Therefore the repeated warning and challenge to the Christian world, "Only prayer can help."

Wm. Sturhahn, Reviewer.

DER WEG DER FREIEN CHRISTLICHEN GEMEINDE DURCH DIE JAHRHUNDERTE. By Gunner West-

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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thusiasm. Recently "The Tie," publication of the Council of Evangelical Churches, featured a story on Mr. Vernon Heckman, Sunday School superintendent at the Dayton's Bluff Church, concerning his business and Christian responsibilities and his faithful services in the church and North American Baptist General Conference. Rev. William H. Jeschke is pastor of the church.

On the recommendation of the ordination council which met at Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, during the days of the Oregon Association, the Wichita Baptist Church of Milwaukie, Oregon set apart its pastor, Mr. Dallas Keck, for the Gospel ministry at an ordination service held at Bethany Baptist Church of Portland on Dec. 2. Dr. John Wobig

in—I. G. Oncken Verlag—\$3.00.

Dr. Gunner Westin, Professor of Church History at the University of Uppsala, Sweden, gave an outstanding address at the London Baptist World Alliance Congress on "Why Fight for Religious Liberty?" In this book, translated from the original Swedish into German, he presents a clear course of the free evangelical church movement through the bloody years of church history. Beginning with the second century, the main point of interest falls into the dawn and noon of the Reformation period. Church historians, in evaluating the Ana-Baptists, had by and large simply accepted the verdict of contemporary writers who combined all so-called sects as devilish heresy, as the various courts of Inquisition had found it. To Luther and Zwingli the Ana-Baptists and their churches were uncontrollable fanatics, who required official supervision. This unreasonable judgment led to bloody persecution, banishment and extermination of early Baptist movements in such places as Zurich, Augsburg, Munich and many other Southern German centers. Branches spread to Bohemia, Holland and Northern Germany.

Here is the historic origin of such groups as Hutterites, Waldensians and Mennonites. Here is also the link between Baptists and Mennonites. Particularly through the first part of the book, one gets a feeling of happiness as a Baptist to be heir of such great men as Ernst Manz, Blaurock and Hut, who died as martyrs in Zurich; Hubmaier in Waldshut martyred in the early part of the 16th century. This book is a "must" for study groups of Baptist history and doctrine. It will make you feel that you belong to the greatest movement on earth—the Church of Jesus Christ, which cannot be overcome by the gates of hell.

Wm. Sturhahn, Reviewer.

delivered the ordination sermon, "The Greatest Work on Earth." The ordination prayer was led by Rev. Arthur Schulz. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Henry Barnett. The charge to the church was given by Rev. Charles Wagner, and the welcome to the ministry by Rev. George Breitzkreuz. Special music was rendered by Miss Marlene Bauer of the Wichita church and the Bethany Baptist male quartet. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dallas Keck. The articles on Alfred Saker, Baptist missionary and founder of Victoria, Southern Cameroons, that appeared in the 1959 ANNUAL and the "Baptist Herald," were the basis for several illustrated articles in other religious publications, prepared for release by Glenn D. Everett of Washington, D. C. These articles also showed the Nigeria three pence stamp honoring the Centenary Jubilee of Victoria and showing the Ambas harbor

discovered by Alfred Saker. In UPWARD (Nov. 15, 1959) of the Southern Baptist Convention the article was called "Alfred Saker, Missionary Undiscouraged." In Youth's Christian Companion (Oct. 4, 1959) of the Mennonite Publishing House the article was entitled, "The Missionary Nobody Could Discourage." Alfred Saker and the Cameroons mission field should be well known to the Christian world by this time.

WORSHIP AND BIBLE

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seen God face to face, and my life is preserved" (Gen. 32:30).

Every young person is concerned with getting the most out of life. It depends on our standard of values as to what the "most" includes. The Lord Jesus Christ was concerned about a full life for young people also, for he said, "I am come that they might have life and that they may have it more abundantly."

Fulness of life is possible; however, we must follow certain spiritual disciplines. There needs to be a time of spiritual refreshment through worship; through quiet meditation and prayer; and through feeding on the Word of Life, allowing God to speak to us. Whatever the occasion of worship, whether private or in a group, worship involves an awareness of God. As we become aware of God, we become conscious of our own need and dependence upon God.

Although our response to worship may be varied, it should ultimately lead to a full life, dedicated and committed to Christ. The request of the Psalmist might well become the prayer of Christians, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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at the Baptist village of Petah Tiqva, 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 Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Convention in the United States. 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.

● **Hospital Nearing Completion.** The first Baptist hospital to be built among Northern Nigeria's 18,000,000 Moslems and pagans is nearing completion at Kontagora in Niger Province. Located on the new Lagos-to-Kano road, at a point where three other roads converge, the 32-bed institution will be available to a large area. The Emir of Kontagora, called "King of the Sudan," and his council have given full cooperation to Baptists in the securing of land and the erection of the hospital.

MARCH OF EVENTS

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can "get the Christian message across to the man at the bench next to him."

—The Watchman-Examiner

● Since Alaska and Hawaii were joined to the United States, the nation's Roman Catholic population has leaped to 39,505,475—an increase of over three million in the past year, according to the Official Catholic Directory for 1959. The figure includes approximately two million Catholics under the jurisdiction of Francis Cardinal Spellman as Military Vicar, never reported until this year. The report shows a new high of 13,619 Catholic educational institutions, including 258 colleges and universities, 1,583 diocesan and parish high schools, 845 private high schools, and 473 private elementary schools. The directory states that membership of the Catholic Church in the U. S. is now 47.8 per cent higher than it was ten years ago.

—United Evangelical Action.

● When the 50th state chose its representatives to Congress, it named three active laymen from Christian churches. This is considered unusual in that Hawaii is the only state in which non-Christian faiths can claim a majority. Senator Oren E. Long (Dem.) is active in the Disciples of Christ . . . once considered being a minister . . . often fills church pulpits. Rep. Daniel K. Inouye (Dem.) is an active Methodist, named after a missionary who befriended his mother years ago. Sen. Hiram L. Fong (Rep.) serves as a trustee of the First Chinese Christian Church of Honolulu (United Church of Christ). Governor William Quinn is a Roman Catholic. So is the man whom he defeated in Hawaii's first gubernatorial balloting, John Burns. Predominant religion in the Islands is Buddhism. There are also many Shintoists, Taoists and Confucianists, placing the so-called "Asian faiths" in the majority.

—United Evangelical Action.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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mission to the Jews. Verse 6 leaves us with the impression that the apostle left them with a cold-hearted rejection. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Indeed, this parting with his Jewish brethren was a great sorrow which he carried with him for the rest of his life. Long after he made his decision, he wrote to the Roman Christians: "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Rom. 9:2, 3). And again he pours out his heart: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that

Obituary

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

MRS. LUCILLE WAGNER of McIntosh, South Dakota

Mrs. Lucille Wagner, nee Meyer, of McIntosh, S. Dak., was born August 3, 1917, in Corson County, South Dakota, and departed from this life to her heavenly home, Oct. 31, 1959, at the age of 42 years, 2 months, and 28 days. She was married to Rudy Wagner May 9, 1943 at McIntosh, S. Dak. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband and 3 children: Sharon, Raymond, and Verla Lu, as well as a host of relatives and friends. On Nov. 23, 1949, in a public declaration of her faith in Christ, she was baptized by Rev. Ervin Gerlitz. She was an active servant of her Savior and her church. Her life was a living testimony of the joy which is in Christ. Her Christian testimony will be missed by all who knew her.

First Baptist Church
McIntosh, South Dakota
WALTER H. KLEMPPEL, Pastor

MR. ERIC JOB

of Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Eric Job of Chicago, Ill., was born in Olendry, Poland, May 2, 1917, and was called to his Christian reward on Nov. 18, 1959. His father and mother preceded him in this experience. His wife, Ruth, two sisters, and two half-brothers mourn his untimely death. Eric Job was a soldier in Europe during the Second World War, and spent a number of years in the prison camp in Russia.

In 1950 he was married to Ruth Berthold, and in 1951 they came to Chicago, where they united with the Foster Avenue Baptist Church. Eric was converted to the Lord when he was 14 years old. He possessed a free devotion to Christ's Church, which made loyalty to it normal and spiritually natural. From this life in the "church below" he has gone to the "Church above." Foster Ave. Baptist Church
Chicago, Illinois
FRED SONNENBERG, PASTOR

MRS. MINA ROSA MOECKLI of Portland, Oregon

Mrs. Mina Rosa Moeckli, nee, Wullschlegler of Portland, Oregon, was born at Vorderwald Switzerland on Dec. 9, 1872 and died at her home in Portland, on Dec. 5, 1959 at the age of 86 years, 1 month, and 26 days. On May 7, 1898 she was united in marriage to Gotthilf Moeckli in Winterthur, Switzerland. This union was blessed with four sons and six daughters. In March 1907 she came with her husband and several children to America settling first at Banks, Minnesota. In February 1907 she came to Oregon and lived in or near Portland until her death. Her husband preceded her in death on April 4, 1941.

She was converted to the Christian faith in Switzerland where she joined the Evangelical Church. On Dec. 9, 1917 she was convinced of baptism by immersion and was immersed by Dr. Jacob Kratt, becoming a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Those who mourn her passing are her 10 children; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; besides a host of other relatives and friends. Trinity Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor

MR. CHRISTOF KRIEG

of Linton, North Dakota

Christof Krieg of Linton, N. Dak. was born in Neu Freudental, South Russia, on Oct. 6, 1874, and died after a lingering illness on Nov. 29, 1959 at 85 years of age. He was married to Barbara Schweinfurt in 1893, and came to this country in 1901, locating in this area where he carried on a farming enterprise. In 1923 he moved to Oregon, returning again to Linton, North Dakota in 1930. In 1949 he went to reside at the Home for the Aged in Bismarck. His wife preceded him in death; also one daughter.

He is survived by one son, two daughters, 14 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and one brother, and one half-sister. In 1903 he was baptized by Rev. J. J. Reichert, and joined the local Baptist Church. He served in various capacities as a faithful worker of the Lord. Funeral services were held with the local pastor and the superintendent of the Home, Rev. B. W. Krentz, officiating.

Linton, North Dakota

A. J. FISCHER, Pastor

MRS. CHRISTINA WEELDREYER of Chancellor, South Dakota

Mrs. Christina Weeldreyer of Chancellor, S. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peters, was born on Nov. 24, 1911. Having suffered illness for over 1½ years, she went to her eternal rest peacefully during her sleep Thursday morning, Dec. 3rd. She attained the age of 48 years and 9 days. At an early age she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. On March 19, 1933 she was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak. Her cheerful testimony and faithful service encouraged many in their Christian walk.

On March 26, 1942 she was united in marriage to Mr. Lawrence Weeldreyer of Chancellor. God blessed this union with three sons and many happy and cherished family experiences. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Lawrence Weeldreyer; her 3 sons: Paul, Phillip and Steven; her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peters of Chancellor; three sisters, Minnie of Chancellor; Esther (Mrs. Gordon Jackson) of Sioux Falls; and Mabel (Mrs. Kenneth Hoogstraet) of Chancellor.

Chancellor, South Dakota
HERMAN L. EFFA, Pastor

MR. GUSTAVE ECKERT

of Edmonton, Alberta

Mr. Gustave Eckert of Edmonton, Alta., was born in Leduc, Alta., on March 13, 1902. He grew up in the Kavanagh district, and later took over his father's home farm. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior on July 14, 1920 in the Leduc Pentecostal Church, and was baptized there. Upon his retirement, he became a member of the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton. In 1928 he was married to Hattie Hiller. Two children, a boy and a girl, were born to this couple, both of whom died in their infancy. Gladys, his brother's (Roy) daughter, was raised by the couple in their home.

On Sept. 7, 1957, the family sold their farm and moved to Edmonton. During the night of Nov. 16, 1959, two days after his brother, Emil, was buried, Mr. Gus Eckert complained of severe chest pains. On Tuesday early morning, he was taken to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, where his condition was diagnosed as a heart-attack. That afternoon, he quietly and unexpectedly slipped away. He is survived by his loving wife; Gladys, Mrs. Dallas Arndt; two brothers: Adolph of New Brook and Roy of Kavanagh; two sisters, Mrs. Alva Gilliland and Helen Bailey of Edmonton. McKernan Baptist Church
Edmonton, Alberta

A. LAMPRECHT, Pastor

they might be saved" (Rom. 10:1). This was probably Paul's darkest hour of discouragement.

III. NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN CHRISTIAN WORK. Acts 18:7-11.

Paul needed a fruitful ministry at this time to offset the deep disappointment among the Israelites. The Lord was gracious and good to him among the Corinthians. It was all the more miraculous when you realize that Corinth was the stronghold of idolatry. Just as the Jews were definitely set in their rejection of Paul and the Gos-

pel, so the Gentiles were ready to receive the apostle and the Savior he preached. He did not have far to go, for the door of opportunity was opened next door to the one that was closed to him.

When Jesus wanted to enter a city of the Samaritans it was said that they did not receive him. So he simply went to another village (Luke 9:53-55). So it is in the Christian life. When we are sincerely in his service and abide in his will, we often find that where one door is closed to us another is already standing wide open.

Flying Down to Rio?

It is time to act **NOW** in making travel arrangements to attend the 10th Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from June 26—July 3, 1960.

By Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, B. J. A. General Secretary

IT IS TRUE—registrations received in our Washington office for the 1960 Baptist World Congress are running 40 per cent ahead of registrations at a corresponding point of time before the London Congress in 1955.

But early registration is so much more urgent this time that I want to sound a note of warning.

Here is why! South America is not Europe, and our whole situation is different. Shipping, air transport, hotel space—nothing of this is geared to a flow of traffic such as that of the North Atlantic. Even the 4,000-plus who went to London for the Congress of 1955 did not add noticeably to the volume of travel.

ACCOMMODATIONS ARE LIMITED

Brazil is a different story. Four thousand extra travelers cannot be absorbed painlessly. The hotels and means of transport are no more than adequate for the growing number of businessmen and tourists ordinarily ex-

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pected to visit the lands of opportunity and enchantment in South America. If we do not take up space before the "season" begins, there is sure to be a drastic shortage later when Baptists are infected with travel fever and start humming "Flying down to Rio!"

Some steps have already been taken

to insure your accommodations. Brownell Tours, for instance, has secured a large number of plane seats and hotel beds with a view to providing facilities for our Baptist people. **But they can hold this space only a comparatively short time.** If deposits have not been made right soon, the hotels and the air companies will demand that these facilities be released in favor of other customers who are clamoring for a chance. **The only way the travel company can hold this space for Alliance customers is to secure the necessary deposits.**

4,000 FROM U. S. A. EXPECTED

It is certain our people must act, and act soon! If not, there are going to be a lot of disappointed Baptists when June rolls around.

The thing to do is to see your own travel agent at once, while you still remember this warning. Brownell's folder alone gives you a choice between half a hundred different tours.

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