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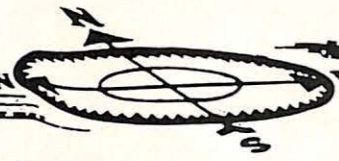
Beautiful Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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Through Christ



● Rev. Fred G. Ferris, International Secretary for the World Evangelical Fellowship, is in the midst of a three-month tour of the Orient. He expects to meet with evangelical leaders in every country of Asia to gather data relative to evangelical activity and to lay ground for an Asian Evangelical Conference to be convened in Hong Kong September 14-18 of this year.

● Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc., Harrisonburg, Va., has begun producing a 15-minute weekly Russian-language program which is beamed to Russia and Europe from shortwave station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. Dr. Ivan Magal, physician and Mennonite minister, conducts the program. Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc., also produces programs in English, Spanish, Navaho, Japanese, Italian, French and German.

● The recent formation of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, brings together four Negro Seminaries—Gammon Theological Seminary (Methodist), Morehouse School of Religion (American Baptist), Phillips School of Theology (Christian Methodist Episcopal), and Turner Theological Seminary (African Methodist Episcopal). This undertaking has been greatly aided by grants from the Sealantic and General Education Board funds. Harry V. Richardson, former president of Gammon, heads the new institution, largest of its kind in the country.

● During National Salvation Army Week May 22-29 the "army of the helping hand" celebrated the 80th anniversary of the beginning of its work in the United States. In addition to conducting some 900,000 religious services annually, finding jobs for about 115,000 people and serving 8.5 million meals to homeless and transient men and women, the army operates an extensive network of social service institutions: 37 maternity homes and hospitals, 394 youth clubs and community recreation centers, 54 children's camps and 186 mobile canteens ready for dispatch to disaster areas.—*The Christian Century*

● The Municipal Council of Vaudreuil, Quebec, which is entirely Roman Catholic, has slapped a \$765 tax bill on the independent Protestant "Christian Homes for Children" and advertised that it would be sold at public auction if the bill is not paid. According to Dr. Harold G. Martin, this is the only Protestant organization holding property in the entire country and he asserts that the tax was levied because of Catholic opposition to the summer youth ministry carried on by the organization. Last summer 135 were converted in summer camps, sixty of whom were Roman Catholics.

● *The Christian Century* observes that, in the Christian era, 400,000 hymns have been written. Collectively, the hymnals of the world have been outsold only by the Bible. From 1861 to 1912, the famous English compilation, "Hymns Ancient and Modern," sold 60 million copies; no best-seller in America has come near that figure. Somewhat over a century ago, Tubingen in Germany became the first university to give hymnody real status in its curriculum.

● In Tokyo, Japan, more than 3,000 persons, including many dignitaries



Baptist Briefs

● **Evangelistic Crusade in Jamaica.** Forty-five Southern Baptist ministers and five laymen led a week-long evangelistic crusade in Jamaica sponsored by Jamaica Baptist Union. The ministers and laymen also conferred with Jamaican leaders on stewardship, church administration and promotional methods. An autonomous body, the Jamaica Baptist Union formerly had connections with both the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

● **After Ten Years—A Building!** After ten years in Thailand, Southern Baptist missionaries have finally been permitted to buy land for a church building at Bangkok. This first to be erected will permit the 60-member, Thai-speaking Immanuel Baptist Church, organized in 1953, to move from the rented bungalow where former bedrooms are Sunday School rooms and the living room is auditorium, classroom, and recreation hall. The groundbreaking service was led by Missionary Pastor S. Judson Lennon.

● **Baptist Group Hits Race Segregation.** Opposition to "racial segregation in all forms and in all places" was expressed in a resolution by the executive committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies' board of managers in New York. Scoring "denials of justice to Negroes in matters of voting, housing, and the use of libraries and lunch counters," the resolution declared that "wherever segregation appears, wherever in the North or South or the East or West, in a church or at a lunch counter, there is a denial of Christian love and justice and of democratic rights of citizens."

● **\$1,000,000 for Baptist College.** More than \$1,000,000 has been raised or pledged for the establishment of a

from the church, government, politics, labor and other areas of Japanese life, gathered to honor in death Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, famed Christian social evangelist, who succumbed to a heart attack at the age of 71. Crowds attending the funeral overflowed specially erected tents for the early afternoon ceremony. Eulogies were delivered by representatives of the National Christian Council of Japan, the United Church of Christ, and Protestant missions, as well as the Socialist Party and the Japanese Cooperative Federation.

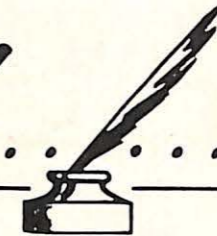
Southern Baptist college in the Charleston area, it was reported at a fund victory dinner. In 1956, the South Carolina Baptist Convention said it would look with favor on a new college if that area of the state in which it would be located first raised \$1,000,000 to support the school. Southern Baptists in South Carolina now operate Furman University at Greenville, and other institutions, including a hospital in Columbia.

● **Spanish Seminary Begins Its 40th Year.** Spanish American Baptist Seminary, Los Angeles, Calif., has started its 40th year of service to the Spanish-speaking American Baptists of the United States, Mexico and Central America. The seminary was started in 1920 by the Home Mission Societies and is the only seminary in this country training workers with Spanish-speaking people. Dr. Benjamin R. Morales, who is the president, was a product of Aiken Institute, long a Christian Center on Chicago's west side. He and his brother, Rev. Adam Morales, secretary of the Spanish department of the ABHMS, attended Aiken as boys and were converted there.

● **Baptists in Holland.** Baptist membership in 65 churches in Holland has increased from 7,933 in 1959 to a present 8,274, an increase of almost four per cent during the year. A total of 357 persons were baptized during the year. The Baptist denomination in Holland has grown from 45 churches in 1955 to the present 65, and membership has increased from 6,450 to 8,274, a gain of about 30 per cent in the ten years. The 65 churches are now working in 81 places in Holland, with 45 full-time pastors, two chaplains, two teachers in the seminary and a nation-

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Editorial



Baptist Hopes at Rio

Guest Editorial by Rev. C. E. Bryant, Editor of "The Baptist World."

Many things may make the 10th Baptist World Congress different from the nine other world gatherings that have preceded it. It is the first Congress ever held in the Southern hemisphere. It is the first Congress ever held in mission territory. And it is the first Congress ever held in a nominally Catholic nation.

The historical Christ is not new to these people of Rio and the rest of Latin America. He is represented to them by the large ornate church structures and jewel-bedecked altars that decorate their cities. He is depicted in stone in a gigantic statue atop Corcovado, Rio's highest mountain. But he is not generally known in Latin America as the living personal Savior who can fill the emptiness of men's hearts.

The officers of the Baptist World Alliance who have planned the program want this to be an evangelistic congress. They have stretched the program over eight days, including two Sundays, so that the farmer and the day laborer and the businessman could be invited to participate. In addition, each week-night program will include a brief evangelistic message in Portuguese for the heart-probing of visiting Brazilians.

The first Sunday's program will be a flag-bedecked demonstration of the world-wide scope of our Baptist faith. It doubtless will be illuminating to many who have thought of Romanism as the universal church. On the closing Sunday, a crowd of possibly 150,000 will fill Rio's gigantic football stadium for songs of praise and dedication and a message by Evangelist Billy Graham. Thousands of these people, coming out of curiosity or looking for excitement, will hear the evangelical Gospel for the first time.

Too, this Congress will be a missionary congress. The Alliance Commission on World Missions will bring reports on the scope of our progress fulfilling the Great Commission in our day. They will project our hopes for the future. Even greater, however, is the fact that the some 5,000 Baptists who will be there from North America and Europe will be observing mission need and mission activity for the first time.

Significantly, this Congress also can be a tremendous witness for religious liberty. The Congress theme, "Jesus Christ is Lord" (Philippians 2:11), is a new concept to much of the world. A distinctive of our Baptist faith, it elevates Christ above both the totalitarian state and the hierarchical church. It pinpoints the very heart of religious liberty—the place of Christ in individual human hearts as supreme Guide in faith and actions.

Finally, it is our hope that this Congress will have its world-wide influence for peace on earth, good will toward men. Its delegates or messengers will come from almost a hundred countries. They will speak many languages, their faces will be of many shades of color, and their earthly citizenship will have many political hues. They find their oneness, however, in Christ—a unity of which Paul spoke in Ephesians 4:5, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." In such unity the love of God will surely guide us from all prejudices and pride into a common dedication to make Christ known to all men everywhere.



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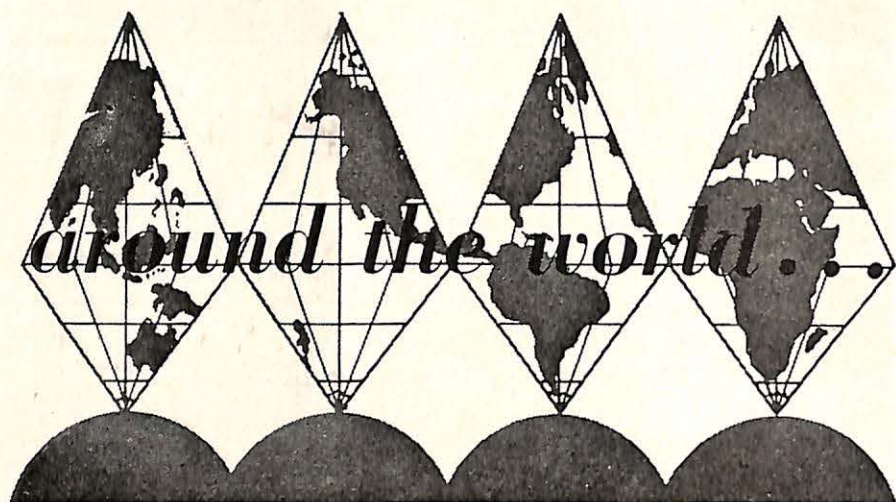
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BAPTISTS TOGETHER



Baptists Together Around the World

Cyril E. Bryant

Ephesians 4:5-6

FAR BACK in the Lushai Hills of Assam, India, there are 160 Baptist churches with 18,886 members. This Baptist membership is more than half the total population of the Lushai tribe.

In the highlands of New Guinea, people once savage have been won to the Christian way of life and are accepting baptism as a result of an airborne mission by Baptists from Australia.

22 MILLION BAPTISTS

Behind the Iron Curtain of Communist Russia, an estimated 5,400 Baptist churches are filled to overflowing several times a week as peasants hungry for the gospel meet to worship.

And in America, Baptists affiliated in 29 different conventions and associations constitute the fastest growing major denomination in world Christendom.

Altogether, says the world headquarters office of the Baptist World Alliance, there are official records of 22,708,937 members of Baptist congregations in more than 100 countries of the world.

How they got there is one of the most amazing stories of modern history—evidence that God has worked in many mysterious and miraculous ways to plant Baptist churches across the face of the globe. Though they speak a thousand different dialects and though the color of their skin is of many hues, these millions of Baptists profess one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Their earthly link, one with another, is the Baptist World Alliance.

A dream that all the Baptists of the world should come together in a meeting of world fellowship was voiced as

early as 1790 by a London editor, John Rippon. Not until a century later, however, did certain Americans, notably A. T. Robertson and J. N. Prestridge of Kentucky and R. H. Pitt of Virginia, stir enthusiasm sufficiently to prompt a world Baptist congress in London in 1905.

Three thousand Baptist leaders, representing six million Baptists in 21 countries (only a fourth as many Baptists in a fifth as many countries as now), attended that London meeting. In the thrill of new-found fellowship, they voted that:

"Whereas in the providence of



Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will preside at the Congress sessions in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

God, the time has come when it seems fitting more fully to manifest the essential oneness in the Lord Jesus Christ, as their God and Saviour, of the churches of the Baptist order and faith throughout the world, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and co-operation among them, while recognizing the independence of each particular church and not assuming the functions of any existing organization, it is agreed to form a Baptist World Alliance, extending over every part of the world."

World Baptists have met eight times since that London congress. The next meeting, the 10th congress, will be held at Rio de Janeiro, June 26 through July 3, 1960.

The Baptist World Alliance, with its offices in Washington and London, is in no sense a hierarchy or vatican for Baptists. It has no power to dictate to churches, or to associations and conventions of churches, regarding doctrine, activity, procedures, or anything else. It lives solely for the three aims stated in the London resolution: *fellowship, service, co-operation.*

ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE WEAK

It is difficult for Americans to realize that Baptists are a minority people in many parts of the world. But a glance at the figures showing more than 20 million Baptists in the United States reveals also that there are only 95 Baptists in Israel, 6 in Ethiopia, and 80 among the Moslem multitudes of Egypt. England, where the Baptist witness has been planted so long, has 203,000; and Brazil 165,000.

In many of these countries where Baptists live and work, the Baptist minorities do not even have a missionary to encourage them. Their devotion to New Testament principles rests in their faith in God, their love for the scriptures, and the knowledge that other Baptists in the world are praying for them. The fellowship of the Baptist World Alliance stands like a light on the hill to give them courage and determination.

Baptists in faraway places learn of other Baptists through *The Baptist World*, a monthly news magazine published by the Alliance office in Washington, D. C. These scattered Baptists also have frequent letters from Alliance officials, including a vice president of each of the continents, helping them in their own peculiar problems. President Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, and Alliance secretaries, Arnold T. Ohrn, Robert S. Denny and Erik Ruden visit many international Baptist outposts each year.

Foremost of all in the fellowship realm are the Alliance-sponsored international meetings. Sessions of the Baptist World Congress meet every five years when possible. Young people also get together every five years, their 1958 conference in Toronto being attended by 8,000 representatives from 67 countries. Fifteen thousand Euro-

BIG RIO STADIUM AVAILABLE

When it was first announced that Billy Graham would preach at the closing meeting of the tenth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, Rio Baptists were doubtful that the huge Maracana Stadium could be secured for Sunday afternoon. The reason: the first Sunday in July is usually opening day for the international soccer tournaments, and to the average Brazilian nothing comes ahead of "futebol."

Prayers were asked that this mountain be removed. Evangelical political leaders were contacted. An appeal was made to the Brazilian Sports Federation. Fingers were kept crossed.

The stadium officials have now given definite word that Baptists will be able to use the huge arena on Sunday afternoon as requested.

Maracana Stadium will take 155,000, and Brazilian Baptists hope to fill it to capacity, making this the biggest single evangelistic meeting in history.

pean Baptists from both sides of the Iron Curtain met in Berlin in 1958. And the B. W. A. Women's Department has organized continental Baptist Women's Unions on every continent.

SERVICE TO NEEDY

Despite a small staff and a meager financial budget, the Washington and London offices of the Baptist World Alliance are always alert to the needs of Baptists in many countries.

There have been times when the organization's strong witness for religious liberty has won freedom for Baptists and other free-church people who were being persecuted at the hand of state religion. Even now the Alliance seeks freedom of religion for its members in Spain and Colombia.

There have been times, also, when the cooperative ministry of Baptists in more fortunate countries has rushed life-saving relief to fellow believers oppressed by war, famine, and political upheaval. Thousands of Christians in



THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF RIO

Monuments, office buildings and stately parks in downtown Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the site of the 10th Baptist World Congress, June 26—July 3, 1960.

June 23, 1960



RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

A magnificent view of the city of Rio de Janeiro, its picturesque harbor and the uniquely towering Sugar Loaf Mountain (right) can be enjoyed from the top of the Corcovado, a half mile high over the city.

India, Korea and Russia owe their lives to Baptist gifts in past years.

RELIEF MINISTRY

Baptists were among the first relief agencies in Vienna in October, 1956, when Hungarian refugees fled across the Austrian border during the Hungarian revolt. These Baptists from Hungary were given food, clothing and shelter; then they found homes and new jobs. Refugees in Communist China are being relocated in Baptist homes in Australia in the most recent B. W. A. relief project.

An Alliance-sponsored medical mission team visited 27 countries in Asia and Africa during 1958, performing medical services where needed, and talking with local doctors and mission personnel in a survey of world medical needs. The plan is to assemble resources to meet those needs.

The service of encouragement is almost intangible, hard to picture in

cold type. But it is very real. Small groups facing great odds in unsympathetic lands feel the strength of the larger Baptist body in meeting the difficulties of their witness.

CO-OPERATION, A KEY

The key to the Alliance's effective fellowship and service is the co-operation of Baptist groups with one another. The service of relief would be impossible without the full-hearted co-operation of those who are more fortunate. Mission work and evangelism are aided mightily as leaders from many Baptist conventions counsel together.

Six commissions have been organized within the framework of the Alliance for co-operative study of problems facing world Baptists. A group of 125 denominational leaders and scholars met together at Rochester, New York, last August for diligent thought on these matters of common interest. A year earlier they had met for similar talks at Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.

With what are these commissions concerned?

BWA COMMISSIONS

The Commission on Religious Liberty is studying the biblical basis for freedom of religious expression and seeking to bring freedom to those spots of the world, including our own America, where it is denied.

The Commission on Evangelism and the Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training are seeking to find, and make available to all, the most effective methods for winning people to the Savior and using them in the churches.

The Commission on World Missions is studying the problems of missions in the modern world and seeking

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Greater Things Through Christ

Report of the General Council Sessions by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

THE GENERAL Council at its annual sessions stretches the faith of our denomination. Boldly it makes plans and sets objectives for our churches for the coming year. It lifts the spiritual sights of our people upon the Kingdom tasks still to be done and upon the fields that still need to be cultivated and worked for Christ. Every year the General Council wrestles with this spiritual challenge as well as with administrative responsibilities.

The 1960 sessions, held on May 20 and 21 at the Forest Park Baptist Church, were an earnest attempt at "expecting great things from God," in the words of William Carey. The 50 members of the General Council for the first time heard of the theme that has been chosen for the 1961 General Conference, GREATER THINGS THROUGH CHRIST, and they launched out on new undertakings in the service of Christ.

BUDGET OF \$800,000

The sessions were ably led and the business matters expedited with precision by Dr. John Wobig, moderator, assisted by Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, vice-moderator. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, reported that contributions for NAB Missions had reached a new high with \$771,807.19 contributed by our churches during the past year or a per capita giving of \$15.30. "God has given us the opportunity and ability to serve—to him be glory in the church."

Dr. Woyke sounded the note of "Greater Things Through Christ" in his challenge to the General Council. He stated: "The year that we have just begun presents a tremendous challenge." This was evident in the adoption of the 1960-1961 denominational budget of \$800,000, the highest budget in the history of North American Baptists with a faith that expects great things to happen in our churches through Christ. This budget includes an enlarged missionary program, the appointment of new missionaries, \$50,000 for Church Extension, the work of "God's Volunteers," special projects on various mission fields and the anticipated Denominational Advance Building Fund contributions. The \$800,000 budget stands as a challenge of faith to every North American Baptist that even greater things are ahead of us through Christ!

Twelve new missionaries were approved by the General Council for the appointment that had already been made by the Board of Missions. This is a tremendous step forward, raising the total number of missionaries under appointment to about 80. Two young women will be sailing for the Japan

mission field before the close of the summer. They are Misses Lucille Wipf of Madison, South Dakota and Miss Joyce Batek of Benton Harbor, Michigan, both of whom have been students at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

NEW CAMEROONS MISSIONARIES

Six of the new missionary appointees will be going to the Southern Cameroons, Africa. They are Miss Marlene Durscher of Elgin, Iowa, who will become the secretary to the Supervisor of Schools and also will be placed in charge as manager of the coastal schools in the Cameroons. Miss Betty Mantay of Springside, Saskatchewan, has been appointed as missionary nurse to replace the former Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer. For the present she will enroll in the midwifery course at Hyden, Kentucky.

Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Fluth of Minneapolis, Minnesota, members of the Faith Baptist Church, have been appointed for a medical ministry in the Cameroons. God has answered prayers mightily for Christian doctors to serve on our mission field. Rev. Gilbert Gordon of Portland, Oregon, member of the Trinity Baptist Church, has been appointed to the staff of the Teachers Training Center at Soppo. Miss Alma Zimmerman of Minneapolis, Minnesota, received an appointment as a "short term missionary," serving for one year without salary except expenses as the teacher for our missionary children during the furlough year (1961) of the present teacher, Miss Esther Schultz.

In addition, a new missionary couple for the Spanish American mission field was approved as well as a new missionary family for one of our Indian Reserves in Canada. Their names will be revealed later after their acceptance of the appointment has been confirmed. But God is speaking mightily to our churches in this enlarging staff of dedicated workers on our various mission fields.

The blessings of God on the ministry of the four District Secretaries have been innumerable. It was frequently stressed that this plan for District Secretaries, enacted by the 1958 General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, was most providential. From the individual reports and from observations of their accomplishments, the members of the General Council

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were firmly convinced of "greater things" that are being done for and through Christ in our denominational enterprise.

The General Council was overjoyed to hear the encouraging reports about our Church Extension projects and fields. Forty-eight of these have received the assistance and guidance of the Church Extension Committee. The Council approved the launching of a plan to be known as "Church Extension Builders" at the 1961 General Conference sessions. This will call for participation in the work of Church Extension by many thousands of our people as they give and pray for this ministry. Greater things in this outreach for Christ have just begun!

The General Council also learned that \$100,000 have been made available to the Church Extension Committee for loans to new projects so that this work might go forward. The Council heard repeatedly of the need of new recruits for our church pulpits and mission fields. This challenge to full time Christian service and to enlistment in our educational institutions is to be presented forcibly to our churches in the days ahead.

A recommendation by "Baptist Men" was adopted, calling for a more challenging program at our prayer meetings and mid week services in which all of our people will be enlisted in attendance and in a prayer ministry. Important constitutional changes will be considered prior to the 1961 General Conference sessions to be voted on at the next Conference that will further streamline our denominational organizations.

MISSIONARY RALLY

This spirit of "Greater Things Through Christ" was also voiced at the inspiring public rally held on Friday evening, May 20, at the Forest Park Baptist Church. The chorus of General Council members sang the new theme song for the 1961 General Conference, "Are Ye Able, Said the Master." The world crisis and the missionary challenge were depicted by the three speakers: Dr. George A. Dunger of the Seminary faculty; Mr. Flavius Martin, Christian national of the Cameroons; and Rev. George W. Lang, Cameroons missionary. Miss Lydia Mihm also enhanced this memorable service with a fitting selection. Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, chairman, stated that God had opened many doors of opportunity to us as never before in our history. The large audience and the General Council members agreed that God's guiding Presence was showing us the way to greater things in the year ahead.

Church Gifts Soar to New Heights

Encouraging Facts from the Report of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, to the General Council

DR. FRANK H. WOYKE, executive secretary, reported to the General Council at its recent annual sessions that we as North American Baptists have set another record in missionary giving during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1960. The total for 1959-1960 was \$771,807.19, exceeding those of the previous year's contributions by \$86,458.02. This was especially noteworthy, as Dr. Woyke reported, in view of the fact that the year 1958-1959 had also established a record, exceeding the previous year by \$91,596.35.

ADVANCE BUILDING FUND

These totals for the past year include contributions toward the Denominational Advance Building Fund in the amount of \$93,072.70. Certainly, the campaign for this Fund definitely aided in lifting the total contributions.

The contributions for the past year by our regional conferences are given below:

Atlantic	\$ 48,595.94
Central	171,103.44
Dakota	118,445.03
Eastern	36,454.93
Northern	106,516.16
Northwestern	90,998.60
Pacific	122,723.81
Southern	14,761.86
Southwestern	61,434.16

It was emphasized in the General Council sessions that the Central and Pacific Conferences with their flourishing urban churches stand first and second in the list. The Dakota Conference, not so many years ago, was probably our strongest conference in missionary gifts. But there has been a strong trend to the urban churches in American life and in our conference fellowship as well. But especially noteworthy was the fact that the Northern Conference with \$106,516.16 in contributions has risen high to the fourth place of importance. Our Canadian churches are flourishing with God's manifold blessings in increased memberships and larger gifts towards God's Kingdom enterprise.

MORE CAN BE DONE!

Dr. Woyke likewise challenged the General Council with this word of exhortation. "From a denominational point of view, the only discouraging fact is that gifts of our churches to other than NAB Missions also increased by \$22,874.61, reaching a total for the year of \$275,772.21. What an advance program we would be able to undertake if these funds could be brought into NAB channels."

The attention of our churches needs to be called to the proposed United Mission for Christ budget of the Baptist General Conference for the year

1960-1961. Our Swedish Baptist friends have set a goal of \$1,768,045 for themselves or \$25.26 per capita. Our per capita giving during the past year was \$15.30. The table of budget figures for the Baptist General Conference lay so that, as Dr. Woyke reported, we must now look for completion some time this summer. The dedication service is being planned tentatively for a date early in October. The architect is preparing plans for the Seminary

Baptist General Conference Proposed Budgets 1960-1961

Board	Budget	Percentage of Total Budget	PerCapita for 70,000 Members
Home Missions	\$ 357,500	20.2	\$ 5.11
Foreign Missions	713,000	40.3	10.19
Bible School and Youth	64,825	3.7	.92
Women's Work	26,500	1.5	.38
Men's Work	7,000	.4	.10
Headquarters Building	50,000	2.8	.71
Publications	50,220	2.9	.72
Education (Bethel)	499,000	28.2	7.13
	\$1,768,045	100.0	\$25.26

is shown on this page as a challenge to all North American Baptists.

Last fall we appealed to our churches for contributions toward the Denominational Advance Building Fund in the amount of \$250,000, this sum to be divided equally between the new building in Forest Park and a Seminary library building. Dr. Woyke reported that "as of April 30, 1960, the results were as follows:

Total needed	\$250,000.00
Total cash and pledges received	173,382.27
Total cash received	97,136.04
Total cash and pledges needed	76,617.73
Total cash still needed	152,863.96

The building in Forest Park is under construction with considerable progress now being made. The steel strike of last year caused a long de-

library building with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in the Spring of 1961.

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In view of the fact that we are still far short of the goal of \$250,000, it was felt that a further appeal for the Building Fund should be made under the direction of the Finance Committee and the promotional department. The suggestion approved by the General Council is that this appeal be made through our periodicals and by mail early in 1961.

Copies of the 1960 LETTERS will be distributed at our summer conferences and camps and in our churches during the next few months. This 16 page brochure deserves to be read and studied by every church member.

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	April, 1960	April, 1959	April, 1958
Atlantic	\$ 2,513.67	\$ 3,831.05	\$ 2,879.64
Central	15,479.46	36,676.63	18,692.39
Dakota	8,066.75	12,266.60	10,151.25
Eastern	3,462.74	5,440.24	4,770.20
Northern	4,978.25	9,076.87	9,088.32
Northwestern	9,986.92	7,165.85	12,173.53
Pacific	11,373.14	16,766.06	15,917.50
Southern	887.42	1,648.16	792.47
Southwestern	6,595.41	8,461.12	6,117.21
Inter-Conference			153.55
Total Contributions	\$ 63,343.76	\$101,332.58	\$ 80,736.06

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of Apr., 1960	\$ 54,990.91	\$ 4,289.51	\$ 4,063.34	\$ 63,343.76
For the month of Apr., 1959	94,433.30	6,899.28		101,332.58
For the month of Apr., 1958	74,771.15	5,964.91		80,736.06

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Same as for the month of April

To the Glory of God!

The story of our Central District, covering 13 states and 138 churches and presenting a great home mission challenge, by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary

"That together you may with united hearts and one voice, praise and glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:6, Amplified New Testament).

How large is the Central District? How many churches are there in the Central District? How much are you away from home? These and numerous other questions are often asked of the district secretary. We are delighted when people inquire about the ongoing of the Lord's work.

But come! Acquaint yourself with the Central District, composed of a

shall not be able to elaborate on these nor deal with the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood activities. Youth rallies, missionary conferences and rallies are common throughout the year. Many of our churches have shared in the BWA and the BJA programs in recent years.

The dominant note of the local church program is an emphasis on our program of evangelism carried out annually in most of our churches. Next in line are the Harvest Mission Festivals emphasized in the Dakota Conference, the Northwestern and Southwestern

has nevertheless taken an effective hold and progresses with gratifying results. New churches like Grace Church, West Fargo; Crestview, Minot, North Dakota; Brookpark Church, Minneapolis; Minn., Janesville, Wisconsin; Junction City and Wichita, Kansas are making encouraging progress. Our newest Church Extension project will be Columbus, Nebraska where a work is to be started August 1, 1960. Other areas in the district are being surveyed where we find great opportunities for new churches. Many other areas where a Christian witness should be established will have to be left untouched.

SPANISH AMERICAN MISSION

We are pleased that the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, North Dakota and the First Baptist Church of Minot, North Dakota have joined our fellowship for mutual inspiration, for encouragement in the faith and for a stronger Christian witness in the missionary outreach.

God has placed into the Central District a far-reaching and important challenge for all of our churches in the larger fellowship. Here is an open effectual door to a needy home mission field. Reference here is to our established work among the thousands of Spanish American people in Rio Grande City, Texas, and in the San Luis Valley in Colorado. Miss Helen Lohse, our faithful missionary at Del Norte, began one of her reports saying: "We have prayed, worked, and taught that our people might become 'effective witnessing' Christians and we are beginning to see results."

Our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry, at Monte Vista, Colo., and Miss Helen Lohse at Del Norte, Colo., are rendering commendable service on the three fields in the San Luis Valley. Center, Colorado, is the third station they serve. The need to bring the Gospel to the people in the valley is great. Hundreds of Spanish American homes remain unreached for Christ. Through the preaching and teaching of the Good News, which has priority with our missionaries, many are reached for Christ.

Our two chapels with two additional meeting places serve well for this ministry. Personal witnessing through pastoral calling receives equally as much attention. Our missionaries are well received and highly spoken of as well as deeply appreciated by all the people in the valley. Because the need for workers and additional effective leadership is so great, another couple should be placed on the field. We all need to pray that the Lord will provide such a couple, also that our people will be willing to support these missionaries.

BAPTIST HERALD

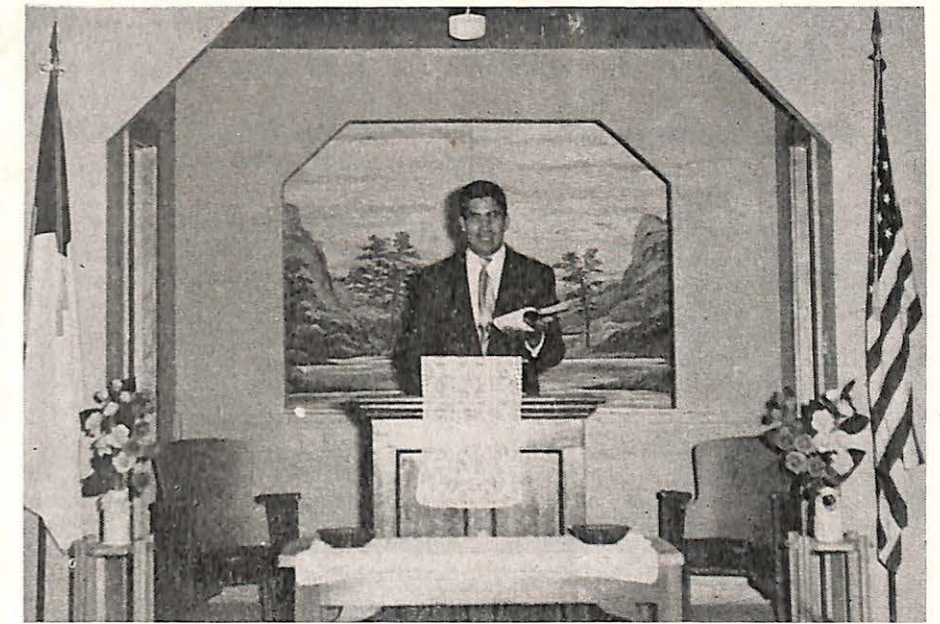
At Del Norte you will find the only organized church on our Spanish American mission fields. Although the church is small in size with only fourteen members, the attendance is considerable higher in numbers on Sunday. The new members are active. Three of the Spanish Americans are Sunday School teachers. A high school girl is assisting with the Junior Choir. She is also taking music lessons to be of greater service in the future. Other new members are doing well as church officers.

RIO GRANDE CITY

The Raymond Castros on the Rio Grande City field in Texas have an equally challenging work. Here the community is predominantly Spanish American. The beautiful chapel, kept in excellent condition, is most inviting to the people. Recently additional land has been purchased near the chapel. In the near future, the missionaries will have a new home or parsonage built on this property. The members of our Southern Conference churches in Texas will donate the labor in the constructing of the home.

On all of these mission fields, regular preaching and worship services are conducted twice a Sunday. A Sunday School, a CBYF program, mid-week service and regular women's missionary activities are carried on in each field. On each field the missionary has special training classes for new converts to establish these young Christians in the faith and to prepare them for Christian service.

Furthermore, there is an adult training program which becomes, at times, a person to person endeavor dealing with the parents in the home. Visitation is a must for the missionary



REV. RAYMOND CASTRO, MISSIONARY

Rev. Raymond Castro is a fervent messenger of the Gospel as he stands behind the pulpit of the Garcias Ranch Baptist Church in Rio Grande City, Texas, and proclaims God's Word to the Spanish American people.

which requires much time and energy. There are definite signs of progress. On each field there is a Daily Vacation Bible School each summer. Additional workers, through the Student Service Plan, are made available for this ministry.

To carry out a systematic continuous Christian Education program, much planning, many patient, long hours, and extremely hard work are required. God has called the right missionaries to do this important work. Let us pray daily for these servants of the Lord. The opposition to their witness and labor is overwhelming, yet these dedicat-

ed men and women are faithful in their duties.

In the parable of the sheep and goats our Lord says: "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:35-40). Even the smallest kindness, which we can do to one of our brethren, is a service rendered to him.

HOME MISSION CHURCHES

Beyond the home mission fields, we need to call attention to our home mission churches. Many of these are small in size and thus limited in service. Our pastors and church officers face the problems these days of losing more families in our rural churches. This should give us all real concern. We need to be much in prayer, seeking wisdom from God as this transplanting takes place. None of our church members should become lost to the Church of Christ in the move from one place to the next.

Contact with our people in the churches, conferences, as well as in other planned activities is always an enriching experience. Our pastors and their families are a great host of God's chosen vessels dedicated to serving their Lord and his people with unflinching devotion. It is a joy to be a co-laborer with these faithful Kingdom-builders who are untiring in their efforts.

To all the faithful Christians we leave the words of the Apostle Paul: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).



SPANISH AMERICAN MISSIONARY IN ACTION

Miss Helen Lohse, missionary to the Spanish Americans in the San Luis Valley, Colorado, shows the young people of Del Norte how to make belts in their Vacation Bible School class.

vast geographical area with boundaries extending from Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada in the north, to the Rocky Mountains on the west, on the south to the Mexican border; from thence to the east to Alabama, moving through western Illinois and on through all of Wisconsin along Lake Michigan.

Conferences, which serve as a great opportunity for vital Christian stewardship and important missionary education. Our people are giving wholehearted prayer support to our larger missionary program.

Church Extension, although limited for the lack of the necessary funds,

PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

The district area includes 13 states. There are 138 churches with an approximate membership of 19,000. Traveling distances in this expanded area are great and often inconvenient, in spite of highly modernized transportation facilities.

Within the Central District we have four local conferences, ten associations, nine summer youth camps and four pastors' conferences or fellowships. Each year a number of Christian leaders' conferences are conducted. We

HEADQUARTERS' POSITION AVAILABLE

An important position at the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., is open, calling for a varitypist. This is an opportunity for Christian service. Information about salary, etc., will be given the applicant by writing to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.



MISS HELEN LOHSE, MISSIONARY

The missionary to the Spanish Americans of Colorado, Miss Helen Lohse, points to the church's bulletin board in Del Norte and the pictures of Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Castro, Spanish American missionaries in Texas.

June 23, 1960

How to Deal With the Summer Slump

Your Sunday School should enjoy a summer surge leading to new attendance records.
By Rev. David J. Draewell of Parma, Ohio

ONE OF THE greatest destroyers of a Sunday School superintendent's morale is the annual summer slump. During the summer months, the Sunday School program seems to hit rock bottom. Enthusiasm disappears. Otherwise faithful teachers become undependable. Scholars are indifferent. Each week the superintendent's face grows longer. The statistical secretary mumbles something about record lows in attendance. The treasurer gets nervous because giving drops off. The pastor looks forward hopefully to fall. The summer slump has conquered again!

THE SUMMER'S OPPORTUNITIES

Is this a picture of your Sunday School? Unless your school ministers primarily to rural people, the above description is probably too accurate for comfort. If it is, what are you going to do about it? Just because the summer slump has whipped you for many years does not mean that you cannot fight back.

Basically there are two things that can be done to lick the summer slump. *The first is not to prepare for a slump!* Strange as it may seem, generally we have a summer slump because we have taken definite steps to insure its presence. We encourage the drop in Sunday School interest by cutting back in our program. Many churches have no Board of Christian Education meetings during July and August. Others schedule no Sunday School staff meetings during the summer months. Some call a halt to their efforts in visitation and pupil contact. There is one large Baptist church in Michigan that cancels its Sunday School hour during the vacation period. No wonder we slump in the summer. We make such efficient preparation for it.

We also prepare for a slump by conditioning our people to expect it. At our May Teachers' and Officers' Meetings, we reveal the grimness of a mortician as we tell our Sunday School staff to expect the worst in the months ahead. We make them so slump conscious, that they become confused and frustrated if we have a good attendance some Sunday in July or August. Instead of being overwhelmed by vacation problems, we must open our eyes to summer opportunities.

The second way to beat the slump is to accelerate your Sunday School program during the summer months. If this seems impossible to do, it may be because you haven't tried it. Experience shows it can be done with great effectiveness.

Last spring the Sunday School staff of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Michigan, was sobered as its superin-

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAMPAIGN
"Search for the Unchurched"
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tendent pointed out a statistical analysis of the previous year's summer slump. The record was indeed alarming. The superintendent then divided the staff into several small groups and asked each group to do some "brain storming" and come up with as many ideas as possible to increase summer Sunday School attendance.

After twenty minutes, the groups came together and shared their suggestions. Over fifty different ideas were noted. A committee was then chosen to screen the ideas and recommend those which would work best. In subsequent weeks, three suggestions were put into action to augment the Sunday School program during the summer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAMPS

The first idea capitalized on the current interest in saving trading stamps. Sunday School stamp cards were secured for every member of the school. Each Sunday stamps were given to those in attendance. The adults received Bible verse stamps for their cards. The children were given stamps and cards geared to their interest levels. At the end of the 13 week stamp period, those whose cards had 13 stamps redeemed their cards for awards.



—Luoma Photo

Accelerate your Sunday School program during the summer months with all kinds of special activities and exciting programs!

The second idea was a special attendance board which showed the weekly attendance record of each class in the school. A small light socket was placed in front of each class name. Green, yellow, or red Christmas tree light bulbs were placed in these sockets reflecting the degree of accomplishment for each class in reaching its attendance goal. The goal used was the average attendance for each class during the months of March, April and May. These were normally the best attendance months for the year.

The third idea put into action was having a Sunday afternoon rally to conclude the attendance effort. The rally took the place of the normally scheduled evening service. A potluck picnic supper followed, and the rest of the evening was spent in informal fellowship.

The results were amazing. More than 90 scholars received awards for having full stamp cards. The average summer attendance jumped from 125 in 1958 to 175 in 1959, or an increase of 40%. The summer slump was destroyed!

NEW PUPILS ENLISTED

While the First Baptist Church of Auburn conquered the summer slump primarily by encouraging *enrolled scholars* in regular attendance, the Parma Heights Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, is attempting a different approach this year. It is seeking to expand its summer program through the enlistment of *new pupils*.

This program is being implemented in four ways:

1. Four thousand homes are being contacted during the month of May in a Community Canvass. The first night's canvass effort with 110 workers participating revealed no less than 48 families without a regular church home.
2. A Transportation Committee was organized to provide rides for any in the community who do not have a regular way to Sunday School and church.
3. A seminary student working under the denomination's Student Service Plan is being added to the church staff this summer to do prospect visitation.
4. A visitation organization called the "70 Club" was formed. This organization will be specially trained for visiting prospects.

The summer slump is a non-essential part of yearly Sunday School experience. Why not replace it in your school with a summer surge leading to new attendance records?

Forward With Christ at C.T.I.

Report of the historic 19th commencement of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, by Rev. Arnold Rapske

THE MOTTO, "Forward With Christ," chosen by the graduating class, was indeed fitting for this historic 19th commencement of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, from April 10 to 12. The two decades of the school's existence have been marked by forward movement, and the recent forward steps have come at a rapid rate. Faculty, students, and Board members feel the forceful drive and determination of the leader of the Institute, Dr. A. S. Felberg. The present forward movement is more than the dream of a man. It is, we feel, the hand of God at work preparing our school for an expanded ministry.

GUEST SPEAKERS

The guest speakers chosen for this commencement were significant in their relationships to C.T.I. Rev. Richard Schilke was vitally interested in the beginnings of the Bible School department. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, the commencement speaker, stands also at a beginning of a new venture in the life of the school. Both speakers presented messages that spoke in a particular way to the graduates, but did not leave other listeners unmoved.

The latest edition of Encyclopedia Britannica was officially presented to the school during the chapel hour on Monday morning. This gift, made possible by a Canadian Philanthropist, was presented by Rev. A. Lamprecht on behalf of the board to Dr. Felberg, representing the school. In presenting the gift, the donor requested that it be given in honor of Rev. E. P. Wahl, former president of the Institute. The presentation ceremony was one of the events that added to the interest of commencement days.

On Sunday afternoon, April 10, former students had the opportunity to relive their days at C.T.I. The alumni had their annual business meeting and luncheon. Rev. F. Pahl was elected president. Dr. B. Schalm was elected editor of the alumni news letter. Concrete interest in their alma mater was expressed as members voted a \$750 project to be raised in the coming year.

SCHOOL BANQUET

Monday evening was "a night to remember" for the members of the graduating class. Dressed in their formal best, they entered the gaily decorated banquet hall. There was a note of pain as they glanced at the pennants reading, "Auf Wiedersehen" and "Goodbye Grads." They would not be leaving as they had come. They had become part of C.T.I., and C.T.I. had become a part of them.

Ernie Rogalski, first year theological



Peter Schroeder, the first graduate of the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

student, and the patient, fatherly superintendent of buildings, served as the witty and congenial master of ceremonies. The banquet speaker, Rev. H. Waltereit of Winnipeg, Manitoba, challenged all to dedication to Christ that would supersede the devotion of a Communist to his party.

Tuesday evening climaxed the closing exercises. Twenty-three students, representing the three departments, entered the auditorium of the Central Baptist Church to mark another milestone. For some, it was indeed a tri-



CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE BANQUET

Banquet scene during the C.T.I. graduation days, Edmonton, Alberta, with Rev. H. J. Waltereit, banquet speaker at left (back to the wall), and Rev. E. P. Wahl, former president, (foreground, facing the camera) and his wife.

NEW LEAFLETS

New informational leaflets about the Christian Training Institute and the North American Baptist Seminary are now available. Ask your pastor for copies.

The STEWARDSHIP leaflet with our 1961 program in the Baptist Jubilee Advance has just been distributed.

The PRAYER REMINDER leaflet for July-August 1960 has been sent to all churches.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS
7308 Madison St.,
Forest Park, Ill.

umph. For Peter Schroeder it was a day that had long been anticipated. For the Christian Training Institute it was a prominent milestone of great historical significance. Of all the graduates, approximately one-third were anticipating some form of full-time Christian service. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke entitled his message to the graduates, "Bread and a Sword" based on I Samuel 26. (This was published in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald.")

AWARDS AND PRIZES

With bated breath, students awaited the announcement of awards. The surprise registered on the prizewinning High School student's face seemed to say, "Who ME?" It was humorous and yet touching, for these students had certainly earned their respective awards.

With the twentieth year behind, the school takes up the motto of its latest graduating class to go "Forward With Christ."

Inspirational Poems

Contributions by Readers of the "Baptist Herald"

IN MORNING HOUR

By Miss Helen Lohse
of Del Norte, Colorado
Spanish American Missionary

In morning hour, on bended knee,
God hears, and Satan trembles;
For words soft spoken reach to heaven
Where our Lord's praying for us.

The Spirit also helps us pray
And bend soul's breathing upward,
Where God on high, tho' e'er so nigh,
Gives joy for that day's labor.

NIGHT SOLILOQUY

By Phyllis Bourziel

of Muskegon, Michigan

The afternoon sun dims,
And earth sighs in relief
That the heat of day is done.

The approaching twilight
Suddenly, silently, is shattered
By the vivid hues which
Splash across the sky.

Tall pines quietly whisper
As they point a solitary finger
To the brilliant heavens,
And are themselves
In silhouette.

The symphony of crickets
Serenades the hushed world
With singleness of purpose.

Be still . . . and know.

MY LORD, MY CROWN

By Gottlieb Kessler
of Anamoose, North Dakota

I do not serve my Lord because
Of what it pays,
Perhaps to gain renown, great fame,
Or length of days;
I serve my Lord because his love,
His Word, his truth are strong,
Because his Name will triumph
Over every wrong.

I do not serve my Lord, perchance,
To seek a price,
Perhaps a name, a seat to sit
Among the wise;
I serve my Lord because Jerusalem
Is coming down;
And in her midst I see the Lamb,
My Lord, my crown!

"A VERY PRESENT HELP . . ."

Psalms 46:1

By Grace L. Voll
of North Freedom, Wisconsin

God's Words are spoken fresh, to
each and every soul:
They are no dying echoes
versioned years ago

Upon the musty surface
of a parchment scroll;
But they are living jewels,
vital truth, that glow
With purity, as pearly
folds of a trousseau,
And brilliant as the golden
sun's bright aureole;
These present scripture truths
need no embellishment:
They lend to all our human
lack, accomplishment.

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THE LORD

By Dale Hawley, 15 year old lad,
Startup, Wash.

The Lord is my Father; Jesus my
Brother;
In my life there could be no other;
When I am in doubt and shame
All I have to do is say his holy Name;
I never really truly doubt,
For in my life the devil he has cast
out;
Whether it be rain or shine,
I really know that he is mine.

WAY OF LIFE

By Mrs. Jan Briand, Startup, Wash.

There was a time when God foretold
Wonders to come, in days of old,
But now, in this day's busy strife,
We have no time for future life;
We hurry here and flutter there
And hardly find the time for prayer;
We think tomorrow's soon enough,
God will forgive, he won't be gruff.

Oh, Father, let me listen to
Those precious thoughts sent down
from you

That I may find the way to go;
Perhaps to others, I may show
That life, led by your generous love,
Can calm the lion, please the dove;
And, when our time on earth is done
We'll know that life has just begun.

THE UNIVERSE IS GOD'S

By Ruth M. Mellen,
Anaheim, California

This weary world in turbulence,
In wars and deep unrest,
Moans on and on as man attempts
God's universe to test;
As humans gaze with bated breath
And growing fears possess,

PASTORS' CONFERENCE

at

North American Baptist Seminary,
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

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MAKE YOU RESERVATIONS
IMMEDIATELY!

Time seems to pause as rockets pierce
Space . . . and its awesomeness.

Fear not, O soldiers of the faith,
Man will go just so far . . .
Perhaps onto the moon . . . who
knows? . . .

Or to some distant star.
Fear not, for God is over all,
And should man's venture prod
Where God forbids . . . man's efforts
will cease . . .
For the universe is God's.

SONNET TO MY SON

By Ethel Rennison Schantz
of Saguache, Colorado

A tiny baby first he came to me,
But soon he grew into a chubby boy,
With laughter reaching out for each
new toy,
While in my arms I held him tenderly.
Each day some new advancement I
would see
Like cutting teeth or learning how to
talk,
Beginning first to creep and then to
walk—
Oh, what achievements great these
seemed to be!

And now my son is busy every day
With school and music, basketball and
band,

I often lean upon his helping hand,
I love to hear him read God's Word
and pray;
And though I sometimes miss my baby
boy,
I praise the Lord for this, my greater
joy!

THE FAITHFUL FEW

By Chester E. Schuler

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PARABLE OF THE VACATIONIST

Contributed by Rev. Henry Schumacher
Medicine Hat, Alberta

Now it came to pass, as the summer
drew nigh, that Mr. Church Member
lifted up his eyes unto the hills and
said, "Lo, the hot days cometh and
even now are at hand. Come let us
go unto the heights, where cool breezes
refresh us and glorious scenes await."

"Thou speakest wisely," quoth Mrs.
Church Member. "Yet, three, yea, four
things, must we do before we go."

"Three things I can think of, but
not four," responded Mr. Church Mem-
ber. "We must arrange for the flowers
to be weeded, the chickens fed, and
the mail forwarded, but the fourth
eludes my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the first
three, yet more important than all.
Thou shalt dig down into thy purse
and pay thy Church Pledge that the
good name of the Church be preserved,
and that it may be well with thee, for
verily I say unto thee, thou hast more
money now than thou wilt have when
thou dost return."

And it came to pass that Mr.
Church Member paid his pledge for
the summer, and the treasurer rejoiced
greatly, saying, "Of a truth, there are
those who care for the Lord's work."
And it was so!

BAPTISTS TOGETHER

(Continued from page 5)

means whereby various convention
groups can cover the world field most
effectively.

Two commissions are theological,
studying the doctrine of the church
and the doctrine of baptism. A sev-
enth commission has been appointed
to give attention to the Christian wit-
ness for world peace.

FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

The Baptist World Alliance thus
serves as a fellowship through which
the weak and the strong, united in
common faith, share their strength and
dedication with each other. In so do-
ing, it plays a vital part in fulfillment
of the vast program outlined by Christ
in the Great Commission.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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al secretary, Rev. P. Jansma.

● **England Returns to Religion.** Eng-
lish college students definitely are re-
turning to evangelical religion, Rev. C.
Donald Goulding, minister of the
Haven Green Church at Ealing, re-
ported at a Southern Baptist Sunday
School convention in the USA. Mr.
Ealing reported that a survey at Cam-
bridge University revealed 60 per cent
of the students there participate in
either Sunday School or church serv-
ices, compared with a figure of only 10
per cent for the total English popula-
tion.

From the Professor's Desk

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

*The Book of Revelation is a mystery
to me. Could you state in simple lan-
guage what this book is all about?*

If the Book of Revelation is an eni-
gma to you, some comfort can be taken
in the fact that it has proved to be
a riddle to Christians in every age.
Luther said, "My spirit cannot ac-
quiesce in this book" and Zwingli de-
clared, "It is not a book of the Bi-
ble."

The very nature of the book makes
it difficult to understand. It belongs
to a type of literature (apocalyptic)
which is foreign to our minds, em-
ploys a weird symbolism, and is to
most Christians simply unintelligible.
Difficult as the Book of Revelation ad-
mittedly is, it is, nevertheless, not a
completely incomprehensible riddle.

To begin to understand the Apoca-
lypse, one must always remember that
it was originally written to the Chris-
tians of the churches of the province
of Asia (present-day Turkey) who
were undergoing terrible persecution.
The cult of Caesar-worship had be-
come very popular in Asia Minor. This
made the situation of the Christians
there particularly perilous, because the
province of Asia was especially proud
of her membership in the Roman Em-
pire and seized upon every opportunity
to demonstrate it.

The conflict between Rome and
Christianity, between Caesar and
Christ was coming to a climax when
John wrote to his Christian friends in

Asia. He wrote to strengthen, to en-
courage, and to comfort them in the
face of persecution, ostracism and even
death for Christ's sake. This he did
by assuring them of the ultimate tri-
umph of Christ over the forces of evil
and destruction in the world. John's
message to them apparently accom-
plished its purpose, for the next
glimpse we get of these same church-
es is in the Epistles of Ignatius, and
there they appear as strong and thriv-
ing churches.

Being preoccupied in attempting to
identify the various symbols and per-
sonages in Revelation is a pitfall to
be avoided in its study. Often so much
time is spent seeking to discover who
the four horsemen of the Apocalypse
are that the more crucial matters are
overlooked. It is far more important
to discover the great spiritual truths
which Revelation teaches than to
identify all the symbols, etc.

Some of those truths are: God is in
control of history; there is a real
struggle between God and Satan, good
and evil, in the world; this struggle
will continue until the end of history,
when God himself will intervene to
triumph over all anti-God forces; a
true understanding of the character
and acts of God in history can be found
in the life, death and resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

These great truths make the Book
of Revelation meaningful and relevant
for our age.

Catholic Schools and Public Funds

A revealing challenge to all Protestants by Mr. W. Barry Garrett,
editor of the Baptist Press Association, Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON—(BPA)—A
Roman Catholic organization to secure
public funds for parochial schools has
been launched on a national scale. It
is called Citizens for Educational Free-
dom. The purpose of Citizens for Edu-
cational Freedom is to combat what
the Roman Catholics consider "in-
equitable distribution" of public funds
for educational purposes and to secure
such funds for their schools.

The objectives of Citizens for Edu-
cational Freedom reportedly are to
combat strong pressure groups that in-
sist on public funds for public schools
alone, to create a public opinion that
will make it possible for parochial
schools to secure public financial aid,
to engage in legal action in the courts,
and to secure legislative relief. This
growing organization is in part the
Roman Catholic answer to numerous
denominational and other non-denomi-
national efforts to maintain religious
liberty and separation of church and
state in America.

Founded in St. Louis, Citizens for
Educational Freedom already operates
in 47 states and is currently in a cam-
paign to increase its membership and
to establish local chapters in cities
throughout the nation.

In making its appeal to the nation,
Citizens for Educational Freedom has
adopted the slogan, "A Fair Share
For Every Child," and is appealing
for non-Catholics to join in their cause.
The effort will be made to have it ap-
pear as a citizen's organization rather
than a Catholic organization. In order
to eliminate the appearance of ec-
clesiastical control and in order for
it to be a grass roots movement all the
officers are lay people.

Three main arguments are being
used by the Roman Catholics in their
campaign for public support for their
religious parochial schools:

(1) The service rendered to the na-
tion by these schools should be paid
for by the nation, the Catholics con-

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We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG

President of the Woman's Missionary Union

INTRODUCTION

When the Board of Missions met for its annual meeting in April, our German Editor, Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, sat in as a representative of our Woman's Missionary Union. The report of her impressions of these important sessions will be a blessing to all our readers.

BOARD OF MISSIONS

By Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler
of Sumner, Iowa

Ever since the women at the empty tomb were told to "go quickly and tell," women have been interested in missions. So it was with the greatest interest that I attended the annual session of the Board of Missions. How thrilling it was to get first hand information about every phase of our mission work! Missions is the greatest business in the world. It is the supreme business of the church.

All of our missionaries on all our fields, at home and abroad have done magnificent work. Our work in Japan is comparatively new. It began in 1951. At present we have four mission stations in Japan. Our missionaries' reports are encouraging. The Lord has blessed our Cameroons Mission Field in a special way. Nowhere in all the world will a dollar invested bring more dividends than on our Cameroons Mission Field. The growth on this field has been phenomenal. It has grown so rapidly that now our Cameroons churches outnumber ours at home and so do the baptisms. Dr. Paul Gebauer reports that the number of baptisms has again increased. A total of 3006 were baptized last year. The life of the churches shows an increased maturity.

The statistical report concerning our medical work shows: 5399 in-patients, 17,890 out-patients and 1365 deliveries. In addition, there are 1617 leprosy patients. There is a request for more nurses. Banzo Hospital is overcrowded and as far as the need is concerned an expansion is planned.

Our Woman's Missionary Societies at home continue their prayerful interest in our medical work in the Cameroons and continue to send their White Cross supplies. Another shipment of 34 units left the office April 25. There is a large supply on hand to be shipped as soon as time and help permit.

The climax of the session was the appointment of several new missionaries to the Cameroons, Japan, and our home mission fields.

The Lord has entrusted to us North American Baptists vast mission fields. Are we leaving this colossal task to

Laymen in the Church

A Challenge to All "Baptist Men" by Mr. Carl Lang of Edmonton, Alberta

NOT TOO many years ago, our way of life was such that people had less leisure time than they do today. Working hours and means of travel also were quite different. Consequently, church life and activities were confined mostly to Sunday morning, and the pastor was quite able to look after these.

Demands for various activities in the church, of necessity, have increased tremendously. This need not be looked upon as an evil. None of us will deny the great importance of fellowship with fellow-Christians, when we see the many things around us that are offered to tempt people. Children, young people, and elderly people alike need fellowship, not only with people in their own age group, but also with people of similar views and faith. If this is not offered through the church, it will be sought elsewhere, and many who are weak in character and faith will fall.

WORK FOR THE LAYMEN

It is obvious that the pastor cannot look after all this, and this is where the layman comes in. Prosperity in recent years has given men more time for themselves. Because of this they have been able to acquire a greater knowledge of trades, professions and leadership, and thus are better qualified to take part in various activities. However, too often when it comes to the church, we have the attitude that "the pastor is willing to do it; let him do it."

There are many things that laymen can do in the church. Besides the regular church offices that must be filled, we can assist the pastor in planning the church program. Through discussions in Brotherhood and by community visitation, we can familiarize ourselves with the affairs of the community as related to the church, and thus help to bring more of the community into the church and the church into the community. We can give guidance and leadership to boys' organizations. We can make plans for future expansion, both for the local church and its organizations. Much heartache and ill feeling could probably have been avoided many times if there had been more earnest, Christian foresight and planning.

just a few missionaries while we sit back and relax and let the enemy reap the harvest? Or are we all going to do our part in witnessing, in intercessory prayer and in giving sacrificially of our means?

"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

What are some of the prerequisites that must be met before this can work harmoniously? All of us will agree that faith and love are definitely a "must." A salesman cannot be successful unless he has full confidence and trust in his product and in his work. Neither can we accomplish our Christian purpose unless we believe: first of all, that Christ died because of our sins; secondly, that in him our sins are forgiven; and, thirdly, that the product we offer is real, genuine, "THE BEST" and that the warranty is an unconditional eternal one.

FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

Equal to faith is love—love for God and our fellow-man. This is very essential, because without it we will be hurt the first time a brother is opposed to an idea of ours. Jealousy will creep in because of something that another person can do better, and envy will find its place because of a brother's superior possessions.

Therefore, if the layman is to find his place in the church and make his usefulness known, it would seem that all selfish purposes must be put aside. Our goal must definitely be to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. Then, and only then, can we plan, suggest, advise, and work in the church with boldness, yet not as dictators, but in love for the sake of Christ.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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tend. They raise the question as to what the public schools would do if they closed all their parochial schools and turned their children into the public schools. They are seeking to establish the thesis that Catholic education is in fact public education.

(2) The responsibility, they continue, for the education of the children is upon the parents, and is not a primary responsibility of the State. Therefore, public aid is not aid to a church or to a religious school, but is aid to the child and to his parents for their educational expenses.

(3) It is not fair, the Catholics assert, to suffer double taxation, to be forced to pay taxes for the public schools and then to have to pay for their own parochial schools. They seem to forget that their schools are of their own choosing and that the public schools are open to all.

These are the lines of reasoning, no doubt, that Citizens for Educational Freedom will follow and will seek to sell to the American people.

What's Happening

• Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmuland of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., have announced the birth of a daughter on March 16 who has been named Laura Lois. Mr. Schmuland is a 1960 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary and the pastor-elect of the Baptist Church at Creston, Nebraska, effective July 1.

• The Baptist Church of Springside, Sask., has extended a call to Rev. F. W. Pahl of Edmonton, Alta., pastor of the Lauderdale Baptist Church since 1958. He has responded favorably and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Springside Baptist Church on July 1, 1960. He will succeed Rev. Bert Milner, now of Fort George, British Columbia.

• The Baptist Church of Southey, Sask., has called Mr. Peter Schroeder, the first graduate of the theological department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta. He has given the church a favorable response and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Southey church on August 1, succeeding Rev. E. L. Thiesen, now Church Extension pastor in Saskatoon, Sask.

• The Baptist Church of Jansen, Sask., has extended a call to Rev. John Kuehn of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, to which he has given a favorable response. He has resigned as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Prince Rupert which he has served since 1958. He is bringing his work there to a close in June and will begin his ministry in the Jansen church on July 1.

• The Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., held a Christian Life Conference from May 15 to 18, with inspirational meetings every evening. Rev. Roger Schmidt of Philadelphia, Pa., brought the messages and rendered musical selections. A Youth Banquet was held on May 14 for more than 80 young people with Mr. Schmidt as the guest speaker. Rev. Raymond P. Yahn is pastor of the Temple Church of Pittsburgh.

• The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has recently announced that Miss Joyce Ringering of Bison, Kansas, has been appointed librarian of the school, effective Sept. 1, 1960. She has served as the assistant librarian during the past few years. Rev. Frank Veninga, president, has also announced that the 10,000th book has just been catalogued in the Seminary's library. The architect's sketch for the new Seminary library building has been approved.

• The First German Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., recently voted to

proceed with the construction of its new church building. The seating capacity of the new edifice will be 324 with an overflow of 60 additional seats. The old church is to be moved from its present location and the new building erected on the same corner site. The construction cost will be approximately \$75,000. The building project has already begun, as reported by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer.

• The First Baptist Church of Auburn, Michigan, has called Rev. Manuel Wolff of East Detroit, Michigan as its pastor to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his ministry in the Auburn First Baptist Church July 17, succeeding Rev. David J. Draewell, now pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights (Cleveland), Ohio. Mr. Wolff has been assistant pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan since 1958.

• Mrs. Susanne Majeske who has been a member of the Auburn First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich., (formerly Beaver Baptist Church), for 50 years celebrated her 90th birthday on May 2nd. She was honored by a surprise birthday party by her Sunday School Class and also a family dinner held at the Auburn First Baptist Church. The Lord has blessed her with good health, and she still remains faithful in her church attendance, as reported by Mrs. Joseph E. Franko.

• The General Council at its annual sessions May 20 and 21 appointed Dr. M. Vanderbeck of Chicago, Ill., as a denominational interim and supply pastor. He has accepted the appointment and resigned as superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago which he has served since 1956. The effective date of his new ministry will be announced in a forthcoming issue. Rev. Frank Friesen is the other denominational interim and supply pastor serving under the appointment of the General Council.

• From May 2 to 8 services were held at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., of which Rev. Herman L. Effa is pastor. Rev. George Robinson of Jamestown, N. Dak., served as the evangelist. He showed colored slides each evening of different countries which he had visited on a world

PAUL EILERT FEHR

The infant son of Dr. and Mrs. Peter Fehr of Banzo, Southern Cameroons, born to them on March 24, 1960, died at 6:00 A.M. on Sunday, April 24, at one month of age. Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, missionary, officiated that same day at a brief memorial service.

tour while serving as evangelist with "Youth For Christ." Although no visible results were evident, the Lord's presence could be felt and Christians were strengthened "in the faith," as reported by Mrs. Herman Effa.

• The First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., has extended a call to Mr. Gerhard Schroeder, Youth Director for the past three years of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. He has responded favorably and announced that he would begin his ministry in Bellwood, Ill., on August 15, succeeding Rev. Connie Salios. Mr. Schroeder received his B. D. degree from the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., on May 23. He plans to be ordained in Edmonton, Alta. at the McKernan Baptist Church, his home church, during the summer.

• Mr. Ben Wiese of Corona, S. Dak., has been appointed by the secretarial staff to serve at the denominational headquarters office, Forest Park, Ill., in the printing and shipping department, assisting Rev. Bruno Schreiber until the new building is completed. At that time, Mr. Wiese will take complete charge of this department. Mr. and Mrs. Wiese served for five years at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as superintendent of buildings and matron, respectively. Mr. Wiese began his ministry at the Forest Park headquarters building on April 25.

• The denomination's Church Extension Committee has appointed Rev. Dale Chaddock of Arnold, Pa., as the pastor of the new Church Extension project in the Holiday Park Area of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Chaddock has accepted the appointment, effective Sept. 1, and presented his resignation to the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa. which he has served since 1951. The Holiday Park Area has great promise for a building boom in the future. Contacts with the new neighborhood have been made by means of a church bus on the part of the Union Baptist Church in recent months.

• A report appears elsewhere in this issue of a church council convening at Edmonton, Alta. on March 28 which recognized two new North American Baptist churches in that city. They are the Capilano Baptist Church with Rev. E. P. Wahl as pastor and with 74 members, and the German-speaking Salem Baptist Church of which Rev. A. Frank is the pastor and which has 80 members. Both of these churches will be received into the North American Baptist General Conference fellowship at the sessions of the Northern Conference in July. There are now seven NAB churches in the city of Edmonton, Alta.

• On Easter Sunday evening the Bethel Church choir of Anaheim, Calif., presented the cantata, "The Easter Triumph" under the direction of Mr. Herman Zachay. Youth Recognition Sunday was observed on April

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24 with Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor, preaching on the topic "Let's Get Going." In the evening service a Youth Talent Program was presented. The anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society was held on Sunday evening, May 1, with the president, Mrs. Hulda Schneider, bringing the welcome. The address on "The Founder of the Church" was given by Dr. A. J. Harms of Garden Grove, Calif.

• The Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Westington Springs, S. Dak., counted it a rare privilege to have Flavius Martin of the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker for their annual program on Sunday afternoon, May 1. Mrs. Mabel Pritzkau, president, led the program with music furnished by a ladies' quartet of the Ebenezer Church and a ladies' sextet of the Immanuel Church. Mrs. Wm. Weber read I Cor. 13 and Mrs. Herbert Kludt led in prayer. Mr. Martin gave an enlightening and inspiring talk on the changes that have taken place in missions in the Cameroons. Rev. Elton Kirstein is pastor of the churches.

• Rev. Franjo Klem of Rijeka, Yugoslavia, Baptist pastor and church leader, spent Tuesday, May 12, at the Forest Park headquarters office visiting with our conference secretaries. He is on a tour of United States churches for two months prior to his official attendance at the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from June 26 to July 3. Rev. Franjo Klem is a Baptist pastor in Rijeko, a teacher at the Baptist Seminary in Novi Sad (with 80 students in attendance), the youth secretary of the Yugoslavian Baptist Union and the editor of the bi-monthly Baptist paper, "Glasnik" which means "Messenger." He will be one of two delegates from his country at the 10th Baptist World Congress sessions.

• During the week of April 28 to May 1, the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa experienced blessings from God in a most wonderful way. Evangelist Willard Wyatt of Atlanta, Georgia served as special speaker for the week. The church experienced a real spiritual awakening in that souls were saved and Christians were revived. On Mother's Sunday, May 8, which was also the 9th anniversary of Rev. John Reimer's ministry as pastor of the church, 19 candidates were baptized on their confession of faith in Christ. This brings the total of baptisms during Mr. Reimer's ministry to 74. The church is looking forward to another baptismal service in the near future, as reported by Mr. Kriene Schneidemann, church clerk.

• The Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., is busily engaged in a mission project called O. T. F.—"Outfitting the Fluths." The Board of Mis-

80th CENTRAL CONFERENCE

July 20-24, 1960

First Baptist Church,
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THEME: "New Light for You."

Bible Teacher: Dr. Howard P. Colson, Editor-in-chief of Sunday School Lessons, Southern Baptist S. S. Board.

Missionaries: Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, Japan.

Denominational Representatives: Dr. Ralph E. Powell and Rev. E. Wolff.

sions with the approval of the General Council has appointed Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Fluth for the mission field in the Cameroons, Africa. It is hoped that the Fluths with their daughter Kathy can leave for the mission field some time in 1960. Mrs. John Adam has reported that "envelopes with the Fluths' pictures printed on them have been given out to church members. A large poster, showing a thermometer to register the church's giving, has been placed in the foyer. It has been encouraging to see the red ribbon climbing, revealing how our people are sharing in the purchase of the needed missionaries' supplies."

• "The Baptist World," the monthly publication of the Baptist World Alliance, has recently published the contributions given to the BWA by Baptist Unions and conferences throughout the world. The North American Baptist General Conference with its contribution of \$1,200 stands highest in per capita giving, amounting to .024 per member. Next in order were the Swiss Baptist Federation (.021) and the Baptist Union of Denmark (.020). But our conference also stands highest in the list of contributions given, following the Southern Baptist, American Baptist and National Baptist Conventions of America with their millions of members in each Convention. We rejoice over this active part of our conference in the world wide ministry of the Baptist World Alliance!

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by the Christian nurses of the church. We were happy to have had recent fellowship with our sister churches from Morris, Minnetonka, and White-mouth. On May 22, the choir from the Faith Church of Regina was with us for two services. A sacred concert was presented in the afternoon at the McDermot Ave Baptist Church.

Shirley Guderian, Reporter

3rd Women's Missionary Conf. of Alberta Association

The 3rd Women's Missionary Evangelism Conference of Alberta was held

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at the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., May 4-6. This unique venture of having an all-women's conference is proving most successful and a wonderful source of inspiration and blessing to the women of the Alberta Association. It was our privilege to have Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern of Japan as our guest missionary speakers. With their enlightening messages on different aspects of the Japanese mission field, and showing the field through films and slides, the conference theme, "That We May Learn" was certainly brought to fulfillment.

Throughout the morning and afternoon sessions, the program presented devotional and song periods, testimonies, a bird's-eye view of all our mission fields by Mrs. H. Hiller, an up-to-date report on the CTI by Rev. E. Link, panel discussions, prayer periods, an introduction to the Women's Program Packet, a missionary play "The Wall is Down" by the Camrose Society, a flannelgraph workshop and a handwork period, and a film and message, "Our Alberta Indians" by Mr. J. Hufnagel.

The new members of the executive are: president, Mrs. E. Kern; vice-president, Mrs. A. Lamprecht; secretary, Mrs. R. Harsch; assistant secretary, Mrs. O. Fritzke; treasurer, Mrs. A. Buyer; organist, Mrs. C. Schroeder; pianist, Mrs. B. Schalm. There were 120 official registrations, but the attendance in all was considerably more.

I. Lamprecht and V. Pahl, Reporters

Recognition for Capilano and Salem Churches, Edmonton

On March 28, a council consisting of delegates from eight churches in Edmonton, Alta., and surrounding district, and Rev. W. Sturhahn and Dr. A. S. Felberg met at the Central Baptist Church to consider the recognition of two newly organized churches, Capilano Baptist and Salem Baptist, both of Edmonton. Rev. A. Lamprecht and Rev. R. Harsch were elected moderator and clerk, respectively.

Mr. John Benke represented the Capilano Church, giving a statement of its organization, church covenant, officers, and desire to affiliate with North American Baptists. They have 74 members with Rev. E. P. Wahl as pastor. Mr. Beurwald represented the Salem Church, giving its statement of organization, officers, and desire to affiliate with North American Baptists. They have 80 members with Rev. A. Frank as pastor. Later the council voted to recognize the Capilano Church and the Salem Church as duly organized Baptist churches and recommended their acceptance into the North American Baptist General Conference.

The recognition service for the Capilano Baptist Church was held that same evening. Rev. F. Pahl presided and Rev. H. Hiller read the scripture passage. Dr. A. Felberg led in prayer. The Capilano Male Chorus sang under the direction of Mr. R. Neske. The recognition message was brought by Rev. R. Harsch on "The Unity of the Church," and Rev. A. Lamprecht gave the charge to the church. Rev. E. P. Wahl led in closing prayer. The Salem church is holding its service at a later date.

R. Harsch, Clerk

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