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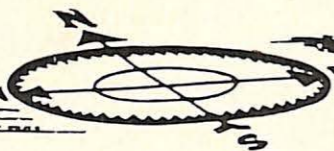
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▪ The Centennial of Mr.
H. P. Donner's Birth

March



of Events

• Pastor Martin Niemoeller, president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse and Nassau, has accepted an invitation by the Russian Orthodox Church for a tour of the Soviet Union April 22-May 13. He will be accompanied by Dr. Hanfried Krueger, head of the Ecumenical Center of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID) at Frankfurt on Main.

• A 1960 census by the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia shows 33,156 Protestant church members in that country, nearly triple the 1953 figure and representing an annual growth rate of 16 per cent over the 7-year period. The 6 largest denominations, according to the confederation, are the Seventh-Day Adventist, 11,866 members; Colombian Baptist Convention, 3,422; United Pentecostal Church, 3,000; Presbyterian Church of Colombia, 1,684; Christian and Missionary Alliance, 1,571; and the Four-Square Evangelical Church, 1,524.

• A religious service in Washington, D. C. Cathedral (Episcopal) commemorated a peace convention called by Virginia in 1861 in an effort to prevent the Civil War. The February convention 100 years ago was attended by representatives from 21 Northern and Southern states of the 34 then in existence. A plaque commemorating that meeting was dedicated at the service for placement at the hotel where the conference was held. The cathedral service, whose theme was "Blessed Are the Peacemakers," was part of a 5-year nationwide observance to mark the centenary of the Civil War.—*The Watchman-Examiner*

• Still the best-loved hymn of Americans is "The Old Rugged Cross," according to a poll taken by the *Christian Herald*. Both the first-place hymn and the runner-up, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," occupied the same positions they held in the magazine's 1953 survey. Ranking among the top 12 of the 1,666 hymns named were: In the Garden; How Great Thou Art; Sweet Hour of Prayer; Abide with Me; Rock of Ages; Nearer, My God, to Thee; Amazing Grace; Jesus, Lover of My Soul; Beyond the Sunset; and Blessed Assurance. Biggest surprise in the balloting was the fourth-place winner, "How Great Thou Art," a newcomer to the United States.

• "I accept as the absolute truth, that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God, and that for my sake he died . . . so that if I believed in him—I do believe in him—I should not go to damnation but live with him for evermore." This unusual statement marked the installation of Sir Francis A. Ibiam as the first African governor of Eastern Algeria. Principal of Hope Waddell

Institute (Calabar) at the time of his appointment, the new governor continued, "Jesus Christ never fails in his promises. The Lord has made it possible for me to discharge many and heavy responsibilities which fall to the lot of my station in life." His statement was carried in *The Daily Times*, Nigeria's largest newspaper, whose editor is Muslim.

—*The Baptist Standard*

• *Moody Literature Mission*, Chicago, Ill., serving 64 evangelical missions overseas, announces the following advances on the world-wide missionary literature front: 17 new book centers

in key cities around the world; over 10,000 public school classrooms received sets of free books; 37 colporteurs working in Southeast Asia, South Africa, and Argentina; correspondence courses reaching thousands of students; 1,500 Bibles for satellite countries in Europe; nearly 1,000 showings of Gospel science films; and a million Arabic tracts printed.

—*Sunday School Times*

• Churchmen are expressing new concern over the shortage of ministerial recruits. Distress deepened with release of figures last month showing

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Baptist Briefs

• **Baptist Alliance of North America.** Another proposal for a North American Baptist Alliance has been revived by a prominent denominational leader. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., has proposed consideration of an idea suggested by M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, La., several years ago that a Baptist Alliance of North America be formed. Pruden pointed out that on other continents the leaders of the Baptist World Alliance have been organizing continental groups for purposes of fellowship and cooperation. "It would seem to me," he continued, "that one of the contingency benefits of our Baptist Jubilee Advance program might be a study of a possible North American grouping of our Baptist Conventions for purposes of missionary, evangelistic and other major Baptist concerns."

• **Baptist Minister in Las Vegas.** Rev. Melvin A. Pekrul has ended his 7-year pastorate of the Valley Baptist Church, Walnut Creek, Calif., and has begun his new pastorate of the First church, Las Vegas, Nev. He became pastor of Valley church after serving the First church, Monrovia, following a term as director of Christian education of the Bay Cities Baptist Union. Las Vegas is a city of 100,000. The First Baptist Church is the largest Baptist church in Nevada and the largest church of any non-Roman Catholic denomination in that city. It has mothered 5 other Baptist churches in and around Las Vegas during the last 12 years.

• **1963 Baptist Youth Conference.** Three locations—Beirut, Lebanon, Hong Kong, and some cities in Australia—are still in consideration for the meeting place of the 6th Baptist World Youth Conference in 1963. Members of the youth committee had determined earlier there was no question about the ability of Hong Kong and either of two Australian cities, Melbourne and Sydney, to entertain the conference. A question had been raised about the ability of Lebanese Baptists, numbering about 300, to host the world meeting. The question about Lebanon was dissolved however when Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Mrs. Denny, and Stuart Arnold visited Lebanon recently. Denny returned to Washington convinced that Beirut is equally able to entertain the conference. A poll is now being conducted among members of the Baptist World Alliance Youth Committee to determine which of the three invitations will be accepted. The conference has met previously in Prague, Czechoslo-

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FRONT COVER

The faculty members of the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, are shown on the front cover. They are (left to right): Dr. B. Schalm, Prof. E. W. Klatt, Prof. E. B. Link, President A. S. Felberg and Prof. A. Rapske. They are standing on the front steps leading into the Christian Training Institute building.

This issue of the "Baptist Herald" is largely devoted to the story of the history, accomplishments and present ministry of the Christian Training Institute, one of two educational institutions supported by the North American Baptist General Conference. You will find this number very informative, enabling you to pray more earnestly and intelligently for our Edmonton school.

EDITOR

Editorial



Crises Everywhere

Our modern world confronts us with one crisis after another. Crises of all kinds explode in our faces daily. The entire world seems to be seething with rising nationalities, discontented minds and perplexing problems. It requires a strong inner fortitude and a firm Christian faith to wrestle with these crises in the hope of finding the Christian solution. The Apostle Peter was concerned about the Christian's stand in the face of crisis: "Seeing then that all these things shall happen, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation (conduct) and godliness?" (2 Peter 3:11).

The political crises in Africa are of great concern to the peoples throughout the world. The shock waves of these nationalistic explosions are felt in missionary circles, in the United Nations and on the stock markets of the world. The plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons is largely determining our missionary policies as a denomination and affecting the lives of almost fifty missionaries there for many years to come. We have come to grips with an awakened and aroused African who will be either our friend or foe in the decades to come, depending on the outcome of events at this time. As never before, we need to be informed about these swiftly moving developments in Africa and to pray earnestly for nationals and missionaries alike.

We are also swept up in a whirlpool of economic crises in our day. We see materialism on all hands as the expression of the frightening selfishness of people. Respected citizens of Iowa towns are revealed to be bank embezzlers. Strikes are called by powerful unions with no regard for human welfare and needs. Vice presidents of great national businesses have been sent to jail for their brazen disregard of law and order. Where is human decency in the midst of this frivolous prosperity? Where are the Christian prophets who will call America back to repentance of their ways and to acknowledgement of God's principles? The waters of a moral crisis are rising rapidly all around us!

The world's atmosphere is charged with the angry retorts and loud shouts of a cold war. We are enmeshed in tremendous ideological struggles in which we have to take sides—for or against. Leaders of the world are fighting for men's ideas and devotion. It is a ruthless struggle with no holds barred at times. This is evident in the Communist program to rule the world and in the Mohammedan wave that is sweeping over Africa. It is seen in the things that Americans regard as of greatest importance to them.

The Christian Gospel with its Good News of Christ and his salvation, with its declaration of moral law and divine principles, with its program of evangelizing the world faces every world crisis with the hope of victory. Christ can meet every crisis and every need of the world. God's Word must be our shield and buckler, the sword of the Spirit. As never before, we must be willing to send forth missionaries—even against overwhelming odds. We must open our eyes to the invincible Christ who calls and commands us to go forth into the arena of today's battlefields. What a faith this is to live by in the midst of these exploding crises of today's modern world!

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The Ministry of the Christian Training Institute

The growing ministry of the C.T.I. at Edmonton, Alberta, affects the lives of hundreds of dedicated young people in the Bible School Department preparing for Christian service, in the Adult Privilege High School Department working to meet university requirements, and in the Theological Department preparatory to a full-time Christian ministry.

By Dr. A. S. Felberg, President of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta

LOOKING back upon the history of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, we view more than courses of teaching, studies, music, Christian education, religious service and other activities which undoubtedly played a vital part in the life of the school. Rather we see the growth and development of the school's ministry in the following light.

How God's truth has affected individual lives! Here at the Christian Training Institute many young persons troubled by fear for the future, as they sincerely questioned what they might do to be useful in life, were exposed to the preaching and teaching of God's Word and thus heard the call to follow Christ into full time service in one form or another.

DEDICATED YOUNG PEOPLE

We see how the young people of our churches from many parts of Canada and the United States have given years of their lives in preparation for more effective service in their home churches and communities. Their determinant stand for God and the truth through the years is rendering rewarding results in a growing ministry which the school is enjoying.

The victories attained by these youths have outweighed by far the hardships and the disappointments as they learned to face the realities of life with Christ and with a greater understanding of his teachings. Their testimony of example has caused others to follow Christ. Thus the Bible School ministry has grown, and its students have left the halls of learning annually to add to its growing ministry.

Here at C. T. I. we see another group of young men and women who have pursued an academic program of life's preparation in the Christian environment as they attended High School and went to the university while living in the Christian Training Institute and sharing in its extra-curricular activities, prayer fellowships and Christian service program. Now as they serve as school teachers, physicians, business people, tradesmen and women, they enrich the Kingdom of God through their matured Christian influence.

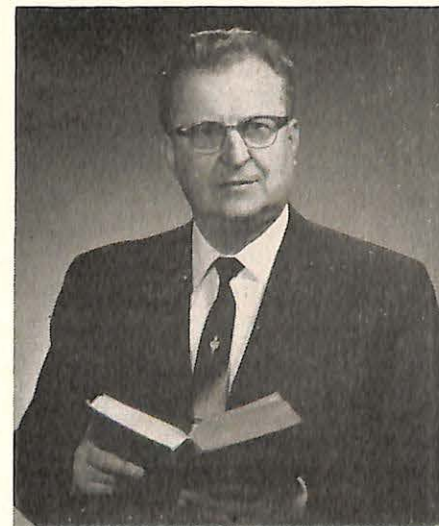
Our attention is further drawn to some who have followed the Lord to foreign and home mission fields, and others to the pastorate. Many are now choir directors in our churches who experienced the beginning of their mu-

sical career here. Ever since the early days of the school's existence, a strong missionary emphasis was established which has remained prevalent to this day. This involves work among the Indians, Negroes, Northern District and Gospel Mission, Child and Visitation Evangelism and Foreign Missions.

THE C.T.I.'S TEACHING MINISTRY

We invite you to join us in giving praise to God for his abundant favor bestowed upon the ministry of the Christian Training Institute during the past two decades. We acknowledge with appreciation our debt to those who so sacrificially have labored here to make the school what it really has meant to the denomination and the Kingdom of God. It has brought back into focus the experiential side of Christian witness. With an emphasis on regeneration, assurance of salvation, the living presence of Christ in the heart of the believer, the significance of prayer, the importance and power of the daily use of God's Word in personal application, the school has helped many a young person to become established in the faith and has made them a source of continued blessing where they now minister.

The teaching ministry of this institution has always emphasized the importance of an unshakable faith in Christ and the Word of God, the testimony of consecrated and exemplary living, according to the principles set forth in the Scriptures. This teaching program emphasizes separation from



Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute.

worldliness unto Christ and his program for his Church, sacrificial devotion to Christ and a vision of devoted service for Christ and the lost. This pattern set forth in the brief history of our school has been a real challenge to all of us to show forth diligence, dedication in education, Christian service and evangelistic endeavor.

In order to understand the historical growth of the Christian Training Institute in its ministry of many contributions to Christ and the denomination, let us further see the history of its development. The school was born out of a demanding need for education, both Christian and secular, here in Canada. The Canadian Midwest was rapidly expanding through the influx of immigrants from Europe. In their struggle to become established on homesteads, they found very little time for school and regular education, which seemed to be a luxury to them at the time.

THE SCHOOL'S HISTORY

A number of North American Baptist pastors, including Rev. E. P. Wahl, realized the need of the hour and visualized the challenge to claim the talents and strength of our young people for the Kingdom of God and the denomination. They established Bible School courses which were held in local churches through the winter months when the farm work was less urgent. Such courses were offered at first for periods of four to six weeks in various places throughout the prairie provinces.

In 1937 the Lord called Rev. E. P. Wahl to give leadership in a venture that led to the establishing of the Christian Training Institute. In January 1940 the first official Bible School class was held in the newly erected first unit on our present campus at Edmonton, Alberta. The teaching ministry was rendered by Rev. E. P. Wahl and several nearby pastors who volunteered their time and books for the needed service.

Although the school term in the early years was limited to four months, a vital ministry was rendered in the training of leaders for our churches, particularly for the midwest. The school's history reveals a fluctuating interest and enrollment of seventeen to one hundred in the Bible School Department. The curriculum and the extent of the training program fluctuated between two, three and four years in duration. The cours-

es taught were geared to train Christian workers to meet a deep need of dedicated service in the local churches. Those who successfully complete this two year course in the Bible School Department receive the Evangelical Teacher Training Association Certificate in recognition of their work.

In 1950 an Adult Privilege High School Department was added to the growing program of the school and in 1952 this division was recognized by the Government Board of Education of Alberta. It is this phase of ministry that has contributed greatly in helping students to meet the university requirements preparatory to their theological training.

THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

At the General Conference in 1958 held at Edmonton, a resolution was passed to open a Theological Department in the school. Soon afterwards, the invitation went out to all who felt the call of God to a full-time ministry but who for some reason could not attend our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and in particular to those who desired pastoral training which would qualify them to minister in a bilingual church of our denomination, to find their preparation here.

One student enrolled for the first year. That student was Rev. Peter Schroeder, now pastor of the Southey Baptist Church. Having completed his university requisites and also having attended another Seminary for one year before enrolling with us, he graduated after two further years of study from our Theological Department. Thus he is the first graduate of the pastoral training course in the Christian Training Institute.

The year 1959 saw an enrollment of eighteen new students for the Christian ministry. Real growth is evidenced by those students who are here enrolled. Some meet the academic requirements for the Bachelor of Theology program of pastoral training now required in our school and they are looking forward to completing their course of study in 1962. Others since then have caught the vision of a greater need for a thorough preparation to qualify as a good minister. They seek to meet the demands of today's educational standard by taking further studies at the university before completing their theological work.

At present, the school offers a concentrated standard two year Bible course. It offers a senior matriculation High School course for those who failed to complete it earlier in life in their regular pursuit of studies. In addition, the school offers pre-enrollment facilities and privileges to prospective theological students by giving them the opportunity to complete their academic requirements at the Christian Training Institute and the University of Alberta while living at the school in a Christian environment. Further it offers pastoral training, both in the English and German



C.T.I. FACULTY AND PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS

Front row (left to right): Rev. H. Hiller, Mrs. A. S. Felberg, Dr. A. S. Felberg, Mrs. E. R. Stauffer and Rev. E. P. Wahl.

Back row: Dr. F. K. Schultze, Prof. A. Rapske, Prof. E. W. Klatt, Mr. C. D. Greenlees, Prof. E. B. Link, Dr. B. Schalm, Rev. P. Siewert and Rev. R. Harsch.

languages, leading to the Bachelor of Theology degree, to all who feel called of God to the Gospel ministry.

The last few years have brought about changes in curriculum, program and extension of service. This has also created some problems because of a shortage of classroom facilities, lack of library reading space and inadequate administration accommodations to meet our obligation to the growing ministry of the Institute as we seek to train our youth for the work of the Lord and the ministry of our churches. We are in great need of strengthening our teaching facilities and staff. At present, all who serve here are working under an overload and in the midst of a struggle to accomplish the task.

Our chief concern is that by the grace of God we may be able to maintain and even to raise the spiritual and educational standards of the school, to stem the tide of materialism, worldliness and the spirit of indifference. Our prayer is that the Lord may have his way with and through us so that greater victories may be attained and growth be experienced.

The following is a brief picture of the courses taught and the ministry of education rendered in the Theological Department as described by each of the professors dealing with their own field of teaching.

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

In the Department of Theology, the student becomes acquainted with the major Bible doctrines of the Old and New Testament, dealing with the progressive unfolding of God's revelation

to man, and the historical revelation of God's redemptive plan. The political, social and religious life of the Hebrews and a doctrinal interpretation of the general contents of the Holy Scriptures are presented. Special attention is given to the message of the prophets pertaining to the coming of the Divine Redeemer, the Messianic Hope and the meaning of the Kingdom of God in the Old Testament as compared with the theological teachings of the Gospels and the New Testament literature as a whole.

In the field of Systematic Theology, the student is directed to find a clear Biblical concept of God as the Creator and Sustainer of his creation, of the life in God and the communion with God. The student learns of God's relationship to the universe as revealed in the Scriptures, seen in nature, and evidenced in the course of history. We pursue a study of man from his creation and original state to his fall into sin. His relationship to the law, grace, the new life in Christ, the Kingdom of God and his hope of glory are presented.

An extensive study is made of Christ as the Son of God and Son of man, his work of redemption, its meaning and extent, his death, resurrection and exaltation. The students pursue a study of the Church, her divine origin, calling, function, purpose and destiny. Finally, the Biblical doctrine pertaining to the end of all things, the return of Christ and the many related phases of eschatology, such as the resurrection, judgment, and the final state of mankind, are earnestly studied.

The Place of the Bible at the C.T.I.

By Prof. Bernard Schalm of the Christian Training Institute Faculty.

THE CHIEF Baptist distinctive is Biblical authority in matters of faith and practice. From Sunday to Sunday the servant of God confronts his people with the message recorded in the Book of books. This "incarnated" Word truly has been and still is "a lamp unto our feet," guiding us through the darkness of religious superstition, worldly wisdom, and ecclesiastical tradition to him who said, "I am the light of the world." Realizing the importance of the Bible in the Christian ministry, the Christian Training Institute has dedicated itself to the task of teaching students the art of wielding the "sword of the Lord." This is being accomplished in a three-fold way.

HISTORICAL ORIGINS

First, every student is brought face to face with the theological and historical origin of the Scriptures. The Bible not only records history, it has itself a history. The scientific spirit of our day has produced an inquisitive mind which does not stop short of the written Word in its search for knowledge. Liberalism has cast much light on the historical growth of the Bible, but it has become blinded to the theological origin of this sacred book.

Fundamentalists, on the other hand, clung to an equally one-sided theory. It frequently regarded the Bible a

"heavenly gift," comparable to the manna in the days of Moses. God certainly could have chosen such means to impart his will to mankind, but he selected another way: one which would more truly express the nature and purpose of his revelation. He selected human beings, human in every sense of the word, to write down his Word and interpret it to succeeding generations. The inspiration of the Scriptures is a miracle, even as the incarnation of Jesus Christ is a miracle. Attempts at explaining it by theories are attempts at destroying the miracle. The theological origin of the Biblical canon is thus partly hidden from the human eye. The historical origin of the Bible, however, is open to human investigation.

As the student comes face to face with the actual development of the Canon, he receives not only a correct understanding of the birth of the written Word, but he also receives a correct understanding of the manner of God's self-revelation and a deeper appreciation of his mysterious ways of making himself known to his creatures.

THE BIBLE'S MESSAGE

Second, a student at the Christian Training Institute becomes thoroughly acquainted with the content of the Bible. Introductory courses in the

fields of Old and New Testament offer him a bird's-eye view of the subject matter of the sixty-six canonical books, their dates, authors, and other subjects related to the study of Biblical introduction. By means of detailed exegetical expositions of various individual books of the Bible, the student comes to grips with the historical and theological problems inherent in such a study and the divine message imparted by them. Only after the servant of God, like Ezekiel of old, has "eaten the scroll," is he fit to preach the message of deliverance to his people.

Third, the student of the Christian Training Institute is introduced to the timeless and universal message of the Bible which, like a grand theme, recurs in every movement of God's symphony of redemption. This divine theme is not heard by the masses, and the minister, who is essentially an interpreter, is called upon to amplify its sound for the listener. While the message of the Bible is historically fixed and remains unchanged, the situation to which the minister addresses himself changes from generation to generation.

This calls for an examination of the needs and problems of every generation, and a continual re-evaluation of the adequacy of the methods used in the proclamation of the Gospel. Thus in order to be effective in his divinely ordained task, the minister must sit where the people sit and communicate in a language understood by his people.

THE LIVING WORD

There are two dangers which threaten to render the Biblical message ineffective and void. On the one hand, there is the danger of undermining Scriptural authority by subjectively formulated theories of Higher Criticism. On the other hand, the religious leader may distort or even destroy the divine message by worshipping Biblical authority. The Pharisees of Jesus' day are an example of the latter. Instead of searching the Scriptures to find positive proof of Christ's messianic claims, they were content with the Torah itself.

Man is not saved by believing in the Bible. He is saved by believing in Jesus Christ revealed by the Bible. It is the endeavor of the Christian Training Institute to impress the student with the divinely ordained purpose of the Bible: that of leading man to the living Word which became flesh and dwelt among us, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world, our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ.



STUDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

Eighteen students in the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, with President A. S. Felberg at the extreme left (front row) and Dr. Bernard Schalm, third from the left (front row).

The Objectives of Pastoral Theology

By Prof. E. W. Klatt of the Christian Training Institute Faculty.

PASTORAL Theology recently became an integral part of the training program at the Christian Training Institute. It belongs to the Theological Department, which is the most recent addition to our school. (The other two are the Bible School Department and the High School Department which have functioned for some years).

If you were to observe our classes in pastoral theology, you would find that they deal almost exclusively with the practical side of the pastoral ministry. The ministry carried on by our churches is important in every respect and needs qualified leadership. Our school, including our class in pastoral theology, is dedicated to train young men to meet these specific needs.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Upon our school's acceptance of the student, who has accepted Christ as Savior by faith and who has responded to the call of Christ to enter the Christian ministry as an ambassador of Christ, it is our objective to present to him, in this specific field of study, a *bird's-eye view* of the total program of the church. This survey at large gives him a picture of his future field of labor, and at the same time he can visualize in part the extent of the demands which in due time will be made of him as Christ's servant.

Another vitally important objective of our classes in pastoral theology is to impress upon the mind of the student the *significance of the task* pertaining to the ministry. It is, indeed, of paramount importance to God and man. We also recognize the importance of other responsibilities generally accepted as not pertaining to the pastor's duties. Possibly a close analysis will reveal that some of them, after all, are the pastor's responsibility.

A WORKING KNOWLEDGE

Again, our aim in pastoral theology is to give the students a *working knowledge* of the church and its component parts, so that he will become an efficient and respected leader. The church reaches out with many hands, and of necessity it is composed of many parts: offices, organizations, boards and committees. Knowledge about the structure and function of each part, and knowledge about the total structure and function of the church will enable God's servant to function as an efficient administrator.

It is also our goal to assist the student to become a *highly trained spe-*

C.T.I.'s COMMENCEMENT FESTIVITIES

Sunday, April 9 — Baccalaureate Service. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, speaker.

April 9 — Concert in Jubilee Auditorium by the C.T.I. Choirs.

April 10 — Graduation Banquet. Mr. Carl Lang, Edmonton, Alta., speaker.

Tuesday, April 11 — Commencement Exercises. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, speaker.

cialist in the ministry of visitation. Emphases are placed upon incessant calling on church members and non-members, who have no affiliation with any church, and on the sick, the bereaved, and the mentally depressed.

acceptable ministry in visitation and care of these people.

A CO-LABORER

One more objective of our class in pastoral care, which deserves mention at this time, is to train the young man to be a *co-laborer* with God and with men. In the first place, the pastor and his church are to be laborers together with God. Paul said to the Corinthians, "For we are laborers together with God" (I Cor. 3:9a). It is evident that without cooperation on the part of the pastor and church members with God, his work will fail. Then, if God has the unified co-operation of both the pastor and the church, it is self-evident that the pastor will work with the people and the people will work with the pastor.

Our aim is to train the young man to be a *co-laborer* with the people



BIBLE SCHOOL CLASS AT THE C.T.I.

Students attending the Bible School Department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, with Prof. A. Rapske in the front row, center.

Here a great field of opportunity and service is opened to the pastor with a shepherd heart.

And a shepherd heart he must have! To all of these people he may have the opportunity to disseminate divine knowledge and wisdom. He may invite them to God's house, or speak to them about salvation, or comfort them. These people will confide in the pastor with a shepherd heart. They largely constitute an integral part of the pastor's field of labor. They must be tended faithfully. It is the goal of our training in pastoral theology to equip young men to carry on a constant and

whom he serves. We also stress vital co-operation with our North American Baptist General Conference. If the pastor stands alone, he will fail; if he labors together with God, the church, and our denomination, his opportunities to succeed will be legion in number.

These, and other objectives of pastoral theology, have developed from the varied needs of the Christian church. If, in the process of time, changes within the church will present additional needs, it is our objective to be prepared to meet them in a constructive manner.

Christian Education at Its Best

By Prof. A. Rapske of the Christian Training Institute Faculty

CHRIStIAN Education! The words sound well together. But what is meant by Christian Education? Obviously, it will be necessary to arrive at an understanding of the subject in order to come to a consideration of objectives. The first impression is that there should be no difficulty in setting up objectives for Christian Education. The difficulty does arise, however, not from an attempt to define Christianity, but rather from an attempt to define education.

James M. Price, long-time professor of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, draws attention to the etymology of the word "education." He points out

in the life of the person won to Jesus Christ?

Another question that could be posed concerns itself with method. In recent years there has been much pressure brought to bear upon the Sunday School to improve its methods. Are there distinctly Christian methods? Is it permissible that secular theories concerning method be used in the Church School? These are but a few of the questions that demand answers when the subjects of objectives of Christian Education is tackled.

The classroom provides an opportunity for students to be exposed to questions such as these. Our students are urged to think through to a thor-

School movement. Attention is drawn to the biblical emphasis upon instruction, and the agencies responsible for such instruction. There is a very careful consideration given to the matter of forming attitudes favorable to a strong educational emphasis in the local church. Objectives, particularly those adopted by the Sunday School Union and the Sunday School Standard are highly recommended for adoption.

Leadership training and evangelism through visitation are strongly emphasized as being vital to the ministry of the church. The instructor is convinced that visitation done by the teacher will increase the effectiveness of teaching. It will help the teacher understand the pupil better and will provide a list of prospective members for the Sunday School. Parents must be enlisted to co-operate with the Sunday School teachers.

Curriculum and methods of teaching as well as methods of lesson preparation are studied. The students will be encouraged to conduct a thorough self-evaluation of the program of Christian Education in that situation where they will work.

In the area of administration and organization, the Board of Christian Education will be recommended as a means of enlisting and training more workers, reaching more unchurched people, and more efficiently conducting the many-sided task of Christian Education. The duties and responsibilities of leaders will be studied. There are many other areas that are covered in our course of studies, but these that have been mentioned have been singled out to give some idea of what is being done in the field of teaching Christian Education at the Christian Training Institute.

Our school is seeking to impress students with the greatness of the task of winning and enlisting persons for Jesus Christ and his Kingdom. An attempt is being made to set forth clear-cut principles and then to guide students to those resource materials which will enable them to develop their concepts and leadership abilities even after they have completed their courses of study. More and more, the Christian Education materials are being added to the library enabling students to evaluate what they think will be most valuable to them in their particular interests.

We are part of the co-operating family of North American Baptists and we want to take seriously those areas of responsibility that have been entrusted to us. It is our sincere hope and prayer that we may provide the kind of training that will inspire students to become the kind of leaders who will give their very best for our Lord Jesus Christ.

BAPTIST HERALD

His Story and His Song

By Prof. E. B. Link of the Christian Training Institute Faculty.

WHETHER registered in the High School, Bible School or Theological Departments, a student at C. T. I. is bound to find himself involved in the fields of history and music. There seems to be no way of dodging the dates, maps and facts of the history text, or the notes, drill and trill of a music session. To achieve certain goals, these subjects rate as essentials in training for Christian life and service. The Christian Training Institute is endeavoring to attain these aims in the ministry it renders to the youth of our churches.

Through the years mankind has stated a variety of reasons for the study of history. The Greek philosopher, Thucydides, believed that history would be useful to men who want to know the past in order to have some idea of what the future may be like. Tacitus believed that the knowledge that man's deeds would go down in history was a deterrent to evil deeds and a stimulus to a good life.

YOUTH IN TRAINING

Plutarch recorded alternate examples of good and bad men so that people would imitate the good. Many other views of historical values could be stated here to show that deep thinkers have pondered events of the past in order to find meaning in the present and future life. But for the Christian there can be only one supreme meaning in history. Christ, in the center of man's time, active in man's creation, dominant in and over all of man's courses, and coming again to effect man's consummation, is the core of all existence past and present.

Youth in Christian training must not only know Christ as Savior and Lord of the individual's life, but they must firmly be convinced that God is Ruler over the totality of mankind. By teaching a course such as the History of the Christian Church, Christian Training Institute offers guidance towards an understanding of God's activity in history through his Church, the Light of the world and the salt of society. The History of Missions is aimed to show God witnessing through the power of his Holy Spirit in yielded, consecrated men and women. The studies of Baptist History and especially North American Baptist History are meant to bring this Church and its mission into the orbit of the student's personal environment and experience.

Although every Christian should have a basic knowledge of his church in the past, cramming the student's cranium with facts and dates is not the prime goal of the C. T. I.'s history department. More important is that he emerge from his historical studies with his heart filled with praise and

compassion, and the persuasion that he serves a living Savior who is in the world today as he has been in the past. History is HIS story!

SCHOOL'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT

And the music of the Christian church today is his song! The music department of our school desires to make a distinction between music in church and church music. Music in church can be of high or low caliber, and can be professionally or amateurishly done, but if it proceeds from an empty or shallow heart it bears a witness of the "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal" variety. It remains just music that happens to be performed in a church building.

On the other hand, church music

tion to aspiring directors of choir or congregational singing.

THE CHORISTERS' CHOIR

C. T. I. affords many avenues of practical experience and service in the field of music. Students may serve in the smaller Gospel team groups formed into quartet or trio units. Most of the student body participates in the Massed Chorus and renders services in the immediate vicinity of the school.

Every year singers, with promising talent and a desire to work hard and long in preparation, are formed into the Chorister group. The Choristers make an annual tour of many miles to our churches. During the year 1960, the C. T. I. choirs presented 32 full



HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AT THE C.T.I.

The many students in the Adult Privilege High School Department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, with Mr. C. D. Greenlees, principal, in the front row, center, and with Mrs. E. R. Stauffer, teacher, at his right.

that the true derivation of the word is from the Latin *educare*, meaning to nurture or to nourish. This is quite different from the meaning attached to the word "education" by those who subscribe to a pragmatic approach to teaching. This latter approach lays heavy emphasis upon self-expression, self-discovery, and drawing out the potential abilities of the pupil.

Which of the two meanings are intended when the word "education" is placed beside the word "Christian"? To what extent shall we expect a Sunday School pupil to be a *discoverer*? To what extent shall we *tell* him what to us is the unquestioned truth? Furthermore, central to the work of Christian Education is evangelism. Just what role does education play in the transformation that takes place

oughly Christian approach to education in the local church.

The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, offers Christian Education courses on two levels. There is the Bible School Department and the Theological Department. The Bible School Department requires a total of six hours of instruction before a diploma of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association is awarded. (One hour as used here represents one class period each week during the term of the course.) The Theological Department requires a total of eight semester hours. Four semester hours are offered during the first year of studies, and another four are offered during the third year.

On both levels, students are exposed to an historical study of the Sunday



THE CHORISTERS' CHOIR OF THE C.T.I.

The Choristers of the Christian Training Institute have made musical tours to many of our churches. Seated at the piano is Miss Marilyn Martin, music teacher. Prof. E. B. Link, director of music, is at the extreme right.

flows from the soul of the one who daily harmonizes his life with the One who gives the song of redemption. Church music means active and creative worship whenever and wherever it is produced. It is God's song because he is always in mind.

The course called "Music In Worship" is designed to lead to a profound appreciation of the worship values that should be sought in all the musical activities of the church. Hymnology provides a background story of the songs the students will be leading or singing for the rest of their lives. The fascinating stories of the birth of hymns should be known by clergy and congregation alike.

"Fundamentals of Church Music" introduces the student to the notes, scales, terms and other essentials for musical participation, whether it be in the congregation or the choir. The "Song Leadership" course gives direc-

concerts before audiences ranging from 100 to over 2,000 in number. The music groups play an important role in the production of the weekly radio broadcast, "Call to Worship," heard weekly over radio station CFCW, Camrose, Alberta.

This brief summary gives evidence of the fact that Christian Training Institute students do study and that they do serve. In order to carry out their mission now and in their future contributions to our churches, they must have a *Story* and a *Song*. The hymn writer contributes the theme for the history: "Though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet"—this is his Story! "The Hallelujah Chorus," the traditional anthem of C. T. I. choirs, contributes the theme for music: "Hallelujah! The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth"—this is his Song! This synthesis of history and music is the goal of your school.

The Library as the Tool of Education

The Story of Improved Facilities but of Continued Needs of the Christian Training Institute's Library.

THE LIBRARY of the Christian Training Institute has undergone several needed changes in the past three years. Improved facilities, revision of the classification system, increased holdings, additional reading and study area have all helped to make the library more useful to the students. If those visitors who inspected the library facilities in 1958 during the General Conference days were to return for a visit now, they would be able to observe gratifying improvements.

IMPROVED LIBRARY FACILITIES

Within very definite limitations, facilities have been improved. A library office for classifying and cataloguing books has been provided next to the main reading room. Steel bookshelving has been purchased. A card catalogue cabinet has been secured. A light mahogany finish, modern style magazine rack now provides readily accessible space for 45 periodicals. Comfortable library chairs were added during the last year. Additional reading tables were constructed to provide a separate study area for theological students. The heating of the study area was made more efficient. Each one of the improvements was already long overdue, and did come eventually.

More important than facilities, however, are the reading materials that are available to students. Those who were students at C. T. I. in 1958 found

it very frustrating trying to find the necessary resource materials. Nearly every area of study was weak in available volumes. At that time, there were only about 2,500 English books and pamphlets that were classified. Since that time, the entire library was reclassified and catalogued according to the Dewey Decimal System. Old, useless volumes and pamphlets were culled out. Now the library is organized according to a standard commonly adopted by many smaller colleges and seminaries. The holdings have steadily increased, so that at the time of this writing there are 4,662 volumes that make up the holding of books. The school subscribes to 60 periodicals.

Faculty members are assigned the responsibility of selecting library books in their field of teaching. All books thus selected are approved by the faculty and then ordered. This ensures a balanced selection in each field of study.

GIFTS AND BUDGETS

Dr. A. S. Witmer, executive director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, in his evaluation of a year ago had this to say in his report pertaining to library facilities. "The library is small in number of volumes, but the materials on hand are solid and clean . . . There is evidence that good use is made of the library. Space is quite limited." Dr. Witmer recommended that records be kept of withdrawals. During November 1960, stu-

dents withdrew 1,918 books from the library. In January 1961, there were approximately 1,800 withdrawals.

The \$10,000 gift presented to the Christian Training Institute for the purchase of books by the A. Job family of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, came at a time when it was desperately needed. The gift given in 1959 was deeply appreciated. The money is being spent at the rate of \$2,000 per year, and is used solely for books. Several other gifts from churches and individuals have been received. In the spring of 1960, the Encyclopedia Britannica Company placed the latest edition of their set in the library. Gifts in addition to the \$10,000 have totaled nearly \$2,500 since the fall of 1958.

The total budget allotment has also grown. In 1958, \$225 were earmarked for library. In 1959, a full-time secretary was hired for the library. The budget for that year increased to \$4,700. By 1960 it had climbed to \$5,675. The improved facilities, thus made possible, have greatly increased the efficiency of the library.

THE LIBRARY'S NEEDS

In spite of improvements, the facilities persist in being inadequate. There are some 80 students in three departments who use the library. Theological students and Bible School students are required to write term papers and do reading in addition to textbooks. Collateral reading may amount to as much as 500 pages per semester hour. Student study for term papers makes it imperative that adequate and useful resource material be provided. It is not uncommon to see every available chair occupied during the evening study hours.

Some students must of necessity study in their own rooms. The limited holdings available in some areas of study impose severe limitations upon the fields in which research can be carried on. There are very definite needs for expanding the library both in books available and in study area.

There are hopes that in the future there will be even more forward steps taken to provide excellent Christian guidance through that very essential tool of education—the library. There is need for a full-time university trained librarian to devote full attention to organization and supervision. There is need for many more books. There is need for more spacious accommodation. A sincere effort is being made to provide the bare minimum in library facilities for the type of program the Christian Training Institute is conducting.

Our people have responded very generously to every need of the Christian

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H. P. Donner Walked With God!

A tribute to a former denominational leader who would have celebrated his 100th birthday on April 13, 1961

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

ONE OF THE greatest laymen in our denominational fellowship was Henry P. Donner. Although small of stature, he always stood like a giant tree in the forest around him. He was "Mr. Great Heart" in God's sight.

He almost lived long enough to see his 100th birthday. The centenary of his birth falls on April 13, 1961, the publication date of this issue of the "Baptist Herald." Henry P. Donner was called home to glory in the summer of 1955 in his 94th year. As we remember this great man of God on the occasion of the centennial of his birth, our hearts are strangely warmed to recall the many spiritual contributions that he made to our denomination and to our personal lives.

GOD'S KINGDOM WAS FIRST

Few people I have known have sought God's Kingdom FIRST with the same intensity and concern as Brother Donner. This was his guiding light. Nothing could swerve him from those principles by which he lived. He held fast to these God-given revelations with dogged tenacity. Even though he was on the unpopular side of some issues, he preached and wrote and spoke out on those things that he considered to be God's infallible revelation to him. Christ always had the pre-eminence in his life.

It was this dedicated spirit that led him to leave a profitable business practice in one of Pittsburgh's largest departments stores for a rather insignificant job as business manager of our Publication Society with its very poor salary! But he made a great ministry out of it! He conceived of the Publication House as a spiritual ministry to our denomination, imparting the Gospel message to those in need. He refused outside printing jobs because they had no reference to a spiritual ministry. He never swerved from that conviction.

It was Mr. Henry P. Donner who helped to found the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union in the 1922 General Conference sessions in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was instrumental in starting this publication, the BAPTIST HERALD, since he had the foresight to see the need of an English publication for our young people. He gave strong encouragement to other publications of ours such as the ANNUAL, study course books, and devotional literature. He succeeded in establishing his dedicated personality upon the ministry of the Publication Society at a time in the Great Depression when all circumstances were against success in this business venture. We



Mr. H. P. Donner at 80 years of age, four years before his retirement as business manager of the Roger Williams Press.

shall never forget that imprint of CHRIST FIRST that he made upon our denominational life.

HIS WALK WITH GOD

Brother Donner also stands out in our memory as a man who lived especially close to God. He was a man after God's own heart. Like the Great Stone Face of legendary fame, he radiated so much Christ-likeness that he even looked like a saint, according to many of our people. At least, some of our people thought that he was an ordained minister. This always embarrassed him, for he thought of himself as "a sinner saved by grace."

Before he died, he wrote his spiritual testament. It is a remarkable message of keen insight and of intimate understanding of God's way with his children. Some people thought of Brother Donner as "a mystic," and that he was for he saw and understood some things that only a man close to God's heart could describe.

His life-long prayer was for the revitalization of our churches and denomination that we might lay hold on the power of the Holy Spirit. That prayer must continue to be uttered in our midst, even though Brother Donner's voice is stilled. In 1937 at

Further articles on Mr. H. P. Donner and the centennial of his birth appear on pages 12 and 13 of this issue. EDITOR.

the Saturday morning General Conference session, when most of the delegates were on an outing, he met with several hundred laymen in Portland, Oregon to pray with them and to plead for a heaven-sent revival.

At one of the recent Laymen's Conferences held in Green Lake, Wisconsin, he opened his heart with the same burning conviction and heavy burden. He was one of our greatest "prayer warriors" in our denomination.

"SITTING AT HIS FEET"

It was always a joy to work with him and to "sit at his feet" learning from his great fund of knowledge and insights of understanding. He was interested in the literary accuracy of our publications. He was concerned about the manner in which our ministers read God's Word in their pulpits. He was perplexed by various interpretations of Scripture shown in commentaries. He was deeply interested in every phase of our denominational work, sometimes opposing decisions made by the majority. Even though he was not always right in these matters, there was no one who would not give him his right to express his strongly voiced views.

He was a man who always aspired to greater heights and to more knowledge that would enrich his Christian life. He was a diligent student of the Word. At his urgent request, a series of devotional expositions appeared in the "Baptist Herald" opening up the Scriptures to our readers. When he was 90 years of age, he made a trip to Palestine and to the Bible countries, not for sightseeing, but to enlarge his understanding of the Scriptures and of God's revelation in Christ. In the last few years of his life, he started the detailed reading of several long commentaries of the Scriptures in order to be well informed about the message of God's Word.

REACHING FOR HEAVENLY THINGS

He was always growing in grace and Christ-likeness to the very last days of his long and fruitful life. His heart and mind were always reaching up for heavenly things to feast upon them and to show their priceless blessings to others. He was always growing up into the fulness of Christ, and he set a monumental example for all of us who knew him.

We honor our denomination and glory in Christ, our Savior, as we pay homage to one of God's greatest Christian laymen in our history on this Centennial Jubilee of the birth of Henry P. Donner.



STUDENT COUNCIL OF THE C.T.I.

In the Christian Training Institute's Council, the students with faculty guidance can apply many of the Christian principles, which they have been studying, in school discipline, in the making of important decisions, and in the moulding of the witness of the school.

The Centennial of Mr. H. P. Donner's Birth

For six years during his pastorate of the White Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, the author enjoyed an intimate, inspiring fellowship with Mr. Donner.

By Rev. Paul F. Zoschke of Brooklyn, New York.

AS ONE during whose six year pastorate at the White Avenue Baptist Church (now Hillcrest Baptist Church) Mr. Donner spent his last years of active service, we take pleasure in paying him the highest tribute as a member of his church and his denomination. It was always a pleasure to receive his cordial greeting



Mr. H. P. Donner at 30 years of age, about five years after he was employed by the Joseph Horne and Co. (department store) of Pittsburgh, Pa.

in a clear, firm voice and with a hearty handshake. His membership was not only an inspiration but an example for all.

INSPIRING TEACHER

In church school he taught the adult Bible Class until he was ninety years old. The presentation of the lesson was masterful and challenging. His methods were those of lecture, pupil participation and discussion. The chalkboard and the chart of maps were always in his classroom and usually employed. The obvious emphasis of the lesson was vividly elucidated with his great knowledge of Biblical teaching and historical setting. Because of his very wide reading, he was able to support the implications of each lesson from all aspects of human living. While he promptly heeded the closing bell, the allotted time was never long enough for him or his pupils.

His support of the church school was not confined to his teaching. While he could not attend the workers' conferences regularly because of

his age, he did lend his support to the important meetings. During the Sunday School week, the staff and their mates often had a dinner meeting at a restaurant which he seldom failed to attend. If he was not scheduled for the main address, the group nevertheless asked words of encouragement and challenge from him.

ATTENTIVE WORSHIPER

In the worship services, his presence in one of the front pews was an inspiration to the preacher, knowing that the prayer of this saint was ascending to God at the very moment. With his eye on the speaker, one always knew one had his ear too. Very frequently words of encouragement and commendation at the door caused the pastor to leave with a sense of a good ministry that morning.

A real tribute by the congregation to a layman of their number were the frequent times Mr. Donner was asked to serve in the pulpit in the pastor's absence. Afterward one heard numerous tributes from the people to the ministry he had rendered. All of us who were active during the years of Mr. Donner's denominational service know what an effective speaker he was.

Before our pastorate at White Avenue, Mr. Donner had already resigned and relinquished the management of the Roger Williams Press in Cleveland to Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, whose staunch prayer supporter and personal friend he ever remained. While an invitation to the annual sessions of the Publication Board was always issued to him, he would sit in on only a part of them to give the manager a completely free hand. He always enjoyed, however, to spend the noon recess "breaking bread" with the brethren.

The Board sometimes arranged special events in Mr. Donner's honor. One of them was held in the White Ave. Church with the Erin Avenue Church also attending. When Mr. Donner was informed of the occasion to ensure his presence that evening, he remarked to his family: "Why do they do such a thing now; why don't they wait till I am old?" He was eighty-eight then.

MANY KEEN INTERESTS

His interest in denominational affairs remained keen even after his retirement. When he could not attend conferences he often requested a full report from his pastor in order to be informed on the activities.

One cannot refrain from saying that when he was ninety he joined a travel

group on their trip to Palestine and Egypt. With real pleasure he spoke of riding on a camel. But he resented the reference of some of the group to "the old gentleman." He was greatly amused that one guide always called him "Rabbi," evidently because of his beard.

It was an annual event for him to invite all of our ministers in Cleveland, the editor, the business manager, and their wives as his guests at a sumptuous dinner at a restaurant for special Christian fellowship.

We dare not conclude these words without speaking of Mr. Donner's intercessory prayer life. A number of times he mentioned his prayer list with evident pleasure. One warm day, when he had been ailing, well into the spring of the year, we found him sitting in a reclining chair on their spacious lawn, wrapped in a blanket for pro-



Mr. H. P. Donner at 50 years of age when he came to the Publication House, Cleveland, Ohio, to become its business manager.

tection against a possible draft. After chatting a while about general things, he asked questions about a number of the younger men in our ministry. He said: "I am sorry I cannot now keep up my personal acquaintance with them so that I can pray intelligently for them."

A PRAYER WARRIOR

He revealed that he prayed for them quite in detail according as he knew their ministry. About one, with whom he evidently could not be in agree-

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My Father and Our Home

An intimate picture of a saintly man of God, Mr. Henry P. Donner, and of an unusual Christian home by one of his daughters, Mrs.

Dorothy Donner Sauerwein of Cleveland, Ohio.

THE EDITOR of the "Baptist Herald" wrote some time ago and requested a story about our father, Henry Donner, as we knew him in our home, the intimacies of his Christian faith, and something of his unusual Christian habits. Unfortunately, as one of Mr. Donner's children, I do not seem to have inherited any of his literary talent nor his ability to express himself so well.

Thus with much humility, I'll attempt to put into words some of my impressions and reflections. My pride in him and in the life he lived so fully, plus the wonderful counsel and guidance which he gave us, would not allow me to refuse the opportunity to express my feelings.

Ours was an unusual home in many ways, and our father a most unusual man, but we wouldn't have wanted it to be different. It is as the years move on that we become more appreciative of the example he set for us.

HIS DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Dad was always an early riser. After a short period of routine physical exercises, which he continued until his last few years, he would retire into the quiet of his study and would there prepare himself for the day ahead with meditation, prayer, and Bible study.

Speaking of prayers, we always thought those given by dad showed

much experience in that they were always original and always different. Each seemed so right for the occasion. Every birthday, illness, joy or sorrow was remembered in prayer during the devotions which followed dinner.

Dad always stressed the importance of Sunday as a day different from the others. Illness was the only excuse for not attending church. After a pleasant dinner, we were encouraged to read books of spiritual value, or sometimes dad would read aloud to us. School assignments were to be completed before Sunday.

THE JOY OF HOSPITALITY

Mother joined dad in the joy of hospitality. Their enjoyment of people was genuine. Many denominational men were guests in our home, and we were privileged as children to come to know many of them. Likewise, dad could always accept any criticism directed towards him without it affecting his relationship to the person. Truly we can say that throughout his life he practiced the precepts he taught us and others.

When a spinal fracture forced his retirement from his position at eighty-five years of age, time was never heavy on his hands. Between serving as a guest preacher in many of the churches, a Sunday School teacher to young people, a frequent correspondent with friends in many locations, he



Mr. H. P. Donner surrounded by four daughters and his grandchildren at a garden party in honor of his 80th birthday.

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would spend many enjoyable sessions in Bible study and research.

A DILIGENT STUDENT

He loved choosing a challenging topic to delve into and prepare an accurate thesis concerning it. Dad was born to be a student. While reading he would never think of skipping over any word whose pronunciation or meaning he wasn't sure of. Even in his nineties, a walk up two flights of stairs to a dictionary was a common practice.

It was in the last two years of his full life, which were beset with a series of major illnesses, that the true mettle of his faith showed itself most clearly. He could accept each vicissitude of health as something he was called upon to endure with perfect acquiescence, and as all his nurses will attest, he was the perfect patient. His fine memory and impeccable manners remained with him to the end.

We shall never forget his remark during the last day of his life when his discomfort was most intense, that it was a difficult road to get to heaven, but we are sure he arrived safely.

THE C.T.I. LIBRARY

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Training Institute. They have provided help in building up our library. We are deeply thankful for their support. It is our desire to further the cause of Christ and to be good stewards of the tasks assigned to us at the Christian Training Institute in every area of study, including the library.

MR. H. P. DONNER

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ment, he said: "For such I pray to the heavenly Father quite honestly and frankly. He knows what to do with such men." Whether in agreement or not, one cannot help but hold in highest respect such a saint of God who could take all his deepest thoughts and greatest concerns about his fellowmen and ministers (for in view of his denominational service, one may count this layman as one who ministered) not only to the throne of grace but also to the great "Director-in-Chief" for proper guidance.

Personally we want to say that we learned to know and greatly respect few men as we came to know Mr. Donner. We regard him as one of the greatest saints of God within our fellowship.

We the Women

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

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

In a recent magazine article the question was posed, "Is Christianity losing Africa?" The article went on to say that the revolt which has erupted all over Africa has an unexpected side effect. Not only are the natives attempting to shake off the white man's government, but their revolt has also turned against Christianity. Shocking as this accusation may be, there is no doubt a good deal of truth in it. Both Communist and Arab agitators have sought to link Christianity with colonialism and capitalism. To most Africans the white race is synonymous with the religion it professes. Some observers of the African uprisings predict the situation could explode into a religious war. Certainly many Africans are turning to Mohammedanism; others are abusing Christian missionaries. The gravity of the problem must set all Christians everywhere to serious thinking, and more especially to serious praying.

The missionaries of all denominations who have sacrificed their very lives to give the Africans a more abundant life through Christianity are certainly not to blame for the present eruption. It was they who parted the curtain of superstition and fear which separated the Dark Continent from the civilized world by bringing it not only the Gospel but medical science which has improved its health and saved its lives. They brought Africa the education which lifted it from centuries of ignorance into the light of knowledge. The principles of democracy and freedom have been taught them by Christian missionaries. Africa owes everything that is good to these missionaries who sacrificially brought her the concepts of human rights and equality.

Then why should the Africans turn against Christianity? The other side of the picture is the ugly one by which all whites are judged. Not only did the white missionary come to Africa, but also the greedy opportunist and selfish colonialist. Too many white men sought only to exploit and to grasp the riches of the vast untapped continent. Everywhere white men sought to keep the black man in his place—assuming the role of a superior master. The white man brought a new religion; the white man also robbed the African. The few white men who sought to help the African develop his land and his character have been forgotten. The angry cry goes out to keep Africa for the Africans. White men are less and less welcome.

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General S. S. Committee Report

By Mr. Vernon Heckman of the St. Paul, Minn., President of the
Sunday School Union

The new conference room at our headquarters building was initiated by the Sunday School Union Executive Committee, as they held their annual sessions at Forest Park, Illinois, on February 3 and 4. Located on the second floor, the spacious room has a large conference table, good ventilation, and comfortable chairs for the many day-long meetings that need to be held there periodically by each of the cooperating societies.

The committee had a 100% attendance record as the secretaries came from each of the nine area conferences and joined the officers and the staff workers of the Sunday School Union for these business sessions. The two new members of the committee were Rev. Robert Penner, representing the Central Conference, and Rev. Eugene Stroh, representing the Eastern Conference.

Copies of a "Sunday School Handbook," just being printed, were distributed to all in attendance. This book was designed to aid our schools in attaining their goals under the Sunday School Standard. In field work and each year as we have met in our annual sessions, we have felt the need for a book of this kind to provide practical ideas on how to implement the Sunday School Standard achievement goals. We are grateful to all who submitted material for this publication, and we hope the handbook will be widely used by our schools as a real tool for a more effective ministry. Single copies are thirty-five cents; three copies for one dollar. Please order from the Roger Williams Press.

Another publication of real worth that has been mailed to all pastors and superintendents is a new printing of our Christian Leadership Training

Curriculum brochure. This booklet lists over 200 books suitable to use as a study book for a leadership training course. A short description of the contents is given in many instances, and this description should facilitate selecting the right book for your group study.

In the General Secretary's annual report it was pointed out that our Sunday School enrollment is now 46,399 scholars. This represents an average increase of 1,000 scholars per year for the past five years. This gain, compared to the tremendous increase in elementary and secondary school enrollment in almost every state of the union and every province of Canada, is very small indeed. We should match, or even exceed, our church membership, which now numbers 50,646 members. We need to launch out into the deep! This is the King's business! It requires haste and genuine dedication to the task. The Sunday School Union is suggesting a Sunday School enlargement campaign from April 9 through May 28 to move in the right direction. Materials for this campaign have been made available to our churches.

It was agreed that the Sunday School Union should be, and is, interested in the comprehensive program of evangelism that was outlined for 1962 by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of Evangelism and Church Extension. The two keys to be promoted by the Sunday School Union in an 18 key program are:

1. The establishing of branch Sunday Schools;
2. A six months' comprehensive program of evangelism for the entire

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SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION LEADERS

Left to right: Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's worker; Mr. Vernon Heckman, president; Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary; Mr. Arthur Smith, vice president.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Ernest E. Hahn of Edmonton, Alberta, have announced the birth of a son on Feb. 24 who has been named Douglas Dwight. Mr. Hahn is pastor of the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta.

● Dr. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, has announced that Rev. Bruce Rich, a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will assist him on a part time basis as minister of youth. Mr. Rich also served for a time as Church Extension pastor at Janesville, Wisconsin.

● Rev. Alfred Frank recently resigned as pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, where he has been the minister since 1959. He has accepted a position as "orderly" in the Haven of Rest (Home for the Aged) in Medicine Hat, Alberta where he is already rendering an appreciated service.

● The First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Illinois, has extended a call to Mrs. Barbara Binder to serve as its Director of Youth Activities. She began her ministry in this new capacity on Feb. 1st. Rev. and Mrs. John Binder have joined the membership of the Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill. Mr. Binder is the denomination's CBYF general secretary. Rev. Gary Schroeder is pastor of the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Jacob Ehman of Sidney, Montana, to which he has replied favorably. He has announced that he will begin his ministry in the Goodrich church on June 1st, succeeding Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland, now of Aberdeen, South Dakota. Mr. Ehman has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana, since 1955.

● Bethel Baptist Church of Amherst (Buffalo), New York, held its second Annual Missionary Conference, February 12-15, with Dr. Richard Schilke, denominational Missionary Secretary, and Rev. David Keiry, denominational missionary to the Spanish American people in Colorado, as the ministering missionaries. An unusually fine spirit and excellent response on the part of the church prevailed. Rev. Albert Fadenrecht is the pastor.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, has extended a call to Rev. John Wollenberg of Ebenezer, Sask., as its pastor. He has responded favorably and announced that he will begin his ministry in the Morris church on April 30th. He has served as pastor of the Baptist church of Ebenezer, Sask., since 1957. In Morris, Manitoba, he is succeeding Rev. John

Binder, the CBYF general secretary of the denomination at the present time.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma, has extended a call to Mr. Daniel Kolke, a 1961 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He finished his studies at the Seminary in January 1961. His home church is the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He has accepted the call and is already on the field as the pastor, having succeeded Rev. LeRoy Schauer, at present the Church Extension pastor in Columbus, Nebr.

● Bethel College of St. Paul, Minn., a college of the Baptist General Conference (Swedish) has announced that Dr. Walter W. Wessel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will join the Bethel College faculty on Sept. 1, 1961, as Associate Professor of Biblical Literature. Dr. Wessel's resignation as professor at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., since 1956, was accepted regrettably by the Seminary's Board of Trustees.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 26, the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., showed the new Billy Graham film, "Africa on the Bridge." Several of the outstanding pre-Easter speakers at meetings held by the church from March 5 to 10 were Dr. Charles W. Koller, former president of Northern Baptist Seminary, and Rev. John Crouthamel, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif. Rev. H. John Vanderbeck is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday, Jan. 15th, Rev. Lyle Wacker, pastor of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebraska, baptized an adult convert. During the week of Jan. 22 to 27 special meetings were held with Rev. LeRoy Schauer, Church Extension pastor in Columbus, Nebr., as guest speaker. Mr. Wacker reported that "many of the Christians in our Shell Creek Church expressed their desire for a more dedicated and consecrated Christian life."

● The Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. George Robinson of Jamestown, N. Dak., pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city for several years. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Wausau church in June 1961. The reception for him and his family will be held on June 21st and he will preach his first sermon in the church on Sunday, June 25. Dr. M. Vanderbeck has been serving as interim pastor since January 1961.

● Rev. G. Beutler of Oroville, Wash.,

has announced that he brought his ministry at the Osoyoos Baptist Church, Osoyoos, B. C., to a close on March 31st. In order to develop the work at the Oroville Baptist Church as it ought to be done, he feels that he ought to give the church more pastoral attention. The Oroville church is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention. The Osoyoos church has invited Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, to counsel with them regarding the placement of a full time pastor in Osoyoos.

● The Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., held special meetings from March 12 to 19 with Rev. Adam Huber, pastor of the Brook Park Church, Minneapolis, Minn., as guest speaker. The 80th anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society was held on Thursday evening, Feb. 23, with the president, Mrs. Ben Paulisch, in charge. Highlights of the society's history were also given by Mrs. Phyllis Gaetzke, secretary; and Mrs. Lincoln Dickie, treasurer. Missionary films were shown. Rev. Norman Miller, pastor, closed the program with prayer.

● The annual evangelistic campaign for the Temple Baptist church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, was held from Feb. 8 to 19. Rev. Wm. Sibley, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, was the evangelist. The total attendance reached 1602, while average nightly attendance was 164. Special vocal numbers by members of the church and challenging Gospel messages were a great blessing to members and visiting friends. Many decisions to live a closer walk to the Lord were made. Rev. Henry Schumacher is pastor of the church.

● On March 13 four North American Baptist ministers on their way to the Seminary's convocation program were involved in an automobile accident in Iowa. They are Rev. David J. Draewell of Parma, Ohio, whose car was involved in the accident; Rev. John Ziegler of Dayton, Ohio; Rev. Dale Chadwick of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rev. Emanuel Wolff of Cleveland, Ohio, Eastern District secretary. None of the four ministers, even though hospitalized for a while, was injured critically. We are grateful to God for his protecting hand over them in this accident.

● In January and February, 16 new members were added to the membership of the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. Twelve were received by baptism and most of the candidates were teenagers. Special meetings were held in February with Rev. and Mrs. Hans Mattson of Tacoma, Washington as evangelists. Mrs. Mattson illustrated Bible truths in beautiful blacklight flannelgraph pictures each evening. The Mattsons were well received by the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Johnson, students at Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, have been engaged as youth directors and will also be received as members.



A busy market place in a South American city.

South American Romance

A Christian Novel by Mary McCombe Orr

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SYNOPSIS

Zorillo Lopez came back to his widowed mother, Dona Marta, after a year of military service in the Paraguayan army. He was now ready to continue his father's trade of making wooden saints in the workshop. He was also looking for a bride. His choice fell on Rosita. Soon after their marriage, Guadeloupe returned from military service and visited Zorillo and Rosita almost every day. Zorillo resented these visits because he was intensely jealous and regarded Guadeloupe as a "tricky friend." In fact, Guadeloupe broke up the marriage and Zorillo left his wife and went to Asuncion. Four months later, a sad Dona Marta prepared for the Day of All Saints. She couldn't understand her friend Luisa, who was always happy but who had been "blinded" by the evangelicos with their Protestant Bible. She met these evangelicos at the cemetery and heard their singing and testimonies. Later they came and visited her in her home and led her to Christ as her Savior. The two women, Dona Marta and Dona Luisa, became workers together in prayer. Dona Marta even dared to pray for the reconciliation of her son with Rosita. Then she became quite ill. Zorillo returned home to his mother and found his aunt, Dona Ana, in the house. It was she who had called the priest.

CHAPTER TEN

ON THE priest's stepping inside the door, she dropped to her knees before him and kissed the hand that he extended for that purpose.

"Oh, holy father, you are gracious and kind indeed! The Holy Virgin bless you for coming to save my sister's soul from her own folly!"

The priest received the words and gesture with inward satisfaction and outward loftiness. Waving his hand toward the walls in a sweeping motion that included all four, he commanded

angrily, "Tear down those false words! What? No crucifix? No Virgin? To what limits of fanaticism and rebellion will these Protestants go?"

The texts were torn down. Hastily Dona Ana drew from her basket a few of her own cherished saints and fixed them on the walls. She took out her own rosary, too, and a couple of candles.

"Look, Zorillo, look around and see if you can find some more candles, for we will be needing them."

The one that had been flickering through the night had burnt out long before the dawn. Zorillo looked in the old place where his mother had always kept them, and found a few more. Naturally, no great supply was there, for Dona Marta had used them solely for light.

Grumbling and scolding, the priest began his rites over the dying woman. Her groans, for she twisted and turned and seemed in great pain, were readily accepted as answers to the confessor's questions. Mercifully, she neither saw nor heard what was transpiring. Soon, for the practiced lips ran through the Latin phrases speedily, the ceremony was over. Dona Ana and Zorillo thanked him most fervently, kissed his hand once more, and bade him a sincere good day.

"Gracias a la Virgen!" exclaimed Dona Ana feelingly, when he had gone, and dropping to her knees, performed her own devotions.

Zorillo, noticing that his mother was somewhat quieter, slipped out and hurriedly washed himself in the same wooden basin as of old. Finding in the shop an old jacket and trousers, almost as worn as the ones he wore, but much cleaner, he changed his clothes and quickly returned to his mother's side. She was lying quietly enough, too quietly, Zorillo thought, and at times he had difficulty in knowing whether or not she was breathing.

Dona Ana was at the other side, a lighted candle in her hand, ready to place it in that of her sister.

There came a sudden change. The dark eyes opened wide, and seemed to focus on some distant object. The bony hands were raised as if in wonder and ecstasy. In the clear strong voice of the night before, one word was uttered—"Joy!"

Dona Ana had the candle in her sister's hand, and held it tightly closed with her own. The tired face relaxed. Dona Marta was in heaven!

Two heads bowed in grief, and two hearts wept unrestrainedly the tears of genuine sorrow. In all sincerity they had done their best, as far as they knew how, for their loved one.

When they could compose themselves, Zorillo set out to advise, not the believers, but the old circle of friends. In a short while a crowd had gathered, not just to pay their respects to the memory of the one who had gone on, but to triumph over the defeat of her "false religion."

Quickly a crude table of rough boards was erected and covered with a sheet. The wasted body was stretched out, and also covered. Four candles were lit and placed at the corners. A picture of the Virgin Mary was placed at the feet. The hands were folded in the attitude of prayer, and Dona Ana's rosary was twined around them!

Down the dusty road came a young couple with hurried steps. They had just heard of the arrival of the relatives, and of Dona Marta's "strange talk" to the believers. They were concerned. Perhaps she needed them.

Not knowing what to expect, but hoping at least for a welcome, they came quickly up to the doorway, then stopped in shocked surprise. They could hardly believe that this was Dona Marta's shack, so great, so heartbreaking was the transformation! And there was Dona Ana presiding over the *maté*, and serving it to the crowd that sat on the benches around the walls. Even the crowd was strange, some chatting, some silent, some tearfully fingering their rosaries; there was not a believer among them!

Dona Ana, her sorrow greatly diminished by the consciousness of a great victory, turned to the couple in the doorway. Although she had never seen them before, in an instant she guessed that they were the propagators of this "new religion."

"Buenos días," she greeted them, "we will not be needing you here. Gracias a Dios, my sister repented

before she died. She had the priest come, and confessed her sins, and was absolved. She died praising the Virgin, and with the holy wafer on her lips. Thanks be unto God, she died a true Catholic, and happy."

Each word delivered was like a fresh blow to the young pair. It could not be true. These people, who so sorely needed the Saviour, were, however, hearing and believing the lies of the evil one.

The sight of the beloved one, stretched out in death, surrounded by saints and candles, was so strange, so unbearable that instinctively they wanted to close their eyes and shut it out.

When Dona Ana had finished her speech of triumph, Don Jorge and Dona Helena bade the company a broken good morning and turned away. Curious and exultant eyes watched them until they had disappeared from sight.

It was toward the home of Dona Luisa that they trudged in broken-hearted grief. They met her on the way to the *ranchito*.

"Hermanos," cried Dona Luisa in alarm, "oh, tell me what has happened! Is she gone?"

Tearfully they told the story.

"Don't tell me that you believe any of their lies!" exclaimed the knowing old believer. "Sister Marta repented not one whit, nor did she confess one thing to the priest. You should have heard the good confession that she witnessed before those two last night! You should have seen her face all lit up with victory as she talked with us about her funeral! If the priest was there, she had nothing to do with calling him. His presence was forced on her when she was too weak to protest, and perhaps even unconscious. No, Dona Marta never denied her Lord! Let's thank God she's with Him!"

"Of course we don't believe their story," said Don Jorge, smiling at Dona Luisa's vehemence, "and you do rightly to rebuke us, for we have been too downcast. We have no right to sorrow as others who have no hope. The tragic part is that all those people should hear that lie and believe it, but even that we can commit to Him who permitted it. They may do what they please with her body, but she is safe in the presence of the King."

Thus, through remembering the promises of God, sorrow was turned to gladness, and apparent defeat into real victory.

The believers were all soon informed of what had taken place. Naturally they were shocked and grieved, and some were inclined to be angry; yet each, when they had considered this thing from God's point of view, could not but praise Him, and rejoice in the knowledge of Dona Marta's joy.

All day long the little *ranchito* was the scene of much activity, as Dona Marta's still, cold body lay in state among the candles and great bouquets of garden flowers. Visitors came and

entered and, in turn, dropped to their knees, crossed themselves, and repeated prayers while looking around to see who else was there. After crossing themselves again each arose, and drew back the sheet to see the cold, still face, then looked for a place to sit on one of the long benches around the four walls.

As there was not room for all on the benches, the men sat or stood in little groups outside, and took the opportunity to catch up on their visiting.

As a rule, the talk was quiet, although at times the voices rose in animation. This happened usually when the story of the early morning victory was told to a newcomer, as one of the *maté* kettles did service in the middle of some group. Several kettles had been borrowed and all were kept hot and busy.

But the sound of victorious voices was not the only one that broke the silence. The hammering of nails was also heard, for boards were brought and the coffin was made on the spot and covered with cheap black mourning-cloth. Besides this there was the swift clickety-clack of a little old sewing machine. One of the women was busy in Zorillo's and Rosita's neglected shack, making up a black dress for Dona Ana, a black shirt for Zorillo, and a burial dress for the corpse.

The corpse, of course, had to be dressed just right. Someone was sent to buy a pair of new slippers and a pair of stockings, although Dona Marta had never worn hose in all of her fifty-six years. By midafternoon the sewing was all done, and the body was dressed, in death, in greater finery than it had ever known in life, ready for its last visit to the church.

Some of the old acquaintances went home for a meal; some shared the food cooked in the adjoining *ranchito*. As night came on, the crowd became greater, for those who had gone home returned, and yet others arrived. There they remained for the entire night.

Toward midnight the death singers began their awful chants. Half singing and half wailing, their weird harmony in a high minor key continued for hours and could be heard throughout the entire neighborhood. Eerie indeed it was as it broke the silence of the cool night. No vivid imagination was needed to picture lost souls, or disembodied spirits, wandering through endless wastes in fruitless quest of rest! No wonder several of the watchers had brought bottles that from time to time were passed from mouth to mouth during the long hours of darkness! No wonder that the dawn found several fallen in drunken sleep in corners of the shop and patio!

As for Zorillo, he took nothing, but passed the night in stolid silence and in bitter grief.

Dawn broke at last. The drowsy watchers stirred themselves and began the morning's activities. The floor was swept, but superstition would not al-

low the sweepings to be thrown out. Instead, they were piled up underneath the table on which the body lay, to be disposed of later. Soon the home-made coffin was brought in, and almost as automatically as the switching on of an electric bell, Dona Ana began to scream. Up until this point she had shown remarkable self-control. Now, however, she began to shriek and lament to the accompaniment of the sobbing of the other women.

"Oh, *hermana mia! Hermana mia!* I will never, never see you again! *Querida hermana mia!* How you have suffered! Now you are gone forever! Oh, my poor, poor sister!" These words and others she repeated in an ever higher pitch, until she was fully exhausted and her voice so hoarse that she could hardly utter another word. The sobbing women remonstrated, knowing full well that their remonstrations would have no effect, and were not supposed to have!

Zorillo stood by, weeping also, but with control, while the other men stood by and wiped their eyes, and shifted from one foot to the other uncomfortably.

When the body had been placed in the coffin, the rude cross that had been made with it was removed from the lid and given to one of the company to carry. As this one went out, the coffin bearers lifted their burden and followed, with Zorillo and the rest bringing up the rear. Only two or three women remained behind with Dona Ana, whose screaming gained new vigor at this point, then continued, rising and falling rhythmically, until once more her strength was spent. Once more it was regained, but this time the wailing gradually diminished in pitch and vehemence, until she was led, shaking and sobbing to her cot to rest, while her neighbors tidied up.

In the meantime the procession had reached the church, and the coffin was taken in to be blessed and sprinkled with holy water. As the company resumed their slow march, they were joined by a group of believers who had come to show their respect for the body of their dearly beloved sister in the Lord. Following along quietly, they were regarded now and then with sideways glances. If anyone expected to see signs of resentment or anger in them, or hate, or even a bearing of defeat and disappointment, they were the ones who were disappointed. If any of the believers had felt these things at first, the time of prayer and praise from which they had just come had swept them all away. Now they felt only a genuine sympathy for the sorrowing son, pity for the crowd still groping in the darkness from which they had been saved, and joy for the one who was safe where she could suffer no more.

The hymns of victory that Dona Marta had requested were never sung above her grave, but they had already

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 23, 1961

Theme: WHEN HUMAN WISDOM

FAILS

Scripture: Job 21: 19-34

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Because man is limited in his knowledge, he must rely on the limitless wisdom of God.

INTRODUCTION: In studying the Book of Job we must bear in mind the customs and culture of the people in ancient Bible times. It is difficult to put a definite date on the book. Since there is an obvious omission of all references to the Mosaic law and ritual, some scholars seem to believe that the Book of Job was written before the giving of the Law. Some consider this the most ancient book in the Old Testament. If this is so, then it reveals the little change that has taken place in human nature. The experiences of Job which took place thousands of years ago are as up-to-date as the twentieth century. Our wisdom and knowledge are still limited when confronted with the ways of God. Our friends still misunderstand us and are often more ready to advise us and criticize us than to help us. Above all, no matter how much we know about God through theory or knowledge, it is only through personal experience that we really learn to know him.

I. THE FOOLISHNESS OF INIQUITY. Job 21:19-21.

The preceding verses should be read in order to clarify the word "children" as it is used here. The reference is to the children of the wicked and not to the children of God. Job is reminding his friends that it is not always easy to understand the ways of God. While he visits the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation upon them that hate him, there are others who never seem to be rewarded for their wickedness in this life. The wicked may wilfully close his eyes to God's law and grace, but the time will eventually come when his eyes will be open to God's judgment and destruction. A wicked and foolish man only seems to prosper. In the end he discovers that he had merely a false prosperity—a mirage on the horizon of life.

II. THE FOOLISHNESS OF TEACHING GOD. Job 21:22-26.

We have all seen the humor and foolishness of trying to reverse the natural order of learning in which the child wants to teach the parent, the pupil wants to instruct the teacher and the novice wants to teach the master. The most foolish of all undertakings, of course, is man trying to

teach God. There are many things in God's providence and creation which man thinks should be done differently if he were running the universe. Life itself seems to be so unfair. Some die young, some die old, some are sick, some are well, some are rich, some are poor, some are happy, some are unhappy. There seems to be no rhyme or reason to many of these differences. It is so easy to forget that the unfairness and unrighteousness in this world are not caused by God's wisdom, but by man's foolishness.

III. THE FOOLISHNESS OF JUDGING. Job 21:27-33.

Job's friends are judging him unjustly. They are taking for granted that trouble, sorrow and pain are always the direct result of wickedness, and they assume that this must be true in his case.

God only knows the true context of every situation and can judge righteously because he sees the end from the beginning.

IV. THE FOOLISHNESS OF FALSE COMFORT. Job 21:34.

A person who is sorrowing and suffering can feel whether the comfort is genuine or not. Job felt that the comfort of his friends was secondary. Their main purpose was to instruct him, to accuse him and to expose his sin. If there was falsehood in their wisdom, Job felt that there was also falsehood in their comfort.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 30, 1961

Theme: WHEN GOD'S WISDOM PREVAILS

Scripture: Job 42:1-12a

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God has the answers only for those who submit their problems to him.

INTRODUCTION: Today we come to the last of four lessons taken from the Book of Job. Human nature is found here in all its varied degrees: pessimism, optimism, faith, hope, love, fear, doubt, resentment are all evident in one form or another. We find the same problems of God and man being discussed and debated today. Books are still being written on the meaning

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of suffering, and people are still asking the age-old question—why?

Job asked the question thousands of years ago. Why do the righteous suffer? He was troubled by the reality of the seeming prosperity and success and satisfaction of many who lead evil lives. He saw death in its more natural form coming to many sinners without painful and lingering illness. Finally, after trying to find a rational answer to life's problems, Job gives God an opportunity to answer some of his difficult and disturbing questions.

I. GOD'S WISDOM LEADS TO REPENTANCE. Job 42:1-6.

As long as Job relied on his own wisdom and understanding, it was difficult to let God come fully into his life. Slowly he began to realize that he did all the thinking and all the talking, and he never really gave God a chance to think and talk through him. As soon as he saw that he could do nothing, he let God do everything. He gave up trying to match his wits with God. When he became aware of the wisdom and knowledge of God, he saw his own ignorance and foolishness, and his utter unworthiness. The repentance which Job expressed was deep, sincere and abiding. It was not a repentance of the gross sins of the flesh, but a repentance of the more refined and subtle sins of the spirit. His religion was no longer based on hearsay, but on personal experience of sight and insight.

II. GOD'S WISDOM LEADS TO REBUKE. Job 42:6-9.

Often a sinner cannot find God because he listens to those who have a false concept of salvation. Job's friends confused the issue rather than clarified it. They set themselves up as authorities who had all the theological concepts worked out in the only acceptable formula. Suffering is the result of sin; Job must therefore be a big sinner. Such an attitude often makes a man uncharitable towards those who are less fortunate and creates in them a spirit of self-righteousness. In his rebuke of Job's friends, God condemned both an easy solution to life's problems and the unloving spirit of the accusers.

III. GOD'S WISDOM LEADS TO PRAYER. Job 42:10.

It is often easier to pray for an enemy than for a friend. Perhaps it was a little difficult for Job to pray for his friends in whom he was disappointed. Yet it had to be done, and sincerely done, before he could be fully forgiven and restored himself. The prayer of the righteous does avail much, not only for himself but for others as well.

IV. GOD'S WISDOM LEADS TO TRUE PROSPERITY. Job 42:11-12.

Life was not over for Job. In fact, (Continued on page 22)

Our Denomination in ACTION

Eastern District

Covenant Service at Grosse Pointe Church, Detroit

The Grosse Pointe Baptist Church (formerly Burns Ave. Church) of Detroit, Mich., was replanted six years ago. No sooner was the debt comfortably reduced when God challenged us to labor in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Through the influence of some of our members who live there, we were brought into contact with a devout body of believers, some fifty persons. The group voted to become part of our church and the North American Baptist Conference. Our church undertook a \$50,000 bond program to enable the construction of a new building on property we secured.

On January 29th a service was held uniting the two groups. Personal testimonies were given by two members from each church. The history of both churches was read. The Bloomfield Hills Junior Choir rendered special music. The covenant and prayer were led by Mr. Bob Francis of Bloomfield Hills. Dr. Dale Ihrie, pastor of Grosse Pointe Church, initiated the bond program. Rev. Wallace Alcorn, pastor of Bloomfield Hills Church, spoke on "The Glorious Church." Bloomfield Hills is the fourth church which can trace its source and origin to our church. We thank God for the opportunity of advancing the cause of Church Extension in our denominational program.

Mrs. Wm. Faust, Reporter

Central District

Day of Prayer at Rosenfeld Church, N. Dak.

"There Came a Woman" was the theme discussed on World Day of Prayer by the Rosenfeld and McClusky Mission Societies at the Rosenfeld Baptist Church; Anamoose, N. Dak. Various members of each society took part in presenting the program and all members of both societies joined in prayer. Feeling strengthened in prayer, we are glad that we can and did come to Jesus and our hope and prayer are that many the world over will come to Jesus even as the Samaritan woman did and drink of the Living Waters and be filled.

Lunch and a time of fellowship were enjoyed by the group following the prayer service.

Mrs. Arnold Friez, Reporter

Baptismal Service at Junction City Church, Kansas

On Sunday morning, Jan. 15th, a baptismal service was held at the Junction City Church Extension Church, Junction City, Kansas. Rev. Edwin F. Walter, pastor, baptized two boys on confession of their faith in

Christ. On Feb. 19th the Lord's Supper was observed and these converts were received. Also one member was received by letter and welcomed into the fellowship of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

At the first of this year, a C. B. Y. Fellowship was organized in our Extension work and the membership has reached nine members. We meet every other Sunday and the young people take an active part. During "Youth Week" we participated in a city-wide youth rally.

Edwin F. Walter, Pastor

Youth Week at First Church, Emery, S. Dak.

The youth of the Senior C. B. Y. at the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., held a full week of activities during Youth Week. On Monday evening, young people from the Plum Creek, Chancellor and Avon churches joined us in a singspiration with various groups and individuals bringing special numbers. After the singspiration, a lunch was served by the Emery youth. On Wednesday night we presented a musical program for the residents of the North American Baptist Home in Madison.

On Thursday night we led the weekly midweek service at our church. Saturday a banquet was given for our parents with Art Patzia, president of the North American Baptist C. B. Y. Fellowship, bringing the message. On Sunday morning a number of our young people participated in some of the worship service functions, and then on Sunday evening we concluded our Youth Week with the service, which we prepared. We all were richly blessed and spiritually satisfied during Youth Week.

Sharon Brown, Reporter

Programs Held at Calvary Church, Carrington, N. Dak.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, N. Dak., presented a Christmas



Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak., and 11 persons whom he baptized on confession of their faith in Christ.

Carol cantata, "Prepare Him Room." On Dec. 18 our Sunday School presented a Christmas pageant, "Jesus, the Light of the World." On Feb. 12 two representatives from the American Sunday School Union spoke in our church. They also showed a film of the work being done by the A.S.S.U. Our pastor, Rev. Howard Westlund, conducted six evenings of Bible study from I Thessalonians during the first two weeks of February.

Two Teacher Training Lessons were held Feb. 28 and March 2 with our pastor in charge. Films were shown each evening on preparing teachers for their work. Our church is beginning a building project which will result in adding to the building and to Sunday School rooms and enlarging the auditorium. March 17 was the time of our spring fellowship with a program from the Sunday School and a supper for all members and friends of the church.

Mrs. Soren Clausen, Reporter

Baptismal Service and Men's Activities at Goodrich, N. D.

On Sunday, Jan. 29th, it was the privilege of the First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak., to hold a baptismal service at the Turtle Lake Baptist Church. Four adults and seven young people followed the Lord in baptism. For several weeks as a class, the candidates had received instructions on baptism, church membership and Christian living by the pastor, Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland. On Feb. 12th during the morning worship service the candidates were given the hand of fellowship by the pastor into the First Baptist Church at Goodrich.

On Monday evening, Feb. 6th, a large group of men from the Men's Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church drove to Turtle Lake by bus and gave a program. The object was to stress the importance of organizing and having a vigorous Baptist Men's fellowship in a church. On Friday evening, Feb. 10th, the Men's Brotherhood held a Father and Son Banquet which was very well attended. The Woman's Missionary Society prepared and served the banquet. The president of the Northern North Dakota Association Baptist Men's Fellowship, Mr. Y. C. Crilly, of Minot, N. Dak., gave an inspiring talk to the men on "Laymen at Work."

Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter

Day of Prayer for Two Oklahoma Churches

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, Oklahoma is grateful to God for the many blessings we received from him. On Sunday evening, February 12, the film, "Martyred Men," was shown which was a challenge to everyone present. The Zion Church of Okeene fellowshipped with us.

On February 17, the women from our Oklahoma churches were invited to join us for the World Day of Prayer. A luncheon was served to 70 women.

A fine time of fellowship prevailed. At 1:00 P.M. we gathered in the auditorium for a devotional program and several special numbers were rendered. We then divided into groups for prayer. The W.M.U. from the Zion Church of Okeene extended an invitation to the group for next year's World Day of Prayer.

Mrs. Sam Geis, Reporter

Youth Week at Riverview Church, St. Paul

The Senior CBY of the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn., extended their Youth Week activities to cover two weeks this year. On Sunday, Jan. 29, a skit was presented during the opening exercises of Sunday School publicizing the coming events. On Wednesday a special effort was made to get as many young people out for Bible study and prayer service as possible. On Saturday, Feb. 4th, a "clean the church" day was held with the young people, directed by the custodian, helping with the weekly cleaning duties. On Sunday, Feb. 5, the young people took over the entire opening exercises of Sunday School and in the evening took charge of the service, providing special music and a guest speaker.

The missionary banquet on Feb. 14, however, was the highlight of the week. A menu of African peanut stew, Spanish-American chili and Japanese chow mein was served by youth dressed in costumes, all representing our various mission fields. The tables were decorated appropriately and the Cameroons missionary, Gerry Glase-napp, gave a short talk on Christian love. After the banquet a visitation time was planned and later the group found a real blessing in sharing their experiences. The officers of the CBY are Jerry Dahlin, president; John Reed, vice-president, Peggy Witt, secretary; Claudia Pierce, treasurer.

Mrs. Gerald Miller, Reporter



Women's Missionary Society of Carbon, Alberta.

Mrs. W. Muller, pastor's wife, is at the extreme left (standing), and Mrs. D. Buyer, president, is at the extreme right.

Northern District

Women's Missionary Birthday Banquet at Carbon, Alta.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." Yes, we as the Woman's Missionary Society of Carbon, Alberta can truly say we've received many a blessing from God during the past fifteen years. Many a time dark clouds would appear on the horizon, but prayer always brought forth the sunshine.

January 31st had been set aside as a special day. It was 15 years since we had reorganized as a missionary group. We celebrated the event by having a birthday banquet for our members and their families. The birthday cake held its special spot at the head of the

tables. After the banquet, our president, Mrs. D. Buyer, held a devotional period entitled, "The Isle of Treasure." After that each month rendered a special number. A social period followed. May God lead and direct us in the future so that we can carry out his work in our little corner.

Martha Neher, Reporter

Anniversary Program, Woman's Missionary Circle, Camrose

The Woman's Missionary Circle of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta assembled on Feb. 9 to celebrate its 46th anniversary. Of the 12 original members, six are still living, and three of these are still active in our society. Our program was as follows: chairman, Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom; song service led by Mrs. Richard Hickman; Scripture reading by Mrs. C. Beller; prayers by Mrs. E. Stack and Mrs. Julius Hickman; a duet by Mrs. Sam Miller and Mrs. Gust Schultz; a reading by Mrs. Ed. Roth; and a trio by Mrs. T. Gerber, Mrs. Ted Miller and Mrs. O. Fritzke. A special missionary offering of \$50.36 was received.

The play depicted the life of Adelaide Pollard, who felt a definite call to the mission field in India, but sickness intervened and she was forced to stay at home. She was then inspired to write that beautiful hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." Those taking part were Mrs. E. Schmitke, Mrs. C. A. Roth, Mrs. Philip Link and Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom. Rev. Oscar Fritzke, our pastor, closed with prayer. On Sunday, Feb. 19, the Christian Training Institute Choristers under the directorship of Prof. Ed. Link presented their annual program in testimony and song.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter

Teacher Training Course for Three Churches, Edmonton

Three Edmonton, Alberta churches: McKernan, Central, and Lauderdale, cooperated in a teacher training period held at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton from Feb. 16 to 23. The sessions began and ended on a Thursday evening. Wednesday was left open for regular prayer meeting attendance. This worked out very well. Three courses were offered. Rev. A. Lamprecht taught the course in pupil psychology using the textbook, *Understanding The Pupil, Part II*, by M. Soderholm. Rev. E. Hahn used as textbook the booklet by H. Jacobsen, *The "How" of Effective Lesson Preparation*. Rev. A. Rapske, instructor of Christian Education at the Christian Training Institute, taught the third course on the visitation aspect of Sunday School work. The study booklet by J. T. Sisemore, *The Ministry of Visitation*, was the basis for study in this course.

There was a total of 32 Sunday School workers enrolled. Of these 21 qualify for the certificate. During the period between class periods, a twenty minute chapel period was conducted. The final evening came to a pleasant close around tables set with refreshments. We are firmly convinced that more workers must be exposed to such training periods if they are to grow in their effectiveness.

Arnold Rapske, Reporter

BAPTIST HERALD

God's Blessings for Calvary Church, Wetaskiwin, Alta.

With the Rev. Wm. W. Sibley as pastor, the year 1960 was one of progress for the Calvary Church Wetaskiwin, Alta. Twenty-three new members were added. Fourteen were received following baptism, five by letter of transfer and four upon profession of faith. One member transferred leaving the membership at 130. The work prospered financially enabling the church to pledge increased support to the denominational missions as well as undertaking the full support of Rev. Ben Strohschein, who grew up in this church, and is now serving with the Sudan United Mission.

The Sunday School has advanced in effectiveness through the commencement of a separate opening worship for the junior classes. In April a teacher training course was held. Several new students were added as a result of a visitation canvass of neighboring residential area in November. Average attendance for the year was 150. In November the church decided to add six Sunday School classrooms to the present edifice. These rooms were completed during January 1961 at a cost just over \$6,000. The dedication of this addition is being planned for April or May.

Madeline Kern, Reporter.

Western District

Activities of Woman's Mission Society, Kitimat, B. C.

Looking back upon the year 1960 we, the women of the Ladies Aid of the Baptist Church, Kitimat, British Columbia, feel how thankful we have to be for so many things. As in the previous years, we had our meetings twice every month. In part they were filled with activities for the White Cross Mission and with preparations for a bazaar in November. Apart from the fine fellowship we were having on that occasion with many friends, we were very thankful that all our needlework, homemade cake, donated plants and flowers were meeting with a ready sale. In this way we had the joy of getting more than \$230.00 for the Lord's work.

The Flower Night in spring and the cozy pre-Christmas gathering with our husbands and friends will gratefully be remembered just as the third anniversary of our society in February to which a goodly number of our fellow-sisters from Terrace had followed our invitation. Soon after a rich collection of clothing for the needy in Japan, parcels with food and clothes were sent to Yugoslavia and refugees in Germany. Next to God, we owe much to the fine leadership of our president, Mrs. Elena Reimann, and the willing co-operation of most of our members.

Ricarda Grabowski, Reporter

Baptism of 14, Salt Creek Church, Oregon

Sunday, Feb. 5th, will long be remembered by the members of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon. First our U-2 contest during the month of January was a complete success. We reached our goal of 300 in

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Rev. Clarence H. Walth, (left, back row), pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, and 14 young people whom he recently baptized on their confession of faith in Christ.

attendance on Jan. 29th. During the Sunday School hour the mystery photographer was unveiled. Mr. Dale Overholzer took pictures of all classes and the department with the largest attendance received free pictures. The primary department won the pictures.

The highlight of the evening service was the beautiful baptismal service. Fourteen people stepped into the waters of baptism and each was presented with a white carnation reminding us of the purity and faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ. Preceding the communion service, 26 persons in all were extended the hand of fellowship by our pastor, Rev. C. Walth.

Mrs. John C. Tilgner, Reporter

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**HISTORIAN SAYS PRESENT AGE
CHRISTIANITY'S BEST**

The present revolutionary age is the greatest in which Christianity has existed, a prominent church historian told Baptist leaders in Atlanta.

Kenneth Scott Latourette, emeritus professor of Church History at Yale University and author of numerous books, including a seven volume history of the expansion of Christianity, gave four reasons why he considered the present age Christianity's greatest.

1) Christianity is more widely spread than any other religion has ever been.

2) Churches are more deeply rooted among more people than at any previous time.

3) Christians are feeling the way of coming together as never before, and "it is more than just the Ecumenical Movement."

4) The influence of Christ is spreading outside the Christian community.

"Never before has all mankind passed through as drastic a revolution as it is passing through today," Latourette said. He pointed to the ways it touches all of life: political, communism, economic, knowledge, social, and religious.

He credited Western Christianity with giving birth to most of the revolutionary forces,

—*The Baptist World*

MISSIONARY RALLY, APRIL 27

The Missionary Rally for all North American Baptists of Chicago and vicinity will be held on Thursday evening, April 27, at 8:00 P.M. in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. This service will climax the sessions of the Board of Missions to be held from April 25 to 27.

Missionary speakers will be Miss Ruby Salzman and Miss Delores Henne, Cameroons missionaries who will be at home on furlough, and Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, following his important visit to the Cameroons Mission Field in March. This will be an evening and a service long to be remembered!

—EDITOR

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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vakia, Zurich, Switzerland, Stockholm, Sweden, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Toronto, Canada.

• BWA Seeks New Homes for Cuban Refugees. Washington, D. C.—(BWA)

—The Baptist World Alliance relief department is looking for new homes and new jobs for 300 Cuban Baptist Refugees. A. Klaupiks, relief coordinator for the Alliance, said that the need is urgent. The 300 Baptists are among 32,000 homeless and uprooted Cuban refugees now in the Miami, Fla. area after having fled the Caribbean island in the wake of revolution and counter-revolution. "These are fine people, and many of them are highly skilled in different professions and crafts," Klaupiks said. They are receiving emergency help from the Baptist Center for Latin Americans, a Southern Baptist home mission agency under the direction of Milton S. Leach, Jr. and R. G. Van Royen in Miami. "The refugees do not expect, nor want to live on charity," Klaupiks reported on his return from Miami. Relocation of these people seems essential in view of a heavy unemployment situation in the Miami area. Ideally the relocation site would be in an area of Spanish speaking people so that the Cubans could adjust more easily to new environment.

MARCH OF EVENTS

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a five per cent drop in the total enrollment of member institutions of the American Association of Theological Schools, accrediting agency for U. S. and Canadian seminaries. The decline, most marked in recent years, will be felt more intensely in view of expanding churches and increased church membership. Enrollment in 122 accredited or associate member schools of the AATS during the autumn quarter was 20,032. A year ago it was 21,088. The new figure is the lowest in five years. —*Christianity Today*

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