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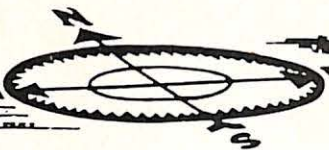
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• New York City has been selected as headquarters of the new "Lutheran Church in America" which the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity hopes to establish by June, 1962.

• The 10th German Evangelical Kirchentag will be held in Berlin August 3-7, 1961. Preparations for the mammoth gathering are underway under the direction of Kirchentag founder and president Dr. Reinold von Thadden-Trieglaff.

• For the first time, the New Testament has been translated into Faeroese, a language spoken by only 32,500 people living in Denmark's Faeroe Islands, midway between Scotland and Iceland. The Danish Bible Society already has sent an initial shipment of 500 copies of the Faeroe New Testament to the islanders.

• Christian Business Men's Committee International are expected to set up branches shortly in Dublin and Belfast, Ireland. Composed of successful business men who "work for the Lord, too," the CBMCI's program includes gospel work in prisons and hospitals, Bible conferences and missionary conventions, tract distribution, promotion of evangelism, lay preaching, tent campaigns and summer camps for young people.

• L'Aquila Court of Appeal in Italy, has ruled that Protestant denominations are free to criticize the Roman Catholic Church publicly if the criticism is not insulting. Donato Cretarolo, an elder of the Baptist Evangelical Church was acquitted of charges of offending the state religion. This action reversed the decision of a lower court which had sentenced him to 15 days in jail for distributing leaflets criticizing the Roman Catholic Church.

• World membership of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) totals 194,862, a gain of 1,840 over the previous year, and of 19,000 since 1949, it was reported by the Friends World Committee, through its American office. The largest, as well as oldest, is Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, which has 17,657 members in 91 monthly meetings. At its 280th annual sessions here, the establishment of a new meeting at Lewisburg, Pa., was reported. Second is North Carolina Yearly Meeting with 14,651 members, and third, Indiana, with 13,949.

—*Watchman-Examiner*

• Protestant evangelical leaders are hopefully exploring the possibility of establishing a large Christian university in the metropolitan area of New York City. Academic superiority and Christian conviction in depth are

major goals, according to Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of "Christianity Today," who writes of the supradenominational university project in a recent issue of the Protestant fortnightly. An initial investment of some \$20,000,000 is being sought for the new campus, which would include an undergradu-



Baptist Briefs

• **1961 American Baptist Convention.** Oregon Baptists are laying ground work in preparation for the sessions of the American Baptist Convention scheduled for June, 1961, in Portland. Dr. J. Lester Harnish of First Church, Portland, is general chairman and Mrs. M. B. Hodge, co-chairman.

• **Baptists in Rio de Janeiro.** There are 126 Baptist churches in Rio. Brazil is today a land of great promise, with its doors wide open to the Gospel. Brazilian Baptists are eagerly awaiting the BWA Congress meetings, June 26-July 3. The first simultaneous revival in the State of Amazonas, Brazil, was a successful cooperative activity, recording large attendances and more than 300 decisions for Christ. Open air services, visitation, distribution of scriptures and tracts, personal interviews were all part of the campaign.

• **Dr. Adams Delivers Hester Lectures.** Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance and pastor of First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., inaugurated the H. I. Hester Lectureship on preaching at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, March 15-18. The lectureship is sponsored by H. I. Hester, vice-president of William Jewell College who is author of two widely used Biblical survey books. Dr. Hester has been engaged in the education of preachers for the past 37 years.

• **Baptists in Belgian Congo.** American Baptist missions in the Belgian Congo last year recorded a total of 7,514 baptisms, an increase of 72.8 per cent over 1958. Church membership related to the missions reached 61,907, a 6.8 per cent gain. Rev. J. L. Sprigg, Congo administrative secretary for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies told a meeting of the agencies' boards of managers. Commenting on the Congo's scheduled independence from Belgium on June 30, Mr. Sprigg noted that "on the whole, relations between the Congolese nationalist leaders and Protestant missionaries have been cordial so far."—*Watchman-Examiner*

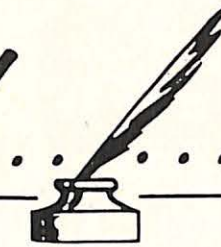
ate liberal arts college and at least four graduate schools. September, 1963, has been mentioned as a possible target date for the opening of classes. Included among the planners, who have been holding conversations for more than a year, is Evangelist Billy Graham.

• **Conservative Baptist Mission Society.** The Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society will meet in annual sessions in the Statler Hilton Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, June 23-28, 1960, to appoint over 20 new missionaries for service on various of the 14 mission fields of the Society around the world. The society will hold its meetings concurrently with other Conservative Baptist organizations, the Conservative Baptist Association of America and the Conservative Baptist Home Mission Society. Missionaries on furlough from the Philippines, Congo, Brazil, Ivory Coast and Portugal will present reports on their work.

• **Biography of Wm. Carey.** Dr. Walter B. S. Davis, professor of Missions and Comparative Religions at Eastern Seminary, has been asked by the East Pakistan Christian Council to write a book on the life of William Carey, the great English Baptist Missionary and father of modern missions. A fellowship grant of \$4,000 has been given to Dr. Davis by the American Association of Theological Schools for this purpose. The book is to be published in the Bengali language. Dr. Davis was selected for this work partly because of 20 years experience in East Pakistan as a missionary under the British Baptist Missionary Society.

• **President Charles W. Koller.** Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, will lay aside the administrative responsibility for the school at the close of the current school year. At the request of Dr. Koller, the Board of Trustees granted him a sabbatical leave covering the next school year. In addition, the board granted him a further year's leave of absence on full salary in recognition of his 21 years of service. This will bring him to retirement age. Since the seminary will be without an administrative head as of Sept. 1, 1960, the board authorized its executive committee to secure an acting administrative officer to serve for two years, or until a new president is selected.—*Chicago Baptist News*

Editorial



This Day Is For Children!

Wherever Christians meet for their worship services, there you will find the second Sunday of June set aside for children. Children's Day is virtually a universal observance among Christians. It is a beautiful time of the year when blossoming flowers and green trees speak of the unfolding possibilities in children. It is a very happy time with the voices and smiles of children everywhere in evidence. It is a holy day, for it has Scriptural confirmation and it dramatizes anew Christ with a child in his loving arms.

Children have always been at the center of Christ's concern. He rebuked the disciples when they tried to prevent the children from coming unto him. He used forceful language to describe the consequences that would overtake anyone who might offend a child. "Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:6). He took a child and set him in the center of the disciples in order to show them how to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

This was Christ's concern for the children that they might not be lost to the world or to the evil things in the world. He was concerned that they might be surrounded by love at all times in order that their example of simple trust and childlike faith might shine brightly in the world. He wants all the children to be the sparkling jewels in his coronation diadem!

This Sunday also reminds us that children are at the center of the Christian home. Actually, Christian parents do not need to be reminded of this fact. They are a living testimonial of the blessings that have come into their homes through their children. A child becomes the object of self-giving love by the parents until it is the binding power of love that unifies the family in service for one another. Children teach their parents lessons that make them wiser and more mature and which enable them to grow into the fulness of Christ's stature.

"Jesus loves the children,
The Bible tells us so;
We all should love him dearly
And like him daily grow."

For us as North American Baptists, Children's Day becomes the focal point in our thinking for much of our Church Extension and Chapel Building ministry. For 76 years in our history, we have designated the offerings on this Children's Day to the Chapel Building Fund of our denomination. This is most appropriate, for in building new chapels and starting Sunday Schools we are motivated by our love and concern for little children, for a new generation to follow us.

At no time in our history have we been engaged so aggressively in Church Extension work. We have come to the spiritual and financial support of almost 50 new Church Extension projects. Quite a number of these have received some help from the Chapel Building Fund and from the offerings of Children's Day. This is Children's Day, a wonderful day in the church's calendar with an unusual opportunity for your service and gifts!



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In Bombay, India, a bus conductor pauses to purchase Scriptures from a Bible Colporteur.

What Darkness Cannot Dim!

The Word of God portrayed as "the Everlasting Light."

By Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, professor of religion, George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

THE ABOVE title strikes a thoroughly harmonious note with the 1959 annual Worldwide Bible Reading theme, which portrays the Bible as THE EVERLASTING LIGHT. This Bible Reading program, sponsored by the American Bible Society, was sparked by the request of a Marine on Guadalcanal who asked his family to join with him in reading certain verses from the Bible each day. It has now become worldwide, and the theme, THE EVERLASTING LIGHT, reminds us that the divine light of the knowledge of the glory of God, through Jesus Christ, shining in the minds and hearts of all men can yet make this a different world. The theme of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, NEW LIGHT FOR YOU, also emphasizes this truth.

There are two things the Bible never takes into consideration:

The Bible never takes geography into consideration. It leaps across the barriers of the nations and disregards the frontiers of peoples. It is at home in every land and language.

A GOD-GUIDED LIFE

Then, too, it never takes time into consideration. Written thousands of years ago, it is as relevant today as when the words were first recorded. It is meant for all lands, all languages and all times. The Bible belongs to the ages.

The Bible lights up the road to significance. Almost every page is aflame with the story of what man can do when he is willing to let God take possession of him. It is always saying, "Look what you can do with life when it is God-guided."

Moses may think himself inadequate for the responsibilities which confront him, but when he placed his hands in the hands of God he became one

of the five great men of history and the founder of a great nation. A supplanter becomes a prince of God; a plowman in Tekoa becomes a prophet of social justice, a man of unclean lips becomes a herald of righteous Redeemer; a tax collector, never a popular man, becomes the writer of the First Gospel; a fallen girl by the well becomes a city missionary. A slave girl becomes the instrument through which a general is cleansed of leprosy; a boy's noonday lunch becomes a feast for thousands; an intolerant bigot becomes a preacher of the universal gospel of love. The stone which the builders reject becomes the headstone of the corner.

Beneath the thin surface of the humblest are inestimable values. Deep in the human heart are talents which grace can transform and glorify. In spite of what you say, man is made a little lower than the angels, capable of thinking God's thoughts after him. "What can a man give in exchange for his soul?" If you ever doubt the worth of life, go to Calvary and read the story of Christ dying for you.

To an age overwhelmed with frustration and insignificance the Bible calls out, "Put yourself in the hands of God and leave yourself there." There are no iron curtains to keep the power of God from lifting the humblest and weakest to places of influence and power.

CHRIST'S REDEEMING GRACE

When Evangeline Booth returned from a world tour for the Salvation Army, she told me of a little village in India where lived the families and members of the robber caste. The village was full of robbers, thieves and thugs. Every attempt by the government to stamp out the wrong failed. Then the government resolved to de-

stroy the village entirely and to scatter the people. The Salvation Army asked if it could have a chance to do something to save the village before the decree was carried out. So a little band of Salvationists preached on the street corners and in the rice fields.

The redeeming grace of Christ began to work in the village. The chief of the robber caste was converted, and the entire village population was baptized. Strangely enough, stealing stopped; not a complaint was made against them. The village had been made over. The government police thought this was too good to last and, sure enough, robbers broke out in the next village.

The police sent a secret agent to shadow the leader. They saw him late one evening, slinking down a narrow trail with a bundle under his arm wrapped up in a newspaper. They were sure he was at it again. They followed him to his home, and then they watched through the window as he entered his house, closed the door, gathered his family about him and unwrapped the bundle. They expected to see loot tumble out of the package.

THE POWER OF THE WORD

To their surprise they saw that the bundle was a Bible which he had borrowed from a neighbor in another village. The children gathered about him near the light, and through the open window they heard a clear voice reading: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." This is the Book which pierces the darkness of sin and offers redemption.

Some years ago, early in my ministry, I came to know and to befriend a

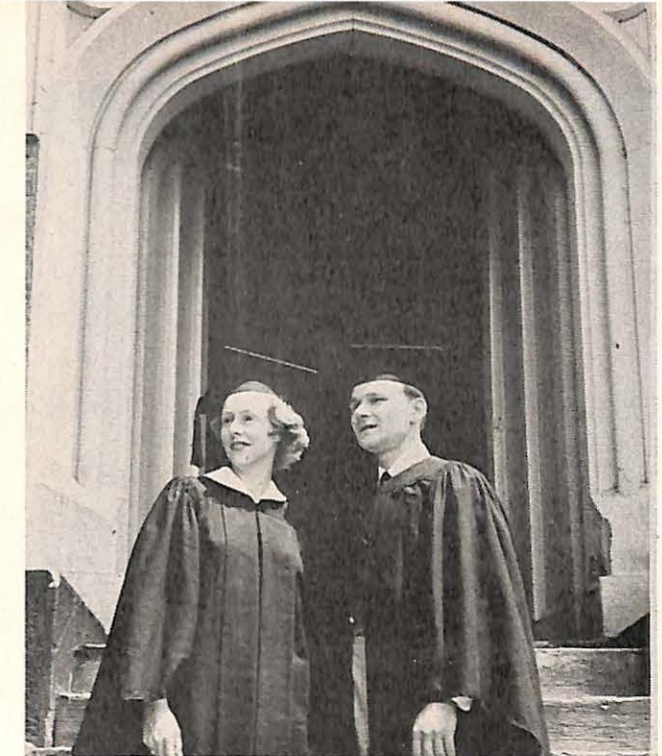
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Bread and a Sword

1960 Commencement Address Delivered at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication



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The graduating students of our educational institutions look wistfully into the future and trust implicitly in God to open doors of service for them at the festive commencement exercises.

IF A MAN is to do a job, he must be adequately supplied and equipped. A carpenter must have lumber and his tools. A farmer must have food for himself, feed for his stock, and a variety of machines to do his work. A soldier must carry his rations and his weapons.

By the same token, what are the indispensables for a graduate of the Christian Training Institute going out to serve the Lord? I would answer: Bread and a sword! The suggestion comes from a half-forgotten story in I Samuel, chapter 21. David is fleeing from the wrath of King Saul, and he comes to the little town of Nob—for him a veritable "city of refuge." It is next-door to his arch enemy and yet it is a sanctuary. Here the Mosaic ritual is being followed; here God's will can be known.

The priest who led the worship at Nob was Eli's great-grandson, a man by the name of Ahimelech. Ahimelech had only a few men assisting him, but to David they were worth more than an army of thousands. Into God's House came David, hungry and unarmed. Before he left, God's man had supplied him with bread and a sword. God had made him a priest and a warrior!

LOAVES OF SHOW-BREAD

Notice *where* David found these provisions: in the House of God. Mark *what* he found: bread for his sustenance and a sword for the battle. See the significance: David became a royal warrior-priest, fed and armed by God himself. But back to the story:

When David saw Ahimelech, the priest, and knew that he was safe in

this place dedicated to God's worship, he asked for bread. "What have you at hand?" he asked. "Give me five loaves of bread or whatever is here."

Ahimelech was an embarrassed host. He did not even have five loaves of ordinary bread. But he thought at once of the precious loaves of show-bread (the bread of the Presence), that had been laid before the Lord and were to be eaten only by the priests. That day the old loaves were to be replaced by those freshly-baked. Would David and his men take the holy bread? They did!

Jesus, you will remember, recalled this incident in Luke 6:3, 4 and implied that Ahimelech was right in giving the show-bread to David. For moral law, represented here by human need, always takes precedence over ceremonial law. If human life is so precious, how shall we measure the value of a man's soul? So David and his men were nourished with the hallowed bread.

Then David asked another question. He said to Ahimelech, "Do you have here a spear or a sword?" What, do you suppose, would these priests be doing with swords? Oddly enough, there was a sword! "We have a sword," Ahimelech, "and it belongs to you, David. It is Goliath's sword—the one you used to destroy the giant and brought here as a trophy to be placed before the Lord. It lies wrapped up here behind the altar. If you will take it, take that." And David said, "There is none like that; give it to me." Now inwardly nourished and outwardly armed, he was ready for any foe.

I wonder if you graduates see what a wonderful parable this is! All about

you are men and women whose hearts are failing them for fear. Never have our nations, our churches, or individuals seemed so unprepared for the stern days ahead. But a nation's strength is measured by the character of its citizens. And the only way for men to be strong is to supply them with bread and a sword. The purpose of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ is to give *both* to hungry, unarmed men. You, as his chosen servants, can supply them. Remember these supplies and equipment do not belong to us. We give them in the Name of the Lord. Obviously, we cannot give them if we do not possess them ourselves.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

The bread—Who is it? It is Jesus Christ himself—our life-giving and life-sustaining Lord. Hear him say: "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world . . . I am the Bread of Life . . . As the living Father hath sent me and I live by the Father, so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." The bread I eat becomes, by a miracle, my flesh and bone, and I live physically. Similarly, by a greater miracle, Jesus Christ becomes my very spiritual life. I feed on him; I live by him.

It is no longer my life—it is his. Paul says it in Galatians 2:20: he gave his life for me. He took my life from me. He lives his life *in* me. Are our nations weak? It is only because men and women have not tasted the real Staff of Life. They are undernourished and hungry. Let them seek out the churches where the Lord is presented in his resurrection power

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Mimba, a devoted Cameroons Christian, and Dr. George A. Dunger, Seminary professor of missions, marvel at the fellowship that is ours in Christ.

Cameroons Showers of Blessings

The professor of missions at the North American Baptist Seminary returns to the Cameroons, Africa where he and his family had served as missionaries almost 12 years ago.

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

THE DIESEL JEEP pulled up to the pump marked "Diesel Fuel." Dr. Paul Gebauer, in his expert-on-the-spot movie reporter manner, began grinding away on his superb Swiss Bolex. The pump began to click off the gallons of Diesel fuel gurgling into the capacious tank. This was modern Victoria! Modern service stations. Modern department stores. Modern office buildings, schools and churches. And thousands of people. On the streets. In the markets. In the schools and in the churches. An awakening land. An awakening people. People working toward the time when they would be a free nation and be able to govern themselves.

SAKER'S PIONEER WORK

In the distance, the peak of Fernando Po pierced the clouds. Across the twenty-odd miles of open sea, Alfred Saker, the Baptist pioneer missionary, had come more than a hundred years ago to find sanctuary for his African Baptist brethren. Strangely familiar, beautiful, haunting words came to my mind, words which Alfred Saker, ill with malarial fever and physically exhausted, had written in his journal with trembling hand:

"I need a home for my people—where freedom to worship God must be the first requirement. I search for a landing only, and, behold, God hath hidden a deep interior bay for ages with nearly two miles of beach without a wave—here will be a centre of civilization, freedom and light. . ."

Loud and happy laughter, the noise of hydraulic hammers and the dull, fast staccato of the Diesel turning over recalled me from the past. Into the Jeep. On to Victoria! New Town Baptist Mission Station and School. And then to Kumba and points beyond!

At the Victoria New Town Baptist Mission Station and School, we were

met by Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens, Miss Tina Schmidt and Miss Berneice Westerman and, of course, many African friends. It was noon time. Apparently we had come at the right moment. Many of the boys and girls carried their cups and plates. It was the familiar sight of boys and girls with hungry looks on their faces! Noses sniffing the air in anticipation of something really good! Happy chattering in English, Bakweri and Duala.

There was something to talk about! Beef with rice and ochra and jams, cooked in juicy palm oil and spiced with condiments to suit the palate of the king! There was Mrs. Ikome, the headmaster's wife. I had known her when she was a school girl. Over yonder was her husband, engaged in serious conversation with Missionary Ahrens. With a twinkle in her eyes Mrs. Ikome said, "I'll hand over the ladle, and in a moment we'll be singing for you!"

INSPIRED SINGING

The school chorus assembled quickly. There were over eighty boys and girls. And then they sang. It was the most heart-moving and sweetest singing I had ever heard. It wasn't just the usual welcome song. Under Mrs. Ikome's conducting skill, these boys and girls rendered what seemed to me a concert. They began with the oratorio, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. . ."

They sang the entire Psalm. There were a few transitional chords and, without stopping, the chorus went right into the deeply moving Negro Spiritual, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. . ." And so these magnificent voices of Cameroons' youth sang of our God who's got "the wind and rain in his hands, and the sun and the moon, the gambling man and lying man, the craps-shooting man, and the wee, bitty baby, and you and me, sister, and you and

me, brother—everybody here right in his hand."

A thousand thoughts stormed across my mind. Surely, God held Saker in his hands and his faithful Baptist men and women of the Cameroons into whose heritage these young boys and girls had come; the life and witness of our own August Steffens and C. J. Bender; and he would hold in his hands the destiny of these young people. Finally, the chorus intoned "How Great Thou Art!" Listening to this soul-stirring song it seemed to me as if everyone of us was caught up in the majesty and splendor of God's great love and care, where nothing mattered except the reality of his Presence.

CENTER OF LIGHT

Mrs. Ikome turned to me: "Would you say something to us, please, Sir?" Facing the School Chorus, New Town, Victoria and the open sea at the horizon of which we could still see Mount Fernando Po, I told them of Alfred Saker, of the first Cameroonian Baptist believers, of their labor, faithfulness and hope, of their dream of a "centre of civilization, freedom and light," of the aspirations of their leaders who would make the Cameroons a land of advance, liberty, joy and justice and how they and I could help to make this dream come true.

While shaking hands and saying "Goodbye," separating myself from the teachers and walking over to the missionary's house, I kept thinking and saying to myself: *How I would like to bundle the Ikomes and their Chorus into a plane and send them on a concert tour to our churches and through our land, climaxing their service at the General Conference! How our people would delight in them, and the blessing they would be to all of us at home!*

After a delightful dinner and happy fellowship with all of our Victoria

missionaries, together with Dr. Gebauer, at the hospitable table of Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens—a dinner prepared by two of my old boys, Sawa and Sam, now cook and steward of the missionaries—Dr. Gebauer and I set out for Kumba, our next destination. How many memories came back, travelling northward. The names of the towns we passed through held many memories of God's grace and power, names such as Mutengene, Muea, Muyuka and Njoke.

How fast these miles rolled by! Mount Cameroons to the left. There was the great lava stream, still advancing slowly, burying under its steaming and hissing onslaught everything in its way, primeval forest, plantation, mountain stream, houses and farms. Late in the afternoon we arrived in lively, noisy and fast-developing Kumba where, from the top of Baptist Hill, the Baptist Chapel greeted us.

What a sight for the returning missionary-traveller! This chapel is God's answer to many prayers, uttered by missionaries and Cameroons Baptists for many years. Here, in 1943, a Muslim Chief gave us the land and in the following years Rev. E. Michelson and Rev. George Henderson succeeded in establishing the Baptist witness in spite of strong opposition. Now there is the chapel, visible for miles from practically every part of the town, an attractive mission station and a growing mission school where one of my Soppo school girls—Miss Clara Simon—is headmistress.

Here, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Strauss and their daughters and many old African friends greeted us. And there was my old boy, Mimba! Mimba was my constant companion on practically every journey, year after year. He was a gift of God to me in those years of endless trekking, mounting responsibilities and the wear and tear of unrelenting physical and spiritual demands. What a happy meeting! That evening Mimba put on the table a fine dinner he knew I always enjoyed: chicken and spätzle!

CAMEROON'S GREEN MANSIONS

Kumba is one of the springboards into the grasslands. Mamfe, the second springboard, is about 100 miles to the northwest. Leaving Kumbe towards Mamfe means "Farewell" to the coastal area and literally diving into the forest areas, many of which no white man has ever seen. Leaving Mamfe towards Bamenda means traversing the tropical bush, climbing a steep escarpment on endless serpentine and finally emerging from the forest with its dripping humidity, giant trees and jumble of hills into the open spaces, the grasslands, reminiscent of the western prairie. Since time was at high premium, we stayed at Kumba only overnight, visited our twelve Baptist students at the Government Elementary Teachers' Training Centre the following morning, and having given Miss Ruby Salzman—the Assistant Super-



ALFRED SAKER'S PROPHETIC WORDS

"I search for a landing only, and, behold, God hath hidden a deep interior bay for ages with nearly two miles of beach without a wave. Here will be a centre of civilization, freedom and light."—Alfred Saker, on landing on the Cameroons' shore near present-day Victoria.

visor of Schools—a headstart, we plunged into Cameroons "Green Mansions."

In 1943 I had trekked through the same area, however, in the opposite direction. There was no passable automobile road then, except a few miles west of Kumba. My carriers and I had stumbled for a week through the forest. We forded and swam rivers. We fought driver ants. For days I ate my meals from half a plate and drank my tea from the bottom of a broken cup, my kitchen box and its carrier having slithered down a steep incline and suffered rather severe damage. Now the Diesel Jeep, under the driving skill of Dr. Gebauer, was negotiating hazardous curves, axle-deep mudholes and narrow bridges—not to mention the courage and know-how of this indomitable American lady missionary who was driving some distance ahead of us, Ruby Salzman!

Bakebe, the fascinating headquarters of a British naturalist who immortalized the Cameroons forest in his book, "The Overloaded Ark," came into view at 2 P.M., and at 3:10 P.M. we rolled into the Rest House compound of Mamfe, our destination for this day. Bamenda, 100 miles northeast of here, would be our goal for tomorrow.

RAINS IN THE TROPICS

A few minutes after unloading the Jeep, a peculiar, hard-to-describe noise seemed to hover in the sky. It sounded like a deep, primeval breath and sigh, laden with a million heavy tears. It came nearer. True enough! A tropical tornado came sweeping towards us. A broad, ominous-looking, ink-colored horizontal mass of clouds kept advancing with amazing speed. A strong wind sprang up. It was now an unleashed

fury of the atmosphere. Trees bent low in the onslaught of the storm. The breath and the sigh in the air mounted to vibrating, earth-shaking, organ-like bass note—and then the rain!

What elemental force and splendor, these descending waters! Trees now stood erect, opening their leaves and pores to the heavenly gift. And so the tornado passed. There was stillness. Only the dripping of the leaves, like the echoing consciousness of many pleasant memories fast receding into distance. As the leaves shed the overabundance of the rain and as the noise of the leaf-drop diminished, the voices of insects, birds and unseen forest animals mingled in the ever-new and never-ending symphony of the great Cameroons forest.

That night, after extinguishing the pressure lamp and crawling under the mosquito net into my bed, feeling its soft support against my weary body, I asked Paul Gebauer who too was tired from a strenuous journey and now accepted the rest due him: "Why should I be given the comfort of this bed? Why should I enjoy the safety under the mosquito net? Why should I be privileged with the security of this house? Why should I be permitted to rest and to relish life, while there is so much sickness, anxiety, suffering, pain and tragedy, even in our Cameroons? Surely, I don't deserve this comfort, joy and happiness. Or what have I done to receive this blessing?" He, almost asleep, turned in my direction and with typical Gebauer directness replied: "Old Boy, don't worry! God gave it to you. Accept it. Thank him for it. Today has brought us new knowledge, and tomorrow will bring greater responsibility."

Then I thought of my year at the

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Campaigns Unlimited for Christ

Announcement about the Sunday School Expansion Campaign for the 1960 summer months to "Search for the Unchurched" in every community.

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

THE YEAR 1960 finds itself characterized by campaigns in local, state and national areas in the United States. In virtually every country of the world, we have these periodic efforts to rally people around individuals who seek positions of leadership. We have already witnessed the unlimited efforts which are being put forth and we have noted the huge sums of money expended to achieve these goals of leadership which will last only a brief time.

There is another area which has not been classified as a campaign, and yet from the very day when Jesus sent forth his disciples, and the seventy and later all, who followed him, there has been a campaign for the Savior and his Kingdom. We rejoice over the victories which have been won for our Lord in the remote areas which are witnessing this campaign for Christ. The campaign for Christ must continue through preaching and teaching that there is hope for the souls of men when they surrender their lives to our Redeemer, the Son of God.

SEARCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED

It has been evident in local churches and in the larger fellowship of Christ's Kingdom that we as his followers can so easily fall into a routine of activities for Christ which merely sustain the program of the church from year to year without much growth or outreach. The General Sunday School Committee of our denomination has sensed an urgency for the local Sunday Schools to make special efforts to break the routine of activities and to launch out into the communities to fulfill the command of Jesus, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23).

The census taker who came to the door of every home in the United States these past few months has helped to make us aware of the multitudes who dwell within our land and the number of people who are not being reached for Christ in every community. Even though we rejoice over the increasing numbers who belong to the Christian faith, we must not become complacent by believing that all is well. We have a greater mission today than ever before to "SEARCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED" in our

communities and to provide a better teaching ministry for those who already come to our Sunday School classes.

The CAMPAIGN by our Sunday school this summer to "SEARCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED" can bring a new vision to your people of the multitudes who are not coming under the teaching of the Word of God. It is estimated that the population tabulations in the United States will be near 180,000,000 people. The Sunday School enrollment is about 40,000,000. The staggering difference should motivate us to recognize the need for expanding our Sunday School ministry to the many people who are unreached for Christ. There are also many church members who are not enrolled in Sunday Schools or other study groups which seek to study the Word of God.

A UNITED SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

A united program to "SEARCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED" is suggested by the Sunday School Union for this summer, beginning with July 17 through September 4. Our efforts to reach out into the community during the winter months have often been hampered by unfavorable weather and illnesses which mount in the colder



—Photo by A. Devaney, Inc.

"Search the Unchurched" for Christ in all of America's communities!

months. The summer months have less school and community activities which will provide an even greater amount of time to be devoted to an effective outreach in the community. A group of door to door salesmen recently reported that they had a more successful business in the summer months than in winter, which should also eliminate any hampering of this program as far as vacations are concerned.

The Sunday School Union has furnished suggested materials to pastors and superintendents for this Sunday School Expansion Campaign to "SEARCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED." A variety of suggestions are given in this packet for an effective program of outreach which will need further planning in the local church by a committee. The outreach in your community becomes the responsibility, not only of those who have been charged with the tasks to direct the Christian education program and teach in Sunday School classes, but it becomes the sacred obligation of every member of the congregation.

Jesus commissioned all of his followers when he said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." His parting command, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," makes it urgent for us as followers to be faithful in reaching everyone in our community for Christ. Pray for your Sunday School and the Sunday Schools in our entire denomination as they launch out to "SEARCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED." Let us also pray that a great harvest of souls might take place through this united effort.

WHAT DARKNESS CANNOT DIM

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man who was later convicted of murder. I stayed with him through his long trial and his imprisonment in Sing Sing. I visited him often in the death house. One day I asked the guard, who was always with me when I talked with him, if I could give him a copy of the New Testament. The guard looked the book over very carefully and handed this New Testament to this condemned man through the steel screen which separated us.

I remember well the last visit I had with him a week later. It was his last night on earth; the following morning he paid the penalty. As I walked through the corridor with the guard, he heard me come, and walked to the door of his steel cage and said to me, "That man Luke wrote a great story." His face was lit up with a light and a peace that I have never seen before.

It would be Luke—the gospel of redemption for all those who have lost their way; for sheep that are lost; for lilies that fade and of prodigals who step across the pathway of indiscretion. "Be merry for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." This is the Book which sheds a light which no darkness can dim.

BAPTIST HERALD

The Student Service Plan

The story of 27 young people in Christian Service in our denominational ministry during the summer months reported by Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert, CBYF Secretary

"BE YE DOERS of the word, and not hearers only," is the admonition received from James 1:22. Twenty-five of our North American Baptist students who have been "hearers of the Word" at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, and at other schools will have the opportunity to become "doers of the word" this summer.

Under the Student Service Plan, these young people are serving in 25 of our churches, on our home mission fields, at a number of Junior camps and also Church Extension projects. The Student Service Plan, under the sponsorship of the CBY Fellowship, is a means of providing an opportunity for students to serve in churches during the summer months. A number of churches have again availed themselves of this service by making application to the Student Placement Committee early this year.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

In talking with a group of Christian Training Institute students recently about their assignments, I could sense their enthusiasm and their eagerness to serve our Lord in this way. Two teams from the C. T. I. will begin the summer with Vacation Bible School work in some of the churches in North and South Dakota. Misses Iona Bertsch and Phyllis Forsch are members of one team. Misses Mary Boymook and Darlene Strobel are members of the other team. After completing their work in the Dakotas, three of the girls will head back across the Canadian border for service in our Canadian churches.

Miss Mary Pena of Sidney, Montana is eagerly looking forward to a summer of service on the Spanish American Mission field in Colorado. She has been brushing up on her Spanish so that she can render a more effective work for her Lord. Miss Jacqueline Young, a member of this year's "God's Volunteers" team, and Miss Mary Boymook have looked for an opportunity to work with our Canadian Indians. This summer their dreams will be realized as they serve one week on each of our three Indian mission fields—the Muscowpetung, the Bull, and the Montana Reservations. In addition to this home mission work, they are assigned to a number of Vacation Bible Schools and one Junior camp.

Allan Kranz of our Seminary has the distinct privilege of enjoying genuine "southern hospitality" as he serves the churches of the Southern



Donald Harrison, a member of the 1959-1960 team of "God's Volunteers" is spending five weeks of service at Junction City, Kansas, this summer, sponsored by the Student Service Plan of the denomination.

Conference. Every student who has served in this area has come back with a wealth of experience in Vacation Bible Schools, preaching, and camp work.

CONFERENCE WORK AND CAMPS

Miss Barbara Weisser, a member of the CBY Fellowship executive committee, graduated from the Seminary this spring with an MRE degree. She has been actively participating in planning the new Junior camp program to be introduced at the Christian Leaders' Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 8-12, 1960. She will also be one of the leaders at the Crystal Springs Junior High and Junior camps.

Miss Dorothy Pritzkau, a Christian Education major at the Seminary, will also spend one month at the various camps at Crystal Springs, N. D. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kaiser will act as counsellors as well as instructors at the British Columbia camps. Mrs. Kaiser, a school teacher, is the former Gloria Werner who has been active in our youth work in the state of Washington. Lewis is the son of Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Kaiser.

Besides Vacation Bible School, camp,

and home mission work, a number of Seminary students will be serving as student pastors and church workers. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Derman will be serving at the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Kenneth Fenner will be at the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Fred Penner will be going to the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario. David Priestly will spend one month at Sidney, Montana and then go on to Crosby, N. Dak.

Students from the Christian Training Institute will also be serving as student pastors, church workers, and in the field of Church Extension. Miss Irmgard Kutrieb is spending the summer at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Ben Breitzkreuz serves a group of people at Telfordville, Alberta. Gene Hochhalter will pastor the Forestburg Baptist Church in Alberta. Cornie Wiebe is continuing his work at Clover Lawn, a mission station of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta.

CHURCH EXTENSION FIELDS

Other Church Extension fields have also looked to the Student Service Plan for capable workers. Werner Waitkus will explore the possibilities of a new work in Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba. Norbert Laudon will serve the Church Extension field at Sudbury, Ontario. Donald Harrison will spend five weeks at Junction City, Kansas. Misses Jacqueline Young and Marcela Menke will also assist with Vacation Bible School work in Junction City, Kansas. Misses Jane Ferguson and Lois Susek will spend the summer working in the Holiday Park area, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The work of the Student Service Plan is growing each year. The number of Junior and Intermediate camps has multiplied so rapidly during the past few years that it has been impossible for the Summer Visitation Committee to keep up with the demand. The requests for leaders at Junior, Intermediate, and all Children's Camps hereafter will be channeled through the Student Service Plan. Requests should be addressed to the General Secretary of the CBY Fellowship for consideration.

We are grateful to the many churches which have opened their doors to give opportunity for practical Christian training and service to our students. Please pray for our churches and especially for these young people as they go forth in the name of the Lord.

Bender Fellowship Missionary Conference

The story of a colorful and exciting Missionary Conference at the North American Baptist Seminary by Miss Joyce Batek, Seminary student and missionary-appointee for Japan.

IN OCTOBER 1959 members of the Bender Fellowship at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., met together to discuss plans for programs for the school year. Out of this discussion came the suggestion to hold a missionary conference in the spring of 1960. Even though this had never been done before, the suggestion received a favorable response from the group and plans were soon under way.

It was decided to plan the meetings especially for young people, although others would be welcome to attend. The young people were to be invited from our Dakota and Iowa churches within a radius of fifty miles. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, our missionaries to Japan, were to be the special guests. This was a venture of faith and problems did arise, but the group was determined to succeed.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

On April 22 and 23, the first Missionary Conference sponsored by the Bender Fellowship was held at the Seminary. The conference opened on Friday, April 22, with a fine attendance in the Seminary chapel. The

Seminary; Flavius Martin, Cameroons student; and Rev. Edwin Kern, missionary to Japan. Those present consisted mostly of students and other young people. Small buzz groups were held, during which time the panel formulated questions which they would like to ask the audience and the audience formulated questions to be asked of the panel.

The discussion got under way with the following issues being considered: the place of Japanese women in the church, the response of the Japanese people to the Gospel, thinking especially of personal missionary methods, the effect and results of mass evangelism in Japan and Africa, the effect of denominationalism in Japan and Africa, and the capability of the African and Japanese pastors to take the responsibility of church leadership.

Considerable time was spent in discussing the ways in which we as Christians can implement missionary education in our churches. Among other things it was suggested that a school of missions be held once a year and, in connection with this, a plan was outlined by one of the panel members which had actually been used by him with very gratifying results.

3. Lunch in different homes of church members each day.

4. After lunch, visitation in one non-church family home by the missionary and pastor plus hospital visitation or shut-in call.

5. Evening meeting of the school of missions and discussion.

It was pointed out that this gives the missionary an opportunity to know the people and, more important still, the people become better acquainted with the missionary and the work on the field.

A comment by one of the missionaries on the panel made a deep impression on many in support of this or a similar plan. The missionary expressed his feeling of inadequacy in having only one meeting in a church, during which time he must decide whether the meeting will be informative or challenging since both cannot be done effectively at the same time. The discussion closed with a thought provoking question from the panel concerning how we, as future pastors, missionaries and church members feel about the Japan field in terms of finances, personnel and administration. There was a spirit of liberty within the group as an attempt was made honestly to evaluate our mission field in terms of those who are at home supporting the work with funds and prayers.

It was generally felt that the missionaries are doing a splendid job on the field as well as making the needs known at home during furlough time. It was also concluded that we as church members and churches are not using the material available and, since ample material is available to all churches, the responsibility lies with each church member and each pastor to avail himself of this material and to make use of it.

MISSIONARY BANQUET

The conference closed with a banquet held on Saturday, April 23, in the Seminary dining hall. Decorations consisted of mobiles with maps of our Japan and African fields. Behind the speakers' table was a large imitation of Mt. Fuji supported on a wooden frame. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern and Timothy appeared in Japanese dress for the Japanese dinner of suki-yaki and tea which added greatly to the charm of the meal. The Kerns were presented with a gift of appreciation for their services over the weekend.

Before speaking to us, the Kerns sang "How Great Thou Art" in Japanese. Mrs. Kern then spoke on "The Contrasts in Japan" from the physical

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 19, 1960

Theme: BEARING GOOD FRUITS

Scripture: Matthew 7:15-23; Luke 13:6-9.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Christian is not primarily a shade tree nor a flowering tree, but a fruit tree.

INTRODUCTION: In the words of Vance Packard, people are by nature "Status Seekers." Socially, economically, politically, educationally and religiously they are continually striving to move upward. Like the private in the armed forces, they move from rank to rank, and are never satisfied until they reach the top. More often than not, they seek a higher status simply to make an impression on people. They seek more authority, more power and more honor so that they will stand out and be noticed.

The Christian is also often interested in his status in the church and in the denomination. Many are concerned simply in their reputation as a Christian. They wish to look like a good Christian and to sound like a good Christian, but they do not want to undergo the transformation which makes for good Christian character. They seek the status of a Christian but deny the truth of Christianity. Always thinking of themselves more highly than they ought to think, they expect everyone else to think of them on the same high level. (Romans 12:3). They do not bear fruit; they manufacture fruit. They are artificial fruit-Christians.

I. TESTING A CHRISTIAN BY HIS FRUITS. Matthew 7:15-20.

The religious leaders in Jesus' day were hard and cruel men. They saw no contradiction between their religious pretensions and the hard, loveless character of their lives. Jesus exposed them for what they were—false prophets in sheep's clothing and ravening wolves. He turned them inside out and let the people see them in their true nature. Their fruit was rotten and worm-eaten.

Some trees take a long time before they mature, but the time must come when they will have to identify themselves by their fruit. The Christian must bear fruit when he reaches the age of maturity. The useless Christian is judged in the same way a non-bearing fruit tree is judged.

II. TESTING A CHRISTIAN BY HIS WORKS. Matthew 7:21-23.

Jesus is making a difference here between a professional Christian and a Christian who professes Christ. A professional works for his own benefit, for his own reward. He may even be more successful than the humble and

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

JUNE 12, 1960

Programs by Sunday School children.

Offering for the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination.

(See editorial in this issue for further information about Children's Day).

sincere Christian. His sermons may sound like the words of a great prophet. Many of his professional techniques may look like miracles. But there is no genuine love and concern for the souls of men. He is not a humble man working for the glory of God, but a selfish, ambitious man, eager only to make himself great and to be conspicuous in religious circles.

In I Corinthians 13, Paul gives a long list of what a man is capable of doing, which is in reality classified as nothing if it is done without love.

III. THE PATIENT GARDENER. Luke 13:6-9.

Although Jesus is addressing this parable to the Jewish nation, nevertheless, it has a lesson for us today. It is, first of all, a manifestation of the great love and mercy which God has toward us. The added years of grace, in spite of repeated failures and postponements, reveal his patience with the sinner. On the other hand, the parable also makes clear that a sure day of judgment will come. (Romans 14:10). The story ends without indicating the outcome which makes the warning so much more meaningful. The words "cut it down" have the ring of finality.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date June 26, 1960

Theme: THE FIRM FOUNDATION

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-29; 21:28-32.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: "On Christ the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand."

INTRODUCTION: Today we have a "summing up" lesson in which we review the Sermon on the Mount and then decide what to do about it. "What will you do with Jesus?" is a question which confronts every man. But it is a continuous question. From there we go on to ask, "What will you do about his sermons, his teachings and his deeds?" Christ does not let this great Sermon on the Mount hang in the air.

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

He brings it to a climax and then demands action, either for or against. Something must be definitely done about it!

An architect may have the most wonderful blue prints of a house. But unless someone accepts them and begins to build according to plan, they will be useless and worthless.

Jesus finished giving the blue prints for a most wonderful and an abundant life, but unless we accept the plans and begin building on its foundation, they will do us no good. They contain the only sure foundation for "a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor. 5:1). To reject these plans is to lose all.

I. THE WISE BUILDER. Matthew 7:24-25.

Jesus spoke from experience. He was a carpenter and the son of a carpenter. In the years he worked together with his father, he learned how to build wisely and well. If he would not have, his enemies would certainly have found fault with his work.

From the practical everyday experiences in the building trade, Jesus realized how much more important it was to use the greatest wisdom in building the house of the soul. The best architect and the surest foundation are found in Jesus Christ.

II. THE FOOLISH BUILDER. Matthew 7:26-29.

The foolish builder is not necessarily an evil man; he may simply be careless and thoughtless. He may see other houses swept away by flood or damaged by wind and storm, but he continues to believe that this will not happen to him.

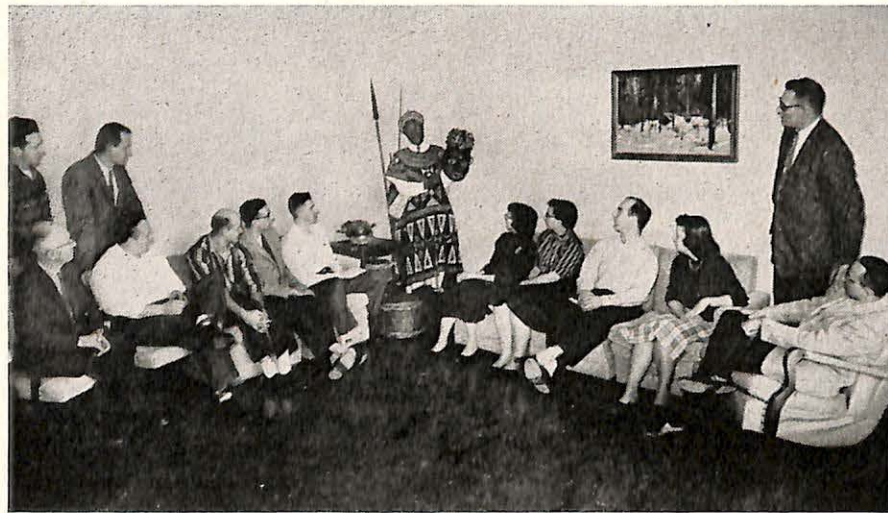
III. THE UNWILLING SON. Matthew 21:28-29.

This parable is a study in character. Neither son was really a good son. In spite of the unwillingness of the first son, he was actually forthright and honest. By refusing to go to work for his father, he revealed his true stubborn and sinful nature. This led to his salvation for it helped him to see himself as he was and he quickly repented.

IV. THE WILLING SON. Matthew 21:31-32.

This son was eager to make a favorable impression. He wanted everyone to see how religious he was. When the invitation was given he was the first to respond but also the first to forget.

At many of our revival meetings, there are many who are easily saved. They are quick to raise their hands, and anxious to walk to the altar. But the sad fact remains that many who are easily saved are just as easily lost. The hardened sinners who say "no" to God have more often been led to repentance than the self-righteous persons who eagerly say "yes" but never seriously get down to business.



THE SEMINARY'S BENDER FELLOWSHIP

Flavius Martin, Cameroons student at the North American Baptist Seminary, describes some African masks and curios to members of the Bender Fellowship.

theme chorus for the entire conference was "Love This World Through Me, Lord." Special music was provided by a student from Sioux Falls College and by the Kerns. Colored slides of our Japan field were shown by Mr. Kern.

On Saturday afternoon, April 23, an interesting and most challenging panel discussion was held. The panel consisted of Richard Christeleit, president of Bender Fellowship; George Dunger, Professor of Missions at the

The school of missions is usually held for one week, and during that time the pastor and the missionary should work closely together. The plan, as outlined, met with unanimous support by those present:

1. Each day to begin with a session of prayer and planning for the entire day's activities.

2. Visitation by the pastor and missionary in two different homes of church members each morning.



MINNEAPOLIS SKYLINE FROM LORING PARK

The 33rd General Conference of North American Baptist churches will be held in the city of Minneapolis, Minn., from July 31 to August 6, 1961 with thousands of our people expected to attend.

General Conference Committees

Many committees are already hard at work planning for the 1961 General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minn., July 31-August 6, 1961.

THE WELCOME MAT IS OUT FOR YOU!

By Rev. J. C. Gunst

THE WELCOME mat is out! On your calendar encircle NOW the dates of July 31, 1961 to August 6, 1961. This will be the great week for the 33rd North American Baptist General Conference. The meeting place will be the historic, spacious First Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota. No better choice for the next General Conference could have been made than to meet in the beautiful and rapidly expanding Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

TEEMING PREPARATIONS

Already the members of the four Twin Cities' churches, Dayton's Bluff and Riverview Churches of St. Paul, Faith and Brook Park Churches of Minneapolis, are fully organized into 16 committees, planning to serve and preparing to welcome the delegates and visitors coming to the conference.

You will love the teeming Twin Cities nestled cozily on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. Both cities are blessed with beautiful lakes and many beautiful spacious parks. As in other American cities, the building boom is gigantic where business places will have completed large buildings and general improvements will have taken place by 1961. The Twin Cities are unique in new church building structures. Here you will be able to see the latest in church architecture.

The Twin Cities are easy to reach from any part of our great continent.

Seven major airlines converge into the gigantic newest Wold Chamberlain Airport. Seven major railroads provide travel in deluxe streamlined trains. All highways, of course, lead to the Twin Cities. This is the most centrally located meeting place for our General Conference.

Here you will find the very latest in hotel and motel accommodations. Hotel Leamington will be the headquarters hotel with luxurious rooms at moderate prices. Here you will find the most spacious and most beautiful banquet room with the finest facilities anywhere available. The much publicized Curtis Hotel and modern motel is across the street from the headquarters hotel.

THRILLING SIGHTS

You will find that the Twin Cities are a great educational center. You will want to see the University of Minnesota buildings, housing 27,000 students this year, several larger colleges, seminaries and Bible colleges. Also the home office of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is here. You will not want to miss seeing the new four million dollar Minneapolis Public Library with its new planetarium opening only a few months prior to the conference sessions. The Walker Art Center will be a special attraction to many of the conference guests.

Watch our denominational periodicals for the General Conference program, also for additional information about the Twin Cities, plus announcements about the important highlights of the conference.

The following are the local committees at work:

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June 9, 1960

From the Professor's Desk

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

What is the meaning of Jesus' words in John 3:5: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God"?

This verse occurs in Jesus' well-known conversation with the Jewish leader, Nicodemus. Our Lord's words, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God" (v. 3), had not been understood by Nicodemus (v. 4). So Jesus goes on to explain what being "born again" means (v. 5). "Of water and of the Spirit" in verse 5 is equivalent to "born again" in verse 3.

The most difficult phrase of this verse is "born of water." It is thought by some that this is a reference to Christian baptism, or more specifically, to baptismal regeneration. This is highly improbable since such an interpretation would have had little, if any, meaning to Nicodemus, the Pharisee. Furthermore, the doctrine of baptismal regeneration developed much later in the history of Christianity.

Other interpreters suggest that the reference is to natural birth. Rabbinical

sources can be cited to show that birth "from water" was understood as physical birth among the Jews. If this is the correct interpretation, then the significance of the passage would be: a man must of course be born physically; but if he is to enter into the Kingdom of God, he must have *in addition* a spiritual birth. He must be born of water *and* of the Spirit.

Perhaps the best interpretation is that by "born of water" Jesus has in mind the baptism of John. John's baptism was a baptism of repentance in anticipation and preparation for the coming of the Kingdom. "Jesus, in the present verse, is represented as going further still; preparation by means of water-baptism only is inadequate for the kingdom he preaches; men must be prepared by a radical renewal of themselves, a new birth effected by the Spirit who comes (as it were) as the advance guard of the new age" (C. K. Barrett, *The Gospel According to John*, p. 174). It is significant that in verse 8 "by water" is dropped and "being born again" is by the Spirit only.

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We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIE
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INTRODUCTION

Our guest editor is no stranger to the women in our Missionary Union. Although she has not written for our column before this, Mrs. Delmar Wesseler's work as editor of our wonderful Program Packet is familiar to our women and appreciated by all. As a young laywoman, she has long been active in the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. She lives on a farm near Lorraine with her husband and young son.

"I MAKE MY OWN . . ."

Mrs. Delmar Wesseler of Lorraine, Kansas

You may know the story of the workman who kept complaining about the peanut butter sandwiches which he found in his lunchbox every day. Finally his companions asked him, "Why don't you get your wife to make you some other kind of sandwich?" The workman replied, "Who has got a wife? I make my own sandwiches."

A lot of us are like that workman. Every day of our lives, in every gesture, in every work, we make our "sandwich." Many fathers are making a simply wonderful "sandwich" by having fun with their children, loving them through every crisis, and by sharing their hopes and problems, by laughing and romping with them, by growing with them.

Over our continent, the majority of fathers and mothers desire to instill good manners, principles, and morals in their children. Few parents are weak in their preaching, but many are weak in their practicing. It is "Do as I tell you" instead of "Do as I do." If father brings home a towel from the hotel, should he be surprised if Junior brings home from the store a whistle without purchasing it? If mother is a poor housekeeper and doesn't dress neatly, the children will likely follow her example. Someone has said, "If you try to deceive your children, you won't succeed."

Are you careful that your children have their weekday lessons, and do not care that they know their Sunday School lesson? Are you giving them a nickel for the collection, and fifty cents for skating or for refreshments? This not only shows a parent's sense of values, but it is also not likely to produce a proportionate giver. ty.

A Jewish rabbi says, "Children are likely to become emotionally disturbed and thus delinquent if they are denied the love, the affection, the faith, the inner security and a sense of belonging which normal home life can provide them. Every home should be a miniature sanctuary, a place in which

Men of Faith

A Challenge to "Baptist Men" by Mr. Wilbert Neuffer, Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, New York.

SINCE THE theme of Baptist Men of the North American Baptist General Conference is "Men of Vision, Faith and Action for Christ," one cannot help wondering, in this day and age, if the word "faith" still has the same meaning, design and purpose that it had for our forefathers. They were willing to give of their time and talent so that the present generation might be benefitted by their sacrifices.

The dictionary describes the word "faith" as: "Belief in God, religion or spiritual things; what is believed, being faithful, loyal."

It is interesting to note what foreign countries mean when they use the word "faith." The Mossi people in French West Africa speak of faith as "Leaning on God." The Valiente Indians of Panama describe faith as "Catching God in the Mind," while the Loma people of Liberia translate "to have faith in the Gospel" as "to lay one's hand on the Good News."

In the letter of Paul to the Romans, 1:17, we read, "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, He who through faith is righteous shall live." In the letter to the Hebrews, chapter 11, the word "faith" is mentioned 24 times.

What a wonderful theme, "Found Faithful," our C. B. Y. Fellowship is using for the year 1960-61, with I Corinthians 4:2 as the basis for this

BREAD AND SWORD

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and let them feed on him! Like the disciples on the grassy hillside, you can distribute this Bread of Life to hungry thousands, knowing all the while that "if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever."

The sword—what is it? It is "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." With it, we are prepared for any foe. We may vanquish even Satan and his evil hordes, Jesus did. Do you recall his magnificent answers to the devil? "It is written," he said, "and it is written again." My young friends,

the very atmosphere is surcharged by reverence with God."

What are we doing RIGHT NOW to develop character in our children? Are we showing them that we get our help, our strength, and our pattern for daily living from his Word? Let us prayerfully and devotedly work as we enjoy our God-given children!

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

A happy, happy Father's Day!

theme: "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." It is a goal not only for young people but for our Baptist 'aymen as well.

Christ calls you, the men of his Church, to share your faith. Christ expects you to pass on to others the Gospel you have received from God. It is to the whole Church that our Lord gives the command, "Go, make disciples!" What a challenge to our Baptist laymen! It is so easy to let the other fellow carry the load or to let "George do it," while we ride the bandwagon.

Robert E. Speer in his article, "The Layman's Duty to Share His Religion," mentions the fact that men are bound to share their religion by speaking about it, by preaching it, or simply by telling men what Christ means to them. Explaining what Christ can be to a man is preaching, and it is as scriptural as any preaching can be made. It makes no difference if it is done haltingly. A broken testimony to a friend may be more effective than a smooth and conclusive Sunday morning sermon.

The true ideal of Christian evangelism is the spreading of Christianity from heart to heart, not by public preaching so much as by conversation, testimony and the witness of men in their daily lives. Paul, the Apostle, sums it up so well when he describes Christian faith as a "faith that works by love."

let me urge you to use the Bible. Take off the wrappings, gird it on, and victory will be yours.

Goliath's sword was of no use to David as a votive offering in the Tabernacle. It needed to be worn and used. Just so, the Bible *known, studied, understood, applied*, will be our stoutest weapon. Flashing its keen blade and downing the Enemy of our souls, we will say, like David, "There is none like it."

Fed by the hallowed bread and armed with Goliath's sword, David became a royal warrior-priest. That is God's plan for you graduates, too. The Lamb has made you "kings and priests." But that is not enough! You must be a warrior, as well, a soldier in the King's army, clad in the full panoply of God. Fed with the Bread from heaven, and armed with the Spirit's sword, you will be invincible and strong "in the power of his might."

"Soldiers of Christ, arise
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through his eternal Son."

All you need is Bread and a Sword!

What's Happening

● Rev. Don N. Miller, a member of the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., is graduating with a B.D. degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in May. For the past two years he has been serving the Geiger Memorial Brethren Church in Philadelphia with a membership of 150. Mr. Miller would welcome a call or opportunity to serve in the North American Baptist Conference. He is originally from the Fellowship Baptist Church at Camrose, Alta., Canada.

● From April 4 to 9 Spiritual Emphasis Week was observed by the Anamoose Baptist Church and Lincoln Valley Baptist Church of North Dakota. Rev. Elmo Tahrn, Church Extension pastor of Minot, N. Dak., was the guest speaker. On April 10 the Anamoose church's Woman's Missionary Society presented its annual program with Miss Laura Reddig, Cameroons missionary, as guest speaker. She showed slides of her missionary work in Africa. Rev. M. H. Vietz is the pastor of the churches.

● The First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minn., recently held revival services with Rev. Orville Meth of Ventura, S. Dak., as evangelist. "Hearts were strengthened and challenged to greater service for the Lord during the meetings," as reported by Rev. Ben J. Lauth, pastor. On Easter Sunday, April 17, a sunrise service was held with the young people of several churches in Appleton in charge. "The Kingdom Builders" of the Sunday School, consisting of young married adults, have recently painted the pastor's study and nursery rooms in the church.

● On Saturday evening, April 9, "Calgary's Own Little General Conference" Banquet was held at the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., on the theme, "For to Me to Live Is Christ." Young people in the city with a North American Baptist background had been invited. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, general secretary of the Education and Publication Society, was the guest speaker. Music was supplied by the Christian Training Institute male quartet, and Mrs. E. Link brought a chalk drawing talk with light effects and music.

● Rev. Robert F. Zimbelman, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., received 10 new members into the church on Sunday, May 1. Six of these had been baptized on Easter Sunday, and four others came by letter. One of the young men of the church, Wayne Bibelheimer, has been accepted into the 1960-1961 team of "God's Volunteers." His picture appeared in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald." Mrs. Esther Adam reported:

"The Holy Spirit is working in our midst and we expect great blessings as we witness to others."

● The choir of the Bethany Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Minn., under the direction of Rev. Bert Itterman presented its Easter musical program on Sunday evening, April 24. Singing in their hearts, as God's Word suggests, the robed choir sat reverently at one side of the darkened sanctuary as scenes of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection were spotlighted for the audience. "The songs, Scripture passages, poems, and organ music were in keeping with the service and flowed forth majestically with the story of redemption to the audience in attendance," as reported by Mayola Klock.

● Four students of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., are serving this summer as student pastors and church workers. Mr. Gene Hochhalter is the summer pastor of the Baptist Church, Forestburg, Alta. Mr. Connie Wiebe is continuing his work at Clover Lawn, a mission station of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta. Mr. Ben Breikreuz is serving a group of people at Telfordville, Alta. Miss Irmgard Kutrieb is spending the summer as church worker at the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, of which Rev. Henry Pfeifer is the pastor.

● Rev. Bruce Rich has presented his resignation as Church Extension pastor at Janesville, Wis., effective June 30. The church, known as the Eastside Baptist Church, has been holding its services of worship in the Y.W.C.A. since 1957. It has not been officially received into our denominational fellowship as yet. Mr. Rich has served as Church Extension pastor on this field since 1959. He and his wife hope to return to the vicinity of Portland, Oregon, where they will await God's guidance as to their continued service. Their home church is the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon.

● Six North American Baptist seminary students are serving as summer pastors in various types of service under the sponsorship of the Student Placement Committee. Allan Kranz is serving the churches of the Southern Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Derman are in service at the Grace Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak. Kenneth Fenner is at the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Fred Penner will be at the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ont. The Misses Barbara Weisser and Dorothy Pritzkau are serving at several youth camps.

● A recent Sunday School attendance contest among classes during a seven week period at the Napier Parkview

Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., was highly successful. The attendance on Palm Sunday was 720 and on Easter Sunday 714. The contest was won by Rev. William Hoover's class with a score of 14,870 points. The runner up, the Homebuilder's Class, had a total of 12,330 points. Rev. J. Stanley Watts is the general superintendent of the school. A class in church membership was recently begun in the church with Rev. William Hoover, pastor, conducting it. Sixty people are attending the class and looking forward to active church membership.

● Twenty-four members of the Visitation Committee of the North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., visited 450 homes in the neighborhood of the church on Sunday, March 27, and distributed information and literature about the church. Mr. Calvin Stone is chairman of the committee. Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang, Cameroons missionaries, were guest speakers at the church on Sunday, June 5. On Tuesday evening, May 24, the Gospel Jubilaires Quartet of the North American Baptist Seminary, presented a concert in the church to an appreciative audience. Mr. Arthur Schlis is editing a fine church paper with news and announcements called "North Sheridan Baptist News." Rev. Edgar W. Wesner is pastor of the church.

● New Church Extension fields are being served this summer by several dedicated young people who are being supported by the Student Placement Committee of the denomination. (See the longer article about this ministry on page 9 of this issue). David Priestly of Brookings, S. Dak., will serve at Crosby, N. Dak. Mr. Werner Waitkus is exploring the possibilities of a new work at Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba. Donald Harrison, a member of the "God's Volunteers" team, will spend five weeks at Junction City, Kansas. Misses Jacqueline Young and Marcella Menke will assist in the Vacation Bible Schools on this Kansas field. Misses Jane Ferguson and Lois Susek will spend the summer working in the Holiday Park area of Pittsburgh, Pa.

● On Sunday, May 1, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, secretary of Education and Publication, was guest speaker at the First Baptist Church of Minot, N. Dak., which recently joined our denominational fellowship. The pastor is Rev. John Benham. After the evening service, he showed pictures of our denominational work to a large group that stayed for this. He also visited with Rev. Elmo Tahrn of the new Crestview Baptist Church, a Church Extension project. They had 39 persons in the congregation on Easter Sunday. On Monday evening, May 2, Mr. Gieseke was the guest speaker at the Sunday School Workers' Banquet of the First Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. Dak. A fine program was in charge of Mr. Ewald Ebel, Sunday School superintendent.



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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 the false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin, and had died there. He went to New Orleans, where he hoped to have 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. Here in this city, Faith was puzzled by the strange things that happened to her. And her acquaintance with James Thornton had become infinitely more than friendship to her. At the store, where she worked, she was accused of stealing jewelry. Circumstantial evidence was against her, and she was sentenced to Angola, the state prison, for 18 months. After the real culprit had been found, Faith was released but during her prison term she had contracted tuberculosis. It was decided to take her to a hospital for tests and treatments. In the hospital a visitor, Linda Martinez, led Faith to a saving knowledge of Christ and also directed James Thornton to his need of the Savior. But Faith's condition grew worse and finally she followed the heavenly summons. James Thornton railed against God to Linda Martinez. "I've got a job to do," he said, "and God has no place in it. Now that Faith is gone, I shall get the job done."

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

"I SHALL pray that God will hinder you," Linda said slowly as her solemn eyes met his. "I shall pray that He will not let you do anything that might hinder you forever from receiving the salvation that you so sorely need, for without it you are lost."

He stared at her a moment in silence, then said, "Please don't pray for me. I'm not worth it."

"Faith thought you were," she reminded him. "And I think you are."

"She loved me and couldn't see anything but good in me."

His words brought a quicker beating to her heart and she answered quickly, so that he might not see what she felt and what she feared might be revealed in her eyes as they met his. Her love cried out within her, even though she felt guilty because she loved him when he was not even interested in the Lord or in his salvation.

"God loves you even though He sees the bad as well as the good in you. He knows just what that thing is that you say you have to do and He knows just what harm it might bring into your life if you are able to accomplish it. That is why I shall pray that He will hinder you from doing it."

"That will not stop me," he declared. They were approaching the place where he was to get out. She had left her car at the funeral home and would pick it up there. He turned to her appealingly.

"May I see you again soon?" "I don't know how soon that can be. I am kept pretty busy."

She thought that it would be best if she did not see him again. She had done everything she could and to no avail, to win him for the Lord. If she did not see him again, this love which she felt she had no right to keep in her heart would be forgotten more quickly.

"Is it because I don't believe as you do, because I've been so stubborn in refusing to believe?" he asked desperately.

"Perhaps. If I can't be of help to you there is no point in my seeing you again. We have nothing in common."

"We have the love for Faith," he argued. "She said you would help me in my loneliness. Please don't give me up as a hopeless case. I do need you and who knows, if you let me see you occasionally, I might even one day believe as you do."

She smiled in spite of her heavy heart.

"I wish I could believe that you are sincere in what you've just said, but I'm afraid that it's just an excuse and a flimsy one."

"It isn't," he said seriously. "I need you. I'll be lost and lonely. Whenever I'm with you I seem to have more peace in my heart than at any other time, even though what you say some-

times upsets me. I won't ask much. Just let me talk to you sometimes when I feel as if I can't go on. That little will help so much."

"I can't refuse to talk to you," she told him as the car stopped.

"Then may I phone you sometime?" "Of course you may."

As she rode away she wondered what it was that he had on his mind, this thing that he must do, the thing which she felt was keeping him from the Lord. She was determined to pray that God would hinder him from doing whatever it was, for she knew that it would only wreck his soul. She was not thinking of her love for him just now. She was thinking of his soul, of the yearning that Faith had for that soul, that it might be redeemed as hers had been. She would pray, for she knew that her Lord was able to do exceeding abundantly above all that she asked.

For the third time James had the task of disposing of the possessions of someone who had gone out of life. It had seemed such a short time since he had had to dispose of his mother's clothes and furniture, and since he had helped Faith as she went through her aunt's possessions. Now he would have to do the same with hers. Mrs. Thomas of course, wanted to get them out of the way as soon as possible. She had stored everything, for Faith's room had been rented when she went to the hospital.

There were only her clothes and luggage and a few little keepsakes, some photos of her mother and father and of herself. He tore up the pictures of her parents, for he knew that she would want that, but he kept the pictures of herself. She had not changed much since the last one was taken and he felt the tears sting his eyes as he looked at it. She was smiling from the picture as he had seen her smile so

often when he told her that he loved her.

Mrs. Thomas was there helping him and she looked at him with sympathy in her eyes. She knew how he must be suffering, for she had passed through her own time of loss and pain.

With a sigh he put the pictures in his pocket and turned to Mrs. Thomas. "You take her clothes and do with them what you think best," he said. "I don't know what to do with them."

"I'll find someone who needs them," she told him and she put them back into the suitcase.

He went back to his room and sat with his head bowed upon his hands. He had never felt so lost even when his mother had died. He returned to work the next day with a heavy heart and gloomy outlook on life. There was no incentive to go on. When he returned to his room after a lonely dinner, he got out his list of names and the city map and began to look them over. He had not yet finished his mission. Now there was nothing to hinder him from going ahead with his search for Thomas Martin.

He sat up late looking over the list of names and studying his map. He wanted to get so tired that he would not lie awake thinking, for thinking meant suffering.

The next day at noon he began his search once more. It proved to be a failure. The man who bore the name of Martin did not resemble the picture in the least and he was a much younger man than his intended victim would be.

The telephone book seemed to be as full of Martins as it was of Smiths and Joneses and it stretched out before him, making him weary just to look at it. He went through the list day after day at his lunch hour and in the evening, wearing himself out and all to no purpose, for not one of those whom he contacted was the man he sought. His better judgment told him to give up, that it was foolish for him to keep on searching. It was worse than the proverbial needle in the haystack, but he would not give up; not, he vowed, until he had seen the last man on that list and had to admit that he had failed.

The hatred that had seethed within him grew as the days passed until he became morose and withdrew into himself so that he was not even friendly with those in the office who had shown him kindness. They decided to ignore him and he was more lonely than ever. Whenever he thought of Faith, it only added fuel to the flame of his anger and rebellion at the injustice which had condemned his father to death in prison. And Faith's death was unnecessary. If it had not been for the law's stupid blunder, she might not have died.

To be tricked and bludgeoned by fate this second time was just too much. There was no justice anywhere. And God couldn't be a God of love if He allowed such things to happen to innocent people. James was lost in a world

of darkness created by his own bitterness and hatred which he nursed until it became a monster which threatened to destroy his soul.

He did not phone Linda even though sometimes he longed to see her and have contact with her quiet peace and her gentleness combined with strength. He felt the need of her, but she had made him feel that she was no longer interested in him. She had most surely thrown up a barrier to his hopes to see her. He knew that her plea of being busy was just an excuse. She may have been busy, but he knew that she was no busier than she had been when she spent so much time with Faith. But he knew that she spent that time because it brought results. She knew that he was a hopeless case, so perhaps she did not want to waste any more time with him.

This only added to his bitterness and desperate loneliness. It was just one more proof that no one cared what became of him, no one wanted his friendship. Life was just an empty shell, with only heartaches and the desire for revenge as his companions.

If he had known why Linda had seemed so indifferent he would have been astonished, and life would have taken on a new meaning. He did not know how she longed to see him while she was trying valiantly to forget him and not yield to the cry of her heart for just a few moments with him. She tried to keep so busy that she would have no time to think of him, but her rebellious thoughts wandered persistently to him.

Wherever she went, the vision of his dark, handsome face with the grief-stricken eyes would appear before her. The echo of his voice pleading for just a few moments of her time would awaken a longing in her heart that she knew she could not overcome by the mere will to do so. She found herself waiting anxiously for the phone call which never came, then as the days passed she became nervous and worried for fear something had happened to him. She tried to pray about this love which she felt was wrong, but her prayers seemed to come just from her lips and not from her heart.

She shared her mother's anxiety about her father. He had been growing slowly worse through the months. He had been on the downgrade physically for some time, but neither they nor the doctor had thought it anything serious. It had started with stomach ulcers which had caused only a mild discomfort and had been benefited by treatment, but there seemed to be some obscure trouble which was sapping his strength, but which the physician could not diagnose.

He seldom left his room now, but sat day after day, when he was not in bed, with head sunk upon his breast, refusing to be cheered by any effort that Linda and her mother made to draw him out of his gloom and despondency.

Linda grieved because he was not a Christian. She and her mother had done their utmost to make him see the

need of salvation, but he had turned a deaf ear to their efforts and finally he had forbidden them to talk about it any more. They had prayed that in some way God would open his hardened heart and let him see the light before it was too late, but it seemed to Linda as she grieved over him that her prayers were not being answered and she began to fear that they never would be. But she still had faith for she knew that God knew the end from the beginning, so she continued to pray and to hope and she tried to be careful for her mother's sake.

One evening when she was sitting in her room reading and trying to concentrate on what she read instead of thinking about James, the phone rang and she heard his voice on the other end of the line. She could scarcely keep the joy out of her voice as she answered, but she managed a calm reply.

"I hate to bother you when you're so busy," he said, "but I'm so lonely that I can't stand it any longer. Do you mind if I talk to you for a little while?"

"Why, no," she said, trying to keep her voice steady. "Not at all. I'm not that busy. I'm really sorry I told you that."

If he only knew how sorry she was, he would drop the phone and come to her home immediately. Then he might see the joy that would be shining in her eyes at the sight of him. But she had no right to a joy like that. His love belonged to Faith. She still held it in her little hands, even though those little hands were cold in death.

"I figured you didn't want to be bothered with my troubles any longer." His voice sounded from the depths of woe. "I've been a nuisance to you."

"But you haven't," she insisted. "I was glad to be of what little help and comfort I could be when I felt that you needed me. When you didn't call, I thought that you no longer needed me."

How illogical could she be, she wondered and how stupid those words were! What would he think of her?

"I didn't call because I thought from what you said that you really didn't want me to call."

She laughed, a happy little laugh that somehow brought a thrill to his heart and made him feel suddenly less downcast.

"This conversation isn't getting anywhere, is it?" she remarked. "Did you want to talk to me about something in particular or did you just want to while away a lonely hour?"

"I would love to be able to see you if you would let me," he told her, "but if you're too busy for that, I just wanted to hear the sound of your voice. It's been so long since I've talked to anyone who even wanted to be friends. Could I see you sometime?"

She hesitated a moment while she fought a losing battle between desire and better judgment, then she said, "Of course you may if you want to. If you want to come, I shall be glad to talk to you."

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Central District

Mission Circle's Easter Program at Plevna, Montana

The Mission Circle of the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., assisted by the Men's Fellowship group, held its Easter program on Sunday evening, April 17. Several readings and songs and a play, "The Light in the Window," were also given.

We as a group can say that the Lord has richly blessed us. We have had the privilege of contributing to foreign and home missions. We do White Cross work and have sent used clothing to various places. A very interesting program schedule was set up for the year, such as "Is the Lord Pleas'd With Your Home?" "Family Altar," "Missions," etc. Our theme is "Paths of Devotion."

Mrs. Ervin Huber, Secretary

Baptismal and Easter Sunday Services, Parkston, S. Dak.

The members and friends of the Parkston Baptist Church, Parkston, S. Dak., were privileged to witness an impressive baptismal service on Sunday, April 10. The pastor, Rev. Elmer Buenning, spoke words of encouragement and spiritual help to the new converts. Upon confession of their faith Mrs. Mehlhaff and her two teen-age sons, Alvin and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sample and Connie, Roger James and Jerry Triebwasser were baptized.

On Maunday Thursday after the annual fellowship supper, the hand of welcome was extended to the new converts by the pastor with the deacons of the Tripp and Parkston churches participating. On Easter Sunday, Rev. Edwin Kern, missionary of Japan, was our guest speaker. His topic was "The Fields Are White Already Unto Harvest."

Mrs. Herb Radel, Reporter



"THROUGH THE YEARS"

One of the scenes in the historical pageant, "Through the Years," presented at the 25th anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Wessington Springs, S. Dak., showing the original charter members, except for three who could not attend.



Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mohrmann of the Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Neb., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mohrmann

On Sunday afternoon, March 20, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mohrmann of Columbus, Neb., honored their parents at a reception and open house. The reception was held in the lower auditorium of the Shell Creek Baptist Church, where they are both active members. Approximately 250 friends and relatives called on them to wish them God's richest blessing. Katie and Herman Mohrmann were married March 22, 1910 at Emery, S. Dak. The family includes four children: Raymond of Monroe, Neb.; Mrs. Alerich (Lorraine) Shulte, Rinehart and Arno, all of Columbus, Neb.; 8 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They were all present to help celebrate the occasion.

A short program was presented by the children and their families with their son Rinehart in charge. William Lange, an honorary deacon of the church, gave a short talk on behalf of the congregation and Rev. Lyle

Wacker gave a short message based upon I Samuel 7:12. On Tuesday, March 22, the actual date of the anniversary, a family dinner was held at the Mohrmann home. The 20 guests included their children and families.

Rinehart Mohrmann, Reporter

Pastor's Reception at Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak.

Sunday, April 3, it was our privilege in the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak., to hold a reception for our new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Heringer, and their children, Erleen, Daniel and Roger. Mr. J. J. Schweigert, senior deacon, presided. Greetings were extended to the Heringers by representatives of the Board of Trustees, Board of Deacons, the Sunday School superintendent, presidents of the Woman's Missionary Society, Senior CBY, Fellowship Hour, and a sponsor of the Junior CBY.

Our neighboring churches of McIntosh and Selfridge were represented by their pastors, Rev. Walter Klempel and Rev. David Littke, respectively. Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Heringer expressed their appreciation and presented an instrumental number assisted by their daughter, Erleen. Mr. and Mrs. Heringer had served as missionaries under the Christian Missionary Alliance Mission Board prior to accepting the call to be our pastor.

Mrs. Leo Friez, Reporter

25th Anniversary, Woman's Society, Wessington Springs

Members of the Ebenezer and Immanuel Woman's Missionary Society of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., gathered at the Immanuel Church on Sunday evening, March 27, to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Mrs. Elmer Pritzkau, 1960 president, led the program with Mrs. Wm. Radke reading Scripture and Mrs. Julius Winter leading in prayer. The entire society of 34 members sang "I Walk With The King," and the remaining 12 active charter members sang a German song. Mrs. Lydia Holzworth led the large congregation in singing at the close of the service.

The pageant "Through the Years," written and portrayed by local members, depicted the history of the society, organized April 21, 1935 under the leadership of Rev. Wilfred Helwig with 23 members. Of this group the following 12 members were presented pins for 25 active years of service: Mrs. Dan Heitzman, Mrs. Herbert Kludt, Mrs. Carl Liedtke, Mrs. Carl Fastnacht, Mrs. Otto Kludt, Mrs. Lydia Kludt, Mrs. Fred Weber, Mrs. Jacob Weber, Mrs. Bill Weber, Mrs. Chris Wahl, Mrs. Mrs. Jake Huether and Mrs. August Bender. Mrs. Fred Meyer was also presented Mrs. Fred Meyer was also presented a pin for 25 years of service, but she was not a charter member. Also honored in the pageant were Mrs. Herbert Kludt for 11 successive years as president, Mrs. Fred Weber for 15 successive years as secretary, and Mrs. Bertha Heitzman for 9 successive years of service as treasurer.

Mrs. Myron Winter, Reporter

Dedication of Pews, Trinity Church, Sioux Falls

On Sunday evening, May 2, the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., held a dedication service at which time the new pulpit furniture and pews were dedicated to the honor and glory of God. We rejoice in the fact that all of the furniture and pews were dedicated debt free through pledges and contributions. Among those who shared in this rejoicing were many friends of our church. Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Dirksen of Madison, S. Dak., gave the pulpit, communion table, and two chairs as a memorial gift in honor



Candidates for baptism and Rev. Milton Zeeb, pastor, on Easter Sunday at the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

of Dr. John Olthoff, a faithful pastor who is held in high honor by those who knew him. Many of the pews will be



DEDICATION OF PULPIT FURNITURE, SIOUX FALLS

The beautiful pulpit furniture of the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was given by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dirksen of Madison, S. Dak., in memory of the late Dr. John F. Olthoff.

Left to right: Mr. Alvin Bleeker, church moderator; Dr. George A. Lang, who led in the prayer of dedication; Mr. Milton Zeeb, pastor; Mrs. John F. Olthoff; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dirksen, donors.

June 9, 1960



SHEBOYGAN AND MANITOWOC CHOIRS, WIS.

The combined choirs of the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wis., and of the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis., which rendered an Easter cantata in both churches under the direction of Mr. Orlando Krueger of Manitowoc.

given in memory of certain loved ones.

From Feb. 14 through April 3, our pastor Mr. Milton Zeeb, conducted a series of pastor's instruction classes. These culminated in a baptismal service on Easter Sunday night when three adults and three Junior age children were baptized. Our Sunday School enrollment has increased from 112 to 149 during the past year. Our church regrets the loss of the services of Pastor Zeeb who will be concluding his student pastorate with us this summer to serve where the Lord will direct him in the future.

Karl Bieber, Church Clerk

REPORTERS!

Please send your reports promptly for publication in the "Baptist Herald." Editor.

Sheboygan and Manitowoc Choirs Render Cantata, Wis.

The beautiful Easter cantata, "No Greater Love" by John W. Peterson, under the direction of Mr. Orlando Krueger of Manitowoc, Wis., was the highlight of the Easter celebration at the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., on Palm Sunday and at the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc on Easter Sunday. The two choirs rehearsed individually for many weeks in their respective churches. Mrs. Fred Mashner served as director in Sheboygan. Shortly before the final presentation, a rehearsal of the combined choirs was held in each church. In Sheboygan, Mrs. Maurice Joslyn served as the organist; and in Manitowoc, Mrs. Richard Specht. The pastors of the two churches served as the narrators: Rev. Fred Mashner in Sheboygan, and Rev. Harvey Rakow in Manitowoc.

Long remembered will be the fine spirit of cooperation, the conscientious effort of the directors, and the jubilant singing of the wondrous Gospel of love. Offerings received at the churches were applied to the choir funds. In Sheboygan, new choir gowns made their appearance on Easter Sunday. On the Sunday after Easter, Rev. Fred Mashner baptized 8 young people in a candlelight baptismal service. Among the candidates was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Mashner, Marcia Mashner. Others baptized were: Nancy Paton, Anna Lee Schultz, Linda Schultz, Joanne Joslyn, Donald Renzelman, Daniel Renzelman, and Douglas Renzelman.

Fred Mashner, Pastor

Easter Sunday Services, Baptist Church, Dighton, S. Dak.

The Women's Worship Hour of the First Baptist Church of Dighton, Kansas, had charge of the Easter Sunrise breakfast which was held in the Lane-Scott Electric Building in Dighton, Kansas, at 6:30 a.m. April 17, 1960. The following program was given throughout the breakfast: Easter choruses were sung by the children, hymns by all, a reading, "Before the Dawn," was given by Pastor Bill Berger, the Easter story was presented on



"GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" IN GRAND FORKS, N. D.

New Sunday School group in Grand Forks, N. Dak., with "God's Volunteers" team following the first meeting held in the Viking School building adjacent to property on which the Grace Baptist Church plans to build eventually.

flannelgraph by the children present, while appropriate scriptures were read by adults, and closing the program was a "tour"—"Paths to and from the Tomb" by Rev. Ruff, presented by the women.

At the morning worship Pastor Berger spoke on the seven last words of the cross and compared these to our Christian life and our commitment to the Lord, after which we partook of the Lord's Supper. We were encouraged to see many new faces worshipping with us. On Sunday evening the dramatization, "Is Christ Risen?" was given by a group of the members. This portrayed a court scene and the audience was to determine whether Christ had risen from the grave. We praise the Lord that we do serve a risen, living Savior!
Mrs. Wm. R. Berger, Reporter

Reception for New Pastor At Durham, Kansas

The First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas was happy to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Gerber and family, Janice and Steven, as its new pastor and family. Prior to his coming, he served the Calvary Church at Billings, Montana. In their honor, a reception was given by the church on April 2. During the evening, Rev. Walter Schlichting of Hillsboro, Kansas, who had been serving our church quite regularly, acted as master of ceremonies.

Representatives of the various departments of the church offered words of welcome and encouragement. Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Gerber spoke briefly in response. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson from our Church Extension project in Wichita, Kansas, were guests of the church that evening. The message was delivered by Mr. Michelson. Special music was furnished by the Ladies' Trio composed of Mrs. Elmer Frick, Mrs. George Herbel, and Mrs. Adam Zimmerman. How grateful we are that the Lord has answered our prayers by sending to us this fine young pastor! May he continue to bless us as we labor together.
Mrs. Dorman C. Becker, Reporter

"God's Volunteers" at West Fargo, North Dakota

We, the members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N. Dak., were happy to welcome "God's Volunteers" into our midst from April

at which time her aunt, Miss Laura E. Reddig, Camerons Missionary, was guest speaker. Three special musical numbers were presented by visiting societies. The offering of \$115 was designated for our Woman's Missionary Union Goal. Fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed following the program.

On Wednesday evening, April 6, the Baptist Life and the Sunday School held a joint Birthday Social. The highlights of the evening were special numbers from individuals representing each month of the year and a very interesting talk by Miss Laura Reddig. On Easter Sunday evening, the C.B.Y.F. presented an Easter program which consisted of special numbers and the one act play, "Into Thy Kingdom" by Dorothy Clarke Wilson.
Evangeline Bertsch, Reporter

Western District

Baptism of 22 Converts, Vancouver's Ebenezer Church

During the weeks preceding Easter, many spiritual blessings were experienced by the members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C. Our pastor, Rev. Otto Patzia, gave a series of inspiring and challenging messages in the German language. On Palm Sunday the Church Choir rendered a sacred concert depicting the Easter story in verse and song. It was a stirring experience to be led from the foot of the Cross to the glorious resurrection.

The observance of Easter Sunday commenced with a beautiful sunrise service, followed by breakfast at the church. To a well attended morning service, the pastor spoke fittingly on "The Message of Easter." A baptismal service in the evening brought to a close an eventful day. Twenty-two new converts made a public confession to the saving grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through baptism.
Mrs. Eugen Lueck, Reporter

Crusaders' Class Banquet, Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

A wedding anniversary banquet and installation of new officers featured the April meeting of the Crusaders' Class, Bethel Baptist Church, Ana-

heim, Calif., with Rev. H. John Vanderbeck installing and 32 persons attending. New officers are Pat Abernethy, president; Bob Ash, vice-president; George Gebhardt, treasurer; and Mrs. Jack Irby, secretary. Social committee members are Mrs. Jim Fallon, chairman; Mrs. Ehrhardt Hartmann and Mrs. Lorne Strohscheim. Special guests were Pastor and Mrs. Vanderbeck, Mrs. Joe Small and Bill Durman.

Devotions, music and table decorations carried out the "happy anniversary" theme. Place cards represented miniature anniversary cards in which were tucked small candy bars. Gifts honoring wedding anniversaries were extended the Pat Abernethys and the Lewis Mullins. Vic Schmidtman's Scripture devotions described the ideal husband and wife, stressing the fact that no marriage was complete unless its members strived to please God as well as each other. Jerry White brought guitar numbers. Social arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Bob Hilliker, Mrs. Carol Ennis and Mrs. Norman Cool.
Ruth M. Mellen, Reporter

Easter Sunday Programs, Salt Creek Church, Oregon

Easter Sunday was a blessed day for the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, under the ministry of our interim pastor, Rev. E. J. Schroeder. Our Sunday School attendance reached an all time high with a total of 252 people, and many joined that number to fill the church for the worship service. Mr. Schroeder's message was entitled "Inheritance of Hope." For the evening service the choir presented the cantata, "The Thorn-Crowned King." This was followed by baptism. Five candidates obeyed this ordinance and were received into the fellowship of the church on the 1st of May along with two others who came by letter.

The following Sunday evening, April 24, the Senior CBY group gave one of their two yearly programs. This was the play, "Night of Decision" by Alberta Hawse. The play was in costume and had the setting of the home of Joseph of Arimathea. We thank God for the blessings that have been ours, and for his continued guidance as we await the arrival of our full time pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Walth on Sunday, July 17.
Mrs. Lester J. Voth, Reporter

Bible Studies and Women's Program, Vernon, B. C.

The presence of the Lord was felt during our Bible Study Week at the Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, B. C., with Rev. E. H. Nikkel, Kelowna, B. C., as our speaker. In our afternoon sessions we studied the letter to the Philippians. In the evening meetings the book of Hebrews was studied.

On April 24 the Woman's Missionary Society held its annual program. The church was filled to capacity. The song service was led by Mrs. Fred Heichert. Scripture reading was by Mrs. Gus Ziemer and Mrs. E. Brechert led in the opening prayer. Words of welcome were brought by Mrs. Fred Ohlmann. Two choir numbers were rendered by the ladies. A German recitation was rendered by Mrs. John von Harten. A dialogue, "Nimm Zeit Dir zur Andacht," stirred our souls to make a greater effort for family altars and church at-

tendance.

Our guest speakers were the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Gottfried Schalm, from Nigeria, Africa. Mrs. Schalm gave us a report of the women's work in Africa. Mr. Schalm brought a heart stirring message on "Grace." Rev. Gustav Schalm, the father of the missionary and former pastor, also served us with several messages.
Mrs. Fred Ohlmann, Reporter

Easter Week Services, Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

Easter week's "Mountain-tops of Inspiration" found the congregations of Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., participating responsively at the seven services. Palm Sunday message, "Kings Go Forth" and "Are You One Of Them?" by Rev. H. John Vanderbeck,

as the 36 voice choir of the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, sang John W. Peterson's Easter cantata, "No Greater Love." The cantata portrayed the love of God for man as revealed through Jesus Christ. It began with God's statement, "This is my beloved Son," at the beginning of Christ's public ministry and followed through to his crucifixion and resurrection.

Solo parts were sung by Mrs. Lois Blackmore, Mrs. Bertha Janzen, Mrs. Hazel Phillips, Mr. Elmer Kauffeldt, and Mr. Lesslie Kauffeldt. Mrs. Ella Chabot was at the organ and Miss Lorraine Scheel at the piano. Narration was by Mr. Reuben John. Rev. Eldon Janzen, our pastor, directed the choir. The cantata was recorded and broadcast over a local radio station at 3:00 P.M. on Easter Sunday.
Lorraine Scheel, Reporter



COMBINED SENIOR CHOIRS, FOREST PARK, ILL.

The combined Senior Choirs of the Forest Park Baptist Church Forest Park, Ill. on Easter Sunday with Mr. Alfred Schultz, director, and Mr. William J. Krogman, organist, at the center (front row).

and the choir anthems, "Fling Wide The Gates" by Stainer and "Praise The Name Of Jesus" by Handel, prepared everyone for Holy Week meditation. On Wednesday evening, "The God Of Miracles" message highlighted an impressive service. The Maundy Thursday evening candlelight Communion service was inspiring. The deacons portrayed da Vinci's painting, "The Lord's Supper," as the pastor spoke on the subject, "And He Took Bread." Good Friday evening's message was "On The Road To Calvary."

Two identical Easter morning services featured Mr. Vanderbeck's stirring message, "Easter Is Now!" Herman Zachay directed the choir in "Now Is Christ Risen!" by Holton, also the Men's Chorus in "Open The Gates Of The Temple" by Knapp-Fields. On Easter Sunday evening, the choir presented the inspiring cantata, "Easter Triumph" by Adam, with Mr. Zachay directing. Soloists were Iris Fallon, Phyllis Boettcher, Pat Abernethy, and Charles Sharp, accompanied by Janice Lamb, organist.
Ruth M. Mellen, Reporter

Eastern District

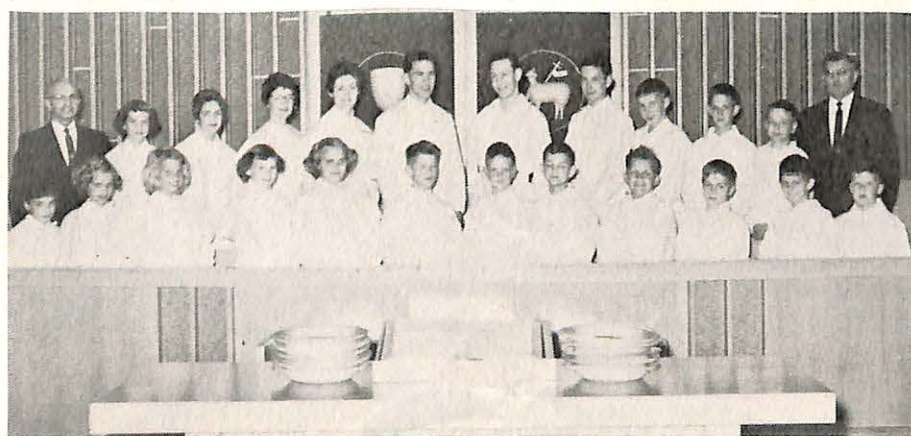
Baptist Choir Presents Easter Cantata, Arnprior, Ontario

A capacity congregation listened attentively on Sunday evening, April 10,

Easter Services at Forest Park Baptist Church

As the hymn of praise pealed from the carillon bells on Easter Sunday, April 17, the surrounding territory knew once again that the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. was heralding the resurrection of Christ. From a platform banked with flowers, Dr. T. W. Bender of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., spoke at both German and English services in the morning. The Maennerchor directed by Mr. Harold Johns participated in the German service, while the English service was enhanced through the singing of the Senior and Junior Choirs. The Junior Choir is directed by Mr. Hermann Holz.

In the evening, the combined Senior Choirs under the direction of Mr. Alfred Schultz, director of music, presented "My Redeemer Liveth," a very effective cantata arranged from melodic themes by Handel and Mozart. Mr. William J. Krogman, organist, accompanied. Solo parts were sung by Misses Irmgard Holz, Adalaide Klatt, Lydia Mihm, and Judy Schultz, Mrs. C. B. Nordland, and Mr. Alfred Schultz. Appropriate pictures depicting the events in the cantata were flashed on a screen by David Giegler. Closing with Handel's stirring "Hallelujah Chorus," the cantata proved a blessing to the large congregation which attended the concert.
Irma L. Grieger, Reporter



BAPTISM AT EBENEZER CHURCH, VANCOUVER

Twenty-two converts were baptized on Easter Sunday evening by Rev. Otto Patzia (right, rear), pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Good Friday Service for Detroit Area Churches

On Good Friday evening, April 15, a Union Service was conducted in the new Bethel Baptist Church of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, in which all of our churches in the Greater Detroit Area participated. Some 490 people gathered for this inspirational service. The Adult Choir of the Bethel Church, under the masterful direction of Mr. Elmer Wengel, presented the sacred cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" written by J. H. Maunders, in which the scenes which marked the last days of the Savior's life on earth are simply and reverently recalled. The capable soloists were: Mrs. Bettie Sayers, Mrs. Ross Awrey, Miss Audrey Morgan, sopranos; Miss Mary Baske, contralto; Mr. Roger Williams, tenor; Mr. James Wengel, Mr. Leonard Radionoff, and Mr. Elmer Wengel, baritones.

Rev. Emanuel Wolff, our Eastern District Secretary, brought the message of the evening. The pastors of our local churches also participated in the program. This fellowship in Christian worship has done much to bind our hearts together in spiritual love. We look forward to another such meeting during the coming year.

John Ziegler, Reporter

Good Friday Services, Grosse Pointe Church, Mich.

The Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., cooperated with 15 community churches for Good Friday services. Our pastor, Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association, presided at the adult service, at which the speaker was Rev. Bryan de Kretser, Citizen of Ceylon, Professor of Missions of the Federated Faculty of Theology. The children's service, held in the Presbyterian Church, consisted of a worship service, filmstrip and creative activity for the children of Receiving Hospital. Mrs. Harry Riemer and Mrs. Wm. Faust were in charge of the worship service. Rev. M. Wolff, our assistant pastor, spoke to the employees of the Eastland shopping center on "The Meaning of the Cross for Us."

The 1959-1960 Grosse Pointe Baptist Senior Basketball Team of our church was entered in the entire season undefeated. They won 15 games in a row



BETHEL CHURCH CHOIR, ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICH.

The Adult Choir of the Bethel Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., sang at the Good Friday Union service for the churches of Detroit and vicinity. Rev. H. H. Riffel, pastor, is at left (front row) and Mr. Elmer Wengel, director at the right, with the organist at the center.

and won the branch Y.M.C.A. championship. The final game for the Detroit City Championship was played March 26 which they lost by six points. Two of the players were chosen by the sports writers of the various state newspapers as all-star players, namely, Lowell Wolfe, the star guard averaging 13 points per game, and Woody Noblitt, an expert with the overhand hook shot. The team would not have been what they were except for the dedicated Christian efforts of Coach Bert Mitchell.

Mrs. Wm. Faust, Reporter

Junior CBY Easter Program At Bridgeport, Conn.

On Sunday evening, April 17, the Junior C.B.Y. presented the Easter program, "The Savior Lives." All of the Juniors participated by leading the song service, reading Scripture, offering prayer and rendering a special duet. The highlight of the evening was the play, "The Resurrection Morn." The three characters in the play—two Roman soldiers and a boy—were portrayed by Orlando Heath, Antji Janssen and Jacqueline Murray. (See accompanying picture). The entire program had a wonderful Easter message for all who attended.

The Junior C.B.Y. has completed its second year of activities with an active

membership of 8 baptized youngsters and others. Some of the highlights of our recent meetings were a study of the "Wordless book"; our summer meetings made up of discussions and serious thoughts on the reasons for total abstinence from intoxicating beverages; an extensive study of Japan—using slides, maps, pictures, and story; and a meeting with Rev. Earl Ahrens to show us slides of his work on the African Mission Field. One-quarter of our weekly offering is set aside for missions. We have sent \$15.00 to Miss Florence Miller at her new post in Tsu, Japan.

Jeannette Pugnabi Nankervis, Reporter



Championship Basketball Team of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Mich., with their coach Bert Mitchell (right, back row).

Donation Day at Central Home, Chicago, Ill.

The Woman's Service Union of the Chicago and vicinity churches, Chicago, Ill., sponsored Donation Day in behalf of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged on Monday, April 25. In the afternoon, several visited the Home and people became acquainted with the Home and its facilities as well as its activities.

In the evening a wonderful play was given, under the sponsorship of the Union, by the ladies of the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill. "The Meaning of the Cross" was vividly illustrated in the hour play. Mrs. Herbert Schieber was in charge of the meeting. Songs were sung, the Scrip-

tures were read, and Rev. Walter Schmidt led in prayer. Following the play, Dr. M. Vanderbeck gave a brief message and the closing prayer was offered by Rev. Fred Sonnenberg. Refreshments were served in the spacious dining room and the fellowship hour added to the already profitable evening.

M. Vanderbeck, Reporter

Northern District

Easter Programs at Edenwold, Sask.

On Good Friday we of the Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., had a morning worship service and were greatly blessed by Rev. R. Neuman's message on the meaning of the seven days of Holy Week. On Sunday morning the Sunday School presented the play by Mrs. Louise Zoch entitled, "Easter in Picture, Word and Song." Pictures from scrolls were used instead of slides. Rev. R. Neuman also brought an inspiring Easter message.

In the evening the C.B.Y. presented a play in tableau form, "The Challenge of the Cross." We can truly praise the Lord for the challenging messages and for the fact that there is a resurrection.

Mrs. Frank Brucker, Reporter

Sunday School Rally, Central Church, Edmonton, Alta.

A cloudy Good Friday brought a solemn crowd to God's House at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., for the annual Sunday School rally for our Edmonton churches. A large Sunday School Children's Choir and other special numbers were climaxed by a filmstrip with musical accompaniment depicting the sorrow and agony of our Savior on this sad yet triumphant day. A silent communion service was held in the evening, bringing all of us nearer to our Savior.

Easter Sunday, a blessed sunny day, brought joy and victory to many hearts. The evening service brought heaven nearer as the voices of four Central Church choirs and the Capilano Church choir sang of our Risen Lord. The evening was climaxed by testimonies from those of our congregation who recently had accepted Christ in a German revival campaign.

Jean Strauss, Reporter

Baptism at Grace Church Medicine Hat, Alberta

During the days of March 20-31, we were led in special meetings by the ministry of Rev. E. S. Fenske of Lehr, North Dakota. It was a time of much preparation and earnest supplication before God. Mr. Fenske endeavored to make the way plain to all and warn us of the consequences if we do not heed the call. Although God does not always give us the harvest that we anticipate, we are thankful for the three persons who did confess Christ as their Savior.

Our joy was made complete on Easter Sunday evening, when these converts and others followed their Lord in baptism. Six persons went into the baptismal waters with our minister, Rev. Paul Hunsicker, and from Golden Prairie thirteen persons were baptized

by Rev. R. Grueneich. Our hearts were warmed as we again saw people hear and obey God's command, "Believe and be baptized and thou shalt be saved."

Lilly Oster, Reporter

Encouraging Events, Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta.

We at the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, can recount many blessings which God has shared with us recently. On Sunday evening, Feb. 28th three candidates followed their Lord in baptism and three came into the church by letter. On Easter Sunday 12 new members were received into the church. On both occasions, the Lord's Supper was observed.

During the week of March 13-20, our pastor, Rev. R. Herrmann, conducted "Deeper Life Meetings." The Lord truly challenged members and friends

Temple Church of Medicine Hat and the Baptist Church of Hilda, Alta. Our ladies' choir sang several selections to the glory of God.

As a new project our Society is helping to contribute to the support of our Cameroons missionary, Miss Gertrude Schatz, who is sponsored by our church. Our officers for the year 1960 are: president, Mrs. Helen Klippe; vice-president, Mrs. Rose Hunsicker; secretary, Mrs. M. Fauser; assistant secretary, Mrs. M. Latz; treasurer, Mrs. Emma Weber; assistant treasurer, Mrs. T. Adams; birthday treasurer, Miss Molly Odenbach; and pianist, Mrs. Rose Williams. Our motto for the coming year is as follows: "The Service of Christ is the Business of My Life; The Will of Christ is the Law of My Life; The Presence of Christ is the Joy of My Life; The Glory of Christ is the Crown of My Life."

Mrs. Matilda Fauser, Secretary



WOMAN'S SOCIETY, GRACE CHURCH, MEDICINE HAT

Members of the Woman's Missionary Society, Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, at their 35th anniversary program.

through these inspiring messages to greater obedience to our Lord in service for him. Also in our Wednesday night "Hour of Power," God is blessing.

Since the beginning of the New Year, our church has launched a visitation program, which has proved a blessing to the church and to the teams engaged in this task, in that many persons are being reached for Christ through the Word and testimony. We are grateful for the blessings which the Lord has bestowed upon us and give him all the praise and glory!

Ida Neher, Reporter

Woman's Society Program, Grace Church, Medicine Hat

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., recently held its 35th anniversary program. We had invited our neighboring churches as well as our past presidents: Mesdames Roeseler, Hillenberg and Koenig and Mrs. John Weiss and Mrs. Christian Weiss. Several of our women presented a German dialogue, "Heilsgewissheit." Afterwards a candlelight service was held for our charter members and also for our sisters who have gone to be with the Lord. We were blessed with special numbers in song by women from the

BENDER FELLOWSHIP

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aspect which depicted a vivid picture of life in present-day Japan. Mr. Kern spoke on "The Spiritual Contrasts" which gave a vivid picture of the claims of Buddhism and Shintoism on the people of Japan.

Other features of the conference were the Japanese interest table supplied by the Kerns and a literature table displaying pamphlets and maps of our foreign and home mission fields. Several books on missions were available for sale. The conference not only added to our knowledge of the work and needs of the mission fields but it presented a personal challenge to those who attended to engage in more consistent praying and giving that the Gospel of Christ might be proclaimed to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Student reaction bore out the fact that there are some who are seriously interested in our Japan field, and we praise God for this. We are thankful for the blessings of this conference and hope that it will become an annual affair.



KING'S HIGHWAY CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

The Junior CBY of the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., (left), has completed its 2nd year of activities with 8 young Christians. This Junior CBY presented the Easter play, "Resurrection Morn." (right), with the following taking part: Orland Heath (left to right), Jacqueline Murray and Antje Janssen.



Obituary

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

MR. OTTO ADOLF SCHLECHT of Billings, Montana

Mr. Otto Adolf Schlecht of Billings, Mont., was born April 12, 1926 at Beulah, N. Dak., and passed away unexpectedly at Billings, Montana, March 18, 1960, where he had made his home for the past nine years. He leaves to sorrow his passing his wife, Joyce; and three small sons of Billings, Montana; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Schlecht of Beulah, N. Dak.; and four brothers and one sister. Much of his spare time during the last few months of his life was spent in painting pictures of Christ, "The Good Shepherd," "In Gethsemane" and "The Last Supper." Funeral services were held in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., on March 24.

Beulah, North Dakota

JOHN WOOD, Pastor

MR. P. WILLIAM HARTMANN of Donna, Texas

Mr. P. William Hartmann of Donna, Texas, was born in Germany May 20, 1872, and died April 11, 1960 at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas. As a young man, he and his parents came to the United States and settled on a farm near Burlington, Iowa. Since 1923 he had made his home with his sister, Mrs. Bert Schroeder (now deceased), at Donna. He was a member of the Central Valley Baptist Church here. For the past 3 years he had been staying in the Memorial Old Folks Home at Weslaco.

Survivors include Arthur and Donald Kohrs of Burlington, Iowa; Walter Kohrs of Peoria, Ill.; Karl Kohrs of New York City; Russel and Bessie Hartmann of Burlington, Iowa; and five nieces: Mrs. Wm. Ontjes of Harlingen, Mrs. Ira Brown and Mrs. L. F. Jacobs of Donna, and Mrs. John Lubbers and Mrs. John Ontjes of Emery, South Dakota.

Central Valley Baptist Church
Donna, Texas

GEORGE E. CONWAY, JR., Pastor

MRS. ELIZABETH ORTHNER of Serath Saskatchewan

Mrs. Elizabeth Orthner, nee Hubick, of Serath, Sask., was born in Buckovena, Austria, Dec. 19, 1899. While she was still an infant, the family came to Canada and settled at Earl Grey, Sask. On April 9, 1917 she was united in marriage to Jacob Orthner at Serath, Sask., where they were still residing at the time of her passing. Six children were born to them, 3 of whom died as infants. Mrs. Orthner departed this life to be with the Lord March 31, 1960 at the age of 60 years, 3 months, and 12 days.

Although the date of her conversion is not known to us, Mrs. Orthner lived a radiant Christian testimony. She was a member of the Serath Baptist Church. Left to mourn her sudden and unexpected departure are her husband; 3 sons: Siegfried of Kindersley, Sask.; Oswald of Edmonton, Alta.; and Alfred of Three Hills, Alta.; 5 grandchildren; 4 brothers: Frank, Jake and John of Regina; and George of Edmonton; 3 sisters: Molly and Emily in Ontario, and Minnie of Serath; also many other relatives and a host of friends and acquaintances.

Serath, Saskatchewan

ARTHUR J. BROWATZKE, Pastor

MRS. MINNIE STUBENRAUCH of Benton Harbor, Mich.

Mrs. John Stubenrauch, nee Minnie Skibitzki, of Benton Harbor, Mich., was born in Graudenz, West Prussia, Germany, on August 23, 1874. At the age of 10, she came to America with her parents, settling in South Chicago, Ill. On Dec. 31, 1884, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. Mengel. Later the family moved to Chicago, joining the First German Baptist church there. On July 7, 1896, she was married to John Stubenrauch by Rev. Jacob Meier. To this union two daughters were born: Esther (Mrs. Gustav Wetter) and Erma (Mrs. Erma Prillwitz). In March 1913, the family moved to Benton Harbor, Mich., joining the Clay St. Baptist Church (now the Napier Parkview Church) of Benton Harbor.

The deceased was a faithful member, loving her Lord and loving to visit the sick and the needy. For many years she was the teacher of "The Helping Hand Class." She

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CAMEROONS SHOWERS

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University College of Ghana. I thought of the emancipation of Nigeria and of our Cameroons. I thought of the development of the political party system and the democratic ideals as they had taken hold in the minds of many people. Again I became aware of ununderstanding western journalism, lacking in understanding, and of grasping power economics of financially rich but spirit-poor nations. There were the political terrorists in tension-torn French Cameroons, ready to maim and to kill. I thought of a thousand youthful feet marching every day to our mission schools and then, again, I heard the voices of the Baptist School Chorus, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands . . ." and ". . . when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in . . . Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: how great thou art. . ." Truly, "the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want . . ."

The voices of the forest in the night reminded me of the African tornado which had swept through the sky and the bush, had torn dead leaves and branches from healthy limb and stem and sent them flying and crashing to their destiny. I remembered how torrents of rain had come descending and had healed the wounds the storm had cut, washing away the ugly, covered the earth with life-giving floods. God's blessings must be like that! Not merely a gentle breeze that caresses the skin and indulges the senses—not merely a few drops of moisture unfit to assuage the thirst of the heart.

The blessing of God must come to us with elemental power, passing over us, through us, making us more fruitful. Let us bend low in humility while his Holy Spirit moves upon us, with divine force freeing us from dead and evil things. Let us open our hearts and beings to the streams of blessings from on high that we may stand pure and whole, strong and glorious in his glory, ready to do the greater task awaiting us. For today has brought us new knowledge, and tomorrow will bring us greater responsibility.

also served as secretary and president of the Ladies' Missionary Society. On Good Friday morning, April 15, 1960, the Lord took her home while in her sleep, having attained the age of 85 years, 7 months and 22 days. Funeral services were held on April 18th. Rev. William Hoover, pastor, spoke words of comfort from the text she herself had chosen for the occasion, John 14:1-14. Survivors beside the aged husband and two daughters include three grandsons and one great grandson.

Napier Parkview Baptist Church
Benton, Harbor, Michigan

WILLIAM HOOVER, Pastor

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June 9-12, CENTRAL DAKOTA-MONTANA ASSOCIATION at Eureka, S. Dak. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. George W. Lang and Dr. Ralph E. Powell.

June 14-19, SOUTHERN CONFERENCE YOUTH CAMP at Latham Springs, Acquilla, Texas. Rev. L. Biebert and Miss Geraldine Glasenapp.

June 17-19, SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION at Edenwold, Sask. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, Dr. Bernard Schalm and Rev. William Sturhahn.

June 17-19, MANITOBA ASSOCIATION at Third German Church, Winnipeg, Man. Dr. A. S. Felberg, Mr. William H. Rentz and Rev. William Sturhahn.

June 20-25, IOWA C. B. Y. CAMP at Clear Lake, Iowa. Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang and Dr. Ralph E. Powell.

June 22-26, PACIFIC CONFERENCE at Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C. Rev. and Mrs. G. Ben Lawrence, Mrs. Albert Reddig, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg and Rev. Frank Veninga.

June 22-26, DAKOTA CONFERENCE at Grace Church, West Fargo, N. Dak. Dr. A. S. Felberg, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Mr. Flavius Martin and Miss Laura E. Reddig.

June 23-26, EASTERN CONFERENCE at Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y. Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, Mrs. Arthur Weisser, Dr. Walter W. Wessel and Rev. E. Wolff.

June 24-26, EASTERN CONFERENCE C. B. Y. F. CAMP at Buffalo Bible Conference Grounds, Buffalo, N. Y. Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, Dr. Walter W. Wessel and Rev. E. Wolff.

June 27-July 1, ATLANTIC CONFERENCE MINISTER'S RETREAT at Bradley Beach, N. J. Dr. George A. Dunger and Rev. E. Wolff.

June 29-July 6, DAKOTA YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP at Crystal Springs, N. Dak. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, Rev. E. B. Link and Prof. Roy Seibel.

THE LONG SEARCH

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It sounded stiff and priggish, but she was trying to restrain her eagerness from showing in her words or her voice.

"How good you are to let me worry you with my troubles again! May I come to see you tomorrow evening?"
"Yes, you may. Do you know how to find my house?"

He said he thought he did. He had studied the map enough to enable him to get almost anywhere. She gave him directions, however, and he hung up feeling more lighthearted than he had since Faith had left him.

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