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● Church leaders and officials of the rice industry in 14 eastern Texas counties launched a drive to collect 1,000,000 pounds of rice for Chinese school children in Hong Kong. The rice will be shipped by the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP). Some 150,000 Chinese youngsters in the British Crown Colony have been medically certified as being undernourished and the rice will be used to provide 1 meal a day for each child while it lasts.

● Archeological evidence of Bible history over a period of 3,000 years have been uncovered at el-Jib village, 8 miles north of Jerusalem. Archeologists discovered records of the City of Gibeon, which stands on the site and is frequently mentioned in the Bible, over a period of 3 millennia. For the first time relics from the time of Joshua were discovered. Pottery found in tombs of that period included imports from Cyprus as well as locally made ceramics of very advanced designs.

● One-quarter of a million Gospels of John were distributed in Mexico last year by truck and by plane, in order to give people in remote villages an opportunity to read the Word of God. Although many villagers are dialect-speaking Indians, there are usually a few who can understand and read Spanish and who will share any literature with others. When the missionary who directed this distribution returned to his home base, he found his desk stacked with mail from Mexican people of all walks in life, telling of their newfound faith in Christ. Scores have enrolled in a Bible correspondence course.

● Alcoholism has been termed a greater menace than radio-active fall-out by a University of Illinois professor. Dr. Andrew C. Icy says that dangers of fall-out are guarded against, but little is being done to protect the public from "the disastrous effects of alcoholism." He cited the following statistics: There are now eight million known alcoholics, this number is increasing by 450,000 a year, and 20,000 die and 400,000 are injured annually in accidents caused by drunken drivers.

● The Bensheim Circle, a group of former Roman Catholic priests who became converted to Protestantism and are now serving as pastors or catechists in the Evangelical Church, has announced plans for establishing a special care center where converts or prospective converts will find spiritual aid. The announcement was made at the annual convent of the Circle at Bensheim, near Worms, Germany. The group stressed the need for offering "more help and refuge to all those

who under the Roman Catholic Church's claim to be the only true Church of Christ have come into inner and outer distress."

● A leading scientist, addressing the fifteenth annual convention of the American Scientific Affiliation in Seattle, Wash., declared that world peace will come "only when all mankind turns wholeheartedly to God in complete humility and voluntary unconditional surrender." Dr. Robert M. Page, director of research, U. S. Naval Re-

search Laboratory, Washington, D. C., spoke before the ASA, a group of Christian scientists who devote themselves to scientific aspects of the Bible. He emphasized that no matter how strong a deterrent science can devise, there will be wars "as long as there is any single nation controlled by godless men." Asked why he believes that religious faith and science are compatible, Dr. Page replied that science itself is based on faith and is impossible without faith.



Baptist Briefs

● **Baptists in Brasilia.** A "Campaign of Spiritual Encouragement" was conducted after the Baptist World Alliance meeting in this modern capital city of Brasilia, Brazil, which is only a few months old but already has a dozen evangelical churches. Dr. J. Edwin Orr led the campaign assisted by William A. Dunlap who joined forces with a Brazilian college choir and toured the cities of the State of Goias.

● **Baptist Seminary in Lebanon.** The Arab Baptist Theological Seminary has begun its first term with 22 students from Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon enrolled. The seminary, the first sponsored by Southern Baptists in the Near East, meets in rented quarters within Beirut, Lebanon until buildings can be constructed on its permanent site just outside the city. Boarding facilities for out-of-town students, as well as classrooms, will be provided.

● **Baptists in Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia.** From a visit in Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia Dr. Erik Ruden, secretary of the European Baptist Federation, reports that all the services in Czechoslovakia were crowded. In one place the church was packed at a nine o'clock morning prayer meeting. There are 26 Baptist churches with a membership of 4,100 and 21 full-time ministers in Czechoslovakia. The membership of the 52 churches in Jugoslavia is 3,700. There are 59 church buildings and 33 rented chapels. Baptists last year totaled 169. Eighteen ordained ministers and 40 laypreachers serve the churches and there are 19 young men and women studying at the theological seminary.

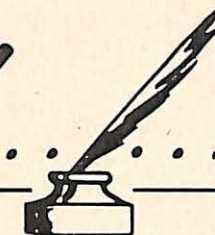
● **Baptists on Television.** Thirty minute dramatic presentations, filmed by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention USA, will be shown monthly on the television station at Ibadan. This Ni-

gerian station is the first television outlet on the great continent of Africa. John E. Mills, secretary of missions and evangelism at Ibadan, said that time for the telecast has been purchased by the Nigerian Baptist Convention, an organization affiliated with Southern Baptists.

● **1,500 Churches in Romania.** Alwar Sundell of Finland who has recently travelled in Romania reports 1,500 Baptist churches with 75,000 members in that country. His trip was recorded in a story in *Missions Standeret*. Mr. Sundell said that the Baptists in Romania have about 950 church buildings and 500 smaller chapels. There also is a Theological Seminary with Alexander Povite as president. Forty young men are enrolled. The Bucharest church has recently been renovated with a capacity of 1,000 worshippers. The Baptist work in Romania is divided into 15 district associations which meet annually. The general conference of all Romanian Baptist churches meets every three years.

● **More Medical Missionaries Needed for Congo.** An American Baptist medical missionary who has served in the Congo 32 years has returned to the USA to plead for more doctors for that country. Dr. Glen W. Tuttle of Kimpese, Congo, chairman of Congo Christian Medical Relief Program, said that there are now fewer than 200 doctors left in the Congo to serve 14,000,000 Congolese. Some 500 doctors, mostly Belgians, had to flee the country because of rioting and turmoil which marked independence. The \$500,000 medical relief program which Dr. Tuttle directs is distributing food and clothing as well as financing the recruitment of doctors. Drug companies in the USA have donated some \$800,000 worth of drugs since last July.

Editorial



The 1961 Annual

The 1961 ANNUAL is a literary picture window! It gives you a sweeping look out upon our denomination in action and upon our mission fields. It takes you on a panoramic tour of the seething continent of Africa and introduces you to the 17 new republics that have sprung up there during the past few years. Only in this way can you understand the problems facing the Cameroons missionaries at the present time. We believe that the 1961 ANNUAL will both fascinate and inform its readers and will be regarded by you as "well worth having."

The nine calendar pages are featuring something new. The handiwork of God in many of its facets of glory and colorful expressions is depicted in unforgettable pictures and poems. You will marvel at the greatness of God and the wonders of his works as seen in the firmament of the skies, the seething ocean, the beauty of trees, the majesty of mountains, the vastness of his creation, the fruits of the field and the white blanket of snow.

Through the picture windows of the 1961 ANNUAL you will get a good view of our denomination in action. All of this material is new and uniquely informative. Much of it reviews the amazing developments in our denomination during the past ten years. These are articles with a timeless value, to which you will want to refer frequently.

"Our Mission With Christ in Japan" since it was started in November 1951 is graphically reviewed by Rev. Walter Sukut. It is not widely known that 1750 patients are receiving treatment for leprosy in 16 outlying clinics in the Cameroons. The ministry of these clinics is described for the FIRST TIME in a memorable article by Dr. Eugene Stockdale. The New Hope Settlement has reached its 10th milestone and an inventory of these wonderful years is given by Rev. Gilbert Schneider in his article, "To God Be The Glory."

The mission stations and missionaries at work in Austria are colorfully described by Dr. W. J. Appel in his profusely illustrated article, "In the Land of the Blue Danube." "Our Immigration Program" as a romance of Christian service during the past ten outstanding years is reviewed by Rev. William Sturhahn. A unique and striking approach to the work of our educational institutions at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Edmonton, Alta., will be seen in two well prepared articles. One of the big features of the 1961 ANNUAL is the story of our next General Conference in Minneapolis. An array of pictures and five full pages describes the thrilling setting for the conference, the highlights of the program, and the possibilities for a most enjoyable vacation in Minnesota.

The price for the 1961 ANNUAL remains the same at \$1.00 post-paid. But there are more pictures than ever in its 68 pages—120 superb photos! It will be ready for distribution early in December. Order blanks have already gone out to all of our churches. You can place your order with and secure your copy from your pastor or publication agent. Or you can order a copy directly from our headquarters office, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. It will make an ideal Christmas or library gift for friends or relatives. Be sure to secure your copy and send gift editions to others. ACT SOON!

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Truths Which Have Affected Me

Spiritual impressions which have become inescapable to one of our outstanding ministers in the light of all that has occurred during the past decade.

By Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Michigan

AS I TRY to set down the ideas which have affected me during the more recent years of ministry, I am aware that they have grown out of personal experience in life rather than pure rational thought. It is not surprising, then, that these things are not necessarily related to each other in any logical sequence, nor do they form a pattern which could be called a "philosophy of life." Rather, the things I am about to write are simply a few of the spiritual impressions which have become inescapable in the light of all that has occurred during the past decade.

This may explain why they seem to be matters which pertain to practical Christian living rather than thoughts of an intellectual or theological nature. Parish ministers are not permitted the delightful privilege of viewing life from the ivory towers of classroom or cloister. We are affected by what we see in everyday life around us.

LABORATORY OF EXPERIENCE

1. One clear discovery has to do with the nature of the local church. The church is not a show-case where we can put Christians on display; it is a school and a hospital and a home. I can't think of a single church member to whom I could point with pride and say, "There! This is an example of a real Christian." It has become obvious to me that we are all in process and that none of us has arrived.

This puts an entirely new connotation on church membership than is held by the legalistic pietists or the intolerant perfectionists. It seems to me that the very spirit of the Lord Jesus is demanded as we maintain a latitude of grace toward all who profess his Name. The local church is not the end-product, but only a laboratory of experience in Christian living. Every human relationship, each idea, and the very behaviour of the Christians themselves must become the total spiritual habitat of believers, young and old. This means that we must become used to variations of thought, differences of attitude, and even oddities of personality if we are to be part of God's program on earth. No artificial courtesies, or false spiritual pretenses or pharisee-type of spirituality can be tolerated in order to maintain the illusion that "our church is spiritual."

The masks must be removed and we must see each other just as we are—without casting aspersions. The local church, if it is to be a hospital and a school, must minister to sinners who are confessedly needy, not "saints" who

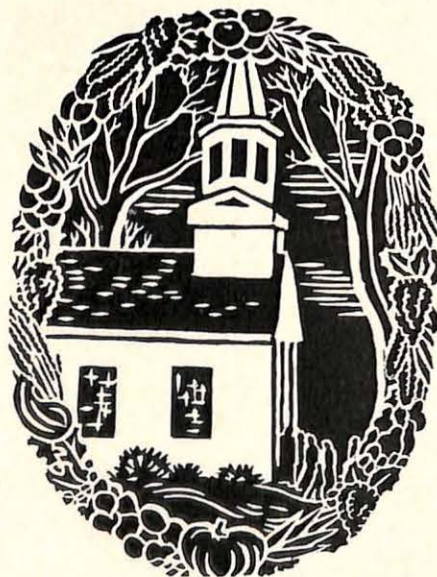
PROVOCATIVE SERIES

This is the first of a series of articles by North American Baptist ministers on their spiritual impressions of changes that have occurred in their lives and thinking and the Christian world about them during the past ten years or so. You will find each article personal and provocative. Watch for the next one in a December issue of the "Baptist Herald." EDITOR

are merely pathetic as they try desperately to hide their faults or cling to their illusions of inner goodness. The church, if it is to be used of God, must be the one place in the world where all is known and all is forgiven. To be anything else will defeat God's purpose of reaching and dealing with those who "need a physician."

FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE

How sinful, then, are our pretenses before the world! I often wonder how many people we have driven away by representing ourselves as being something we are not. An acknowledgment of the church as a place "for sinners only" would rob the world of the age-old criticisms which have been justly leveled against us. If the church is a "show-case," then I must constantly apologize for our failures, but men don't criticize a hospital because there are sick people in it—that's why they're there. Men don't criticize a



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school because children can't read or write—that's why they are there. And men do not criticize a truly New Testament Church because the people in it are not what they ought to be—that's why they are there.

This was the lesson Dr. Herbert Gezork described as a major stumbling block in his own life (reported by him at our 1958 Edmonton Conference.) He was almost thrust out of the ministry until he learned this: the saints are sinners. Or, as Karl Barth puts it, "During the life of the flesh, we are not saved from our sins, but in our sins."

When the local church learns this lesson, the atmosphere of fellowship becomes one of grace and kindness and sympathy. Gone are the censorious manners of the self-styled "judges." In an atmosphere of "Agape" and "Xaritas" everyone knows that the standards of holiness have not been lowered in the least, but a spirit of reconciliation between man and God and between man and man has made the gospel "good news" indeed.

SPIRITUAL DIVISIVENESS

II. Another idea which has come to grip me is the wickedness of sectarianism in the body of Christ. By this I mean the spiritual walls of antagonism which have kept Christians from maintaining a solid front before the world. I do not refer to the natural divisions of Christian history which have produced the great denominational families. It is not surprising that the church should develop various segments because of differences in language or geography or national developments. The tragedy among us is that the church has been torn by spiritual divisiveness for which there is no justification. This sad fact stands out above all others as the explanation for our failure to influence the world for Christ more effectively, in my opinion.

Spiritual division of the body of Christ is always Satanic. It is never justified in the name of "preserving the truth" or "protecting our holiness." The reason is obvious: division always begins with pride. It proceeds from the assumption of superiority by one group over another. When the assumed excellence is in the realm of intellect, the divisions are usually based on doctrine. When the self-exaltation is based on matters like a cultural pattern or behavioral tradition, the division shows up in the area of practice.

The sin, however, is not in the dis-

agreements over doctrine or practice (which may be present as variations within a loving fellowship) but in the pride which breaks fellowship and even refuses communication with those whose ideas are not in harmony with the dissenting group. Here is where Roman Catholicism and Protestant Fundamentalism have betrayed their Lord. Each has assumed a superior orthodoxy, has cast out its heretics, has erected barriers against fellowship with the "unorthodox," and has refused to sit in fellowship with other professing Christians on the basis of "equality of sonship."

The resultant dismembering of the body of Christ has cut through the pages of history with a knifelike swathe that has made its forceful plunge felt on every level of church organization. For shame! The great body of Christ, the various denominations, the fellowship of the redeemed, right down to the local level of "church splits," is a sad picture of disintegration, segregation, and consequent dissipation.

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURE?

What saith the Scripture? The New Testament has more to say about interdependence than independence—much more. Why are the people who are so insistent on a careful reading of I Corinthians 10 and 11 so glib in their hasty jaunt through I Corinthians 12 and 13? What about our testimony before the world? This has become a conviction with me: This group which begins with an assumption of its own spiritual superiority proceeds to demand an absolute uniformity among its constituents, becomes critical of any within its ranks who even dare to show slight evidences of variation from the prescribed pattern of thought or life, divides believers from believers in the name of "orthodoxy" and refuses even to communicate with those who profess to love Christ but who vary in their thinking or acting,—such a group, I say, is not Christian or Biblical, no matter how "fundamental" or "catholic" they may profess to be.

I am not asking for a "super-church" organization or a surrendering of one's convictions for the sake of mere organized unity. I am pleading for a return to the New Testament spirit of the hand needing the foot. There are men whose ideas of Christian living are vastly different from my own in matters of culture or habit, of polity or interpretation, but whose Christian living and moral tone put me to shame. When the whole church learns this, the missionary effects of Paul's day will appear again.

TRUE CONVERSION

III. Another concern which space prevents from amplifying is the realization that true conversion is the experience of a whole life-time, not of a "sanctified moment of response."



QUIET—GOD AT WORK!

"My concern is that our Christian experience be of a deeper and more life-involving kind." Dr. A. Dale Ihrle (Luoma Photo).

Here is another point in which the gospel of Christ has often been betrayed. I wonder how many have been misled into believing that they are saved because they have been "moved" by evangelistic pressures? The impact of a crowd, the psychological tricks of suggestion, the stock invitations have drawn a lot of people forward and into church membership without the Holy Spirit's operation at all.

At Pentecost the Lord added to the church "such as were being saved." Assurance of forgiveness is not tantamount to being made whole; it is only the initiating of the process. When a man is "brought forward" by factors

other than the Spirit, he has not entered the process at all, no matter how much he is assured that he has been forgiven. Without the Spirit in him, nothing else is going to happen in his heart, as he sadly discovers. The church sadly discovers this, too late!

Non-converting religious experiences are the obvious results of carnal evangelizing, band-wagon programs, "hopped-up," drumbeating services with a theatrical flavor, calculated to excite the listener on the sensual level. Millions have been led to believe that because something has happened to them, something has happened in them. (This same deception derives from many liturgical-type services as well as from the sensationalism of our more evangelical (?) meetings.) Sensual appeals can always draw a crowd; it is doubtful whether they can be used of God to transform a life.

"QUIET—GOD AT WORK!"

My concern, therefore, is that our Christian experience be of a deeper and more life-involving kind. The sermons most needed are probing, contemplative, doctrinal, and upsetting. But popular ministers are "exciting," "stimulating," and "graphic." This poses a pastoral dilemma. Are we to deal in statistics or souls?

At the risk of being called boring or irrelevant by large portions of the congregation, it seems to me that a true minister must not gear his preaching to the least common denominator of his congregational level. I like to think that it would not be inappropriate to post this sign outside our sanctuary: "Quiet—God at work."

Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

I SAMUEL 12:24.

A Baptist Church Dies!

The grim story how Baptist churches are slowly throttled to death behind the Iron Curtain.

By Dr. G. R. Beasley-Murray, Principal of Spurgeon's College, London, England

THIS STORY concerns the oldest Baptist church of East Prussia, with its daughter communities in and about the town of Memel, about 200 miles east of Danzig. The area was German until the first World War. Annexed to Lithuania in 1923, it reverted to Germany at the beginning of the second World War, but after occupation by the Russians it became once more part of the Lithuanian Republic, which now belongs to the U. S. S. R. A predominantly Protestant area, it was a fertile ground for communities of the Baptist type, almost every village having its own little independent meeting.

As the last war drew towards its close, many of the Baptist church members fled to the west and the churches of the Memel district were dispersed. In 1945, however, 49 former members of the Memel group, came together in the township of Szameitkehmen, under the leadership of Johann Zebbidies. The nearest Baptist church of which they knew was nearly 200 miles away in Birzai. A former minister of that church, named Inkenas, was appointed to keep in touch with Memel Baptists.

OFFICIALLY REGISTERED

The church at Birzai had a great advantage. It was officially registered by the State as a church; hence it had secured legal recognition. The Memel church members sought the same privilege, but they were informed by the local authority that they were too late: no one had been granted such recognition since 1948. The Baptist representative in the Baltic States, Levandant, made representations to the Ministry on behalf of the church and was assured that meetings would not be forbidden. With an assurance from such authority, they thought their worries were ended.

Nevertheless, the leader of the church, Johann Zebbidies, was told several times by the occupation military authorities that unless the necessary registration was obtained he would have to cease this work and, in particular, stop baptising people. Twice he was arrested and afterwards set free.

Then a more determined blow was struck. On the night before the harvest thanksgiving, autumn 1951, Zebbidies, with his wife and daughter, were roused from bed and ordered to get ready for the journey to Siberia. Inkenas, who was due to visit the church that day, was similarly taken off with his family. No reason for the action was given.

Not unnaturally, the sudden transportation of the two leading families

to Siberia shook the community. Some were terrified and did not dare to be seen in the meetings. But this was not the case with the majority. Another came forward to take the leadership, Wilhelm Klumbies, who afterwards wrote the story. He approached the militia of his neighborhood and inquired of the official attitude to the church. He was told, "You can come together, sing and pray and beat your heads bloody, so long as you steer clear of politics!"

COURAGEOUS MEMBERS

The courage of the members grew, and with it their success. The meetings became better attended. On one Silvester night (Watchnight Service) 80 persons were present for the meeting and 15, chiefly between 14 and 30 years of age, sought Christ. Baptisms increased. Sometimes Roman Catholics came to the meetings, which lasted two hours, three hours, and even four hours. On holidays appointed by the authorities, the members came together for several days at a time.

The very success increased the danger of the community. It was therefore resolved to make a further attempt at gaining recognition of the church from the authorities. The first application by Klumbies received the following answer: "As is known to us all here, you are the only Baptist in the Memel area. Since you as an individual cannot represent a church, a registration is unthinkable. Yours faithfully, Puschin."(!)

A list of members was accordingly drawn up and submitted. The further answer was given: "The names are spread over the entire area (Gebiet) of Memel. The necessary number of 20 signatures must come from a single district (Kreis)."

DRAGGED OUT PROCEEDINGS

A fresh list of members in the Heydekrug district was made. When Klumbies with another member presented it to the official concerned, a new objection was found: "You come from a different district and gather people in my district. Go off to your own district! It's none of my business to talk to you!"

Accordingly, the list was presented by one who did live in the district. To this one it was said, "Your signatures come from people in the whole Heydekrug district (Kreis). The necessary number of signatures must come from a single parish (Amtsbezirk)."

In Memel, therefore, some of the members joined forces with a little group of Russian Baptists who had arrived; but some of the names were unacceptable, since they were new-

comers. At last, however, the church managed to procure a satisfactory list of names in one locality, but what became of the form has not to this day been declared! Further representations were made to the Ministry and to Moscow. The proceedings dragged on for several years. All was without avail.

THE INEVITABLE TRIAL

Then came the inevitable. Klumbies was brought to trial. Inquiry was made as to what ideology was behind the Baptist movement, who gave them permission to preach, etc. He was eventually set free, but he had to sign that he would not continue the work without receiving the official registration. The woman who owned the house in which the church had met was compelled to sign that she would not permit any more meetings to be held there. Further desperate attempts were made to secure the needful registration.

Then ideas came to mind. If one had a birthday, none could object to a party; and whom would one ask but one's Christian friends—with the minister, of course? If a few acquaintances were asked home on national holidays, who could raise a voice? The minister would naturally not be left out. He sat on the chair on the corner and when anyone asked him questions, naturally he gave a reply!

The habit grew of holding extended family prayers on Friday evenings—Brother Klumbies, of course, being invited. It was all rather dangerous. But the work and worship continued.

Eventually a link was made with a Latvian Baptist church that had secured recognition in Ilaken, 125 miles away. This church accepted as members all the Memel believers and Klumbies was made a deacon. Meetings in the Memel area were still debarred, except funerals, which became the sole times of their official gathering.

AFTER STALIN'S DEATH

In 1956 fortunes changed, in consequence of a change of policy after Stalin's death. It was discovered that non-registered churches could again meet without persecution. With joy the church came together for its meetings, and for two years peace was enjoyed.

Then came a further development in 1958. The Republic of West Germany gained from the Soviet Government an agreement that any in Soviet territories who were able to prove their German citizenship could go to West Germany. There was a feverish

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MT. HOOD OF OREGON

This 11,245 foot, snow-covered peak. The "Queen of the Cascades," is a towering sentinel over the metropolitan area of Portland, Oregon. (Ackroyd Photography, Inc.)

Climbing Mt. Hood's Snow-crowned Peak

The Challenge of Spiritual Mountaineering by Rev. E. E. Siebold, Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Ore.

"I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I onward bound,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground!
Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

THESE WORDS from this well-known hymn became especially meaningful as I climbed the highest mountain in Oregon—the beautiful snow-crowned Mt. Hood, situated as a towering sentinel over the metropolitan area of Portland. Ever since I came to Portland in 1954, I had a keen desire to scale this 11,245 foot Queen of the Cascades. This ambition became a reality in 1959 as I joined 27 people from all walks of life and from many parts of our nation on a climbing expedition sponsored by a mountain climbing club called the Mazamas.

SPIRITUAL MOUNTAINEERING

They have been called the "Mad Mazamas" for their climbing expeditions. As an inexperienced climber, I was given an information and instruction sheet. Listed was equipment essential for the climb. Likewise, we as Christians are given an information list of spiritual equipment in Ephesians, the 6th chapter, by the Apostle Paul. We can never go spiritual mountaineering without this essential equipment. Advice was given to eat and drink regularly on the climb. We will not attain spiritual heights if we fail to feed upon the Bread of Life and the Water of Life through Jesus Christ.

Our guide told us before we em-

barked on our trip: "Either you will conquer the mountain or the mountain will conquer you." Such is true in life as well. Either we conquer our difficulties, our obstacles, our struggles, our problems that loom high before us or they will conquer us. Jesus said, A dynamic faith can remove mountains—they can be conquered—the power of evil, the burden of sin, the trials of life in the Mighty Conqueror—Christ Jesus!

Our leader emphasized *steadiness*, maintaining a constant and steady pace. Several college fellows disregarded the advice and forged ahead at a faster pace. One was unable to reach the top because of exhaustion due to his disobedience to the leader's instructions. If there is any lesson that is learned in mountain climbing it is the significance of steady steps. Dozens of them, scores of them, hundreds of them, thousands of them! Each single step seemed so incidental in elevation but, multiplied by thousands of them, it resulted in reaching the top!

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Is your church facing a gigantic project which seems insurmountable? There is no financial goal which can not be met by a consistent and constant effort to meet that goal. Our Denominational Building Advance Program can easily be accomplished in reaching its goals by the contributions of many and repeatedly. In the Kingdom of God **FAITHFULNESS** is the criterion of successfulness. This I believe applies to stewardship as well as service.

As the mountain slope became more severe, we started a step called the "rest step" to conserve energy. So also

we need to rest in the Lord to replenish and to restore spiritual strength. "Take time to be holy" are the words of the hymn writer. At this point on the climb there were signs of fatigue and it was a temptation to be satisfied with *nearly* reaching the top. Only Peter, James and John went with the Master into a high mountain where he was transfigured before them. The other disciples were content to remain in the valley and missed the mountain-top experience of this trio.

Christian reader, press on and upward towards the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Set your affections on things above and not below. Over and over I recalled the scene in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus asked the disciples to watch and pray and then found them asleep. He said, "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." My body said "No" to continue the climb, but my will said "Yes."

SPIRITUAL ATTITUDES

I concluded that our **SPIRITUAL ALTITUDE IS DETERMINED BY OUR ATTITUDE!** God purge us from a negative attitude in spiritual mountaineering! What a source of comfort and confidence there is in the Guide. He has gone the way before and chooses the safest route. So Christ is our spiritual Guide. He goes before us and knows the best way for each of us. "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me; yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for THOU art with me."

The greatest danger in mountain climbing is slipping or falling. To ar-

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The NEW Roger Williams Book Store

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

THE ROGER WILLIAMS BOOK STORE is living up to its name. Like Roger Williams of old in founding the new city of Providence in the New England wilderness, the Book Store of our denomination has established its foundations in a new setting and has set forth on an ambitious program of service to the community and to the denomination. The first reports of the store describe it to be a very promising venture.

THE GRAND OPENING

On Saturday, Oct. 1st, the store held its Grand Opening right on schedule! This in itself was a miracle, since virtually everything else in the new headquarters building had been affected by delays. But with the new books in place, soft music playing, and the best smiles on the faces of the Book Store personnel, the store opened for business. The first day was a big success with more than \$500 of sales recorded on the new cash register.

Promptly at 1:30 P. M. a brief dedication service was held with the store filled with many friends from the Chicago churches and vicinity. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke introduced those taking part in the program. Rev. L. Bienert extended a hearty welcome. Greetings were brought by Mr. Edwin H. Marklein for the denomination, Dr. Frank H. Woyke for the headquarters staff, Mr. Harold B. Johns for the Publication Committee, and Mr. Fred A. Grosser for the Building Committee. The Honorable William Meyer, mayor

of Forest Park, stated that he welcomed a "religious" store into the village to offset the many taverns and places with a far different influence in Forest Park. Miss Eugenia Price spoke graciously of her joy in sharing in the

part in the program as well as Dr. R. Schilke, general mission secretary.

For the dedication week ten magnificent floral displays emphasized the fact that this is a beautiful store. In its brilliantly lighted setting, the books



DEDICATION CEREMONY AT BOOK STORE

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, speaks at the dedication ceremony in the Roger Williams Book Store, Forest Park, Illinois.

Grand Opening festivities. Dr. M. L. Leuschner offered the dedication prayer. The district secretaries, Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. E. Wolff, also took

can be easily located and studied on the well arranged shelves. Displays of books are placed conveniently throughout the store and near the large windows looking out upon the street. An exhibit of old Bibles was the center of attention on dedication day. Nearby there is a splendid assortment of Bibles and New Testaments for sale.

People commented at the Grand Opening that ours is "a very friendly store." We are ready to secure any book desired by the prospective customer. All mail orders are promptly filled. Both Rev. L. Bienert, business manager, and Miss Virginia Priestley, secretary, have dedicated themselves to "service with a smile" in Christ's Name. The fine assortment of Christian records that are played softly in the store add a pleasant, heartwarming atmosphere. Visitors are increasing in numbers as the Book Store becomes better known to our community.

A RELIGIOUS BOOK STORE

It is definitely a religious book store! Opened with prayer and dedicated to high Christian purposes, the store is endeavoring to witness to Christ and his Gospel message. Miss Eugenia Price, Christian author, who autographed scores of her books at the Grand Opening, stated publicly that she felt at home immediately in

this Christian setting. "Nobody even asked me as to which particular church I belonged," she stated, "but everyone has greeted me in Christ's Name and made me feel that here I am at home spiritually."

Miss Price's most popular book at the dedication service was "Woman to Woman." Members of the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Committee had stayed over for this occasion following their annual sessions in the headquarters' building. They were especially happy to have secured autographed copies of Miss Price's books.

THE FRIENDLY BUSINESS MANAGER

Rev. L. Bienert is a dynamo of business activity these days. He is making scores of contacts with book agents and distributors in order to have the best and latest books on the shelves and in stock. He spoke over a local radio outlet on Oct. 1st in order to acquaint the community with our store. He has many good, visionary plans for the future how to enlarge the effectiveness of the Book Store's ministry.

A great deal has already been accomplished to introduce the NEW Book Store to our North American Baptist people. Six thousand new and colorful Roger Williams catalogs have been sent to our people. This 68 page catalog is being read with fascination and used eagerly to send the mounting orders to Forest Park. If you have not received a catalog and wish a copy, please make your request known to Roger Williams Book Store, 7306 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

ADVERTISING AND REVIEWS

For the Grand Opening, prominent half page advertisements appeared in the newspapers of Oak Park, Forest Park and nearby towns. This advertising will continue on a more modest scale throughout the year. Book reviews and advertisements are being published in the "Baptist Herald" as frequently as possible to acquaint you with the best books now available. We have just secured the services of four members of the Seminary faculty to review these new books from time to time.

The Book Store will also serve our German-speaking friends in a variety of ways. German calendars and wall plaques are for sale. These are quite distinctive and very beautiful, having been printed in Germany. Boxes of German Christmas and greeting cards are available. German books can be ordered through our Roger Williams Press from various publishers in Germany. German Bibles and New Testaments can be secured with promptness.

PAPERBACK BOOKS

We have come into an age when the more reasonably priced, paperback books are exceedingly popular. Our Book Store recognizes this fact and is ready to serve you along this line.



THE AUTHOR AT AN AUTOGRAPHING PARTY

Miss Eugenia Price autographs several of her inspiring Christian books for these eager purchasers: (right to left) Miss Marion Kleindienst of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Delmar Wesseler of Lorraine, Kansas.

A large assortment of the Moody Colportage Library and Moody Pocket books is on display at the store. Almost all of these books sell from 39 cents to 89 cents each. You will find some of them announced and described on pages 18 and 19 of the Book Catalog.

Soon after the first of the year (1961), the Broadman Press Paperback

books of the Southern Baptists will make their appearance. These will be reviewed later in the pages of the "Baptist Herald." Some of them are classics in Christian literature and all of them will be worthy additions to a Christian's library.

The Roger Williams Press is busy in filling the orders for the second
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ROGER WILLIAMS BOOK STORE LEADERS

Facing Mrs. Walter Pankratz, purchaser, are: (behind the counter, left to right) Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Education and Publication Secretary; Rev. L. Bienert, Roger Williams Press Business Manager; and Miss Virginia Priestley, secretary and saleslady.



A FINE SELECTION OF BOOKS

North American Baptists look over the assortment of books in the Roger Williams Book Store, Forest Park, Ill. Rev. J. C. Gunst is looking at Eugenia Price's book, "Never a Dull Moment."



THE UPPER BAY BAPTIST CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA

The buildings of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., are shown at the left, with the newly dedicated Educational Building pictured at the right. This is one of our 50 denominational Church Extension projects.

A Church With a Great Future

The story of recent developments and future prospects of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., by the Church Extension pastor, Rev. Fred David.

NESTLED at the foot of the San Joaquin Hills in the coastal region of Orange County, California, within walking distance of the Upper Bay, just 50 minutes from downtown Los Angeles, 27 miles from the great Los Angeles Harbor, and just one mile southeast from the strategically located Orange County Airport is the rural community of some four hundred homes, the unincorporated and somewhat isolated "Santa Ana Heights." The name was conveniently adopted from the Water Company in the area which bears the name, "Santa Ana Heights Water Company."

PACIFIC VACATION LAND

The area is blessed with 330 days of ocean-freshened, smog-free, air-conditioned sunshine with average temperatures ranging from 52 and 69 degrees, and a rainfall totalling an average of 12 inches per year, thereby creating a highly unusual temperate Mediterranean-type climate for lifetime enjoyment.

"Santa Ana Heights" in Orange County is a part of what is well known as the all year Vacation Land of the Pacific, with family activities of boating, fishing, water skiing, swimming, golfing and picnicking flying, riding, by nearby Newport supplemented Berry Farm, Disney-Dunes, Knott's Beach Art Colony, Huntland, Laguna Zoo, Santa Ana Zoo, Catalina Island, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, mountain and desert resorts, Park, mountain, Marineland, and Tia Juana, Old Mexico. This is to name only a few of the physical attractions to the area which, at the same time,

are a serious threat to the spiritual life of Southern Californians as being distractions and deterrents from Sunday School and church on the Lord's Day.

There has been a phenomenal influx of population from 130,760 persons registered in Orange County in 1940 to an increased population of 780,000 in 1960. The projected figure of population for Orange County is 1,500,000 by 1965-67. The reason for this unprecedented population movement to Orange County may be readily explained. What was once a vacation resort area is fast becoming an area of permanent residents with a balance of commercial and industrial development.

POPULATION MOVEMENTS

Representative industries that have chosen to locate in the immediate neighborhood because of the recognized advantages of climate and other desirable factors are: Aeronutronics, A Division of Ford Motor Company; and Lockheed Electronics Avionics Division (LEAD), a Division of Lockheed Aircraft which has purchased

CHURCH EXTENSION GOAL

for North American Baptist churches for 1960
\$50,000

"Give and pray that we might enter new Church Extension 'open doors' in the months ahead!"

and begun the development of a large tract of land directly across the highway from our church property.

The University of California has selected this area for a new campus, to be built on a 1,000 acre parcel of land. Corona del Mar High School is soon to be built nearby.

Orange Coast College in nearby Costa Mesa consists of a \$6,000,000 plant developed to stay abreast of the many educational advancements being made in this age of rapid expansion and change. It also conducts Night School sessions. The college's shops and laboratories have the latest scientific and technical equipment. The faculty is actively engaged in assisting industry and business in setting up training classes tailored to suit their needs for the training of personnel so that there is a minimum of time lost in the relocation of these plants.

A BACKWARK GLANCE

The Apostle Paul at Ephesus exclaimed, "For a great door and effectual is opening unto me, and there are many adversaries" (I Cor. 16:9). So we also found a door that offers wide and effective service opening before us. There has been much opposition from time to time. But in spite of trying circumstances, which seemed to be at times insurmountable obstacles, the Lord's blessing has been much in evidence on every side.

Since our arrival here in Santa Ana Heights on June 6, 1955 as Church Extension worker, we have seen a number of wonderful things happen in the development and continuing growth of our church. But looking

back for a moment to the modest and humble beginnings of our church, one can only marvel at the grace and providential care of our God. For a time, we seemed to be standing still and at times even going backwards. With the Psalmist of old, we have every reason to praise the Lord and give thanks unto the Lord. "For he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."

NEW EDUCATIONAL UNIT

Largely because of the sacrificial labor of love of our brother, Mr. William H. Kroesch, son of one of our earlier pioneer North American Baptist pastors, we now have the facilities to care adequately for an additional 200 Sunday School scholars.

Brother Kroesch, affectionately known to our church members as "Uncle Billy," did an admirable job of supervising the construction of our new two-story departmentalized, highly attractive as well as utilitarian Christian Education Unit. Careful planning and buying of materials, along with many hours of volunteer labor, enabled him to erect this fine building at a minimal cost far below its actual value.

During the time the building was under construction, a number of men of our church gave freely and graciously of their time during the week as well as on Saturdays, with our faithful ladies providing coffee breaks. And, as has been our experience on past building projects, a sizeable portion of labor and material came from interested friends outside of our immediate church membership.

The Building Committee consisted of William H. Kroesch, chairman; Howard Van Eaton and Carl Sevelin. We make special mention of the fact that our faithful brother, Carl Sevelin, suc-



DEDICATION SUNDAY, SANTA ANA HEIGHTS

Crowd of adults and children at the dedication of the new Educational Unit of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif.

cumbed to a lingering illness and was called home to be with the Lord shortly before the building was dedicated. He is greatly missed by his many friends.

THE COMMUNITY AROUND US

Under the able, consecrated leadership of Mrs. Al Regan, our Daily Vacation Bible School enrolled more than 200 scholars this year with a considerable number of decisions for Christ.

A very welcome ministry is being rendered by Special Police Officer John Blake of Newport Beach, who received Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized in our church about a year ago. John Blake finds great joy and is tremendously blessed by using his recording equipment to record on tape the Sunday worship services

and then visiting and playing them to some of the most precious of the Lord's shut-in friends in the Harbor area, who eagerly await his visit week by week.

Another event which brought great joy and blessing to the pastor of Upper Bay Baptist Church was an invitation to attend the Fall Convocation at Orange Coast College at which time it was his privilege to lead in the invocation and also pronounce the benediction on this service. Mrs. Jane Van Eaton, one of our church members and a faithful witness for Christ on the Orange Coast College Campus, received her professional nursing degree this year.

A FORWARD LOOK

Our future development and growth as a church will depend largely on the expansion in our direction of Costa Mesa to the northwest and Newport Beach, somewhat south of us. There is still quite an expanse of undeveloped land separating us from the more closely populated urban centers surrounding "Santa Ana Heights." We have no bus line or shopping center in "Santa Ana Heights" as yet.

However, within the last few weeks a hundred new homes have been built about one mile from our church. Recently we read in the local newspaper that 900 more homes are to be built by the same contractor. This seems to be indicative of what is in store for our area. According to predictions made by local administrators and business people, this trend to build in our direction will only stop when practically every available piece of land is built on.

Along with the influx of population into our community will also come the greater responsibility to meet the spiritual needs of our new neighbors. But our faithful people have a will to work and with the growing population will come, by God's grace, a more effective and larger outreach and witness for Christ through the members of the Upper Bay Baptist Church.



Rev. Fred David, pastor of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., stands at the foot of the stairs leading to the 2nd floor classrooms in the new Educational Unit.

Scenic Views of Minnesota

The glory of God's handiwork to be seen in connection with the General Conference sessions at Minneapolis, Minn., from July 31 to August 6, 1961.

By Mr. Lytle Blankenship of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

LAKES AND STREAMS be deck the land once inhabited by the mighty Sioux Indians. For the Red Men, the water was an asset and comparable in beauty to the colorful hues of the sky. Thus the Sioux gave to this land the name of "Sky-tinted Water," or as it is known today, "Minnesota."

But water is not the only asset of this the North Star State. Wildlife is abundant with white-tailed deer, moose and black deer being the most abundant of the larger animals. Smaller mammals and the varied birdlife are more evident and thus provide a living atmosphere to much of the land. Colorful flowers, as the lady slippers, gentians, fringed orchids, arbutus, and lilies, also adorn the countryside. All these and other scenes enliven the land of lakes because, where God has had a hand, the results are wonderful to behold if we will only stop, look and listen.

MINNESOTA'S WONDERLAND

In southeast Minnesota, a wonderland has been carved by the forces of nature. One of the most spectacular views of the great Mississippi River and the land it has affected may be seen on a drive up North Ridge Road



MINNESOTA'S WILDLIFE

A white-tailed deer fawn is waiting for its mother. The white-tailed deer is found in every county in Minnesota and in most vegetative types. (Minnesota Division of Publicity).

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND
THE 33rd GENERAL
CONFERENCE
JULY 31 to AUGUST 6, 1961
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**
Highlights of the program are described in the 1961 ANNUAL.
(See page 24 of this issue).

near LaCrescent. In addition, many beautiful groves of apple trees may be seen on the hillsides and in the valleys of this area. Along the Great River Road towards Red Wing various formations, products of the mighty glacial river, stand as land monuments of today. Sugarloaf Mountain at Winona is one example. History has it that this formation was used by Indians in barbaric ceremonialisms where maidens were cast from the top as sacrifices.

Just beyond Winona is the village of Weaver, gateway to the Whitewater River Valley, one of the prettiest valleys in a series of many. Highway 74 wanders through the valley to a State Game Refuge and the Whitewater State Park, an ideal place for a few days of relaxation and recreation.

The southeast also contains one of man's greatest achievements through the grace of God. This accomplishment is the world-famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Those interested in medicine will want to visit the clinic and the medical museum with its many exhibits.

A scenic view in eastern Minnesota may be found at Taylor Falls. Sheer rock bluffs and formations resembling various subjects again show the actions of a glacial river, the St. Croix. Nearby the Interstate Park provides a place for picnics and rest. Another eastern Minnesota river of renown may be seen at its best in the Jay Cooke State Park near Carlton. This river is the St. Louis, the portage route used by Indians and French explorers between Lake Superior and the Mississippi River.

THE ARROWHEAD COUNTRY

Next in line is the "Arrowhead Country," considered by many as the most exciting portion of the state. This is northeast Minnesota, the land of the North Shore Drive, "Canoe Country," coniferous forests, and iron ore mines. From Duluth to the Canadian Border along U. S. 61 may be seen the largest of the Great Lakes, Lake Superior. Rock outcroppings jutting into the lake, rushing streams, cascading falls, and northern conifers make the entire route scenic.

North of Lake Superior lies the largest wilderness area in the United States, commonly referred to as "Canoe Country," part of the Superior National Forest. By presidential proclamation this vast uncharted expanse of woods and waters is to remain free forever from exploitation. A canoe trip through portions of this land provides a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Ely is considered the gateway to the wilderness area, although many enter from the picturesque Gunflint Trail north of Grand Marais.

It would be a mistake to leave the Arrowhead Country without visiting the iron ore mines. The underground mines of the Vermillion Range near Tower are interesting but the open-pit mines of the Mesabi Range are more spectacular. The Hull-Rust-Mahoning iron ore mine at Hibbing, the largest open-pit mine in the world and the most gigantic excavation ever dug by man, is often referred to as the "Grand Canyon of Minnesota."

ITASCA STATE PARK

Northcentral and central Minnesota contain such sights as Itasca State

Park, a renovated lumber town, the Cuyuna iron range near Crosby, and Mille Lacs Lake. At Itasca State Park will be found stands of huge, virgin pine trees, beautiful park facilities, and the headwaters of the Mississippi River. The renovated lumber community is called Lumbertown, U. S. A., and is located near Brainerd. Here one may see original evidences of pioneer life as lumberjacks lived it throughout northern and central Minnesota.

A controversial and intriguing historical monument is to be seen in west central Minnesota at Alexandria. There the original Kensington Runestone was discovered and remains as evidence of white man's journey into Minnesota 150 years before Columbus made his voyage to the new world.

Throughout the southwest's prairies and rich farmlands are many historical sites. One of the most interesting is the Pipestone National Monument near Pipestone. Here for many centuries, Indians quarried the reddish-colored stone used for carving ornaments and peace pipes. Warring tribes would meet in peace at this sacred ground. Today the area is maintained by the National Park System, but Chippewa Indians are allowed to quarry and carve the stone for personal benefits.

GOD'S HANDIWORK

This brief glance at Minnesota has allowed only a few of the scenic views and points of interest to be mentioned. Throughout the state are scattered many museums, monuments, state parks, and natural sites which maintain and point out the spectaculars. As you travel through the state, before and after the General Conference sessions at Minneapolis from July 31 to August 6, 1961, and as time allows inquire and enjoy that which God has created or caused to be created.

"The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament sheweth his handy-work."

South American Romance

A NEW NOVEL BY MARY McCOMBE ORR

A thrilling story of a young South American couple and of unusual open doors for missionary service in this continent to the south of us.

Unusual insight and understanding characterize the telling of this beautiful romance of a young couple in their struggle from a superstitious, dead religion into the salvation offered by Christ. The final triumph of Zorillo and Rosita in their newly-embraced faith is a story of remarkable uplift and challenge. The ever-changing kaleidoscope of life in South America

furnishes a dramatic setting for the struggle of the "devil's religion" of the Protestants against the teachings of the holy church.

South American Romance was written from the author's extensive background in Brazilian customs and among Brazilian natives. It is authentic, sparkling with a unique and intimate knowledge of the people of Brazil.

WATCH FOR THE FIRST INSTALLMENT
IN THE NEXT ISSUE

From the Professor's Desk

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

What is the meaning of Ephesians 4:8-10?

These verses are clearer in the RSV than in the AV and thus I will quote them from the former: "Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.' In saying, 'He ascended,' what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things."

The context of these verses is a discussion of the gifts which Christ gives to his Church. This function of our Lord is closely associated with his state of exaltation—"when he ascended on high . . . he gave gifts to men."

Now there are three problems in this passage of Scripture. First, there is Paul's use of Psalm 68:18. In both the Hebrew text and the Greek translation, the verse reads, "Thou hast received gifts for men" which Paul cites by changing the verb from the second to the third person and from "received" to "gave." Many explanations have been offered for this change. Perhaps, the best is that Paul is citing from the Targum or Aramaic paraphrase of this verse which understood it to apply to Moses and actually read "gave gifts to men." Thus, as Moses ascended Sinai to receive the law and

give it to men, so Christ ascended into heaven to give spiritual gifts to his people.

The second problem has to do with the meaning of "led captivity captive" (AV) or "led a host of captives" (RSV). Who are these "captives"? Although some commentators identify them with evil spirits, it seems more likely that Paul is here thinking of the people of God as "captives" of Christ. When Christ ascended, this was evidence of his absolute sovereignty over his people.

The last problem involves the phrase, "the lower parts of the earth" (v. 9). Three possible views have been suggested: (1) It refers to the world into which Jesus descended. If this is correct, then "of the earth" is simply a description of "lower parts." It was the lower parts, *viz.*, the earth, into which our Lord descended. (2) Another view interprets this phrase as the grave, referring to Christ's death and burial. (3) Still another holds that it is a reference to Christ's descent into Hades, referred to in I Peter 3:19.

Whichever is the correct view, we must not overlook the basic teaching of the passage, *viz.*, that by virtue of his exaltation (which, of course, was preceded by his humiliation) Christ is sovereign Lord over his Church, and the bestower of spiritual gifts to his people.

A CHURCH DIES

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search for the necessary papers.

The realization that their departure would mean the end of the church in the Memel area caused great heart-searching among the members. But the knowledge that they were still an unregistered community, at the mercy

of the Government's next change of policy, and warning signs of fresh oppression, made them feel that they had no alternative. They decided to go.

At the end of that year, Inkenas was released from Siberia, his wife now a bedridden cripple. After three months he was banished from the country and had to go to Latvia. The parting, said Klumbies, was heartbreaking. The aged Zebbidies was later released.

Such is the unvarnished story. For any with eyes to see, it is deeply significant. It reveals a persecution of a new sort. No martyrs, few imprisonments, but a refusal of all rights and, when it pleases the authorities, sudden attack! The mixture of fear and frustration does its work: a church is slowly throttled to death.

How widespread is this process going on? The answer is clear, and it is not that given by those anxious to impress us with the liberty behind the Iron Curtain.

The implications are grim. They call for earnest prayer for multitudes of believers in like circumstances. Do they not call for more? Do they not suggest that our Baptist World Alliance ought to take a more prominent role in championing the rights of our brethren?

Certainly, we have no right to remain unconcerned. Our brethren need us. Let us not leave them bereft.

We the Women

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

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION

The annual meetings of the Executive Committee of our Woman's Missionary Union proved to be a time of rich blessing and fine fellowship for those of us in attendance. We felt closely drawn to God and experienced his leading in the important matters of business and program planning which we were able to discuss and execute.

The Scripture passage heading our agenda sheets reminded us that there is still much to be done, and less and less time in which to work. In Jesus' words: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:6).

The reports of the officers and committee chairmen proved most interesting and informative. Each of our members is blessed with special talents which are being used effectively in God's Kingdom work. It was a special

BAPTIST DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, DEC. 2, 1960

Theme: "Jesus Shall Reign"
Service prepared by the
Australian Baptist Women

pleasure to have with us in this session, the program chairman of our General Conference activities, Mrs. Fred Paul of St. Paul, Minn., as well as the chairman of our nominating committee, Mrs. Herbert Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif.

We were especially pleased to hear of the progress made by the local committees on arrangements for the General Conference. Rev. J. C. Gunst gave us a resume of the possibilities of various meeting places in Minneapolis and the facilities which would be at our disposal. Even at this early date, the ground work of our next General Conference has been carefully laid, and we can look forward to a time of rich blessing and spiritual refreshment.

From the reports of our treasurer, Mrs. Henry Schmunk, and our comptroller, Miss Mary Leypoldt, we learned some interesting facts about our giving in various areas. If our women continue to give as liberally in the months remaining as they have done since this triennium began, our \$60,000 Goal for special missionary projects will be reached.

We attempted to raise an additional \$12,000 the past year for our Denomi-

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Our Stewardship of Time

A Challenge to All CBF Fellowship Members by Richard Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wisconsin

"AS EVERY MAN hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful" (I Peter 4:10, I Corinthians 4:2).

Through the grace of God, we as Christian young people have been given the gift of time as a part of our stewardship to God. In the stewardship of time, we are required to be "found faithful." God, who has created and saved us, has permitted us to live upon this earth, so that he might have fellowship with us, and that we might bring honor and glory to him. He expects us to use every second, minute and hour to carry out his will.

"FOUND FAITHFUL"

This emphasis on time is in keeping with the C. B. Y. Fellowship theme for 1960-1961, "Found Faithful." A four-fold emphasis is scheduled in carrying out this theme: fall-time, winter-talents, spring-treasure, and summer-enlistment. Each C. B. Y. Fellowship is encouraged to stress these different phases of the theme so that each member may be "found faithful."

All of us as Christian young people receive 24 hours a day from God. Do you think that you are using your 24 hours to bring forth the greatest honor and glory unto God? In God's sight, it is important how we use the resources that he has given us, for we will be held accountable at judgment as to how we have used our time. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12).

One of the greatest aids in using time wisely is a time schedule. Make your schedule flexible, allowing room for changes so that it may serve you well.

HOME TIME-SCHEDULE

Four major areas, which we would like to consider, are: home, school, church, and recreation. About eight hours are spent sleeping, another eight hours at school or at work, but how are the remaining eight hours spent? I believe we will find that God does not receive the most honor and glory with these hours.

Let us, first, consider the home for most of our time is spent there. The one area of the home life in which we engage the most is sleep. "It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late." "Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty" (Psalm 127:2a, Proverbs 20:13a). God's Word gives exhortation as to what our attitude should be towards sleep.

Another area in the home time-

schedule is devotions. Do you have private devotions at least twice a day plus a family devotional period? Do you find that when you don't have your regular devotional periods, things don't go right during the day? Examine the use of the time you spend for devotions. Do you go through it, half asleep, just for sake of routine? But "seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near" (Isaiah 55:6).

SCHOOL LIFE

An area in our life which takes up a great deal of time is our school life. How this time is spent is certainly of present and future significance. Much of our character is molded during this school time, but can you say that the time that you use for school work is used "as to the Lord"? " whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord" (Colossians 3:23). The true Christian's desire is that of being a witness and of studying well in order to bring honor and glory unto the Lord.

Another area in the use of time is that of church. To us as Christians, the church provides the means for worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth. C. B. Y. Fellowship activities will put your time to good use. Is your C. B. Y. Fellowship meeting time spent in useful business, fellowship, and Bible study, or is there a lot of wasted time? As commissioned young people, our desire should be to lead others closer to Christ through each activity in which we engage.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

An area, in which it is easy to waste time, is that of recreation. As Christians, we know that only certain types of recreation are helpful in bringing honor to God. So we refrain from doing certain other things. Our old nature still delights to engage in non-God glorified activities. Then we are tempted to engage in them, giving the excuse that we needed a fling or had to let off steam. In such instances, we can't say we have been faithful stewards of God's time. It is still important, however, to engage in some types of recreation to help develop the body.

Can you say that in just these areas that we have covered, you are a faithful steward of the time God has given you? Certainly our desire should be to "redeem the time." Begin today, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to examine how you use your time; and try to use all of it to bring honor and glory to God. Someday if you have been "found faithful" with the use of God's time, you shall hear from the Lord: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



What's Happening

● Dr. and Mrs. Jerome Fluth, medical missionaries who have been appointed for the Southern Cameroons, Africa, have announced the birth of a daughter on Oct. 17, who has been named Karen Ann. She was born in Minneapolis, Minn., where the family is residing for the present, while Dr. Fluth is in Liverpool, England, taking further studies at London University in preparation for his medical ministry.

● The Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Gordon Thomas of Denver, Colorado, to become its pastor. He is a brother-in-law of Rev. John Benham of Minot, N. Dak. Mr. Thomas is a graduate of the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary of Denver. He accepted the call and began his ministry in the Fessenden church on Nov. 15, succeeding Rev. Martin De Boer, now of Loyal, Oklahoma.

● Rev. Herman Lohr has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Selby, S. Dak., which he has served since April 1, 1960. He is bringing his ministry there to a close about Nov. 15. He will again be available for an interim ministry in our churches. Rev. Peter Wiens of Avon, S. Dak., conducted evangelistic services in the Selby church earlier in the fall with good results in attendance and response.

● On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 23, the 25th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Fischer of Linton, N. Dak., was observed with Open House held at the parsonage. Many members of the church, neighboring pastors and their families, and friends came to honor the Fischers. A brief program of congratulations and greetings was also held in their honor. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer have served the First Baptist Church of Linton since 1952.

● The New England Conference for North American Baptist churches was held at the King's Highway Church, Bridgeport, Conn., on Oct. 8 and 9. Dr. R. Schilke, mission secretary, served as the guest speaker. Rev. George Lang, Cameroons missionary, addressed the session of the Woman's Missionary Union and the closing missionary rally. Rev. William Christensen of the Bridgeport church brought the opening message on the topic, "The Missionary Task of the Church."

● On Oct. 4 ground was broken for the new Nursing Home in Bismarck, N. Dak., an addition to the Home for the Aged. The new three story building will be 151 by 46 feet and will cost from \$350,000 to \$400,000. It will contain a chapel seating 200 persons, as reported by Rev. B. W. Krentz, superintendent. The building project is being financed by loans from private

banks, the bank of the State of North Dakota, and bonds to individuals. It is scheduled to be completed in June 1961.

● Rev. Paul Galambos presented his resignation as pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Yorkton, Sask., on a recent Sunday in August. It was agreed that the resignation would be effective on Nov. 15, 1960. He has served the Yorkton church with faithfulness since 1956. Mr. Galambos is awaiting God's guidance in his future ministry in a North American Baptist church. He stated in a recent letter: "I am willing to serve wherever the Lord leads me."

● Rev. Gustav Wetter of Benton Harbor, Mich., passed away on Sept. 27 at the age of 64 years. He was a graduate of our North American Baptist Seminary in the class of 1922 and was ordained in Alpena, Mich. on Aug. 21, 1923. He served our churches in Alpena, Mich., and Watertown, Wis., before entering into the fruit farming business at Benton Harbor. One of his sons is Rev. Alvin Wetter. The obituary will appear in a later issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● It has just been announced by the headquarters' office that the per capita giving of North American Baptists during the past year (1959-1960) reached an all time high of \$106.96. This represents the gifts of our church people for local and missionary purposes of all kinds. It is the first time that North American Baptists have gone beyond the \$100 mark in their per capita giving. However, other objectives were not reached during the past year as a study of the statistical tables on page 23 of this issue will reveal.

● The Sunday School of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., held its annual picnic recently with 172 guests of the Wycliffe Translators, who were attending the Summer Institute at Grand Forks. A baptismal service was held for two adults and four children on a recent Sunday. The Seminary Quartet was in charge of an evening service with Mr. Art Patzia bringing the message. A farewell service was held for students going away in the fall, including the student worker, Ron Derman, as re-

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● Laymen's Sunday was observed by the Baptist Church of Venturia, N. Dak., on Sunday evening, Oct. 16. Inspirational messages were given by Adolph Heupel, Delbert Bender and Roy Schnabel. Special music was also brought by the men of the church. On that Sunday morning, Rev. Orville H. Meth, pastor, spoke on "The Separation of Church and State" as one of a series of messages on distinctive Baptist beliefs. Although his message was basically historical with Scriptural applications, he also dealt with the principles involved in the political situation.

● A new North American Baptist church has been organized at Lemmon, S. Dak., with Rev. Jerry Vilhauer of Bison, S. Dak., serving both churches as pastor. It is to be known as the Temple Baptist Church. In October a constitution, covenant and articles of faith were adopted and officers were elected. The church clerk is Mrs. Delbert Heintz and the treasurer is Mr. Rhineoldt Friez. Evangelistic meetings were held in October with Rev. Clark Mann as evangelist. Afterwards, two weeks of evangelistic meetings were held in the Bison church with Rev. Floyd Dalzell as the evangelist.

● The First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., held its annual Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 9th. Guest speaker for the day was Rev. Harold Weiss of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., who brought challenging and heart-warming messages at both the morning and evening services. Mr. and Mrs. Weiss also rendered a deeply appreciated ministry of music. The offerings for the day amounted to \$2,581.27. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Education and Publication secretary, spoke at a church service in Mott on Friday evening, Oct. 14. Rev. Fred J. Knalson is the pastor of the church.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., has called Mr. Ron Hayhurst of Mokenca, Ill., to serve as Youth Director. He is a recent graduate of the Moody Bible Institute. The Kankakee church has about 130 young people in the various youth departments, as reported by Dr. Louis R. Johnson, pastor, in the church's "Newsletter." Rev. William Morrison, a retired Baptist minister who has served as pastor of a Baptist church on Staten Island, N. Y., for more than 26 years, has been asked to serve as Church Visitor in the Immanuel Church. More than 30 new members were received into the church's fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 6th.

● The final service in the Johannestal Baptist Church, a station of the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., was held on Sunday evening, November 6. Services have been held at this place in various buildings for more than 50 years. Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, pastor, was in charge. On Nov. 13 the

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 4, 1960

Theme: GOD'S COVENANT OF LOVE

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:3b-7, 31-34;
Romans 8:1-2, 38-39

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Nations would not have to get together to make mutual defense pacts if they were willing to join God in a mutual love pact.

INTRODUCTION: We come now to the final unit of this quarter which is centered around the advent of Jesus Christ. In these four lessons we will examine God's covenant of grace, his promise to send a Savior, the compassion of the Heavenly Father as men have encountered it in Jesus Christ, and the greatest Gift God has made to humanity which climaxes our Christmas lesson.

Our lesson today incorporates passages from both the Old and New Testaments and unites, by bonds of love, the promise and fulfillment of God's great Gift. It was difficult for Israel to think of a covenant of love. The agreement with God was thought of in terms of laws, rules and regulations, all held together by a covenant of promise. And as the history of Israel revealed, the promises on the part of man were weak and constantly broken. Promises cannot be kept simply by the manipulation of the will. There must be more than the shaking of hands and the signing of documents and the sealing of bargains. All this would be unnecessary if all parties concerned had a mutual love and respect for each other. Therefore, God took the initiative and demonstrated his love for mankind in a wonderful and marvelous way.

I. GOD'S ETERNAL LOVE. Jeremiah 31:3b-7.

The prophet Jeremiah preached and wrote during very dark days in the history of Judah. He must have felt the material and spiritual depression which hung over his nation like a black cloud, for he was frequently referred to as "the weeping prophet." And yet he must have had keen spiritual insight to be able to look out through the darkest hour of his life and be able to see the brightness of God's everlasting love; to see Judah's sin, suffering and judgment, and be able to see God's drawing power through his loving kindness; to see the imminent ravages of war and captivity and yet see a world of peace and prosperity.

II. GOD'S LOVE IN THE HEART. Jeremiah 31:31-34.

The first covenant, as Paul indicated,

was a "schoolmaster" (Gal. 3:24). It disciplined, guided and directed the outward actions and conduct of the children of Israel. The new covenant, which the prophet sees in the future, will be a "heart-master," for God knows that once he masters the heart of man he becomes the master of all. Moreover, the new covenant will be based on three fundamental principles: it will be inward or spiritual; it will be universal and direct; it will be based on divine forgiveness. The old, legal covenant which was graven on stone will be replaced by the new covenant of love which will be graven on the heart.

III. GOD'S INSEPARABLE LOVE. Romans 8:1-2, 38, 39.

Just as Exodus 20 was basic to the Old Testament covenant, so Romans 8 is basic to the theology of the New Testament. It is the Magna Carta of freedom for the Christian under the new dispensation.

We are saved by faith, but since love is the fruit of salvation, it binds us inseparably to Jesus Christ. We are no longer bound by law but bound by love, for we are possessed not by a new law but by a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ. His love constrains us because it transforms us.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 11, 1960

Theme: GOD'S PROMISE OF A SAVIOR

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7; Galatians 4:4-7

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The greatest promise has inspired us with the greatest faith. It has given us the greatest hope, and it has possessed us with the greatest love.

INTRODUCTION: If we were to choose a word description of God's promise, it would be the word "compassion." The word is not often used in the Old Testament, but its thought and meaning are apparent in this great passage of Scripture in Isaiah. The prophet's far-seeing eye must have seen a vision of Christ in the New Testament when it was said of him: "When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36).

It was this aspect of God's promise

SUNDAY SCHOOL EDITOR

The editor of these Sunday School Lessons is Rev. B. C. Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois.

which was so little understood by the Jews and in particular by the Jewish leaders. The overwhelming majority expected the Messiah to be a military hero who would overthrow the Roman legions and make Israel the ruler of the world. The promise of love and compassion for the poor, the sick and the sinner was not nearly so important to them as the promise of national power, authority and glory. It was the kingdom of David in which they were interested rather than the kingdom of the Spirit.

I. THE PROMISE OF LIGHT. Isaiah 9:2.

During the days in which Isaiah prophesied, it was indeed dark. The dark clouds of impending war were hanging over Judah. The shadow of death was hovering above them and the tragic years of captivity were about to begin. The deepest darkness was found in many sin-sick souls. Yet in spite of all this terrible darkness, the prophet was able to see the promise of a great and glorious light.

II. THE PROMISE OF JOY. Isaiah 9:3.

In the absence of joy in any form, Isaiah was also able to see the joy which the salvation of Jehovah would bring. Rejoicing to Judah at this time was something they saw as they looked backward. The blessings all seemed to be in the past. Only the prophet was able to see the best blessings in the future.

III. THE PROMISE OF FREEDOM. Isaiah 9:4-5.

The history of Israel is a history of bondage. They were continually struggling to free themselves of the yoke of the oppressor. Added to this and, far worse, was the yoke of sin, the yoke of the law and the yoke of tradition. (See Matt. 15:1-9). Isaiah saw what Paul wrote to the Romans, that "the law of the spirit of love in Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and death."

IV. THE PROMISE OF THE SAVIOR. Isaiah 9:6-7.

This is probably the most wonderful description in the entire Bible of the coming of the Savior. Even though he comes as a new-born child, he will have the greatest sovereign titles of the world, including the greatest title of all—the Mighty God. Without this title, the promise of a Savior would be meaningless.

V. THE FULFILMENT OF THE PROMISE. Galatians 4:4-7.

Paul was an outstanding example of what the power of God's promise of a Savior could do. If he as a model Jew could not attain salvation, then certainly there was no hope for anyone else in Israel. But if the fulfillment of God's promised Savior could work such a miracle in Paul, then it is possible for all men to be saved.

CLIMBING MT. HOOD

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rest a fall, we were taught to use our ice axe. Crevasses on ice glaciers are numerous in the higher elevations, and are treacherous. An avalanche may strike at any moment with falling rock or snowballs. Satan would desire that God's children fall into the crevasse of sin. This is our greatest peril.

Have you slipped or fallen in your personal devotion and dedication to Christ and his Church? Are you happy in the service of the Lord? Here is good news. You can arrest this spiritual condition by confessing your sins since he is faithful and just to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trust the promise in Jude 24, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling"! Isn't that marvelous?

The last 1,000 feet are the most precarious and dangerous. As a safety precaution all climbers were roped together.

THE SUMMIT!

Finally, the summit! To be perched on top of the world is a thrilling experience. I couldn't absorb or saturate enough of the sublime inspiration of that moment. Vistas of beauty and splendor of God's creation lay at my feet. Suddenly I forgot the exertion and aching muscles from the climb. On that day when we shall reach glory we too will instantly forget the struggle and trials of this life and this world as we share the beauty and glory of our Wonderful Lord. My heart was singing, "How Great Thou Art!"

Most impressive was the absolute quiet. There was a perfect calm like a foretaste of heavenly peace. It was good to be still and know God, removed from any noise or distraction from the world below. A book is secured at the top for climbers to sign their names. Our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life at the time we were born again.

Returning back down, we received a certificate from our guide of our successful journey. May we come to the end of life's journey, mountaineering with Christ, and receive his words, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Press on, good Christian, to higher ground!

WE, THE WOMEN

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national Advance Building Fund, and learned we did not succeed. We are almost \$4,000 short of that goal. We hope that those societies who have not made a contribution will do so as soon as possible, so that this goal, too, will be reached.

Plans were made for the observance of our special prayer days—the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, the first Friday in December, (Dec. 2, 1960),

and the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday of Lent. Materials to help plan programs for these special days will again be sent out to each society.

It was a thrill for us to have our sessions in one of the offices (Dr. Frank H. Woyke's) of the new Headquarters Building. We are grateful to God for the progress made by our denomination which necessitates expanded facilities. It was also a rare pleasure for most of our committee members to be on hand for the Grand Opening of our new Book Store. We as a denomination can be justly proud of this wonderful addition to our headquarters offices.

We, the members of your Executive Committee, returned to our homes with renewed determination to carry our Union to new heights of achievement. It is our prayer that our efforts be crowned with God's blessing as we carry out the plans made for the future. Remember, we need your prayers!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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new \$110,000 edifice of the Ashley Baptist Church (its new official name) was observed with festive services with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, as the guest speaker. All the former mission stations of the church have been dissolved. An illustrated report of the dedication services will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday, Sept. 18, the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, N. Dak., held its Harvest Festival with Rev. George Robinson of Jamestown, N. Dak., as the guest speaker. The Alfred Church cancelled its services to cooperate with Gackle on this festive day. Mr. A. F. Lehr, Gackle banker and deaconemeritus, gave an interesting account of his trip to the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro at a recent Sunday evening service in the Gackle church. On Oct. 2nd a Cradle Roll program was presented to a capacity audience of nearly 200 persons. The names of all 42 children who had been enrolled during the past 7 years were read by the three superintendents who have served. Rev. Bernard Edinger is the pastor.

THE NEW ROGER WILLIAMS BOOK STORE

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Northern District

Vacation Bible School, Baptist Church, Moosehorn, Man.

The First Baptist Church, Moosehorn, Man., held its Vacation Bible School from Aug. 15 to 26. The total enrollment was 38 with an average attendance of 33. We studied lessons on "Signaling for Christ" and "Learning God's Way." We also had a happy time by singing choruses, holding Bible drills, hearing stories and doing handwork. The teachers were Rev. and Mrs. B. Voss and Mrs. Les Plomp.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 28, a closing program was held, and each class presented the story of what they had learned. There was also a display of handwork. We are praying that even more souls will be reached next year and that his Name may be glorified. We are happy to announce that 15 new members have joined with us. May we all work together in love and do service for Christ!

Mrs. Les Plomp, Reporter

Recent Events at Mission Station, Telfordville, Alta.

Mr. Ben Breitzkreuz is serving as student pastor here at Telfordville, Alta. Since February the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church has taken us on as a Mission Station and is helping to support the work. We have bought the schoolhouse and are having Sunday School and services every Sunday. Our attendance usually is 25 to 30. From July 11 to 15 we had our Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 29 pupils.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, we held our pulpit exchange. As an exchange minister, we had Mr. Peter Dubois of the Indian Bull Reserve serving us. The offering of \$17.50 was designated for Home Missions. On Oct. 3 we were privileged to have "God's Volunteers" with us. They visited about 50 homes in this community and presented a wonderful program in the evening. From Nov. 7 to 13 we held meetings with Rev. Siewert of Leduc, Alta., as guest speaker.

Mrs. Albert Hubscher, Secretary

50th Anniversary, Edenwold and Davin Missionary Society

Having come to a milestone of 50 years of service, the Edenwold and Davin Ladies Missionary Society of Saskatchewan celebrated its Golden Anniversary on Sunday evening, Sept. 25. It was a humble beginning when 14 devout Christian women gathered to organize. It was a joy to honor our only charter member with a corsage. A very unique program entitled, "Our Golden Years," was presented.

The first scene reviewed the past. Ten ladies served as presidents, of whom five responded to our invitation to attend the celebration. These five ladies were honored with corsages. The second scene of the program, which represented the present, gave our of-

ficers an opportunity to report. The third scene was a candlelight dedication service for the future. A love offering of \$187 was received to further the work in Japan.

It was a joy to listen to Mrs. Adolph Millner, the oldest past president, who was our honored guest speaker. Throughout the entire program, suitable musical numbers and poems were rendered. The program was brought to a fitting close with prayer by the pastor, Rev. R. Neuman. An invitation was extended to 220 guests to come to the lower auditorium for refreshments.

Mrs. R. Kurtz, Secretary

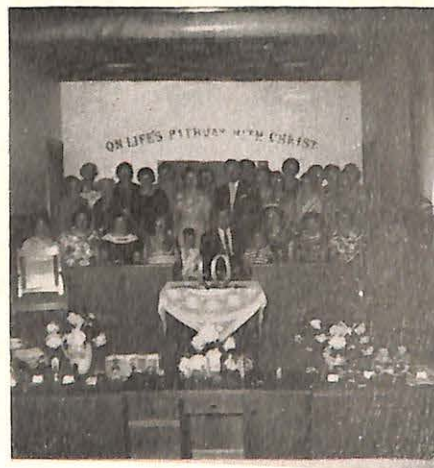
Women's 40th Anniversary Program, Ebenezer Church

On Sunday evening, June 26, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., presented its 40th anniversary program. The president, Mrs. Grace Bohn, extended a hearty welcome to all, and the secretary, Mrs. Irene Patzer, and treasurer, Mrs. Martha Dreger, gave their reports. The theme of the program was "On Life's Pathway With Christ." Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Irene Wollenberg, presented a special poem.

The program included three group songs; a trio "It's Not An Easy Road" by Mrs. Gladys Patzer, Mrs. Ella Reiman and Mrs. Hilda Priebe; a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern; a solo by Mrs. Gladys Patzer; and a candlelight service led by Mrs. Edna Bohn, Mrs. Olga Hoffman, Mrs. Frances Patzer, Mrs. Wilma Hoffman and Mrs. Joyce Guse, in which tribute was paid to those who have passed on to their reward, to our honorary members, and our one charter member, Mrs. Edith Neibrandt of Ebenezer.

We were happy to have the Japan missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, with us. Mr. Kern showed slides of his work in Japan and brought a message to go with the pictures.

Mrs. Joyce Guse, Reporter



Woman's Missionary Society of Ebenezer, Sask., with Mrs. Edwin Bohn, president, (front row, left); Rev. and Mrs. J. Wollenberg (standing, center); and Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, guests (seated, center).

Eastern District

Program Highlights at Cleveland's Parma Heights Church

The Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, had the pleasure of having Dr. George Dunger at their Sunday evening service, August 14. Dr. Dunger showed slides from the Cameroons and Ghana Mission Fields. On Sept. 4th, Billy Graham's film, "Safari for Souls" was shown to a record crowd. Sept. 25th was promotion day, and a special program was presented by the various departments. The attendance reached 461. Seven persons were baptized on Sunday evening, Sept. 25th, and these, along with 20 other persons, were received into the church fellowship at the Communion service on Oct. 2nd.

Rally Day was held on Oct. 2nd at which time 8 new adult classes were formed. The new classes are grouped according to age. The Woman's Missionary Society and the King's Daughters voted to become one group, and beginning the first of the year, they will become one society. They will still retain 6 or more circles. For one week, from Oct. 9 to Oct. 16, we had the extreme pleasure of having Rev. Victor Priebe of Lexington, Ky., as the speaker for the Spiritual Life Crusade. These meetings were a blessing and refreshing time to all who attended. Rev. David J. Draewell is our pastor. Bernice Miller, Reporter

Outstanding Speakers at Redeemer Church, Warren, Mich.

The Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren, Mich., recently had the opportunity to hear three outstanding men of God. From Sept. 18 to 25, we were privileged to have the services of Rev. Ernest G. Malyon, an evangelist, sponsored by the extension department of Moody Bible Institute. Mr. Malyon is a former president of the Conservative Baptist Association. In addition to services on Sunday and the entire week, he held a Bible Class each morning, and talked to our Baptist men on Saturday night.

On Wednesday, Sept. 5th, our missionary, Rev. Glen See from Haiti spoke to us during prayer meeting. His message was in reference to the building of churches. He said that before one church was completed it was necessary to build another, due to the crowded conditions. Truly, a great challenge to us at home who call ourselves Christian!

The Rev. Mr. Farrell, a converted Catholic monk, was with us for three days, Oct. 9 to 11. He said his purpose was not to criticize but to explain to us the basic principles of the Catholic Church, thereby creating a better understanding of our Catholic neighbors. He said we could do more in winning them to Christ through love than through condemnation.

Mrs. Eleanor Knott, Reporter

Two Teacher Training Courses at Lansing, Mich.

The Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan, recently conducted a teacher training course with outstanding success. The course was entitled, "When Do Teachers Teach?" Sixty people were enrolled in the course and 37 completed the examination for credit. The pastor is now conducting another teacher training course entitled, "The People Called Baptists." New and experienced teachers alike have found much valuable information to enhance their teaching ministry.

In a recent Sunday morning service, teacher training certificates were awarded to those who had completed the course. May God help us as a church to be not only spiritually but mentally equipped to handle aright the Word of God.

Robert F. Penner, Pastor

New Members Received Into Church, Trenton, Illinois

At the First Baptist Church, Trenton, Illinois, a picture was taken Oct. 2 of a group of nine new members. Three of these joined by letter on Sunday, Sept. 11. They are a mother and son (back, left) and daughter (front, right). The others were baptized on Sunday, Sept. 18, and received the hand of fellowship on Sunday, October 2. The picture was taken and developed by one of our own members.

Their names are: (back row, left to right) Mrs. Robert Cassidy, Robert Cassidy, Jr., Terry Zrinsky, Donna Wright, Rev. J. R. Kruegel; (front row), Dudley Caudell, David Sims, Bruce Wharry, Kathleen Luginbuhl, and Kay Cassidy.

J. R. Kruegel, Pastor

Central District

Harvest Mission Festival Sunday at McClusky, N. Dak.

The McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., set aside Sunday, Oct. 2, for the Harvest Mission Festival. The church was beautifully decorated with vegetables and grain products. We had the great honor of having Dr. George A. Dunger, his wife and daughter with us from Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Dr. Dunger was our guest speaker for the morning and afternoon services. His topic was based on "The Bible, the Center of Our Christian Living." Special music was rendered by the church. The blessings were truly great. The offering received was \$789.80, and all went to foreign missions. This Sunday was also Promotion Day for our Sunday School. Rev. E. R. Oster is our pastor.

Mrs. Herbert I. Engel, Reporter

Pastor's Farewell Service, Calvary Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Members and friends of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., met on Sunday evening, Sept. 25, for a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz. Mr. Lutz brought his ministry to a close at our church on Sept. 25 and began his ministry in



Rev. J. R. Kruegel of the First Baptist Church, Trenton, Illinois, and 9 new members received into the church on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Wessington Springs, S. Dak., on Oct. 2.

The program was in charge of our assistant Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Ted Bertsch. The following organizations were represented by those who brought songs, gifts and words of gratitude for the minister: Woman's Missionary Society by Mrs. Ted Bertsch; Sunday School by Elmer Seidel; Board of Trustees by Willard Tesky; Junior Sunday School Dept. by Mrs. Alyon Buechler; the Deacons by Jacob Tischer. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz responded with words of appreciation and admonition.

Willard Tesky, Church Clerk

Farewell Service for Rev. and Mrs. R. Grenz, Underwood

A farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Richard Grenz and family was held July 24 at the First Baptist Church

of Underwood, N. Dak. Before the service Mrs. Grenz was given a corsage from the Ladies Missionary Society. Scripture was read by Mr. Ferdinand Koenig, a deacon of the church. Prayer was led by Rev. John Wood who also brought the message. The Men's Chorus sang "Seeking the Lost," in which Rev. and Mrs. Richard Grenz had had a great part while in Underwood. They served us for 5½ years. Mr. Wood spoke on "The Pastor's Call of God," which was followed by a duet, "Follow Me" by Rev. and Mrs. R. Grenz. All organizations expressed their thanks and appreciation. Mr. Carl Radke, moderator, spoke in behalf of the church and presented Mr. and Mrs. Grenz with a gift from the church. They both spoke a few words of thanks to us all. The churches of the surrounding community were invited.

Neil A. Walther, Clerk.



TEACHING CERTIFICATE CEREMONY, LANSING, MICH.

Teachers of the Colonial Village Church, Lansing, Mich., who completed a training course, are presented with their certificates. Rev. Robert F. Penner, pastor, is behind the pulpit. Miss Bonnie Morgan, church missionary, is standing on his right, and Mr. Walter Kuhn, general S. S. superintendent, on his left.

50th Anniversary of Immanuel Church, Beulah, N. Dak.

The 50th anniversary of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., was held on Sunday, Sept. 11. Rev. A. J. Fischer of Linton, N. Dak., a former pastor from 1935-1937, was the guest speaker for the day. Charter members who were present were Mr. Gustav Binder and Mrs. Amelia Binder. In the afternoon service, the history of the various organizations of the church was given. There was also time for testimonies from former members of the church. Afterwards, we all gathered in the church basement for the cutting of our anniversary cake and for fellowship. Our choir sang three special selections under the direction of our pastor, Rev. John Wood.

In the evening we held a dedication service for our new Hot Water Heating System for the parsonage and the church. The Lord surely has blessed us all here in the Beulah church.

Mrs. Gilbert Ost, Reporter

Sunday School "Camp Program," Rapid City, S. Dak.

A rewarding experience was shared by the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., on Sunday, Sept. 18th, as a mock T. V. program was put on by the C. B. Y. as the result of a "Let's Go to Camp" program sponsored by the Sunday School. Ten youngsters attended our N. A. B. Bible Camp at Madison, S. Dak. This was the first time for most of these young people to attend any camp.



Rev. Loren Weber, pastor of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., interviews a "Panel of Campers" concerning their camp impressions and decisions.

After a pointed commercial on "Have you tried the C. B. Y. at the South Canyon Baptist Church?" by Jim Schlottmen, acting president of the group, Rev. Loren Weber interviewed the "Panel of Campers" on their impressions and decisions while at camp. All campers recalled happy memories and desires to go again next year. The program ended with the showing of a colored movie taken at the Senior Camp, showing the special speakers, counselors and scenes of camp life. The parents' reaction to this type of program was enthusiastic.

Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr., Reporter

Harvest Festival and Baptism at Selfridge, N. Dak.

This past season has been one of various experiences for our little group at Selfridge, N. Dak., which has so



Rev. and Mrs. John Wood of Beulah, N. Dak., are photographed with the 50th anniversary cake of the Immanuel Baptist Church.

courageously tried to hold up the Gospel Light. A Vacation Bible School was conducted in conjunction with the other Protestant churches of the community with some 34 scholars in attendance. A baptismal service was also in order after an evangelistic campaign by our pastor, Rev. David Litke. Two families were united with the church; others are standing at the door.

For Sept. 25 we had invited our neighbor minister, Rev. Daniel Heninger with his church at McLaughlin, S. Dak., to our Harvest-Mission Festi-

quartet, which sang several numbers. Ralph Backhaus, secretary, gave a brief history and told of the accomplishments of the organization. Seven charter members were present: L. D. Rohrer, Charles Backhaus, Robert Backus, Milton Schrepel, Harold Black, George Krueger and Graydon Rohrer. The guest speaker, Mr. Victor Jockim, layman of the Baptist Church at Corona, S. Dak., brought a challenging message on "Love."

Laymen's Sunday was observed on October 16 with the men having charge of the morning worship service. The male chorus sang and the men of the church led in the responsive reading and prayer. Pastor Benke brought the message, "Always be Ready."

Mrs. Harm Frerichs, Reporter

Sessions of South Dakota Woman's Missionary Union

The Woman's Missionary Union of the South Dakota Association met recently at Emery, S. Dak., for its annual program and business meeting, with Mrs. Leland Friesen presiding. Mrs. J. Benke of Madison led the song service. Mrs. Brown of the host church extended a hearty welcome to which our secretary, Mrs. J. Johnson, responded. A short business session was held to consider the discontinuing of three delegates from each society. Every member of a society who is present is now eligible to vote. This amendment has been added to our constitution. Mrs. Frank Veninga, wife of our Seminary President, brought a stirring message, using as her theme, "In Times Like These." Mrs. H. Effa delighted us with a very fitting solo.

The offering which amounted to \$135.75 was designated for the Nursing Home at Madison, the national Woman's Union project and Church Extension. It was also decided that all the societies together would buy six dozen sheets for the Nursing Home at Madison. The officers for the ensuing year are: president, Mrs. T. Lutz of Wessington Springs, S. Dak.; vice-president, Mrs. H. Effa of Chancellor, S. Dak.; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. John H. Johnson of Chancellor. Mrs. John H. Johnson, Reporter

Women's Birthday Party at Mott, North Dakota

The Ladies' Mission Circle of the First Baptist Church, Mott, N. Dak., held its annual birthday meeting on Tuesday evening, Oct. 18. This was also guest night. Eleven members and eleven guests were present. Devotions, a short business meeting, and a program were held in the sanctuary. In answer to roll call, each member repeated a Bible verse and introduced her guest. The subject of the program, led and written by Mrs. Fred J. Knalson, was "God's Birthday Gifts." One feature of the program was an imitation birthday cake with doors that opened. From these doors each one present pulled a colored ribbon streamer, on the end of which a little roll was tied containing a little bookmark, a gift to the one who pulled the ribbon, and a typed Scripture denoting one of God's gifts to each child born into his Kingdom. Each one in turn read his Scripture aloud. Two lovely double duet numbers were sung by four members.

After the program we went to the

basement. Here a long table was set and decorated with objects denoting the twelve months of the year, each one being seated according to her birthday. The collection of \$20.84 is to be sent to the Cameroons in Africa to help build the church for the lepers.

Mrs. C. E. Schwartz, Secretary

Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. M. Phillips, Mott, N. D.

The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Phillips of Mott, N. Dak., was observed on Tuesday evening, Oct. 4, at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor, officiated at the program which included musical numbers and messages of congratulations. Everett Schwartz extended greetings in behalf of the church. Kurt Blickensderfer spoke for the Sunday School and Jerry Auch for the C. B. Y. F. Mrs. Walter Auch brought the congratulations of the Woman's Missionary Circle. This part of the program was concluded with Mr. Phillips surprising his wife and singing "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

A reception followed in the church's dining hall. Mrs. Fred Kirschmann sang a solo and Mrs. Charles Gilbert brought a reading. Mr. Harry Phillips spoke words of love and appreciation for his parents. Mrs. John (Mergie) Rudden of Denver, Colorado, a daughter, who could not be present, had sent a tribute which was read. A "Money Tree" was presented to the honored couple. The gift table, under the care of Miss Dorothy Reich, held lovely gifts and cards to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips from their many friends.

Fred J. Knalson, Pastor

South Dakota Association Sessions at Emery Church

The 114th South Dakota Association convened in Emery, S. D., Oct. 2-4. Our theme was "Full Surrender." Blessed days of fellowship and inspiration were ours as the churches shared their blessings and victories and also brought to us their prayer requests. Special blessings came to us through the ministry of the guest speakers, Dr. R. Schilke and Rev. Fred Holzimmer. The annual meeting of our Nursing Home in Madison, S. D., was held in conjunction with the business sessions. This enabled more people to participate and become better acquainted with the Home.

The newly elected officers for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. J. G. Benke; vice-moderator, Rev. L. Friesen; secretary, Rev. W. Dachtler; and treasurer, Mr. John Kludt. Resolutions were adopted encouraging our churches to participate wholeheartedly in the Baptist Jubilee Advance and in the support of the Church Extension program. The next Association will convene in the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, Oct. 1-3, 1961.

Herman L. Effa, Reporter

Iowa Association Meetings Held at Victor Church

Days of anticipated blessings were turned into days of blessed experiences at our Iowa Association held at Victor, Iowa, Oct. 3-5. The tone of our meetings was set as our Central District secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, brought the opening message. The timely



Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Phillips of Mott, N. Dak., cutting their golden wedding anniversary cake at the First Baptist Church.

theme, "Looking Ahead With Christ," and our theme text, Philippians 3:14, were considered by the pastors of our Iowa churches and Baileyville, Illinois church, as well as our guest speakers. The business sessions were conducted under the able leadership of our moderator, Rev. W. G. Gerthe. Our hearts rejoiced as we heard of the progress made in the Lord's work among our churches.

It was our joy to hear challenging messages from our Seminary President, Rev. Frank Veninga. He spoke at our Youth Rally on Tuesday evening and brought a report of the seminary the following morning. Another highlight on our program was hearing from two missionaries: Rev. Asaph Tobert of Nigeria, Africa, and Rev. Fred Holzimmer of the Cameroons, Africa. Mr. Holzimmer spoke at the Women's Missionary Union on Wednesday afternoon.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: moderator, Rev. Raymond Dickau; vice-moderator, Rev. A. E. Van Kley; secretary, Rev. Howard Johnson; treasurer, Mr. Louis Johnson.

Raymond Dickau, Reporter

Women's Sessions of Iowa Association at Victor

"An old man got up each morning, found the morning paper, scanned the obituary column, and if his name was not there, went back to bed." In these words, Mrs. Clement Daniels, president of the local Woman's Missionary Union of Victor, Iowa described, in essence, the life of an unfruitful Christian—in direct contrast to the "peculiar people, zealous of good works" found in Titus 2:14. She urged, in words of welcome at the October 5th women's meeting to keep "Looking Ahead With Christ," theme of the convention.

Guest speaker was Rev. Fred Holzimmer, who, with his family, will be returning to the Southern Cameroons in November. He gave great tribute to his wife as friend and adviser of the African women. The natives are beginning to invite the missionaries into their mud huts, he said, and much definite prayer is needed for the faithful African witness.

At the morning breakfast gathering, Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, editor of "The Broadcast" spoke of the many and varied activities of women.

New officers elected were: president, Mrs. Wm. Salzbrenner, Victor; vice-president, Mrs. Bert Heerts, Parkersburg; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Betty Renkema, Baileyville, Ill. The missionary offering received amounted to \$80 for medical work in the Cameroons and Church Extension.

Mrs. Merwyn Betz, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. M. W. Zeeb at Kenosha, Wisconsin

On Oct. 14th, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., called a council of 16 delegates, representing 6 Wisconsin churches for the purpose of setting its pastor, Mr. Milton W. Zeeb, apart for the Gospel ministry. The churches represented were: Bethany, German Bethel, German Zion and Temple, of Milwaukee; Grace of Racine; and Bethel of Sheboygan. Rev. Wilmer Quiring was elected chairman of the council and Rev. Richard Lawrenz as clerk. The candidate was examined concerning his conversion experience, his call and preparation to the ministry, and his doctrinal views.

The ordination service was held in the evening with the Rev. Wilmer Quiring presiding. Dr. Walter Wessel of our North American Baptist Seminary gave a fine message on "A Good Minister of Jesus Christ," taking as his text I Timothy 4:16. As the candidate knelt, the laying on of hands followed with Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill., offering the prayer of ordination. Scripture and prayer were led by the Rev. Wm. E. C. Petersen of Racine. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Rudolph Woyke of Milwaukee, while Rev. George Hensel of the same church gave the charge to the church. Rev. Fred Mashner of Sheboygan presented the ordination certificate as well as extending the hand of fellowship. The Rev. Milton W. Zeeb pronounced the benediction.

R. Lawrenz, Clerk

Obituary

MRS. BERTHA ZIELKE of Puyallup, Washington

Mrs. William (Bertha) Zielke of Puyallup, Wash., passed on to be with her Savior, Sept. 25, 1960, following a year of illness. She was born in Germany in 1895 and at the age of 19 immigrated to Canada. Following her marriage to Mr. Zielke, they moved to Puyallup in 1919. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., for 41 years. She was a devout mother. Sunday School class and worship service were faithfully attended.

Surviving in addition to her husband, William, are 3 daughters: Mrs. Alma Yost, Mrs. Lillian Ujick and Miss Royal Zielke, all of Puyallup; 2 brothers: Henry Bresch and Evald Bresch of Kelowna, Canada; one sister: Mrs. Emma Mueller of Prince George, Canada; 2 grandchildren. At the well-attended funeral service, the pastor spoke on the words of I John 5:4.

Calvary Baptist Church Tacoma, Washington

ROBERT S. HESS, Pastor

MRS. MARTHA KNISPFL of Portland, Oregon

Mrs. Martha Knispel of Portland, Oregon, a daughter of the late Rev. Friedrich Reiche, was born in Berne, Switzerland, Oct. 23, 1876 and passed on to her heavenly home on Aug. 4, 1960. As a child she came to this country with her family and settled first in South Dakota and then went to Oregon. Here Mrs. Knispel became a be-

STATISTICS OF OUR CHURCHES, 1960 — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Table with columns for Conference, Churches, Baptisms, Church Members, Sunday Schools, Sunday School Scholars, Teachers & Officers, W.M.U. Societies, W.M.U. Members, C.B.Y.F. Societies, and C.B.Y.F. Members. Includes rows for Atlantic, Central, Dakota, Eastern, Northern, Northwestern, Pacific, Southern, Southwestern, and Total.

Our North American Baptist Fellowship

By Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary

THE POSTWAR years have brought an unprecedented statistical harvest to the churches of North America. Church membership has increased annually, so that total membership is now well beyond 100,000,000 in the United States alone; building activity, especially in the construction of houses of worship and educational buildings, has reached almost fantastic proportions; and missionary contributions have risen to hitherto undreamed of heights.

channelled to our Forest Park office, amounted to approximately \$775,000

Our North American Baptist Fellowship has had a modest share in this growth. Our total membership has increased, in round figures, from 37,000 to 51,000 in the past fourteen years, a net growth of about 14,000. About 60% of our churches have undertaken major building programs of one kind or another. The waiting list of applicants for loans from our \$500,000 Revolving Church Loan Fund is now so long that the waiting period is nearly five years! Our missionary contributions, counting only those that were

Why word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105. Illustration of a lamp and an open book.

during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1960. During the current fiscal year the total missionary appeal amounts to \$800,000. Our foreign missionary staff has risen from eight when World War II ended to more than eighty.

Although we are humbly grateful for all these gains, we cannot escape a certain sense of uneasiness. The question that will not be brushed aside is: has our spiritual growth kept pace? In one of his recent messages, Billy Graham called for prayer for a great revival among church members—surely a much needed plea. We need more church members; but even more than that, we first need more church members fully dedicated to the cause of Christ! The theme of our 1961 General Conference sessions is to be "Greater Things Through Christ." Let us pray for a deeper sense of discipleship, for if our consecration is pure and complete we shall surely witness the fulfillment of this theme!

CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR CHURCHES, 1960 — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

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iever in Christ and became a member of Trinity Baptist Church where she remained faithful until her death. She was married to Wm. Knispel. Nine children were born to this union. Her husband and four children preceded her in death. Her passing is mourned by three sons, two daughters, six grandchildren, one great grandchild, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends. May the Lord be the true Shepherd of all. Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

MRS. BERNARD KLEIN of Goodrich, North Dakota

Mrs. Bernard Klein, nee Shirley Rae Kehn, of Goodrich, N. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kehn, was born on Oct. 12, 1935. She went to her heavenly home on July 14, 1960. She was hospitalized for less than two weeks and died of undetermined causes.

She gave her heart to the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized upon her confession of faith in him on August 20, 1950 by Rev. Henry Hirsch. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Goodrich until the time of her death. On Nov. 16, 1958 she was united in marriage to Mr. Bernard Klein. She is survived by her husband; one son, Kenneth; her parents, and two sisters: Mrs. Delores Burkhart, McClusky, N. Dak.; and Barbara at home. Words of comfort were gleaned from Heb. 11:16.

MRS. WILLIAM R. STASSEN of West St. Paul, Minnesota

Mrs. Martha E. Stassen, nee Glewwe, of West St. Paul, Minn., a faithful member of the Riverview Baptist Church, a wonderful Christian mother and wife, went to be with the Lord, August 12, 1960. Born July 2, 1899 at Gladstone, Minn., she found her Lord at an early age and was baptized into the Riverview Baptist Church on March 26, 1911. She sincerely loved her Lord and served him in many capacities through her church and state denominational offices and committees.

She is survived by her husband, Wm. R. Stassen; 3 sons: Robert, Wm. H., and Raymond; 6 sisters: Mrs. Wm. Green, Mrs. Frank Kloss, Mrs. Harold Stassen, Mrs. Arnold Erickson, Mrs. Raynolds Knospe, Mrs. Kenneth Hamnerstrom; and by 3 brothers: Reuben, Edwin, and Wesley Glewwe. "Precious in the sight of Jehovah is the death of his saints." Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

MR. GEORGE WOELH of Lodi, California

Mr. George Woehl of Lodi, Calif., aged 76, was born in Odessa, Russia. After coming to this country, he settled in North Dakota and in 1936 came to Lodi. He passed away on Oct. 2 following five years of illness. His wife passed away in 1953. He is survived by five sons and three daughters; Arthur and Gilbert of Lodi, Elmer and Alvin of Acampo, and Sam of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Viola Wright of Sacramento, Mrs. Margaret Ballett of Elk Grove, and Mrs. Hilda Nicholas of Lodi, Calif. All 8 children are Baptists. He is also survived by two brothers: John Woehl of Lodi, Calif., and Henry Woehl of Wishek, N. Dak.; two sisters: Mrs. Sophie Hass of Ashley, N. Dak., and Mrs. Christine Hoff of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and 21 grandchildren. Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church, where he had been a member and burial was in Lodi's Cherokee Memorial Park.

AARON BUHLER, Pastor of Lodi, California

MR. OTTO MILLER of Turtle Lake, North Dakota

Mr. Otto Miller of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., passed on to his eternal home on Sept. 1, 1960. He became ill at the close of the mid-week prayer service and died several hours later. It pleased the Lord to call his child home at the age of 56 years, 9 months and 24 days. He was born near Turtle Lake, N. Dak., on Nov. 7, 1903. On May 24, 1923 he married Julia Stolz at Washburn, N. Dak. He farmed and worked in a service station for many years. It was only last fall during meetings with Rev. G. G. Rausler that Mr. Miller made his peace with God. Soon thereafter he and his wife were baptized and joined the Turtle Lake Baptist Church.

He leaves to mourn—his passing—his devoted wife and six children: Mrs. Arnold Franke, Marvin, Mrs. Milton Lee, James, Mrs. Ronald Freborg and Barbara, also 10 grandchildren. Eleven brothers and sisters

also remain: John, Mrs. Rose Fischer, Fred, Edward, Bennie, Reuben, Ernest, Mrs. John Stolz Lehr, Mrs. George Kessler, Mrs. Johnny Ebel and Mrs. Gustave Rausler. Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

MR. JAKE R. RUND of Goodrich, North Dakota

Mr. Jake Rund of Goodrich, N. Dak., went to his eternal rest on Sept. 23, 1960. He died from complications of brain surgery when a tumor was removed. He was born on Oct. 19, 1898 in South Russia. As a child in 1899, he came with his parents to America—settling at Marion, S. Dak. In 1901 they moved to the Goodrich area where he farmed until his death. He married Emma Felchle on Oct. 21, 1926. This marriage was blessed with two children.

He accepted the Lord as Savior at the age of 24 and was baptized. As a faithful member of the church he employed his talents in the Lord's work, especially his bass voice. The church misses his labor of love and witnessing. He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife; his children: Hazel and Percy of Sharon, N. Dak.; two grandchildren, 5 brothers and 5 sisters. Words of comfort were taken from Psalm 116:15.

IRVIN H. SCHMULAND, Pastor of Goodrich, North Dakota

MR. GEORGE KLOCK of Emery, South Dakota

Mr. George Klock of Emery, S. Dak., who had suffered a great deal during recent years went to his eternal rest on Sept. 30. He was born to the Simon Klocks on July 29, 1884. He was married to Hannah Edzards on Dec. 28, 1909. Six children were born to the Klocks: 3 sons: Fred, Cecil and Marvin; and 3 daughters: Mrs. Elmer Schrader, Mrs. Herman Tammen and Velma. All but Velma live in the vicinity of Emery.

He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior as a young man and was baptized by Rev. Ottie Olthoff in Chancellor, S. Dak., in June 1904. From 1910 until his death he was a member of the First Baptist Church attending and serving as health permitted. Sorrowing in his departure are his wife, Hannah; the 6 children, 15 grandchildren and 3 brothers: William of Emery, Ben and Onnie of Chancellor; and 2 sisters: Mrs. Ben Smit of Madison and Mrs. Ben Peters of Chancellor.

LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor of Emery, South Dakota

MR. WILLIAM HARMS of Emery, South Dakota

Mr. William Harms of Emery, S. Dak., passed away on July 30, 1960, only two months following the death of his wife. He was born to Garrett and Gierze Harms near Tea, South Dakota on Nov. 17, 1884. He was married to Mary Olthoff on Feb. 17, 1910. He was converted at the age of 19 years and was baptized by the Rev. Ottje Olthoff. During the fifty years that he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Emery, he served as a Sunday School teacher, deacon for 34 years and church custodian for 30 years. His faithfulness was an inspiration to all who knew him.

He leaves to mourn his death, Phyllis Olthoff, a foster daughter; two brothers: Dick and Bruno Harms of Chancellor, S. Dak.; and four sisters: Mrs. Hannah Olthoff, Emery; Mrs. Tillie Rust, Chancellor; Martha Harms and Mrs. Staley Cook of Sioux Falls. In the absence of the pastor, the Rev. R. W. Seibel and Dr. John Wobig officiated at the funeral service.

LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor of Emery, South Dakota

MR. EDWARD KRUEGER of Colfax, Washington

Mr. Edward Krueger of Colfax, Wash., was born in Europe Nov. 22, 1871 and came to the United States in the year 1891. He came to the vicinity of Colfax, Wash., in 1901 and was engaged in farming. Three years ago he retired and made his home in Colfax. He was married to Augusta Rink Krueger in 1904, who had two sons, Edward E. Krueger, and Assaph O. Krueger, both of whom preceded him in death. In 1917 he was married to Elizabeth Klundt in Spokane, Wash. At the age of 16 he was converted, and later baptized by Pastor Lehman in Europe. He was a charter member of the Wilcox Baptist Church. When the Wilcox Church merged with the Baptist Church in Colfax, he became a member here.

Brother Krueger was an earnest Christian and was faithful in attendance at all of the church services. He passed away in Colfax, Sept. 10, 1960, at the age of 88 years, 9

months and 18 days. He is survived by his wife; five daughters: Mrs. George Rupley, Spokane; Mrs. Martin Killen, Seattle; Mrs. S. T. Hansen, Clarkston; Mrs. Don Molyneux, Horsehead, N. Y.; Mrs. Lester Bishop, Pullman, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. Albert Pletz, Lodi, Calif.

F. E. KLEIN, Pastor of Colfax, Washington

MR. GEORGE THOLE of Stafford, Kansas

Mr. George H. Thole of Stafford, Kansas, was born July 5, 1871, in Klein Bokern, Hanover, Germany and passed to his eternal reward on Sept. 5, 1960. In 1873 he, with his family, immigrated to the United States settling near Mt. Sterling, Mo. In May 1879 he with his mother came to Kansas. They settled on a farm northwest of Stafford. He remained on this farm till 1937 when he moved to Stafford. He was married to Hannah Lichte on Oct. 18, 1900. To this union eight children were born.

Early in life he made a Christian profession and joined a small group of Baptists. When the Calvary Baptist Church was organized in 1909, he became a charter member. He was deacon of the church for many years and remained honorary deacon during the years of his final illness. Suffering a stroke in 1954 he became increasingly incapacitated, finally being confined to his bed during the last three years.

He is survived by his wife, Hannah; 3 daughters: Marie (Mrs. St. John); Margaret (Mrs. Phil Eisenhour); Viola (Mrs. Arnold Flandermeyer); and 3 sons: Charles and Collins of Stafford and Samuel of Marion, Kansas; 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

FRANK FRIESEN, Interim Pastor of Stafford, Kansas

REV. GUSTAV WETTER of Benton Harbor, Michigan

Rev. Gustav Wetter of Benton Harbor, Mich., was born in Millet, Alberta, Canada, on Dec. 26, 1895 into the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Wetter. At the age of nine his parents moved to Benton Harbor, Mich., where he spent his boyhood years. He was saved and baptized and received the hand of fellowship into the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich. In 1909 he became a charter member with his family of the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor. In 1958 he became a member of Napier Parkview Baptist Church.

As a young man he responded to the call to enter the ministry, receiving his education at our Baptist Seminary at Rochester, New York. Upon graduation, he was united in marriage with Esther Stubenrauch on May 30, 1923. This union was blessed with two children, Eldon and Alvin Wetter. Mr. Wetter served two pastorates: Alpena, Mich., and Watertown, Wis., for a total of 19 years. Ill health caused him to leave the pastorate and seek outdoor living on a farm in Benton Harbor. This change served its purpose until Sept. 1959 when his health again failed and resulted in his home-going on Sept. 27, 1960. He suffered patiently and is well-deserving of his rest with the Lord. He is survived by his wife, Esther; his two sons, Eldon and Alvin; grandchild, Keith; 8 brothers and sisters. His memory is cherished by these loved ones as well as a host of friends.

WILLIAM HOOVER, Pastor of Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan

MRS. JOHN GERDES of Burlington, Iowa

Mrs. John F. Gerdes of Burlington, Iowa was born Caroline Julia Wagner on Feb. 14, 1878 at Heldra in Hessen-Kassel, Germany and passed from this life on Sept. 5, 1960 in the Burlington Hospital. She had been in failing health the past year. When she was 14 years of age, the family came to America and settled in Aplington, Iowa. At the age of 17, she went to Burlington to work, where she met and eventually married John F. Gerdes on Sept. 28, 1899. He preceded her in death in 1945.

Mrs. Gerdes accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized on March 21, 1898 and became a faithful member of the Oak Street Baptist Church. She was a devoted Christian, as well as a devoted wife and mother, and served her Lord faithfully in the church and the Missionary Service Guild. Four sons and a daughter survive: Emil, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ernest, Dallas, Texas; John, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Paul, Burlington, Iowa; and Mrs. Louise Guy, Riverside, Conn. Also surviving are three brothers and a sister.

HOWARD JOHNSON, Pastor of Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa

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