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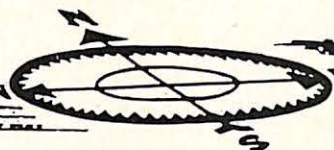
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• Canadian Bible Society, Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, is the new name of the former British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada. The Canadian society, with 3,500 local branches in the Dominion, is the third largest in the world and distributes over 300,000 scriptures in 75 languages in Canada every year. In 1959 it sent \$457,000 to assist Bible distribution overseas.

• Dr. L. George Paik, prominent Korean Protestant leader and former president of Yonsei University in Seoul, was elected chairman of Korea's newly-formed House of Councilors by an overwhelming 36 to 8 vote. Dr. Paik recently resigned from the presidency of the interdenominational university to run for Parliament. He far outdistanced all his 23 opponents in the balloting. This was all the more remarkable in that he campaigned as an independent, without the organizational backing of the now-powerful Democratic party.

• The largest tent ever erected in Germany was raised at Essen for evangelist Billy Graham's 6-day campaign in that West German industrial center September 10-16. The tent seated 20,000 people. The campaign was held under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance in Germany. From Essen, Dr. Graham went to address several mass rallies in Hamburg and Berlin. Dr. Graham was last in Germany in 1955 and attracted 230,000 persons in a one-week campaign in which there were many decisions for Christ.

• The United States has fewer clergymen than it has bartenders. The nation has 193,467 bartenders and only 167,471 clergymen, according to statistics on occupants and professions published in the annual edition of the Statistical Abstract of the United States, published by the Census Bureau. Another fact disclosed by the Census Bureau of concern to churchmen is that nearly 3,000,000 mothers with children under 12 years of age now hold full-time jobs (35 hours a week or more) outside the home to help supplement the family income. This is the largest number of working mothers ever reported.

—The Watchman-Examiner

• Three Korean girls have flown to Pakistan to serve as the first foreign missionaries of the Korean Methodist Church since World War II. Actually, the three are believed to be the first to qualify as full-fledged foreign missionaries of the denomination, since the earlier workers sent by Korean Methodists to Manchuria served among Koreans there rather than as missionaries to the Chinese. The new missionaries are Eunja Kim, Sungja

Cho and Chaeok Chun. They will study Urdu, which is spoken in Pakistan, before beginning to teach at St. Theresa's High School, near Lahore, a Protestant missions institution.

• Most of the 1,200 American Protestant missionaries in the strife-torn Republic of the Congo are remaining at their posts, it has been reported by a National Council of Churches' mission official. Rev. Theodore L. Ticker, executive secretary of the Africa Committee, NCC Division of Foreign Missions, also said none of the missionaries or their families has been



Baptist Briefs

• **New Southern Baptist Churches.** Southern Baptists have started 10,252 missions and churches since the beginning of the 30,000 movement on June 1, 1956, according to Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., director of the movement. The mammoth program to establish 20,000 missions and 10,000 churches by 1964, originated from a challenge to the Southern Convention by Dr. Warren when he was president of the denomination in 1956. Later he was given directorship of the program.

• **New BWA Secretary Due Nov. 1.** Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, new general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will begin work in the Washington, D. C., offices November 1, 1960. Leaving Switzerland, where he has been president of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Ruschlikon-Zurich since 1950, Dr. and Mrs. Nordenhaug arrived in the USA in late September. They planned to spend the month of October visiting friends and relatives whom they have not seen in several years and to find a home in Washington.

• **Van Cliburn Makes Contribution.** Van Cliburn, American pianist, has made a contribution of 80,000 rubles to the Moscow Baptist Church in Russia. The money was a portion of his receipts from a recent concert tour of the Soviet Union. The 25-year-old musician from Texas who has become an idol of Soviet music lovers since winning the Stalin Prize in competition in Moscow in 1958, said his gift

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Responsibilities toward our fellow man are some of the greatest blessings God gives us.

harmed. Evacuations of missionaries have occurred in unsettled regions because of local government breakdowns, particularly in the Kasai province, where inter-tribal conflict has disrupted mission operations.

—The Watchman-Examiner

• South Korea's new president, Posun Yun, is a 62-year-old aristocratic Presbyterian elder whose family long has been active in the history of Korean Protestantism. His uncle, Baron Chihyo Yun, assistant minister of foreign affairs in the last days of the old Yi

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was in memory of his mother's grandfather, Dr. Solomon G. O'Brien, who was a Baptist minister and co-founder of a school in Waco, Texas, that later became Baylor University.

• **BWA Men's Department is Organized.** John A. Dawson, prominent Chicago investment counselor, is first chairman of the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. The initial slate of officers and a constitution for the department was adopted in connection with the Baptist World Congress at Rio de Janeiro. Mr. Dawson is a stock exchange member and a member of the Chicago Crime Commission. He is chairman of the board of North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago, and a past president of the American Baptist Convention. Six vice-chairmen were named for the new Men's Department. They include J. C. Howard, Africa; Lam Chi Fung, Asia; Eberhardt Schroeder, Europe; Celso de Oliveira, South America; Howard Butt, North America; and Mark Pollard, Australia.

• **Ghana Baptists.** The Ghana Baptist Conference celebrated its silver anniversary at its annual meeting, held in First church, Kumasi, August 22-24. In the president's address at the opening session, Moses O. Oyarinde recounted highlights of Baptist history in the country. He pointed to the inconspicuous beginning 40 years ago among small congregations of Yoruba Baptists who had immigrated from Nigeria, to the organization of the Conference in 1935, and to the arrival of the first Southern Baptist missionaries to Ghana, the Homer R. Littletons, in 1947. Now, he continued, the ministry of the Conference is strengthened by 32 trained pastors, 32 missionaries, 31 organized churches, 60 preaching stations, 75 church buildings, and 11 pastoriums.

Editorial

Publication Sunday, Nov. 13, 1960

The ministry of the printed page will be called to the attention of our people on Publication Sunday on Nov. 13, 1960. Our denominational papers and the work of the Roger Williams Press in distributing Christian literature are making a strong impact for good on the lives of hosts of our people. We need to pray for this ministry and to give it our encouraging support in every way.

The "Baptist Herald" as one of our two denominational papers honors Christ through its uplifting articles and presents news from the mission field and the local churches. Dr. A. W. Tozer, editor of "The Alliance Witness," recently said: "To interpret the changeless Christ to a world that changes each month or each week, that is the task of the Christian periodical. We cannot have too many of them." The reading of the "Baptist Herald" will lift the changeless Christ in your thinking and in your activities to a new height of reverence amidst all the changes and vicissitudes of life about you.

Publication Sunday will remind you that it is TIME to renew your subscription to our denominational publications or to subscribe for one of your friends or relatives as a personal gift from you. You can help greatly by saying a good word about our papers to others, thus encouraging them to subscribe. It is TIME for every NAB church to consider the possibility of joining the Every Family Subscription Plan with its reduction in subscription prices. More than one-half of our churches are members of this plan. How about your church?

Only in Christian periodicals can we as Christians expect to keep up to date with the progress of the Gospel. Dr. Robert Walker, editor of "Christian Life," went so far as to state that "the man or woman who doesn't know what the Holy Spirit is doing in the world today is cheating himself." Certainly, he can never call himself an informed person about the mission fields unless he reads our denominational papers and informative articles to be found therein. With 85 missionaries serving on various mission fields of the world, we have a wealth of inspirational articles that come from them with the thrilling story of the Gospel's witness in all parts of the world. Therefore, Dr. Walker concluded, "your denominational publication should come second in importance only to your Bible."

The Roger Williams Press is now engaged more aggressively than ever to serve you with Christian books, Bibles and New Testaments, and good literature of all kinds. Christian books are the greatest source of blessing, information and instruction. But they need to be selected carefully and prayerfully. The book reviews in the "Baptist Herald" will be of help to you along this line. The Roger Williams Press will be glad to serve you in every way answering your questions and filling our orders. The colorful new Book Catalog is available on request.

Publication Sunday should be more than an occasion for making some announcements about our Christian literature and its distribution as a denomination. It should honor the printed page dedicated to the glory of Christ and should stir us into action in selecting this wholesome Christian literature for ourselves and our families!

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The Pressing Need for Christian Leadership

A Message on Christian Recruitment by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary

NOT LONG AGO I was startled to read a newspaper account stating that the Vatican considered Latin America an urgent missionary opportunity and that it was calling for 5,000 volunteer priests to serve there. Those of us who visited Latin America last summer can well appreciate the need for this appeal. Although Latin America is nominally Roman Catholic, we learned that less than ten per cent of the people actually practice their religion. We were also told that, in approximate figures, there was only one priest available for every 6,000 members. Apparently recognizing that it would be some time before the 5,000 priests would be available, Cardinal Cushing of Boston recently announced a "crash program" calling for thousands of volunteer lay workers to go to Latin America to win and train lay workers there for a greater share of the work of the church.

The need for trained leaders is by no means limited to the Roman Catholic Church. For a long time it has been a chronic condition with almost every major Protestant denomination in America. A serious shortage developed during the war years, a deficiency that is still being felt. Whatever the reasons for this situation may be, the number of young men and women volunteering for the ministry and for missionary service simply is

not adequate for the growing and advancing program of the church.

Our main concern, of course, is with the need for adequately trained leaders for our own Conference work. Many of our people are astonished when they are told that there is a need for more trained workers in our denomination. Have not our churches always produced more than enough workers to fill the requirements?

People who doubt that there is a need should sit in occasionally with the Pastoral Placement Committee or with the Church Extension Committee. How frustrating and discouraging it is to receive an urgent plea from a pastorless church, only to find that there are really no pastors available! Some of our churches have actually extended calls to twelve or more pastors before receiving a favorable response! In despair, they frequently call a poorly trained man simply because he is the only one who will come.

The Church Extension Committee faces the same problem when leadership is needed for a new field. The only way a man can be obtained is to call a pastor away from an established church; and this, in turn creates a new vacancy to be filled.

THE NEED ANALYZED

In analyzing our need for trained leadership, we need to keep a number of factors in mind.

1. *Keeping our churches supplied with workers.* We now have about 300 churches. Assuming that 30 of these churches need at least two workers, the total number of trained leaders needed is 330.

How many pastors does it require each year to keep these churches staffed? A pastor might ordinarily be expected to serve for 40 years, from age 25 to age 65. Allowance must be made, however, for those who drop out for one reason or another: some become disabled, some are called to their heavenly reward at an early age and others take up secular work. The average length of service for a pastor can therefore perhaps be fairly estimated to be thirty years. On this basis, our replacement need for our churches alone calls for eleven workers per year.

2. *General Workers and Teachers.* The need for general workers and teachers for our educational institutions must also be kept in mind. This group numbers about thirty. The need here would therefore call for one worker each year.

3. *Our Missionary Staff.* At the present time, our General Missionary Society has under appointment a staff of approximately 80 missionaries. One of the goals of our Baptist Jubilee Advance program is an increase of this number to 100 by 1964. The need in this area therefore would be about five per year.

4. *Church Extension Needs.* The greatest missionary challenge facing us at this time is that of Church Extension. How eager we should be to take advantage of the many opportunities that confront us! One of the factors that is holding us back is the lack of qualified leaders. Since our goal during the Jubilee period is ten new churches each year, the need here is for ten new workers annually.

Summarizing, the annual need for leaders thus is as follows:

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| 1. Church workers | 11 |
| 2. General Workers and Teachers | 1 |
| 3. Missionaries | 5 |
| 4. Church Extensions needs | 10 |
| Total | 27 |

MEETING THE NEED

Are our churches and educational institutions meeting this need? Perhaps it would be more accurate to ask: are our churches meeting this need through our educational institutions?

The answer to this question would undoubtedly have to be in the negative. Our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is attracting and training outstanding young men and women. The

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DEDICATION SUNDAY AT MBEM, AFRICA

The new Baptist Church at Mbem in the grasslands of the Southern Cameroons on Dedication Sunday, August 7, 1960, with church leaders, bands and excited children (right) taking part in the festivities.

Mbem Church Celebration in the Cameroons

Story of the dedication of the new "Number One House" of God at Mbem in the grasslands of the Southern Cameroons by Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, Missionary

THE GOSPEL of Jesus Christ touched Mbem in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, about 1928. In 1933, the German missionary, Rev. J. Sieber, sent Evangelist Robert Jam to spy out the land for Christ's Gospel. As the Jams reached this stronghold of Satan, two men laid hands upon them and determined to kill these uninvited intruders into their village. However, the united efforts of two other villagers spared their lives.

FIRST FRUITS

Four houses were erected to serve the missionary venture. But the man who built the four houses did not clearly understand the mission of Robert Jam at the first. When he did, he burned down the very houses which he had erected. Brother Jam and his wife escaped from the flames by cutting a hole in the mud wall at the rear of the house where they were sleeping.

In 1935 the present mission station was opened by Dr. Paul Gebauer. Miss Edith Koppin served as the first nurse. The "First Fruits" were gathered in 1935 with the baptism of seven converts. Six of these are still living. Four of them are members in the church to this day; three in good standing. One of these four is Pastor John Toge who served as pastor of the Mbem Church at two different times. He is a graduate of the Baptist Bible Training Center, Ndu. Two others are deacons.

"NUMBER ONE HOUSE"

After much planning and consideration, it was decided to erect a building of native stone for the walls and a zinc roof. Sunday, August 7, 1960, saw the dedication of this church (Number One House) in Mbem—God's House! The worshippers gathered at the old

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I find the doing of the will of God, leaves me no time for disputing about his plans."

—George Macdonald

church building on the mission compound and marched through the market, up the hill and to the new building. The drums gave forth their rhythm as voices were joined in songs of praise to the Lord. Two of those "First Fruits" led the way.

This first service was the Cornerstone Laying service and held just outside the building. One of those men who saved the Jams and is now the Chief of Mbem brought greetings to all the visitors. Aged Robert Jam listened to the chief's words and bowed his head in thanks. This writer, a relative of Miss Edith Koppin, had the joy of bringing the Cornerstone Laying message. A Bible, a copy of "African Challenge" and other items were sealed in the cornerstone.

We thought of the hearts sealed by the blood of that Cornerstone which

SECRETARY NEEDED FOR THE CAMEROONS, AFRICA

An Office Secretary is needed for the Mission Field in the Southern Cameroons, Africa. Qualifications include training and some experience in stenography, typing, accounting or bookkeeping work, and an eagerness to carry out Christ's bidding. Your services will begin as soon as convenient for you. If interested, write to Dr. R. Schilke, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois, giving information about yourself and your qualifications.

has given rise to that invisible body of his called "The Church." At the end of the service, the worshippers looked in through the doors and windows, but no one entered as yet. Africans seem to love suspense.

DEDICATION SERVICE

In the afternoon, the drum called them back to the church for the Dedication Service. The ribbon was cut, and they entered two by two, which is indeed a good way to enter God's House. Pastors, church teachers, honorables and charter members sat on the platform flanked by two choirs. Below sat 500 people. Others looked in through the windows and doors. Greetings were extended, history was recalled, choirs sang, worshippers brought their offerings and a former pastor, now one of the two African teachers in the Bible School, brought a stirring message from God's Word.

Solomon's Temple was great for the Children of Israel. Mbem's new church building is the same for the Lord's people in Mbem. In fact, it was such a memorable occasion that the village people decided to have another day of rejoicing on Monday. They found another pastor among the guests and began about 10 a. m. and ran all through Monday.

TESTIMONIAL MEETING

They began in the native custom with a feast and a dance such as described in Psalm 150:4, and ended with a soul searching testimonial meeting at 7:00 p. m. Do not be surprised if the child which was born at the Mbem Dispensary during these days of celebration is given the name of "Dedication." Miss Minnie Kuhn, missionary nurse, after waiting through five hours of uncertainty, had other suggestions for the name.



HIGHER SPIRITUAL AND EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication, addresses a chapel session of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Paul's Love for Books

A Sermon for Publication Sunday to be Observed on November 13, 1960 by Rev. William H. Jeschke, Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

"The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, AND THE BOOKS, but especially the parchments" (II Timothy 4:13).

"YOU MAY depend upon it," commented Alexander Whyte, "Paul did not forget his Bible when he was packing his trunk at Troas."

But we do not find other commentators depending on it. It seems more likely that Paul had no time to pack a trunk at Troas, as he was taken away for this final imprisonment. What the books were, that he wished brought to him, is left to speculation. The parchments, distinguished from the books, and desired "especially," however, are quite commonly interpreted as being Paul's collection of Old Testament Scripture.

TREASURED FRIENDS

"Give attendance to reading," is this book-loving missionary's counsel also to us. And "especially the Bible!" he would emphasize. But what about the use of lesser books? Missionaries (and ministers), like Paul, must often leave books behind. What sort of books are they which they particularly desire to keep with them, or have sent up to them? Of course, the basic Bible-study and Christian service "tool-books," which make a "workshop" of the typical pastor's study. But there are books that become something more than tools; they become friends—treasured friends!

It is this yearning for some such book-friends, when the aged apostle was comparatively alone, which stimulates our growing appreciation for the purpose of good books. "He is inspired," marveled Spurgeon over this request of Paul's, "and yet he wants books!"

What are books, or what are most of them meant to be? To me, John Milton's definition is still classic: "A good book (note the qualification!) is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured up on

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purpose to a life beyond life."

It is this which explains the advertised wealth of a poor schoolmaster who lived in the depth of the German forest. He had only a little school for about a dozen children, and his living was most frugal. But around his study he had books which were more to him than "the classics." They were treasured personal friends, for over his cottage door was this sign of his wealth: "Dante, Shakespeare and Moliere live here."

It is this which prompted a distinguished university president to say to an assembly of high school students, "I don't know very much about my family tree . . . but I know plenty about the ancestors of my mind. They are the writers of the books I have read, the shapers of the thoughts whereby I think . . . WE CAN CHOOSE the ancestors of our mind."

Blessed is the reader who is guided early into a wise choice of such "ancestors of the mind," and who is introduced often into intimate companionship with a "master-spirit!" What are good books meant to be but an extending "to a life beyond (one's own)," of a "fellowship of kindred minds?"

FELLOWSHIP OF BOOKS

Such sustained fellowship, whether it be in Paul's confining circumstances, with some few books to read again

and again, or in our recalling the congenial company of some "favorite authors," seems, to me, to be the essence of good books. The big word is FELLOWSHIP.

Consider those books, then, which represent fellowship with inspired souls. The actual fellowship of Professor Tholuck, of Germany, with his students, as the LIFE OF THOLUCK later revealed, harvested "hundreds of letters from students and ministers owning him as their spiritual father." And this has been said since of one of Tholuck's books: "Read it prayerfully, and your soul must be stirred to deeper and deeper longings and quickenings."

How many, many books have done that for us—as we have been stirred and quickened again and again in the book-fellowship of inspired souls! "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you," wrote John, "that ye also may have fellowship with us."

THE MASTER SPIRIT

Consider, finally, that Book which represents fellowship with the Inspirer of inspired souls. Referring again to Tholuck, he readily revealed the source of all that made his life so inspiring: "I have but one passion, and that is Christ."

This is THE Fellowship we sense behind the fellowship offered us through the books of inspired souls. This is the "deep (that) calleth unto deep." This is surely what it means "to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." "And truly our fellowship," John continues, "is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

Is it not beyond every page, as well as "beyond the sacred page," that "I seek THEE, Lord?" "My spirit pants" indeed—for THE "Master-Spirit!"

Let us have good books, then, and thus intimate fellowship with inspired souls. But especially let us be in the "Good Book," and "in thy book revealed . . . the Lord!"

"A glory gilds the sacred page,
Majestic like the sun,
It gives a light to every one;
It gives but borrows none.

"Let everlasting thanks be thine
For such a bright display,
As makes a world of darkness shine
With beams of heavenly day.

"My soul rejoices to pursue
The steps of him I love,
Till glory breaks upon my view
In brighter worlds above."

(Cowper)

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Give Attendance to Reading!

Testimonials by outstanding religious leaders about the importance of Christian publications and good books

GIVE ATTENDANCE TO READING! COMMUNICATION OF IDEAS

By Robert A. Cook, Vice-president of the Scripture Press Foundation

THE ONLY way to influence human nature permanently is through the use of ideas. Ideas make the man: "as he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Basically, our task in the world is the communication of ideas. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

This communication is done by the life, through the spoken word, and through the written word. Surely, then, the Christian periodical has an important place in communicating God's message.

Christian publications influenced my own life in boyhood days. I was exposed so generously to wholesome reading that I cannot recall there was ever much hankering for the wrong kind!

As a pastor, I have always encouraged my people to read Christian periodicals. A reading church means an informed church. An informed church means a concerned church. A concerned church becomes a church in action. When the church goes into action, under God, nothing can stop it!

EVANGELICAL LITERATURE

By Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.

Educators agree that teaching in our colleges and universities by television, and by what we now term "teaching machines" will become more and more prevalent during the next few years. Because of radio and TV we are getting world news (and local news) more frequently and more effectively than ever. But such modern developments can never be thought of as lessening the value of religious periodicals. These journals give us a permanent record in print of important subjects that radio and TV can never give. At the same time, by regularly reading a given periodical, we become members of a "family" in a way that is never possible with radio and TV or even with newspapers.

In this age of growing secularism, all Christians need more than ever a re-emphasis on three things: more faithful attendance at divine service on the Lord's Day, a deeper devotion to the study of the Word of God, and a more consistent use of the better evangelical literature—both books and periodicals.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The torch of religion may be lit in church, but it does its burning in the shop and on the street.

CHRISTIAN PERIODICALS

By Dr. Torrey M. Johnson, Evangelist and Bible Teacher

In this age when more people are reading more than ever and when the enemy is sowing the seeds of doubt in the hearts of men, Christian periodicals are of supreme importance. They keep the Christian informed as to the progress of God's work. They warn concerning errors and danger. No one can be a well-informed Christian apart from a wide acquaintance with the evangelical publications of our time.

In my present itinerant ministry around the world, I would be derelict in my duty if I did not recommend and place in the homes of people everywhere those magazines and periodicals which I feel will be of the greatest help. My criterion of judgment has always been that whatever blesses me may also be profitable to others.

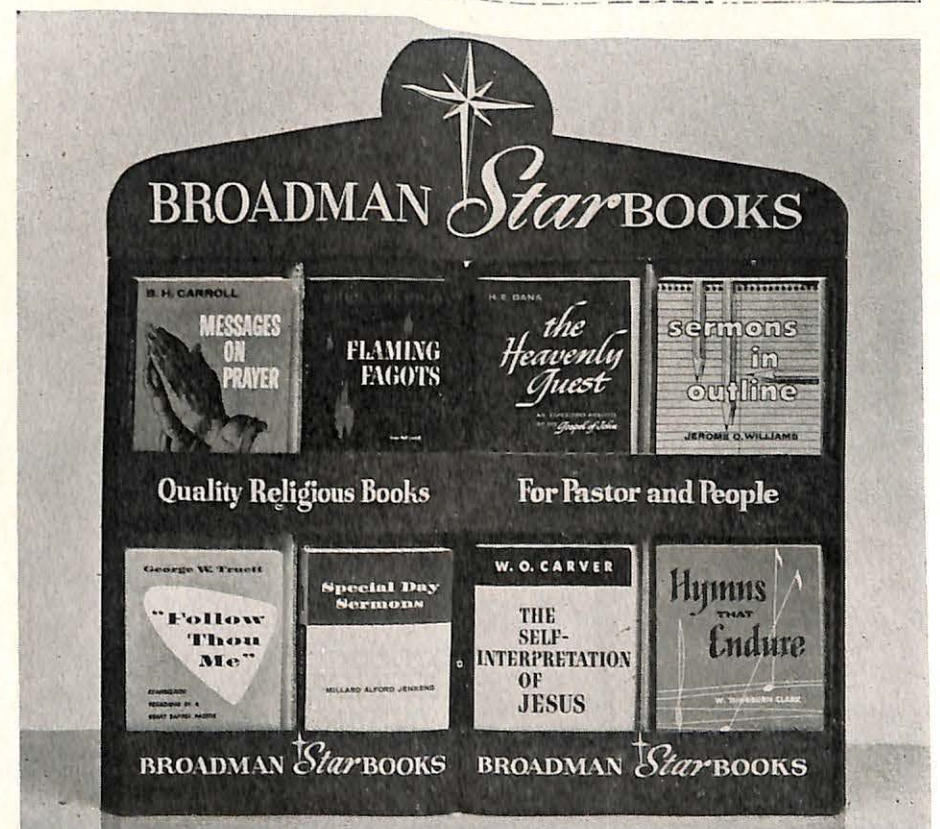
A HOME WITH CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

By Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, Editor of "Christianity Today"

Next to good friends, one needs good reading to preserve the conversation with modern life. Next to the Bible, what reading ought to have priority but books and magazines that exalt the Christian faith and relate it to the tumult of our times?

The evangelical press bears an awesome responsibility in the midst of our national confusion. It sounds a call to the Church to put first things first, to find her virtue and power and mission in obedience to her risen Lord. And it sounds a call to the world, warning men of the prospect of doom, and inviting them to spiritual shelter and to a life fit for both time and eternity.

A home without such literature is a home in which evangelical faith is apt to walk on crutches. The power of a gifted pen can multiply spiritual blessing. Happily, in our age, no home need go begging for reading with this rewarding lift.



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The things near by, not things afar; not what we seem, but what we are. These are the things that make or break, that give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but what is true; not what we dream, but the good we do. These are the things that shine like gems, like stars in fortune's diadems.

Not what we take, but what we give; not as we pray, but as we live.

These are the things that make for peace, both now and after time shall cease.—Copied.

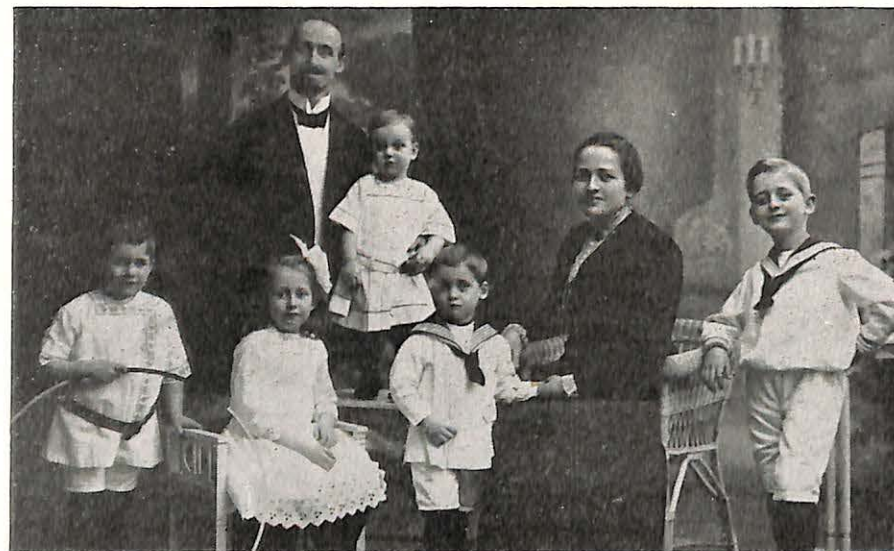
Carl J. Bender's Missionary Home

Rev. Carl J. Bender served as a pioneer missionary to the Cameroons, going out to Africa in 1899 and spending almost 30 years there until his death in Soppo on Nov. 8, 1935, twenty-five years ago. One of his six children describes her missionary home and experiences with her father with tenderness and sensitive understanding.

By Mrs. Carl F. H. (Helga) Henry of Arlington, Virginia

NO TWO family members have identical impressions of home. Who tells the story, for what purpose, from what perspective, and through what environment of personal experiences unmistakably influence the choice of story content itself, and the less tangible elements of mood and emotion as well.

Of the six Bender children, perhaps I am least qualified to speak about our family, since I escaped many of the others' childhood tensions in a difficult period of both mission and world history. Perhaps I should speak at least partly, then, as a Christian parent, whose own children live today in yet another but similar era of upheaval. I speak, too, with awareness that homes and families of Christian workers are often unique targets for the principalities and powers defined in Ephesians 6.



THE BENDER FAMILY, ABOUT 1912-1913

Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Bender and their family (before the arrival of Helga) are photographed in Germany about 1912.

Left to right (children): Thorwald, Erica, Armin, Carl and Herbert.

Receptivity to spiritual motivations and influences is no matter of heredity, or even, necessarily, of environment as such. When Missionary and Mrs. C. J. Bender left Africa, their immediate task, therefore, was far from simple: to Americanize six children (and themselves), and to establish of eight diverse personalities a congenial Christian family unit.

It was 1920. When we embarked for America, my oldest brother (10 years

years?

Such circumstances were surely of no human determination. Rather they were part of the pioneer missionaries' dedication, action easily open to others' misunderstanding and criticism. Whatever its chapters of hardship, our family, now united at least physically, in February, 1920, faced the task of getting personally acquainted, and of adjusting to a new country and culture.

older) saw me for the first time. The other children were comparative strangers to me, too. Limited facilities on the pioneer mission field had required entrustment of the older ones at an early age to the Mission Home (Kinderheim) in Neuruppin, near Berlin. Here, together with other missionaries' children, they were trained and educated in and by German methods and disciplines.

Then had come the sting and bewilderment of World War I. The same circumstances that kept me in Africa with my parents only increased the separation of the other five children from Mother and Father. They were "missionary orphans" in a war-torn country. Could they understand their parents' use of American citizenship to stay in Africa for the sake of preserving the Lord's work, when that alignment deprived children and parents of all communication for three

For me, impressions of home center largely around the years 1921-1925. We had come from Buffalo, New York, to the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin, a small-town pastorate Father selected "for the family's sake." Here we plunged into associations that neither we, nor a generous segment of the community, ever forgot.

PARSONAGE IN WISCONSIN

The parsonage was an architectural monstrosity, but it was large. Family activities such as evening prayers took place in the second-best living room. The linoleum was hard and cold to the knees. The pot-bellied stove was either too near or too far. At any rate, prayer times and meal times were all-family ventures. And at both, Father presided.

Directly above the living room was Father's study. This sanctum we entered only by permission after knocking. Books covered one wall. Opposite stood Father's cherished "off-limits" roll-top desk. Alongside was a flat table on which some painting or art project was often in process. At Christmastime, actually many weeks before the holiday, securely wrapped packages crowded below-the-window area. We were allowed to feel and guess what the contents, who the recipient would be.

Usually Father was at the roll-top. Its many different cubicles carefully filed as many different writing ventures. Father might be recording in a now cherished ledger the estimated cash (salary) value of parishioners' gifts of staples, meat, and garden produce. Of money there was little, of "allowances," nothing. It was Mother who handled the finances with a kind of magical, elastic touch.

Expository sermons, articles for the "Sendbote" and other publications witnessed to Father's faithful study of the Bible and of his books. He wrote hymns, too, not to mention other types of poetry, even doggerel, if some occasion warranted. For years he maintained prolific correspondence with African workers, whom he not only encouraged personally, but for whom he prepared teaching materials in the native language. His heart never lost its throb for the mission field.

THE PASTOR'S STUDY

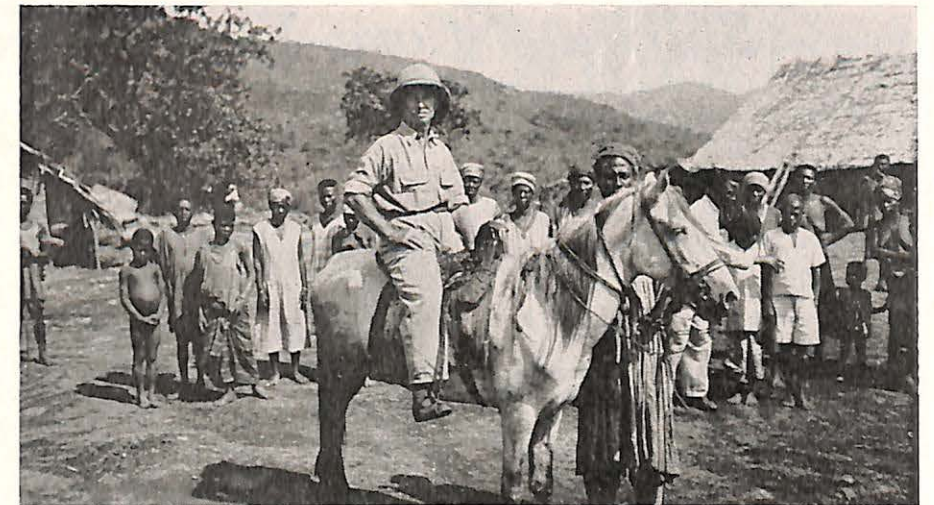
Every day he sequestered himself in "The Study" for many hours. He was not anti-social, however. Father loved

people, that is, unaffected, forthright, uncomplicated people. He himself had neither the disposition nor peculiar ability either to be a status seeker or to tolerate one. Achievement for the Lord, recognition by the Lord, however future, motivated his work. He expected of others the same compulsion. His personal relationships, therefore, were totally unsophisticated, completely spontaneous, somewhat unrealistic, even naive.

He walked as many as ten miles to visit a parishioner (we never had a car). For him walking was really no waste of time. With his head in the clouds, his ivory-handled ebony cane tapping along the street, Father used these hours to formulate sermons or articles, or to record some impression from nature to express on canvas or in verse. A relaxed smile communicated greeting, whether he was aware of fellow pedestrians or not. He became a well-known, well-liked community personage.

Always he worked late into the night. And always he was at work early in the morning. Just when he retired, or when he got up, I have no idea. From spring through fall, the garden claimed Father's pre-breakfast time. Here he prepared, planted, cultivated, and harvested with the same perfectionist approach that fired his intellectual and spiritual pursuits. Father's garden supplied us with food and beauty. It provided seed packets, too, for the African mission compound, and even for government botanists who recognized his horticultural flair.

Father engineered many wheels within other wheels of activity, but with no apparent frustration of spirit, and no apparent confusion or displacement of primary responsibilities with tasks of secondary importance. Under such circumstances of his almost constant preoccupation with work, Fa-



Missionary Carl J. Bender in the Cameroons grassland on an inspection tour in 1934. The horse belongs to a Hausa trader. The people in the background are of the Tikar tribe. (Photo by Paul Gebauer).

ther's six children naturally developed their own self-sufficiency and independence. Under Mother's quiet, but efficient control, domestic problems seldom interfered with Father's program.

FATHER'S COMPANIONSHIP

Who can determine minimum and maximum levels of parent-child relationships? Is the quality of interaction more important than the amount? Must it be conscious and deliberate? How much parental influence is caught for some eventual, even far-distant release?

As the "baby" in the family, and as a girl, I was probably more open to Father's expressions of companionship than were the older ones who had both household duties and outside interests to fulfill. At any rate, Father and I often went fishing, and on nature walks. I do not recall any exchange of

profound ideas.

I am aware, however, of companionable silences in which he communicated to me a reverence for the sounds, and colors, and shapes, and fragrance of nature, and its intangible excitement. Whether in this way he teased my appetite for creative interests, I do not know. I remember very special times in "The Study" when I shared some attempt at writing or drawing. Always Father respected these self-disclosures; usually he suggested means of improvement, or referred me to some helpful book.

In my tomboy-girl days, he made me a tree perch and a full-sized play house complete with shingle roof. I had a special clothes line for acrobatic maneuvers, and in the quite early years, my very own wash-tub swim tank that Father himself filled with water from the pump. This "pool" was near the tree-enclosed table and benches that Father made for afternoon coffee breaks.

Each of us had our own bed; each of us a place to study. Three of the boys shared a front upstairs bedroom, while the fourth claimed a large open space in the hall adjacent to "The Study." Here stood the only double-bed in the house. Unfortunately, its violent-tempered occupant was poorly suited to the constantly collapsing bedstead that reposed so near "The Study."

THE FAMILY LINEUP

Opposite this "bedroom" was a generous section of more hall. At one side was a long church pew. While it was a kind of display center for my dolls, the pew was more important as the "waiting bench" to the bathroom. Inside plumbing had apparently been a reluctant after-thought of the building committee. A room about 12 x 14 feet engulfed the fixtures. Making another bedroom from most of this area in no way alleviated the bathroom bottleneck, of course.

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A CHRISTIAN WEDDING IN AFRICA

The wedding of the Baptist teacher David Williams at Soppo, Cameroons, with Missionary Carl J. Bender at the left and Mrs. Bender at the right. The youngster at the right of David Williams is his brother-in-law.

Spiritual Care Via Medical Service

The Story of Miss Barbara Elizabeth Kieper of Fessenden, North Dakota, Missionary Nurse to the Southern Cameroons, Africa, by Dr. R. Schilke, General Missinary Secretary

JESUS SAID: "They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick." Did Jesus have those who were physically sick in mind only? Or was he also thinking of those who were spiritually sick? We believe that he had both in mind. Missionary service in the medical field is more than humanitarian service in relieving suffering and pain. It provides spiritual care via its medical service.

Miss Barbara Elizabeth Kieper had taken hold of this truth and expressed it as her own desire at the time she first applied as a missionary candidate. Her statement was: "I am interested in taking care of the leper people in the Cameroons. I realized that they need medical care but most of all spiritual care for their souls. By taking care of their physical needs, there is good opportunity to witness to them about the saving power of God through his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ."



BARBARA ELIZABETH KIEPER

Miss Kieper of Fessenden, N. Dak., is serving at present as a missionary nurse at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Southern Cameroons, West Africa.

EARLY LIFE AND INTERESTS

Barbara Elizabeth Kieper was born on February 4, 1932 at Fessenden, North Dakota to Mr. and Mrs. William Kieper. She has a younger sister and brother. Her childhood years were lived on a farm, and she developed many interests in farm life. These interests were more fully developed in 4-H Club work during her school years. She also played in the school band, was a member of Future Homemakers of America and the Girls Athletic Association in which she held offices. In 1950 she graduated from the Fessenden High School, being among the upper third of her class.

At the age of nine years in a revival meeting, Barbara went forward with others upon the invitation of the evangelist. Shortly thereafter she was also baptized. She became very active in youth events and other activities in the Baptist church.

Following her high school graduation, she enrolled at Hamline University School of Nursing, Mounds-Midway Division, in St. Paul, Minn., where she graduated as a Registered Nurse in June 1953. During this training period, she realized that in her spiritual life

there was a vacuum. She was searching something; yet did not know what was missing. Worldly pleasures did not satisfy her nor give her the answer to her problems of restlessness and unhappiness. Her classmates realized her restlessness and prayed for her. The consciousness of their interest in her and prayers for her brought a deep conviction to her. In November 1952 she yielded her life more fully to the Lord.

Even before personally accepting Christ as Savior, Barbara had an interest in missionary work. She had heard returned missionaries speak of their activities. She had seen many pictures of mission fields and mission work. Miss Laura E. Reddig made a profound impression upon her life and influenced her in the direction of missionary service. The writer met her for the first time in early April 1955 at the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church in St. Paul at a missionary emphasis week and learned of her interest to

become a candidate for the mission field. He advised her to seek further training in preparation for the mission field.

AT THE CENTER OF GOD'S WILL

Later, she was enrolled at the University of Minnesota but did not stay long at school. She lost her interest in further studies. She lost her goal in Christian life and soon found herself in a backslidden spiritual condition. And that happened as she herself stated, "because I was out of the Lord's will."

In the summer of 1957, she went to Beartrap Ranch in Colorado. While there she realized that she had to live wholeheartedly and not half-heartedly for the Lord. She then began to work with student nurses in Christian Fellowships hoping to convince herself that she was truly doing the Lord's will. But rest and peace of soul did not come through this endeavor.

In the summer of 1958 she was camp nurse at Crystal Springs Camp in North Dakota. The experiences of that camp and a long talk with Rev. J. C. Gunst brought full surrender and rededication of her life to the will of God. Her parents also realized that God's will must come first in their child's life.

FOLLOWING WHERE HE LEADS

Following the camp experiences at Crystal Springs Barbara lost no more time to carry out the will of God in her life. At once she sought the further required training for the mission field. In the fall of 1958, she went to the Frontier Nursing Service at Hyden, Kentucky, first to work on the staff for a six months' period to meet the necessary requirements for the six months' course in midwifery. She successfully completed the course in the fall of 1959.

In the spring of 1959, her application for missionary service among the leprous people in the Cameroons was considered by the Board of Missions. Appointment followed with the request that she also take a year at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This she did this past year. At the Dakota Conference, which convened in Fargo, N. Dak., the last week in June 1960, she was commissioned for missionary service. Following that, she left almost immediately for the Southern Cameroons, sailing from Montreal, Canada on July 3rd on board the "S. S. Ryndam" in the company of Laura Reddig and others.

The Lord will most certainly bless her ministry in the Cameroons. May she constantly experience that the best place to be is in God's will!

BAPTIST HERALD

Men Can Teach Children!

A Provocative Challenge for All Sunday Schools by Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher of Lorraine, Kansas

"COMMITTEE MEMBERS, our next item of business is the selection of a teacher for the kindergarten department. Do you have any suggestions? Yes, Mrs. B. would do a good job. Mrs. H. is very capable also. This looks great. I'm sure I can persuade one of these busy ladies to accept this responsibility."

This sounds like the average church, doesn't it? We thank God for the faithful and dedicated women who teach the church of tomorrow. Why didn't someone suggest a man? We have men serving as deacons, trustees, ushers, etc. Could it be that the men have not been challenged to exercise their spiritual gifts in the teaching of children? How has this false conception arisen that women have an entrance among children, and gifts for such ministry, that men do not possess?

Men can teach children. Let's examine the statement from the viewpoint of (1) the divine plan for men, and (2) the proper procedure in challenging men to this high calling.

THE DIVINE PLAN

We readily admit that the Scriptural pattern in both Testaments places the emphasis upon men. God's admonition to Israel on the border of Canaan related primarily to the responsibility of the men (Cf. Deut. 6:6-7). The command, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6), was given to a man. Paul's instructions to pastor Timothy included, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Tim. 2:2).

There is little disagreement with the argument that men command as much, if not more, attention and reverence than women in the exercise of the teaching gift, and that it would be good to have men teaching children.

The fact that men spend so little time with the children is a cause for much concern. Is it not alarming that men are practically lost to those who are the most important part of our Sunday School from the standpoint of the future of the church?

Are men justified before the Lord in limiting their relationship to the children to a mere secondary one and leaving the important task of personally touching and changing lives to the women? I think not.

THE PROPER PROCEDURE

Our basic difficulty is not in realizing what men should be doing but rather in transmuting into actual practice what we readily accept mentally to be God's plan for men. Is there

nothing that can be done to remedy the situation? I think there is. May I suggest a few important keys which, if prayerfully and patiently employed, will result in more men teaching the children in your Sunday School.

DISCOVER MEN. This must be done in co-operation with the board of Christian Education. Impress the fact that you're after men to teach children upon the whole church. Let the church develop a sense of the responsibility for this important ministry. Pastor, you can magnify the ministry from the pulpit. Now, make a study of your men. Study the church membership roll and discuss the potentialities of each man thereon. Use a questionnaire to search out the abilities and availability of each man. This will require time and work, but how else can you discover the gifts, talents, and abilities of the men? You'll uncover prospective teachers along with a lot of other untapped workers.

ENLIST MEN. When a prospective teacher is discovered, how should he be enlisted? (1) Send the right person to sit down with the prospect and discuss the opportunity. Take time to present the challenge of the responsibility in a personal conference, not by a casual call on the telephone, or with a quick question in the rush between Sunday services. The task is important; therefore, don't try to dwell on the ease with which it can be done, but emphasize the opportunities of touching young lives for Christ.

(2) Impress upon the prospect that this is a spiritual ministry. He must have a personal and present touch

with the Lord. If he has a love for the Lord and for children, he possesses the basic qualifications of being a good teacher in the children's department.

ADEQUATE PREPARATION

TRAIN MEN. Please don't give the enthusiastic prospect a quarterly and a class of children without adequate preparation for the task. Many a good prospect becomes thoroughly discouraged when not given the proper training. This will take much time, patience and work. But there is no other road to making a good teacher.

Here are a few of the essential ingredients of the training program. (1) The spiritual walk with God is essential. Children learn not only by what is said but by attitudes. (2) A knowledge of the pupils. Since the teacher's primary burden is for the spiritual welfare of every member of his class, he must come to know, not only the general characteristics of the age group he teaches, but also the special characteristics of each of his pupils. (3) A knowledge of how to teach the particular age groups. This will cover the field of methodology.

Many churches have a policy that no person shall take a job until he has had some training for it. This is particularly true when it comes to teaching children. One of the most effective means of training is "the in-service type." In this way practice is tempered by correct theory. If the learning process of actual experience can be constantly related to theory, the worker will avoid learning the wrong approach to the problem.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM

The following features should be included in every in-service training program: (1) Apprenticeship. While persons learn through what they do themselves, experience alone may even be harmful. The learner needs help in discovering what is to be done and why it should be done. He makes his plans, tries them out, evaluates his work so that he may profit from his successes and failures. All the while, the prospective teacher is working with an able and experienced teacher for a given period of time.

(2) Workers' Conferences. Here he has an opportunity for fellowship, inspiration, and the gaining of information. (3) Directive Reading. An effective and time-saving method of training is through directive reading of books, magazines, and pamphlets, through which the prospective teacher is instructed in method, organization, and ways to gain interest and variety.

(4) Practice teaching. This is related to the apprenticeship. It also includes some observation. (5) Personal con-

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Important keys are suggested in this article which, if prayerfully and patiently employed, will result in more men teaching the children in your Sunday School. (Louma Photo).

WHICH POSITION DO YOU OCCUPY IN YOUR CHURCH?

A power or a problem;
An attender or an absentee;
A promoter or a provoker;
A giver or a getter;
A supporter or a worrier;
A friend or a fault finder;
A helper or a hinderer;
A campaigner or a camper?

—Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal

Stewardship Packets Are Now Ready

Contents of the new Stewardship Packet with 25 pieces of literature, available for 30 cents, are described by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

WHEN ONE sees what he can do as a partner with God—then real living begins! That is the abundant joy of stewardship experienced by every Christian. It is the heartfelt testimony of every disciple of Christ: "I want—in all things and in every way—to be found faithful."

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By this time, it should be evident to the reader that the third year program, *Evangelism Through Stewardship*, of the Baptist Jubilee Advance has reached a new high of importance in the five year cycle. This is Christianity in action for 19 million Baptists on this continent, including our North American Baptist General Conference. If we are faithful stewards and witnesses, then our evangelistic impact on other people will be tremendous and far-reaching.

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BIBLE STEWARDSHIP BOOK

The most important content of the Stewardship Packet is the 36 page, beautifully bound booklet entitled "Bible Stewardship" by J. E. Dillard. In five chapters the author brings a study of the meaning and practice of stewardship in Bible times with applications to our day. It is the most complete study on what the Bible has to say on stewardship that I have seen anywhere. It deserves the earnest and prayerful reading of every Christian (every North American Baptist especially) with the open Bible at your side.



"The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." For "the cattle upon a thousand hills" are his. (Luoma Photo).

It will also prove to be an excellent textbook for study groups of your church. The volume is recommended by our denominational BJA Committee as a textbook to be used at a series of mid-week services in everyone of our churches during the first quarter of 1961.

This book, "Bible Stewardship," will not be available apart from the packet. The book itself is out of print. Special permission for its reprinting was secured by us from the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Therefore, you will have to secure the Stewardship Packet in order to experience the rich blessings from the reading of this *stewardship classic*.

OPEN DOORS

The packet also contains the blue colored leaflet, "Stewardship Enrollment," outlining "Eighteen Open Doors" for North American Baptists in our program of stewardship during 1961. Each of these "Open Doors" represents a series of spiritual objectives that North American Baptists are setting before themselves in stewardship. Our purpose in general is to seek to lead every Baptist to a new and deeper understanding of and commitment to Christian stewardship.

It is impossible to list these objectives in detail. It will require a year of study and planning by every NAB church and church member to put this program into action. But the goals are worthy of our serious consideration and are within reach if we are faithful in our stewardship before God.

These are some of the stewardship objectives:

1. Goal of 10,000 personal workers for the ministry of a visitation evangelism in our churches.
2. Goal of 25 new students enrolled in our Seminary and 15 in the Theological Department of the C. T. I. in Edmonton.
3. Goal of 30,000 North American Baptists volunteering for some kind of service in the local church.
4. Goal of 10,000 Family Altars established in North American Baptist homes.
5. Goal of 20,000 North American Baptists who will agree to tithe at least for a year.
6. Goal of 500 young people making first-time commitments to church-related positions.
7. Goal of 200 churches that will increase their giving by \$2.00 per capita to the cooperative work of North American Baptists.
8. Goal of 2,000 net gain of new members for our churches who are also to be instructed in Christian stewardship.

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In order to make this program successful, every North American Baptist will have to discipline himself in the things of Christ and study to show himself approved unto God. It will require strenuous spiritual exercising in new tasks and a greater witness. It may demand a new awareness of Christian sacrifice. Someone has said that "stewardship is meaningless until it expresses itself in that which costs." But those who pay the price of faithfulness in church stewardship will experience great rewards in joy and God's approval—"Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" Secure and read your packet—and let's begin the adventure as stewards of God!

NEED FOR LEADERSHIP

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quality of our graduates is excellent, but the quantity needs to be increased. Although the number of graduates has been increasing, the average number available for service in our fellowship has been only about ten per year.

The Pastors' Course at the Christian Training Institute was launched only a year ago, and it is therefore too early to tell how many workers it will supply. The first year enrollment of 18 fine young people was most encouraging. While this perhaps represented a pent-up demand, we are hopeful that the annual enrollment will continue good.

STUDY AT OUR INSTITUTIONS

I would be both unwise and incorrect if I were to state that it is absolutely essential for our leaders to be

From the Professor's Desk

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

Who is the "man of sin" mentioned in II Thessalonians 2:3, 4, and who or what is restraining him now (verses 6, 7)?

It must be said at the outset that II Thessalonians 2 is one of the most difficult and obscure passages in the whole of the Pauline literature. Thus we must not expect to come to dogmatic conclusions.

The context of the passage is as follows: Some of the Thessalonian Christians were quite agitated because they had heard, either by word of mouth or through a letter which purported to have been written by Paul, that the day of Christ (*i. e.*, the Second Coming) was immediately at hand, or had already come (cf. RSV reading of II Thess. 2:2). Paul here reassures the Thessalonians that this was not so since two specific events, neither of which had yet occurred, must take place before that great day comes: (1) a falling away, *i. e.*, an apostasy—probably more specifically a widespread rebellion against and defiance of God; (2) the appearance of the "man of sin," or as the better manuscripts read, "the man of lawlessness."

Who is meant by this "man of lawlessness"? It is evident by the description that he is the very embodiment of evil. He is called "the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God" [remember Antiochus Epiphanes?].

It is understandable that in early Christianity a popular identification was with the Roman Emperor, either a specific one like Nero [this is really too early for him], or the whole line of Roman emperors. These men must have seemed to the early Christians

trained at our own schools. Many of our finest pastors and missionaries have received their training at other seminaries, and they are enriching and strengthening our work. It must also be remembered that the finest formal training is not worth much if personal consecration and native talent are lacking.

At the same time, it should be a foregone conclusion that the great majority of our young people entering Christian service receive at least their basic preparation at one of our own schools. Here they become acquainted with the needs of our churches and with our denominational program; and here they learn to know and love other young people at whose side they will be serving in later years.

Often a young person will hesitate to attend our seminary because of the long years of study required. Why

the very embodiment of all that the term "man of lawlessness" suggests.

Another identification is with the papacy. But against this view Paul seems to be talking about an individual and not about a long line of persons. In addition, such an identification seems to have arisen from polemical rather than exegetical considerations.

Numbers of other possible identifications have been suggested, but no certain conclusions have been reached. Whoever he is, he seems clearly to be an eschatological personage, *i. e.*, an individual who will appear on the stage of history just prior to the return of Christ. Thus he is most often identified with the Anti-Christ, and there are certain aspects of his description which would lend credence to this idea. But since no further information is given about him, such an identification is tenuous, and we simply have to admit (as difficult as it is) that we do not know.

No more certain answer can be given to the question about the identification of the restrainer (verses 6, 7). He or it has been identified with the Roman Empire, the principles of law and government which was illustrated in the Roman Empire, the Jewish Law, some eschatological angelic being, God the Father and, probably most often, the Holy Spirit. The chief difficulty with the last mentioned view is to be found in the statement, "until he be taken out of the way" (v. 7). How could this apply to the Holy Spirit?

Leon Morris sums up the whole matter succinctly: "The plain fact is that we do not know, and it seems best honestly to admit the fact and not to try to force the passage into conformity with some particular theory which has been evolved on the basis of imperfect knowledge" (*I & II Thessalonians*, p. 130).

spend four years in college and three years in seminary—seven years in all—in order to preach? Why not simply go from high school to an institute for a few years and then ask for ordination? It is quite true that God has greatly used some workers who had little opportunity for formal training. But is that not the exception rather than the rule? In a day when the members of other professions are receiving the finest training, surely we as servants of God should also seek the best preparation available.

GOD IS CALLING YOU

We pray the Lord of the harvest that he may call laborers into the harvest. Knowing that he is surely calling many, we ask: "Is he calling you?" If so, why not respond with the young prophet of old: "Here am I, Lord, send me!"

We the Women

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

LET'S USE OUR WINGS!

My first flight in a jet plane this past summer was one of the most thrilling experiences of my life. Flying miles above the earth, and looking down upon it to behold the wonders of the Maker's hand, made me feel very close to God. The wings man has made are very wonderful, indeed! They can take us almost to any point on the globe in a matter of mere hours.

It was Robert L. Stevenson who used to say, "I must get out my wings," when he found himself hovering on the edge of despair or disappointment. His life was a constant struggle in a body wracked with pain and cramped by disease. Yet his spirit soared on the wings of imagination, and he could not be imprisoned in the confines of a sickly body. At such moments, his soul reached through to God and exalted in his glory and love.

All of us need to get out our wings to live above the lower levels of life. Just as the Psalmist cried out in Psalm 55:6, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove, then would I fly away and be at rest," we so often long to escape from the battles of life. This is the soul-cry of literally millions the world over whose spirits are depressed, and whose lot is seemingly unbearable—the hungry, the sad, the disappointed, the oppressed, the unappreciated.

Many people cannot change the circumstances of their lives. They are doomed to remain where they are. Yet there is an avenue of escape and hope as bright as sunshine which is within the grasp of everyone. For God's wings are far more wonderful than those made by man. The wings of faith and prayer can take man to God and bring God to man.

The Alpine climbers have a motto, "It is clear higher up," which can also be applied spiritually. On the wings of prayer lifted up faith, we can rise high above the ugly circumstances of life to where God is and all the clouds of daily struggles, pain and disappointment can be left behind. It is there we will find the peace and rest which we so often seek in vain elsewhere.

The tragedy of our lives is not our lack of wings, but our failure to use them properly. We fly too low. The world is too much with us, and we have allowed its cares to shackle our spirits. We are so busy making a living that we have no time to live. That's why we are often so dissatisfied, disillusioned and unhappy. Let's get out our wings to soar above life's weary road into the clear, pure atmosphere of God's eternal love. There we will find refuge and peace, and life will become sweet and meaningful.

Baptist Laymen, Arise!

A Challenge to All Laymen by Don Ruegsegger

HOW FREQUENTLY have you looked admiringly to the great men of God who lived centuries and milleniums ago? Great days! But as you look at them, were they really great men before God called them and had made something out of the "nothing" they really were? Is it not true that now, as well as then, God had chosen the "weak things to confound the mighty," "things that are not to put to naught the things that are."

Baptist Men, we are God's chosen instruments, selected by him as carefully and discriminatingly as any husbandman with an infinite particularity, placing this one here in a specific set of circumstances with which only he can cope by God's grace. We laymen are habitually leaving the job to clergymen.

And what is the job? That of portraying the character of Christ to our fellowmen. But we have been entrusted with a particular assignment which only we can fill. A minister, no matter how gifted, will never see or meet the people with whom we rub elbows each day. And these are they to whom the graces of our Savior may be shown.

Perhaps, we are still laboring under the delusion that representing Jesus Christ consists of acting out a certain set of pietistic practices. Representing Jesus Christ certainly is not a group of merely external, perfunctory activities.

How often Jesus, however, gave to

us the method by which we are able to be a witness. Actually, being a witness for Christ is not an act. Being a witness consists of merely "being." What you are is an example of what Christ can do for a fellow human being. And this can only be shown by a loving disposition to every other creature under the sun. He said in John 13:35—"And by this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Towering above every other need among mankind, in stately solitude, is the need for loving kindness to be shown by God's children to every other living creature.

Seriously now, has Christianity anything to offer to mankind? Well, then, why has the world not learned? Is it because we have failed basically to demonstrate, not only genuine faith, but have rather shown that Christ is not relevant, not able to produce a sense of meaning and purpose to life? Do we share the insensibility of the soldiers who watched him die, not knowing they were beholding the greatest act of God on our behalf? How shall our companions learn of eternal verities if they are not operative in our lives as we daily practice the presence of the Lord in each detail of life and conduct ourselves as members of the society of the concerned.

Each person you meet will be helped or hurt. Laymen, the world is ours, as never before, to win or lose for God.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine;
The base in me he must not see—
That little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I am building for the years to be—
That little chap who follows me.

—Author Unknown

SERVICE SUPREME

A careful man I ought to be,
A little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the self same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes,
Whate'er he sees me do he tries;
Like me he says he going to be—
The little chap that follows me.

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What's Happening

● The Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Gordon G. Voegelé of Cathay, N. Dak., pastor of the Germantown Baptist Church since 1958. He has responded favorably to the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Underwood Baptist Church on Oct. 31st. He will succeed Rev. Richard A. Grenz, at present pastor of the Calvary Church of Billings, Montana.

● The Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., has extended a call to Rev. Richard W. Sparling of Union City, N. J., to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his ministry in the Union Baptist Church on Nov. 1, 1960, succeeding Rev. Dale Chaddock, the Church Extension pastor at present in the Holiday Park Area, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Chaddock will supply the pulpit of the Union Church until Nov. 1st. Mr. Sparling has served as the minister of the Second Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., since 1957.

● The Baptist teacher in the Indian school on the Bull Reserve near Westaskiwin, Alta., is Mary Boymook of Minot, Man. She is serving for the 1960-1961 school term, teaching the first three grades. This is a public school, supported by the Indian Agency. Miss Boymook is spending the weekends in the Edmonton area. During the school week, she lives in the teacher's residence located in the school building. A Baptist Chapel is on the reserve, adjoining the school building.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., held its fall revival services from Oct. 2 to 9 with Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, serving as the evangelist. The Sunday School goal for Rally Day on Oct. 9 was set at 425. On a recent Sunday there were 364 people in the Sunday morning worship services and two morning worship services and Junior Church; 113 in the Training Union classes; and 182 in the evening service. Dr. Louis R. Johnson is pastor of the church.

● Mr. Walter Stockmann, the Baptist exchange student from Germany, arrived in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Sept. 10 for studies at the North American Baptist Seminary. His wife, who is visiting with relatives in Connecticut, will soon come to Sioux Falls when the necessary arrangements can be made. An exchange student from the NAB Seminary, Mr. Herbert Berndt, together with his wife, left for Germany on September 23. He is studying for the school term, 1960-1961, at the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg-Horn, Germany.

● A reception for Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Grabke, missionaries on the Muscovetung Indian Reserve near Eden-

wold, Sask., was held by the Indians on the missionaries' opening day of service on the reservation. The meeting lasted for two hours. Five speakers brought messages for the people and missionaries. Chief John Gambler spoke on behalf of the Indian people and said, "Welcome back home!" Approximately 140 "whites" and Indians were in attendance.

● The Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., held a fellowship dinner in the church parlors on Sunday, Aug. 6, with some of its former ministers, who were attending the Pastors' Conference in Sioux Falls, as guests of honor. They were Rev. Adolph Braun of Center Line, Mich.; Rev. and Mrs. Willis Potratz of Grand Forks, N. Dak.; besides their present pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Harsch, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Walters of Junction City, Kansas, for whom the Plum Creek Church is their home church, were also present.

● Baptismal services were held on three successive evenings on August 21 and 28 and September 4 by the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., with Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor, officiating. On Sunday evening, Sept. 4, Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Ill., brought a special color-slide program on the Cameroons Baptist mission in West Africa. These were mission pictures taken by him on a trip to the Southern Cameroons several years ago. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, Cameroons missionaries, spoke at the church's midweek service on Sept. 7th.

● Promotion Day was held by the Sunday School of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., on Sunday, Sept. 25, with a total attendance of 107. The school is steadily growing. Fine attendance continues in the morning and evening worship services. The women have organized a Woman's Missionary Society with the first regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 18. Mrs. Thelma F. Fischer is serving as the secretary. Plans are being made for the dedication of the new church building on some Sunday in November. Rev. G. G. Rauser is pastor of the church.

● Mr. Flavius Martin of Victoria, Southern Cameroons, has enrolled as an unclassified student in Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the fall semester. He is taking 17 hours of study this semester with a major in History. He hopes to qualify for the Bachelor of Arts degree within two years if he can also complete some summer work in History, English Literature and perhaps Typing. Mr. Martin is one of the national Christians from the Cameroons mission field who studied last year at the North Ameri-

can Baptist Seminary and who visited many of our conferences and youth camps last summer.

● The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has announced that Mr. and Mrs. Harley Radel of Emery, S. Dak., are now serving as the superintendent of buildings and as matron at the Seminary. They began their ministry at the school on Sept. 15. They are members of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hulsing terminated their services at the same date and have moved to Sibley, Iowa. The Seminary has also announced that Mrs. Ida Schauer of Napoleon, N. Dak., is the chief cook at the Seminary, commencing her service on Sept. 1st.

● The fall convocation of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., was held on Oct. 20 at the McKernan Baptist Church. Professor Edgar W. Klatt was inducted into office as a member of the teaching staff and brought the convocation address. President A. S. Felberg presided and extended greetings to the students and friends. The Theological Department of the C. T. I. opened on September 6 with 18 students. The High School department, opening on the same date, has 24 students enrolled. The Bible School department began its fall term on Oct. 20 with an enrollment that was expected to be about 34.

● The First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. Donald N. Miller of Philadelphia, Pa., to which he has responded favorably. He has been a member of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, and last May received the B. D. degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has accepted the call from the Watertown Church and announced that he would begin his ministry there in Jan. 1, 1961, succeeding Rev. Laurence R. Prast, now of Winburne, Pa. In the meantime, the Baptist Church of Watertown is being served by Dr. M. Vanderbeck, one of the denominational interim pastors.

● Mr. and Mrs. William R. Berger of Dighton, Kansas, have announced the birth of a daughter on Sept. 1st who has been named Emilie Rose. This is the third child in their family. Mr. Berger is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dighton, Kansas. Dr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Gallagher of Lorraine, Kansas, have announced the birth of a son on Sept. 20th who has been named David Allen. Rev. and Mrs. Richard W. Sparling of Union City, N. J., have announced the birth of a daughter on Sept. 18 who has been named Sharon Ruth. Mr. Sparling is the minister of the Second Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., and the pastor-elect of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa. Rev. and Mrs. Milton H. Vietz of Anamoose, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a daughter on Sept. 2nd who has been named Marilee Mae. This is their third child. Mr. Vietz is pastor of the Anamoose and Lincoln Valley Baptist Churches.

Reviews of Books

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

THE DAYUMA STORY. By Ethel Emily Wallis. Harper and Brothers—285 pages—\$3.95.

Dayuma is an Indian girl of Ecuador who escaped from the murderous tribe of the Aucas and from the terror of the Auca forest to begin an amazing life of adventures. Christ touched her life with his mercy and saved her gloriously. Her story became a thrilling account to millions of Americans when she appeared on "This Is Your Life" television program. This book reads with the fascination of a novel.

Rachel Saint, sister of one of the five missionaries martyred by Dayuma's tribe, went to the Ecuadorian forest to bring the Gospel of peace. She met Dayuma on the borders of that savage land. Here is the dramatic story, told in unforgettable words, of the incredible cruelty and savagery of the Aucas, of heroic courage and Christ-like forgiveness by the widows of the slain missionaries, and finally, of a daring return to the world's most murderous tribe in order to give them God's Word in their own written language and to make Christ's redeeming love known to them.

CHRISTMAS, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Volume 30. Augsburg Publishing House—68 pages—Gift edition, \$1.50.

This is another Christmas DELIGHT—more beautiful than ever! It is a large gift volume to give to others and to read for yourself over and over again.

A shining moment in American history—Washington's famous Christmas Night crossing of the Delaware River in 1776—is depicted brilliantly in words and art in this year's Christmas annual. The historic crossing is brought vividly to life in the absorbing article, "America's Very Own Christmas Story" by Ann Hawkes Hutton. Her article is illustrated with a full-color reproduction of the world renowned Emanuel Leutze painting, "Washington Crossing the Delaware."

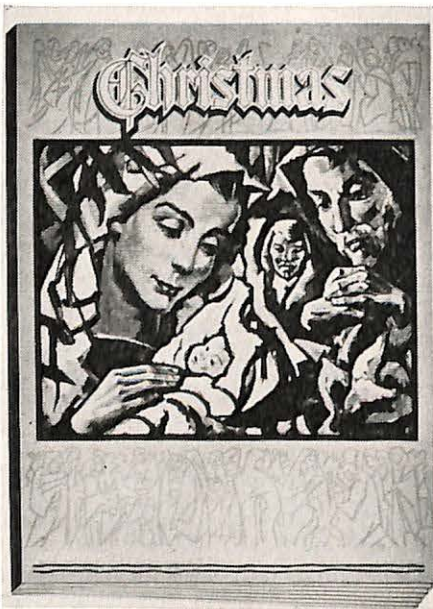
The Christmas carol, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," is the result of God's guidance in the lives of three renowned men who combined their God-given talents to produce this song. In "A Christmas Charade," novelist Robert W. Lutnes tells how Felix Mendelssohn, musician; Johann Gutenberg, printer; and Charles Wesley, preacher and evangelist, gave the world its best loved Christmas carol.

"A Christmas Tapestry," an eight-page section of verse and full-color art work, deals with Christmas customs in other lands. A dozen other literary features, all handsomely illustrated, tell the story of Christmas treasures in art galleries, of Christ-

"Christian Herald" magazine praised the book highly. "Certainly nothing in missionary annals is so epic a revelation of the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and brought alive in pagans. This is a breathtaking, heroic tale of the Ecuadorian forest." Dr. V. R. Edman, president of Wheaton College, said of the story: "This book is a most fitting climax to the sacrifice of the five young missionaries martyred by the Aucas, whose story was told in **THROUGH GATES OF SPLENDOR**."

These adventure pages are crowded with exciting pictures and descriptions of life under Auca spears. The Indians, about whom largely horror stories have been written, become warmly alive in these pages with all of their strange and peculiar customs and with their deep need of the Savior. Miss Wallis is co-author of **TWO THOUSAND WYCLIFFE Bible Translators**. This is an ADVENTURE story that will hold you in its grip from cover to cover and will open your eyes anew to the wonders of God's grace in the most savage breast.

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EXPLORING YOUR BIBLE. By John P. Oakes. Zondervan Publishing House—155 pages—\$2.95.

For those who love their Bible and want to know it better, this is an exciting guidebook. It is really a "Bible orientation" course for everyone who is eager "rightly to divide the word of truth." This comprehensive handbook with its clear and practical presentations answers such questions as: Does the multiplicity of versions and translations of the Bible trouble you? Do you have a deep sense of the truthfulness and accuracy of the Scriptures? But the author, a Southern Baptist preacher and Bible teacher of Howard College, is eager to inspire the reader to a progressive and ever deepening study of the Word. Examples of Hebrew and Greek are given in Bible expositions. Bible origins are discussed which can be understood by everyone. The language of the Bible is considered. Helps to Bible study are given. But the closing chapter of the book is its most challenging section. Its purpose is to encourage and help guide the student of the Bible to be proficient in the interpretation of the Scripture. This is a wonderful book to read and a useful manual to study—suitable for students, preachers and laymen alike.

LET WISDOM JUDGE. By Charles Simeon. Inter-Varsity Press—190 pages—\$3.00.

Who was Charles Simeon anyway? It is our shame that such a question must be asked nowadays: In the 18th century he turned Cambridge University up-side-down spiritually. Henry Martyn went from Cambridge to India under Simeon's inspiration. In all, he wrote 2,536 sermons and outlines, collected in 1833 in 21 volumes. He was one of the most dynamic teachers and preachers of his day in England, who stressed the great evangelical truths of sin and salvation, repentance, redemption and sanctification.

This book introduces the reader to ten of his outstanding university addresses and seven of his greatest sermon outlines. This is profound but inspiring reading, opening new vistas of Scriptural understanding on "Justification by Faith," "The Spirit's Work in Believers," "The Word of God Precious" and "The Nature and Necessity of Regeneration." In this book, you will see the secret of successful preach-

ing in Charles Simeon's life. And you will be stirred to discover that what he had to say and how he said it years ago is something that matters for us today. The book shows that Simeon is still a living voice, capable of speaking to us today if only we have ears to hear!

THE CHRISTIAN MUST HAVE AN ANSWER. By T. B. McDormand. Broadman Press—112 pages—Paper binding, \$1.95.

Dr. McDormand, the author of this practical book that answers many questions about the Christian faith, is executive vice-president of Acadia University of Canada and one of the guest speakers at our 1959 NAB Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wis. The book was written for Christians who must champion the cause of Christ in a complex world and who want to give a convincing reason for "the faith delivered unto them." It is designed as a needed piece of equipment for the ordinary Christian who seeks to witness conscientiously and effectively for Christ in everyday situations.

The book falls into three sections. Section one deals with statements made by those outside the church which reveal their perplexities and explain their hesitancy in deciding to accept Christ and to unite with his church. Section two deals with points of view which are contrary to and critical of the Christian position. Section three is concerned with the positions of three large groups in our world to whom we must bear witness to the New Testament Gospel—Roman Catholics, Jews and Communists. This fine volume will prove to be a source of confidence and challenge to every Christian reader and will also become an armor for every Christian believer with which to battle for the Gospel truth!

FUNDAMENTALS OF OUR FAITH. By Herschel H. Hobbs. Broadman Press—161 pages—Paper back, \$1.95.

Everyone—especially the lay reader—who wants to understand his Christian beliefs more clearly will find this book to be helpful and will refer to it again and again. What should a Christian believe? Dr. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Okla., offers clear and definite answers on the Bible; God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit; sin, salvation; the ordinances and the church; and the future order. The book draws heavily on biblical materials. The teachings of the Bible about the great truths of our faith are arranged in logical order. The reader can easily find in these pages what the Bible says and where. The book can be sincerely recommended in the hope that the readers like "the noble people of Berea" will then search "the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).



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MEN CAN TEACH

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sultation and supervision. The prospective teacher needs those with whom he can sit down and discuss the whole teaching situation. Once again, this relates to the apprenticeship.

I believe that men can teach children. It may take a little time, a good training program, and a lot of work. But, it will work for the betterment of both the church of today and tomorrow, the home, the children, and the glory of the Lord.

MARCH OF EVENTS

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dynasty, was Korea's Methodist delegate to the first world conference of the ecumenical movement at Edinburgh in 1910. The new president was educated in Scotland, majoring in archaeology at the University of Edin-

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burgh. He neither smokes nor drinks. His wife is theologically trained, having attended a women's theological seminary in Yokohama, and is actively interested in Christian education.

● **VELLORE, India (BWA)**—The love with which Indians held Dr. Ida S. Scudder, founder of the Christian Medical College and Hospital at Vellore, South India, was demonstrated when "Dr. Ida" died last May. The funeral in Vellore was the biggest thing the city had ever seen, one report states. The streets were swept clean, all bazaar shops were closed and only a skeleton crew was left at the hospital. Nurses, doctors, friends, Hindus, Moslems, Buddhists all joined in a huge procession more than a mile long through the Vellore streets. People all along the way stood two to five deep in an amazing silence as the procession passed. The procession walked about four miles with just the singing of hymns. "Dr. Ida was loved by India; she was a part of India, a great and grand lady," Miss Ruth D. Meinen, an American Baptist missionary observed.

● In a rare move for Roman Catholics, some 1,200 New Testaments were presented for distribution in hotel rooms. They were given to Donald Mumford, general manager of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal, by Rene Salvador Catta on behalf of the Catholic Bible Centre. The Queen Elizabeth thus became the first major hotel in Montreal to put a Catholic Bible—in French—in every room. "Most hotels on this continent have an English-language Bible, donated by the Gideon Society, in every room," Mr. Catta said. "But this is the first time that such a comprehensive distribution is being made in French."

—The Watchman-Examiner

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 6, 1960

Theme: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Scripture: Psalm 32

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The true blessings of life do not come to us through our constitutional right of the pursuit of happiness, but by the pursuit of spiritual happiness through confession and God's free forgiveness.

INTRODUCTION: We have just finished the first unit of study for this quarter which dealt with God's greatness and man's worship of him. The second part, which begins today, deals with man's relation to God through prayer.

The greatest dissatisfaction is found among men who are shut off from God. They suffer a broken relationship which can be mended only by confession of sin and the receiving of forgiveness through Jesus Christ. "All men have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and whether the connection between the sinner and God is shortened by one inch or one mile, it is still short. It is not certain sins which make us come short of the glory of God; any and all sin breaks our connection with God. He does not look on the quantity of sin, but on the fact of sin. The same grace of God which forgives the big sinner is the same grace which forgives the little sinner.

Today we have a power which David did not have. Christ has opened for us a new and living way. The Christian has learned that Jesus Christ is the only Mediator between God and man, and when we confess our sins we can rest in the cross of Christ for complete forgiveness.

I. THE SUM TOTAL OF HAPPINESS. Psalm 32:1-2.

The word "blessed" was a favorite of our Lord, especially in the Sermon on the Mount. It has a deeper meaning than happiness for it describes our condition within and without as well as beyond.

Since all other happiness is based on our relationship to God, then it is important that our sins be forgiven. In its truest sense, it is what Jesus meant when he commanded us to seek first the Kingdom of God, for only then can all other things be added. Without forgiveness, all other things are subtracted.

When Christ forgives, he offers us complete forgiveness. The Psalmist did not understand the full meaning of "covered sin" as we know it today. It is covered with the cloak of Christ's righteousness.

II. THE SUM TOTAL OF MISERY. Psalm 32:3-7.

The Psalmist describes himself as

The Lord may tear down playhouses in our lives when we accept him, but he will build skyscrapers in their stead. Truly this is the greatest slum clearance project.

one who is in a torture chamber, which indeed he is. There is no physical suffering to be compared with the suffering of the mind and spirit caught in the guilt of sin. It is not the man of the world who suffers from the pangs of conscience, but the man of God who has tasted and experienced the joy of living close to the Lord. The misery of separation from God is the worst kind of misery. Deliverance from such misery is expressed in the most joyous of songs.

III. THE SUM TOTAL OF KNOWLEDGE. Psalm 32:8-11.

The world is filled with scientific education but is starved for lack of spiritual knowledge. William Lyon Phelps, the great educator, said that he would rather have a knowledge of the Bible than a college education.

Along the way the Psalmist missed a spiritual lesson, and because he failed to attend class he had to suffer for his truancy. In another penitential Psalm (51:12-13), David prayed that the joy of salvation might be restored to him, and promised that he would teach transgressors the ways of God. He realized not only the importance of learning, but also the importance of teaching.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 13, 1960

Theme: OUR EXPERIENCE OF GOD

Scripture: Psalm 116:1-14

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The greatest fact in human life is that it is possible to have an experience in the living God.

INTRODUCTION: Very often in the "want ad" section of the newspapers, we find positions open with this qualification: Experience necessary! The demand is for men and women who know what the job is all about. They must understand the tools and know how to use them. They must have knowledge and know how to apply it. They must be able to accept responsibility and know how to think. Every demand and every emergency must be dealt with by the men who have be-

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

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come mature and stable through experience.

Many Christians cut their experience short by stopping with their conversion experience. They are like the man who thought he was educated because he once read a book. Our experience with God is not a matter of one single experience but a life-long school, in which we strive for a closer fellowship with the Lord of our lives. It is not a matter of one lesson or ten easy lessons. The more difficult our experiences, the more firm and secure our faith in God will be.

I. EXPERIENCE IN PRAYER. Psalm 116:1-2.

It would certainly be difficult for a child to love its parent if the parent would consistently ignore and reject the child. It is because of the freedom and fellowship established between parents and children that leads to a love relationship.

The Psalmist found continuous experience with a personal and loving God through prayer. He loved God because he knew God, and he knew God because he talked with him. Prayer, therefore, became to the Psalmist not an occasional conversation with God, but a life-long relationship.

II. EXPERIENCE IN SORROW. Psalm 116:3-8.

Many Christians do not want to be saved in sorrow, but to be saved from sorrow. Yet it was the Psalmist's great trouble and sorrow that was the means of receiving one of life's richest spiritual experiences. His most joyous testimony came out of his closest battle with death. The Lord's greatest mercy came out of life's deepest sorrow.

III. EXPERIENCE IN UNDERSTANDING. Psalm 116:9-11.

We seldom walk with strangers. You must know and understand a person to be able to walk with him. The Psalmist learned to understand God, and the more he learned to know him the more he learned to walk with him. It was a pleasure and a blessing to have such fellowship with the Lord.

The Psalmist also learned to understand people. He was too hasty in his judgment. A few experiences with dishonest men made him classify all men as liars. Perhaps like Elijah, he felt he was the only righteous person left. As soon as he began to experience the mercy of God, he looked more mercifully on his fellowmen.

IV. EXPERIENCE IN SERVICE. Psalm 116:12-14.

All these wonderful experiences of the Psalmist would be of no effect if they would not awaken in him the spirit of thanksgiving. When God does something for you, it must move you to do something for others. When once you begin to meditate on what you have received, you will soon begin to think of what you can give. The promises God fulfilled in your life make you want to fulfil the promises you made to God. You have finally arrived at the place where the Lord can expect you to live a life of loving service.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

Vacation School at Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

With Mrs. William Stevens as director, the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held its 1960 Vacation Bible School with 189 teachers, helpers and pupils. Gratifying results of those who accepted Jesus Christ as Savior made every effort worthwhile required for its success. Lesson theme for each grade was "Pioneering With Christ." Fascinating crafts centered on the theme were made and exhibited in the departments to visiting parents and friends. Most of the teachers and many pupils had just returned from the Hume Lake Family Church Camp the previous week, where our pastor, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck was dean. The enthusiasm and spiritual fervor carried over into the Vacation School time.

The superintendents assisting Mrs. Stevens were: Mrs. Robert Ash, The Fours; Mrs. Norman Cool, Kindergarten; Mrs. Kenneth Barber, Primary; Mrs. Menno Thiesen, Lower Juniors; Mrs. John Vanderbeck, Upper Juniors; and Mrs. David Eggert, Crafts.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

Vacation School at Santa Ana Heights, California

On Monday, August 15, the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., opened the doors of its newly dedicated Educational Building for its Vacation Bible School. The enrollment reached the gratifying total of 217 children and workers. We set the registration to include the Kindergarten through the Eighth grade. Our Workshop was held the week before.

On June 26 we applied for a permit to hold a local parade. On Wednesday morning, just three days before the scheduled date, we received our permission along with the promise of two sheriff patrol cars to insure our safety and protection. A telephone brigade notified as many children as we could reach, and on Saturday morning the parade was held on schedule with 16 decorated bikes ridden by Juniors and five station wagons filled with younger boys and girls in addition to the pastor's car rigged with loud speakers amplifier and tape recorder. Of course, the two sheriff's cars with red lights and all were also in the parade.

We began each day with a twenty minute general assembly. During this time the pastor gave a missionary story (supplied by the North American Baptist Conference) followed by an offering for missions. A total amount of \$72.00 was collected. An altar call was given on Friday of the first week and on Thursday of the second week. A total of 47 boys and girls responded. Each day drew to a close with a ten minute rally.

Mrs. John Regan, Reporter

Vacation School of Stafford Church, Sherwood, Oregon

The Vacation Bible School of the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon, had a total enrollment of 138 pioneers. The average attendance was 100. The Lord provided a staff of 32 teachers and helpers to guide our pioneers. The staff was: Counsellor, Rev. E. A. Gerlitz; director, Mrs. Terry Jones; Nursery Supt., Mrs. Arlene Phillips; teachers and helpers, Miss Barbara Angell, Miss Linda Jo Raicy, Ricky Sothern and Jerry Angell; Kindergarten Supt., Mrs. Vivian Crawford; teachers and helpers, Mrs. Frances Lundy, Mrs. Coramae Asche, Miss Wilma Rogers, Miss Sherry Lynn and Danny Lundy; Primary Supt., Mrs. Jean Angell; teachers and helpers, Mrs. Lillian Gerlitz, Mrs. Mabel Walters, Mrs. Diane Baker, Miss Vera Sattler, Miss Edith Pickerell, Larry Young and Roger Smith; Junior Supt., Mrs. Edith Sothern; teachers and helpers, Mrs. Martha Miller, Mrs. Leva Keller, Mrs. Dorothy Tuttle, Mrs. Gladys Payne and Mr. David Oppel; Cradle Roll, Miss Kaye Martwick and Miss Alice Payne; kitchen help, Mrs. Lois Stevens and Mrs. Betty Young.

We had 6 children accept Jesus as their personal Savior. Total mission offerings going to the Canadian Indians was \$73.70. A Pony Express Race was conducted on attendance. The winning department was the Primary. The prize was a tour of a dairy in Portland. Thirty children went on the tour.

Mrs. Terry Jones, Director

Northern District

Youth Retreat at Good Spirit Lake, Sask.

Twenty-nine campers from our churches experienced many blessings which the Lord had in store for them



Two girls "look around the corner" at the large sign announcing the Vacation Bible School of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif.

during the Youth Retreat held Sept. 2-5 at Good Spirit Lake Camp near Springdale, Sask. Our guest speaker was Professor Roy Seibel from Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He challenged the young people with heart-searching questions which would lead to deeper spiritual living.

Our youth director, Rev. E. Hohn from Nokomis, Sask., spoke to us on "Living Our Secular and Christian Lives in Harmony." Other challenging messages were given by Rev. J. Wollenberg of Ebenezer, Sask., and Rev. F. Pahl of Springdale, Sask. Besides spiritual blessings, the campers enjoyed physical exercises and Christian fellowship.

Miss Elaine Kurtz, Secretary

Vacation Bible School, Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask.

An enjoyable week of Vacation Bible School was held August 15-19 at the Nokomis Baptist Church, Nokomis, Sask., with 24 children enrolled. The theme of the entire week was "Signalling For Christ." The children of the four classes, Beginners through Intermediates, were busy all week, learning their lessons, memorizing verses, doing handcraft and playing games.

On Friday evening the children presented a program for their parents, demonstrating in word and song, what they had learned. Following the program, the parents and friends also saw a display of handcraft which the children had made during the week. It is our prayer that the Word of God, which was sown in the hearts of these young lives, may bear fruit to his honor and glory.

Mrs. E. Hohn, Reporter.

Unusual Vacation Bible School at Onoway, Alta.

The Evangelical Free Church joined with us as the Baptist Church, Onoway, Alta., for a Vacation Bible School from Aug. 1-12. We had 74 children enrolled with an average attendance of 57. "Pioneering with Christ" was the course we chose this year. On the preceding Saturday we held a small parade through our town with a covered wagon pulled by a team of dapple grey horses, which created much excitement and was good publicity for our school. Mrs. E. W. Philips was the intermediate teacher, and Mrs. Elmer Breikreuz taught the Juniors. The first week Mrs. R. Schatz taught the primary children, and the second week Miss Ada Noble taught them. Mrs. Welwood taught the Beginners. Miss Wells was also in charge of the devotions every morning.

Rev. R. Jaster acted as director of the school and was well pleased with the splendid cooperation of teachers from both churches. On Friday evening the school came to a close with a fine program and a presentation from every department of what they had learned. Parents had the joy of hearing and seeing what was done at the school.

Mrs. R. Jaster, Reporter



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, NORRIDGE, ILLINOIS

Sixty-one pupils besides teachers and leaders were enrolled in the first Vacation Bible School held by the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Illinois (Photo by Herman Siemund).

Vacation School and Flower Sunday, Leduc, Alta.

The Vacation Bible School held at the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., was a great experience because of the many boys and girls who attended and also because of those who accepted Jesus as Savior. The enrollment was 130 children. The theme of our Bible school was "Pioneering With Christ." These lessons were taught by willing teachers and helpers from our church, also two C. T. I. students, Phyllis Forsch and Iowan Bertsch. A very enjoyable part of our school was the parade, which was a means of increasing attendance.

The closing program was held on Friday evening. Beginners sang and played their homemade rhythm band instruments. Another class acted out the story of the "Good Samaritan." Others recited Bible verses and sang songs.

Another blessed day for the church was the annual Flower Sunday on August 28. The Woman's Mission Circle was in charge of the evening service. Theme for the program was "Life's Pathway With Christ." Each one of the goals of the General Missionary Union was presented in word and in song.

Bernice Harsch, Reporter

Alberta Intermediate and Junior Camps at Sylvan Lake

The Alberta Baptist Tri Union conducted Intermediate Camp at Sylvan



Intermediate Camp of the Alberta Baptist Tri Union held at Sylvan Lake, Alberta, with about 50 young people in attendance.

Lake under the capable leadership of Rev. Rubin Herrmann of the Bridge-land Church, Calgary. Approximately 50 Intermediates were in attendance. Rev. Lawrence Bienert was the guest speaker, speaking during the evening meetings and also conducting a series of lectures on the book of James. It was a real joy to see several of the Intermediates make first time decisions for the Lord. Tuesday evening proved to be the crowning service of the week when a goodly number of the boys and girls gave evidence of the fact that they wanted to give their lives completely to the service of Christ.

Junior Camp was conducted from July 20-27 directed by Rev. Robert Hoffman and Rev. William Effa. Almost 100 boys and girls attended this week of camp. It was our joy to have Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, missionaries, and their daughter Joy in our midst. They proved to be a real blessing as they told us of their work in the Cameroons as well as showed us slides of the same. Here too a goodly number of boys and girls accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Eunice Kern, Reporter

Eastern District

First Vacation Bible School At Norridge, Illinois

The first Vacation Bible School of

the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., was held from August 15 to 26. In preparation for this school our Sunday School teachers and others distributed door knob hangers, advertising the school in the community, and personally inviting parents to send their children. We were pleased to have an enrollment of 61 pupils with an average attendance of 53. Nine teachers assisted us. About 80% of all in attendance were from the community. We used Scripture Press material and the theme of the school was: "Signaling For Christ."

At our closing program on Friday evening, almost 150 parents, friends and children were in attendance. Handwork was displayed, refreshments were served, and all enjoyed the program and the fellowship afterwards. The missionary offerings of the children, taken each Friday, amounted to \$38.47. We thank God for this opportunity to reach out in this new community for Christ.

Walter Schmidt, Pastor

New Educational Unit for Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia

On Sunday, Sept. 4, the members of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., gathered at their regular morning worship service to break ground for a new educational wing and church tower. The first shovel of ground was removed by Mrs. Marie Distler, the oldest member of the church and a guest of our N. A. B. Home for the Aged in Philadelphia. She was followed by Mr. Clarence Shaw, our oldest male member; Mr. Harry Negley, Church School superintendent; Mr. Otto Draeger, Building Committee chairman; and the Rev. Roger W. Schmidt, pastor of the church. Mr. Theodore Schwan sang a solo with original words written for the occasion. The pastor preached on "Foundations Laid in Joy."

The building is to be erected at a cost of \$180,645. It will be two stories, 120 by 38 feet, and will provide facilities for two nurseries, church school classrooms from Kindergarten through Senior High, church parlor, pastor's study and Church School superintendent's office. The building will be joined to the front of the present building and will extend towards Rising Sun Avenue. The church tower originally planned for the sanctuary will also be added at this time and will eventually house a tower bell system.

Roger W. Schmidt, Pastor

BAPTIST HERALD

Vacation Bible School, Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland

Because of a very heavy and busy schedule during the month of June and July, the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, was forced to arrange for its Vacation Bible School from August 15 to 26. The enrollment reached more than 224 and our average attendance was 176 and for teachers 31. We used the course, "Pioneering With Christ," offering this to children from 4-15 years of age. The children responded extremely well, and with the assistance of Miss Irmgard Kutrieb, our Summer Student Worker, and Miss Carol Jean Murra, our Director of Christian Education, more than 10 children accepted Jesus Christ as Savior.

The climax of the school was reached on Friday, Aug. 26, when a splendid program was offered to a church overflowing with people. We also showed the film "The Master's Face." On Sunday evening, August 14, all teachers and workers were dedicated to God in an impressive service. Some of the children came as far as 25 miles away, and were brought daily by God-fearing parents. The children brought an offering for the missionary work among the lepers in the Cameroons totalling \$84.40, and with an additional contribution of \$28.25, we could send a total of \$112.65 for this purpose.

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor

Pastor's Farewell Service, Rock Hill Church, Boston

On July 10 Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm presented his resignation to the Rock Hill Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., to become effective Sept. 5th. He had served as our pastor for five years. On Friday evening, August 26, the members and friends of the church tendered a farewell reception to the



GROUND BREAKING AT PHILADELPHIA'S PILGRIM CHURCH

Leaders of the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., taking part in the ground breaking exercises for the new Educational Unit.

Left to right: Mr. Harry Negley, Church School superintendent; Rev. Roger Schmidt, pastor; Mr. Clarence Shaw, oldest male member of the church; Mrs. Marie Distler, oldest member of the church; Mr. Robert Pfeiffer, chairman of Board of Deacons; and Mr. Otto Draeger, chairman of Building Committee.

October 27, 1960



Teaching staff of the Vacation Bible School of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, which had an enrollment of 176 pupils.

pastor and Mrs. Ekholm. The service was opened with prayer by Rev. William Hayes, after which farewell messages were given by Gordon MacDonald for the deacons, Donald Goodwin for the young adults, Mrs. Charles H. Rider for the Sunday School, Robert Atwater for the Boys' Brigade, and Edward Pauley (a student at Gordon College) for the young people.

A gift of money was given to Mr. and Mrs. Ekholm to which the pastor responded with sincere thanks for the kindness and thoughtfulness of the members and friends during his stay at Rock Hill. Pastor Ekholm has accepted the call of the Eastford Baptist Church, Eastford, Conn., a member of the Conservative Baptist Association of America. We wish Pastor Ekholm, Mrs. Ekholm and their three children, David, Stephen and Carol, God's richest blessings on their new field of service.

Tillie Atwater, Reporter

Baptism and Pastor's Farewell, Mt. Sterling, Mo.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Pin Oak Creek Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo., observed its 12th anniversary earlier in the year. The offering received was sent to the North American Baptist Conference for missions. From May 30 to June 3 we had the joy of having Miss Jackie Young with us for Vacation Bible School. We had 19 pupils enrolled in the school which proved to be a great success and blessing.



Rev. Raymond Heyers, pastor of the Pin Oak Creek Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo., and six young people whom he recently baptized.

From July 24 to 29 we also had the joy to have Rev. W. G. Gerthe of Buffalo Center, Iowa, as our evangelist. Our pastor has been Rev. Raymond Heyer. We had wonderful meetings and 6 persons were won to the Lord. Six came for baptism and 3 came by letter for church membership.

We are very grateful to have had Rev. Raymond Heyer as our pastor for over two years. He has resigned his ministry with us to attend Bible College and to gain more knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ. We are very grateful to the North American Baptist General Conference for all the wonderful help and blessings we have received.

Mrs. Harvey Lipskoch, Reporter

Central District

Memorable Farewell and Reception Services, Marion, Ks.

At the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, a farewell dinner was held in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen on Sunday, Aug. 28, immediately after the morning church service. Mr. Friesen served us as interim pastor. After a time of fellowship around the table, the congregation went to the auditorium where a program of music and farewell messages was enjoyed. Rev. Frank Friesen was presented with a handsome suit and Mrs. Friesen received a lovely dress and a string of pearls. The Friesens will be sorely missed, for to know them is to love them.

Rev. and Mrs. Elton Kirstein and children, Paul and Jeannie, arrived Sept. 1st at Marion, Kansas from Wessington Springs, S. Dak., to take up their duties at the Emmanuel Church. The next evening they were guests of honor at a pot luck supper, followed by a program of music and welcoming speeches. The Reverends Charles Littman, Wesley Gerber and Frank Friesen were also on hand to welcome the Kirsteins.

Mrs. Albert Hart, Reporter

Pastor's Reception, Plum Creek Church, Emery, S. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Harsch who began their ministry in the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., the latter part of August were honored at a reception on Sept. 14, with our Senior deacon, Dave Decker, in charge. Mr. Benny Fauth led the song service, followed by a welcome by Janell Jucht of the Senior C. B. Y. Each organization of the church joined in the welcome with appropriate words of encouragement. Mr. Reimer, pastor of the Emery Presbyterian Church, also welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Harsch. Rev. H. Effa of Chancellor, S. Dak., gave the message, challenging the congregation to a greater service.

After the church services on Sept. 11, we had a fellowship lunch honoring Mr. and Mrs. Harley Radel and son, who are now serving as superintendent and matron at our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Our Senior C. B. Y. had a picnic supper on Sept. 12 honoring two of our boys, Larry Bender and Ronald Triebwasser, who left for six months of service with the U. S. Army on Sept. 16.

Mrs. Ed. Decker, Reporter

Vacation School and Scripture Program, Bethany Church, Kan.

The Vacation Bible School of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas, under the direction of our pastor, Rev. Edwin Voigt, had an enrollment of 42 pupils. The average attendance was 37. The school opened on May 31 and ended with a fine demonstration program for parents and friends on June 10. Scripture Press material, "Signaling For Christ," was used with the following teachers in charge: Junior High, Roberta Wirth and Oneida Eslinger; Juniors, Clara



Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen are "all smiles" at the farewell service held for them by the Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas, at the close of an eventful interim ministry.

Dressler and Carol Gabelmann; Primary, Lula Van Amburg and Rachel Van Amburg; Beginners, Virginia Wirth and Kathleen Schulz; Nursery, Minnie Stussy, Vernice Voigt and Leola Effland.

Twenty-eight boys and girls are now enrolled in our Scripture Memorization program for the fall and winter months. Four leaders—Crystal Gabelmann, Chairman; Ruth Heller, Kathryn Schulz and Clara Dressler—are in charge every Sunday evening for 45 minutes before our worship service. We pray that God's Word will become deeply rooted in the hearts of these young lives.

Mrs. Harry Gabelmann, Reporter

Harvest and Mission Festival, Leola, South Dakota

The Harvest and Mission Festival of the First Baptist Church, Leola, S. Dak., was observed Sunday, Sept. 18, with Rev. Bernard Fritzke, minister of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., as guest speaker. Special invitations had been sent to every family and to members and friends of the church. Sunday School attendance registered 85 persons and the worship service had about 90 in attendance. The evening service attendance was about 110.

The mixed choir sang in the morning "Praise to the Lord," and in the evening, "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing," and "We Thank Thee." Mr. Fritzke spoke in the morning on "Robbing God" (Mal. 3:10). The evening message was based on Mark 12:41-44. The total offering which was dedicated for the Lord's work amounted \$1,225.12. There was a wonderful spirit of gratefulness in the meetings.

Mrs. Wesley Rueb, Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Baptist Home for the Aged
of Portland, Oregon

Nov. 10, 1960, 7:30 P.M.

at

Southwood Park Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon

Laura C. Johnson, Secretary

Southwestern Conf., Women's Union Luncheon, Lincoln, Kan.

The Woman's Missionary Union luncheon of the Southwestern Conference was held August 19 in Lincoln, Kansas with Mrs. Jack Block of Corn, Oklahoma, in charge. The ladies of the Bethany W. M. U., Vesper, Kansas, were hostesses to about 135 guests and members. "When His Love Shines In," our national theme for the year, was carried out both in table decorations and the program. Devotions were led by Miss Helen Lohse, speaking on "Is Life Worth Living?" A testimony was given by Miss Mary Pena, a Spanish assistant to Miss Lohse this past summer. "When He Makes His Presence Known" was sung by Mrs. Carl Dobrinski of Lorraine, Kansas. Mrs. Edwin Michelson of Wichita, Kansas, was our guest speaker.

The newly elected officers are: president, Mrs. Harold De Werff, Ellinwood, Kansas; 1st and 2nd vice presidents, Mrs. Wesley Gerber, Durham, Kansas and Mrs. Charles Littman, Marion, Kansas; secretary, Mrs. E. R. Siemens, Corn, Oklahoma; treasurer, Mrs. Alvin Zeckser, Junction City, Kansas; statistical secretary, Mrs. William Schoenhals, Shattuck, Oklahoma; and White Cross Chairman, Mrs. Arthur Wirth, Vesper, Kansas.

Mrs. Elvern Nikkel, Reporter

Conference Echoes and S. S. Week, Corn, Okla.

The Sunday evening service on August 28 at the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma, was devoted to reports from those who had attended the Southwestern Conference sessions at Lincoln, Kansas. The following attended: Rev. and Mrs. Jack Block, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Siemens, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Thiessen, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Franz, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hooch, Mr. and Mrs. Elvern Nikkel, and Miss Betty Huebert. By special assignment these delegates reported with bubbling enthusiasm on the various phases of the conference. It was a very interesting evening for all.

On Sept. 6 a Christian Workers' Meeting was held in our church. Its main purpose was to evaluate the total teaching ministry of the church. Sunday School Week was held in our church during the week of Sept. 18. Various activities included a Sunday School picnic, special interests for children, a visitation program, and a great big welcome to all to become a part of our Sunday School.

Bobby J. Klassen, Reporter

Farewell Service for Pastor's Family, Stafford, Kansas

On Sunday morning, August 28, the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas, was filled to capacity when Rev. H. J. Wilcke gave his farewell message on "The Things That Endure." In the evening the members and friends held a farewell service and reception for the Wilcke family. Mr. Henry Schimpf in charge of the program made this statement, "These seven years have been harmonious years seldom equalled anywhere." Mr. Clem Rich read Ps. 1 and led in prayer.

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CARL BENDER'S HOME

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Mother's resourcefulness stepped in. By curtaining off the several functional areas of the bathroom, she greatly improved the rate of traffic. My sister and I usually had uncertain entrance into, or exit from, our bedroom via the busy bathroom. On one hurried Sunday morning, I inadvertently came upon Father engrossed in a never-explained impulse. He was completely removing what we considered a permanent identifying feature: his wiry, full mustache.

The church property had adequate room for sports, games, and hobbies. Father and Mother both enjoyed the shuffleboard court constructed on the cellar trap-door. Father liked picnics, too, a sometimes weekly occasion in the distant city park. Long walks wherever we needed or wanted to go were a normal experience for all of us.

I must not forget Father's weekly boot black service, for ladies only, that is. Every Saturday night we set out our shoes that he then polished and shined with the same serious and methodical thoroughness he gave to everything else.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

Sunday evenings he took over the dishwashing, largely for Mother's sake. Mealtimes were always major productions, certainly not of expensive dishes, but rather of simple foods that involved little money but much imagination and work. I disliked some of the hearty soups especially. But we ate what was set before us, and that from the large German bowls and plates and with the supersized spoons and forks.

Always we ate in the dining room at specified hours meant to be observed. White linen cloths, and individual linen napkins in napkin rings lent a kind of decorum and elegance. Guests were not infrequent, and even boarders who augmented the food budget.

I think there was always cheese, and I think Father ate some at every meal, and in a very precise, unchanging manner. Whatever the shape or size of the bread, Father always cut, sculpted, and inlaid the cheese to conform exactly to the piece of bread.

He liked order and orderliness, was annoyed by lack of organization by anyone in anything. Fortunately, Mother was meticulous and methodical in all she did. How else could she have maintained such a well-regulated and well-kept house, so full of family and activity?

For none of us, parents and children alike, was life ever so comparatively simple again. One by one we children left home for college, work, an assortment of crucial struggles. With us went parental entrustment to the grace of God and faithful intercession for his keeping. Mother and Father could furnish no material help or security. For years, however, they had

Obituary

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

MR. CHARLES BURHENN of Tacoma, Washington

Mr. Charles Burhenn of Tacoma, Wash., was born in Ellinwood, Kansas, March 21, 1889, and passed away Sept. 13, 1960 at the age of 71. He lived in Tacoma for 10 years, coming from Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Burhenn was a veteran of World War I, and member of Calvary Baptist Church, which he faithfully attended.

He is survived by his wife: Minnie Burhenn of Tacoma; two daughters: Mrs. Emma Rupp of Tacoma, and Mrs. Minnie Marie Boswood of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 3 sons: M/Sgt. Lawrence C. Burhenn of Perrin AFB, Sherman, Texas; Sp/4 Clifford C. Burhenn with the U.S. Army, Ford Ord, Calif.; and Harold Lee Burhenn of Santa Ana, Calif.; one sister: Mrs. Emma Hildbrand of Stafford, Kansas; 2 brothers: Mr. John Burhenn of Stafford, Kansas, and Mr. Paul Burhenn of Ellinwood, Kansas; and 8 grandchildren.

Calvary Baptist Church
Tacoma, Washington

ROBERT S. HESS, Pastor

MRS. WILLIAM WAHL of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mrs. William (Kathie) Wahl of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born April 26, 1897 in Russia. As a child, she came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Axt, to the United States. She spent her childhood and later years in the vicinity of McClusky, N. Dak. On Jan. 9, 1916, she and Mr. Wahl entered holy matrimony. The Lord blessed their union with two sons, Walter E. of Taft, Calif., and Orlando L. of Bakersfield, Calif., and one daughter Mrs. Dan (Jean) Hobbs of Phoenix, Ariz.

After having farmed near Goodrich, N. Dak., they moved to Bismarck, and soon

given themselves as examples of lives rich in and toward the God Who cares for his own. While their educational background was limited and hard-won, they cherished for us the highest possible training.

While their, and accordingly our, knowledge of the means and methods of social amenities was lacking, we gained from Mother and Father more valid yardsticks of character evaluation. They introduced us to Christ, the Savior, warned us, too, that requisite to a lifetime of his Lordship and blessing is personal, daily exercise of the means of grace.

They never pressured us into vocational choices, realizing the Lord's unique claim and desire to direct. Any work under God to them was honorable, worthy of the fullest application of energy for his approval and to his glory. They considered being as foundational and prior to all doing.

Neither parent expostulated these principles in so many words. They personified them, and with no effort to be on conscious parade. At home, as on the mission field, Mother and Father were self-possessed and self-oriented, because they were God-possessed and God-oriented.

Did Missionary and Mrs. C. J. Bender succeed in Americanizing six children (and themselves) and in establishing eight diverse personalities in a congenial Christian family unit? Forty years after that February, 1920, it is still too early to tell. At least, that is my conclusion.

thereafter joined the Bismarck Baptist Church. Mrs. Wahl had accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour during her 33rd year and soon after that was baptized with her husband. She had been ailing several years and during her trying days she always remained cheerful and grateful to her Lord. Suddenly, on July 2, 1960, the Lord called her home. After a solemn church service, we took her remains to Fairview Cemetery of Bismarck. We lost a dear soul!

Bismarck, North Dakota
JOHN E. GRYGO, Pastor

MRS. OTTO SORGE of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mrs. Otto (Dorothea) Sorge of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born Jan. 7, 1875 in Poland. There, in her childhood, she accepted her Lord as Savior, and was baptized in Luzinov by Rev. F. W. Mueller. She married Wilhelm Sorge in 1895 and the following year they came to Canada, and moved five years later to New Salem, N. D. In 1907 she became a widow. Then three years later she married Otto Sorge who died in 1925. She remained a widow and lived for a time with her sons, and lately was a guest at the Baptist Home at Bismarck. She was a member of our church and endeared herself to many with her sunny disposition.

Her children: Mrs. William (Minnie) Jaster of Santa Ana, Calif.; John of New Salem, N. D.; Mrs. Christa (Elsie) Arntt of Golden Prairie, Canada; Fred of Bismarck, N. D.; her brother, Gustav Binder of Beulah, N. D.; and her sister, Mrs. Joe (Minnie) Melvin of Salem, Ore., mourn her loss. After months of lingering sickness, the Lord called her home on August 24, 1960.

Bismarck, North Dakota
JOHN E. GRYGO, Pastor

MRS. AUGUSTA KING of North Freedom, Wisconsin

Mrs. Augusta King, nee Lieder, of North Freedom, Wis., was born in Friederichshuld, Germany, July 20, 1875. She went to her heavenly home Sept. 13, 1960, at the age of 85. Mrs. King came to America during her youth. On Dec. 22, 1896 she was married to Elmer King at Kendallville, Indiana. They made their home at North Freedom, Wis., where both served as rural mail carriers for many years.

Upon confession of her faith in Christ as Savior, Mrs. King was baptized on Dec. 31, 1933 by Rev. H. Paffenier and remained an active member of the North Freedom Baptist Church. She especially enjoyed the women's work and her Sunday School class was dear to her, even in old age. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, and a daughter, Gladys. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Paul Wozadlo of North Freedom; Mrs. Art Zick, Denzer, Wis.; Mrs. Walter Beck, Madison, Wis.; and one brother, 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

North Freedom, Wisconsin
NORMAN MILLER, Pastor

MR. DAN BITTNER of Benton Harbor, Michigan

The sudden and unexpected home-going of Mr. Dan Bittner of Benton Harbor, Mich., on July 11th at our local Mercy Hospital, three hours after admittance, came as an overwhelming shock to the family, his church, and the community. He was most active in his church as well as in many civic organizations. His congenial and friendly spirit coupled with sincere Christian principles, which he exercised in his daily walk and applied in his civic activities, won for him an enviable respect and regard from all who knew him. The large floral tribute and a memorial fund which enabled the church to purchase 165 Bibles were further evidence of his esteem.

Mr. Bittner was born January 2, 1896. He was united in marriage on March 30, 1921 to Edith Prillwitz which union was blessed with two daughters, Mrs. Max (Dorothy) Stover of Sodus, Mich., and Mrs. Elmer (Jean) Schulz of Washburn, N. Dak. He was a member of the former Clay St. Baptist Church since 1912 and the Napier Parkview Baptist Church since 1958. He served as trustee of the church for 17 years and was honored at a special recognition dinner for having served as usher and head-usher for 25 consecutive years. In civic life he served as Justice of the Peace for 12 years, treasurer and clerk of his township for five years and treasurer of the school district for 31 years.

Surviving his homegoing are his beloved wife; the above mentioned daughters, Dorothy and Jean; his 89 year-old mother, Mrs. Bertha Bittner; 5 sisters, 3 brothers; and 5 grandchildren.

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

REPORTS FROM FIELD

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The various departments expressing appreciation for faithful service were: Sunday School by Mrs. Noah Eisenhower; women's groups by Mrs. Calvin Newell; young people by Mr. Glendor Hildebrand; boys and girls by Master Maurice Fritzemeier; deacons by Mr. N. J. Howe who also presented the family with a monetary gift from the church. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcke and family voiced appreciation and left us with this word of admonition from Jude, "Keep Yourselves in the Love of Christ." The reception followed in the Fellowship Hall where everyone had opportunity personally to speak words of farewell. We as a church are very grateful to God to have had Brother Wilcke as our minister and wish him and his family God's richest blessings in the years ahead at St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Sam Stalcup, Reporter

Important Events at Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak.

We of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., only can praise the Lord for his abundant mercies of the past months. Rev. H. Palfenier was our beloved evangelist in April. The appreciative audiences and the rededication of many gave us cause for re-

APLINGTON, IOWA DEDICATION

The Aplington Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa will dedicate its new educational unit in services on Sunday, Nov. 6, with the formal dedication service at 2:30 in the afternoon. Former members and friends are invited to attend or send messages of greeting.

Donald P. Patet, Pastor

joining.

A very successful Vacation Bible School under the leadership of Mrs. G. L. Erickson was held during the second week of June. During the latter part of August, our "Gospel Jubilaires Quartet" of the North American Baptist Seminary rendered a very fine concert. Their messages too were deeply appreciated. On Sunday, Sept. 18, we held a union baptismal service with the Selfridge Church people. We had three candidates for baptism. Rev. David Littke delivered the message. During Lord's Supper on Oct. 2nd, we welcomed ten new members. Six came to us by letter, one by confession of faith, and three by baptism.

The crowded meetings and the need compelled us to look for larger quarters. Our congregation, therefore, has decided to sell the present church building and move to another location. We covet your prayers, dear readers.

John E. Grygo, Pastor

CAMEROONS NEWS

ABEL J. KWETI OF AFRICA

Abel J. Kweti is the first citizen of the Southern Cameroons, Africa to be commissioned in the United Kingdom of Great Britain as an Army officer. Recently 2nd Lieutenant A. J. Kweti arrived in Lagos, Africa by air from the United Kingdom. He attended the Mons Officer Cadet School, the Small Arms Course at Hythe in Kent and the Infantry School at Warminster in Wiltshire, England. Abel J. Kweti was born at our Baptist mission station at Mbem in the Southern Cameroons in 1938 as the first son of our Baptist Headman, Johnny Kweti, and his wife Amina. His father, Johnny Kweti, helped our missionaries to build at Warwar, Mbem, Ndu and Bameda. His mother, Amina, now lives near our Baptist Bameda mission station.

Abel Kweti comes from a good Baptist family and is a graduate of the Cameroons Protestant College of Bali, Southern Cameroons. Dr. Paul Gebauer, superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission, has stated that Abel J. Kweti undoubtedly will have much to say about the future of his Cameroons!

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