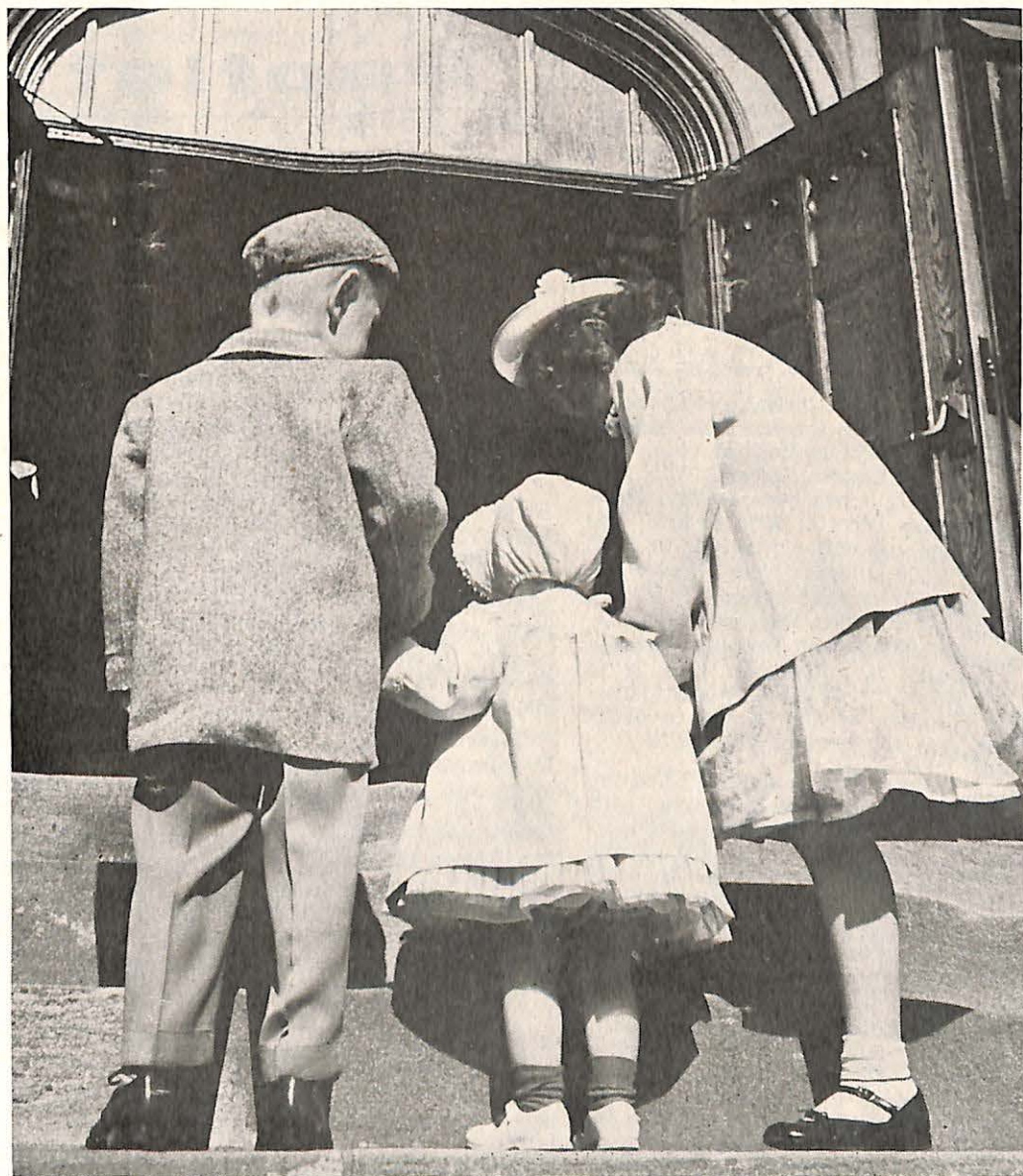


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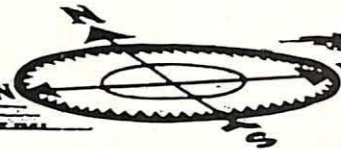
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• Full autonomy was granted to the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria by the Church of Scotland's Eastern Nigerian Synod in Calabar, in connection with Nigeria's independence which will come into effect October 1. All ecclesiastical, educational and medical activities which had been directed from Scotland will be administered henceforth by the Nigerian Church.

• All missionaries coming to the Negro republic of Monrovia, Liberia, in the future must possess college degrees. So stipulates a new decree issued by the public instruction department which says the regulation is in line which the government's desire to improve educational standards.
—Exchange

• During the bi-annual congress in Nicaragua, Central America, the Central American Mission conducted a parade through the streets of Managua, the capital. This was the first time in the history of Nicaragua that a Protestant parade had been organized. The procession was reported to have been more than 12 blocks long, and attendance was estimated at 12,000 to 15,000.
—Gospel Herald

• Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will hold its 6th International Student Missionary Convention at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., Dec. 27-31, 1961, it has been announced by Missionary Director Eric S. Fife. The last such convention was held in 1957, when 3,000 students from all over the United States and from 47 foreign countries attended. Purpose of the convention, which was first held at the University of Toronto in 1946, is to present the needs of the world for the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the present generation.

• The production of quality Christian films passes another milestone with the release of "Africa on the Bridge," 80-minute color documentary of the 1960 Billy Graham Africa crusade. Dick Ross and his cameramen have caught Africa in transition, with its television towers and its primitivism, its gleaming apartment houses and its famed wild beasts. Speaking through two interpreters in many cases, Graham found Africans to be profoundly moved by the Gospel message, and their response is a thrilling thing to watch. The facial studies of men, women and children from Liberia to Egypt are outstanding, and Victoria Falls lives up to its name.

• Gideons International held its annual convention in Los Angeles July 19-24, with attendance of delegates from all over the nation and many foreign countries. Members of the

Gideons' cabinet spoke in many of the churches in the Los Angeles area Sunday mornings. There are more than 21,000 members in 50 countries. To date the Gideons have distributed 40 million Bibles and Testaments in hotels, motels, jails, hospitals, trains, planes and ships.

• Rev. Alfred Henry Ackley, one of the best known hymnologists of the century, died July 3 at the age of 73 at Whittier, Calif. Ackley, who had teamed with his late brother, B. D., in writing more than 5,000 hymns, was best known for "He Lives," "Heart-

aches," "God's Tomorrow," "Song of the Soul Set Free," and "At the End of the Road." In the early 1900s, he and his brother wrote "Jesus, I'm Coming Home" for a Billy Sunday revival. For more than a half century thereafter he penned hymns, Gospel songs and children's choruses—producing, in collaboration with numerous other song writers, messages in music that have touched thousands of hearts through the years. A retired Presbyterian minister, Ackley had been affiliated with the Rodeheaver-Hall Mack Co. for more than ten years.



Baptist Briefs

• **American Convention Headquarters.** Ground was broken July 5 on the 55-acre Valley Forge site near Philadelphia, Pa., for the new \$8,500,000 new American Baptist Convention national headquarters. Presiding at the ceremony was Roy I. Madsen, project coordinator. Participants included other convention officials and the architect, Vincent G. Kling, F. A. I. A. The building is scheduled for completion and occupancy in the spring of 1962.

• **Baptists in Ireland.** New President of the Baptist Union of Ireland is Alexander Russell, County Armagh farmer. A member of the Urban District Council, he is a founding member and elder of the church at Portadown. Baptists in Ireland now number 5,554, and there are 5,535 children in Sunday School. Two new churches were formed last year, and three new church buildings were erected.

• **Nigeria's Independence Celebration.** Two former Southern Baptist missionaries, two emeritus missionaries, and one soon to be retired have been invited by the Government of the Western Region of Nigeria to join in national independence celebrations, September 28-October 10. They are Dr. and Mrs. George W. Sadler, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, and Miss May Perry. The Government of Nigeria will pay all expenses of this visit.

• **Dr. Cranford's Church.** The Calvary Church, Washington, D. C., has broken

ground for a new building which will cost over \$600,000. To be known as the William S. and Jane R. Abernethy building in honor of the church's late minister emeritus and his wife, it will house Sunday School and community service facilities. Participating in the ceremonies were Dr. Richard Hoiland, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education and Publication of the American Convention and Rev. J. V. James, superintendent of the Juvenile Delinquency program of the Southern Convention. Dr. Clarence W. Cranford is pastor.

• **Noted Baptist Pastor Dies.** Dr. Howard K. Williams, pastor of Alpha Church, Philadelphia, Pa., died July 17 in Salzburg, Austria. The 79-year-old minister and his wife were conducting a tour with 9 friends, mostly members of his congregation. They had planned to visit the passion play in Oberammergau, Bavaria, July 24. The group had arrived in Europe on the Queen Elizabeth July 12. Dr. Williams had one of the longest pastorates in the American Convention, and all in one church. He served the Alpha church 55 years. It had 100 members when he became pastor; today it has approximately 1,500. He is reported to have built the largest Baptist Sunday church school in Philadelphia.
—The Watchman-Examiner

• **Conservative Baptists.** The Conservative Baptist Association of America observed its 13th year in annual session in Boston, Massachusetts, June 23-28, 1960. The 1,450 registered messengers and many other visitors heard encouraging reports of Conservative Baptist advance in the last fiscal year pointing up soul-winning and church planting resulting in a present nation-wide membership of 300,000. A total of 1,321 churches and

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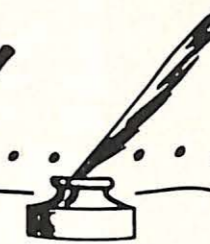
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"Open Doors"

Guest Editorial by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman,
General Secretary of the Sunday School Union

Many doors, which God has permitted man to open, are illustrated dramatically through displays in the Museum of Science and Industry located in Chicago, Illinois. The view of developments in machinery, natural resources, telephones, music, medicine, farming, industry, television and many other inventions and discoveries makes one stand in awe before God since it is he who created the lives and endowed them with wisdom and strength that these accomplishments could become possible.

The marvelous leading of man by our God becomes an answer to the question in Psalm 8:4, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" Our Creator has permitted great things to come to pass as many doors were opened to the hidden mysteries of our surroundings. Not only is one thrilled by the doors man has opened, but great expectations arise when one views the contemplated new doors which will be opened by man to use the resources of the earth for greater blessings.

What has thus far been stated provides a feeling of gratitude that the Lord has permitted these doors to be opened, but one soon becomes aware of the temporal nature of all that seems so wonderful. A review of man's discoveries soon leads one to ask, "Where are the doors which man has opened that will bring eternal values or blessings?" We who are the recipients of God's wonderful matchless grace through Jesus Christ are convinced that this is the door which needs to be opened for more of those without a Savior.

We are promised by our Lord, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father" (John 14:11). The followers of Christ are beckoned to do these greater things: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door. . . ." The message which he has proclaimed, the Christian convictions which have become ours, the promise of Christ that "he will go with us to the end" must motivate the followers of our Lord to live a testimony of the risen Christ who has the power to overcome evil, unrighteousness and sin and "make all things new."

We have a sacred charge from our Savior to enter the "Open Doors" in our respective communities to preach and to teach the Good News of the Redeemer. There are millions of people in America who live in darkness and sin, whose lives have never been opened to Christ, the light of hope and eternal life.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis in 1960-61 will challenge all of our churches to open many doors and lives where Christ may reign in greater fullness. There are not only the unreached who need to be brought to Christ, but there are many within the churches who must become more faithful stewards and be enlisted for Christian service. Our untiring effort, our prayers and our waiting upon the Lord Christ will make possible many victories for Christ through the "Open Doors" in our churches and communities to proclaim the Word of the Lord.

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Every Christian leader and teacher must pray for the wisdom of the Spirit, the wisdom from above.

THE APOSTLE Paul grew up in a great seat of learning. The city of Tarsus, where Paul was born, was one of the intellectual centers of the East, with its renowned university. Whether Paul drank at all at the wells of wisdom from this Mount Helicon before partaking of those which spring from Mount Zion, we are not sure. But Paul probably received some influence from the academic tone of this city of intellectuals.

Added to this was his rabbinical education at the college of Jerusalem. It was presided over at this time by one of the most noted teachers the Jews have ever had. This was Gamaliel, the grandson of the yet more famous Hillel. It was at the feet of Gamaliel, that Paul tells us he was brought up, and "taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers" (Acts 22:3).

PAUL'S TESTIMONY

The young man from Tarsus then became versed in the teachings of the Old Testament and in the subtleties of rabbinical interpretation. Here Paul's outstanding intellectual qualities, so evident in his later life—his keen memory, his marvelous logic, his profusion of ideas, and his unique way of discussing every subject—had their inception and development.

Thus, as Stalker puts it, "Paul acquired such a knowledge of the Old Testament that everything it contains was at his command: its phraseology became the language of his thinking; he literally writes in quotations, and he quotes from all parts with equal facility—from the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms" (Life of St. Paul p. 26).

Yet when this intellectual giant and destined theologian of Christianity be-

came an ambassador and teacher of the Gospel truth in Christ Jesus, he writes almost paradoxically of his experience at Corinth, "And I brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God" (I Cor. 2:1). Surely, if any man had wisdom as man counts wisdom, it was the Apostle Paul.

What then was Paul saying here? He was sounding the note of our subject, for Paul goes on to say, "which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (v. 13). The phrase, "not in . . . man's wisdom," thus paraphrases our subject, "Not Your Own Wisdom."

THE THINGS OF GOD

This note needs to be sounded again and again in Christian education. The dependence of Paul for wisdom not his own should be duplicated in our teaching and preaching. When we give testimony of God, and speak forth the spiritual things of God, man's wisdom alone is not sufficient.

Paul, a man of extensive education and wisdom, was keenly aware of this fact, and declares that he spoke and witnessed of the things of God, in words that the Holy Spirit teacheth. And thus Paul's preaching, "though in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling," was nevertheless in the "demonstration of the Spirit and of power" (vs. 3, 4).

Charles G. Finney has said: "Without the direct teaching of the Holy Spirit, a man will never make much progress in preaching the gospel." In the sphere of teaching things spiritual, it is the wisdom of the Holy Spirit that can give that extra unction and

Not Your Own Wisdom

In teaching, it is the wisdom of the Holy Spirit that can give that extra unction and authority that will bring success.

By Rev. Henry G. Ramus of Neustadt, Ontario

authority that will bring success.

To receive such wisdom of the Spirit, we must start where the Spirit is likely to begin—with the study of God's Word. Thorough preparation is essential to teaching in the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Then the prepared teacher can, as Spurgeon phrased it, "put an arrow on the string and the Holy Spirit sends it right home." Paul was a student of the Word to the end of his days. From a prison cell, and in the prospect of the death sentence, Paul wrote to Timothy, "Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me . . . bringing with thee . . . the books, but especially the parchments" (II Tim. 4:9, 13). Saturate yourself with the Word of God.

WISDOM FROM ABOVE

Then too, we must pray for this wisdom from above. In his wise choice, Solomon prayed for wisdom to lead the people of God. As exponents of divine truth for those we would lead into a closer walk with God, we need to pray for that gift of wisdom not our own, but of God.

Inwardly relying upon the Spirit's guidance follows after preparation and prayer. That great evangelist, R. A. Torrey, has said that "no amount of giving the Bible, the written Word, in sermon, or personal work, or teaching, will ever lead to a man being born again . . . through our teaching, we must realize our dependence upon the Holy Spirit, and look to him, and count upon him, to carry the truth that we teach, home to the heart . . ." (The Holy Spirit p. 75).

Even Jesus, the Master Teacher, held his infinite wisdom within finite limits for he said, "I have not spoken

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Not Your Own Strength

When the Lord orders something done, he always gives the strength to accomplish it. That should be the experience of every Christian teacher.

By Rev. C. H. Walth of Dallas, Oregon

HAVE YOU ever stood before a class of Sunday School pupils and, for some reason unknown to you, suddenly felt very weak and void of all ability to teach? The editor of the "Baptist Herald," when urging the writer to accept this assignment, said: "It is important that Christian workers and Sunday School teachers recognize the source of their strength and power in the Holy Spirit of God and in his Word."

Every born-again believer who sincerely feels called to "go therefore and teach" is potentially capable of doing so. When the Lord orders something done, he always gives the strength to accomplish it. Alas, many of us are so feeble in the Kingdom's work! Why do we feel so weak and frightened and why do our knees tremble whenever we stand in front of a class? Could it be because we rely only upon our own strength?

REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHING

If you are dissatisfied with your past performances, possibly this article will be the means whereby you can find the power that will transform your anemic efforts into a thrilling teaching experience. On to our subject, then!

You must serve, not in your own strength, but in strength cradled in divine love. Love for people is the first important requirement for the person who wants to teach. It is not an impersonal, wordy kind of love, but a vibrant love that reaches out for the individual, regardless who it is. Paul's immortal thirteenth chapter to the Corinthians richly defines the nature and quality of love. With grace and power he writes: "Love believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things; love never faileth."

How amazing is the strength of

this love when possessed by the Christian worker. A particular section in the city of Chicago has streets that are crowded with hardened but lonely young people. One Saturday afternoon a teacher from a nearby church stopped and talked to a shabbily dressed boy. In the course of the conversation, the teacher invited the boy to Sunday School the following day.

The lad showed only a mild interest in the colorful new lesson book held out to him, and even less when the teacher suggested that there were at least a dozen other boys who would be there. The one statement by the teacher that seemed to make all the difference in the world was: "I will be there waiting for you, and I want you to come and be in my class." When everything else fails, love continues to work and is a divine source of strength.

LOVE FOR PEOPLE

You must serve, not in your own strength, but in the power based on divine knowledge. This is the next requirement for the one who wants to teach. A genuine love for people should naturally lead to a desire for knowledge of how and what to teach. Love in ignorance has sometimes done great harm.

Some years ago a story came out in the newspapers about a mother who found her young son in their garage with his clothes on fire. He had been playing with matches! She dearly loved the child and wanted to do something that would extinguish the flames. She snatched up a glass jug filled with what she thought was water and prepared to splash it on the boy. The father, who was nearby, stopped her just in time. The contents, he told her, looked like water but actually it was cleaning fluid.



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The mother certainly didn't err in loving the child but in the method of trying to meet his needs. Just so, teachers may make fatal mistakes if they do not get knowledge. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians makes reference to the true source of knowledge and power: "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ" (Eph. 1:18-20).

The insufficiency of our own strength is further expounded by the Apostle Peter when he writes: "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge . . . for if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Peter 1:5-8).

THE DIVINE PRESENCE

Not your own, but strength fortified by the divine Presence is another source of strength. As workers in the Kingdom of God, we may sometimes feel so forgotten and alone. When this feeling grips us, we should avoid taking the attitude of inferiority or defeat, for we are not alone.

A young girl in California had the right perspective. She went from house to house ringing door bells and asking the people to buy soap from her. When the twelve year old girl rang the bell at a certain home, a woman opened the door. "Lady," said the girl, "would you buy some soap from me? I'm raising \$2,000 to enlarge our church." Smiling, the woman said: "Are you

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Not Your Own Time!

By Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker of the Sunday School Union

TIME IS ONE of the greatest gifts God has given to man. It is a gift which is to be used wisely by his good stewards. God's Word teaches us that we are to "redeem the time." In Ecclesiastes 3:1 we read: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

On the other hand, time is something for which most people seem to be clamoring because it slips by so rapidly. However, God has given 24 hours for our disposal to each one. As Christians, our first responsibility is to God; therefore, it will be important that we evaluate our activities and place first things first.

Leaders in Sunday Schools realize that time is an important factor and that good schools don't just happen. Their activities and program must be well planned. Careful planning, in order to make the most efficient use of time which God has given to each person, is one of the characteristics of good stewards at work in the Sunday School.

The new Sunday School year of 1960-1961 offers exciting events for which all officers and workers will want to plan. Some of the challenging events will include:

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The month of February, 1961, has been designated as "Leadership Training Month." Time invested in leadership training pays rich dividends as

your teachers and workers learn to use more effective methods in presenting the Gospel message. A Sunday School which is a growing school will find that leadership training must become a definite part of the Sunday School curriculum. As the school grows, there will be a need for new teachers and well trained, experienced teachers to take care of the tremendous challenge of this growth.

Leadership training also involves planning. Meet with your Sunday School staff now and decide on a course which will best seem to meet their needs. If a neighboring pastor is to teach the course, he should be contacted and given details. Sharing some of the needs and problems with the instructor will be of real help and will tend to make the course more practical. Order the textbooks for the course in ample time. Filmstrips which might be used for some of the leadership training courses are available from the headquarters office.

Books might be secured from the headquarters library on a rental basis to aid you in the selection of an appropriate book to be used in your leadership training course.

As workers and teachers in the Sunday School, yours is a great task. To do an acceptable work before God in presenting these Christian truths and to make the best use of the time God has given, we must realize our dependence upon the Holy Spirit and

upon God's Word. The words of Paul to Timothy become a real challenge to us, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

EXPANSION CAMPAIGN, 1961

A shocking fact in our world today is that 32 million boys and girls in America are not attending Sunday School. The number of adults not in attendance exceeds this number many times. Christians have been commissioned by Christ to teach the Gospel to all people. Where are these people? Many of them will be in your community, and some might be your neighbors.

Time should be given by North American Baptists to reach these people for Christ and the church. The Sunday School Union will prepare materials to guide you in another Enlargement Campaign in the spring. The dates for the 1961 Enlargement Campaign will be April 9 through May 28. Be on the alert for further announcements for this campaign which may aid you in enlarging your Sunday School. Plan now to reserve the time for this campaign.

The majority of our schools participated in the Expansion Campaign during the late summer, July 17-September 4, 1960, in which we endeavored to "Search for the Unchurched." The response from our schools was challenging. For those Sunday Schools which were not able to participate in the SEARCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED campaign at the dates specified, we would suggest that plans be made now to participate in the campaign in the fall or at another date more suitable. Materials and posters are available and can be secured by writing to the Sunday School Union, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

One of the highlights of the Sunday School year will be the 33rd General Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 31-August 6, 1961. Again, the Sunday School Union will participate in the program. Further news and information will be mailed to our churches and announced in our papers.

S. S. MISSION PROJECTS

Each year the Sunday School Union selects mission projects to be supported by the Sunday Schools. The new projects for the new year are the Bible Training Center at Ndu, Africa, Project No. 900; and Church Extension, Project No. 640. These projects will be current from October, 1960 to October, 1961. As stewards of God, we must devote some of our time to these

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Many boys and girls can still be won for Christ through the Sunday School Expansion Campaign and the Scripture Memory Program sponsored by the denominational Sunday School Union (Luoma Photo).

Not Your Own Concern!

By Rev. Harold F. Lang of Cleveland (Snowview), Ohio

"NOT YOUR OWN CONCERN"—the Ministry of Visitation! This title might be applied in two ways, characteristic of two basic attitudes toward this work. We might put a parenthesis about the "Own" and come out with "Not Your (Own) Concern." This is the conception of many. "Visitation? That's not up to me; that's not my affair. It's for the pastor, or the church worker; it's for the man sitting on the other end of the pew. I've enough to do in the church; let someone else take care of that." So we pass off the responsibility.

There is another way of reading the caption—the correct way. It is with the realization that this is the Lord's work. As we contact people, it is not for what we receive, or even basically for what the church might receive. It is for the sake of the Master. This is the spirit which should send us to the homes to press the doorbells.

DIFFICULT BUT REWARDING

To me one of the most challenging portions of the Word of God which pertain to the work of visitation is that found in Luke 14:15-24. The Scripture here deals with the wedding feast and the excuses given why those invited could not come. Faced with a feast and no partakers, the lord of the feast sent his servant out to advertise and to let the lame, the blind, and the halt know about this free meal. But still there was room. So he sent his servant once again and said: "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

I believe this portion of Scripture has at least three things to say pertinent to the matter of visitation. First, it makes plain the fact that getting people to partake is no easy task. The servant who was sent to "compel" men and women to come did not face an easy job. The ministry of visitation also is not easy. Christ never promised an easy life to those who would be his disciples. He said frankly that discipleship meant denying one's self, taking up one's cross, and following him. Too often we look for the easy task in our work for the Lord. Then we wonder why so little of lasting value is accomplished.

The work of visitation may not be an easy work, but it is most rewarding! What can compare with the spiritual thrill of seeing a family you have personally contacted becoming active in the Lord's work; of seeing members of that family making a decision to receive Christ as Savior; of seeing young and old being drawn into a closer walk with the Lord? Seeing God at work in lives is worth the inconvenience, yes,

all the discouragements, which may be connected with the ministry of visitation.

PERSONAL CONTACTS

This Scripture points out, secondly, the necessity of GOING. The open door of a church building is not enough; the active use of advertising is not sufficient. What is needed are men and women who GO to the highways and the hedges, who stop at homes, who push doorbells. There is no substitute for personal contact. It may be time-consuming, but it is es-

sistence is so important!

Concerning the basic equipment which a visitation worker needs, I believe there are at least three essentials: a genuine willingness, a constant prayerfulness, and an abiding faithfulness. Plans and schemes are important in arousing interest in the work of visitation and in proceeding efficiently, but they are not the most essential elements.

BURDEN OF VISITATION

The pastor of a large Baptist church in Lorain, Ohio, recently made the



Mrs. Juanita Burk is ready to teach her Beginners' Class in the Sunday School of the Snowview Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, a Church Extension project of the denomination. The Sunday School and church services are held in the Snowview Public School building.

sential. There are, basically, no shortcuts, no labor-saving devices in this area of the Lord's work.

This portion, thirdly, speaks of persistence. The servant was not to take "No" for an answer. He was not to be satisfied with vague promises. This certainly applies to the visitation ministry. Many, when originally contacted, say, "Yes, I will be there." But Sunday morning finds them absent. Several Sundays later finds them no closer to the church door than before they made the promise. Another visit, or possibly five more, may be necessary to nurture that spark of interest. Per-

following observation: "Our church has tried various means and methods to promote the work of visitation. These experiences have convinced me of one thing. Unless people are burdened with the ministry of visitation, the best of methods are, at their best, shortlived."

The burden of visitation is what we need. God would have us see the hundreds, often thousands of homes in our communities where the Name of Christ is scarcely known. We must realize that outside of Christ these are lost men and women. The Lord has made YOU and ME responsible for these souls. If we do not do our part, they will never be reached. This is the burden. Christ said: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." It's "Not Your Own Concern"—OR IS IT?

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The devil is willing for a person to confess Christianity as long as he does not practice it.

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The Christian must realize that she (or he) has God-given talents to be used in God's service. (Luoma Photo).

Not Your Own Life

Your talents are not your own, because your life in Christ is not your own. You have been bought with a tremendous price!

By Rev. Le Roy Schauer of Columbus, Nebraska

THIS IS AN age when bids run high for the man or woman of talent. Because of this, it is important that a man take a sober view of himself and of the physical and spiritual gifts which he possesses. Self-inventory is legitimate in order that a man may evaluate the measure of faith God has given him and then make the most of his gifts. The use of such gifts is indispensable in God's sight and work. It has been said that the life of Christian stewardship means the practicing of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities and material possessions. God expects this of every Christian.

COMMITMENT OF LIFE

The Bible gives evidence of the giving of talents in the total commitment of one's life to Christ. This we see in Christ's parables on the subject of stewardship, as in the parable of the talents, the parable of the unjust steward and others. Peter, standing at the temple entrance, said to the sick man, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee" (Acts 3:6). Exodus 18:25 reveals that "Moses chose out able men out of all Israel" in the carrying out of special work. Deuteronomy 16:17 gives the command that "every man shall give as he is able" in the special gifts and talents as well as in offerings. Also in Ezra 2:69 we read that "they gave after their ability" in the important rebuilding work. The New Testament rebuilding work. The New Testament gives us such outstanding texts as "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee" (II Timothy 1:16).

Christian, your talents are not your own, because your life in Christ is not your own. You have been bought with a tremendous price. To act, strive, practice or live outside of this basic fact is contrary to Scriptural

teaching and Christian experience. The growing Christian must realize that he has God-given gifts and talents and then that there is a demand placed upon these by God for service. One is immature in the Christian life when these two are not in balance. Thus, in the stewardship of talents three other factors are apparent for the Christian man or woman who wishes to be a witness and servant of Jesus.

Specific talents are a part of God's overall plan for you. In II Timothy 3:17 this fact becomes important as it says, "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." To allow one's talents to be of greatest use means to find God's way and plan. Only then will the best that is within each of us be developed.

A DIVINE ORIGINAL

Priceless paintings hang in great art galleries all over the world. These are the original work of artists. One can find cheap duplicate copies in stores for a tiny fraction of the cost of the original. God has a plan—although many times unsought—for every person. The Christian must seek that plan. For in seeking that plan, he will find those talents which are distinctively his. When that plan is allowed to be operative, he becomes the divine original that God had intended. When God's direction and will are refused, the individual is but a mere copy, worth only a tiny fraction of his true value.

Because of this, God has built into man's life those qualities and gifts which are distinctively his and he knows how they may be developed and polished and made to produce. In the parable in Matthew 25:15, this is brought out, for it is said that the Master gave "unto one five talents,

to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability." In the First Epistle of Corinthians we soon learn that the Holy Spirit endows each believer with gifts for service.

Talents are developed as you become yourself as God intended. No one can live and serve and do as another man does. You must not be a carbon copy. You must be yourself. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee" (I Timothy 4:15). Full satisfaction in life comes only when one's own talents and aptitudes and capacities are discovered, developed and refined in order to be creative and productive in a Christian way. It must be realized that God has built into every person certain talents and gifts that distinguish him from others. This is for a definite purpose. These are there at birth, intended by God to be exploited and used for his glory and the blessing of mankind.

TALENTS USED FOR CHRIST

Think of the infinite originality of God in nature's creation. Greater yet is the endless variation of gifts extended to Christians in every walk of life. There are so many men and women who never really find themselves—never really become themselves. This is spiritually tragic and is not necessary for the Christian who listens and follows Christ's bidding.

Service and stewardship of talent is effective only as it is used in direct and personal expression. "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same to one another" (I Peter 4:10). Repeatedly it was not the material content used as much as the personal dedication of the life and talents of Sunday School teachers in my own life which most effectively

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Not Your Own Choice

The Christian is aware that his life fits into the pattern of God who alone can lead him to that place designed for him.

By Prof. Roy W. Seibel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

IT IS becoming increasingly important in our present complex society to offer our young people assistance in discovering a satisfactory type of life's work that is adaptable to each individual's capacities and personality requirements. In response to this need, vocational guidance has enjoyed a rapid expansion and is fast becoming a science in its own right.

Our young people across the land are profiting from this accelerated program of vocational guidance. Through a series of tests and professional counseling, they are given a clearer picture as to where they might fit into society. The importance attached to vocational guidance is reflected in the fact that in many parts of our country high schools must offer full time, or at least part time, assistance in vocational guidance in order to be an accredited school.

GOD'S PATTERN

Important as this program of guidance is, the Christian knows that there is another dimension to the problem of finding one's place in life. The Christian is aware that his life fits into the pattern of God who alone can lead him to that place designed for him. From observation made through human experience, the Christian chooses his vocation and avocations. However, from God's point of view all the believer's activities are under the direction of God's Holy Spirit.

This is a necessary conclusion to which we must come in the light of the Biblical teachings on the stewardship of life. This is brought out in such passages as I Corinthians 6:19-20 in which Paul presents a stirring appeal for holy living. The basis of his appeal rests upon the fact that our bodies and spirits belong to God. These, in turn, are entrusted to us in

stewardship.

Paul goes on to explain that we are God's rightful possession on the grounds of Christ's redemptive work wrought in our behalf together with the infilling of the Holy Spirit. We have confirmed God's right to this possession through voluntary submission to him.

To confine such passages to the choice of one's life vocation would be to miss their real impact. "Not your own choice" includes God's call and direction in every activity of the Christian. I Corinthians 12 expands further the fundamental truth of I Corinthians 6:19-20, and clearly indicates that God is actively directing in the gifts and offices of his people.

The root idea of the word "vocation" is that of a divine calling from God. It rests upon the concept that the steward is under bond to carry out the directions of his master.

A HOLY TRUST

The Corinthian Christians had the misconception that the services they rendered in the church somehow reflected their individual abilities and gained for them a personal glory. God's Word declares that the ones who have the capacity to give, teach or administrate do not so merely because of personal preference. Instead, God so chose to entrust this stewardship to them. They are personally accountable to God for every gift bestowed upon them.

This great truth has a special significance for us in the observance of Sunday School Week. It helps us to realize afresh that it is the Holy Spirit who directs the affairs of the thousands of Sunday School members as they labor together in the teaching ministry of the church. Under God's direct command is a select corps of



"Not your own choice" includes God's call and direction in every activity of the Christian (Luoma Photo).

superintendents and Sunday School teachers who lead the Sunday School in carrying out his divine program. Each has found his appointed place because God laid his hand upon him and set him aside for service.

The recognition of the superintendency of the Holy Spirit casts a new light upon every phase of the program of the Sunday School. Those who handle the Word of God and administer it to others are under a holy trust and a special obligation. The awareness of this truth should drive the worker to a more earnest life of prayer and a greater dependence upon the spiritual resources available only in the Holy Spirit.

GOD'S CALL TO TEACH

Bible study and teachers' training programs receive a new dimension of importance. If one has a sense of a call from God to discharge a responsibility in the affairs of the Sunday School, he becomes keenly aware of his limitations in knowledge and skill and has a deep hunger to become a more effective worker. Attendance at teachers' meetings and workers' conferences becomes a privilege, for it offers him opportunity to become more adept in his ministry.

Long range planning, which results in the designing of specific programs of action as represented by our stewardship and enlistment goals, becomes a necessity. It is through such programming that we can be assured as good stewards of God that we are exerting our utmost in every field of service for which we are responsible.

The recognition of the Lordship of the Holy Spirit in our lives will lead us into a new submission to his direction and can help us accept our task as a

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THE LOST CITY OF PERU

Perched in the clouds 2,000 feet above the roaring Urubamba River on a knife-like edge of the Cordillera Vilcabamba in the Andes is the fabulous ancient city of Machu Picchu, the most spectacular of all Inca ruins.

THE RECENT (June 26th to July 3rd) tenth Baptist World Alliance Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, not only was interesting in itself, but it was a focal point and gave an excuse for visiting a number of other "tourist's delights" while on the way.

PANAMA TO PERU

The Panama Canal with its daily passage of ships from all over the world (so great there already is a shortage of water!) fascinated many of our Congress visitors en route to or from North America. Southern Baptist Convention mission efforts, started some 50 or 60 years ago, now are self-supporting in Panama.

Ecuador, "center of the world," is unique. It is the only country in the world with a monument on the equator, (so they tell us), and one of two countries in the world whose currency bought more in 1959 than it did in 1949. We see the simple existence of many of the natives and wonder if perhaps we in our "prosperity" have missed something somewhere!

Peru fascinates us, especially the fabulous tales of the almost Solomon-like wealth of the Incas with their holdings of gold, silver, copper and other metals.

The Incas (who ruled the Indians of South America long before the coming of the white man), calculated the center of the earth to be within a few miles of the monument which today marks the equator near Quito, Ecuador.

Many of their habits and practices were remarkably like those of the Egyptians in the days of the Pharaohs. The Incas had a way of preserving the

My Acquaintance With South America

The story of a trip to the Baptist World Congress in Rio and to almost all South American countries to photograph their scenic beauty and to learn of their opportunities for the Gospel of Christ.

By Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Illinois

dead. Their buildings of huge stones without mortar have withstood the ravages of earthquakes, wars, and time itself, perhaps even better than the Pyramids and other buildings of ancient Egypt.

The capital of the Inca Empire was for many years at Cuzco, a city on an 11,000 foot plateau in the Peruvian Andes Mountains. Many of the "modern" Spanish buildings (200 to 300 years old) of this interesting city, (75,000 population), rest on unmortared and unretouched Inca stone foundations laid centuries before the Spaniards ever saw the land. Cuzco at the time of the arrival of the Spaniards reportedly had a population of some 200,000.

The Inca never was conquered by the white man in a strict military sense. Because he was a man of honor and integrity, the Inca was captured (unarmed) at a "peace" conference and subsequently killed, even though he paid a roomful of gold as a ransom for his life. All of this was done in the name of "the Flag of Spain and the cross of Christ"! Repeatedly during his captivity, (and while being taught Spanish), the Inca asked, What does a Spaniard mean by "Honor"?

MACHU-PICCHU

While at Cuzco, we must not fail to make the side trip visits to Machu Picchu and other more nearby Inca ruins.

Machu Picchu, apparently the headquarters of a string of magnificent mountain fortifications, overlooks the Urubamba River valley (one of the sources of the Amazon), about four

hours trainride (50 miles) northwest of Cuzco. The well preserved ruins, (though hidden under vegetation until found in 1911), indicate this was a very complete and self-sustaining arrangement for about 800 persons, including religious, military, government, farms, and residential areas.

It is estimated that 150 years were required for its construction. A nearby mountain-peak has the remains of one of a series of self-sustaining, all-year lookout stations. Even the terraces for the farms on the peak are visible from below. Apparently the Inca was superb in military methods and strategy. After being taught to play chess by his captors, he consistently beat them!

CUZCO'S CHRIST

In addition to having many (Roman Catholic) churches, Cuzco has its own statue of Christ overlooking the city. It is slightly smaller but modeled after the "Cristo Redentor" in Rio. The statue was placed on a height overlooking the city by a colony of Christian Arabs living in Cuzco just a year or two ago!

We leave sunny (but chilly!) Cuzco to go by rail southeast along the same high plateau to Lake Titicaca and La Paz, Bolivia.

At one point our train reaches an altitude of more than 14,000 feet. Actually, until we exert ourselves physically, this does not seem very high because of the many 20,000 foot and higher snow capped peaks that are almost always in view.

When we reach Puna, Peru, we transfer to a combination freight and passenger steamer for an overnight

ride on the highest navigable lake in the world. Lake Titicaca is 13,398 feet above sea level. Although well in the tropics, we have ice on the deck in the early morning—later melted by the bright sun.

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA

Another three hour train ride brings us into La Paz, Bolivia, where we become "millionaires" very easily. One U. S. dollar is worth from 12,000 to 15,000 Bolivianos!

We arrive in La Paz just in time (June 23rd) for their celebration of the shortest (and coldest!) day of the year. As in many European countries, this celebration takes the form of lighting bonfires during the day and also during the night—in an effort to hurry the cold away! The city of La Paz lies in a valley (about 1,000 feet below its 13,358 foot airport), and as a result, the smoke from the many fires very effectively screened the beautiful 20,000 to 23,000 foot snow capped peaks from view!

As in other cities La Paz has many stores and also open market places. Here, however, almost all of the manufactured articles displayed for sale have been imported (or smuggled in!), since Bolivia has very little local industry.

Returning to our "usual" mode of travel, we fly to Santiago, Chile, with more of the highest of the Andes peaks in view (if we make the flight by daylight!). One or two of these peaks exceed 23,000 feet and are the highest in both the western and in the southern hemispheres.

SANTIAGO, CHILE

It is winter in Santiago (probably about like Memphis, Tennessee, or Little Rock Arkansas) and quite cool. We are between the two recent earthquake areas of Chile but, except for feeling a "temblor" or two, nothing serious happens.

The countries of South America, under the leadership of Simon Bolivar from the north and General San Martin from the south, freed themselves from the yoke of Spain some 130 or 140 years ago. Since then, many of them have had troubles of their own, however, and also troubles with their neighbors.

Chile and Argentine decided that such bickering and fighting should not be and proceeded to erect a statue of Christ on their common border. The location is in the Andes within sight of Aconcagua, one of the highest of all Andean peaks.

Inscribed (in Spanish), are the words: "Sooner shall these mountains crumble into dust than the Argentines and the Chileans break the peace to which they have pledged themselves at the feet of Christ, the Redeemer." The statue was unveiled with a ceremony in which the soldiers of each country encamped on the other's soil (March 13, 1904). When the great statue had been dedicated to the cause of peace, all the people knelt in silence,



The new president of the Baptist World Alliance and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. John Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

side by side as friends.

From Buenos Aires we hasten on to Rio (scarcely pausing in small but fun-loving Uruguay), to find the same dreary winter weather, even though we now are just inside the tropics. Because of the clouds, Rio's (larger) International Airport was closed-in for the first two or three days of the Congress.

During the days of the Congress, we alternate our experiences as we are led from one height to another in the morning and evening services and as we "fight" the traffic to our respective hotels and lodging places after the services. And yet "fight" is not the proper word. Traffic was very heavy, and it was a real struggle to learn which buses and streetcars went our way and to get on them. The local people were so gracious and helpful when they knew we were foreigners (and Baptists by our badges), however, that it really was a pleasure to ride the public conveyances.

This city of more than 2,000,000 persons seems to have a deep spiritual sense. Some 30 years ago, by popular subscription, a statue of Cristo Redentor was erected on Corcovado, the highest of the hills (2,450 feet) overlooking the city and the bay. This statue of the Christ with outstretched arms (of native stone) is flood-lighted at night and has the appearance of a cross when viewed from a distance.

Spiritual interest and faithfulness also were indicated during the week of the Congress by the 20,000 to 30,000 folk who visited the first Sunday and each of the evening sessions. By all means, we must remember the magnificent choir of some 2,000 to 3,000 voices who not only sang superbly each evening but also "braved" the hot Sunday afternoon sun to give us Han-

del's "Hallelujah Chorus" during the Billy Graham rally. Five different conductors served them through the week. They enunciated so distinctly that we almost could understand the Portuguese words of their anthems.

When Dr. Billy Graham, at the great closing meeting of the Conference, asked for a show of those interested in knowing Christ as personal Savior, scores of thousands indicated such an interest by the waving of their handkerchiefs.

BAPTIST INFLUENCES

Music was everywhere at the Congress, as even the young people in their chartered buses sang "Diadem" (All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name), and other "complicated" four part songs.

And so with "Unfold, Ye Portals," "Diadem," and other anthems and hymns still ringing in our ears, we leave Rio to fly over the Mato Grosso jungle swamps of Brazil and down the Paraguay River to Asuncion, capital of Paraguay. Our pilot, a young man of German descent, to break the monotony of the flight, at times had us skimming over the waters of the Paraguay River at an altitude of only 30 feet!

Although the Congress was over, the "influence" of the Baptists still was evident in almost every country. Repeatedly one heard of individuals or groups who, seeking to complete or modify hotel, plane, or other travel arrangements, were rebuffed by the comment, "No space available! We have a Baptist tour party for that time!"

This was the case even in relatively obscure Asuncion.

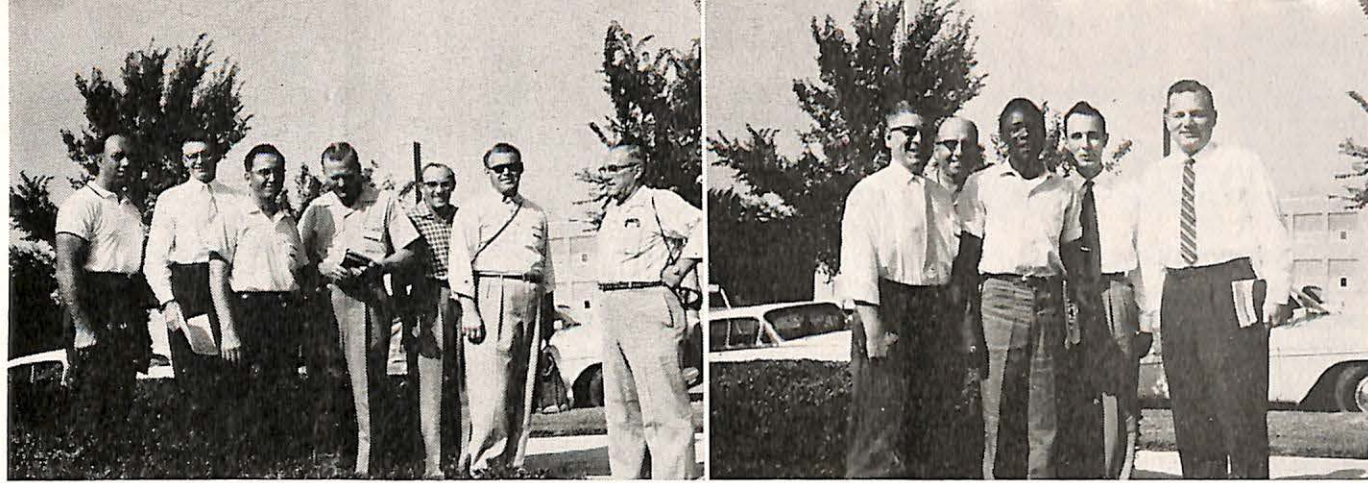
ASUNCION, PARAGUAY

Paraguay is of interest because it has one of the two remaining "dictatorships" in Latin America (the other: Dominican Republic). The Paraguayans, however, seem to have a good dictator. In Asuncion he has given them the best water supply in South America (only a year ago water carts and private wells were used). Their airport has very long runways and is used by nearly all of the jet planes coming into South America. (Chief competition: Brasilia, the new capital of Brazil with its new airport and all, in the heart of the jungle).

Presidente General Alfredo Stroessner, Paraguay's dictator, also has given a real boost to evangelical missionary efforts. Under his direction, priest-incited mobs no longer are allowed by the police. With this encouragement, many students and other young people are forcing their religious leaders to be more tolerant—even in some instances forcing apologies for misdemeanors that have been committed. Schools are being established so that children even from "the river bottomlands" can obtain a good education.

As we wing our way homeward, higher than even the towering Andes

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WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP AT THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Ministers from our nine regional conferences gathered with denominational leaders and seminary professors for their 1960 Conference at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Professor Walter Wessel of the Seminary faculty is at the extreme right, and Flavius Martin, Cameroons national, is 3rd from the right.

The Pastors' Conference at Sioux Falls

Report of the Conference, Held from August 3 to 7 at the North American Baptist Seminary, by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

THE PASTORS' Conference at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., August 3-7, was vibrant with inspiring fellowship and uplifting with Spirit-filled messages. That fact alone made this an outstanding ministers' institute. But it was a record breaking and memorable conference in many more ways. A total of 215 were registered—175 pastors and 40 pastors' wives—the highest attendance at any of these gatherings. All nine regional conferences were well represented, thus creating a bond of thrilling fellowship across the entire denomination.

GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY

Everyone at the conference was soon aware of a warm welcome and most gracious hospitality. Comfortable dormitory rooms, both at the Seminary and Sioux Falls College, awaited us. A dish of fresh fruit had been placed in every room with this verse of Scripture: "The fruit of the earth shall be excellent" (Isaiah 4:2). President and Mrs. Frank Veninga and the Seminary staff accorded the conference visitors every possible kind of wonderful hospitality. Fifty-five women attended a tea at the Veninga home on Thursday afternoon. Scores of members from ten neighboring North American Baptist churches helped to wait on the tables and to take care of kitchen and dining room tasks. Even though the pastors had "big appetites," everyone was satisfied by the tasty "home cooked" meals.

The conference program had a four-fold excellence. It centered on the minister and his God-given task of "communicating the Gospel" to others. Ample provision was made by the program committee for 1) earnest prayer, 2) serious study, 3) disciplined thinking and 4) glowing fellowship. What a rich feast of these spiritual gifts was

laid before us by the program participants!

Each morning set the mood for the day with a half hour for earnest prayer by the pastors. They made their prayer requests by the dozens and then stormed the throne of grace in continuous praying. These moving periods were like church prayer meetings at their best! They were alive with spiritual power and participation. Deacons and other church officers would have been proud of their pastors if they could have looked in on these devotional sessions.

SEMINARY TEACHERS

Dr. Walter W. Wessel of the Seminary faculty inspired the ministers to "study to show themselves approved unto God" as he opened the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel in three discerning messages and as he inspired the men to read these prophets, to study books about them, and to feel the same fire burning in their souls that consumed these servants of God in olden times.

The daily "lectures on preaching" conducted by the seminary teachers required a disciplined mind in order to listen to them and to take them to heart. Professor Hugo Lueck showed "The Place of Preaching in Church History" and depicted a galaxy of great preachers from the Church Fathers to F. B. Meyer and G. Campbell Morgan. Dr. Ralph E. Powell confronted the minds of the men with "The Need of Theology in our Preaching Today" until our people know what to believe and why they believe as Christians. Professor Roy Seibel stirred the minds of the ministers by making many provocative suggestions how to preach to this generation and to meet their needs with the eternal message of the Gospel.

The daily Workshops provided further opportunity for serious, disciplined study in the light of God's Word. Dr. George A. Lang dealt with "The Pastor as Counselor," and Dr. George A. Dunger with "The Pastor and World Affairs." Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, led the men in a timely consideration on "The Pastor Faces Integration," and Dr. A. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute, discussed the subject, "The Pastor Faces Youth in Education." Two local pastors, Dr. Roger Fredrickson and Rev. Maurice Wessman, opened the minds of the ministers on the subjects, "Working With Our Youth" and "Christian Rehabilitation." These Workshops were followed each afternoon with an exciting hour during which to ask many questions on the various subjects.

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

The evenings were spiritual highlights of each day. The pastors and their wives met in a colorful setting on the opening night on the Seminary lawn. The spirited singing echoed down the streets until neighbors opened windows and came to their doors to hear more of the singing. At this opening service, President Frank Veninga of the Seminary brought a wonderful keynote message on "Communicating the Gospel." On successive evenings, Rev. Robert S. Hess of Tacoma, Washington, considered the barriers to the communication of truth, making ours a day of religious revival but not of New Testament truth and power; Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Winnipeg, Manitoba, warmed the pastor's hearts by speaking on the text, "Kindle up and fan into a flame the gift of God that is in thee;" and Rev. E. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Michigan described the spiritual, basic founda-

tion for the communication of the Gospel.

Afterwards, the congregation of pastors and wives stayed for another session to learn more about our denominational program from the general secretaries, to get a better glimpse of the victories and difficulties on our various mission fields from the missionaries themselves, and to have a survey brought to them by the four district secretaries.

MARVELOUS FELLOWSHIP

Throughout the conference, a distinctive North American Baptist fellowship in the Spirit of Christ glowed brightly. A fellowship hour was held the first evening after the service. Recreation of all kinds was planned for the few spare hours in the afternoons. On Saturday afternoon we gathered for a wonderful picnic supper at McKennon Park. The Seminary halls were usually buzzing with the sweet conversation of ministers as they shared their church and personal experiences with one another.

But the fellowship was also dramatized at the business meeting when the ministers elected several officers, voted to revise the constitution and spoke up sharply on some matters of denominational action. They disagreed, but in harmony of love later voted to agree! The officers elected until the next General Conference are Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, chairman, and Rev. Harold Weiss, vice-chairman. Rev. Bert Milner continues as secretary-treasurer. The sessions were ably and tactfully led by President Ganstrom.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTION

An unusual action taken by the Pastors' Fellowship was the adoption

Women's Sessions at Pastors' Conference

By Mrs. Walter Stein of Detroit, Michigan

MANY WERE the blessings that we as ministers' wives experienced during the days of the Pastors' Conference at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., August 3 to 7. This was a unique experience for most of the women present, and one which will long be remembered.

Thursday at 9:50 A.M. we had the first of the three sessions scheduled for the women. Professor Martha Leyboldt directed this first workshop. The topic for discussion was "The Minister's Wife in the Sunday School." This was a very interesting and informative hour including a buzz session and question period.

Friday our speaker was Mrs. G. Wessman, president of the National W. M. U. of the General Conference. The topic was "The Minister's Wife in the Missionary Society." Fifty-five women attended. We all profited greatly as Mrs. Wessman spoke to us on the virtues of ONE society in a church divided into many circles giving more women the opportunity of

service. She explained in detail the organizing of such a society. The question period showed that many were interested in trying this type of society in their own church.

Saturday our speaker was Mrs. Frank Veninga, wife of our Seminary President. Her topic was "The Pastor's Wife in the Parsonage." Mrs. Veninga impressed us with the fact that the first duty of the minister's wife is to make the parsonage a real home; friendly, orderly, cheerful, peaceful. She admonished us not to become martyrs to the cause but to perform our duties joyfully, always conscious of our privilege of being "Mistress of the Manse." Mrs. Veninga's enthusiasm was contagious, and we all left the classroom with new visions of service for our Lord.

At our last session Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, president of the Ministers' Fellowship, asked the women if they were desirous of a similar program in 1963. The response was unanimous in favor of the proposal. Plan now to attend; you can't afford to miss!

of the following resolution by unanimous acclamation. The resolution deserves earnest study by every reader of the "Baptist Herald" in considering all of its critical implications:

"Whereas we have always stood for liberty of conscience, separation of church and state, loyalty to our country, be it resolved that we cannot conscientiously support any candidate who by virtue of his beliefs, religious

or political, owes any prior allegiance to any foreign power, religious or political."

North American Baptists of the United States and Canada, read this carefully and take heed as God illumines and directs your soul!

A new feature on the program was the Pastors' Wives Workshops, which were a great blessing to the women who attended. (A pastor's wife will report for those meetings). On Sunday morning and evening the pulpits of the Trinity and Northside Baptist Churches were supplied by some of the visiting brethren, and both sanctuaries were virtually filled to capacity.

MISSIONARY RALLY

The Missionary Rally on Sunday afternoon, held in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, was a fitting climax to the enriching conference days. Flavius Martin, Cameroons national now studying at the Seminary, read the Scripture passage and offered prayer. Rev. George W. Lang, teacher at the Baptist Bible Training Center in Ndu, Cameroons, emphasized the fact that the Spirit of God is at work on the mission field with power and glory and then illustrated this truth graphically from his own experiences in the Cameroons.

It was a notable Pastors' Conference which solidified bonds of fellowship and service among the ministers, which opened their minds and hearts to the great themes of the Gospel to be communicated to others, and which convinced them that the ministry, even though hard at times, is "the happiest work in the world."



N.A.B. PASTORS' CONFERENCE LEADERS

Plans for the next Pastors' Conference are reviewed by Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, president, (left to right); Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary; Rev. Frank Veninga, Seminary president; and Rev. Harold E. Weiss, vice-president. (Photo by Roy Seibel).

We the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

Among those of our fellowship who were able to attend the Baptist World Congress meetings in Rio de Janeiro in June was the wife of our moderator, Mrs. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon. We are grateful to her for representing our Woman's Missionary Union there, and for sharing some of her interesting experiences with us in this column.

CHURCHES IN SOUTH AMERICA

By Mrs. John Wobig

"Off to Rio" became a reality when we boarded a United Airliner in Portland on the morning of June 8th. The land, about which we had only heard and read, would now be seen with our own eyes.

Soon we would be foreigners. The kind of country and the kind of people we come from would be revealed by our conduct, our speech and our attitudes. By this same token, we would reveal the depth of our Christian experience. Thus it was our desire and prayer that we would not only preach Christ, but live Christ in all of our daily experiences.

Latin Americans are a kind, self-denying and a hospitable people. It was a happy occasion for us to attend several church services while touring in this land with its extensive missionary outreach.

We received a warm and genuine welcome from pastors, missionaries, and lay people—young and old alike. The enthusiasm of the young people in these churches was a joy to behold. We observed the willing participation of new converts in a Sunday Evening Training Union without fear or self-consciousness, radiating their new-found life in Christ. On another occasion, we heard a youth choir sing at a mid-week prayer service with an enthusiasm that expressed their joy and their desire to praise the living Redeemer.

We saw an educational unit where they had a Sunday School attendance of 1,000. The classrooms were not beautiful, spacious or well-equipped. They were simply rooms with the barest of necessities, and yet there was revealed a zeal and a vision on the part of the pastor and people that will cause them to continue to grow in spite of all obstacles.

We were told of women who gave the earnings of one day a week for the Lord's work.

Many churches and cathedrals were visited which gave us a splendid opportunity to witness to our guides. One of our guides said, "Yes, you have something we do not have, but surely need." Does Missions pay?

One needs only to have experiences

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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McIntosh, S. Dak., and Moosehorn, Man., churches for eight day evangelistic campaigns, and for two weeks he supplied the pulpit of the Baptist Church at Jeffers, Minn. He also served on the Southern Conference youth camp faculty at Latham Springs, Texas.

● Miss Barbara Weisser of Herreid, S. Dak., and Rev. John Binder of Morris, Man., were united in marriage at the Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., on August 30 with the father of the bride, Rev. Alfred Weisser, officiating. The former Miss Weisser is a 1960 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with the degree of Master of Religious Education. Rev. John Binder has been the pastor for the past year of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba. Recently he was appointed general secretary of the C.B.Y. Fellowship of the denomination for the term of 1960-1961, succeeding Rev. Lawrence Bienert. Mr. Binder will begin his new position at the denominational headquarters office about the middle of September.

NOT YOUR STRENGTH

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doing this all by yourself?" "Oh, no," explained the girl, "God is helping me."

God is helping us, too. In fact, he has promised us his divine Presence at all times. In Matthew 28:20 Jesus Christ said: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Not your own, but strength cradled in divine love, strength based on knowledge of the Truth, and strength fortified by a sense of the divine Presence, are more than adequate to bring you victory in your next teaching experience. Proceed now and learn how to use them.

NOT YOUR OWN LIFE

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taught me life's vital spiritual lessons.

Every person is the center of a little world in which he lives, works, plays, socializes. God has each Christian where he is in order that he might work through his gifts and talents in reaching others around him. If God is to reach that home, that neighborhood, that office, that factory, that club, that campus, he is going to have to do it through the life and talents of those who are already his. Whether or not the world, of which you are a center, is reached by God depends upon the availability of your talents in his service. Christian, stir up the gift of God!

such as these to arouse one anew for the cause of Missions. There are multitudes who need to experience the transforming power of the grace of Christ. May we not fail Christ who said, "Go Ye . . . !"

NOT YOUR OWN TIME

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mission projects, as we become better acquainted with them so that we might give to their support and pray more intelligently for them.

It is thrilling to know that each year the number of boys and girls enrolled in the Scripture Memory program has increased. This is another unique way of comprehensive Bible study for boys and girls in our churches, which might complement the Bible study they receive in Sunday School.

The course for this fall will be Course I for all departments. If your Sunday School or conference sent some of your memorizers to camp during the past summer, a few minutes might be used as testimony time for the campers to review their camp experiences which they enjoyed as a result of the Scripture Memory program.

Scripture Memory supplies are provided by the Sunday School Union for our churches without charge. It is important that each church order the necessary supplies. This program will begin the first Sunday in October and conclude in May. As the verses are used in the Sunday School for Calls to Worship, etc., they will have much more meaning to the children as they learn to appreciate them even more.

MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH SOUTH AMERICA

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(at 38,000 feet!), we think back on our contacts with the Brazilian and other Baptists. Instead of merely being an encouragement to them by our numbers and our attendance at the Congress, perhaps it would be well if we of the more complacent north-land could catch some of their zeal and diligence in carrying on the work of the Kingdom!

In fact, Brazil, bordering as it does on every South American country but two (Ecuador and Chile), may be the country which will bring new spiritual life to all of South America. The new president of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. John Soren, is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rio (with 2,300 members).

Even the spiritual impetus of the Congress itself may carry on through the zeal of the Brazilians. Many Latin American countries are showing signs of "revolt" from the dominance of the Roman Catholic Church. In addition to the changes in Paraguay mentioned above, we find that Peru especially seems to be trying to break the power of Rome. They are establishing a good public school system separated entirely from the church.

The Billy Graham Team is planning a South American campaign for January, February and March of 1962. Let us remember them all at the Throne of Grace!



What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Reily Neuman of Edenwold, Sask., have announced the birth of a son on July 20 who has been named Sheldon Mark. This is the fifth child in their family. Rev. R. Neuman formerly served as our missionary to the Indians on the Montana and Bull Reserves of Alberta and the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan.

● Rev. V. H. Prendinger brought his ministry of seven years to a fruitful close on August 31 at the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak. He and his wife have retired from the active ministry and have taken up residence in New Jersey. Their address is given elsewhere in this issue. They plan to spend a few weeks with their children and then to find an apartment where they will live.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, has called Rev. Frank Friesen, denominational interim and supply pastor, to serve as its interim minister. He responded favorably and announced that he would begin his interim ministry in Stafford on Sept. 1st. He served the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, in a similar ministry for the previous seven months. Rev. H. J. Wilcke, formerly pastor at Stafford, Kansas, began his pastorate in the Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn., on Sept. 1st.

● Rev. Otto R. Schmidt, former acting president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, is taking graduate studies at present at the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Schmidt is serving as Instructional Service Teacher with the School Board of Edmonds, Wash., a suburb of Seattle. This means a position of authority in a twenty-room school which is next to that of the principal. Their address is 8818—200 St. S. W., Edmonds, Washington.

● On Friday, July 29, the Bible Baptist Church, LaCrosse, Wis., enjoyed an evening of fellowship, music and the Word of God with the Gospel Jubilaires Quartet from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The evening's festivities were begun at 6:00 P.M. with a pot-luck supper, followed by "an evening of real blessing from members of the quartet, Walter Kerber, LeRoy Kiemele, William Keple and Art Patzia," as reported by Mrs. Robert Mason, church clerk.

● Mrs. Julia Luginbuhl of Trenton, Ill., has had to bring her ministry as church pianist and organist at the First Baptist Church in Trenton to a close after many years of faithful service. A beautiful "bouquet" appeared in the July 3rd issue of the

church bulletin prepared by Rev. J. R. Kruegel. "The pastor knows what a help Mrs. Luginbuhl has been in making the services worshipful and helpful. The members and friends of the church have come to count on her to be ready at the keyboard whenever the service demanded it."

● Dr. Noel I. Liddle brought his interim ministry of nine months at the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., to a close on Aug. 21st. He is also serving as a teacher at the Oak Lawn Public School in a Southwestern suburb of Chicago. Dr. Liddle received his Th. D. degree from Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill. He is available in a supply or interim pastorate in the vicinity of Chicago. The new pastor at the Bellwood Church is Rev. Gary Schroeder. The reception accorded him and his wife is reported elsewhere in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., brought the illustrated story of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany, at the Sunday School hour on July 31. The lecture consists of 30 beautifully colored slides showing personalities and relating the account of the Passion Play. Mr. Zoschke also presented this illustrated lecture at the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, on Sunday afternoon, August 6. He and Mrs. Zoschke and Miss Ruth Tipton of the Evergreen Church attended the Oberammergau presentation on May 22 and described it for "Baptist Herald" readers in a recent issue.

● The degree of doctor of philosophy was conferred by the University of North Carolina on Mr. David Jenkins, formerly secretary-treasurer of "Baptist Men" of the North American Baptist General Conference. His thesis was entitled "The Relation of Electroen-

LETTER FROM REV. FRED J. KNALSON

Because so many of our pastors and friends have asked to be informed as to the results of the examination by the eye specialists at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, we take this means of doing so. The findings of two of the leading specialists at the Mayo Clinic confirmed what other doctors had found. They told me there was nothing they could do at present. According to their diagnosis, I face complete blindness. Because of this, we must trust the Lord, and sincerely solicit the continued prayers of God's people. We appreciate this opportunity of informing our praying friends through the pages of the "Baptist Herald." Rev. Fred J. Knalson

Mott, North Dakota

cephalographic Slowing to the Impairment of Selected Intellectual Functions." Dr. Jenkins is now an associate professor in psychology doing research work in the Department of Epidemiology at the University. He has been invited to give his paper at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association in Chicago in September.

● Months of carefully planned work came to a glorious climax at the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., during July. A Vacation Bible School was held under the direction of a competent corps of workers, with Mrs. William Hoover as director. There was an average daily attendance of 337. Two baptismal services were recently held when 47 candidates were baptized, who had attended weeks of instruction in a membership class taught by the pastor, Rev. William Hoover. Altogether 63 new members were received into membership, 16 others coming by letter and confession of faith in addition to the 47 baptized.

● The Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., has purchased a new parsonage for its pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, and family and will convert the present parsonage and garage into educational facilities in time for the fall program. The new parsonage, which cost about \$20,000, has four bedrooms, two baths, family room, living room, dishwasher, garbage disposal and a number of other attractive features. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Schreiber and family hoped to occupy the new parsonage by Sept. 1st. The second step of the Temple Church's expansion program will be the erection of a new educational wing to be accomplished within the next two years.

● The Ebenezer Woman's Missionary Society of Lehr, N. Dak., sponsored a tea on Friday afternoon, July 29, in which eight neighboring churches participated with 150 women present. Mrs. Emil Becker of Bismarck, N. Dak., matron of the Bismarck Home for the Aged, spoke about her recent trip to the Congo, Africa, and illustrated her message with colored slides. The offering of \$88.00 was increased by the Lehr society to \$100 and designated for the new Baptist chapel at the New Hope Settlement in the Camerons and for the denominational Woman's Missionary Union goals. Mrs. E. S. Fenske of the Lehr society was in charge of the program. Music was furnished by the Linton and Lehr Woman's Societies.

● Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of "God's Volunteers," and members of the team are in training at the present time for their 1960-1961 ministry. They are preparing for their services at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., from Sept. 7 to 30. Their first engagement will be at the Rabbit Hill Church near Edmonton, beginning Sept. 28. During the past summer Brother Hoffman served the

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The Long Search

By Sallie Lee Bell

A Prize-winning Christian Novel Laid in Texas.

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SYNOPSIS

James Thornton was an embittered young man. His father had been sent to prison by the false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin, and had died there. James went to New Orleans, where he hoped to have his revenge on Thomas Martin. On the way he met Faith, and their acquaintance blossomed into a lovely friendship. But she became ill and was taken to a tuberculosis hospital. There a visitor, Linda Martinez, led Faith to a saving knowledge of Christ and also directed James Thornton to his need of the Savior. But Faith's condition grew worse and finally she followed the heavenly summons. James Thornton railed against God to Linda Martinez. "I've got a job to do," he said, "and God has no place in it." But he was eager to see Linda again. He went to a little church, where he thought Linda sang in the choir, and listened to the pastor's message about God's forgiveness for sin. Linda invited him to join the choir and witnessed to the glorious message of the Gospel. She felt that James was under conviction, and she rejoiced in this hope. Finally in misery he revealed his "problem" to her. "Tell me all about it if it will help," Linda said. So James Thornton began to unravel the terrible story.

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"I CAME to New Orleans to kill a man," he said slowly. "I spent my spare time here until Faith's death trying to find him. I knew that if I did find him, no matter how long it took, I would kill him as I would kill a mad dog. I haven't found him yet."

"I thank God for that," she said earnestly. "I believe that it was an answer to my prayer. It would be a terrible thing for you to commit murder as you planned to do. I'm sure that God kept you from doing that."

"But I still have hate in my heart for this man and I know that if I should find him even now, I would kill if I could."

"But would that help you in any way?" she asked.

"I'd at least make him suffer for what he did to my life and to those I loved. I'd like to make him suffer just as much and as long as he made my mother and father suffer. And for what he did to my life. I've hated

him ever since I was small. I've carried that hate in my heart all these years and it's still there now."

"God's word says 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay,'" she quoted. "His word is true, whether you believe it or not, James. Why not leave it to Him?"

A sudden light leaped into his eyes. It was the first time she had ever called him by his given name and even in this trying moment, when his soul was in such turmoil, a glimmer of joy shot through him.

"I wasn't willing to wait for God to do anything about it. I didn't even know that He would care. Just recently I made up my mind that I'd give up looking for him. I thought I'd forget the whole thing, but that hate is still in my heart and I can have no peace day or night."

"God can wipe that hate out of your heart," she told him. "When His love fills your heart there is no room for hate. You may think that that is impossible, but it isn't. A change takes place in your life and in your heart and even in your thoughts, in such an imperceptible yet miraculous way that before you realize it, you know you are a new creature in Christ Jesus."

He looked at her desperately. "Do you think that it could happen to me? I've got to have peace!" he cried in an agonized voice. "This struggle I'm going through is torture."

"It could and it can happen to you," she assured him. "If you will just surrender your will and your doubts to Him and ask for that peace, He will give it to you in the same way that He gave it to me."

"I want to believe! I want to," he said in a voice that trembled.

"If you want to, you can receive it tonight. If you want me to, I shall pray with you and for you, that God will help you to open your heart and

receive Christ as your Saviour this very hour."

He stared at her aghast. He was not quite ready for such a drastic step. "Tonight? Now?" he asked.

"If that is what you want. But you have to want to be saved. If you do it just to please me or because you hate to refuse what I've offered to do, you will receive nothing and you'll only be wasting my time and yours, but if you really want what you say you do, there is nothing to keep you from receiving it but you and your will."

He looked at her a while in silence and there was such desperate longing in his eyes that her own eyes filled with tears.

"I want it," he said.

"Then will you kneel with me?"

He nodded and they knelt together. She prayed a prayer such as he had never heard, one which brought unwilling tears to his eyes while sobs finally shook him as he heard her pleading with the Lord for his understanding and his faith and willingness to yield his life to the Lord.

When she had finished, she asked him if he would be willing to ask the Lord to forgive him if she would tell him what to say. He said that he was willing. In a voice muffled by sobs, he repeated the words she gave him, then when he had finished, she asked him if he believed that God had forgiven him and saved him.

"I don't know," he faltered. "I hope so."

"But you must believe," she told him. "When you asked the Lord to forgive you and save you, you did all that any person can do. Jesus did it all when He shed His blood on Calvary. Now if you did your part you must believe that God did His part when you asked Him. Will you say that you believe and trust Him?"

He raised his head and smiled through tears.

"I get it. That's what you told Faith. I remember it now. I do believe. It isn't going to be easy to go on, for I know that old hate will rise up within me, but I'm going to do my best to kill it."

"Don't let it bother you. Just let God take care of it," she said as they rose from their knees.

"You must think me an awful baby," he remarked as he wiped his eyes.

"No I don't. I'm glad for those tears and I know that they rejoiced the heart of God. When tears come then I know something has reached the heart."

"How can I ever thank you for what you have done for me?" he asked.

"By going on with the Lord. It may not be easy, but God will help you if you'll remember to ask Him day by day. And by coming back to the choir," she added with a smile as she wiped her own tears away.

"I'll be there," he promised.

When he left her the world seemed a different place. Gone was the torture of the struggle and gone was the burden. He knew that he had not yet conquered the hate that had controlled his life but he knew that it would fade, for he had given up any idea of trying to find his victim. The only blot upon his new joy was the memory of Linda's words. They must keep their relationship upon a friendly footing. How could he when he loved her more now than ever?

The next few days seemed strange and unreal to him. After the storm that had raged within him there was peace at last, a peace that he could scarcely believe because it seemed impossible. There was an emptiness within him as he realized that the search to which he had dedicated his life was over, but it was a blessed emptiness. The world seemed different even though he was still lonely and even though he felt he could never dare hope that Linda would love him. But there was no despair in that loneliness.

He saw those in the office and in the little restaurant with new eyes. He felt a friendliness toward them that he had never felt before. He wanted to smile at them and seek their friendship.

This change which came so imperceptibly made him aware that a miracle had really happened to him within his soul and that he was not the same person he had been. Love had entered his heart, not the kind of love he felt for Linda, but what she called the love of God. He knew that he had much to learn, but he was grateful for the essential foundational fact that he believed in the love of God and he knew that because Christ had died for his sins he was a saved soul, for he had accepted Christ's gift of salvation.

Linda was so happy that she could scarcely believe it was real. She had prayed earnestly for this and now that

it had happened and her prayers had been answered, life would be perfect for her but for one thing. Her father was not a Christian. But if God could change James' hardened, hate filled heart, He could surely change her father's heart and save his soul before it was too late.

Mr. Martinez seemed to be growing steadily weaker and the doctor told them after his last visit that unless some changes took place in his mental attitude, it would only be a question of time. Medical science had done all that was possible. He did not seem to want to live. Linda and her mother couldn't understand it. He had everything to live for, his knowledge made Linda's heart ache, but her faith was still strong and she would not give up hope for him.

She lost no time in telling the choir that James had accepted Christ. She knew that they were interested and that some of them had been praying for him. He arrived just a few minutes after she had told them and they gave him such a warmhearted greeting that he was overwhelmed.

"We're glad that you've accepted the Lord," Margery told him when they were seated in their places. "Now you are really one of us."

"Then you knew I wasn't a Christian before?" he asked.

"Sure we did. No one told us, but we just knew. One can usually tell by the way a person reacts when others talk about the Lord whether that person really loves Him or not."

When they were ready to leave, James asked Linda if he might walk home with her and she accepted his offer. There was no longer any reason for her to deny his request to see her more often. It had been self-denial on her part when she had refused him before.

"I have much to learn," James said when they were on their way. "I do wish that you could teach me. I don't know a thing about the Bible and I don't know much about how a Christian should live. But I'm anxious to know. These past few days have been the most wonderful days of my life."

"I'm glad," she responded with a happy smile. "I'll do what I can to teach you, but if you really want to know something more about the Bible, why not come to Sunday school?"

"Sunday school!" he echoed in disappointed tones. "I was hoping that you could give me a little help."

She smiled in the darkness as she replied, "You could join my class. Most of the choir members belong. I'd love to have you join us."

"Oh! That's different. I'll surely come."

His sudden enthusiasm made them both laugh.

When he was ready to leave, he held her hand for a moment as she extended it and said earnestly, "I'm grateful to you and to the Lord for giving me the privilege of knowing you."

He raised her hand to his lips and

kissed it, then he left her.

She stood watching him until he disappeared and there was a song in her heart, a little new song that needed no accompaniment except the beating of that glad heart.

JAMES WAS SURE that he would enjoy attending Sunday school since Linda was the teacher, but as time passed a new struggle arose. He could not keep his mind on the lesson for thinking of Linda. She had given him the ultimatum that their relationship must be on a friendly basis alone and he felt that he could no longer continue on that basis. His love for her was something that he could not control and each time they were together he realized how impossible it would be for him to continue as just a friend. He finally decided that it would be best for him to go away. If he were where he could not see her and long for her, perhaps he would forget her. At least he would not be as unhappy as he was now. Seeing her and being near her and knowing that she could never be his took away some of the newfound joy in his salvation.

He had not yet learned the power of prayer and he felt that he did not know how to really pray, but when he knelt each morning and evening as Linda had suggested, he poured out his heart in supplication for her love. There was no need for him to be taught how to pray for this, for it was the cry of his heart to the God in whose power he believed.

One evening as they walked home after service, he asked if he might come in for a few minutes.

"I have something I want to tell you," he said. "I've come to a decision and I want you to know what it is."

She saw the serious look on his face and wondered what the decision was. They went inside and she sat as usual on the couch beside him.

"I've decided to go away," he said, coming to the subject at once.

"To go away!" she echoed. "Where are you going?"

"I don't know," he admitted. "Just away."

"Why this sudden decision to go away?" She tried to hide the anxiety and disappointment in her voice.

"I want to get away from here so that I can have some peace of mind."

"But I thought you were happy here since you've accepted the Lord. Has anyone done anything to hurt you?"

"No. I've been happier here since I was saved than I've ever been in my life, but I just can't stand any longer to be near you and to know that I can never have your love."

She stared at him with wide eyes for a moment, then said in a low voice in a tone which he mistook for sympathy, but which was so charged with joy that she could scarcely control it, "Oh! I didn't know you really cared."

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 25, 1960

Theme: MICAH'S VIEW OF TRUE RELIGION

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The responsibility of the Christian is to make God's Word known and then to put it into practice.

INTRODUCTION: There were men in every age who sought true religion. When they found it, they could not help but proclaim it and recommend it to others. It is strange that some men find it, some hide it, some misinterpret it, some ridicule it, some malign it and some oppose it. Very few, if any, have a neutral attitude toward true religion. Even today there are many who make the excuse of staying away from the church because they say there is no evidence of true religion there. No doubt, the church would undergo the greatest revival of all times if all its members were to believe and practice what they know to be the truth. It is a great travesty on our Christian civilization to think that, with millions of copies of the Bible available and with the opportunities of listening to endless preaching and teaching, we should have such a clear view of true religion and at the same time have such a half-hearted practice of minimum religion.

I. DEAF TO GOD'S VOICE. Micah 6:1-2.

"Hear ye now what the Lord saith," is an admonition and a command that comes to all of us. But how many people actually listen to God? Jesus had the same complaint in the New Testament when he said, "having ears, they hear not."

Men are convicted and punished because they will not listen to the civil law. In the same way God must deal with Israel, and he calls nature as a witness to God's many blessings and mercies. Like all ungrateful people, they simply took God's great gifts for granted and assumed that God owed them a living.

II. BLIND TO GOD'S GRACE. Micah 6:3-5.

To be physically blind is indeed a great handicap, but to be spiritually blind is one of life's greatest tragedies. It is a sign of impurity, for only "the pure in heart shall see God." Israel was blind to God's leading in the past. It was through miraculous circumstances that the nation came into being. It was through the miraculous intervention of God that they were brought out of the bondage in Egypt. It was through the grace of God that they were blessed with leaders such as

HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL PROGRAMS

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Program materials were sent to all churches before August 31st.

Moses, Aaron and Miriam. And it was through God's grace and mercy that they became a great nation. To all this, their eyes were blind.

III. IGNORANCE OF GOD'S DEMANDS. Micah 6:6-7.

The word "artificial" is no longer used in science and industry. It is now a world of synthetics and simulations. We have accepted them in our everyday life, even though many are poor substitutes. Man has tried many substitutes for true religion, but it is impossible for God to accept them. The Israelites tried to substitute many offerings, but God would accept nothing in place of the offering of simple obedience. The demand for the offering of self is still primary in true religion.

IV. GOD'S PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF HIS LOVE AND GRACE. Micah 6:8.

Israel had the law and the commandments. There was no question as to the Author nor the meaning. They had an elaborate ceremonial system and worship ritual. Their theory and form of religion was wonderful, but their practice was terrible.

True religion is in knowing and believing and in doing.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 3, 1960

Theme: THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Scripture: Psalm 8; 104:1-4

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The greatness of God is revealed through grateful men, through faithful men and through loving men.

INTRODUCTION: With this quarter we begin a new series of lessons dealing with passages of spiritual power. The series is divided into three parts: (1) God's greatness and man's worship of him (October); (2) Man's relation to God through prayer (November); (3) The Advent of Jesus Christ (December).

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

The editor of this page, "Sunday School Lessons," is Rev. Bruno Schreiber, who lives at the address: 1026 S. Harvey, Oak Park, Illinois.

Some Christians will argue that all Scripture has spiritual power. But when you look at a Bible that was used for ten or fifteen years, you will notice the pages worn and torn in the Psalms, Gospels and Epistles, while other parts such as Numbers are still clean and new.

In choosing passages of spiritual power, we must also be selective, depending on the need of the moment. To read passages of Scripture dealing with God's handiwork in nature and his glory in creation to a sinner would be useless. Before a sinner is able to see God's glory, he must first experience God's grace; and before a man can see God's greatness, he must first see his own littleness.

I. THE GREATNESS OF GOD IN THE UNIVERSE. Psalm 8:1-3.

Psalm 19 gives us additional insight as to the greatness of God in the universe. "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork." The Psalmist seems to indicate that the greatness of God is limitless, his majesty is overwhelming and his glory is indescribable. Anyone who cannot see God in the universe must surely be blind. If there is an architect or craftsman behind every garden, every house and every invention, then certainly it is foolish to think that there is no Master Architect in back of the universe.

II. THE INSIGNIFICANCE OF MAN IN THE UNIVERSE. Psalm 8:4.

In order for a man to see himself in true perspective, he must look at the stars occasionally. The Psalmist took a long look at the vastness of God's universe and it made him look very small and insignificant. If it is a comparison of size only, then certainly man is but a microscopic creature compared with God's total creation. But when the Lord created man, he thought not of size or quantity, but of quality, for he created man in his own image and only a little lower than himself and the angels and put him in charge of his creation. What a great honor and what a great responsibility! God wished to share the glory of creation with man, the crown of his creation.

Do we all feel like hanging our heads in shame and saying, "What a failure!"

II. MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S GREATNESS. Psalm 104:1-4.

We can picture the Psalmist even now, bowing humbly before the greatness of God and with a heart full of gratitude saying: "Bless the Lord O my soul."

This is the true spirit of worship: to take a good look at God's creation, to take an honest look at yourself, and then to see God more clearly in his relationship to the universe and in his relationship to the individual.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and ALL that is within me; bless his holy name" (Ps. 103:1).

Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

Vacation School at Berean Church, Los Angeles

The 1960 Vacation Bible School at the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, from June 20 to July 1 enrolled 136 boys and girls from six through sixteen years of age. The average daily attendance was 124.9.

A staff of 19 volunteer teachers and helpers assisted the pastor, Dr. Donald G. Davis, who served as superintendent of the school. The curriculum was worked out by the pastor and the staff and made minimum use of published materials.

Donald G. Davis, Pastor

Vacation School, Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif.

"Signaling for Christ" was the Vacation Bible School theme for the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., from July 11 to 15. We are happy to report that there were two decisions for Christ. There were 144 children enrolled with an average attendance of 114. We had 34 staff members. Our offerings amounted to \$48.75 which were designated for the children's work in Japan.

The director of our Bible School was Mrs. John Wagemann, and her assistant was Miss Marjorie Meyer. The pastor of our church is Rev. Walter Berkan. Superintendents of the different departments were as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Ernest Adam; Primary, Mrs. Ernest Ehinsz; Juniors, Mrs. Roy Dolliver; and Junior High, Mrs. Ed. Kammerer. On Friday evening we held a closing program and were happy to see many of the parents of the school children. On Sunday, July 17, we had our annual church service and picnic at the Elk Grove Park.

Mrs. Roy Dolliver, Reporter

Supply Pastors, Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif.

We of the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif., are grateful to God's faithful servants who served us while we were without a pastor. Rev. Dwight Jungkeit, missionary with the American Sunday School Union, was with us one Sunday. Rev. Aaron Buhler and Rev. Arthur Brust, pastor and assistant pastor of Lodi's First Baptist Church, were with us on two different Sundays. Rev. Carl Jungkeit, district director of the American Sunday School Union, was with us on another Sunday. We enjoyed the services of Rev. John Schweitzer of Lodi, who served us the remaining Sundays.

On Sunday afternoon, June 26, we had our annual Sunday School picnic. We are grateful to God for the close fellowship we have enjoyed during this time without a pastor. We are especially thankful that we have been able to be a living testimony to those who are unsaved in our community. Our



Vacation Bible School staff of 34 members of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California.

Wednesday evening prayer services, led by our deacons, were a real time of blessing and inspiration as we studied God's Word and as we prayed together.

Mrs. Robert Patton, Reporter

Women's Sessions at Pacific Conference, Vancouver, B. C.

At the time of the Pacific Conference held in Vancouver, B. C., the Woman's Missionary Union activities on Friday, June 24th, were marked by many blessings. A noon luncheon was served by the ladies of the host church, Ebenezer Baptist, at which time some 200 guests were greeted. A devotional period led by Mrs. J. Sonnenberg captured our thinking. Our national president, Mrs. Albert Reddig; our Pacific Conference president, Mrs. A. Schulz; and Mrs. Ben Lawrence, missionary, were recognized. A time of business followed, at which time four new societies were welcomed. The new officers for the year are as follows:

president, Mrs. A. Schulz; vice-presidents, Mrs. G. Breitzkreuz, Mrs. F. David, Mrs. H. Smuland and Mrs. B. Milner; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. D.

Keck; asst. secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. Thiesies; and White Cross Chairman, Mrs. E. Kopf.

The women also led the evening service with Mrs. A. Schulz in the chair. New ministers and their wives and two new churches, Prince George and Osoyoos, B. C., were welcomed into the Pacific Conference. Mrs. A. Reddig gave a brief opening message and this was followed by an interesting "Portrait of an African Woman" by Missionary Mrs. Ben Lawrence.

Mrs. E. Daum, Reporter

Pacific Conference "Baptist Men's" Sessions at Vancouver

"Baptist Men" were given a very prominent place on the 1960 Pacific Conference program held in Vancouver, B. C. The entire Thursday night service was turned over to them. The president of the Pacific Conference Baptist Men, Mr. Walter Schmitke, chaired the meeting. Mr. Walter Gertz led the song service, Mr. Lester Voth read Scripture, and Mr. William Konert led in prayer. According to figures available, there are 18 Baptist Men's organizations in our fellowship with a membership of 633. The special feature of the evening's program was a mass male chorus of the three Vancouver churches. Their musical numbers rendered under the direction of Mr. Karl Zielke were a real musical treat. The masterly prepared and delivered address on "The Priesthood of Believers" by Dr. Samuel J. Mikolaski will long be remembered.

On Friday noon "Baptist Men" sat down to a special luncheon in the Delmar Restaurant. The song service was led by Rev. G. Breitzkreuz, with Rev. E. Seibold at the piano. A devotion was given by Rev. E. J. Schroeder. An offering was received and we voted that henceforth "Baptist Men" will receive an offering at their public meeting during the conference sessions. Mr. Harold Eisner of Vancouver Ebenezer Church was elected Financial Secretary.

Walter E. Schmitke, Reporter



Children and teaching staff of Vacation Bible School held by the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., with Dr. Donald G. Davis, pastor, at left (2nd row from back).

Vacation Bible School, Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento

PIONEERING WITH CHRIST was the Vacation Bible School theme at the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif., from June 20 to 30. Our enrollment was 165 with an average of 140. Our staff included 38 men and women who served faithfully in working with these boys and girls. Mr. Maurice Holsapple was our director. Japan was our missionary project. Each day Mrs. Jack Wellsfry told us a story or showed us a filmstrip about Japan. On our closing day Mr. Wilfred Rueb showed us some moving pictures he had taken of our missionaries and their work in Japan. We received \$108.00 for our mission work. We were especially interested in purchasing Bibles and Christian literature for the Japanese people.

On Thursday evening the parents and friends of the boys and girls were invited to the closing program. The children presented a program to show what they had learned. After the service the parents met with the teachers and enjoyed the displays of the work the children had completed. The Kindergarten Department was the winner of an interdepartmental contest which was based on record attendance.

Mrs. Robert Patton, Reporter

Baptismal Services, First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash.

This is a brief report from the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Washington. We have had the joy of having had two baptismal services in our new church sanctuary already. The accompanying picture shows the group in the first baptismal service. In the two services we baptized 20 converts and at the Communion Service received two others: one by letter and one on confession of faith who had been immersed before. We are thankful to the Lord for his continued blessing upon our humble ministry. Since we are in the new building, we have had many visitors in the services. We trust and pray that the Lord will give us many more souls in the years to come.

F. E. Klein, Pastor

Central District

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. M. Anderson

A golden wedding is a treasured event! On Sunday afternoon, July 17, Open House was held at the Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., for Mr. and Mrs. Morton Anderson on their golden wedding anniversary. A program was held with Myron Ziemer as master of ceremonies. Clayton Schott sang a solo assisted by Mrs. Schott at the piano. Susan Anderson, a granddaughter, was in charge of the guest book. Mrs. Myron Riegert (Lucille) and Mrs. C. C. Moody (Dorothy), daughters of the Andersons, poured coffee.

All six children, 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild were present. Also present was Mr. O. H. Amundson, brother of Mrs. Anderson, from Steilcoom, Wash., and three sisters of



The Vacation Bible School of the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif. with Maurice Holsapple, director, standing at the church door.

Mr. Anderson: Mrs. W. Norris of St. Cloud, Minn.; Mrs. R. H. Reinhold, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Mrs. Axel Jensen of Hutchinson, Minn. Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson spoke words of appreciation for the congratulations extended to them. They are members of the Bethany Baptist Church of Hutchinson.

Mrs. Otto Fratzke, Reporter

Vacation School at Mowata Church, Branch, La.

The Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana, held its Vacation Bible School from June 21 to 25 with an enrollment of 31 children and 7 teachers. The theme was "Pioneering for Christ." The pianist was Miss Blanche Bieber. Beginners teachers were Misses Ellen Loewer and Cythia Casselman; Primary teachers: Misses Elizabeth Lengefeld and Blanche Bieber; Junior teachers: Allen Kranz (student from Sioux Falls) and Miss Hannah Casselman; Young People: Mrs. Karl Loewer. Those responsible for handwork were Mrs. F. D. Loewer and Mrs. L. J. Casselmann. Refreshments were served by the ladies of our church at a 15 minute daily recess.

On Saturday night the children gave a program consisting of the songs, Bible verses and stories they had learn-



Eighteen persons baptized by Rev. F. E. Klein (left, back row) and received into the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash. This was the first baptismal service in the new sanctuary.

ed in Bible school. A display of the handwork was shown following the program to parents and friends. Rev. Alex Sootzmann was our superintendent.

Mrs. Henry L. Bieber, Reporter

Pastor's Reception, Tyndall and Danzig Churches, S. Dak.

The members and friends of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of Tyndall, S. Dak., had the joy of welcoming Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman and two of their children, Dale and Eunice, as their new pastor and family. A reception was held at the Danzig Church on Friday evening, July 1st, with a deacon, Mr. Sidney Hebner, in charge. Special music was furnished by the male quartet of the



Mr. and Mrs. Morton Anderson of Hutchinson, Minn., members of the Bethany Baptist Church, at their golden wedding anniversary.

Tyndall Church and a ladies' trio from the Danzig Church. The guests for the evening were the members of the Avon Baptist Church with their pastor, Rev. Peter Wiens, who gave the message, challenging the congregation to greater service. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman both responded and spoke words of appreciation. They were especially grateful for the pantry shower which was given them. After the serv-

ice, a time of fellowship was enjoyed in the church parlors. We are eagerly looking forward to the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman in our church. It is our prayer that we might be found busy at all times for our Lord.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Reporter

Woman's Missionary Union Sessions at Southern Conference

During the sessions of the Southern Conference at the Mowata Baptist Church, Mowata, La., the Woman's Missionary Union held its annual business meeting on Friday morning, July 15, with the president, Mrs. John A. Lengefeld, presiding.

In the evening the women presented a special program. Mrs. Clarence Engelbrecht of Crawford, led the song service. Mrs. R. Teerveen of Donna read the Scriptures. Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht conducted the memorial service. Rev. Raymond Castro reported on the women's work on the Rio Grande mission field. Dr. George Dunger, professor of missions at our Seminary, presented the awards. All three banners for attendance, giving and efficiency went to the Mowata Union. Mrs. Delmar Wesseler of Lorraine, Kansas, speaker for the evening, brought a challenging message.

Officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, Waco; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Clemence Auch, Dallas; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Walter Weber, Crawford; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Walter A. Hill, Kyle; White Cross chairman, Mrs. Emil Schmeltekopf, Kyle. The women voted to give \$150 for Venetian blinds and an Evaporative Cooler for the new parsonage on the Rio Grande Mission field and \$235 for the National W.M.U. project. An offering of \$165 was received at this meeting.

Mrs. Walter A. Hill, Secretary-Treasurer

Northwestern Conference Sessions at Bethany Church, Milwaukee

Richly rewarded were the many who were able to attend the Northwestern Conference at the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., July 13-17, who were graciously entertained by the members and host pastor, Rev. Wilmer Quiring. The conference theme "NEW



The first Vacation Bible School held by the First German Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., with Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Knauf at the right, standing.

LIGHT FOR YOU" (Psalm 119:105) was implanted in our hearts as the guest speakers and pastors brought their messages. Rev. Frank Veninga, Seminary president, challenged us with his inspirational messages during our worship hours. We were deeply moved by the heart stirring victories and needs brought to us by our missionary, Geraldine Glasenapp, Camerons, West Africa. Rev. J. C. Gunst brought denominational reports. In addition the following messages were brought: "Need for New Light," Rev. Richard Lawrenz; "New Light on the Daily Path," Rev. Robert Zimbelman; "New Light in the Local Church," Rev. Donald Patet.

The German Bethel Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was unanimously voted and accepted into our conference. On Friday evening we were spiritually thrilled by the German choir music rendered by this newly accepted church. There was a young people's fellowship time following every evening service.

The conference was fittingly closed with an overflow crowd at the Sunday afternoon Missionary Rally. A mass choir from the churches of Milwaukee sang. Miss Glasenapp gave a brief testimony. President Frank Veninga brought the closing address. A period of dedication and reconsecration was observed. These conference days were inspiring, instructive and each one of us has gone back to our churches with "NEW LIGHT."

Dorothy Harfst, Reporter



Rev. A. Husmann, (right), pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., and ten persons whom he baptized on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, July 24th.

Eastern District

Vacation School, German Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

A Vacation Bible School was conducted at the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., July 11-15. We had pre-school, primary and junior departments, taught by Mrs. Lilli Zielke, Evangeline Knauf, Mrs. Mary Tichy and Oscar Tichy, respectively. There were 67 children enrolled. "Pioneering with Christ" was the theme of the course of the Gospel Light Press material. The mission offering amounted to \$26.00 and was designated for special children's work among the Spanish-speaking people in Colorado.

Others who assisted in this school were: Mrs. T. Feige, Luise Wegner, Mrs. Elisabeth Schults, Walter Link, Mrs. Erna Brandt, and Mrs. Linda Schmalz. Mrs. Betty Knauf was the director of the school, and was assisted by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Knauf. This was the first attempt of this kind in this young church, and we were gratified and encouraged with the fine response.

W. W. Knauf, Pastor

Baptismal Service, Immanuel Church, New York City

July 24th was truly the Lord's Day for the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y. Our hearts were tuned high in order to sing the song of the redeemed with 10 baptismal candidates: a married couple, two husbands of our sisters, and six sons and daughters of advanced school age. They were all eager to know more about the Scriptures and to obey God's will. Our beloved pastor, Rev. A. Husmann, took great pleasure in teaching them regularly prior to the service. Then he chose Acts 2:41 as text: "They that gladly received the word were baptized." Preceding this, friends sang the song that reached our hearts: "What are these which are arrayed in white robes?" (Rev. 7:13).

Following the baptismal service, the Lord's Supper was shared and the hand of fellowship given to those who had been baptized by the pastor. Before a large congregation, the laying on of hands by the deacons during the pastor's prayer was most impressive.

R. F. Herzog, Clerk

Expansion Program for Bethel Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Vacation Bible School of the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, was held from June 13 to 24 with the final program given on Sunday evening, June 26. There was an average attendance of 95 children, and 32 decisions for Christ were made. On July 10th it was the privilege of our pastor, Rev. Lawrence George, to baptize 9 new converts, and on the following Sunday they were welcomed into the fellowship of the church.

Due to the growth of our Sunday School, a decision was made in a recent business meeting of the church that we build a new parsonage and that the old parsonage will be converted into Sunday School rooms. A decision was also made to plan for the relocation of our church, and the trustees were instructed to look for a suitable location. As we get our expansion program underway, we will be much in prayer for God's leading in these steps of faith we are taking.

Mrs. Mary Presley, Reporter

Vacation School, First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware

Our Vacation Bible School was held in the Sunday School rooms of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware, from June 13 to 24. The enrollment this year was 125 pupils and teachers. We firmly believe that our Lord blessed the work here. The average attendance was 112 for the ten days of school. "The Teachings of Jesus" was the topic of the material used, and how these apply to our daily living was the point of emphasis.

Handwork, crafts and singing made up the program. The teachers were loyal and many were blessed as they heard the testimonies of these children. We continue to pray that our Lord will give the increase as his Word takes root in these young lives under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Mrs. Mildred Fleeger, Supt.



Cornerstone laying exercises of the Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta. Left to right: Mr. Ernie Rogalski, Rev. E. P. Wahl (pastor), Mr. J. O. Ohlmann (contractor), Mr. Walter Jensen, Rev. Raymond Harsch, Dr. Bernard Schalm, and Rev. Harold W. Gieseke.

Pastor's Reception at Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich.

Rev. Manuel Wolff, who began his ministry at the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich., on Sunday, July 17th, and his family were honored at a reception on that day. The evening worship service was held outdoors. Mr. Wolff spoke on "Why I Came to Auburn." At the close of the service, the church moderator asked Mrs. Wolff and daughters, Nancy and Teresa, to join Mr. Wolff on the platform. The Junior Choir sang, "There's a Welcome Here." Words of welcome and encouragement were extended to the Wolff's by the senior deacon on behalf of the church, the president of the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Sunday School superintendent.

Rev. and Mrs. M. Wolff responded and spoke words of appreciation for the warm welcome and kindness extended to them since their arrival. The congregation sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and went to the lower auditorium of the church for a time of fellowship and refreshments. We pray that God will continue to guide us as we labor together here in Auburn.

Mrs. Joseph Franko, Reporter

Pastor's Reception at Baptist Church, Bellwood, Ill.

The First Baptist Church, Bellwood, Illinois, marked the opening of a new phase of life on August 21st. This young and active church of just under 300 members has called a new minister, Rev. Gerhard Schroeder, to serve as pastor, and a significant Induction Service was conducted on Sunday, August 21st. Dr. Faris D. Whitesell, Professor of Practical Theology at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, preached the Induction Sermon. Others taking part in the service included Dr. W. Alfred Diman, executive secretary, of the Chicago Baptist Association; Rev. L. G. Bienert, general secretary of the N. A. B. Com-

missioned Baptist Youth Fellowship; local ministers representing the Provisional area churches; and Dr. Noel I. Liddle, who has served the church in the interim period.

Mr. Gerhard Schroeder dedicated himself to the service of the Gospel Ministry, attended the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, and then came to the United States of America for further study. He attended Moody Bible Institute, Elmhurst College, Wheaton College, and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago. Mr. Schroeder was ordained in Canada and for the past three years has served as youth director in the Forest Park Baptist Church. Both he and Mrs. Schroeder come to First Baptist Church, Bellwood with a keen interest in young people and the church is looking forward to a fruitful ministry under their leadership.

Noel I. Liddle, Reporter

Sessions of the Atlantic Conference Ministers' Institute

The Atlantic Conference Ministers' Institute was held from June 27 to July 1 at Bradley Beach, N. J. Rev. Richard W. Sparling of Union City, N. J., served as our moderator in this splendid series of meetings, while God's sunshine was smiling upon us.

Our guest speakers were Dr. George A. Dunger of our Seminary Faculty in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District Secretary. Both of these men rendered fine services. Dr. Dunger gave us three lectures of great importance about the latest developments on the Cameroons Mission Field and also information about the outstanding problems we are facing today, finishing his excellent presentations with a series of missionary slides, taken while in Africa.

The following brethren brought splendid additional messages: Rev. Donald G. Mostrom, Rev. Frank Orthner, Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, Rev. Assaf Husmann and Rev. Rubin Kern. Many thanks to the Board of Trustees of the Young People of New York and Vicinity and to the management of the Baptist Young Peoples' Cottage at Bradley Beach, N. J.!

Christian Peters, Reporter

Northern District

Opening Services, Capilano Baptist Church Edmonton, Alta.

Sunday, July 31, marked the opening services of the Capilano Baptist Church, one of the newest North American Baptist churches, Edmonton, Alberta. It was a privilege having several guests to share this happy occasion with us. During the Sunday School hour, special guests were Rev. and Mrs. F. Holzimmer, who provided interesting glimpses of our Cameroons Mission field. In the morning worship service, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Funnell and Rev. and Mrs. Gary Schroeder were our guests. Both Mrs. Funnell and Mr. Schroeder spoke for a few minutes. Finally, in the evening service, we were very privileged to have Rev. Victor Priebe of Louisville, Kentucky, bring a very challenging sermon.

How grateful we are to the Lord for his guidance in the erection of our

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This Is Your Life, Jamesburg Church!

Report of the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey by Mrs. Grace Epp

THE 75TH anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., was celebrated recently in grateful acknowledgement of God's divine guidance and blessing through the years. The opening service on Friday, May 20, was in the form of a historical pageant written and arranged by Miss Lillian Epp. This portrayal was entitled, "This Is Your Life, First Baptist." Events of interest and highlights depicting the history of the church from its earliest beginnings to the present time were given.

PIONEER DAYS

The church was formed when Baptists of German origin settled in the Jamesburg area. These people longed for Christian fellowship and decided to meet for worship on the lawn of one of the members, just outside of the town. The first meetings in Jamesburg were held in a tinsmith's workshop. As the members increased, permission was given to use the public school.

On May 18, 1885, the church was organized with 13 charter members. The church continued to grow and flourish under the leadership of Rev. C. A. Schlipf, the first pastor. In order to gain more people for the church, Mr. Schlipf would go to the harbor in New York and there influence German-speaking people to come to Jamesburg, which proved to be a very successful venture.

In 1886, construction of a church building was begun and on Feb. 16, 1887, the structure was dedicated. The original building of the church still remains, but it has been completely renovated through the years. In 1956 a Fellowship Hall and Pastor's Study were added.

A Homecoming Anniversary Banquet was held on Saturday evening. At this time, the burning of the first mortgage on the renovation and addition to the church was held. Rev. Victor Hammond, a former pastor, was the banquet speaker and Mr. E. J. Clinton, chairman of the Board of Trustees, was toastmaster. A memorial service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Boymook, for those faithful warriors of the cross who had gone on to be with the Lord.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

The Sunday services were most inspiring. At the morning worship service Rev. Christian Peters, a former pastor, brought the message. The Senior Choir and the combined Junior and Cherub Choirs rendered fitting selections in song. A Mass Rally in the afternoon ended our days of observance. At this meeting the former pastors, Rev. Glenn Klann of Union City,



Pastors at the 75th Church Anniversary, Jamesburg, N. J.

Left to right: Rev. C. Peters, Rev. G. Klann, Rev. Arthur Boymook, Rev. R. Schmidt, Rev. E. Wolff and Rev. V. Hammond.

Pa., Rev. Victor Hammond of Reading, Pa., Rev. C. Peters of Elsmere, Del., and the Rev. Roger Schmidt of Philadelphia, Pa., brought greetings. Our Eastern District secretary, Rev. E. Wolff, brought a message of inspiration. The Male Choir of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia greatly enhanced the service through their wonderful singing.

The three days of celebration under

the direction of our pastor, Rev. Arthur Boymook, were most fittingly brought to a close with a challenge to renewed consecration to be of service to God as were those early pioneers who founded the church.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Jamesburg, N. J.

The 75th anniversary festivities were recently observed by the Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., with Rev. Arthur Boymook, pastor, in charge of the services.

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personal assignment from him. For every Sunday School member to practice such stewardship would lead to the inevitable result of a new dynamic in the believers' lives and an expanding Sunday School program to the glory of God.

NOT YOUR WISDOM

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of myself, but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak" (John 12:49). How much more ought we as human teachers, depend upon that wisdom that is not our own, as we stand before our Sunday School classes to teach the lessons of God's Word. "Lean not unto thine own understanding" is a good motto for all Christian workers and Sunday School teachers.

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Educational Unit. Although the building is not completely finished, it holds promises of being a beautiful structure, built to the glorification of the One whom we serve.

Mrs. Delrene Tobert, Reporter

The Northern Conference Sessions At Calgary, Alberta

Days of Christian fellowship and edification were experienced at the sessions of the Northern Conference at Calgary, Alberta from July 6-10. The theme, "The Church of Jesus Christ in the End Times," was capably expounded by pastors of our conference. We were challenged by the ministry of our guests: Professor H. Lueck, Rev. W. Lueck, Mrs. Harm Sherman, Rev. George W. Lang, and it was also our unique privilege to have Mr. Flavius Martin of the Cameroons with us. Music was rendered by a mass choir composed of members of our three churches of Calgary and directed by Mr. R. Neske. Two new churches were welcomed into our fellowship: the Capilano Church, Edmonton, Rev. E. P. Wahl, pastor; and the Salem Church, Edmonton, Rev. Alfred Frank, pastor.

The Men's Brotherhood was officially organized on a Conference level. The women rendered an inspiring program on Friday evening. At the Pastors' Fellowship meeting Professor Lueck related some of his experiences in Europe during his sabbatical leave from the Seminary. On Saturday afternoon an excursion was made to Banff where a picnic supper was enjoyed. The day was closed with a Youth Rally in a school auditorium at Banff. The Sunday services were well attended with approximately 1200 present for the closing service in the afternoon.

Officers elected were as follows: Rev. H. J. Waltereit, moderator; Rev. H. Schatz, vice-moderator; Rev. E. Strauss, recording secretary; Rev. P. Galambos, statistician; Mr. W. Rempel, music director; and Rev. A. Lamprecht, member to the General Council; with Rev. H. Schumacher as alternate.

Edmond Hohn, Reporter

THE LONG SEARCH

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"But I do," he declared. His eyes were full of pain as he looked at her. "I love you so much that it's torture to be near you and to know that you can never be anything but a friend. That's why I think I should go away somewhere where I can try to forget you. I know I never shall, though, for I love you, Linda, very much."

She smiled a tremulous little smile and said in tones throbbing with joy, "If that's the reason, you won't have to go away, James, my dear. We can be more than friends if that is what you wish."

He gulped and stared, then as she continued to smile, he stammered, "Are you trying to tell me that you can learn to love me?"

"I learned that long ago, even before you did, I'm afraid."

"But you said we could only be friends," he stammered.

"That was because you were not a Christian and I could never let myself yield to that love unless you were. It's different now."

He stared at her a moment, still not able to believe, then light broke through and with a smothered cry he held out his arms to her.

"Linda! Oh, Linda!" he cried as he held her close, then his lips met hers.

This time her lips answered his and there was no reproach, only glad surrender.

"I can't believe it, but how I thank God for answered prayer," he murmured when there was time for speech.

"Call me Jimmie, won't you?" he asked presently. "I want to hear it from your lips."

"I don't feel that I should," she demurred. "That was Faith's special name for you. I would feel that I was taking something that belonged to her."

"She told me that you would take her place and that I would love you as much as she did. I think she would be happy if she knew and somehow I think she would be willing for you to call me by her own special name for me."

"If that's what you wish, Jimmie," she whispered as she rested within his arms.

For them time had ceased to exist, for they had entered a realm where nothing but love was real.

"I'll never be able to give you the things you've been used to if you marry me, at least not for a long time," he told her presently. "Would you be satisfied with the little I could afford? I don't want to wait for you until I do have more."

"I'll be satisfied with just having you," she told him. "It will be fun making a little go a long way and you'll be surprised how well I can do that."

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Obituary

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

MR. EDWARD KRAMER

of Irvington, New Jersey

Mr. Edward Kramer of Irvington, New Jersey was born January 8, 1891 and died suddenly while at work on July 18, 1960. He placed his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, was baptized and united with the fellowship of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., as a young man. He was united in marriage to Miss Carol Chester who survives him. Also surviving are a brother and four sisters. He is best remembered by his friendliness and willingness to serve wherever possible, and his faithful attendance each Lord's Day and at the Thursday evening prayer services.

Walnut St. Baptist Church

Newark, New Jersey

GORDON HUISINGA, Pastor

MR. FREDERICK SCHOCK

of Lashburn, Saskatchewan

Mr. Frederick Schock of Lashburn, Sask., peacefully fell asleep in the Lord in a Saskatoon hospital on May 6, 1960, at the age of 78 years and 8 months after a lengthy illness. He spent the last six months of his earthly life in hospitals. He was born in Bessarabia, South Russia, Sept. 6, 1881. He emigrated with his parents to Washington, U.S.A. He was united in marriage to Minnie Schell. He accepted Christ as his Savior in 1916. Later he was baptized at Glidden Sask. He loved and served his Lord wherever possible. At the time of his departure, he held membership in the Lashburn Baptist Church.

Mourning his departure are his 10 children: John of Mannville, Alta.; Henry of Lashburn, Sask.; Daniel and Jacob of Mannville; Adolph of Black Diamond, Alta.; Charlie of Lloydminster, Sask.; Edward of Mannville; Lydia (Mrs. Harder) of Burton, B. C.; David of Moose Jaw, Sask.; (Mrs. Huber) of Neilburg, Sask.; 31 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Lashburn, Saskatchewan

THE FAMILY

MR. HENRY MOHRMANN

of Columbus, Nebraska

Mr. Herman Mohrmann of Columbus, Nebraska, was born as a son to Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peter Mohrman on April 17, 1882. His earthly life at the age of 78 ended suddenly July 24th at his home after a brief illness. His entire life was lived in this area, having received his education at the District 72 School and following his life's vocation of farming. On March 22, 1910, he married Katie Heussen of Emery, South Dakota. Their golden wedding was celebrated last March. Mr. Mohrmann found Jesus Christ as his Savior at the age of 12, and he followed his Lord in baptism under the ministry of Rev. A. Henrich. It was at that time he joined the Shell Creek Baptist Church of which he remained a faithful member until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife; four children: Raymond of Monroe; Loraine (Mrs. Alerich Schulte), Rinehart and Arno of Columbus; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers and one sister. Rev. LeRoy Schauer officiated at the service, being assisted by Rev. Arbieter of York, Shell Creek Baptist Church

Columbus, Nebraska

LYLE WACKER, Pastor

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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missions were reported identified with Conservative Baptists as follows: 1,126 affiliated with the CBA (including 81 churches received this year), 134 affiliated with state Conservative Baptist Associations, but not yet with the national and 61 missions and chapels in the process of organization and affiliation. There are now Conservative Baptist Churches in 40 states, Mexico, Canada and Japan.

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