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■ Our Next President
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■ "Banso Babies Are
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● Protestant Episcopal laymen launched a two-week crusade to bring the Christian gospel to more than 3,000 Indians off the reservation who live in or near Rapid City, S. D. The men are members of the Church Army, the denomination's evangelistic and social agency. Assisting them are Episcopal clergymen and experienced Indian lay readers who are training to receive commissions in the Church Army.

● The United Church of Canada has been called upon to give priority to industrial evangelism in order to bring the gospel more effectively to the world of industry and labor. Rev. W. G. Berry, associate secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service, addressing the executive committee in Toronto urged the setting up of "institutes of industrial relations" across the country, for training ministers whose churches are in industrial centers, as chaplains.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● By a vote of 220 to 208, commissioners to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland decided in Edinburgh against any relaxation in restrictions on Sunday activities. The Assembly approved a motion which instructed its Church and Nation Committee to study further the question of Sunday observance. The motion termed a committee report "unacceptable in its present form," indicating that it would tend to weaken Scots' traditionally conservative views toward Sunday recreation.

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● A nation-wide "doorknob" campaign through which millions of Americans would receive personal invitations to make Thanksgiving a day of prayer is being blueprinted by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau. Taking a leaf from the book of both the Young Democrats and the Young Republicans, thousands of young adult Lutherans will conduct more than 5,000 door-to-door neighborhood campaigns in which they will hang millions of "doorknob" invitations on the household doors of Mr. and Mrs. America.

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● More than 2,000 young people and their leaders in 20 nations participated in Youth for Christ International's 12th World Christian Youth Congress just concluded in Bristol, England. The concept of "teens telling teens" reached a new international level as British young people heard the gospel from youth representing Italy, France, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, India, Ceylon, Jamaica, Austria, Africa, and a delegation of more than 100 from North America. Included in the

American group were the winning quiz team in Youth for Christ's annual high school club Bible quiz, and the champion vocal group from Lake County, Ind.

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● The Kresge Foundation, of Detroit, Mich., has made a grant of \$25,000 toward construction of a new men's dormitory for the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico. Prior to this the seminary had received grants from the six cooperating mission boards for a total of \$50,000 toward the project, the total cost of which is estimated at \$100,000. The foundation was established in 1924 by Sebastian S. Kresge for the benefit of "religious, charitable, benevolent or educational institutions, or other public benefit." The Evangelical Seminary of Puerto



Baptist Briefs

● **Library at Green Lake.** A library was dedicated at the National Christian Writing Center at Green Lake, Wis. in honor of Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, founder and director, during the 13th annual conference of writers and editors. The library which includes a large reading room, will house 4,000 books. It was made possible by a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Mahaney of St. Louis.

● **Baptist Foundations.** Baptist foundations in the Southern Convention have assets of more than 66 2/3 millions according to a report covering a period ending December 31, 1959. The assets range from \$26,646 reported from the foundation of Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists, to \$44 million in Texas. The Southern Baptist foundation in Nashville, agency of the Southern Convention, has assets of \$4,131,999.

● **Paul Hutchens, Author.** In celebration of his 25th anniversary as a writer of "fiction that fortifies faith," Paul Hutchens, author of 18 Christian novels for adults and the famous Sugar Creek Gang series for youngsters, has just released number 30 in the series, bringing his total book-length stories to 48. Given the intriguing title *Runaway Rescue at Sugar Creek*, it is issued by the author himself under the trade name *Sugar Creek Press*, Cascade, Colorado.

● **Church Architecture in the Orient.** A Houston architect's church designs are helping Baptists compete for the attention of the masses in the Orient. He is Ralph M. Buffington, who has designed about 10 churches for the

Rico is an interdenominational theological seminary.

● A leading Protestant editor called on Senator Kennedy to repudiate the Catholic "boycott" of public schools. "The political effect of this denial of free intercourse with the environmenting community," said Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison in an open letter to the Democratic presidential candidate, "produces a self-enclosed enclave within the democratic community which can neither assimilate nor be fully assimilated in the free society of American democracy." Morrison was founder and for 40 years the editor of "The Christian Century." His open letter appeared in the September 12 issue of another Protestant magazine, "Christianity Today."

Baptists in Hawaii, a seminary in Formosa and a church in Bangkok, Thailand. Baptists have found they must add the appearance of an Oriental temple to the designs of their churches to be served by missionaries and native ministers in the Orient. The Immanuel church, Bangkok, is slated to have shimmering gold walls and a sanctuary that combines Baptist needs with Oriental splendor exemplified by the jewel encrusted Buddhist temples.

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● **Eastern Seminary President.** Dr. Gilbert L. Guffin has presented his resignation as president of Eastern Seminary and Eastern College effective in 1961. He will return to Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., where he served before coming to Eastern, as Dean of Religious Education and director of the religious program. During the past 10 years, under his presidency, Eastern College has developed from a collegiate division of the seminary to a fully accredited liberal arts college on its own campus. At least one new building has been constructed or extensively renovated each year, enrollment has increased by 300%, full accreditation has come to the seminary, and the combined budget has expanded from \$230,000 to \$900,000.

● **John Smyth Memorial Church.** A gift of \$30,000 to apply on the cost of the John Smyth Memorial Church being erected by Dutch Baptists at Amsterdam, Holland, has been received by the Baptist World Alliance. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Alliance, said that the gift came from the Jarman Foundation of Nashville,

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Editorial

"Quit You Like Men!"

The Apostle Paul challenged the Christian men of his day to be alert to every opportunity and to be strong for every occasion in their witness for Christ. God needs all that a man can possibly give to the task at hand. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13). For these are times that try men's souls but also that test the vitality of a man's faith and witness.

Christian laymen are coming to the fore with their service for Christ. Laymen's movements are gaining strength in most denominations. The witness of laymen on the mission field today, especially along medical lines, is worthy of note. The Baptist World Alliance at its session in Rio de Janeiro recently organized a Men's Department and set high objectives for its ministry.

All of this will add importance to the observance of laymen's Sunday on October 16, 1960 in every North American Baptist church. Mr. Raymond E. Engelbrecht, president of "Baptist Men" has sent letters to church leaders and prepared suggestions for the observance of this Laymen's Sunday. The spiritual objective of this day is to strengthen the witness of our Christian laymen of our churches—to be strong in the Lord, and to stand fast in the faith. "Quit you like men!"

Laymen's Sunday on October 16 ought to provide for *personal participation* in the services and ministry of the church by many men. Let the men of your church take part in the services. Give them a chance to prove themselves. Let them demonstrate to others their capabilities dedicated to Christ's service. Let them show the entire church what they can do for Christ and his Kingdom.

A great scientist once said: "Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received." Laymen's Sunday should demonstrate this *spiritual exertion* in behalf of Christ by all the dedicated laymen of your church.

Laymen's Sunday on October 16 should also dramatize the inspiring *missionary project* to which "Baptist Men" of our denomination are devoting themselves. They are hoping to raise \$4,000 for the support of Dr. Peter Fehr, medical missionary at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa, and for the tremendous work of that hospital. This is a great objective that will require the sacrificial gifts and dedicated strength of all laymen in all of our churches. "Quit you like men!"

Laymen's Sunday, if successful, will result in many *personal pledges* by our laymen to be strong in the Lord and to stand fast in the faith. This observance should be more than a demonstration of your church laymen in action. It should be a time of personal reflection, of spiritual inventory and of renewed dedication by every layman as to what Christ expects of him. God has a job for every man to do! Times like these call for outstanding men ready to serve the Lord. Laymen's Sunday is only the beginning of a forward thrust and witness by God's servants. "Quit you like men!"

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The Lord Laid Japan on My Heart

The Story of Miss Betty Lucille Wipf of Madison, S. Dak., Missionary to Japan, by Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

HOW DOES the Lord call to the mission field? Is the call of the Lord to one specific country and to one specific people only? Or is his call to the mission field of such a nature that it can direct a person to the country and to the people where the door for service is more open as to one's training, experience and outlook? The story of Miss Betty Lucille Wipf gives evidence that God directs to another country and another people than what she first believed her call to the mission field to be.

In her application for missionary appointment, Miss Wipf wrote: "During this last year in Mitchell, S. Dak., I made my preliminary application for missionary service. At the time my thought was in terms of Africa. When Rev. L. Bienert and Rev. R. Schilke spoke of the possibility of going to Japan, my first thought was one of rebellion. But I am thankful that through these past two and one-half years, the Lord has laid the land of Japan and its people upon my heart. Through reading about Japan, a meeting with Missionary Florence Miller at my apartment and also through working with Japanese people in a church in Minneapolis last summer, I feel more certain than ever that the Lord is calling me to serve him in Japan."

A CHRISTIAN HOME

Betty Lucille Wipf was born at Freeman, S. Dak., on Oct. 14, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. David S. Wipf. Her brother, Melvin, four years her senior, is in the Gospel ministry. Her brother, Donald, eight years her junior, is at college. Her father was in the teaching profession and served as supply pastor in various churches until he entered the Gospel ministry more fully when he became the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Emery, S. Dak., when Lucille was 15 years of age. In the early fifties he served on the staff of Northwestern Bible College in Minneapolis for several years and also as pastor of the Minnetrista Baptist Church of St. Bonifacius, Minn. For the past several years he is serving as Superintendent of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Madison, South Dakota.

Of her home Lucille writes: "It was my privilege to be brought up in a Christian home. Thus the Bible has always had an important place in my home. Also prayer had an important place. The memory of a godly mother kneeling in prayer means much to me. (Her mother died in 1948) . . . Though in a Christian home, it was necessary for me to make my own decision for Christ. It was at the age of eleven during some evangelistic meetings in my church that I realized my



Miss Lucille Wipf of Madison, South Dakota, one of our 9 missionaries in Japan.

condition as a sinner and accepted Christ as my personal Savior." At the age of fifteen, June 1947, she was baptized by her father and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak.

In 1949 she graduated from the High School at Emery, S. Dak. This was followed by a year of teacher training in elementary education at the Freeman Junior College, Freeman, S. Dak., where she received her first grade teaching certificate in 1950. The following year she taught school at Bridgewater, S. Dak.

During her high school days, she attended a Christian Camp. The camp experience as well as the training she received at home and in her church had a great influence in her life. Here at camp the Lord spoke to her about yielding her life to him and following him wherever he leads. She did this at camp and again at other consecration services without fully realizing that the Lord was calling her to foreign missionary service.

SERVING GOD THROUGH MUSIC

In 1951 Miss Wipf enrolled at the Northwestern College in Minneapolis, Minn. Her special interest was music and in 1954 she graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree. One of her

instructors at college was a returned missionary from India. His teaching and chapel talks created an interest in foreign missions and at this time questions came to her whether the Lord wanted her in India.

However, other chapel speakers spoke of needs in the homeland and of areas where there is a scarcity of workers. She felt that God could use her with her musical training here in the homeland, and so she sought to escape the call to foreign service. Upon graduation from college, she secured a position as vocal music teacher in Mitchell, S. Dak., where she served for four years. This position gave her many opportunities of witnessing in school, in the local church and in Child Evangelism Good News Clubs.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH OTHERS

In 1956 at a conference, she saw a pastor whom she had not seen for 15 years. When he learned that she was teaching music, he said to her: "Are you sure that music is your field?" In the summer of 1957 a friend of hers asked her if she had ever given thought of going as a missionary. She had repeatedly, but she had never spoken to anyone about it. The weeks which followed found her in a "miserable" state.

The Christian Workers' Conference of 1957 was approaching and she saw listed on the program a consecration service. "This is it," she said, "you must take a definite stand that night or forget about saying you are following the Lord wherever he leads." Upon coming to this conference, one of the first questions asked her by one of the pastors was: "Are you still satisfied in teaching?" These questions were a means of God to bring her to a full realization of his call. She yielded her life to this call in that consecration service and joy and peace flooded her soul.

But whereto was the Lord calling her? Her first missionary interests were kindled under the challenge of a missionary from India. She now felt led towards Africa and so declared herself in her preliminary application for missionary service. Again the Lord had to direct her through his servants as stated at the beginning of this article. Through such direction it became increasingly clear to her that the open door of service is part of God's call. For her this was Japan and its people who were laid on her heart.

THE LORD WILL GUIDE FURTHER

In the fall of 1958, Miss Wipf enrolled at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to

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God Leads to Serve in Japan

The Story of Miss Joyce Lynn Batek of St. Joseph, Mich., Missionary to Japan, by Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

GOD HAS various ways and means to call his own into Christian service. At times, he may use the negative influences in one's life to bring about positive results. He may save a member of a family and use her testimony as a means of salvation to the whole family. He may present the challenge of missions through missionaries from Africa and India only to bring about a conviction to serve the people in Japan. He may use a mission secretary's suggestions for medical missions in Africa to strengthen the conviction for an evangelistic and teaching ministry in Japan. He may cause a disappointment in friends, who wielded a strong anti-denominational mission influence, to become the means of opening the eyes to the true purpose of denominational missions. He may call a young person and through her awaken an entire church from its lethargy in missions and cause it to rally around the challenge of missions. This has been the experience of Miss Joyce Lynn Batek in her own life.

Joyce Lynn Batek was born at Benton Harbor, Mich., on May 22, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Batek. She has an older brother and a younger sister. Her own testimony concerning her childhood years is as follows: "It was not my privilege to be raised in a Christian home. My parents were both from Catholic families but broke away from the church before I was born. For this reason, I was sent to many churches as a child and told to make up my own mind where I wanted to join. I grew up in a very modernistic church and, while I was a faithful attender, I never heard the Gospel story until I was 19 years of age."

PURSUING A MUSICAL CAREER

Miss Batek was raised in Benton Harbor, Mich., and there received her elementary and high school education. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1949. As a youngster and teenager, she was very active in social, civic and church affairs in her community. Apart from her lack of evangelical religious training, she had a happy childhood and home life.

Her special interest seemed to be the field of music. From the age of seven to twenty, she pursued a musical career with much zeal. The violin was her favorite instrument and she enjoyed many years of social prestige through this talent. She was invited to join and to travel with three large symphony orchestras. Her family encouraged her greatly to plan for a life's career in music.

Upon graduation from high school, she did not feel led for some reason to continue her pursuit in a musical

career but chose to enter nurses' training at the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Benton Harbor. In 1952 she completed her training and in 1953 she received her R. N. diploma.

CONFRONTED WITH THE GOSPEL

During her second year in nurses' training, she was invited to a service in the First Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mich. In her own words she says: "For the first time in my 19 years of life I heard the Gospel story. This was the first time I had ever heard of the sacrifice of Christ as my Savior on Nov. 5, 1950." Following her graduation from nurses' training, she was baptized on confession of her faith by L. H. Broeker in August 1952 and became a member of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan.

Following that vital experience of her Christian faith, she became active in her church and Sunday School, choir and young people's work, as well as in the work of Inter-Varsity through her nursing associations. The burden for the salvation of her parents, her brother and sister became her burden. During her later college years, she witnessed to her great joy the salvation of every member of her family. This was a great encouragement to her as she saw such marvelous answers to prayer.

Miss Batek first became interested in missions through meeting and hearing our missionaries, George and Al-



Miss Joyce Lynn Batek of St. Joseph, Michigan, Missionary in Japan.

ma Henderson from the Cameroons of West Africa. She attributes much to them and their influence upon her life as to her subsequent interest and desire to become a missionary.

In January 1954, she enrolled as a student at Columbia Bible College in Columbia, South Carolina, from where she graduated with a B. E. degree in Bible Education in 1958. While at the college, she became very much interested in the land of India. She was about to apply to a British Board for appointment to India, when she met our missionary, Florence Miller from Japan, and the claims of missions in Japan confronted her. The apparent open door to India soon closed for her. In the summer of 1958, she also heard our missionary Walter Sukut from Japan. The call to Japan came through his ministry and through the Word of God in Ezekiel 22.

For some time her heart was also burdened by an apparent lack of missionary interest in her home church. Her church had never had a missionary from its own membership and she wondered if she should consider missionary service under our own Missionary Society and that perhaps this would also help her church. Under the ministry of Brother Sukut, she became aware of the fact that she was willing to go to the mission field but not under our own Missionary Society.

Concerning this she writes in her application for service: "This was due to two things: the first being ignorance on my part as to the purpose and work of our mission; and secondly because of the evil influence of a couple I had known and respected for many years. This influence had been successful in turning me against denominational mission work. I had a real struggle but finally yielded to the Lord on this point, and immediately I felt an inward peace I had not known in many months."

NEXT STEPS FOR APPOINTMENT

With this conviction of God's call to Japan, Miss Batek contacted the writer and requested consideration for appointment. His advice was gently but firmly that at least one year at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was his strong recommendation and in her case would be of great importance. Her finances did not permit her to enroll that fall, and so she took up nursing for the following year. In the fall of 1959, she enrolled at our Seminary and came to recognize the importance of this additional year of training, for which she is now most grateful.

In February 1960, a sub-committee heard her testimony at the Seminary (Continued on page 13)

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Our Next President of the United State

An affirmation on the need for intelligence in selecting a President.

By Dr. Fenwick Tallmadge Fowler of Salt Lake City, Utah

ANY DISCUSSION which treats of religion and politics is apt to smack of prejudice or bigotry. As a matter of fact, lots of people have a cliché, "Religion should stay out of politics." This would be very advantageous to shysters and partisans, but the biblical example of the prophets is all against it. Religion is not a tassel to decorate life; it is the mind of life which gives all life direction.

We trust that no one will vote on a candidate, motivated by prejudice or bigotry. But what a candidate believes is a part of his inner platform, far more significant than his publicized platform. As such, it will control his decisions. Because of the president's power, what any potential president believes, therefore, is of highest significance to America. What views does a Roman Catholic hold? And in what directions would they lead this nation of ours? The voter has a right to ask this question of any candidate. This is not prejudice. It is good citizenship.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Catholics have never believed in the separation of church and state. In 1864 Pope Pius IX condemned the separation of church and state. The Jesuit world organ, *Civilita Cattolica*, is blunt, "The Roman Catholic church, convinced through its divine prerogatives of being the only true church, must demand the right of freedom for herself alone, because such a right can only be possessed by the truth, never by error. As to other religions, the church will certainly never draw the sword but she will require that by legitimate means they shall not be allowed to propagate false doctrine."

The article grants that in countries like the United States, "Catholics will be obliged to ask full religious freedom for all, resigned at being forced to co-habit where they alone should rightfully be allowed to live." How long could America's basic principles survive if our President held this Catholic position?

There are at least five issues in America where Roman Catholics take a stand which is motivated by their faith and generally unshared by others. They clamor for official United States representation at the Vatican; federal subsidies to parochial schools; censorship; freedom to restrict the distribution of birth control material and in certain matters of foreign policy involving the Roman Catholic church. Now, would a Roman Catholic president, by faith committed to the proposition of subservience to papal authori-

TIMELY LEAFLETS

Dr. Fenwick T. Fowler is the pastor of the Baptist Church of Salt Lake City, Utah. This article appeared first in a recent issue of "The Watchman Examiner" and is reprinted with permission.

Every North American Baptist minister has received two important leaflets that deal with the present political situation in the United States. The first is a well documented pamphlet, "A Roman Catholic President: How Free from Church Control?" by Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals. The second is a reprint of the article which appeared in the "Sunday School Times" and the "Baptist Herald" entitled: "Shall We Have a Roman Catholic President?"

These two pamphlets will be sent without charge to any North American Baptist requesting them by writing to the promotional office at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

ty, support the Roman Catholic view or the view of the America majority?

VATICAN AMBASSADOR

While I was a member of the General Council of the American Baptist Convention, we fought a mighty battle to have the representation to the Vatican terminated. If our government is to be represented at the Vatican, why should it not be represented at Mecca, at New Dehli, and a few other places? Or does Catholicism have some special right to be heard at the heart of our government? Does Catholicism have a right to impose on the nation its particular views of birth control? Father Weigel, Professor of Ecclesiology at Woodstock College, confessed that trying to make their vision of things the norm of the whole community is a political error "of the Catholic group." Would a Roman Catholic president be different than his fellows?

Would a Catholic president fill appointive offices with Catholics? If he did not, he would be much different than any Catholic executive I have seen in Eastern cities. A Catholic mayor means a Catholic council; a Catholic police chief means a Catholic police force. Msgr. Ronald A. Knox asserted in the 1927 edition of *The Belief of Catholics* that "a body of Catholic patriots entrusted with the government of a Catholic state will not shrink from repressive measures in order to perpetuate the secure domination of Catholic principles." Is a Protestant state safe in the hands of those who, in a Catholic state, support such principles?

Roman Catholic attitudes relative to education merit special consideration. Whether we talk about Los Angeles or Boston, the standards of Catholic parochial schools are markedly inferior to those of the public schools. But where the Catholic population is particularly concentrated, the public school system is so weakened, as in Boston, that it is inferior to public school systems in comparable cities which do not have a similar density of Catholic population. If this condition already obtains, what would happen if the Federal aid bill to parochial schools, which is pending in the next session of Congress, should be passed? Could a Roman Catholic president conceivably not be a supporter of it?

ROMAN CATHOLIC ATTITUDES

Ogden Vogt warns, "... we are becoming more and more aware, though still not enough awake to, of widespread, long range, persistent Catholic pressure to alter completely our American system of popular education They are moved by excessive infiltrations of Catholic teachers into the public schools, including members of religious orders in their regular garb Public subsidies in the form of free text books for certain schools and free transportation of children to parochial schools have already been obtained in some communities."

Wisconsin recently defeated a referendum on this matter. "Such use of funds in the state of New Jersey has been upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States, an action which seems completely incredible, yet it has occurred." Mr. Justice Rutledge in his minority report said, "This view contradicts the whole purpose and effect of the First Amendment."

"In Kentucky a very few years ago, one of the rural areas found itself with a school board composed of three Catholics and two Protestants. The majority proceeded to close one of the two high schools in the county, the one in the Protestant area. All students were forced to go to the other school, which was then staffed partially with nuns in habit, and the library was well supplied with Catholic literature, and censored as to other reading material according to Catholic doctrine. Parents protested, to no avail. Eventually they removed their children from school entirely, and a suit was brought into federal court. It was a very tough fight to get the church influence out, and even involved a member of Congress as attorney for the Protestants."

The methods of the world wide Catholic church are illustrated in a re-

port from Mrs. Ross Van Dellen through missionaries in Sierra Leone: "The government of that country passed a law that a new school could not be opened unless a certain minimum number of teachers had received adequate training, according to the regulations set up by Sierra Leone. This was to insure better schools, rather than purely religious instruction. The Protestants obeyed the rule faithfully, feeling that it was for the best of the country, and the indigenous church."

PRACTICES IN SIERRA LEONE

"The Catholic priests followed this pattern: They would open a school complete with the required teachers. As soon as it was approved and operating, they removed the trained teachers and replaced them with people whose only qualification was that they were good Catholics. The trained teachers then went on and started new schools and kept repeating the process so that Catholic schools far outnumbered the Protestant." Again, the church felt quite justified in breaking the spirit of the law to further its own ends.

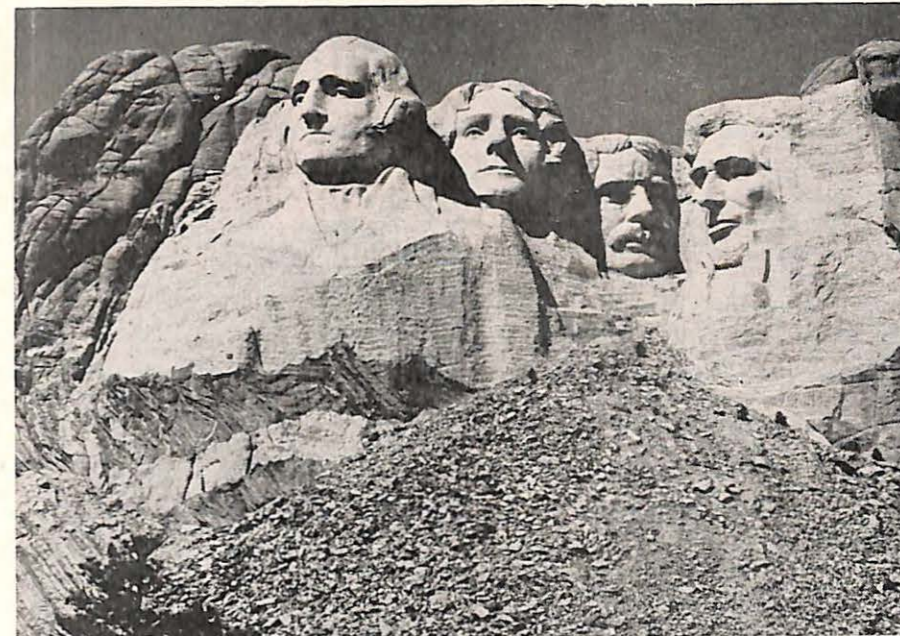
Do we want Roman Catholic thought to dominate our schools? Will a Roman Catholic president not lift his hand to help the cause of his faith in education, especially since Roman Catholicism is fighting a desperate and losing fight for both world and American prestige?

SOME LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

Protestants are so used to wringing their hands, they are not aware of Catholic hand-wringing. Here are some facts: In 1906 Roman Catholics were 37 per cent of all church members in USA. In 1956 they were 34 per cent. During the last fifty years Catholics, aided by immigration, increased 3.5 per cent in relation to the whole population, but non-Catholics increased 15 per cent. Only 17 per cent of the members in Congress are Catholic. Only 9 percent of our governors are Catholic. Over 24,000 Roman Catholics joined the Methodist church last year; three times as many as Methodists who became Catholics; 57 per cent professed dissatisfaction with the beliefs of their church.

The Point, a Roman Catholic organ, had this to say, "Official diocesan figures show that one-third of our American Catholic boys and girls now marry non-Catholics. Two of three children born of such marriages now turn out non-Catholic. In six of ten mixed marriages, the Catholic partner leaves the church. There are more nominal Catholics in Latin America than anywhere outside Europe. Yet Catholicism does not have enough inner vitality to produce more than a handful of missionaries, not enough to reach the pagan Indians of its own mountains, jungles and tropical valleys. It does not have enough priests for its own parishes."

In the last World War, with the



PRESIDENTS ON MT. RUSHMORE

The principles on which great presidents of the United States stood and by which they lived shaped the unfolding history of the United States under the blessing of God. (Photo by Dan Knight).

weakening of traditionally Catholic countries like France, Italy, Western Germany, an ominous note is sounded for the Roman Catholic church. With world Catholicism under such desperately heavy pressures, trying frantically to recoup, why should the reins of the world's greatest nation be placed in Catholic hands?

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Abroad, the Roman Catholic record on religious liberty is bad. In absolute Catholic states there is almost complete repression of all other religious groups. In a recent year all teachers in Rome received an order to suspend their classes and gather in nearby churches, where loudspeakers carried the message of Friar Lombardi, a Jesuit priest, which consisted of attacks on Protestants and Masons. Italians told American tourists, "Medievalism is surely back in Italy. Save your country from union of church and state or you will have a similar condition in America."

Spain, of course, is the most intolerant of all Catholic countries. All Protestant schools, once housing 7,000 pupils, are closed, and the children obliged to go where Roman Catholic instruction is compulsory. Protestants are not permitted publicly to bury their dead with religious rites. Protestant seminaries and churches have been closed—the destruction of Protestant hymn books and other properties, relevant to worship, is officially sanctioned. Yet in Spain a friend told me that of eighty men in his labor union, not one attended church.

Electing a Roman Catholic president would strengthen Roman Catholicism in America. That means a vote for intolerance—is that what we want in America?

MARCH OF EVENTS

● Evangelist Billy Graham has accepted an invitation to conduct a month-long Chicago Crusade in 1962, according to announcement made on July 7. The exact dates of the crusade are still to be decided, said H. J. Taylor, chairman of the Laymen's Sponsoring Committee of the Greater Chicago Billy Graham Crusade. Tentative plans are to hold week-day meetings in McCormick Place, the lakefront exposition center. Sunday meetings would be held in Soldier Field. Earlier, final statistics on the Evangelist's Washington, D. C. National Capital Crusade showed an aggregate attendance of 139,000 with a total of 4,986 decisions for Christ. The largest number at any one service was 1,021 decisions at the "Youth Night" service.

● Because of the failure in the Puerto Rican legislature of a Roman Catholic Church-sponsored effort to introduce religious instruction into the public schools of the commonwealth, the two bishops of the island have publicly endorsed the formation of a Catholic political organization known as the Christian Action party. Following the publication on July 2 of the joint pastoral letter of endorsement, Bishops Davis of San Juan and McManus of Ponce had the letter read on July 3 in Catholic churches throughout the island. Priests and Catholic papers urged the people to join a new party, although *De Reino a Reino*, a church paper, claimed that "the church is not entering politics." The three traditional political parties of Puerto Rico were condemned by the bishops and blamed for "bad morals which obscure and de-Christianize our society."

—The Christian Century

Christian Bookstore Challenge in Japan

The ministry of evangelism through literature, of a lending library and of a Christian bookstore in the university center of Tsu, Japan as reported by Missionary Florence Miller.

WHEREVER YOU find a university, there you will find a thirst for knowledge and a love for books as a means to satisfy that thirst. This is unusually true of Japan where you find one of the highest literacy rates in the world and where such an emphasis is placed on education that even the primary school child often complains of being so busy with his studies that he cannot find time for play.

TWO THOUSAND STUDENTS

The city of Tsu is the educational and cultural center of Mie Ken with three universities and approximately 2,000 students. Although there are four Protestant churches in the city, the number of students attending them is very small. It was this fact which led us to begin a student-centered type of evangelism in the city of Tsu about a year and a half ago.

God has given us some wonderful opportunities to witness to students and has blessed in the salvation of nine Japanese during that time. However, in addition to the Bible Classes which we have for them, we feel the need for an accompanying emphasis upon providing good Christian literature for those seeking the Christian answer to the many difficult problems confronting them.

The inadequacy of the missionary's Japanese often prevents him from giving a full explanation to the questions asked regarding profound philosophical or scientific matters. Al-



Japanese girls with blossoming cherry trees overhead.

so, the young Japanese helpers are not yet sufficiently trained to answer these questions. But a good book, placed in the hands of a student, may do more in less time than any of our explanations.

Realizing this need, we are now working toward evangelism through

literature as well as the spoken word. We hope to have a student center that will have facilities, not only for Bible Classes but also a lending library and reading room, as well as a small book store. We have begun to build the lending library and are gradually adding new volumes to it. There has been a wonderful response by the students and every week after the Bible Classes books are checked in and out.

We regret that there is still a great shortage of good evangelical Christian literature. Evangelical Missions have published quite a number of devotional books, but there is still a decided lack of books which are intellectually satisfying and stimulating with a Christian answer for the problems of the individual as well as of society.

There is also a sad lack in children's books. We have only three books which we can offer the children, because there are no others with a clear Gospel message. One sixth grader, after reading "The Tanglewood's Secret," wrote a little note saying that she was much moved by the book and wanted to be like the little boy and girl in the book who loved and obeyed the Good Shepherd, Jesus. Several Baptist boards are working on this problem and are translating books, but it is a slow and expensive task. I hope that also our mission may eventually have at least a small part in this needy work.

CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE

In addition to the lending library, we feel the need for a small Christian bookstore which would serve not only our people but the city. The nearest Christian supply store is an hour and a half away, which makes it practically unused by the people of Tsu. The ordinary book stores carry Bibles and hymn books and occasionally a book concerning Christianity, but more often than not these tend to mislead the inquirer rather than to give a true Christian message.

The Christian bookstore sells not only books but also articles such as wall plaques, Scripture verse stationery, religious pictures, Scripture text greeting cards, etc., which enable the Christian to give a Gospel witness on many occasions. The average Christian is not aware of these items until they see them on display somewhere, and many opportunities for witnessing are missed.

We have set up a book table on Saturday afternoons for the use of those who attend our meetings. However, we regret very much that our present building does not allow for a display window to inform passersby

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"Banso Babies Are Better Babies"

This slogan underscores the fact that during the past decade the maternity services at the Banso Baptist Hospital, Southern Cameroons, have multiplied from 79 deliveries to 800!

By Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Missionary in charge of the Midwifery Training Program at the Banso Baptist Hospital

THE YEAR of my arrival at the Banso Baptist Hospital—1950—there were 79 births recorded. This year—1960—there will be at least 800, if we can stretch our facilities to accommodate them. In ten years we have multiplied our maternity services ten times.

ANNA'S HAPPINESS

This phenomenal growth in such a short period of time can best be accounted for by relating the experiences of a few women who have delivered here. Anna came to us eight years ago with a history of having delivered four children, all of whom died at birth or soon thereafter. She is from a village sixty miles from here. So she came to live here two months before delivery.

She gave birth to a boy whom I named Samuel, for certainly he was an answer to prayer. Anna stayed here at Banso for nine months with Samuel, so that she could reach the hospital quickly if he should become sick. It is a real struggle and sacrifice for a woman to be away from her family and relatives for such a period of time, but Anna's faith was rewarded. Samuel grew and is today attending school.

Just a few weeks ago, Anna came to my house to greet me. She is now expecting her third Banso baby. Samuel has a three-year old sister. Transportation facilities are much improved now, so Anna goes back home between prenatal visits and will come to stay just a few weeks before delivery. When asked why she does not go to the government Maternity Center near her home for delivery, she said, "Does the sister not remember how she named Samuel as God's answer to prayer? I must deliver my children at Banso."

BANSO BABIES

Rachel, one of our Baptist Christians from Ndu, only twenty miles from here, is not so fortunate. She too had several deliveries at home with no children living, when she heard that she could be helped at Banso. But after three more deliveries, all at Banso Hospital, she still had no living child. Last November after another Caesarean Section, she said she would not take her baby home until he is strong. Her little boy, Kongnyui, which means "love God," is in church and Sunday School every Sunday morning with his mother. His name and his life are a witness of God's love and grace.

We might well claim the slogan, "Banso Babies are Better Babies."

Women are taught how to care for their children during their stay at the hospital and at their visits to Infant Welfare Clinics which are held every Thursday morning. Our children's ward has completely outgrown its fa-

man Catholic church seems to think so, for it is made difficult for a Catholic mother to have her baby baptized if she has delivered at our hospital. We have experienced that the impressions made on our mothers by our



AFRICAN WOMEN TRAINING AS MIDWIVES

Five of the 23 Christian pupils in training as midwives at the Banso Baptist Hospital, Southern Cameroons. The pupils and an African mother are holding some new-born babies. The Midwifery Training Program is Miss Weisenburger's chief responsibility.

cilities, because women who deliver here are bringing their sick children early so that many lives are saved.

Does maternity work have a place in our missionary activities? The Ro-



The first woman to enter the new Maternity Center at Belo and the twins who were born to her, "a sign of God's highest approval on the new building."

Christian staff and in our daily devotions for them are lasting.

A few weeks ago, when I went to the hospital at six a. m., I heard singing that sounded like a church congregation. As I neared our Maternity Building, I realized that it was our mothers singing. The women had decided to start their devotions early. One of our favorite topics is "Suffer the little children to come unto me" (Luke 18:16) and "Train up a child in the way he should go." (Proverbs 22:6) Our work is committed to him who said, "My word shall not return unto me void" (Isa. 55:11).

CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE

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of the goods available. It seems quite impossible to expand beyond a book table in our present building. So one of our great needs, in addition to finances to stock the bookstore, is a more suitable building. Your faithful prayers are requested for this important ministry which has so many possibilities.



CHRISTIAN STUDENTS FROM TSU, JAPAN

A group of students from Tsu, Japan who attended an Inter-Varsity Conference with Miss Florence Miller, missionary, at the left. The young woman is an assistant teacher at the Fishery School. The boys are all believers in Christ. The young man (2nd from right, back row) is the leader of a Bible Study Class at the agricultural college.

The Christian Leaders' Conference

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

ONE BY ONE young people, Sunday School superintendents, teachers, workers and a few pastors filed past the registration desk at our Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on August 8 to complete registration for the Christian Leaders' Conference which would be in session for four days. Leaders and teachers in charge of the various conference activities were busy completing final arrangements for the sessions.

In the Children's Section an observation school was held for Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior children. Actual Sunday School class sessions with children in attendance were held each morning from 10:00 a. m. until noon. Southern Baptist and Judson Press closely graded Sunday School materials were used for these sessions. Teachers and workers who attended the conference observed the sessions in action and met for an evaluation period during the first hour of each morning.

GROUP OBSERVATION SESSIONS

The Nursery Class was in charge of Miss Joyce Ringering. Miss Ringering, who received her Christian education training at our Seminary, is using her training and experience in a practical way by developing the Nursery Department at the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls.

The Kindergarten Department ses-

sions were held under the able leadership of Miss Martha Remus, who has charge of this age group in the Forest Park Baptist Church. Miss Remus, who has conducted similar classes for other Baptist churches in the Chicago area, has proven that our lay people can become very effective leaders and teachers if you "have a mind to work" for the Lord.

In the Primary Department, Mrs. R. Rolfs, a public school teacher of Lorraine, Kansas, demonstrated competently that teaching the Word of the Lord can bring great joys if you earnestly love and care for those whom God has placed into your care. A visit to the Primary Department or a visit with Mrs. Rolfs put meaning into the phrase which she was heard to repeat many times, "I just love children."

ATTENDANCE OF 124

Our director of Children's Work, Miss Ruth Bathauer, who coordinated the work of the entire Children's Section, also was the teacher of the Junior classes. Her practical emphasis in teaching junior children challenged teachers to be creative and challenged guiding young people of this age group. One hour was given to demonstrations on how to conduct Junior CBY meetings. Southern Baptist and Judson Press material was also used for that demonstration.

These four age group observation

sessions were a new venture in providing practical help to our churches in teaching the Gospel of Christ more effectively. We regret that the enrollment of the conference, which was 124, could not have been doubled. Our churches would have greatly benefitted by having their workers and leaders in attendance.

In addition to the Camping Section, which drew many of the young people and their counselors, we also provided a youth section to deal with the CBYF program in a local church. Rev. Gary Schroeder, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Illinois, led this group in exploring the "Essentials of a Good Youth Program." The group made use of the recently revised Leaders' Guide in discussing plans for a better youth program in the local church.

Rev. John Binder, who was recently appointed General Secretary of the CBY Fellowship, shared in these workshops and provided many helpful suggestions which we know will further enhance our well developed youth work as a denomination.

An area of Christian Education in our churches which needs to be guided toward the realization of its unlimited potentials is the adult Sunday School program. This phase of our conference was under the leadership of Professor Arnold Rapske of the Christian Training Institute and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman. The vital role of adults in our churches to reach others for Christ was outlined by Professor Rapske. He listed methods for strengthening adult groups in a church through fellowship and through a wider area of service.

The Audio-Visual presentations each afternoon were under the experienced leadership of Professor R. Seibel. Available visual aid equipment was demonstrated along with filmstrips available for a more effective teaching program in the Sunday School.

BIBLE STUDY HOURS

The entire group attending the Leaders' Conference met each morning for a Bible Study Hour on II Timothy, conducted by Rev. H. Gieseke, general secretary of the Board of Education and Publication. Brother Gieseke enthusiastically presented the challenges of this portion of God's Word as it applies to Christian workers. The evening meetings included messages by President Frank Veninga, Missionary George W. Lang, and the Central District secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst.

One evening a play reading was presented by Rev. and Mrs. John Binder and Ron Schauer. This reading not only presented a vital Christian message, but also demonstrated an effective use of play reading. The closing

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CHRISTIAN LEADERS' CONFERENCE, SIOUX FALLS

Program speakers and leaders of the Christian Leaders' Conference held at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Photo by Roy Seibel).

Camping Session of the Conference

Report of Special Sessions at the Leadership Training Conference, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by Miss Patricia Quenzer, of Herreid, S. Dak.

THE CAMPING session of the Leadership Training Conference held at the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., proved to be a challenge and an inspiration. Throughout the week thoughts were centered around the theme, "Found Faithful as Stewards of God" using I Peter 4:10 as the key verse, "As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (RSV)

During the beginning days, the new junior camping program seemed merely an ideal. However, in one week it became a reality. Some questioned it; others doubted its workability; and more realized the great potentialities of the new program when put into effect.

NEW CAMPING PROGRAM

When one becomes familiar with the new camping program, one considers and comes to understand the duties of the personnel, the proper administration, the importance of publicity and promotion, the scheduling of activities, and the fact that the counselor is the key figure. The counselor is with his living group of six to eight campers 24 hours a day. Thus, his life must be consistent and one through which the Holy Spirit freely and abundantly works.

As the activities of the day began, the daily theme was presented to the class through the daily devotions taken from the Bible study, *Found Faithful* edited by Miss Barbara Weisser. Special guidance was given in music, worship, Bible study, story telling, and evening and creative activities. The group was divided into unit groups at which time they practiced Bible study, story telling, and devotional givings.

The specific aims and goals were explained by the two authors, Miss Martha Leyboldt and Miss Barbara

Weisser, of the textbook, *Junior Pilot Camp Handbook*. High interest in the project was evidenced through class participation and discussion.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

The afternoon activities were of an informal nature which included recreational games for camping taught by Rev. Milton Zeeb. Nature crafts, which stressed the use of natural materials



For the first time at a NAB camp, "a cook-out" was held at noon by the discovery group at the Junior Pilot Camp at Camp Lakodia. A wonderful time was enjoyed by the children!

Junior Pilot Camp, South Dakota

Report from Camp Lakodia, Madison, South Dakota, by Rev. J. G. Benke, Camp Pastor

ON AUGUST 15 the leaders and counselors were on hand at Camp Lakodia in South Dakota to welcome the junior young people to the Pilot Camp. As the campers arrived, the counselors helped them get settled in the cabin, and taught them the necessary housekeeping procedures for their

week at camp.

Name tags were made out of small pieces of wood and plastic braiding material. The names were put on the wood with woodburners. Each discovery group had a different color of plastic braid. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in exploring the camp grounds.

At 7 o'clock in the evening, the three unit groups met in different areas on the camp grounds for their vesper service, followed by a 45 minute period for games and then a half-hour campfire service. Each night before the campers retired, the counselor met with them for a devotional period, either in the cabin or outdoors.

The camp theme, "We Want to Be Found Faithful," was emphasized in the daily Bible Study period when the discovery groups (12-14 children) met in assigned areas of the camp. The specific aims of the lessons were 1) to be found faithful in understanding what stewardship means, in recognizing the natural resources that God has provided in the world, man's dependence upon them and man's responsibility

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Nature study for the children at the Pilot Camp held at Camp Lakodia, South Dakota. Rev. Milton Zeeb points out the different kinds of trees to the discovery group.

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God's Glory Among the Spanish Americans

Report from the Spanish American Mission Field of Colorado by Miss Helen Lohse, Missionary

BABY DEDICATION, BAPTISM, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, CONFERENCE and WITNESSING were key notes in this past summer's activities and triumphs on the Spanish American mission field of Colo-



Rev. David C. Keiry of Monte Vista, Colorado, Spanish American missionary, recently baptized these four young Christians, including his son, David A., (front row, right).

rado. Three darling baby girls, with typical dark eyes, darker hair, and immaculate dresses were brought on Sunday, July 31, for dedication to the Lord. The budding roses, given to the mothers by Rev. David C. Keiry, who conducted the service, reminded us



SPANISH AMERICAN BABY DEDICATION SERVICE

Missionary David C. Keiry conducts a baby dedication service for Spanish American mothers in the San Luis Valley, Colorado. The mothers and their children are (left to right): Mrs. Ernest Medina and Cindy Lou; Mrs. Desiderio Medina and Madeline and Mrs. Modesto Pena and Juanita.

that these young lives which were just beginning would need much care in years to come until one day they come to know Christ as Savior.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

The same day, Bethel Baptist Church held a baptismal service. Four candidates were baptized, bringing our church membership to 21. We have repeatedly asked for prayer concerning one of these candidates, *Arnold Gallegos* of Del Norte, Colorado. His parents had often reminded him that he would one day be confirmed as a Roman Catholic, but God heard and answered prayer. Arnold has been unafraid to witness to school teachers, classmates and relatives. Continue to pray that he will grow daily!

Frances Blea of Del Norte, Colorado, is the last of her family to be baptized and become a member of our church. Pray that more family units will become "ONE" in the Lord. *Mary Madril* of Monte Vista, Colorado, is the sister of Cecilia who has been a steadfast and willing worker. Rev. David C. Keiry also had the privilege of baptizing his own son, David.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

A fine group of 129 pupils attended our Vacation Bible Schools this summer. Most of these were youngsters who regularly attend our meetings in the various towns. As we plan and

work for an indigenous church, we rejoice and thank the Lord especially for those of our people who taught in these schools. There were those from Del Norte who taught here and also in Monte Vista and Center. We used local girls as helpers in Center. Women and young people from Monte Vista helped in that school.

"YOU MEAN YOU WEREN'T BAPTIZED WHEN YOU WERE A BABY?" This question was asked of Miss Mary Pena, our summer worker from Sidney, Montana. Since Mary is Spanish, they felt that she would be no



Mary Pena from Sidney, Montana, our Christian worker for the past summer on the Spanish American mission fields of Colorado.

different, but they soon learned that she comes from a Baptist home which has been just that as long as she can remember. Her Christian testimony, joy in Christ, and lovely voice will long be remembered by our people as they reluctantly bid her "Adios."

During this year's sessions, the Southwestern Conference voted unanimously to accept Bethel Baptist Church of Del Norte, Colorado, into its fellowship. Another FIRST for us and our North American Baptist General Conference! Our people were happy and pleased to hear this news.

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

WITNESSES!! As we look into the future we trust that the Lord will use his Word as we teach it so our people will become concerned about winning those around them who are yet lost in sin. We rejoiced when Mrs. Gaspar Blea informed us that the Lord was definitely speaking to her about visiting her neighbors.

A neighbor of Mrs. Minnie Medina recently lost a 16 year old son by

drowning. This neighbor does not know Christ and has grieved for him until we fear she is losing her mind. Minnie has gone repeatedly to her with words from God's Book. Christ said, "GO YE," and this is our continual challenge to those who are Christians among our Spanish Americans in the San Luis Valley of Colorado.

LEADERS' CONFERENCE

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service was a missionary rally with Missionary George W. Lang presenting our Cameroons Teacher Training program. Mr. Flavius Martin, the first national from the Cameroons to be brought to our Seminary for further study, presented with great sincerity how our missionary program today will challenge the African in choices he is called upon to make.

Many who attended the conference also made use of the Seminary library facilities where Miss Ringering is our full-time librarian. The crowded conditions of the library are very evident since some of the Christian education materials had to be relocated to former dormitory rooms. The need for the proposed new library building is very evident.

JUNIOR PILOT CAMP

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ty in regard to them; 2) to be found faithful in the stewardship of our bodies and our abilities; and 3) to be found faithful in the stewardship of our lives in regard to accepting Christ as Savior and Lord of our lives.

For handcraft the campers made a camp booklet entitled, "Thoughts I Treasure," an Ant Palace and a Terrarium.

Twenty-five staff members and 116 campers were registered for the week. Each counselor was responsible for six or seven campers who constituted a living group. Two living groups made up a discovery group and three discovery groups made up a unit.

With a few minor adjustments, we are happy to report that the program was a success. Six campers accepted Christ as their personal Savior. On Friday evening, the entire camp met on the shore of Lake Herman for the final service with Rev. Elton Kirstein, camp director, bringing the message.

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From the Professor's Desk

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

I read somewhere recently that there is some evidence that Paul's Letter to the Ephesians was not really written to the Ephesian Church at all. Can you give me more light on this?

If you read the first verse of the Epistle to the Ephesians in the Authorized Version, you will discover that it is addressed to the Ephesian Church: "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus . . ." In the Revised Standard Version the phrase "at Ephesus" is omitted, but not without reason. Both in Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, the two most important uncial manuscripts of the New Testament, the phrase does not occur. This is the primary reason that it is unlikely that the epistle was written to the Ephesians, or at least to them only.

There are other reasons also in support of this contention. Paul, in his missionary journeys, spent more time at Ephesus than at any other place. He must have had scores of personal friends there. He loved the members of the Ephesian church dearly as is revealed by his well known farewell address to the Ephesian elders, recorded in Acts 20:17-35. This is one of the most personal and intimate passages in the entire New Testament. Yet in the Epistle to the Ephesians, there are no personal references at all. Indeed, it is the most impersonal of all of Paul's letters.

Another important consideration is that the letter seems to indicate that

Paul knew of the faith of his hearers only by report. In 1:15 he writes: "After I had heard of your faith in the Lord." It is highly improbable that such a statement could have been addressed by Paul to the Ephesians, with whom he had spent three years.

If Ephesians was not written to the Christians at Ephesus, then to whom was it addressed? One suggestion is that it was written to the church at Laodicea. This would explain the impersonal character of the letter and also Marcion's reference to Ephesians as the Epistle to the Laodiceans. Furthermore, in Colossians there is mention of an epistle from Laodicea: "And when this epistle [Colossians] is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea" (Col. 4:16).

A more likely explanation is that the letter from Laodicea (not to Laodicea) was not a specific letter addressed to the church at Laodicea but rather a circular letter which was being shared by the churches in the vicinity of Ephesus. Perhaps this circular letter referred to in Colossians was in fact our Epistle to the Ephesians.

One additional question needs answering. How did this circular letter come to bear an address to the Ephesians? We do not know for sure, but a good suggestion is that Paul left a blank after the words, "which are," in verse 1 to be filled in by the various churches, and the only copy of the letter which survived was that of the Ephesian church.

LUCILLE WIPF

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further prepare herself for missionary service. In the spring of 1960, she graduated with a M.R.E. degree.

In February 1960, a sub-committee heard her testimony at the Seminary and interviewed her with regards to her application for missionary service in Japan. The Board of Missions of the North American Baptist General Missionary Society in its annual session in April 1960 appointed her as missionary to Japan. At the time of the Dakota Conference in June 1960 at Fargo, N. Dak., she was commissioned to service.

The guidance of the Lord has indeed been wonderful in her life. On August 21, 1960 she sailed from San Francisco, Calif., for Japan. The next two years of language study in Kyoto may bring moments of frustration. It is then and in similar circumstances of missionary work that certainty in the call of the Lord becomes of paramount importance. The Lord will certainly grant her his continued guidance and the prayers of her many friends, particularly in the churches at Emery and Madison, S. Dak., which have adopted her support.

JOYCE BATEK

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and interviewed her with regards to her application for missionary service in Japan. The Board of Missions of the North American Baptist General Missionary Society in its annual session in April 1960 appointed her as missionary to Japan. At the time of the Central Conference in July 1960, convening in her home church on the occasion of the church's 100th anniversary, she was commissioned to service.

Her pastor, Mr. Broecker, reported that the appointment of Miss Batek as missionary to Japan and her subsequent commissioning service have already made a profound impression on the membership of his church. His church is rallying to the cause of missions as he has not seen it happen before. The church has adopted her support and is most anxious to do all it can.

On August 21, 1960 Miss Batek sailed from San Francisco, Calif., for Japan. May the Lord guide her continually and may she experience many answers to her prayers for the salvation of benighted people in Japan.

What's Happening

• Mrs. Lois Ahrens, Cameroons missionary and wife of Rev. Earl Ahrens, left New York City by plane for Tiko, Africa on Wednesday, Sept. 21st. She arrived in the Southern Cameroons, West Africa, on Friday, Sept. 23, and rejoined her family at Victoria. Her recovery from illness, which necessitated an emergency trip to the United States, seems to have been complete. All praise to God for his healing touch and answer to prayers!

• On Sunday, July 31, a baptismal service was conducted for the Spanish-American Baptist Mission in the San Luis Valley of Colorado at the Calvary (Southern Baptist) Church of Monte Vista, Colorado. Rev. David Keiry, missionary, baptized four young persons on confession of their faith. (The picture on page 12 shows these converts). They are Arnold Gallegos and Frances Blea of Del Norte, Mary Madril and David A. Keiry of Monte Vista.

• The ordination for Rev. Kenneth Schmuland was held at the First Baptist Church of Creston, Nebraska, on Friday, Sept. 23. The council meeting, held in the afternoon, was attended by representatives of the Baptist churches in Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado (La Salle). Mr. Schmuland has been the pastor of the Baptist Church in Creston, Nebraska, since his graduation from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in May 1960.

• The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has announced the appointment of Miss Martha Hargreaves as director of Christian Education for the church. Miss Hargreaves is a 1959

graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. She began her ministry in the Philadelphia church on Sunday, Sept. 11. Following the Sunday evening service, she was honored by the church at a welcoming reception with the pastor, Rev. Roger W. Schmidt, in charge.

• Rev. David Hackmann of Burnsville, Minn., was the guest speaker at both services on Sunday, Sept. 4, in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. At present, he is the pastor of the Burnsville Baptist Church in Minnesota and also works in the office of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is a graduate of the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, Denver, Colorado. His parents and sisters are members of the Forest Park Baptist Church.

• The Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, held a farewell for Miss Irmgard Kutrieb of Edmonton, Alta., summer student worker, on August 28. Representatives of the church as well as the pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, expressed their appreciation to her for her services. A Thompson Chain Reference Bible was presented to her. The church has also welcomed Miss Carol Jean Murra as the new director of Christian Education. Mr. Pfeifer wrote: "She is working hard and we deeply appreciate her. We are expecting great things from the Lord!"

• The fourth annual Conference on Religious Liberty sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was held at the Calvary Church of Washington, D. C., Sept. 7

to 9. A North American Baptist delegation was headed by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary. Others attending and taking part in the important conference studies were Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Rev. E. Wolff, Rev. J. C. Gunst and Dr. M. L. Leuschner. The religious liberty issue in tax policies and the meaning of religious liberty were some of the topics facing the conference. About 90 Baptist editors and leaders from various Baptist bodies were in attendance.

• On Thursday evening, August 11, members of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, gathered in the church annex to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Leonard B. Hinz, with a reception and open house. Mr. Vernon Ekрут, chairman of the board of deacons, spoke words of congratulations and appreciation, voicing the sentiments of each member. Mr. and Mrs. Hinz began their ministry at Waco's Central Church in 1957. They have two daughters, Lavonda and Mrs. Maxine Hanson. Mrs. E. R. Foster reported: "Our appreciation was shown in a small way with appropriate gifts for this joyous occasion."

• Evangelistic services were conducted by the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Michigan from Sept. 19 to 25 with Rev. Arthur Paul Sengpiehl bringing the messages. He is the minister at large and evangelist for the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. The Crusade centered on psycho-spiritual techniques in living. Mr. Sengpiehl, a former chaplain lieutenant colonel in the United States Army, pointed out that "many people today are suffering from tensions, the speed of life, fear and insecurity." They can be helped, he insists, by a return to peace with God. "Many disorders that lead to self-explosion rather than self-expression are adequately handled when a person turns to Christianity and the comforting arms of the church," he said.

• North American Baptist secretaries took part in a Testimonial Dinner held in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Arnold T. Ohrn at the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., on Friday evening, Sept. 9. Dr. Ohrn has retired from the office as General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance in which he served with distinction for 12 years. Dr. Frank H. Woyke offered the invocation at the dinner. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Rev. E. Wolff and Dr. M. L. Leuschner were also in attendance. The address of tribute was given by Dr. Theodore F. Adams, former president of the Baptist World Alliance. Among other speakers was Dr. Walter O. Lewis, former president and general secretary of the BWA. Dr. Ohrn has become visiting professor and lecturer at the Berkely Baptist Divinity School and at the Golden Gate Theological Seminary in the San Fran-

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New Hope for a Young African Lad

The True Story of John Bobeh, One of the First Leprous Patients at the New Hope Settlement

By Violet L. Stockdale, Wife of Dr. Eugene R. Stockdale, Missionary Doctor at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement



Leprous patients play the game Ludo in the New Hope Hospital yard as Missionary Laura E. Reddig watches. John Bobeh is the young African at the left.

TO EACH OF US there is a day or days that stand out in our mind which have changed the entire course of our lives. To some it is the acceptance into a particular college. To others it is a long awaited and desired promotion. To some others it is a reunion with a loved one whom we have not seen for a long, long time, and to still others a birthday or anniversary. For many of us, it is the day we gave our hearts to the Lord Jesus, and to still others, especially those serving him on foreign soil, the day the letter of acceptance came. Volumes could be written if one took the time to inquire as to why these and certain other days are important to us. But to little John Bobeh, five years ago, April 28, 1955 was his "red letter day" for that was the day he arrived at the BAMEMBA NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT!

CLIMBING THE PALM TREES

In a little obscure village, at least two days' walk from the nearest mission station and about that long a walk to the nearest motor road, John Bobeh lived with his mother and father, two brothers and one sister. In this area, there are many hundreds of palm oil trees. At an early age, the little boys are taught to climb the trees to release the giant clusters of palm nuts and to make palm oil from them. It is a long, tedious process and really hard work.

John tells us that he, with his brothers, would climb the tall palm trees, cut off the clusters of kernels, as many as 50 in one day, then hurry back to their compound and there, cut off the skin from the nut, put it in a huge clay pot, start a fire going beneath it and begin to cook the skin. It boils a long time, and then finally the oil

rises to the surface. They mix buckets of water with it and "wash" the oil. Gradually the cleansed oil comes to the surface, and then very carefully they skim it off with a calabash which has been cut in two. It is a rich, thick, bright orange color. After it is poured into bottles, holding about three cups, it is taken to the market to be sold for about 20 cents a bottle.

It seems like a great amount of work for such a little money, but sometimes John would "brew" as many as six bottles a day—that's a lot of palm nuts! Nothing goes to waste. After removing the skin they crack open the inner kernels and from this is extracted a clear oil which is boiled and boiled until it is clean. This too is poured into bottles, but from this

the revenue is about 35 cents a bottle. Even the outer husks are used. This furnishes excellent fuel for the fire to keep the pots boiling.

On some days the African boys do not gather palm clusters but carry a good sized calabash and stick up the tree and find a luscious palm flower. They make an opening somewhere behind the back of the flower, and with the bamboo stick, which is hollow, they insert one end into the bleeding flower and the other into the calabash, tie it securely with some grass and go on to the next flower. From this comes the clear, "sweeter than sugar" palm wine. As many as sixteen calabashes full a day are collected, and one flower can "bleed" or "weep" for as long as a month. For this John was paid 12 to 13 cents a calabash. He really felt he was "rich" when he made about \$1.00 to \$1.50 a day.

LEPROSY SPOT

When John wasn't collecting palm wine or gathering palm oil clusters, he was boarded out to neighbors to help with the caring of new little babies. John loved children, and somehow the children and parents sensed this as well. Thus his services were always in demand. In exchange for these services, he was given room and board and some clothing at various times as well. Sometimes he remained with the families a long time; other times just for a few months.

One day as he was playing with one of these children, the mother called to him and said, "John, what is that mark on your forehead?" John knew of no such mark, so she had him come over to her and she looked closely. Surely enough, there was a discolored patch almost covering his entire forehead. She made him take off his shirt



JOHN BOBEH

This young African lad is all smiles as he reads the book in his hands. He has been a leprosy patient at the New Hope Settlement for more than five years.

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to see if there were other discolored areas but could discover none.

She took John home to his mother and told her what she had noticed. His mother was surprised, but she had seen leprosy before and she said, "Yes, it looks as though John has leprosy!" They sent for the witch doctor but before he would perform any "cure," he demanded of Mrs. Bobeh that she pay eight chickens, six large calabashes of palm wine and three spears. This was quite a high price, but John must be cured of his leprosy. So the "potion" was brewed consisting of castor oil and charcoal ground into a fine powder and the red root of an herb. John was to apply this every day until the spot went away.

He went back to his baby sitting job and faithfully, every day, rubbed the "medicine" over his forehead. Believe it or not, the spot did disappear but, alas, only to appear in another place. All the rejoicing was for naught!



Dr. Eugene Stockdale, medical missionary at the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients talks over the treatment rules to one of the "big men" at the Oka Clinic in the Southern Cameroons, West Africa (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

Again they sent for the witch doctor, but this time Mrs. Bobeh said she could not pay as much. So after much arguing and bargaining, the "doctor" agreed to perform another cure for only two chickens, four calabashes of palm wine and one spear. Again John faithfully put the ointment over the spot. Again it disappeared, and they were happy.

BAPTIST BUSH CHURCH

John's father died during this time and, as is often the case, he left no provision for his wife and family. His mother worked hard in the field trying to provide for her little brood. As she worked, oftentimes she would notice women going to the small village church. The more she watched them, the more she was becoming convicted that this was a good thing to do. So one Sunday morning, she too went to

the little "bush" church and for the first time heard the wonderful story of God's love for her.

The preacher was one of our Baptist boys who had been trained at our own Bible Training School at Ndu and now was back among his own people telling the glorious news of salvation. Mrs. Bobeh did not immediately turn from her pagan beliefs and ways unto the new and living way in Christ Jesus, but the Holy Spirit was working in her heart. Finally she yielded to him. As is true so many times, she began urging and taking her small family to church and little John went along too.

One day, as John was sitting by the fireside trying to keep warm, he became alarmed when he felt heat on his bone. He looked down and to his horror his foot had burned and he had not felt anything until it had gone quite a distance inward. He called his mother and told her what he had ex-

perienced. She cried too and said, "Truly, the witch doctor has deceived us. We shall pray to God that he will send us some help somehow."

John's older brother, who had become the "provider" for the family since the father had died, had gone away to Warwar at another of our mission stations to work and his mother sent for him to come home. By this time, John was feeling somewhat better and so, although he could not baby sit any more, he could go and collect palm wine and make palm oil from the palm nuts.

BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOL

His brother, who was also a Christian, was indeed sad to hear of John's "sickness" and he took John to see our own Dr. Leslie Chaffee at the Banso Baptist Hospital. Dr. Chaffee confirmed their suspicions and regret-

fully told them there was no Leper Hospital yet but to go back to their village to pray and to wait. Again saddened, they returned, but John's brother told him of the Mission School about six miles away and that he should enroll in the school. John did not like this idea very much but finally yielded to the pleadings of his brother and mother and started school.

Every day for two years, John walked the six miles to school and the six miles back. Gradually he began to notice pain in his foot and joints of his left leg. Finally it became so unbearable that he had to rest by the wayside before he could continue his journey home. By this time, he had come really to enjoy school. As he rested he wept, for he knew he would not be able to continue with his classes.

So John stayed home, doing what he could when he was not in too much pain. His skin began to break open, especially when he walked on the gravel roads and ulcers began to appear. Also more and more spots were appearing on his skin. John was a Christian now, and he would pray each day before he climbed up into his palm trees that somehow God would help him to get better and to be able to work for him.

Then one day the good news came! His uncle, who was a delegate to the Cameroons Baptist Convention (an organization composed of Baptist believers in the Cameroons) had returned from their annual meeting and told them that there was going to be a Leper Hospital in Bekom Area—not right away but possibly in about two years. John was happy! Of course Mbingo (in Bekom Area) was about 150 miles away but that did not matter, there was going to be a Leper Hospital! He prayed and he waited and he waited and he prayed. Then one day, word came that the doctor had arrived at Bamenda New Hope Settlement. Again his mother sent for his brother who had gone back to his job at the Mission in Warwar and they said they were going to take John to Mbingo. And so they started out.

WALKING, WALKING, WALKING!

Walking, walking, walking for two long days, finally they reached Ndu, where if they were fortunate, they could get on a bus (open air truck) going to Mbingo. They waited and fortunately by about noon a bus was available. Again they dickered about the price (most times the drivers ask about twice as much as the fare is worth because there are very few fixed prices in this area and "bargaining" seems to be a part of their way of life) and they started out. There are no "express" routes here, and so after about two hours the bus had gone as far as our Banso Baptist Hospital, a distance of only 20 miles or so and something went wrong with the motor.

It took them another two hours

before they had it repaired and they were on their way once again. This was rainy season and, as luck would have it, they were seated in a bus with no side windows or tarpaulin across the top, and rain it did! Poor John! He was tired from the long trek. His legs were beginning to pain more than ever, and here he was drenched to the skin. Darkness was upon them, and so they spent the night sleeping along the roadside.

In the morning they started out for Bamenda—the next largest town along the way. Again they were put off the coach and were told there was no bus going to Mbingo that day. John and his brother, who had accompanied him, were hungry and tired and were truly in a "strange country." But God was watching over them, and as they were sitting along the roadside they met one of their "country brothers," which means someone from their own village, and he spoke some words with them. He was working and living in Bamenda and he invited them to his home to spend the night.

What an answer to prayer and how relieved John was to rest his aching feet and bones! They spent several days there, and early one morning they were told there was a bus going to Mbingo. By the time they reached the loading station, there was no room. So they did the next best thing. They started to walk towards Mbingo, a distance of about 25 miles, trusting another bus to come along and take them. They walked and walked, and still no bus came along. By this time, John's feet were full of cuts and swollen and sore, for he had no shoes to wear because his feet were so swollen.

They reached another little town. By this time, John was so tired that he felt he could not go on. He begged his brother to stop for the night, but his brother said they could not possibly stop for they knew no one in this strange place and would not have any place to stay. He said that just a little further on, there was another village that was a little larger and maybe they could get a bus there. So they traveled on but, before they did, he begged his brother to get him a walking stick to help him a little.

NO ROOM!

Finally they arrived at Three Corners where busses do stop and take on passengers. There was a bus there but, even after hearing their pitiful story, the driver could not possibly make room for the two of them. He did, however, offer to take John to Mbingo and leave him there and his brother could travel on foot. But the brother could not and would not consent to do this, for they knew no one at Mbingo. And if he should be moved to another place, he would not know where to find him.

So again,—there was no room! By this time John's feet were bleeding from the cuts, and they could not possibly go on. They inquired around

and finally spent the night with the Presbyterian native pastor there. He took them in and fed them and listened again to their sad story. Somehow they knew that God would take care of them, and they would eventually be at Mbingo at the Leper Hospital.

They started out early the next morning and after walking the final six miles arrived at BAMEMBA NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT! What a time of rejoicing, even though poor John's feet were swollen, cut and bleeding and he could barely manage to go on. God always gives strength when and where needed.



"WE'RE CHRISTIANS AND CLEANSED OF LEPROSY"

The raised hands, holding the certificates which pronounce them free from leprosy, indicate the patients who have found Christ as Savior at the Wum Clinic since beginning their treatments. (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

He was taken to the hospital where Dr. Jones examined him. What a pathetic sight he was, his legs and feet swollen to more than triple their normal size, large ulcers on both his feet, bits of gravel ground into the open cuts on his feet, tired and hungry, dirty and disheveled and extremely malnourished. His wounds were carefully and thoroughly cleansed and dressed. He was bathed and fed and given a place to stay at the Settlement. How happy he was, in spite of all the misery and discomfort of the journey. He was now in a place where he could be helped from his leprosy.

NEW HOPE FOR JOHN

More than five years have elapsed now since John first came to New Hope Settlement. Truly, this has been a place of *NEW HOPE* for him. On admission he weighed 70 pounds; now he weighs 101 pounds. When he came, he had no less than twelve bleeding and draining ulcers; now he has one which is gradually becoming smaller and smaller and healing well. When he came, he knew little or nothing of God's Word. Today he has completed the first three series in the Scripture Memorization program and is the proud possessor of a New Testament and complete Bible.

When John came he was just at

the very beginning of his schooling. Today he has successfully completed five full years of school and is going on still further. When he came, he knew how to do nothing except distill palm wine and cook palm oil. Today he makes some of the finest cane baskets made in the Settlement, which help him with the money he needs for some of the extras we can not provide. God has kept his promises to him that he would use him to tell others about himself.

When I asked John if he had been able to speak to any of the fellow-patients in the Settlement about Je-

sus, he beamed as he told me of many to whom he had witnessed. One he remembered especially, who was in the bed alongside him while he was in the hospital. Marcus was a pagan from a village not too far from Mbingo and was in the hospital because of the severe ulcers resulting from leprosy.

At first, Marcus did not want to hear much about the Jesus Way, but John kept praying and talking to him anyway. Then one day, he told John that he too would believe in Jesus. Together they memorized God's Word. Now that his friend has been discharged and gone back to his own village, John still hears reports about his witnessing for Jesus to his fellow-townsperson about the peace, joy and satisfaction you can have in your heart if you follow Jesus.

JOHN'S RADIANT TESTIMONY

Another person to whom he has been able to witness is still a patient in the Settlement. He attended the class for new believers and not too many months ago was baptized. Now he is telling his fellow-sufferers about Jesus here at New Hope Settlement. All who come to this place are not Christians. We too have the many who come from every "faith" and "tribe." What a privilege is ours to witness to

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 23, 1960

Theme: OUR NEED OF GOD

Scripture: Psalm 42:1-11

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: "Thou hast made us for thyself and our souls are restless until they find their rest in thee."—St. Augustine.

INTRODUCTION: In our lessons for this quarter, eighteen Psalms are used for study passages. The object of these lessons is to emphasize the Christian's spiritual life and his need for fellowship with God.

In order to make the discussion interesting and more meaningful, it would be well to give the members of the class an opportunity to relate their experiences in the devotional use of the Psalms. The entire department could base their worship services during this quarter on the use of the Psalms, emphasizing a different theme every Sunday.

The Psalms are a revelation of the deepest and innermost thoughts and emotions of man. They reveal what he thinks and feels in every area of life. We sink down with him to the lower levels of misery and guilt caused by sin. We rise with him to new heights when he breaks out in a paean of praise and thanksgiving. Love, anger, faith and doubt are expressed to a degree throughout the Psalms and our emotions rise or fall with him, depending on our own spiritual or unspiritual condition.

But there is one theme which runs clearly through all the Psalms—the vital and often desperate need of God.

I. THE THIRST FOR GOD. Psalm 42:1-2.

There is no physical hunger or thirst comparable to the spiritual hunger and thirst for God. The prophet, the Psalmist and Jesus all realized the importance of having the spiritual thirst quenched. The invitation is given by the prophet to come and to buy water without money and without price. Jesus invites all to take of the water of life.

This is no shallow surface water. We must dig deeply if our thirsty souls are to find "living water."

II. THE RIDICULE OF THE GOD-LESS. Psalm 42:3-4.

"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him." He cannot understand the thirst for living water, so he taunts the man of God who longs and prays for it. The foolish man's appetite and thirst are easily satisfied and quenched; he doesn't need a God to give him what he wants and can easily get himself. His reasoning is: Why pray to a God for something so

intangible when all you have to do is help yourself to what is available?

III. THE DEPRESSED SOUL. Psalm 42:5-10.

We are conscious of the Psalmist's feelings because he describes our own condition so vividly. He is going through a period of depression, in which God seems to have forsaken him, and he is not sure whether he is under or above the circumstances. On the left, his enemies ridicule him and belittle his faith while on the right there seems to be a void where God should be. Like Elijah, he feels he must stand alone against the world. To offset this lonely feeling he thinks of better days when he enjoyed the fellowship of believers in the house of the Lord and the comforting assurance of God's presence.

IV. THE CHRISTIAN HOPE. Psalm 42:11.

There is hope for the man of God when he does not lose hope. This is not easy when the voice of the enemy is heard daily—where is thy God?—and there is no voice from above. Yet in spite of the shouting of the atheist and the silence of God, the Psalmist breaks out in a song of praise. No matter how hopeless the circumstances, there is hope in God. "In the world ye shall have tribulation," said Jesus, "but be of good cheer I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). "Be of good cheer," said Paul, "for I believe God."

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 30, 1960

Theme: OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Scripture: Psalm 1; Romans 12:1-2

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God's greatness is manifested to a greater degree if we respond to him so that his greatness can be revealed through us.

INTRODUCTION: In last week's lesson, the Psalmist expressed his need of God because of the taunts he had received from his enemies. All alone, within and without, he cried unto God for the assurance of his presence.

Today's lesson finds the Psalmist standing on a firm foundation. His thirst for God is quenched and he responds to the Lord in faith and love. Instead of a whining and doubtful spirit, he now speaks with the spirit of assurance and conviction. In following the experience of the Psalmist in his spiritual life, one thought strikes us clearly—he learned something!

Growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, depends on our response to

him. God hears the cry of the needy, the thirsty, the hungry, but the test comes after he has filled our needs and desires. Will we sit back in spiritual contentment and comfort, or will we go on responding to God until he has what he is seeking—complete surrender and sacrifice of our bodies and souls to his blessed will?

I. THE RESPONSE TO THE WORLD. Psalm 1:1.

The Christian seldom finds himself allied with the world by making a complete break with God. He begins by making little compromises, by casual associations, by simply walking in the same direction with the ungodly just to see how they think and talk and work. But it doesn't take long before he takes an occasional stand with them by his broad-minded assertion that the ungodly are not all bad or totally bad. But before he is aware of it, he is firmly settled in their seat and finds it impossible to get up. What began with a harmless association ended up with total cooperation.

II. THE RESPONSE TO GOD. Psalm 1:2.

Our response to God depends on how much we let our thoughts dwell on God and his Word.

The Psalmist no longer approaches the Lord on the intellectual level. He ceases to ask why and where and when and who and finds instead that response to God is easier through simple love—love of God and love for his Word.

III. THE RESPONSE TO SPIRITUAL CULTIVATION. Psalm 1:3.

Notice that the tree which the Psalmist referred to did not grow by the rivers of water by chance—it was planted there. In order for a Christian to respond to spiritual cultivation, he must first be willing to be transplanted. The hard, dry, unfertile soil of the world is no place for a Christian to grow. No amount of plowing and cultivating will do him any good unless he has access to the living water.

IV. THE RESPONSE TO INDIFFERENCE. Psalm 1:4-6.

The thought which the Psalmist is trying to emphasize is that chaff has no resistance, no body, no weight. The indifferent man responds to "every wind of doctrine." He can be picked up and transported from place to place without any apparent effort. His fate is that "he shall not stand," for he has no standing with the righteous on earth nor with God in heaven.

V. COMPLETE RESPONSE TO GOD. Romans 12:1-2.

These two verses reveal to us the extraordinary character of the Apostle Paul. Here was a man who went all the way with Christ and whose response to Jesus was final and complete, and whose transformation was clear and convincing.

BAPTIST HERALD

Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

Ladies' Missionary Guild, Grace Church, Kelowna, B. C.

On June 22, 1960 the Ladies' Missionary Guild of the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C., was organized. To date we have 19 members. The Missionary Guild meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The 2nd Tuesday is a regular Guild meeting and on the 4th Tuesday of the month, we practice as a Ladies' Choir. The executive consists of the president, Mrs. Elsie Hait; vice-president, Mrs. Lena Spletzer; secretary, Mrs. Margaret Werger; treasurer, Mrs. Anne Badke; music director, Mrs. Ruby Busch; and pianist, Mrs. Irene Hait.

The meetings are held in the homes whenever possible. We have already experienced many blessings. We were privileged to have Mrs. Henry Young, who with her husband is a missionary in Dutch New Guinea, speak to us and tell of their experiences on the field. They are now at home on furlough. Margaret Werger, Secretary

Vacation Bible School at Kelowna, British Columbia

The Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C., held a very successful Vacation Bible School from July 4 to 14 under the leadership of Mrs. Edith Hoffman and assisted by Miss Rose Leschert. The total enrollment was 121 with an average daily attendance of 101, plus a teaching and helper staff of 18. The theme of the school was "Signaling for Christ." On Thursday evening an interesting demonstration program was presented and the parents and friends were invited to view the handwork which was displayed in the basement of the church.

Those working in each department were Nursery: Mrs. Milda Schultz, Mrs. Margaret Werger, Mrs. Gerda Jaster; Beginners: Mrs. Mary Klansen, Mrs. Esther Luellaw, Mrs. Lillian Fehr; Primary: Mrs. Lena Spletzer, Mrs. Anne Bredin, Mrs. Elfriede Albrecht; Juniors: Miss Rose Leschert, Mrs. Heartha Hemmerling, Mrs. Hedy Weber; Intermediates: Mrs. Ruby Busch, Mrs. Melita Link; and pianist: Helga Grapentin. Each day our pastor, Rev. E. H. Nikkel, led the school in a short devotion.

Edith Hoffman, Director

Central District

Bible School and Baptism At Rosenfeld Church

We of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. Dak., have many reasons to sing praises unto our God. We had a wonderful Bible School in June for two weeks. The Lord gave us 8 dedicated workers and 34 children. The theme was "Pioneering with Christ."

During the first week, the pastor, Rev. A. M. Friez, held Instruction Class for the new converts each afternoon.

On July 24th we gathered at Lake Bentley and had a very impressive baptismal service. Ten new converts followed their Lord in baptism. We had been praying for this for many months and surely the Lord answered our prayers. Besides all this, it was our privilege to reach many other families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord has blessed us with good crops, and on Sunday, Sept. 18, we held our Mission Harvest Festival with Rev. Gordon Voegelé as guest speaker.

Mrs. Arnold Friez, Reporter

Northwestern Conference Women's Sessions at Milwaukee

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northwestern Conference held its annual business meeting and election of officers following a women's breakfast on Friday, July 15, in Milwaukee, Wis. During the afternoon the women were in charge of the missionary program at the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, host church to the Conference. Mrs. Wilmer Quiring welcomed the delegates and Mrs. Myron Dudek, vice-president of the Northwestern Conference WMU responded. Mrs. Kurt Marquardt led the devotions. General Council representative, Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, brought a report and greetings from the Council. Rev. Kurt Marquardt of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, newly elected Conference moderator, installed the following officers: president, Mrs. Vernon Heckman, St. Paul, Minn.; vice-president, Mrs. Richard Lawrenz, Racine, Wis.; secretary, Mrs. Reuben Glewwe, South St. Paul, Minn.; treasurer, Mrs. Henry Wubben, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, returned missionary from the Cameroons, brought us an interesting account of her many experiences and first-hand knowledge of the political changes in Africa. It was encouraging to hear that our African Christians are standing firmly in Christ. Pray that they may continue in the faith. A number of musical selections were rendered throughout the program.

Mrs. Reuben Glewwe, Reporter



ROSENFELD CHURCH, N. DAK.

Ten converts who followed the Lord in baptism and were received into the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of North Dakota.

Youth Activities at Calvary Church, Corn, Oklahoma

We have a very active youth group in the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla. Our C. B. Y. F., composed of eight college students and four high schoolers, plays an important role in the life of the church. The first Sunday of each month our young people go to a local Home for the Aged to present a program. The half hour program consists of singing by the group, readings, testimonies, special numbers, and a short devotional, usually given by one of our own students. The elderly people sincerely appreciate these programs, and a blessing is received by both young and old. Our C. B. Y. F. also gives a Sunday evening program in church once each quarter.

As a special project for this fall and winter, our C. B. Y. F. is going to start a church library. Plans are for the group to gather one evening and build a set of shelves with the help of our able sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hoock. Books may be donated by church members and the C. B. Y. F. plans to buy a book to be placed in the library once each month or so. During the summer our young people enjoyed several skiing parties at a local lake. Through these socials, we try to interest other young people in the activities of our C. B. Y. F.

Bobby J. Klaassen, Reporter

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY
October 16, 1960

South Dakota Senior CBYF Camp, Lake Herman

The South Dakota Senior C. B. Y. F. Camp was held August 8-12 at Camp Lakodia located on Lake Herman, Madison, S. Dak. One hundred and twenty campers, ministers and counselors attended. Included in this number were several young people from Iowa and Nebraska. Bible study classes were conducted in the morning by Rev. Elmer Bueening, Parkston; Rev. D. S. Wipf, Madison; Rev. W. D. Dachtler, Corona; and Rev. Lyle Wacker, Columbus, Nebraska. We were privileged to have as our special speakers Rev. R. Castro from our mission field in Rio Grande City, Texas; Flavius Martin, a native of the Cameroons attending our Seminary; and Miss G. Glasenapp, missionary to Africa now home on furlough.

The officers for the coming year are James DeBoer, president; George Black, vice-president; Merry Terveen, secretary; Lyle Terveen, treasurer; Rev. J. Benke, camp director; Rev. R. Krueger, camp pastor; Rev. L. H. Friesen, dean of men; Rev. H. Effa, music director; Curtis Wiens, recreation director; and Rev. D. Zimmerman, missions promoter. The young people accepted a goal of \$1,800 for our Spanish American and Indian work. This also includes our part in meeting the Dakota Conference goal.

Merry Terveen, Secretary

Ground Breaking Exercises, Riverview Church, St. Paul

On Sunday, August 14, after a brief morning worship service, members and friends of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, were dismissed from church to reassemble at the site of the new church building for groundbreaking ceremonies. Rev. Donald Ganstrom preached in the service on the Spirit of God that moves men to do God's will, applying this to the planning of church activities and the maintenance of a church family. The service was then continued on the four and a half-acres on Moreland Avenue, West St. Paul, where construction has now begun.

Participating in the ceremony were Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom; Arnold Erickson, chairman of the Building Committee; Herbert Legler, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Emil Glewwe, chairman of the Grounds Committee; and Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary of the North American Baptist Conference. Also present at the ceremony were William Schaefer, architect, and Wilmer Miller, Lytle Blankenship, Milton Hildebrandt, Marvin Bruce, and Wm. R. Stassen, members of the Building Committee.

Mrs. Gerald Miller, Reporter



Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., leaders taking part in the ground breaking exercises for the new church.

Left to right: Wilmer Miller, Lytle Blankenship, Herbert Legler, Wm. Schaefer, Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom (pastor), Milton Hildebrandt, Arnold Erickson, Marvin Bruce, and Emil Glewwe.

Recent Events at Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., held a baptismal service on Sunday, April 17. We are rejoicing for the one adult and two children who followed the Lord in this step of obedience. Rev. L. O. Wahl, our pastor, was in charge. On Sunday, May 1, our church was the setting for a cantata given by the church choir. Mrs. Frances Hoffman served in directing the cantata, "The Life of Christ." From June 6 to 10, the Vacation Bible School was held at our church on the theme, "Signaling for Christ." Mrs. Dale Ketterling was the dean of the school. Eleven teachers presided over the 46 pupils.

We had the privilege of having the Gospel Jubilaires Seminary Quartet

from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in our midst on August 29. Neighboring Baptist churches from other towns were invited to enjoy this quartet with us because of the limited time element. We thank God that he has blessed us in the past. We pray that we may keep close to his side in the future.

Mrs. Willie Herr, Reporter

Events of First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

We of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, were delighted to have Rev. George W. Lang, missionary in the Cameroons, Africa, with us for a Sunday evening service on Aug. 21. The pictures were especially interesting when he showed the contrast of the new and old roads, buildings, and people and the wonderful progress that is being made in Africa today. We were challenged anew for our part in the support of our missionaries, especially by continual daily prayer.

Several members of our church were elected to offices at the Southwestern Conference held in Lincoln, Kansas, Aug. 17-21. Mrs. R. C. Rolfs was elected to the Sunday School Committee and Mr. Harold Dobrinski as president of "Baptist Men." A fine group of young people from Lorraine attended

called on Rev. Henry Rieger, a former pastor, to open with prayer, after which Mr. Burd read I Timothy 4:1-8. Deacon William Muscha extended a warm welcome in behalf of the church. Mrs. Bernice Modzel offered words of welcome for the Woman's Missionary Society giving the reading "Jeremiah In The Fish Bowl" in honor of Mrs. Prast. Other organizations expressing their welcome and cooperation were: Marcia Modzel, representing the C. B. Y. F.; Leroy Burd, representing the Sunday School; and Albert Zinz, representing the Pioneer Fellowship Group.

Rev. David L. Wilson of the First Baptist Church, Clearfield, welcomed Mr. Prast in behalf of the Clearfield Association and ministerium. Rev. George Zinz, Sr., pastor emeritus of the church, heartily welcomed the Prasts into our fellowship, pledging his personal support and cooperation. A vocal solo "This Is My Task" was sung by Albert Zinz, Dr. A. H. Owens, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church at Clearfield, gave a challenging message on "Serving a Divine Purpose." Mr. Prast responded by pledging his services through the leadership and guidance of God.

Mrs. Henry Litke, Church Clerk

CHURCH EXTENSION \$50,000 GOAL

Eastern Conference at Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

The 109th annual session of the Eastern Conference was held at the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y. from June 23 to 26, 1960. Our Conference theme was "Sharing the Eternal Light," taken from Matthew 5:16. A challenging message was brought on the opening night by Dr. Walter Wessel, professor of Bible at our North American Baptist Seminary. On Friday our Eastern District Secretary, Rev. Emanuel Wolff, spoke on the subject, "Light of the World." Rev. Albert Fadenrecht of Buffalo brought a very fine message on "Light for Darkness."

Statistical reports were presented by Rev. Richard Mikolon. A Memorial Service was led by Rev. Henry Ramus. The Sunday School Union Hour followed with a very fine presentation by Rev. Dale Chaddock with the showing of the film, "This Way to Heaven." The Women's Missionary Union presented a very fine program on Friday evening with a challenging and Christ-centered message by Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, our missionary to the Cameroons.

The election of Conference officers for 1960-61 followed, with Mr. Merle Gibbons elected moderator; Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, vice-moderator; Rev. Eldon Janzen, recording secretary; and Rev. Richard Mikolon, statistician. The morning session ended with another deeply spiritual message by Rev. Emanuel Wolff on "Proper Light Bearers." The Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship had their annual banquet at the Buffalo Bible Institute on Saturday evening. The Conference sessions came to a close with a wonderful Missionary Rally on Sunday afternoon. Miss Glasenapp and Mr. Wolff were the speakers.

Raymond P. Yahn, Reporter

Northern District

Out-of-door Baptism Held By Baptist Church, Minitonas

On Sunday morning, July 31, we of the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, together with the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River, Manitoba, met on the beautiful, quiet, sunny shores of Wellman Lake to witness the outdoor baptism of 24 candidates. The impressive and inspiring baptismal service was held at our new Wellman Lake Tabernacle with Rev. Leslie Zilkie of Swan River and our pastor, Rev. H. Schatz, in charge.

Our choirs and band added much to the sincere meaning and beauty of this wonderful day, by joining in with God's nature round about us in praising our Creator in music. Back home at the First Baptist Church of Minitonas at our evening communion service, the hand of fellowship was given to 15 of these candidates. On Aug. 28, two other persons were baptized and 6 received the hand of fellowship into the church on Sept. 4.

Mrs. H. Schatz, Reporter

Vacation School at Edenwold Baptist Church, Sask.

The Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., held its Vacation Bible School August 8-12. The school was under the direction of the pastor, Rev. R. Neuman, and had an enrollment of 67 children from the pre-school to intermediate departments. Worship, study, expressional activities and singing filled a full day from 9:00 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. The teachers counted it a privilege to teach the children who were eager to hear God's Word. The lesson material published by the Gospel Light Press was entitled, "Pioneering With Christ."

Our program on Friday evening, Aug. 12, was the climax of the week's work. Parents and friends came to see what the children had accomplished. One of the highlights during the week was a missionary story with visual aids which was given in part after each study period. The other was a missionary "Chuck Wagon," a real caravan which was filled with small gifts that the children donated during the week. These gifts were given to Mr. A. Grymaloski, who will use them on the Indian Montana Reserve in Alberta where he is now serving as missionary.

Mrs. F. Brucker, Reporter

Baptism and Vacation School, Wiesenthal Church, Alta.

This past summer has been a rich spiritual blessing for the Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alta. On a rainy Sunday morning, July 3, the church with its 5 baptismal candidates gathered at a neighbor's creek for a baptismal service. The church band, still very active from many years past, brought the special music. Our minister spoke on "Believer's Baptism" from Romans 6. The reception of these candidates into the church took place at the following evening service during the communion service. Our pastor, Rev. Arthur Zeller, spoke on



Rev. Arthur Zeller, pastor of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alta., and 5 young men and boys whom he recently baptized.

"Sanctification in the Christian's Life," from II Thess. 2.

From July 11-15 the church held its annual Vacation Bible School. The theme was, "Pioneering With Christ." These days proved to be rich blessings for the 37 children attending, and also for the 6 teachers. On Friday night parents and friends filled the church for the closing program. On the following day, Saturday, a successful Sunday School picnic was held, to which all the children and community friends were invited.

Mrs. L. E. Zeller, Reporter



Rev. H. Schatz (right) of Minitonas, Manitoba, and young people whom he recently baptized and received into the First Baptist Church of Minitonas.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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cisco, Calif., Bay region.

● An organ concert was held by the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., on Sunday evening, August 21, for the benefit of the Building Fund. Mr. R. Gareth Eichler of Petersburg, Virginia, the 22 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Eichler of the church, was the guest organist. He dedicated several numbers to the late Professor A. B. Mehnert and Mr. John A. Zurn of the church, and a special arrangement of his of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was dedicated to his father. Mr. Eichler was appointed assistant organist for the Erie church at 15 years of age and played three years every Sunday evening until he enlisted in the United States Service.

At present he is the organist at the Colonial Heights Baptist Church of Petersburg, Virginia. His sister, Faith, is a member of the 1960-1961 team of "God's Volunteers." The benefit organ concert netted more than \$125 for the Building Fund of the church. Rev. Eugene K. Stroh is pastor.

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

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Tenn. The memorial church is being erected by the Baptists of Holland in tribute to Rev. John Smyth, who in 1609 founded at Amsterdam the first known English-speaking Baptist church and thereby launched the Baptist movement of modern times. The cost of the building will be about \$115,000. The Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee has commended the project "to the sympathetic interest of the Alliance's constituent bodies throughout the world."

● Dr. Adams in Chile. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, immediate past president of the Baptist World Alliance, paused in

Santiago, Chile, on his mission tour following the Baptist World Congress to place a wreath at the foot of the statue of the late Arturo Alessandri. Mr. Alessandri, who is the father of the present president, Jorge Alessandri, of Chile, is the man who rewrote the Chilean constitution and gave religious liberty to that country. Chile is celebrating its 150th anniversary of independence this year. Noting Mr. Alessandri's insistence on religious liberty in Chile, Dr. Adams said, "Baptists have contended through the years for religious liberty for all and the separation of church and state. We believe in freedom of conscience and in full religious liberty, not as a privilege given grudgingly or merely tolerated by some faith or hierarchy, but as a basic right of all men under God."



The Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and the large, colorful sign on the church grounds announcing its 75th anniversary program. Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor, was in charge of the anniversary festivities.

Erin Ave. Church's 75th Anniversary

Report from the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, by Miss Vicki Heflin.

THE ENTIRE HISTORY of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, is an evidence of God's faithfulness and of the endeavors of believers in Christ. From a small beginning of 54 charter members on June 26, 1885 to this very day in 1960, a very interesting and profitable ministry can be observed. More than 16 pastors and workers have been called to minister through the years, and almost all of them have served both in the German and English languages.

FORMER PASTORS INVITED

The present church membership, entirely different from what it was 50 or even 25 years ago, felt led of the Lord to recognize his leadership and great blessings in all these years. Extensive preparations were made fittingly to observe the 75th anniversary. The present membership, with the exception of a very few persons, has come to this church only recently. Most of them have been in Europe in one place or another, while the church here developed under the leadership of God. It was therefore all the more gratifying to note the enthusiasm and interest with which the observance could be carried out. In all humility, we bowed before God to give him the glory during the days of the celebration from June 24-26.

The church in faith invited all former pastors still living to share in the celebration and we were willing to pay for all traveling expenses. And as a financial goal for these festive days, it was agreed to bring a special Offering of Thanks unto God in the amount of \$2,500.

The theme chosen for this festive occasion was taken from John 15:8, "Herein is my Father glorified." We began Friday evening, June 24, with a church banquet. Miss LaVerna Mehl-

haff spoke on "Training For Tomorrow" and Dr. Thorwald W. Bender, former pastor, spoke on "Christian Education Through the Years." Other pastors participated in various ways and our mixed choir rendered several selections. Even our musical group known as "The Molzan Group" honored the Lord with selections accompanied with their guitars.

The Saturday evening program was highlighted by representatives from our sister churches in Cleveland. Pastors from all the churches brought congratulations and challenges. Rev. David Draewell spoke on "Stones of Memory," and the choir from the Parma Heights Baptist Church rendered two beautiful selections. Dr. Kenneth Clement spoke in behalf of the Cleveland Baptist Association. Rev. Edward Kary spoke on "The Challenge of our Heritage" and Rev. Harold F. Lang spoke on "Pressing Forward." He had brought a group of Junior Choir members with him who brought the "Assurance March." It was a thrill for all of us as we gathered in the lower auditorium for a time of fellowship and to enjoy the large Anniversary Cake baked in the shape of a Book and inscribed with the names of all the pastors who had served the church.

SUNDAY FESTIVITIES

The services on Sunday had been rearranged to give room for expressions of gratitude and praise in every phase of the church life. During the Sunday School Hour Dr. Martin L. Leuschner spoke to the German group; Rev. Henry Hirsch spoke to the English Adult Group; Miss Irmgard Kutrieb with several helpers took care of all the children in the lower auditorium. Rev. Edwin Miller brought the message for the English Worship Service on "The Church and the Holy

Spirit."

The entire afternoon was dedicated to a German Service and Rev. Theodons brought the message. The climax was reached when during the evening Dr. Leuschner brought the refreshing message on "A Christ Honoring People." The services were all beautified with special selections from our choirs under the direction of Norbert Schoenknecht. Such outstanding selections as "The Heavens Are Telling" by Franz J. Haydn, "The Lord is Exalted" by John E. West, and "God Himself is With Us" by Carl F. Mueller.

SOUVENIR BOOKLET

God has done great things and we are exceedingly glad to have a share in telling it to others, even though only fragmentarily. No efforts were spared to make all former pastors and members feel at home. Many letters and expressions of good will and congratulations were read. A souvenir booklet together with an appropriate Bible Book Mark was given to all in attendance. Our goal financially had been set at \$2,500 and, when all offerings were counted, we could report that we had gone over the top. In doing so, the church has been able to pay all of its indebtedness, including that of the New Allan Organ bought several years ago. This may be described as an outstanding achievement since the church has just recently spent more than a \$1,000 for extensive changes and renovations.

We are looking hopefully into the future, seeking to serve the Lord even more effectively with the coming of Miss Carol Jean Murra. We are in a large mission field for both German and English-speaking people. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Our present pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, has been with us since May 1, 1959.

Obituary

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

MR. FRED SCHACHER of Yakima, Washington

Mr. Fred Schacher of Yakima, Wash., was born in Russia Feb. 25, 1891 and passed away very suddenly Aug. 25, 1960. In 1903 he migrated with his parents to the U.S.A. and lived in South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana and Washington. He married Emilie Getz in 1928 who preceded him in death in 1938. This happy union was blessed with 8 children. One of his boys is studying at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mr. Schacher leaves to mourn 8 children, 12 grandchildren, 2 brothers and many relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted at the Shaw and Sons Funeral Home, and his body was laid to rest on the Yakima Cemetery. The Rev. John E. Parrot officiated.

Yakima, Washington THE SCHACHER FAMILY

MRS. FREDERIKA FANDRICH of Lodi California

Mrs. Frederika Fandrich of Lodi, Calif., was born in Romania in 1887. After coming to the United States, she and her family settled at Kief, N. Dak., and from there moved to Lodi, Calif., 23 years ago. She died on Aug. 26, following a prolonged illness. She was the wife of the late John Fandrich who died in 1955. She is survived by the following children: Emil Fandrich of Kief, N. Dak.; Sam, Reuben and Jonathan, all of Lodi; Mrs. Blonden Krueger and Mrs. Melita Sivell, also of Lodi; Arthur Fandrich of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Eleanor Bischof of Vallejo, Calif.; and Alvin Fandrich of Tracy. Sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

Mrs. Fandrich was known for her strong faith in Christ. Through her believing prayers, the entire family is today trusting Christ as Savior. Funeral services were held from the church August 29, the pastor speaking on "The Hope of Heaven" from Col. 1:3-5.

First Baptist Church Lodi, California AARON BUHLER, Pastor

MRS. JOHANNA KRAMER of Cleveland, Ohio

Mrs. Johanna Kramer, nee Gerwien, of Cleveland, Ohio, was born in East Prussia, March 19, 1876, and passed away here in Cleveland August 25, 1960 after an extended illness. She came to America at the age of 16. She was united in marriage with Emil Kramer with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of life for more than 50 years. He passed away in 1954. At the age of 13 years, she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior and was received into the fellowship of the Baptist church in Germany. Upon the coming to Cleveland, she united with the Erin Avenue Baptist Church. Later she joined the First German Baptist Church. In recent years she was a member of the White Avenue Baptist Church, now known as the Hillcrest Church.

She leaves to mourn her passing her two daughters: Mrs. Emily Wade of California and Mrs. Alice Sankey of Cleveland, Ohio; also two sisters: Mrs. Minnie Krup and Mrs. Emily Ganaway; and one brother, Adolf Gerwien, all of Cleveland; and one brother Herman Gerwien of Tulsa, Okla.

Hillcrest Baptist Church Cleveland, Ohio EDWARD KARY, Pastor

MR. GUSTAV F. KOCH of Ellinwood, Kansas

Mr. Gustav F. Koch of Ellinwood, Kansas, was born in Witten, Germany, Jan. 17, 1880, and died August 9, 1960 in Great Bend, Kansas. At 13, he immigrated with his parents to the United States where they settled first in Rush County of Kansas and later in Barton County, where he lived the remainder of his life. He was baptized upon profession of faith in Christ by the Rev. E. Umbach on Feb. 17, 1901 and united with First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas. His faithful service extended at one time or another to nearly every church office. He was Church Clerk and Chairman of the Board of Deacons at his death. He expressed his keen interest in denominational affairs by attending regional and General Conference sessions regularly.

October 13, 1960

On May 8, 1903 he was married to Mina Scheufler who preceded him in death on Jan. 9, 1955. To this union were born 7 children: Hulda (Mrs. Oliver Ringering) who died in 1958; Elmer, Harry, Ruth (Mrs. Harold DeWerff), and Ruby (Mrs. Raymond Eggers); all of Ellinwood; Marlon of Great Bend, Ks.; and Orville of San Diego, Cal. Twenty-three grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Lena Scheufler of Ellinwood, and 2 brothers: William of Great Bend and Charles of Palo Alto, Calif.; also survive. Interment was in the Ellinwood District Cemetery. "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Ellinwood, Kansas MERLE E. BRENNER, Pastor

MR. WALTER SCHMIDT of Buffalo, New York

Mr. Walter Schmidt of Buffalo, N. Y., went home to be with the Lord on July 20, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt in Victor, Iowa. He was born on July 16, 1898 in Buffalo, N. Y. He was a life-long member of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., where he had found Christ as his Savior at the age of 13, and had been baptized into the fellowship of the church by the pastor, Rev. Julius Kaaz. He became active in the work almost immediately, first in the youth activities, and later held almost every office in the church at one time or another. He was scoutmaster, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent (for many years), trustee, treasurer, deacon, moderator, and recently also chairman of the Building Committee for the new sanctuary, as it was planned and constructed.

On May 10, 1920, he married Miss Minnie Tresch with whom he shared the joys and burdens of life for more than 40 years. God blessed this union with three children: Rev. Walter Schmidt, Jr., of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Lillian Schmidt of Victor, Iowa; and Rev. Roger Schmidt of Philadelphia, Pa. (all in the Lord's service). His home-going is mourned also by 8 grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. Clara Walter and Mrs. Robert Kemnitzer; and one brother; and one brother, Edgar, all of Buffalo, N. Y. At the memorial service his pastor brought words of comfort based on Rev. 14:13 and Rev. Roger Schmidt brought a message in song.

Temple Baptist Church Buffalo, New York WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor

MRS. KATHERINE RISWIG of Phoenix, Arizona

Mrs. Katherine Riswig, nee Rahm, of Phoenix, Arizona, was born April 5, 1861 at Heiliche Moshel, Rheinfall, Germany, and passed away at Phoenix on August 19, 1960. She was married to Peter Riswig Feb. 26, 1879 and came to the United States and the Chicago area in 1881. She was baptized Jan. 27, 1884 by Rev. Franz Friedrich and became a member of the Second German Baptist Church of Chicago (later Grace Baptist). She was the last living charter member of the Grace Church of Chicago. In 1912 Mrs. Riswig moved to the west suburban area of Chicago and transferred her membership to

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Conferences	Aug., 1960	Aug., 1959	Aug., 1958
Atlantic	\$ 652.92	\$ 1,706.52	\$ 4,247.07
Central	14,222.77	5,062.12	5,253.87
Dakota	4,860.59	3,142.69	3,148.92
Eastern	852.75	761.11	1,488.57
Northern	3,784.69	9,236.30	3,726.60
Northwestern	4,747.78	2,165.76	6,988.20
Pacific	3,889.71	4,146.30	4,161.42
Southern	233.82	2,119.72	174.64
Southwestern	2,558.42	3,400.09	2,178.78
Inter-Conference	302.27	88.08	4,381.10
Total Contributions	\$ 36,105.71	\$ 31,828.69	\$ 35,749.17

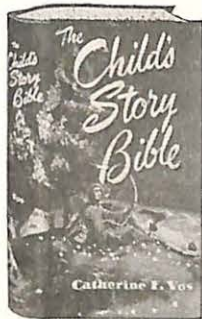
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For the month of Aug. 1960	\$ 31,852.67	\$ 389.43	\$ 3,863.61	\$ 36,105.71
For the month of Aug. 1959	26,317.37	5,511.32		31,828.69
For the month of Aug. 1958	32,051.91	3,697.26		35,749.17

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Apr. 1, 1960 to Aug. 31, 1960	\$209,670.91	\$ 5,588.64	\$ 27,280.35	\$242,539.90
Apr. 1, 1959 to Aug. 31, 1959	222,679.42	30,759.11		253,438.53
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