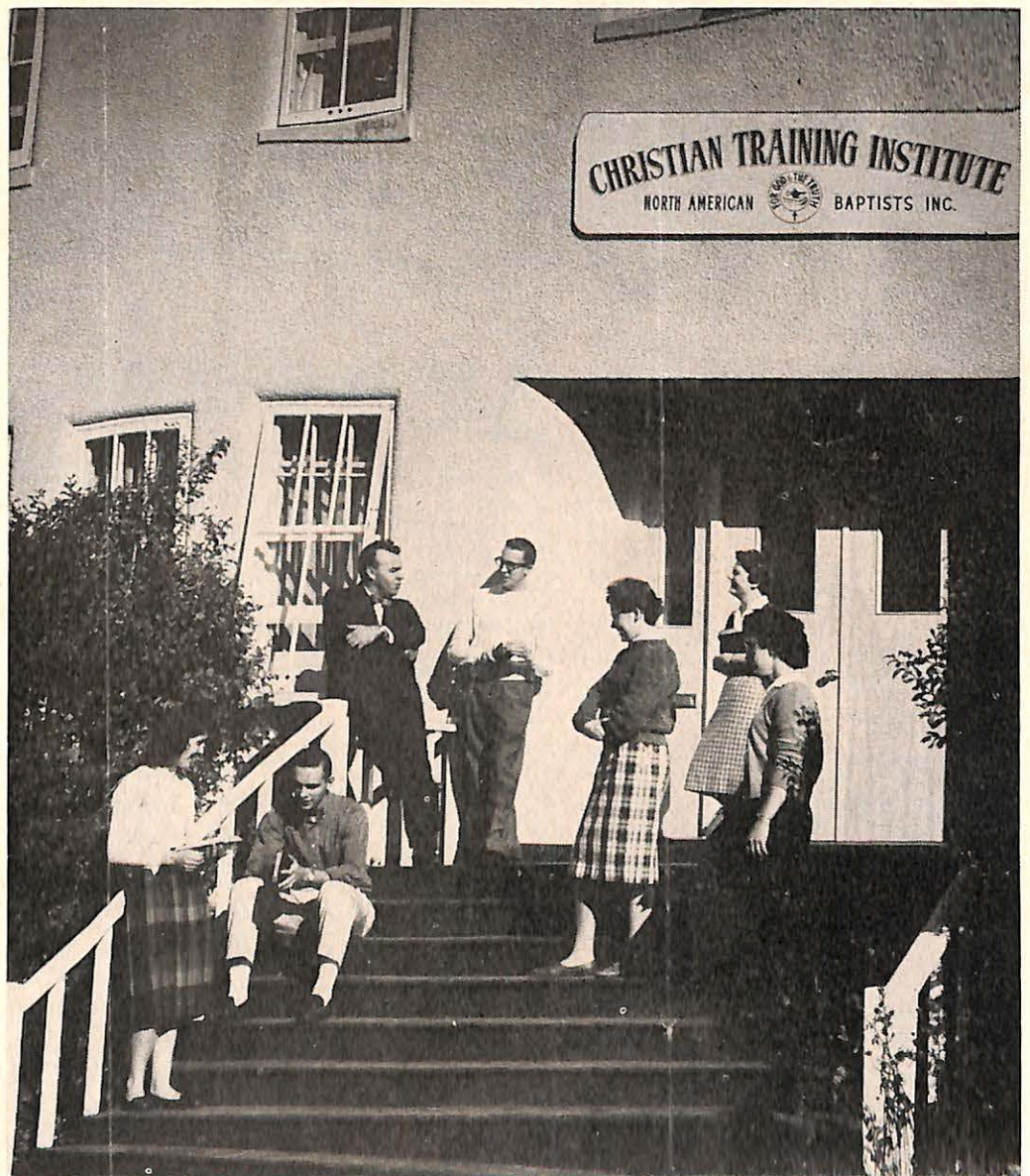


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• John D. Rockefeller III, who has long been interested in the Orient and who heads the Japan and Asia societies, recently contributed \$250,000 to the 150,000-volume library building just completed on the campus of the Japan International Christian University. Mr. Rockefeller's son, John D. IV, has returned after two-and-a-half years' study at the university.

• At Camp Tuto, Greenland, the first religious services were held for U. S. servicemen in the small chapel which was hand-mined in the Ice Tunnel, 70 feet below the surface of the Greenland Ice Cap. Conducting the initial services for Protestant men were Chaplain (Capt.) Jack Cutbirth and Chaplain (1st Lt.) Grover G. DeVaul.

• Some 300 ministers of various denominations drafted an invitation to Evangelist Billy Graham to conduct a crusade in Belfast, Ireland next June. Dr. Graham is scheduled to start a campaign in Manchester, England, May 26, 1961. Dr. Graham is no stranger to Northern Ireland, having preached there long before he became an international figure.

• In Lagos, Nigeria the Ministry of Education in predominantly Muslim Northern Nigeria has publicly endorsed a new Handbook for School Managers produced by the Sudan Interior Mission. Protestant leaders see this whole-hearted endorsement as an indication of the regional government's confidence in the Protestant mission schools, which are responsible for 35 per cent of the education of the region's 18,000,000 people.

• The University of Richmond will launch an educational television program, its first, giving instruction in "The Life and Teachings of Jesus." The 23-week course will be viewed Saturdays over WRVA-TV of Richmond, Va. In the studio from which the program originates, L. D. Johnson, chairman of the department of religion for the Baptist college, will teach a "live" class of university students. This will permit questions and answers.

• Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc., famed missionary linguistic organization, will begin work in four African lands—Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Angola—within 14 to 16 months. Many South and Central American countries have contracts with Wycliffe, the director said. Present Wycliffe personnel number about 1,100 workers, many of them missionaries living with primitive peoples after making the first white contacts with them, to give them a written language. The linguistic workers stay on long enough to provide the tribesmen with a rudimentary Bible. —*The Watchman-Examiner*

• The Army Chaplains Corps has launched a series of 31 six-day training schools in the most ambitious program of lay religious leadership development in its history. Scheduled for Army posts throughout the nation this fall, the training series was initiated with 2 simultaneous schools, one at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the other at Fort Lewis, Wash. Conducting the workshop schools are 6 teams of experts in religious education under the direction of Dr. J. Gordon Chamberlin, professor of religious education at Pittsburgh (Pa.) Theological Seminary (United Presbyterian).

—*The Watchman-Examiner*

• A George Washington Carver national memorial was dedicated this summer at the birthplace of the famous Negro scientist and educator—the Moses Carver farm near Diamond, Mo., in the foothills of the Ozarks. The dedication ceremony, commemorating Dr. Carver's birth 100 years ago, attracted 1,700 people. Roger C. Ernst, assistant secretary of the interior, hailed Dr. Carver as a "missionary who urged improved cultivation, erosion

control, crop rotation and a balanced diet" as well as a "scientist who developed the new ideas for utilization of plant products." Mr. Ernst said the honor being paid to Dr. Carver, who has become a symbol of restored hope to the farming population of America, demonstrates that race and social status do not hinder a man from rising to the highest ranks in the nation.

—*The Christian Century*

• Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, delivered a keynote address to more than 1,000 young people at the organization's third Pacific area conference held in Mexico City. He noted that since its organization nearly 80 years ago the movement has enrolled uncounted millions of young people of all races, colors, tongues, and social conditions. It is, and always has been, deeply evangelical, purposefully missionary and evangelistic, and completely loyal to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The conference decided to step up Latin American activities among the 3 million members of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.



Baptist Briefs

• **Baptists in Spain.** The Baptist Church of Seville, Spain, closed since November 10, 1958, has been refused its request for reopening. The reason given by the Spanish Ministry of the Interior is that another Baptist group is already authorized in the city (which has almost a half-million people). Conferences with Government officials earlier this summer had encouraged Baptist leaders to believe that the church would soon be opened. The church building in Seville had been occupied a little less than 2 years when its doors were sealed by order of the Spanish police.

• **Billy Graham Crusade in Florida.**

One of the greatest house-to-house religious surveys ever undertaken is being attempted by more than 400 churches and synagogues in the "gold coast" area of Florida. The survey is a prelude to the Billy Graham crusade to be held in Miami, March 4-26, 1961. All other major Florida cities will be served in a similar way next February. Materials and methods used will be those developed by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Instructional clinics are being held in churches and synagogues, and group areas are conveniently set up.

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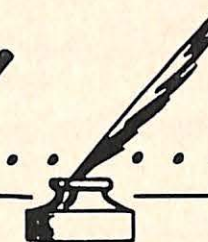
• **New Testament Class in Television.** The faculty of Northern Seminary, Chicago, Ill., has been recognized in the selection of Dr. George Vanderlip, associate professor of New Testament Interpretation, as teacher of the largest New Testament class in history. Broadcast weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 p. m. over Chicago's educational TV station, WTTW, Channel 11, the class has a listening potential of almost 7 million persons. Credit will be given to those who use the text and prepare the lessons in the syllabus. The selection of Dr. Vanderlip came after a year's search by the Television and Radio Commission of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows members of the "God's Volunteers" team and their director, Rev. Walter Hoffman, on the front steps of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. The team was in training at the C.T.I. from Sept. 6-30, 1960. The first colorful report about this year's "God's Volunteers" team, prepared by Faith Eichler, appears on page 9 of this issue. The front cover photo as well as the picture on page 9 were taken by Prof. Roy Seibel, one of the instructors for "God's Volunteers" team during the training period.

EDITOR

Editorial



"Now Thank We All Our God"

There are three attitudes mentioned in the New Testament which summarize in a general manner the American way of giving thanks. The first attitude is found in the incident of the cleansing of the ten lepers. (Luke 17:11-20). Miraculously Christ had healed all ten of their leprosy. Nine rushed away to the priests that they might be declared clean officially and then hastened home to rejoin their families where they revelled together with the members of their families in rejoicing over the wonderful events of the day. Only one of the lepers (whom Jesus called a stranger) returned to thank HIM!

The second attitude is found in the story of the Pharisee and the publican. (Luke 18:9-14). The Pharisee's prayer is well known to us: "Father, I thank thee that I am not as other men are—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican." We feel that he was praying to himself, exalting his own ego. His expression of thanks was bound up with a smug complacency that "he never had it so good." His thanksgiving glorified his own sense of self-importance.

The third attitude of thanksgiving is described for us in the story of the feeding of the five thousand. (John 6:1-13). The crowd had listened to Jesus' inspiring words and was now hungry. But the only food available was the little lunch of loaves and fishes that belonged to a strange lad. These were given to Jesus, who in turn gave thanks to God for them and then commanded that they be distributed to the crowds. And there was food enough for all—and to spare!

Several years ago in "The Watchman-Examiner" Rev. Everett A. Crimmings considered these three attitudes of thanksgiving. With forcefulness he showed that they are typical of a great many people today. His words wielded a stinging truth when he said: "It is most misleading in America to call this day in November 'Thanksgiving Day' and then to observe it by doing everything but giving thanks to God! People will spend this day by doing almost everything under the sun but thanking God and by thinking of almost everyone but God."

Like the nine lepers, most Americans make this a family day of rejoicing and revelling, grateful in a general way for all of life's prosperity without any conscious reference to God, the Giver of every gift and blessing of life. Too many Americans have become the recipients of amazing riches and of the greatest prosperity that the world has ever seen and have found it the reason for glorifying the American way of life, of patting themselves on the back, of gloating about what Americans can achieve. Many are unconcerned about the rest of the world in dire need, in great poverty, in spiritual darkness. Their thanksgiving centers itself on themselves and their "good times."

There are still many left in America who will look up to heaven and humbly thank God for every good gift of life. They will dedicate themselves to every task that God entrusts to them to share their blessings with others. They will "seek first after his righteousness" because their thanksgiving starts and ends with God. They have learned to be thankful to God by offering to Jesus Christ all that they have. That is the spirit of true thanksgiving!

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The Servant Lord!

Devotional Message Delivered at the Tenth Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, by Dr. John Wobig, Pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

IT WAS THE design of God to set his Son before us as the model for Christian service. Every child of God ought to be comforted with the fact that our Redeemer came to us as a Servant. He came not to get, but to give. Although he was perfectly conscious of his own intrinsic elevation and dignity, yet his life was one of ministering to others.

To grasp fully the significance of the words of our Lord—"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many"—we must note several distinct lessons from the Scripture passage in Mark 10. When Jesus said to the young ruler, "One thing thou lackest," he taught that the universal condition of eternal life calls for an acceptance of God's sovereignty in all things and a greater love for heavenly treasure than for earthly.

When he stated that it was "easier for a camel to pass through the needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom," undoubtedly he meant that it is impossible to enter the Kingdom of heaven by any other way than the regenerating grace of Christ. Then in reply to Peter who said, "Lo, we have left all to follow thee; what then shall we have?" Jesus seemed to say, "You will have a reward in the hereafter, but you will

find that a new family or a new kingdom exists among the people of God."

Finally, from Jesus' words, "But many shall be last that are first, and first that are last," he taught that the time during which one has been in the service of God does not count as much as the spirit and quality of one's service. Thereupon, James and John, through their ambitious mother, made their petition for places of honor in our Lord's Kingdom. To this Jesus replied with the greatest lesson of all, namely, that high places must be preceded by high service. It is far better to crave the spirit of service and sacrifice, even as our Servant Lord, who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give his life a ransom for many."

I. OUR SERVANT LORD IS NOT A SELF SEEKER

That is the meaning of the prophet Isaiah's description of our suffering servant in Isaiah 53. That is the meaning of the Congress theme as Paul speaks of our Lord in Philippians 2:7-8. That is the meaning of the manger in Bethlehem. That is the meaning of our Lord's earthly life. He had no home of his own, no place to lay his head. Even the things he used and the grave in which he was laid were borrowed. That is the meaning of the

cross. He gave his life in order that we might have life abundant.

In the history of mankind there have always been those who called themselves lords. These are "the lords" who ground the common people under their heels, who lorded it over their fellowmen, who acted as hard taskmasters, and who treated those under them as mere peasants and slaves. But not so our Servant Lord! He took upon himself the form of a servant. He came into the world amid poverty and lived among the poor. He submitted himself to the greatest hardships and hazards. He waited upon his fellowmen. He stooped into the valley of humiliation. He became obedient even unto death, the death of a cross. The Son of God came not to be ministered unto. He is not a self seeker. He is the Servant-Lord.

II. THE SERVANT LORD IS ONE WHO MINISTERS

"He came to minister." That is the character of his entire life. Service held the central place, both in the teachings and life of our Lord. "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant." "I am in the midst of you as one that serveth." In his teachings the ideas of service fly like sparks from an anvil. Even our standing as the dead before the throne of God depends on whether we "fed the hungry, clothed the naked, gave drink to the thirsty, and visited the sick and imprisoned."

Consider even more his life itself. With the whole Kingdom of God and the purpose of his mission to redeem a lost world upon his heart, yet he poured out his care upon the saint and the sinner, upon the poor and the lowly, upon the sick and the dying, upon the indifferent and those who opposed him. His greatest deed of service rises to a climax when the Word says, "He gave his life as a ransom for many." That points to his death. It places great value upon his life. His single life is an equivalent for many lives. You and I are one of those many. Thus, in unending service and vicarious sacrifice, he gave his life for the sake of others.

III. THE SERVANT LORD CHALLENGES US TO SERVICE

"And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all." The highest of all is the servant of all. The example of our Servant-Lord brings before every Christian's mind the magnitude of this obligation.

The chivalry of the middle ages, with its glorification of knighthood,

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The Open Hand of God

A Message to All North American Baptists for the Observance of Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, Nov. 20-27, 1960, by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

GOD'S OPEN HAND of love that is extended to us symbolizes his daily mercies toward us through Christ. Our thanksgiving at this season of the year testifies to the world that God's goodness has never failed us. "Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. The Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works" (Psalm 145:16, 9).

WHAT GOD HAS DONE!

This has been our daily experience throughout the past year. In our thanksgiving, all we can do is take knowledge of what God has done for us, how marvelously he has opened his hand of goodness and bounty upon us. In all humility but with the overflow of praise from our hearts, we proclaim as we try to count these blessings: "See what God hath done!"

Thanksgiving is waiting on God with wonder and awe in anticipation of the great things that God wants to reveal to us and give to us. It is the boundless expectation of our faith, the enlargement of our capacity to receive, the opening of our lives to receive the fulness of his grace. "The eyes of all wait upon thee" (Psalm 145:15). In this experience of the greatness of our God, we not only see the hand of God but we come to see what the joy of thanksgiving is by receiving what God so bounteously has given to us.

This must lead us to a clearer understanding of Christian stewardship. What are the greatest riches that come from the hand of God? Are these things mine to do with and to use as I please? Does God place responsibilities into our hand with every gift he gives to us? God's greatest gift is his Son, Jesus Christ, given for the salvation of a lost world. Every gift of God is bound up with the redemptive purpose of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Our relationship to Christ therefore becomes all-important, and everything we use or do must somehow magnify the Name of Christ and the work of his Kingdom in the lives of others. This is Scriptural stewardship. "Thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power" (Psalm 145:10-11).

UNDERSTANDING OUR STEWARDSHIP

This gives us the right Christian evaluation of the manifold blessings of life. At this season of the year, we shall be able to recount the things that have made us rich—the harvests of the farm, the fruits of the field, the

things we own and have accumulated, the gifts of health and strength, the relationships of our family, the circle of friends, the things that have enhanced our lives. But our stewardship always reminds us that everything we call "our own" is not ours to own but to use in magnifying Christ and witnessing to his Gospel and furthering his Kingdom. In all things, he must have the pre-eminence. With all of our riches, we must never forget his open hand over us.

ly redemption of the Cross." For stewardship, as well as true thanksgiving, are meaningless words unless they express themselves in that which costs.

YOUR ABOUNDING LOVE

That is certainly true of God's greatest Gift when he loved the world and gave his only begotten Son. That is true of Christ who was obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. It is true of God's expectations of his



TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, SIOUX FALLS

Almost every North American Baptist Church will observe the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week and remember to thank God by receiving an offering for missions.

"I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold,
I'd rather be his than have riches untold,
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I'd rather be held by his nail-pierced hand
Than to be the king of a vast domain,
Or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today."

This kind of thanksgiving that issues in a clearer understanding of our stewardship before God must cost us something. When we are most thankful in the Christian sense of the word, we are most keenly aware of others in need. Whenever we see God's open hand of bounty over us, we also see others who have far less than we have.

L. L. Baughman stated with discerning truth: "No cheap and easy stewardship can emerge from the cost-

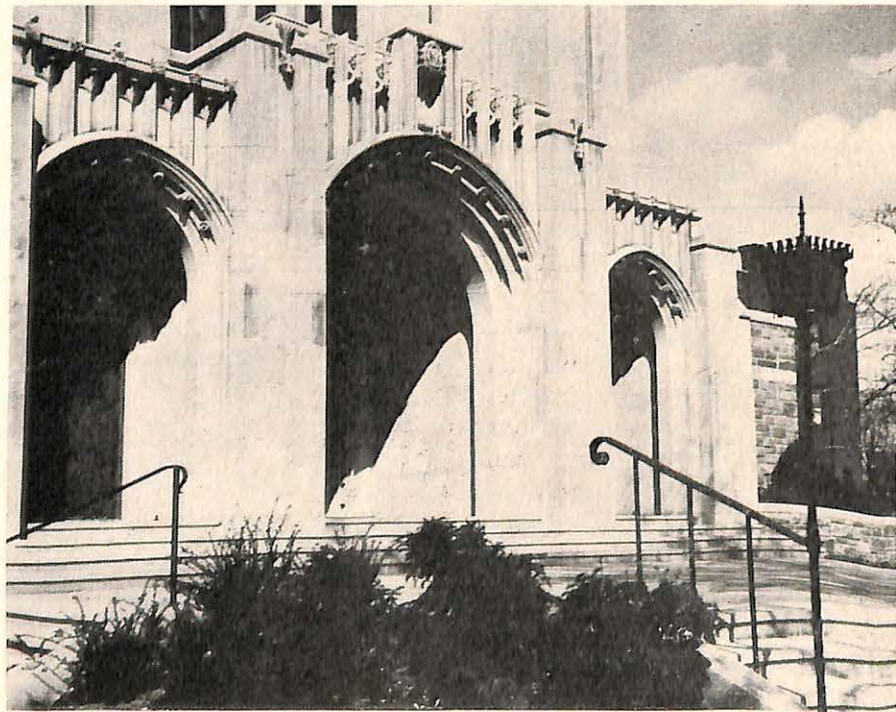
children that they will be faithful in carrying out his Commission to go into all the world and to preach the Gospel to every creature.

How earnestly the Apostle Paul prayed for the Christians of his day that they might show their thankfulness to Christ through this ministry of their lives: "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more . . . that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9-11).

YOUR MISSIONARY GIFTS

God needs your gifts at this thanksgiving season, not only to testify to the world what your relationship is to Christ but also to extend the boundaries of his Kingdom. By your gifts of thankfulness to God, he is enabled

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ENTRANCE TO BAPTIST CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Gospel of our Servant-Lord is good news, news that can transform and redeem our lives as proclaimed in God's temple. But it also calls for devoted and sacrificial service!

When We Are on the Receiving End

A Thanksgiving Meditation by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York, N. Y.

BEFORE ME lies a letter of thanks from a man who wrote it to those who had sent him gifts. Here is a passage from it: "Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in what state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

Certainly the person, who has learned the secret of how to endure changes of fortune with such serenity, has found a security devoutly to be wished. If we could only discover how to be content in both privation and prosperity, much of our restlessness and anxiety would vanish. Our composure and even our character are so often cracked by sudden changes of financial circumstances.

Which is harder on character, a change from prosperity to privation, or from privation to prosperity? It has often been argued that the rich are more likely to go wrong than the poor. Such arguments have good gospel precedent, for Jesus often warned that the possession of things is prone to inflate the ego and to dull the sense of need, so that the possessor of things lacks the humility and hunger which open the soul of God.

HOW TO USE PROSPERITY

However, there are temptations of poverty as well as of prosperity. On the one hand is the temptation to self-sufficiency, to self-indulgence, to hard-heartedness. On the other, is the temptation to self-pity, to envy, to bitterness.

The letter from which I have quoted was written in prison. The writer had once been up and now he is down. He came of a family proud of its heritage. He had grown up in the social prestige of his group. From all this he had been ostracized. He had been cast off by his own countrymen. He had suffered the cruel distempers of fickle crowds, sometimes being welcomed with applause only to have the mob later turn and stone him. But he clearly shows that he knew how to be abased without becoming sour or self-pitying, or bitter.

The reason why Paul knew how to endure adversity is that he had learned how to use prosperity. The process might have been reversed. Some men so school themselves while they are poor that, when they become affluent, they keep their heads and their virtues. The two lessons go together. It is in the years of struggle and privation that a man learns how to be safely rich. It is in the time

of prosperity that we need to acquire the qualities which can keep us contented if and when we find ourselves on the receiving end.

At a village blacksmith shop I recall watching the blacksmith take down rough pieces of iron from a nail in the rafter and put them into the flaming forge. Then he would pound the white hot iron on his anvil and thrust it into the water. I never knew just what part the heating and hammering and cooling each played in preparing that horseshoe, but together they somehow toughened and shaped the crude iron until it could stand the beating of the horse's hoof on the hard road. And when I read this letter of thanks from Paul to the Philippians, I feel that I am standing before God's forge watching him transform the rough temperamental Saul of Tarsus into the saintly Paul who could endure both hunger and plenty with courage and contentment.

VIRTUE OF HUMILITY

As again we approach our national Thanksgiving Day, when many Americans are living in fantastic prosperity, and many others find themselves in privation, let us look for the secret which made Paul able both to abound and to be abased.

The first element which strikes me is humility. The word humility was known among the Greeks and Romans, but it was a term almost of contempt. To be humble was to be mean-spirited, a sort of cringing soul. But Jesus took the concept of humility and made it a virtue. And how did Jesus do it? He developed humility by setting man's stature against the measure of God's greatness. In God's presence our pretensions seem petty and our boasted power is dwarfed. In the light of his purity and holiness, we see our imperfections and are humbled.

We cannot be sure to take the true measure of our own talents by comparison with our fellow human beings. Phillips Brooks very wisely said

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN

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that if he were given the privilege of choosing a young man's companions, he would select a few who were inferior to him, so that he could learn patience and charity. Then he would choose some companions who were the young man's equals in order that he could learn the full give and take of friendship. And then he would pick even more comrades who were his superior, so that the young man might learn to look up humbly and aspire to higher levels.

IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Jesus, however, puts us in the presence of God who dwarfs us, but in the way that a father humbles his child. In a normal family, what growing lad does not think his father is wonderful? The little fellow looks up to his father as one who is big enough to do anything. He is humbled before his father but not humiliated, because he feels himself a part of his father. Thus the boy is both humbled and exalted by his father's bigness. So it is with us when we feel ourselves in the presence of God. We see how small and dependent we are, and we are humble. But, are exalted at the thought of what we are as children of God and of what we can be through him.

Humility is a virtue; humiliation is an evil. And those who are on the giving end must be humble so that those who are on the receiving end are not humiliated. It would be easy for an American to become puffed up as he compares the rich resources and industrial efficiency of the United States with the materials and methods of the Orient. But we should be humbled by asking ourselves whether we have made correspondingly more out of our vast opportunities than the others have out of their limited possibilities.

If America is to help less favored nations to their feet, we Americans must learn the Christian spirit of humility. While we are on the giving end, we need to remember that we will some day be on the receiving end. Time will see to that. Age or illness brings the strongest of us to the point where we must be waited on. Will that be humiliating to us? Not if we have learned Paul's twofold secret of how to be abased and how to abound.

The second element is gratitude. Professor Henry Nelson Wieman of Chicago once suggested that, just as the devout Roman Catholic has a string of beads called a rosary to keep count of his prayers, so each of us should make a mental rosary of his most precious memories, including the beauty he has seen, the fellowship he has enjoyed, and the good gifts that life has brought him.

The idea has merit, for when we start to count our many blessings, to "name them one by one," as the old hymn puts it, we begin to rummage among our memories and we uncover so many forgotten reasons for gratitude. Our minds run back to the days of our childhood when parents sat beside our beds and held our feverish hands. We remember how long we were on the receiving end of our home.

And then we think about those who made this land a fit place for our fathers to live in. In early New England it was a Thanksgiving custom to place five grains of corn at every plate as a reminder of those stern days in the Pilgrims' first winter at Plymouth, when the food was so depleted that only five grains of corn were rationed to each individual at a time. We do well to recall also that on the day when the ration was down to those few grains, there were only seven healthy colonists to nurse the sick, and that one half their number lay in the windswept graveyard on the hill. And yet in the following spring when the Mayflower sailed back across the Atlantic, only the sailors were aboard.

ON THE RECEIVING END

When our minds begin stirring our memories, who does not feel unspeakably grateful for the blessings we take for granted in free countries like the United States, the freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own consciences, the right of free speech of a free press, and of free public schools? I have traveled through countries whose governments allow no opposition press, and where all education is under the control of dictators. Can you imagine what it would be like to live in a land where a dictator's whim may be the law of tomorrow?

And when as Christians we start to count our blessings, our memories go all the way back to Calvary, and our hearts well up with inexpressible gratitude. We realize that we are full on the receiving end. No one of us is paying his full way through life. The human race could be roughly divided into two groups: those who think they are giving more than they get, and those who think they are getting more than they give. The former are restless and discontented no matter what they have; the latter have peace of mind and contentment with whatever they have.

Paul belonged to the second group. He felt that in whatever state he was, he was getting more than he was giving, and he was grateful. He saw himself as on the receiving end.

And so are we. Taking it all in all, whether we are in plenty or in privation, we are on the receiving end. And for this we should give thanks to God.

Along with humility and gratitude, I find a third factor in Paul's secret of contentment. And that is imagination.



NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

When as Christians we start to count our blessings, our memories go all the way back to Calvary, and our hearts well up with inexpressible gratitude.

If we are to come through changes of fortune without cracking, we must learn to exercise our imagination.

Imagination plays an immeasurable part in our living, but instead of harnessing it for use, too often people let their imaginations run away with them. In these dark and dangerous days, we sit around imagining all sorts of things. But let us put a test to ourselves. What direction do our imaginings take? Are we thinking of all the dire things that might happen to us, such as we might get sick, or we might lose our property, or the communists might take our country over. Why go on? We can all conjure up visions of what others might do to us. Whereas we should use our imagination to picture what others might have done for us, and what we could do for others. That is the direction our imagination must take if we are to have Paul's peace of mind, either in prosperity or in privation.

We need imagination in all our personal relationships. Perhaps you are going to call on a friend who a few years ago was prosperous and well. Now he is ill and poor. You feel it your duty to visit him. You feel sorry for him. You have a lurking thought that he has mismanaged his affairs. Of course try to conceal the fact; yet nevertheless down in your subconscious mind you have a slightly condescending sense of pity.

Now if that is your attitude today while you in your health and prosperity are on the giving end, just imagine how you might feel if five years hence you are down or sick and someone comes to call on you. Will you not then say to yourself, "He's pitying me. He

thinks I've been a poor manager"? I fear you will then not be cheered by your friend's visit.

You see how it works. While we are on the giving end we must learn to put ourselves in the place of those on the receiving end, lest when the roles are reversed we shall ourselves be most miserable. And, remember, that some day even the strongest of us reach the receiving end.

There is a grace of giving and there is a grace of receiving, and the two must be learned together. Charity must be seasoned with charitableness, and humility must safeguard us from humiliation. This is Paul's secret. It must be practiced in our most intimate personal relationships as well as in our widest national contacts, for without it the billions we may give for relief may only beget future bitterness.

A few days after the death of his daughter, Oliver Cromwell called for a godly friend to read to him Paul's words to the Philippians with which this meditation began. When the passage had been read, Cromwell said this Scripture had saved his life after a previous tragedy, the death of his eldest son. Then he repeated Paul's words: "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Then there he exclaimed, "Tis true. Paul has learned this, and attained to this state of grace; but what shall I do?"

A moment later the stern old Cromwell went on to quote Paul's further word: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Then a smile broke over his face and he said: "He that was Paul's Christ is my Christ, too."

God Closes and Opens Doors!

The story of Rev. Gilbert Edwin Gordon, missionary teacher to the Southern Cameroons, Africa, by Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary.

IN HIS FIRST letter to the writer, dated October 25, 1956, Gilbert Edwin Gordon wrote: "I am a member of Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. I graduated from Whitworth College of Spokane with a B. A. degree and from Western Baptist Seminary of Portland with a B. D. At present, I am attending Linfield College in a course of graduate studies to terminate in a Master of Education . . . I have been directed in my thoughts to missions since I first became a Christian and have organized my education to that end. But so far the doors of opportunity have been closed."

His application for missionary service was rejected by a certain Board on the grounds that he was too reticent and more of an educator than an evangelist. His application for a teaching position in Afghanistan, though considered, was finally rejected on the grounds that the Afghanistan government refused to grant a visa. Another Board considered him beyond the acceptable age of thirty and so gave no consideration. The reply to his first letter to this writer left him with the impression that another year at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was obligatory. And so at a later date he wrote: "I considered these answers a final closing of the door and continued busying myself with the job at hand."

The Apostle Paul also found closed doors in Asia, Mysia and Bithynia only to experience at Troas that God wanted him in Macedonia. God often closes certain doors in order to open other doors for us.

EARLY RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

Gilbert Edwin Gordon was born on June 14, 1922 at Meyers Falls, Wash., to Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Gordon. He has a younger sister and brother. Meyers Falls was a farming community about 80 miles north of Spokane. His family ancestors had been in this area since the frontier days. His grandparents had been religious people. His grandfather started a Methodist Sunday School at a time when there were no other religious meetings in the area. Concerning his upbringing he writes: "The Christian virtues of sobriety, continence, and honesty were strictly taught and learned in both my father's and mother's family without being thought of as especially Christian."

Gilbert attended Sunday School whenever he was visiting in town or whenever one was conducted in his community. At the age of seven, his mother died. This tragic experience caused him to do some serious think-

ing. Though he cannot remember the day, he believes that it was during this time of sorrow that the Lord drew him unto himself. While in his seventh grade, his family moved to Seaside, Oregon. There in Sunday School on Mother's Day, the teacher explained Christ's sacrifice and the salvation he offered. Gilbert knew that he was saved as he listened to the story of salvation.

AWAKENED AVENUES OF SERVICE

At Seaside, Oregon, he completed his elementary education and began his high school education. He finished the latter at Jefferson High School in Portland in 1940. At Seaside he met Mr. and Mrs. Wakeman who were active in a Community Methodist Church but who were leaving it to begin a Baptist Mission. Gilbert joined them. In September 1937 he was baptized by Mr. Wakeman and joined the Astoria Baptist Church.

It was at this time that he first felt the desire to go to the mission field and so he began studying Greek. Later in high school, he studied Latin and French. He chose French specifically because of his interest in the African Mission Field. While at Portland he joined the Highland Baptist Church and became active in Sunday School and other services.

For three years he served in the U. S. Army. Upon his return he came to Seattle, Wash., then to Clarkston



Rev. Gilbert Edwin Gordon of Portland, Oregon, missionary in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, now serving as teacher at the Baptist Teacher Training Centre at Soppo.

and then to Spokane, where he enrolled at Gonzaga University. With reference to this period he writes: "The irritation of Catholicism helped me become more fixed in my opinions and, when I transferred to Whitworth College after two years, I became assistant to the pastor and served in a great number of ways in the Hillyard Church in Spokane." He graduated from Whitworth College in 1950 with a B. A. degree majoring in history.

About this time, he spoke to a returned missionary from French West Africa and then wrote to the Mission Board. He was advised to get his seminary training and then write again. In 1950 he enrolled at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in Portland, Oregon and graduated with a B. D. degree in 1954. Upon completion of his seminary work, he applied for appointment but was not accepted on the grounds that he was too reticent and more of an educator than an evangelist.

Was his missionary interest misguided? Through IVCF he learned of opportunities in the field of teaching in Afghanistan and so applied for a teaching position there. The door again closed upon him in that the Afghanistan government refused to grant a visa. In preparation for Afghanistan, he began work at the University of Michigan. Upon his return from Michigan in 1955, he joined the Trinity Baptist Church in Portland.

At this juncture, he decided to finish his studies for a teaching certificate and so enrolled at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, where he graduated in 1958 with a M. Ed. degree. During this time, he made further contacts with mission boards as stated at the beginning of this article but the doors seemed closed. Also during this time, he became active as an assistant in a migrant ministry. Following his graduation from Linfield, he entered the teaching profession at Riddle, Oregon, and helped along in the local Baptist church.

GOD OPENS DOORS

It is the writer's custom to follow up periodically his contacts with missionary candidates and learn how God is leading them. Such a follow-up was carried out in the spring of 1959. It brought the following response: "It is possible that the Cameroons is the place where the Lord wants me. If so, I am willing to go."

In the Southern Cameroons, we were in need of a missionary teacher at the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali. In processing a candidate for a teaching position, we usually find difficulty

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BAPTIST HERALD

"God's Volunteers" Busy from the Start

First Report from the "God's Volunteers" Team by Miss Faith Eichler of Erie, Pa.

EACH TEAM member had his or her own concept as to just what life would be like in God's Volunteers. None of us, however, thought it would be so busy and still be so wonderful!

Our first Sunday together was spent taking charge of the service at Temple Baptist Church in the morning and Grace Baptist Church in the evening in Medicine Hat, Alberta. For some of us, we had just met each other as we were on our way to C. T. I. where we were to receive our training.

You would have found us traveling on Labor Day as we were in the capable hands of our chief driver, Wayne Bibelheimer. He is in charge of the station wagon which is better known as "Sheneedsmo", you know, she-needs-no gas and she-needs-no oil! With seven persons, musical instruments and luggage galore, we also found out that she-needs-no room!

TEAM MEMBERS

Wayne is 18 years old and graduated from high school this past year. In Minneapolis, Minnesota, he is a member of the Faith Baptist Church where Rev. Robert Zimbelman is the pastor. Wayne is usually the song leader during the evangelistic meetings and he also plays the trumpet.

The next in line is Faith Eichler who has just turned twenty. She comes from the Central Baptist Church in Erie, Pennsylvania, where Rev. Eugene Stroh is the pastor. The violin is her contribution to the team, and her responsibility is reporter for the "Baptist Herald" and writer of the prayer letters. Before joining the Volunteers she was a secretary for two years.

Jeanine Martinitz was also a secretary for two years and is 20 years of age. Her being able to play the piano has added a great deal to our services. Jeanine is from Junction City, Kansas, and is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of which Rev. Edwin Walters is the minister. Her position on the team is secretary and she will write letters to different individuals and churches on behalf of the team and Rev. W. Hoffman. (We must, however, write our own personal letters!)

From Midland, Michigan, comes Waltraud Spittka but everyone calls her Traudy. She graduated from the Christian Training Institute Bible School this spring and is 21 years old. Traudy's specialty is telling the children's stories and does a good job of it. Everyone is especially nice to her as she is the treasurer, but it does us no good.

The last of the girls is Darlene Strobel from Venturia, North Dakota. There she is a member of the First Baptist Church where Rev. Orville Meth is the pastor. Darlene also graduated this spring from Bible School at

SCHEDULE OF "GOD'S VOLUNTEERS"

Nov. 1-13—McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta
Nov. 15-27—Grace Church, Hettinger, N. Dak.
Nov. 29-Dec. 9—Immanuel Church, Beulah, N. Dak.
Dec. 11-18—First Church, Sidney, Montana
Dec. 19-31—Christmas Vacation

C. T. I. and worked on the Student Service Plan this summer. Setting up the special numbers is Darlene's responsibility and helps out in the instrumental selections by playing the accordion. Darlene was just twenty-three.

Our only Canadian is Wilfred Weick from Chilliwack, British Columbia. "Tiny" has taken a year out of his schooling to join God's Volunteers. He graduated from college this spring in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and will be going on to the Seminary in his preparation for the full-time ministry. Tiny is our group leader, is 23 years old (and engaged) and helps out in the group by playing his violin.

DIRECTOR AND EVANGELIST

Of course, most of you know our capable director and evangelist, Rev. Walter Hoffman. For weeks at a time he must be away from his wife and

two sons. However, he does it willingly and joyfully, since it is to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In each service you would be thrilled by the messages from God's Word, and also the messages in song. His electric guitar is also an asset in our group instrumental numbers. Each team member learns to appreciate him more and more each day.

Classes began September 7th at 8 a. m. with Professor Roy Seibel raring to "go to town" with us! His classes were, EPHESIANS, CHRISTIAN RELATIONS and his specialty was SPEECH (but it wasn't ours!) Dr. Bernard Schalm was the instructor in BIBLE HISTORY and THE LOCAL CHURCH AND ITS ORGANIZATION which proved to be very enlightening. Mr. Hoffman led us in the book of ROMANS, PERSONAL SOUL WINNING, VISITATION EVANGELISM, and PRAYER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, all of which we found to be very useful in these months that lie ahead. Our instructor in the GOSPEL OF JOHN, NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORY, and MUSIC was Rev. Edward Link who is now serving as pastor at the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church, which is our first place of witnessing for Christ.

By this schedule, you can no doubt see that we have been "busy from the start" and we all loved it. The evenings were also taken up as we visited many

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GOD'S VOLUNTEERS AT STUDY
Prof Roy Seibel teaches the team of "God's Volunteers" at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.
Left to right: Prof. Roy Seibel, Jeanine Martinitz, Darlene Strobel, Faith Eichler, Waltraud Spittka, Wayne Bibelheimer and Wilfred Weick.

November 10, 1960

Come and See the Work of God!

The Latest Report About Our Denominational Visual Aids by Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

IN THE PAST decade more and more people are calling us by telephone or knocking on our doors wanting to know what our favorite television program is, or what detergent we buy more often, or what toothpaste keeps our teeth whiter and cleaner. Survey teams and pollsters are scattered across the country trying to discover why we think and talk and act the way we do. In order to give themselves the aura of dignity and distinction they often refer to themselves as a Scientific Research Institute.

The church is not free of these "fact" collectors. The church members are also analyzed, carded and filed.

This is not to say that surveys are all a waste of time. But so many are concerned with unimportant things while others are false because they are held with the purpose of leading people to draw wrong conclusions.

THE IMPORTANT EYEGATE

Surveys and discussions are still current on the effectiveness of films versus other media of communication. The results, as expected, are varied, but the opinion is that films will hold an audience longer and with greater attention. Furthermore, they will generally be remembered longer than lectures, sermons or discussions.

In terms of motivating a person to action, of getting him not simply to approve of what you are attempting to promote, a good film can hit harder at the intellect and the emotions than any other media.

There is one important exception. No substitute can be found for an extremely effective and persuasive speaker! Person-to-person communication is still at the top of the list. A fully dedicated, Holy Spirit-filled teacher or preacher has no counterpart. Those who sit at the feet of such a person assimilate not only the knowledge which the teacher imparts, but what is even more important, they absorb some of his character. A minister of God teaches through what he knows and through what he is.

Jesus was the Master Teacher. He appealed to the EYEGATE as well as the EARGATE. When his would-be-disciples asked, "Where dwellest thou?" Jesus answered, "Come and see." They immediately accepted his invitation and came and saw where he dwelt (John 1:39). When the woman of Samaria finished her wonderful conversation at Jacob's well, she left her water pots, went hurriedly into the city and said to the men, "Come, see a man . . . is not this the Christ?"

The Greeks who came to Philip said, "Sir, we would see Jesus" (John 12:21).

In many instances the desire to see Jesus was greater than the desire to hear him. But both to hear and to see Jesus was to have the most favorable means of communication.

VISUAL AIDS

The question should not be whether we should have films or preaching, but how best to strengthen and fortify our preaching through the media of visual aids. We must try to discover which messages can best be communicated through the EYEGATE and which through the EARGATE. There were times when Jesus did little preaching and teaching but simply went about doing good (Acts 10:38). His message was just as effective when people saw what he did as when they heard what he said.

Like any good teachers and ministers, visual aids have their weaknesses and their strengths. Their success or failure are often determined by the projectionist or the commentator.

Visual aids promotion is comparatively new in our denomination, at least insofar as making them available to our churches is concerned. Many of us remember when our promotional films were shown by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, who gave a running commentary while the pictures were being projected. He made them come alive before our eyes by his interesting and exciting description which moved us to action. We felt we had to do something about our denomination's needs and missionary challenges.

We can readily understand that Dr. Leuschner was limited in such a ministry. It was impossible for him to accept all the invitations for this visual promotional ministry. Last year we received about 400 requests for visual aids, including films, filmstrips and slides. It gave us an insight as to the need and the demand for such an important ministry.

FORCEFUL PICTURES

Visual aids can work for you and put you to work. They say: This is our

LATEST LISTINGS OF VISUAL AIDS

A new list of the latest visual aid materials is now available. Write for your free copy to Visual Aids, 7308 Madison, St., Forest Park, Illinois.

The 30 minute, sound film (in black and white) of the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro is now available. It is a stirring story and beautiful film. Rental fee—\$6.00.

mission field. Let's support it! Let's dedicate ourselves to it. Let's do something about it! They have a more forceful message than a mere verbal report.

It is not enough to say that the missionary is a dedicated servant of God. He loves his work and gives freely of his time and talent. It is more convincing to believe the missionary is a good missionary by showing the good work he is doing. You share the work of the missionary by being "eye witnesses" even though you are separated by thousands of miles.

Our visual aids are not entertainment. They are primarily informative, and should be used in such a way that the spirit of worship can be maintained throughout the service. The temptation is to use a film as an "emergency filler" for an unplanned meeting. If the visual aids are to create an interest in missions or other Kingdom work, the service should be well planned in advance. The spirit of Christian responsibility ought to be evident in this service also.

In the planning of our new denominational headquarters building, much thought has been given to the promotional department. Visual aids will be an important part in this area. Adequate space has been made available for visual aid service as well as a storage and projection room. A new list of visual aids is ready and will be mailed to the pastors and other leaders in the churches. A number of films will have sound tracks. Some slides will have tape recordings of the missionaries on the field. Additional educational filmstrips have been added.

RULES FOR VISUAL AID

The expense of this service is held at a minimum. We hope that many will respond with a missionary offering, for that is one of the important purposes of this service. But where no offering is taken, a small service charge is suggested: \$2.00 for films and \$1.00 for slides and filmstrips, plus return postage. There is a service charge of \$5.00 for our newer films and \$2.00 for the new slides. A special sound film was purchased showing the highlights of the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro. It was shown on a nationwide television hook-up a short time ago. Rental for this film will be \$6.00.

One important note should be added. *Return the visual aids as soon as you have used them and tie them securely before mailing.*

May this be the challenging invitation of every church to the community: Come and hear the Word of God; come and see the work of God!

Seminary Opening, Sioux Falls — 1960

A word picture of this year's North American Baptist Seminary family, ready to proceed "with one accord" into a year of study and service, by Miss Dorothy Pritzkau.

EACH YEAR during the early part of September, the doors of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., open to begin another year's training of men and women who have dedicated their lives to specialized Christian service. Even though this is an annual occurrence, it is unique to each of us who participate in it. For we bring with us the experiences of the past months, and none of us are the same as we were the year before at this time.

As we entered the Seminary on the opening Monday, Sept. 12, we were drawn toward the library where registration was in progress. Here we see a student who is trying to resolve a conflict in schedule. Sometimes it seems a pity that one can only squeeze one class into an hour because there is so much value to be gained from all the courses.

STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

Several others have put aside the duties of registration for the moment to share in some looked-forward-to fellowship. There are times of laughter and seriousness as they share their summer's activities. We hear the sound of greeting and conversation out in the hall as Harvey Mehlhaff, last year's exchange student to Germany, and Walter Stockmann, this year's exchange student from Germany, are greeted by old and new students. It seems as though students are not really "new" very long, for we all feel "at home" in the bond of Christ.

After registration, the traffic moves to the bookstore where a lot of good-natured bantering goes on about the high cost of learning. But this is only a superficial covering of the deep-seated desire to get at these books and to do our best to master their contents.

Tuesday was a day of orientation for the incoming students. Dr. George Dunger, Professor of Missions, gave his views of the academic life in the graduate school. Our Librarian, Miss Joyce Ringering, furnished instructions as to the most effective use of the library. During the brief chapel hour, President Frank Veninga related several experiences which affected his Christian testimony. Following this, Dr. Ralph Powell, Professor of Theology, spoke on the spiritual life in the seminary. The final area of this orientation was given by President Veninga as he spoke on the social life in the academic community.

CLASSES AND CHAPEL

Wednesday morning saw students hurrying to classes with books in one hand and a class schedule in the oth-

er in order to make sure they were in the right room at the right time. Today we "tasted" of what this semester's work would be like. Our appetites were whetted as we caught a glimpse of the great eternal truths to be studied and sought out in God's Word. We realized, too, that only as we study prayerfully will we gain the true significance and the potential and actual power of this which we study.

During the chapel hours on Wednes-

day, Thursday and Friday, we shared with one another our experiences of the recent summer months. One is thrilled as reports are heard of the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the students and of those with whom they worked. As a group, we keenly sense the working of the Holy Spirit and our hearts are filled with joy and love as we look forward to more Christian service in the future and look backward to memories of service which will be precious to us for a long time.

FALL CONVOCATION

The crowning event of the week was the Fall Convocation held at the Seminary chapel on Friday evening, Sept. 16. We were blessed by the singing of the "Gospel Jubilaires," the Seminary quartet which has recently completed



NEW STUDENTS ARE INTRODUCED

New students studying in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., are introduced at the North American Baptist Youth Night, held at the Seminary, to our Baptist work in Sioux Falls (photo by Prof. Roy Seibel).

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Everyone was happy when Thursday dawned bright and clear, for today we were to have our first Seminary family picnic of the year. We were, indeed, blessed with a perfect day. A rousing game of softball put a keen edge on many appetites, while the rest of us blamed our voracious appetites on the fresh air. As we visited over a delicious picnic supper, we enjoyed the beauty of nature displayed

a summer's tour to our churches. Our thinking was challenged and our hearts were encouraged by Dr. Ralph Powell, the convocation speaker. Through his words we saw again the omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience of God. No matter how strong the evil forces seem, we must never forget or doubt that God is in control of all history and that he will have the last word, no matter what happens.

A time of fellowship followed in the Seminary dining hall, in which new people were introduced and formally welcomed.

As this first week came to a close, we were no longer a group of people who had come from every direction to study together for the year, but we were a Seminary family, united in the bond of love of God and ready to proceed "with one accord" into a year's study and service to his honor and glory.

7000 at Germany's Baptist Conference Sessions

Review of the annual sessions of the German Baptist Union of Germany held at West Berlin, Sept. 1-7, by Dr. W. J. Appel of Vienna, Austria.

THIS YEAR'S sessions of the German Baptist Union held in West Berlin, Sept. 1-7, were the first of a new plan of conducting the General Conference, that is, separating the business sessions from the inspirational. The former were held Thursday through Saturday afternoon in the newly dedicated building of the Berlin-Tempelhof Church (formerly Schmidstrasse). The new church (see picture) is a very beautiful modern structure and served admirably for the business sessions.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

The business sessions were held under the able leadership of Rev. Hans Fehr, the president of the Union, who was later re-elected for another three-year term. Each day's sessions were begun with a helpful devotional service and a period of prayer, in which an unusually large number participated in fervent thanksgiving and petition.

and training with a view to the deepening of the spiritual life and training in personal witnessing.

An active discussion followed the address and a season of heartsearching confession and rededication brought this significant evening to a close. The deep spiritual influence of the evening had a profound effect on the remaining days of the Conference.

On Sunday morning, services were held in 23 churches in West Berlin, with guest pastors bringing the messages. Ten services had been planned for the East Berlin Baptist churches and four for the East Zone, but because of travel restrictions the guest speakers could not cross the border, necessitating the change of plans for these churches. This was a very great disappointment. These travel restrictions also affected the attendance of a large number of delegates and visitors who had planned to come to West Berlin.

Of 1,500 who were expected from

which also made provision for his return trip by plane.

The great Sunday afternoon mass meeting was one of the best attended sessions of the Conference. The main address of this session was brought by Professor Dr. Johannes Schneider of the University of Berlin, on the subject, "Christ, the Son of God, in His All-inclusive Revelation." It was the first of three messages based on the Letter to the Hebrews.

The evening session was given over to youth, under the leadership of Dr. Gerhard Claas, on the faculty of the Youth Training School of the Hamburg Seminary. The subject for the evening was "Living without Fear." A dramatic presentation, a message by Dr. Claas, testimonies by several young people, and a young people's choir rounded out the evening.

It was reported that the attendance at the evening sessions as well as at the mass meeting on Sunday afternoon was approximately 7,000.

The first session of the General Conference was held Saturday evening in the beautiful spacious Deutschlandhalle. Aside from hearty congregational singing, the music was led by a young people's brass band from the East Berlin churches. Two mass choirs from the churches of the city, one men's and one mixed, rendered inspiring and greatly appreciated numbers at the evening services.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

At the forenoon sessions on Monday and Tuesday, further addresses based on the Letter to the Hebrews were delivered: on Monday, "Christ, the High Priest, in His All-embracing Compassion," by Dr. Herbert Stahl of Hamburg; and on Tuesday, "Christ, the Author and Finisher of Faith during the Believer's Pilgrimage," by Dr. Hans Luckey. The afternoon sessions were given over to group meetings covering missions, social work, men's, women's, youth, Sunday School and students' work.

Following the group meetings on Monday, the European Baptist Mission Society met under the theme, "God's Field—the Wide World," under the leadership of Dr. Herbert Maschner. Reports were brought by the president, Dr. Henri Vincent of Paris; and the secretary, Dr. Paul Schmidt, of Berlin; and several missionaries. The Society conducts missions in the Cameroons.

The women's meeting on Tuesday afternoon was of special significance, where approximately 1,600 women gathered under the leadership of Mrs. Marianne Bambey, president of the German Baptist women, who in recent



Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, the newly elected general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, addresses the Conference session of the German Baptist Union.

years visited the women's groups in America at the invitation of the American Baptist Convention. A thrilling report of the meetings of the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro was brought by Mrs. Elizabeth Fluegge. Mrs. Appel had the privilege of extending the greetings of the Austrian and North American Baptist women.

These days of high inspiration were brought to a glorious close on Tuesday evening in a great "Sing-Gottesdienst" (Musical Worship Service) by a mass choir from the Berlin churches.

Arrangements had been made by the local committee for a boat ride on the West Berlin lakes on Wednesday. Some 1,500 people gathered at the docks, where six boats were filled to capacity. At noon the boats docked at a lakeside restaurant for dinner.

GREETINGS FROM BAPTISTS

During the Conference days, greetings were brought by representatives of several European Baptist Unions.

From the Professor's Desk

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

In Romans 10:18 we find the statement, "Their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world." To whom does this refer?

It must first be noted that Paul is here quoting the Old Testament. The passage is taken from Psalm 19 and in the context of the psalm clearly refers to the heavenly bodies: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world" (Psa. 19:1-4).

Now the last sentence, which is the one Paul cites, reads "voice" or "sound" in the Septuagint Version, and it is from this version that Paul takes the quotation in Romans 10:18. From the above passage it is clear that in Psalm 19 "their voice" is a reference to the "voice" of the heavenly bodies as they witness to the glory of God.

But does "their sound" or "voice" in Romans 10:18 refer to the heavenly bodies? A study of the context of the verse clearly reveals that it does not. Paul is establishing in Romans 10 that the rejection of Israel is her own fault. In particular, in verses 14-21 he underscores the disobedience of Israel to the Gospel message. To the objection that Israel had never had a fair chance to hear the Gospel Paul replies in effect, "That just is not so! Why, the Gospel preachers went everywhere!" Then

he quotes Psalm 19:4: "Their voice has gone to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." "Their voice" is none other than the voice of the preachers of the "good news"!

Now some moderns would object that this is a completely arbitrary use of the Old Testament. While it is true that none of us would be so bold as to employ Old Testament texts in this fashion, the words of Hengstenberg are to the point here: "The universal revelation of God in nature was a providential prediction of the universal proclamation of the gospel. If the former was not fortuitous, but founded in the nature of God, so must the latter be. The manifestation of God in nature, is, for all his creatures to whom it is made, a pledge of their participation in the clearer and higher revelations" (quoted in C. Hodge, *Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans*, pp. 549 f.).

Isaac Watts has brought together the message of Psalm 19:4 and Romans 10:18 in his beautiful hymn, "The Heavens Declare Thy Glory Lord."

"Sun, moon, and stars convey thy praise

Round the whole earth, and never stand;

So when thy truth began its race, It touched and glanced on every land.

"Nor shall thy spreading gospel rest Till through the world thy truth has run;

Till Christ has all the nations blessed, That see the light or feel the sun."

60 VERSIONS OF PSALM 23

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One of the evening sessions of the Baptist Union's General Conference of Germany held in the spacious and modernistic "Deutschlandhalle" with the theme over the platform, "Fear not; I am the First, and the Last, and He that liveth."

Friday evening was given over to the consideration of evangelism, under the subject, "Are We Following the Right Path in Our Method of Evangelism?" The speaker, Rev. Herbert Gudjons of Goettingen, questioned the wisdom of the annual period for stressing evangelism under the leadership of an evangelist to the neglect of pressing the claims of Christ with a view to decision all through the year. He stressed the need for continuous personal evangelism by every Christian. The speaker's conception of the pastor's ministry was that of teaching

these areas, 1,050 were able to be present. Many people from West Germany traveling by car and train were also turned back at the border. Some of these, however, were able to continue when the West German government provided free transportation by air. Pastor Kolbe of Bad Ischl, Austria, the exchange student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls last year, was detained at the border and held with a group of other travelers for 13 hours, without food or water. When released he was able to proceed by air at the expense of the German Government,



The strikingly attractive sanctuary of the Tempelhof Baptist Church of Berlin, Germany, which served as the setting for the business sessions of the German Baptist Union's General Conference.

We the Women

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

PUMPKIN PIE

As we approach Thanksgiving, we mothers literally roll into high gear to carry out plans for the family feast that is traditional in the United States. The house must be gone over so that it is spotless; the best dishes and silver pieces brought out and polished; the little extras bought and made ready. We anticipate with pleasure the day when we can gather our loved ones around the festive board to enjoy the meal we have prepared with loving care. We need not spend much time preparing the menu. Our families naturally expect us to serve turkey with all the trimmings, and end the meal with pumpkin pie.

Did you ever stop to think what makes pumpkin pie the "taste delight" that it is? It certainly is not the pumpkin. Cooked alone without adding anything to it, pumpkin is very bland tasting, most unpalatable. In pie, they are the spices that we add which make the final result a delightful eating experience. The spices, added in just the right amount, and the crowning dash of whipped cream transform the tasteless pumpkin into our favorite Thanksgiving dessert.

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Has your society made a contribution toward our Denominational Advance Building Fund? You may not want to use the Mite Boxes especially prepared for this purpose, but you will want to send an offering for this purpose, nevertheless. Your offering will help us meet our \$12,000 goal for the Denominational Advance Building Fund. We want everyone to have a share in this important project. Send your offering to WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois and designate it for the Building Fund.

It occurred to me that in our Christian walk a parallel can be drawn. Our Christian witness would be just as ineffective and "tasteless" as pumpkin pie without spices to perk it up, if we did not possess certain virtues to make our testimony meaningful and dynamic. When Paul wrote to the Galatians, he listed these attributes as fruits of the Spirit. These are the Christian graces that transform our lives and lift them above the common and mundane. He said, "The Spirit . . . produces in human life fruits such as these: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, fidelity, adaptability, and self-control . . . and no law exists against any of these" (Gal.

A Program of Training Is Worthwhile

By Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Pastor of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church

SHOULD there be any doubt as to the truth of the above heading? If there is, it could only be entertained by such who have never carried on such a program, or who have never participated in the training that their own particular church is offering. It has been my privilege to observe and to be part of a very systematic program of training during two of my pastorates, including the present one. Judging by the results obtained, I can subscribe wholeheartedly to the heading of this article.

The ever-recurring problem of the Sunday School is not so much its attendance, nor its administration, nor its grading, though all of these are very important, but the efficiency of the Sunday School teacher. Increasingly our churches have realized the possibilities of the Sunday School as evidenced in the many educational units being added to existing structures as well as the tendency to erect the educational unit first, in case of a new building.

HIGH TEACHING STANDARDS

However up-to-date and efficient the equipment is, it is still more important to have an effective teaching corps. In the end, it is not what the teacher knows nor the teacher's convictions that make him or her a good teacher, but his or her ability to stimulate and to direct the student's search for God. This ability depends partly on native endowment, but largely on a personal experience of God's grace and on a proper training in the art of teaching. Therefore, an adequate program of training belongs among the more important considerations for every church.

We have witnessed a significant change in our attitudes toward training for various callings. We expect a minister, for instance, to spend a number of years in preparatory study. We would not want to entrust the education of our children to any but qualified teachers in our public schools. Educational standards are being raised repeatedly. Has there been any pro-

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

What you have is God's gift to you—what you are is your gift to God.

5:22—Phillips' translation).

What glowing Christians we would be if we possessed a measure of these Christian graces! Added to them, a spirit of gratitude to crown our lives (the whipped cream of pumpkin pie) and we would become telling witnesses for Christ, indeed!

portionate advance for the religious teacher?

Since the task of religious training has been delegated almost entirely to the Sunday School, and since the time available for such instruction is so very brief at best, it is all the more imperative that the church offer a systematic training program to its workers. It is equally important that the workers avail themselves of every opportunity for further study.

Extreme skill is needed by the Sunday School teacher profitably to use the precious half hour or so at his or her disposal in order to make the religious impression deep and lasting. The average superintendent is always hampered in his work by the lack of teachers, and also by their inefficiency. There ought to be in every Sunday School a corps of trained teachers with a knowledge of the Bible, to be sure, but also of the best methods of presenting the lesson to meet the individual needs of the pupils.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AIMS

The aim of the Sunday is twofold: (1) to bring the pupils to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ; and (2) to develop Christian character. In so far as Sunday School teachers are prepared for the work by systematic training will they be successful. I do not hereby intend to minimize the value of consecrated experience gained through years of teaching by many Sunday School teachers. A teacher is unconsciously trained by constant use of the lesson material and by constant contact with the pupil. But the process is slow, and, considering everything, the price of such experience rather high. Christian character, consecration and prayer life being equal, the trained teacher will accomplish far greater results earlier in the teaching life than is possible with the untrained person, be he ever so consecrated.

In our church the value of systematic Leadership Training has been demonstrated over and over. It has been most encouraging to see how active as well as prospective teachers, and a number of others with no thought for the present of becoming teachers, have responded to the program offered. We could not conceive of carrying on the work now without such a program. It is largely due to this program that we have had a ready and willing supply of able workers available to take the place of those unable to continue or moving away or the like. Based on our experience, we could certainly encourage every church, that has not already done so, to institute a systematic training program. It is very much worthwhile!

What's Happening

• The Berlin Baptist Church near Fredonia, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. David Littke of Selfridge, N. Dak. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Berlin church on November 1st, succeeding Rev. V. H. Prendinger who retired from the active ministry. Mr. Littke has served the Selfridge church since 1958.

• The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., has called Rev. George W. Breitreuz of Portland, Oregon, as Director of Christian Education. He has served in that same capacity in the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland since 1957. Mr. Breitreuz has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Anaheim church on Jan. 1, 1961. Rev. H. John Vanderbeck is pastor of Anaheim's Bethel Church.

• The First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., has announced that its pastor, Rev. L. O. Wahl, has resigned and that his resignation took effect on November 1, 1960. He had served the Wishek church since 1952. He is now serving the Maple Leaf Baptist Church of Seattle, Washington, which is associated with the General Baptist Conference. Mrs. Willie Herr, reporter, stated: "We as a church are praying that the Lord will see fit to send us another pastor soon."

• Rev. J. R. Kruegel of the First Baptist Church, Trenton, Ill., baptized 6 young people on Sept. 18 and received them into the church's fellowship on Oct. 2nd. A series of special Sunday evening services, being held in October and November, included Laymen's Sunday on Oct. 16, a Union Reformation service at the Baptist church on the afternoon of Oct. 30, and Missionary Night on Nov. 20 with Dr. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, as the guest speaker.

• The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has announced that, beginning Oct. 20, Rev. A. F. Ballbach of Philadelphia is serving as the church's interim pastor. Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of the Eastern Baptist Seminary faculty supplied the pulpit on several Sundays in September. On Sunday, Nov. 13, Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, will be the guest speaker. The church is without a minister since Rev. Norman H. Klann went to Alpena, Mich., on Sept. 1, 1960.

• Mrs. J. F. Niebuhr of Ocean Grove, N. J., passed away on September 20 at the age of 81 years. She was the widow of Rev. J. F. Niebuhr who had gone home to be with the Lord three years ago. Both she and her husband

were deeply interested in denominational events and the mission fields. Mrs. Niebuhr loved to write and some of her contributions appeared in the "Baptist Herald." Miss Gertrude Niebuhr ministered faithfully to her stepmother during the last months while she was in the Marlboro Hospital.

• Rev. and Mrs. Loren A. Weber of Rapid City, S. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on Sept. 26 who has been named Mark Eugene. This is their second child. Mr. Weber is pastor of the South Canyon Baptist Church of Rapid City. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rentz, missionaries in the Southern Cameroons of Africa, who are now in Canada on furlough, have announced the birth of a son on Sept. 28 who has been named Bryan Timothy. They are residing in Morris, Manitoba during their furlough.

• Members of the Central Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ontario, are working hard on the completion of their \$110,000 church edifice which they hope to have ready for dedication by the spring of 1961. The basement of the church was built in 1955. Now the superstructure for the auditorium is being constructed at a cost of \$75,000. It will have a seating capacity for 312 persons. The church membership totals 170 at present. Rev. Paul Goetze is pastor of this German-speaking congregation that is largely composed of immigrants from Germany.

• Rev. Otto Lohse of McIntosh, S. Dak., was called to his heavenly home at the age of 82 years on Saturday, Oct. 8, after a lingering illness. He attended the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. from 1911-1914 and was ordained in the Baptist church of Lebanon, Wis., on Nov. 3, 1914. He served numerous churches, most of them in the Dakota Conference area. His last active ministry was in the Baptist church of McIntosh, S. Dak. His widow and two daughters

DR. WOYKE, B.J.A. LEADER

The Baptist Jubilee Advance Joint Committee at its session in Washington, D. C. on Oct. 5 unanimously elected Dr. Frank H. Woyke, NAB executive secretary, as its chairman and president for the year 1960-1961. This is a distinctive honor that has been bestowed on Dr. Woyke since the committee plans for the Baptist Jubilee Advance program for 19 million Baptists on the North American continent. Those who have served previously in this position are Dr. C. C. Warren, Southern Baptist; Dr. T. B. McDormand, Canadian Baptist; and Mrs. Howard Roach, American Baptist.

survive him, one of whom is Miss Helen Lohse, our missionary to the Spanish-Americans in Colorado.

• Sunday School Week was launched by the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Oklahoma, with "a kick off" supper at the local park on Friday evening, Sept. 23. Organized visitation committees from each Sunday School class went out into the community to make contacts. On the following Sunday 10 new people were in Sunday School. The pastor, Rev. Jack Block, spoke on "Our Sunday School" on the opening Sunday of Sunday School Week. The film "The Unfinished Task" was shown on the second Sunday. From Oct. 23 to 30 revival services were held with Rev. Robert Penner of Lansing, Mich., as the evangelist.

• At a recent memorial service, the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., honored the late Mr. Dan Bittner and dedicated in his honor 167 Bibles for worship purposes in the church's chapel and auditorium. Mr. Bittner had served as head usher of the church for 25 years and had been a trustee for 17 years. Rev. William Hoover, pastor, explained the purpose of the memorial, given by Mr. Bittner's many friends, and offered the dedication prayer. Rev. Reginald Shepley, associate pastor, gave an appreciation of the English Bible from his viewpoint as a Sunday School teacher. Other speakers stressed the Christian loyalty and liberality of Brother Bittner in his untiring witness for Christ.

• Rev. Friedrich Sondheimer of Germany, a retired evangelist of the Baptist Union of that country, is spending six months in Canada and the United States conducting evangelistic services in German-speaking churches. He began this series of evangelistic campaigns on Oct. 9, 1960 in the Immanuel Church of New York, N. Y., with Rev. A. Husmann as pastor. His second campaign was in Toronto, Ontario. He will visit 19 churches bringing the series to a close on April 16, 1961 at Windsor, Ontario, with Rev. Alfred Luck as pastor. His trip to Canada and the United States is being sponsored entirely by these German-speaking churches at their expense.

• Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee left the United States by plane bound for Africa on Oct. 12. Two days later he was back in the Southern Cameroons, ready to render medical service in the Name of Christ. He has been stationed again as the medical missionary at the Bansa Baptist Hospital, where he served previously. Dr. Peter E. Fehr of the Bansa Hospital has been transferred to the Government Hospital at Bamenda in which we as North American Baptists are taking a prominent part. (More about this will appear in later issues of the "Baptist Herald"). For the present, the family of Dr. Chaffee will remain in the United States for the completion of this year's school studies by

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 20, 1960

Theme: THANKS BE TO GOD

Scripture: Psalm 103:1-18

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A heart full of thanksgiving can see a world full of blessings.

INTRODUCTION: Notice the contrast between Psalms 32 and 103. In Psalm 32 the Psalmist found himself in the depths of despair. Because of his sin, he felt the guilt even in the marrow of his bones. It is literally true when we speak of a person being "sin-sick," for it is one of the most painful of all sicknesses.

But today the Psalmist is in the best of health. Physically and spiritually, he feels as if he is on top of the world. It is the expression of a mountain top experience and he is bubbling over with joy in trying to find words adequate and descriptive enough for his feelings. His personal experience of God's goodness is so real to him that he finds reasons for praise and thanksgiving in everything around him.

In spite of the fact that the Psalmist knew nothing of the salvation which we have through the Lord Jesus Christ, he nevertheless had a "joy unspeakable and full of glory" so much so that he puts many present-day Christians to shame. For some reason the note of joy and thanksgiving is missing in many followers of Jesus Christ. Let us nurture "the joy of salvation which makes the heart glow."

I. THANK GOD FOR GOD. Psalm 103:1.

A man who is truly grateful puts God first. The first commandment to love the Lord with all one's heart, soul, mind and strength is part and parcel of his life. Therefore, before he expresses his thanks for anything else, he first thanks God for his holy Name. Perhaps he felt like the little girl who prayed: "Please take care of yourself God, because if something happened to you I don't know what we would do."

II. THANK GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS. Psalm 103:2-13.

Now that he has expressed his thanksgiving to God and to everything that his name implies, he begins a long list of blessings which come from God, and for which he is sincerely grateful.

1. *Forgiveness.* He puts spiritual health at the top of the list. Even in the Old Testament there was the truth of "seeking first the kingdom of God."

2. *Health.* It is not strange that many illnesses are caused by sin, and very often before Jesus can say, "Take up thy bed and walk" he must first say, "Son, thy sins are forgiven thee."

3. *Physical redemption.* This is a dif-

ficult and dangerous world, and he felt the need of divine protection.

4. *Love.* Loving kindness, not dutiful kindness, is what the Psalmist experienced with God. Tender mercies, not grudging mercy.

5. *Good things.* Even the food he eats tastes different because he accepts it from a loving God. "Eating bread with gladness and singleness of heart" gives spiritual as well as physical strength.

6. *Guidance.* If God has led Moses and the children of Israel, why should he deny his guidance to the Psalmist? He accepts God's guidance; he does not question it.

7. *Patience.* God's patience is melted by his grace, mercy and love. He is not anxious to "get even" with us for the way we have treated him. He is willing to wait for our repentance and is then willing in his great mercy not only to forgive but to forget our sin. He is like a father in the home, not like a warden in a prison.

III. THANK GOD FOR EVERLASTING LIFE. Psalm 103:14-18.

The Psalmist is not discouraged nor dismayed by the shortness of life. It would certainly be tragic if it were no more than the grass or flower in the field. When it is gone, no one even remembers that it was there. The Psalmist thinks of life without the dimension of time—from everlasting to everlasting.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 27, 1960

Theme: STRENGTH IN GOD

(Temperance)

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A soldier of Jesus must be trained in defense and offense; he must know when to retreat and when to march forward.

INTRODUCTION: Strength has always been a symbol of security. Even small boys like to impress one another by the feel of the muscle in their arms. At this stage of human development, it seems quite harmless and even a little humorous. But as men and nations become older, this spirit of "feeling" each other's muscles becomes quite serious and dangerous, and no one thinks of it as being funny. Nations strive to impress each other with the feel of their armies and navies, their battleships and air forces. Soon the muscles become bigger, and they take

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the form of atomic stock piles, nuclear war-heads and hydrogen bombs. Even though the nations are merely flexing their muscles, the world lives in fear because of the danger that one nation may suddenly decide to use their muscles.

The strength which was developed by the nations, and which was thought to give them the greatest security, turned out to be an uncontrollable monster and the source of the world's greatest insecurity. Their golden text sounds like this: "Be strong in the war-lord and in the power of his might."

I. THE SOURCES OF OUR STRENGTH. Ephesians 6:10-11.

Christians are not called to be weak; they are called to be strong. They have a right to develop and exercise their spiritual muscles. But the source of their strength is not made manifest by waving a big stick, but by trusting the Lord and putting on the spiritual armor of God.

II. THE SOURCE OF OUR ATTACK. Ephesians 6:12.

One of the difficulties of the Christian life is that the enemy is not always easy to see. The devil and all the evil he stands for do not appear to us in the form of flesh and blood. The most dangerous enemy is the enemy who looks like a friend. We are most off guard when he comes to us as the angel of light.

III. THE SOLDIER'S EQUIPMENT. Ephesians 6:13-17.

It is no wonder that the Christian needs superior equipment for his warfare which no munitions factory on earth can supply. If such a system of defense were recommended to the nations of the world for security, not one would accept it. No country could stand if it had no better weapons than those described by Paul. And yet they are the only weapons on which a Christian can stand. Anything less would be fatal.

IV. THE SOLDIER'S BEST PROTECTION. Ephesians 6:18.

A soldier, no matter how well equipped he is, must keep in contact with his superior officer. So a Christian cannot feel self-sufficient, no matter how strong his spiritual armor. Through constant prayer, he must keep in contact with the Chief-of-staff, the Lord Jesus Christ. After he has appropriated the weapons, he must know how to use them and where to use them.

V. THE WAR STRATEGIST. Ephesians 6:19-20.

Who is this advisor and authority on defense? To the world this may seem utterly ridiculous. For this great general and war strategist is a helpless captive languishing in prison—"an ambassador in bonds." But those who have spiritual eyes to see know that Paul used this armor to the utmost, and he fought a good fight—and he won!

Fiftieth Anniversary — New Leipzig Church

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Baptist Church, New Leipzig, North Dakota, Reported by Rev. Allan Strohschein, Pastor

SEPTEMBER 10 and 11 were days of inspiration and blessing for the members and friends of the New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, N. Dak., as we paused to give honor and glory to God for his guidance and direction during the fifty years since the church was organized.

Settlers of Baptist faith first arrived in the New Leipzig area in 1905. These were people who had migrated from Russia, first settling in South Dakota for a time before coming to this area of southwest North Dakota. After worshipping with people of other faiths for several years, there arose a desire to begin a Baptist work.

EARLY BEGINNINGS

The people turned to the German Baptist Conference for help, and Rev. Thomas Stoeri was sent to the field in 1909 to become the first pastor. Worship services were first held in the newly-built parsonage. On August 22, 1910, the church was formally organized with 21 charter members.

The first church building was built northwest of town and was dedicated in 1911. The work was expanded to the south where another church was built. About 1930, services were begun in the town of New Leipzig. At the present time all church services are conducted in the church building in town.

The theme for the anniversary, "Unto Thy Name Give Glory," was evident in the first service on Saturday evening. A pageant depicting the early history and highlights of the church life was presented to an appreciative

audience. Many of the old timers wept and also rejoiced as they were carried back over the years to relive an earlier experience. The Saturday serv-

taught in the Junior Department. The church was filled to capacity for the morning worship service. Rev. David Littke, a former pastor, spoke on



NEW LEIPZIG BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH DAKOTA

On Sept. 10-11, 1960 the Baptist Church of New Leipzig, N. Dak., celebrated its 50th anniversary, with Rev. Allen Strohschein, pastor, in charge of the festivities.

ice was concluded with a time of reminiscing by some of the older members.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Visiting pastors assisted in the Sunday School hour on Sunday morning. Rev. Bruno Schreiber, a former pastor, spoke to the adult and youth departments. Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Friez

the topic, "I Will Build My Church." The ladies of the church served the noon meal in the local school dining hall to about 200 guests.

The anniversary services were climaxed with the service on Sunday afternoon, held in the town hall, to accommodate the large audience. The choir sang the anthem, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice." Visiting pastors assisted in the service and brought greetings from their churches. Rev. Bruno Schreiber delivered the anniversary address.

At the conclusion of the afternoon service, the women served anniversary cake and coffee.

THE PASTORS

The New Leipzig Baptist Church is indebted to all of the ministers who have served the church in the past fifty years. They are: Rev. Thomas Stoeri, 1909-1912; Rev. S. Groza, 1913-1916; Rev. A. F. Runtz, 1916-1918; Rev. G. L. Freigang, 1919-1921; Rev. J. Schmidt, 1923-1925; Rev. J. Koschel, 1928-1933; Rev. J. Matz, 1934-1938; Rev. David Littke, 1940-1944; Rev. Bruno Schreiber, 1945-1950; Rev. E. Becker, 1951-1958; Rev. Allan Strohschein, 1959-.

We would give all glory and honor to God who alone is worthy. God has graciously led in the past fifty years, and we would pledge ourselves anew to follow in the way that he leads for the coming days.



ADVISORY BOARD, NEW LEIPZIG CHURCH

Front row: Carl Okken, Luella Okken, Edna Iblings, Rev. A Strohschein; Second row: John Koch, Sam Schram, Albert Mattis, August Magstadt, Andrew Friez; Third row: Walter Kallis, Elmer Pahl.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern District

Dedication of Church Bulletin Board, Fenwood, Sask.

On Sunday afternoon, July 3rd, of the Baptist Church, Fenwood, Sask., dedicated our new church bulletin board to the service and glory of the Lord. After the singing of a few choruses and Scripture reading, Rev. Jake Neudorf (pictured to the left of the sign with Mrs. Neudorf), led in the dedication prayer. The sign was donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. William Wigmore. At the rear of the picture the new exterior of our decorated church can be seen.

Clarence Fritzsche, Reporter

Vacation Bible School at Edmonton's Central Church

A blessed two weeks of evening classes for our Sunday School scholars were spent in August as thirty teachers and workers participated in two hours of singing, worship, lessons, memory work and handwork each night of our Vacation Bible School from August 8 to 19. The director was Ernie Rogalski, student pastor for the summer months, and assistant director was Mrs. D. Ortlieb who was in charge of the Beginners Department. Ninety-two children were enrolled with an average attendance of 67. The Lord richly blessed the work. Although no decisions were recorded, we trust the Lord will continue to speak to the hearts of those who heard the Gospel.

God's House was filled to capacity for the closing Sunday evening program as the children acceptably portrayed what they had learned from God's Word. Prizes were awarded for perfect attendance and the best all-round students. May God see fit to use many of these children to win their parents and loved ones to the Christ whom they love and may they themselves grow up to be stalwart soldiers for the King.

Mrs. Jean Strauss, Reporter

Central District

Ordination Service, Rev. Richard Christeleit, Martin, N. Dak.

On Sept. 2nd pastors and delegates from 10 of our N. A. B. churches met at the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak., for the purpose of ordaining to the Gospel ministry their pastor, Mr. Richard Christeleit. Examination of the candidate took place in the afternoon before a large ordination council and members of the local church. The candidate gave a detailed report of his Christian experiences from the date of his conversion as a youth throughout the intervening period. He then related the experience of his call to the ministry, his active preparation for this work and his doctrinal views to the complete satis-



Vacation Bible School group of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

faction of the ordination council. The impressive installation service was held in the evening. Rev. I. H. Schmuland of our Goodrich church and chairman of the ordination council presented the candidate to the church and introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Willis Potratz, who delivered the ordination sermon to a large and attentive audience. We covet for our brother in Christ a long and fruitful ministry in the vineyard of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

George Kessler, Clerk

Activities at Spring Valley Church, South Dakota

The work at the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak., is going on with the Lord's blessing. Members of the congregation redecorated the church auditorium and basement during the summer. About 350 trees were planted along the north and east sides of the church. From August 22 to 28 we had special meetings with Rev. Herman Effa of the Chancellor Baptist Church as speak-



Rev. and Mrs. Jake Neudorf, pastor and wife of the Baptist Church, Fenwood, Sask., are photographed alongside the newly dedicated bulletin board of the church.

er. Attendance was good and we had a blessed time.

We are also happy to announce that our pastor, Mr. Walter Goltz, was awarded the Baptist Life Scholarship at the graduation exercises of the Seminary last May. This scholarship was awarded by the Baptist Life Association, and is applied during the present school year.

Mrs. John G. Buseman, Clerk

New Addition to Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak.

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18, was truly a wonderful occasion for the people of the Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., at which time groundbreaking services were observed for an addition and the remodeling of our present building. The new addition to the structure will be 16 by 36 feet and will provide us with more classrooms, a library, a mothers' room and a balcony for an overflow crowd. In the lower auditorium more space for the dining area will be provided. Rev. Peter Wiens of Avon, S. Dak., was the guest speaker. Services were held inside the church building, after which the deacons, trustees and Rev. Alfred Weisser, pastor, participated.

Most of the labor is being donated by the laymen of the church and Brother Weisser, who are giving of their time sacrificially. The women of the church provide the men with coffee and cake twice a day. We are looking into the future with great anticipation. May the Lord bless us at Herreid with our pastor and his wife, and give them much zeal to do even greater things for his cause!

Mrs. E. A. Bischke, Reporter

Farewell to Rev. and Mrs. V. H. Prendinger, Fredonia

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4, the Berlin Baptist Church near Fredonia, N. Dak., held a heart-warming farewell for its pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. V. H. Prendinger. Under the able chairmanship of the deacon, Fred Wolfe, the well-attended meeting carried out the warm and stirring words of farewell. Rev. E. S. Fenske of Lehr and Rev. A. Bibelheimer of Ashley, as neighboring pastors, brought appropriate words of recognition to the departing family and to the church. Throughout the service outstanding musical numbers were rendered. Representatives from the church, Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Society, Youth Fellowship, and Senior Bible Class, of which Mrs. Prendinger was teacher, brought intimate words of sincere appreciation to the Prendingers.

The various expressions in words and gifts left a deep impression on all those who attended. When the Prendingers responded to the many kind words spoken in their honor, the intimate relation between church and pastor's family became especially evident. The church ladies served a good lunch where inspiring singing and fine fellowship were experienced by all. Sin-

cere best wishes from the Berlin church and all their friends accompany Rev. and Mrs. V. H. Prendinger in their retirement with our prayer for God's loving kindness.

A. W. Bibelheimer, Reporter



Rev. R. C. Stading of Washburn, N. Dak., and 4 young people whom he recently baptized.

Left to right: Elaine Schacher, Glenn Stading, Byron Luithe, Candice Enockson; (back) Rev. R. C. Stading.

Out-of-Door Baptismal Service At Washburn, North Dakota

On Sunday, Sept. 4, the Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak., assembled at Snake Creek to witness the baptism of four young people. It was a beautiful day with a brisk breeze causing the waves to swish playfully against the shore. The sounds and surroundings brought to our minds the accounts of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost where we read, "and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind." We also visualized in our mind's eye the baptism of our Lord by John in the Jordan River when the Holy Spirit descended even as a dove upon him.

An outdoor service, in the summer time, always seems to have its special beauty. The scenery is natural and not a painted stream in the background, not an artificial sky but the Lord's own handiwork. This day stands out for the pastor in that it was his first out-of-door baptismal service and, secondly, because one of the candidates was his own son. It was done even as the Lord had commanded, and yet there is room. And all the people went their way rejoicing over this event.

R. C. Stading, Pastor

Cornerstone Laying Exercises, Ashley, North Dakota

The Sunday afternoon of September 18 was a historical day for the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak. A large group of members and friends assembled for the laying of the cornerstone for our nearly completed church edifice. After the singing of several hymns, Rev. O. Meth of Venturia, N. Dak., read an appropriate Scripture passage. Two special songs were sung by the Church's Male Chorus. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, brought a timely message on "The True Cornerstone."

The sealed box containing minutes of the original charter of 1896, minutes

of organization, minutes of the old records in the former cornerstone, Bible, Hymnal, constitution of the church, S. S. lessons, "Secret Place" and other vital material. This box was placed by the chairman of Building Committee, Carl Bertsch, and the chairman of the Board of Trustees, J. J. Fischer. Then the granite stone was placed by the brethren Adam G. Bertsch, chairman of the Board of Deacons; and Jacob A. Bertsch, a member of Dakota Conference Mission Committee. The dedication prayer was offered by the pastor. A tour was then made of the new building which is to be dedicated in mid-November, when the new furniture arrives. A report will be given later. The name of the church has been changed from the First German Baptist Church to the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak.

A. W. Bibelheimer, Pastor



Speakers at the Harvest and Mission Festival of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas. (Photo by Broadstreet).

Left to right: Dr. Richard Schilke, Rev. Charles Littman, pastor; Rev. Wesley A. Gerber and Rev. Elton Kirstein.

Mission Festival at Strassburg Church of Kansas

It has been a time of rejoicing at the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas. On Mother's Day 19 children were brought by their parents to be dedicated to the Lord. On Sunday, August 17, a dream came true when we dedicated our new Lowery Organ to the service of the Lord.

Sunday, Sept. 25, was a special day when we celebrated our Harvest and Mission Festival. We were privileged to have Dr. R. Schilke, our general mission secretary, as our guest speaker. He gave challenging messages on missions and thanksgiving and showed pictures of our mission work in Japan. It was a beautiful day and the church was filled to capacity. Both the First Baptist Church of Durham and its pastor, Rev. Wesley Gerber, and the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion and its pastor, Rev. Elton Kirstein, were our guests. The pastors and choirs from both churches participated. At the end of the day, all were

wonderfully blessed and an offering of \$1319 had been gathered.

Mrs. Jonah Seifert, Reporter

New Pastor Called to Church, Watertown, Wisconsin

The First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin, has extended a call to Rev. Donald N. Miller of Philadelphia, Pa., to become its pastor. Mr. Miller is a native of Camrose, Alberta, Canada, where he received his primary and secondary education. In 1952, he came to the United States and enrolled at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago. Transferring to Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1955, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education the following year. Then in the fall of 1956, he entered Eastern Baptist Seminary, and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree this spring.

During the last two years of his theological studies he has served the Geiger Memorial Brethren Church on a full-time basis as its pastor. Mr. Miller is 28 years of age, married, and has one daughter. He will begin his ministry at the First Baptist Church around the 1st of January, 1961.

Glenn E. Rusk, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Kenneth Schmuland, Creston, Neb.

On Friday afternoon, Sept. 23rd, ten churches with 19 representatives of the Southwestern Conference convened at the invitation of the Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska, to examine their pastor, Kenneth Schmuland, a candidate for ordination to the ministry. Rev. LeRoy Schauer and Rev. Lyle Wacker were elected moderator and secretary of the council. Mr. Schmuland presented his conversion experience, call to the ministry and doctrinal views with clarity and preciseness. The council was impressed by the influence of the Christian home upon the candidate. After a period of questioning, the council recommended



Rev. Donald N. Miller, pastor-elect of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin, who will begin his ministry on Jan. 1, 1961.

to the Creston Church to proceed with the ordination of their pastor.

The ordination service was held that same evening at the Creston church, with Rev. L. Schauer presiding. A challenging ordination sermon was given by Dr. Walter W. Wessel of our seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The ordination prayer was given by Rev. G. Neubert. Rev. H. Haas gave the charge to the church. Rev. W. Gerber gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. F. Fuchs welcomed the candidate into the ministry.

Lyle Wacker, Clerk



The remodeled Immanuel Baptist Church, St. Catharines, Ontario, with its beautiful natural facing brick facade and worshipful cross over the entrance. Dedication services were held on Sunday, Sept. 25.

Nebraska-Colorado Association Meetings in La Salle

The Nebraska-Colorado Association meetings were held at the First Baptist Church of LaSalle, Colorado, Sept. 15 to 18. The opening service on Thursday evening was under the leadership of the host pastor, Rev. F. Fuchs. Rev. G. Zimmerman brought a challenging message, "Commitment, Conviction, Commission." Friday was designated as Sunday School Day and a total of six workshops were conducted. Our guests, Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker of our denomination, demonstrated various means of working with children. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of our Sunday School Union, presented various techniques of working with adults.

All the pastors of the Association shared in the various responsibilities during these days. The moderator, Rev. Lyle Wacker, presided at the Saturday morning business meeting. The following new officers were elected: moderator, Rev. LeRoy Schauer; vice-moderator, Rev. Kenneth Schmuland; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Fred Fuchs.

The Sunday services were well attended. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman brought the morning message, "Anchored with God." The service concluded with a quartet number, "My Anchor Holds," sung by "The Remnant Quartet" composed of Rev. G. K. Zimmerman;

Rev. LeRoy Schauer; Rev. Kenneth Schmuland; and Rev. Fred Fuchs, all members of former seminary quartets. A mission offering of \$160 was received to be divided equally between the Church Extension work in Columbus, Nebraska, and the San Luis Valley in Colorado.

Mrs. Fred Fuchs, Reporter

Sessions of Minnesota Association at St. Paul

The 91st annual session of the Minnesota Association met at the Daytons

Ordination and Missionary Services, Buffalo Center, Iowa

On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 6, the Ordination Council called by the First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa, met for the purpose of examining Mr. Fred Spreevers for ordination. He gave a clear and convincing statement concerning his conversion, call to the Gospel ministry, and doctrinal beliefs. The ordination service was held Sept. 7, with Rev. John Reimer of George, Iowa and Rev. Ralph Cook of Sheffield, Iowa participating. The Spreevers will sail for Holland this month as missionaries and will be seeking to win the youth of Holland for Christ. On Sept. 13, a farewell was held with appropriate music by Mrs. Gerthe, soloist, and a duet by Bill and Peter Smidt. Representatives of the church's organizations brought brief messages of encouragement from the Word.

The women of the Mission Band of First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, spent a pleasant and profitable evening as guests of the Mission Circle to hear Miss Margaret Lang of Nigeria, Africa, explain her work among the lepers. She showed pictures to the church on a Sunday evening which helped us to understand the work she is doing.

Mrs. Ed. Knoner, Reporter

Eastern District

St. Catharines, Ontario, Church Dedicates its Renovated Edifice

The Immanuel Baptist Church of St. Catharines, Ontario, organized only three years ago as a small Church Extension project, observed a BIG event on Sunday, Sept. 25, in dedicating its renovated church. The rebuilding program featured a new 14 foot front facade for the church of natural facing brick with a 6 foot cross at its center over the front entrance. In addition, facilities have been provided for a reception hall, nursery room and Sunday School rooms in the basement. The value of the renovations is estimated at \$6,000 but the work was done by volunteer labor at a cost of only \$2,000.

More than 300 people filled the sanctuary to overflowing on Sunday afternoon for the 2½ hour long dedication program. Rev. Alexander Hart, pastor, was in charge of the festivities. Neighboring churches brought their greetings: Rev. John Wahl for the Hamilton church; Rev. W. C. Damrau for the Board of Missions; Rev. D. Searle for the St. Catharines Bethel Baptist Church; Rev. S. Erichsmann for the neighboring Pentecostal Church; and Rev. F. Lowen as one of the interim pastors. Mr. Gretzinger, chairman of the local church, gave a full report of the rebuilding program. A variety of ten musical numbers was presented by the St. Catharines church choir and guitar chorus, the Hamilton male chorus and several instrumentalists. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, brought greetings from the NAB General Conference and spoke on "This Is The Lord's Doing."

St. Catharines is located in the heart of a prosperous fruit belt only a few miles from Niagara Falls. It is a growing city with more than 80,000 inhabitants in greater St. Catharines.

Mrs. A. Huber, Reporter

The church is making steady progress with a strong Gospel appeal for the German-speaking people of the community. God's blessings are being showered upon this Immanuel Church!

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter

Vacation School, Open Bible Tabernacle, Erie, Pa.

The Vacation Bible School of the Open Bible Tabernacle, Erie, Pa., was held this year at a different time than is usual for Bible School. We held it throughout the summer on Wednesday evenings, starting the first Wednesday in June and finishing when the course was finished in August. God blessed us in this system. It gave the teachers more time to prepare each lesson, and the children really looked forward to it each week. We had a dedicated staff of five teachers, and a "General," Mr. H. E. McLaughlin. "Signaling for Christ" was the course used. The boys and girls will long remember what they learned about Christ when they look at the things which they made in the hand-work classes. The Bible School was closed with a program given for the parents, in which the boys and girls sang songs they had learned, and told something of what they had learned. The climax of it all was that three children accepted Christ as their personal Savior and are showing the results of this act.

Mrs. Arthur Harrison, Reporter

Western District

Oregon Baptist League Groups At "Camp Tapawingo"

"Discipleship Through Bible Study," taken from John 14:26, "The Counselor—Holy Spirit—he will teach you all things," was the theme for the three Oregon Baptist League's camp sessions at Camp Tapawingo from August 13 to Sept. 3. It was a blessing for approximately 175 of our young people to attend camp. Blessings were abundantly poured on our three camp sessions as we were privileged to have as our missionary, Miss Eleanor Schulert from Africa, and Mr. Flavius Martin, our



Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia, on the occasion of the society's 25th anniversary program.

native Seminary student from the Southern Cameroons. We learned to love more and more our African brothers and sisters in Christ.

Senior campers also enjoyed Dr. Bernard Schalm from the C. T. I. and his classes on "The Holy Spirit." Singing choruses around the campfire and hearing the challenging testimonies of campers, we were reminded how our Lord answers prayer. We praise him for sending us willing pastors, counselors, teachers, cooks, nurses who gave of their time and talents so that souls might be won for the Lord Jesus.

Judy Hoelzer, Secretary

25th Anniversary, Woman's Missionary Union, Kelowna B.C.

Recently the Woman's Missionary Union of the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, British Columbia, observed its 25th anniversary. The program featured the dialogue, "The Ten Memorial Stones." A few special numbers were rendered and two songs were sung by the society. Congratulations were sent to us from Mrs. August Kraemer of Vancouver, B. C.

On June 3, 1935 the society was organized with 11 members and Mrs. Hulda Kraemer (Rumpel) was elected

as president. Mrs. Tabea Paschold became the first secretary and she served faithfully for 11 years. Mrs. Maria Weintz has served as president for 15 years. In appreciation for her devoted service, a corsage was pinned on her and a gift was presented to her. Mrs. Sofia Janke is the only charter member left, and she too received a corsage at our anniversary program. At the present time we have a total membership of 52. The income for the years was \$8,639.23.

The officers of the society are as follows: president, Mrs. Alice Pansgrau; vice-president, Mrs. Maria Weintz; secretary, Mrs. Hertha Hemmerling; assistant secretary, Mrs. Milda Schultz; treasurer, Mrs. Emma Bruenski; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Martha Henkel; and pianist, Mrs. Irene Hait.

Mrs. Hertha Hemmerling, Reporter

Conference of the North-western British Columbia Churches

The second conference of the North-western British Columbia churches convened in Prince Rupert, B. C., from September 3 to 4. A closer cooperation of the different branches of the three churches in question and a pulpit exchange of their pastors were



1960 OREGON JUNIOR CAMP AT CAMP TAPAWINGO

Large, enthusiastic crowd of Oregon young people at Camp Tapawingo for their Junior Camp with pastors, leaders and Flavius Martin, Seminary student from the Cameroons, Africa.

resolved. Rev. A. R. Pohl of Kitimat was re-elected as vice-president of this part of the Association. In the opening service, Rev. R. Rapske of Terrace made the Word of God speak to our hearts. Rev. O. Patzia of Vancouver, the moderator of the British Columbia Association, gave us some inspiring messages and a challenging report of our denominational work. The closing song service of the united choirs was much appreciated.

We all enjoyed the generous hospitality of the Bethel Church, now under the leadership of its new pastor, Rev. August Rauschenberger. Because of the long distances, it is as good as impossible for most of our members to attend the great conventions of our Conference and denomination. We are therefore thankful for these conferences.

A. R. Pohl, Reporter

Friendship Class Dinner, Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

Forty persons enjoyed the Friendship Class potluck dinner and fellowship on Sept. 19 after the morning worship service. Coonie Mauerhan, president, introduced these guests: Rev. and Mrs. John Vanderbeck, Rev. Ken Poure, the Herbert Bowns, Harry Fries and Ralph Doyles; Nina Edgington, Mary Mitchell, Mabel Schafsma, Lydia Wedel, Elizabeth Wedel; Rev. Herman Wedel and Axel Jorgenson. Mr. Frank Stanway, teacher since 1950, read Psalm 71. Mrs. Elizabeth Wedel received a gift honoring her 80th birthday from Mrs. Millie Remland, presented by ladies present in Mrs. Wedel's class years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen showed pictures of their recent trip to Rome and Pompei. The class history review was given by Mrs. Leila Vester. Through Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, former pastor, the King's Daughters and Baraca Men's Classes were combined 10 years ago, thus forming the Friendship Class. Its officers are: Coonie Mauerhan, president; Olga Meyer, vice president; Olga Pieper, secretary; Hulda Stark, statistical secretary; Albert Urbigkeit, treasurer; and Mrs. Vester, assistant teacher.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Conferences	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1959	Sept., 1958
Atlantic	\$ 5,057.12	\$ 5,285.27	\$ 3,493.69
Central	7,788.20	7,952.04	7,297.66
Dakota	6,469.84	5,309.95	5,905.61
Eastern	1,330.88	1,679.27	1,255.97
Northern	4,256.34	3,803.93	3,513.03
Northwestern	6,580.41	8,541.99	3,438.74
Pacific	5,415.80	4,843.76	7,186.12
Southern	1,579.75	267.98	93.75
Southwestern	2,776.73	1,255.11	3,807.83
Total Contributions	\$ 41,255.07	\$ 38,939.30	\$ 35,992.40

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For month of Sept., 1960	\$ 34,908.99	\$ 1,141.30	\$ 5,204.78	\$ 41,255.07
For month of Sept., 1959	32,944.02	5,995.28		38,939.30
For month of Sept., 1958	31,822.19	4,170.21		35,992.40

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1960 to Sept. 30, 1960	\$244,579.90	\$ 6,729.94	\$ 32,485.13	\$283,794.79
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MISSIONARY GORDON

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in getting the necessary approval from the Educational Officer in the Cameroons. No such difficulty was experienced when Brother Gordon's transcripts were submitted. Here then was an open door of service for his particular interests. With this news he filed his application for missionary service in the Cameroons.

On December 22, 1959 Gilbert E. Gordon was ordained into the Christian ministry at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland. Early in March 1960, the Pacific Conference Mission Committee acted as the candidate committee and interviewed him concerning his application for missionary service. At the end of April 1960, the Board of Missions acted on his application and appointed him as missionary teacher to the Baptist Teacher Training Centre at Soppo in the Cameroons.

This has now been changed to Cameroons Protestant College at Bali in the Cameroons. At the beginning of June he concluded his teaching contract at Riddle, Oregon. On July 3,

1960 he sailed from Montreal, Canada on board the "S. S. Ryndam" in the company of other missionaries bound for the Cameroons.

THE SERVANT LORD

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was an attempt to embody this principle of service. In modern times, the development of the principle is seen, not in the power of a titular monarch, but in the function of the servant of the state as one who ministers and serves.

For every Christian it means to make the fewest calls upon the services of one's neighbors and to render them the maximum number of services oneself. The Servant-Lord wants the devotion of our hearts as none other. He wants us to make his faith and principles regnant in our lives. He wants us to reclaim the lives that are shattered and broken by sin by his redeeming grace. He wants our social life, its business, its statecraft, and its international relationships to be renewed by the mind of Christ working in us until they are truly Christian.

It is true, the Gospel of our Servant-Lord is good news, news that can transform and redeem our lives, and give us peace with God and the hope of eternal life. But it also calls for devoted, sacrificial service, for tasks to be achieved, and for an influence and a crusade that will turn the world upside down.

I have followed with interest the articles in our denominational papers about a young man who studied at our seminary in the United States. He was Friedrich Matschulat of Porto Alegre, Brazil. Many fine established churches offered him places of service in our country. But he chose Brazil as the place of his ministry. One rejoices in such a vision of service and a work of love for our fellowmen in other nations.

The great days of Christianity will come when Christians everywhere will accept the message and spirit of our Servant-Lord and interpret their faith in terms of self-denying service.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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the children.

● The Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, held a "Deeper Spiritual Life Crusade" from October 16 to 21 with Dr. John B. Hauser, minister of the First Baptist Church, Corvallis, Oregon, as the guest speaker. The campaign was called "Operation: Christians Grow." Dr. Hauser also conducted a Bible study every morning on the "Life of Faith Illustrated by Abraham." From Oct. 5 to 9 Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., led the church in a series of meetings with a special Bible School emphasis. He spoke at the mid-week service, at a meeting for all members of the adult department, and at a Bible School Workers' banquet. He also brought the series to a close with a consecration service on Sunday evening. Dr. John Wobig is pastor of the church.

THE OPEN HAND

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to open up his hand even more bounteously upon others. That is included in these words of the Psalmist: "All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord" (Psalm 145:10). Our gratitude to God, expressed in the gifts to be laid upon God's altar, enlarges the boundaries of God's blessing of grace and love upon those still in spiritual need.

At this season we as North American Baptist churches have been accustomed to observe "Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week." It is our united expression of thanksgiving to God. But this year it ought to be more than an annual observance. The needs are tremendous. The mission opportunities are unique and pressing. Our blessings of life have made us rich in God. So let us exercise faithfully a stewardship that costs us something. Let us bring our gifts for the missionary work of our denomination with humble acknowledgment to God for all that he has done for us. Give—give generously—give with thankful hearts, and God will give exceeding abundantly out of his open hand of grace and love to you!

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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churches in and around Edmonton, attending C. B. Y. meetings and fellowships which we especially enjoyed.

VISIT WITH INDIANS

One Sunday we were especially privileged to visit the Indian Bull Reserve which gave us all a better understanding and appreciation of the work that is being done by our denomination with reference to the Indian Missions.

We are all experiencing the wonderful bond of fellowship as we live and work together in his Name. At the time this report is being written, we have been working on the visitation

Obituary

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

MR. HENRY ECKERT of Portland, Oregon

Mr. Henry Eckert of Portland, Oregon, was born July 22, 1865 in Poland, and passed away Sept. 26 at our Home for the Aged in Portland. He moved to Oregon in 1884 and to the Dallas area in 1901, where he was united in marriage to Mary Buhler. There were no children born to this marriage and his wife preceded him in death 26 years ago.

While living at the Home for the Aged, his health continued to fail. For the past few months he had been confined to bed. He was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Portland. Survivors include nieces and nephews, raised in the Eckert home. The funeral service and burial took place at the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Dallas, Oregon, on Sept. 29.

Salt Creek Baptist Church
Dallas, Oregon
CLARENCE H. WALTH, Pastor

MR. WILHELM KALLIS of New Leipzig, North Dakota

Mr. Wilhelm Kallis of New Leipzig, N. Dak., was born in Friedenthal, Bessarabia on Dec. 26, 1881. As a young man he came to America, first settling in South Dakota, and then moving to the New Leipzig district in 1906 where he resided until the time of his departure on August 28, 1960. He accepted Christ as his Savior in 1909, and came to love the Lord who had saved him. He often spoke of the longing that was in his heart to read the Word of God, although this was not possible in recent years due to failing eyesight.

After being in failing health for several years, and more seriously ill for twelve days prior to his departure, Brother Kallis answered the summons from the eternal home. Five children mourn the loss of their loved one: Emma Reich, Marsing, Idaho; Adolph, Albert, George and Emil of New Leipzig. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and 2 brothers.

New Leipzig, North Dakota
ALLAN STROHSCHNEIN, Pastor

MR. HENRY HILDEBRAND of Stafford, Kansas

Mr. Henry Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas, was born June 29, 1889 near Ellinwood, Kansas to Franz and Maria Hildebrand. In 1907 he moved with his parents to Stafford, Kansas. He was converted and baptized at the Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas in 1902. Later with his parents, he moved to Stafford, Kansas, where he became a charter member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, of which he was a faithful member to the time of his death. On June 4, 1913 he was married to Margaret Witt of Bison, Kansas. They settled on a farm near Stafford, Kansas, where they resided to the time of his death.

Brother Hildebrand went home to be with the Lord at the Stafford Hospital on Sept. 24, 1960. Those who mourn his passing are: 3 daughters: Gladys (Mrs. Harve Fritzmeler); Alice (Mrs. Marvin Weigand); and Lucille (Mrs. Frederic Moore); and 2 sons: Alfred and Robert, all of Stafford; 13 grandchildren; 3 brothers; 3 sisters; and a large

host of relatives and friends.
Calvary Baptist Church
Stafford, Kansas
FRANK FRIESEN, Interim Pastor

MRS. MARGARET FIEDLER of Parkston, South Dakota

Mrs. Margaret (Engel) Fiedler of Parkston, S. Dak., was born May 20, 1900 near Avon, S. Dak. She passed from this life Sept. 19, 1960 at the age of 60 years. She was baptized on confession of her faith by Rev. Albert Lang into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Avon in May 1923. On Feb. 15, 1933 she was united in marriage to Harry Fiedler from the Plum Creek community near Emery, where they lived for a time. Later, moving to Parkston, they lived on a farm for the past 18 years.

Three children were born to their home: Webster of Milwaukee, Gloria of Gunter, Ala.; and Joyce of Parkston. Besides her husband and children, she is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Jasper Janssen, Avon, S. D.; Mrs. John Niewenhuis, Crookston, Neb.; and Miss Hulda Engel, Cherokee, Iowa. Upon coming to Parkston, Mrs. Fiedler united with the Parkston Baptist Church. She has been a highly respected active member here, showing sound Christian judgment in all things.

Parkston, South Dakota
ELMER BUENNING, Pastor

Mr. Ben Engler of Randolph, Minnesota

Mr. Benjamin Franklin Engler of Randolph, Minn., was born Jan. 17, 1886 on the farm on which he lived all his life and where he passed away on Sept. 25, 1960. On Sept. 14, 1921 he was united in marriage with Anna Dorothy Becker of Hampton, Minn. He was actively engaged in farm work until his sudden and unexpected death at the age of 74 years, 8 months and 8 days. As an active member in the church since his early life, he taught the young people's class for over 30 years, served as trustee, moderator and for over 18 years as deacon, and in the last years as honorary deacon.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife; one son, Leonard of Randolph; twin daughters: Mrs. Marilyn Volkert of Randolph and Mrs. Marjorie Volkert of New Richmond, Wis.; 3 sisters and 9 grandchildren. He was laid to rest at the Randolph Baptist cemetery on the same lot with his two brothers, one sister, both parents, grandparents and great grandparents.

Randolph, Minnesota
ELEON L. SANDAU, Pastor

MRS. JULIANNA ROTH of Leduc, Alberta

Mrs. Julianna Kaus Roth of Leduc, Alberta was born March 8, 1875 in Russia and passed away on Sept. 19, 1960. She was united in marriage to Adolph Roth in 1897 and came to Canada in 1925. Upon settling here she became a member of the First Baptist Church of Leduc and in 1946 transferred her membership to the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc. She was preceded in death by her husband and two children, Gustav and Hilda.

She leaves to mourn her passing three sons: David and Asaph of Leduc, and Fred of Freedom, Alberta; three daughters: Mrs. Lydia Siewert of Russia; Mrs. Martha Plitt of Millet, Alberta and Mrs. Emma Posein of Leduc, Alberta; two brothers, August Kaus of Bruderheim, Alberta and Ludwig Kaus of Moosehorn, Manitoba; one sister, Mrs. Augustina Lohr of Moosehorn, Manitoba; 30 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. Raymond Harsch assisted the undersigned during the funeral services.

First Baptist Church
Leduc, Alberta
PAUL SIEWERT, Pastor

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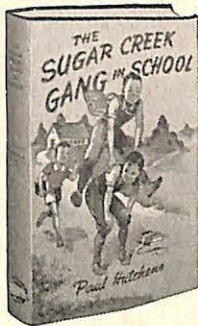
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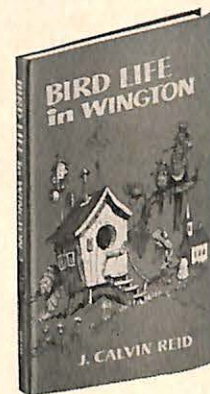
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