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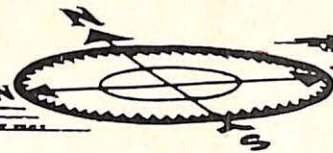
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of Events

• The first honorary degree awarded by Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., went to Dr. Charles E. Fuller, who founded the seminary fourteen years ago. Dr. Fuller, director of the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour" for over 35 years, received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

• Dr. Frank Laubach, famed world literacy expert, has been asked to help train members of U. S. President John F. Kennedy's proposed Peace Corps. The world-famous missionary and literacy training pioneer, whose teams have taught illiterate people in 101 countries to read 297 languages, said he regards the Peace Corps as an excellent idea.

• The Assemblies of God sponsor 80 per cent of the evangelical work among American Indians according to a recent survey by the NAE Commission on Home Missions of the National Association of Evangelicals. The Assemblies of God now have 85 Indian churches and total of 148 missionaries to the Indians in 19 states ministering in 110 preaching points. Still unreached by them are 172 tribes and 227 reservations.

• Twenty-two Methodist schools in Cuba have been nationalized by the Castro regime according to a recent report by the Methodist Board of Missions in New York. Among those taken was the new Candler University in Havana, the only Methodist University in Latin America. This act was in accordance with a recent decree by Castro which nationalized all private schools. These schools had an enrollment of 5,000 pupils and at least five have been in operation for over 50 years. Most of them were sponsored by local Methodist churches in cities and towns.

—United Evangelical Action

• Portuguese authorities closed an Assemblies of God Church near Lisbon on grounds that the church held its services in a building which was not licensed for that purpose. The church which served some 2,000 people was the second Protestant organization adversely affected by a government ruling in a week. Observers attributed these actions to charges that Protestant missionaries in Angola were aiding native insurgents against Portuguese authorities there. Earlier a Portuguese Protestant youth organization had been ordered to disband for alleged activities outside its constitution. It met religious and recreational needs of young workers.

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• Christians in Madras, India, have greeted with enthusiasm the news that the Canadian Bible Society will finance the printing and distribution of

about a million copies of the Scriptures in the Tamil language. The five-year project is expected to cost about \$100,000. Tamil is the oldest language in India and is spoken by some 30 million people in Southwest India and a million in Ceylon.

• Celebrating its tenth anniversary this month is the *African Challenge*, one of the first popular Christian magazines which are now playing such an important role in the work of missionary literature. This magazine



Baptist Briefs

• **BWA Executive Committee Prefers Spain for 1962 Meeting.** The Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee hopes to hold its 1962 meeting in Barcelona or Madrid, Spain. The 70-member international committee, representing 24 million Baptists in 110 countries, named Spain as its preference for the next meeting as it concluded its 1961 sessions on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here. Acting on a sub-committee report presented by Dr. Edward B. Willingham of New York, the committee instructed its general secretary, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, and associate secretary for Europe, Erik Ruden, to seek clearance for such a public meeting in Spain. The date will probably be August 28-30, immediately preceding a Conference of Latin-speaking Baptists.

• **Lebanese Baptists Experience Growth.** When the Finlay M. Grahams, Southern Baptist (USA) missionaries, began work in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1948, there was one Baptist church in the city. It had 22 members. Another smaller church was in a village nearby. Today there are seven churches in Lebanon with nine missions and 247 members. A Baptist school has an enrollment of 400. A theological seminary is in its first year, with 18 students preparing for ministry among the Arabs. Joe Underwood, recent visitor to Lebanon, comments: "I stood recently on a high mountain where seminary buildings are being constructed. From here one looks upon the beautiful city of Beirut, with its estimated 450,000 people and is stirred with imperishable yearnings for its evangelization." The sixth Baptist Youth World Conference will meet in Beirut in 1963.

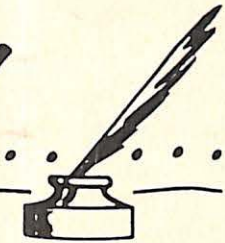
• **Date Set for 1965 Baptist World Congress.** The 11th Baptist World

which is published by the Sudan Interior Mission in Lagos, Nigeria, now reaches an estimated reading audience a half a million. One of the staff writers J. Kaydode Belarin has been interviewing Tom Mboya, an East African nationalist leader. Today the magazine is sold on the streets along with the daily newspapers throughout central Africa. Its English circulation is 130,000 a month and a local language edition 40,000. Letters from readers pour in at the rate of two to three thousand per month.

Congress will meet at Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-29, 1965. Miami Beach had already been selected as the site, but the decision on the date was left for the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee at its recent annual meeting. The 10th Congress met last year at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with an attendance of 13,000 registered delegates (messengers) from 70 countries. The Congress, bringing together representatives of 24 million Baptists in 110 countries, meets every five years. The Executive Committee did not decide, however, on an exact date for the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference, set for Beirut, Lebanon, in 1963. Robert S. Denny, director of the Alliance's youth work, said however it will meet "probably in July" 1963.

• **Rev. A. Klaupiks, BWA Relief Secretary.** The Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee at its recent annual meeting was told that "world emergencies have become a permanent thing." Dr. R. Dean Goodwin of New York, chairman of the Alliance's subcommittee on World Relief, made the statement in proposing that Rev. A. Klaupiks, relief coordinator of the Alliance on a temporary basis since 1947, be employed on a permanent basis. Mr. Klaupiks, a Latvian refugee, first joined the Alliance staff to cope with post-World War II emergency relief and resettlement problems. His tenure has been continued repeatedly for a year at a time "until the present emergency is over." The world relief division of the Alliance has been "continually engaged" these last 14 years in finding homes for refugees and channeling gifts of food and medicine to needy areas. A recent project is rehabilitating European refugees in new homes in Australia, thus concluding happily their long trek across Siberia and Red China through Hong Kong.

Editorial



Study the Map!

A map of the world should be at every Christian's side. He should be acquainted with the map, with its revolutionary changes from time to time, with its strange sounding names, with its population explosions, and with its places of seething unrest. For the Christian is constantly looking at the world as Christ looked at Jerusalem, and saying with missionary concern: "If thou hadst known, even thou, the things that belong unto thy peace!"

This issue of the "Baptist Herald" features the amazing story of William Carey, the Baptist missionary who was born 200 years ago on August 17, 1761. In reading Dr. George A. Dunger's thrilling article about Carey in this number, you will be keenly aware of the map on the wall of his cobbler's shop in Hackleton.

"One wall of his workroom was almost covered by a homemade map of the world, which he was constantly filling in. Carey had also manufactured a leather globe, with the different countries in different colored leathers, which fascinated his pupils, though some of them felt that it was a football wasted. These far away lands were as real to Carey as the Northamptonshire villages. He could tell you the exact population of Tahiti or Kamchatka, their flora and fauna, the characteristics of the natives. Then, suddenly his glowing eyes would dim, as he exclaimed passionately, 'And all these people are pagans—pagans!'"

As in Carey's time, so today a study of the map can give you a better understanding of the problems that beset the world. A careful study of Germany with its two zones and with the city of Berlin surrounded by communist controlled territory will soon reveal the issues of today's cold war in Europe. You will have to look at the little country of land-locked Laos to understand the problems facing us in Asia. Look at the immense country of Brazil—fifth largest nation in the world—and realize the population potential of 200 million by the year 2000, and you will be overwhelmed by the missionary possibilities in this one South American country alone!

This map will then give you a clear vision of the many spiritual needs of today's world. The new country of Ghana in Africa has just issued a colorful stamp with the map of Africa. In the map are 25 "shining stars" representing the new countries that have achieved their independence in recent years. Freedom, the sacredness of the individual and self-determination are keywords in Africa today. But they will be realized completely only in Christ and his Gospel.

Yes, the map will challenge you inevitably with God's commission in today's world. Every book and article about William Carey stresses the fact that from looking at the map, "from reading Captain Cook's book, 'Voyages Around the World,' and more particularly from his study of the Bible, he reached the strong conviction that Christians in England ought to send missionaries to the heathen" (Benjamin P. Browne's "Tales of Baptist Daring"). Even as William Carey and the church of his time, so we stand at the threshold of a new age in which Christ's commission comes to each one of us: "Go ye into all the world." The world's map will reveal this to you!

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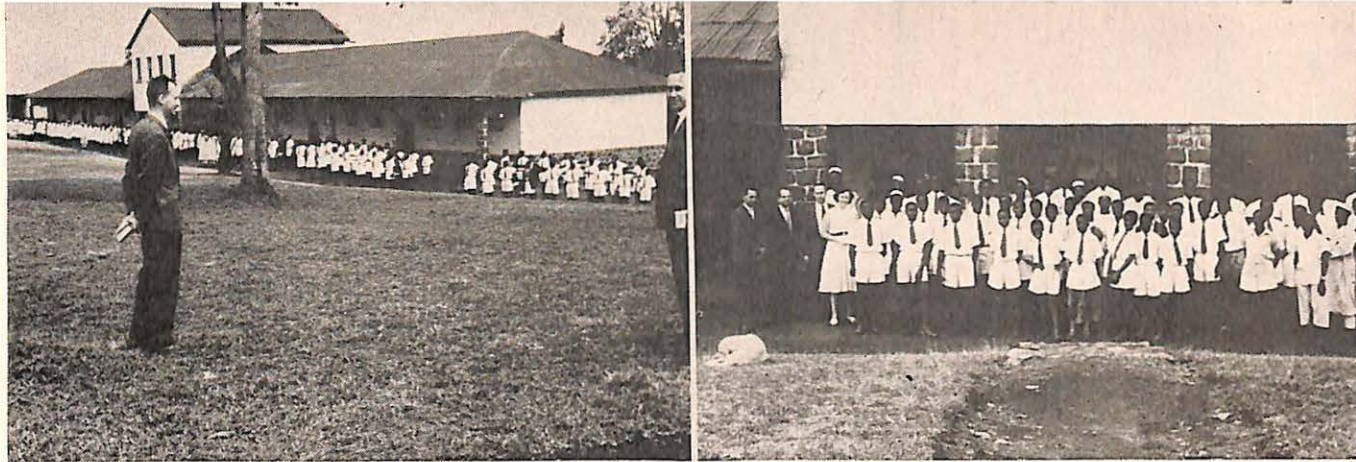
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CAMEROONS PROTESTANT COLLEGE, BALI, AFRICA

Principal Audin addresses the student body of the Cameroons Protestant College (left) in an out-of-door setting. (Mr. Norman Haupt is at the extreme right of this picture). The large group of Baptist students and teachers are shown in the picture at the right.

Compelled to Go and Teach!

The story of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Witt of Detroit, Michigan, missionaries to the Southern Cameroons, West Africa.

By Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

THE IMPELLING command of our Lord and Savior is still heard today by young people in our churches: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). This command and commission of our Lord becomes all the more impelling when other opportunities, far more lucrative than missionary work and missionary service, are not merely open to our young people but are so attractively offered them. It takes a firm commitment to the call of the Lord to say "No" to other promising opportunities and "Yes" to his bidding.

Such is the story of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Witt of our Ebenezer Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Witt expressed this very aptly in her application for missionary service when she said: "We are compelled by the Holy Spirit to go to those who have no teacher."

A CHRISTIAN UPRISING

Donald Edward Witt was born on May 6, 1930 to Edward and Katherine Witt in Detroit, Mich. He has one younger sister who entered the nursing profession. His father came from Russian Poland at the age of 14 and his mother came from Austria at the age of one. They grew up in Detroit, Mich., met at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and were married at the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Mich. They lived on the farm for a few years, and then moved back to Detroit when Donald was four years of age.

In Detroit his father became a tool and die maker and he and his brother established their own business. His par-

ents were faithful in church attendance and responsibilities. The seed of the Word of God was thus sown early in Donald's heart and life by the Christian concern and influence of his parents and by the teachings of his Sunday School and church.

Ruth Viola Witt, nee Loeweke, was born on June 23, 1938 to Howard and Viola Loeweke in Detroit, Mich. She has one older sister, a missionary in New Guinea, and two younger sisters. Her parents were born and raised in Detroit. Her mother grew up in the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Her father came from Lutheran background but joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church after marriage. Her parents had established the noble Christian habit of taking the whole family to church and Sunday School on the Lord's day. Thus, also, in the life of Ruth, Christian habits were established early through the influence of home and church, and these have characterized her interest and outlook in life.

A VITAL CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Christian influences of home and church are a great asset in the lives of young people in directing their interests and activities. Though they may lead to the establishment of Christian habits, they do not in themselves make Christians. The Christian faith is a personal experience in the life of every individual and unless such a personal experience with the living Christ is made, one cannot really claim to be a Christian. Both Donald and Ruth can witness to the fact of such a vital, living experience in their life.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

At the age of nine years, Donald gave his heart to the Lord under the ministry of Dr. George A. Lang, who was then pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. That same year, 1939, he was baptized on confession of his faith and became a member of the church. The joy of this vital experience has permeated his whole being and molded his desire for service to others.

At the age of nine years, Ruth also gave her heart to the Lord. She remained after a Sunday evening service at which time she asked the Lord to come into her heart. Shortly thereafter, she made a public profession of her faith. Her older sister then also accepted Christ. Together they were baptized in 1947 by Rev. E. Arthur McAsh and became members of the church. The radiance of such a personal and vital experience has been shining through her personality ever since and has revealed a living Christ within her heart.

Being members of the same church, Donald and Ruth also met each other at church. The Lord gave to both the assurance that he was leading them together. God's Word in Psalm 37:4 became Donald's Scripture basis: "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." On July 6, 1957 they were united in marriage. Concerning this vital Christian experience, Mrs. Witt writes: "My relationship with Don has been the richest and deepest human experience in my life."

INTEREST IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Donald E. Witt became very active in various branches of his church. At the age of eight, he began taking lessons on the violin and so developed his musical talent. This provided him

with many opportunities in subsequent years to appear in church and school functions as well as at larger conference gatherings. This also brought him under the sound of many missionary speakers.

In the summer of 1953, he sang and played in a quartet which was sponsored by Elmer Strauss' "Challenger Club." The quartet toured the mid-western states. Since the fall of 1953, Donald has conducted the choir in his own church. He has also been active as teacher in his Sunday School and as sponsor of youth work and various other committee activities.

Ruth V. Witt, likewise, kept herself busy in youth activities in church and community. Young people, choir and band were her interests, with special interest in program planning. In "Voice of Christian Youth" in Detroit, she took a very active part and served as president for one year. Looking back upon these experiences of her activities, Mrs. Witt feels that they also gave her a very profitable training for future service.

One can thus readily understand how this young couple has endeared themselves to the church family and beyond the same. Their pastor, Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, stated that the church will suffer a great loss when they leave and all will miss them very much.

A COMPELLING CALL TO TEACH

Both Mr. and Mrs. Witt received all of their training in and around Detroit, from elementary school through university. Donald graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1948. His main interest had been chemistry and science. In 1953 he graduated from Wayne State University and received his B. S. degree, majoring in chemistry. He continued his post-graduate studies, working intermittently, and



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Witt of Detroit, Mich., members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, who were appointed as missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa, by the Board of Missions on April 27, 1961.



BAPTIST STAFF AT C.P.C.

Members of the teaching staff at the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali, Africa with Mr. Norman Haupt at left and Rev. Gordon Gilbert next to him. Mrs. Haupt and her children are in the foreground.

received his M. S. degree in 1956, and his B. S.-Ch. E. degree in 1961. During summer vacations he helped his father in building houses and so gathered valuable experience in that trade. For the past several years, he worked at the Freeman Chemical Company as an analyst and electro-chemist, and at the Wyandotte Chemical Corporation as a research propellant engineer.

Ruth graduated from Denby High School in 1956. The following year she enrolled at Wheaton College but, after the first semester, transferred to Wayne State University, from where she graduated in 1960 receiving her B. S. degree, with a major in history. This past year she taught in the tenth and twelfth grade.

The missionary call was ever before them. Both of them state that they considered it for about eight years. Donald has an uncle, Rev. Frank Armbruster, and a cousin, Rev. Carl Witt, in the ministry. Ruth, as already stated, has her sister, Eunice, as a missionary in New Guinea. During

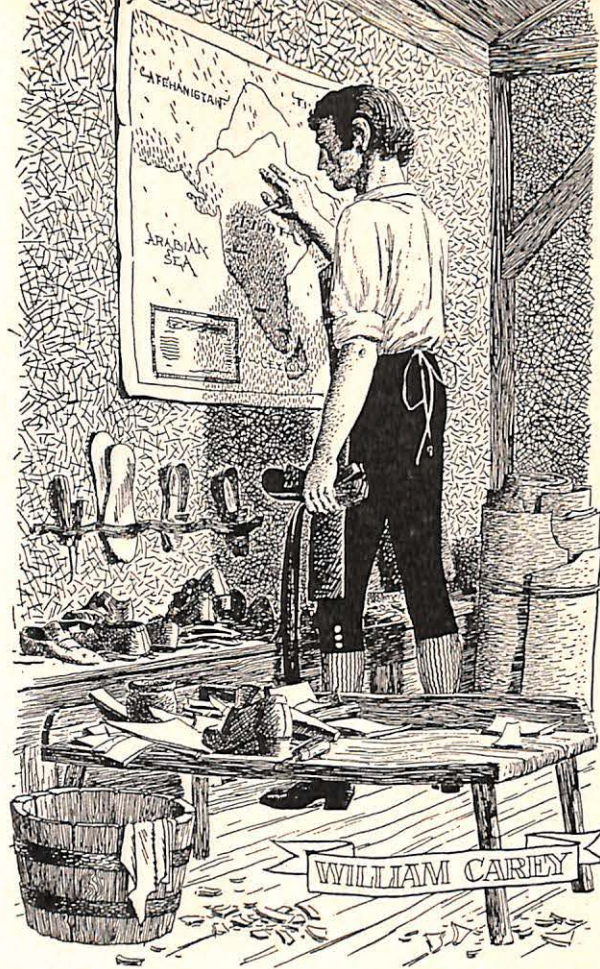
Christmas of 1958, they attended the Inter-Varsity Missionary Conference at Urbana, Illinois. Both of their hearts were drawn closer to missionary service during that week. In night classes they took several Bible courses at the Detroit Bible College.

Contacts were made with mission boards, but apparently Donald's professional line of training did not bring a favorable response. Yet the inner urge was there that God had a place for them somewhere on the mission field. The contact with Missionary George W. Lang, then home on furlough, drew their attention to the need for teachers at the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali in Africa. Further correspondence with Missionary W. Norman Haupt at C. P. C., Bali, verified that need.

COMMISSIONED TO TEACH

The Board of Missions received and considered their application for a teaching position at the Cameroons Protestant College at Bali. Their educational status was approved by the educational officer in the Cameroons to be graduate status and U. K. Certificate status, respectively. Their testimony was heard at the 1961 annual meeting of the Board of Missions and the Board gladly appointed them to fill the great need on the staff of the Cameroons Protestant College. Their home church is undergirding their support with prayer and with finances to a large degree.

At the General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Witt were commissioned to service at the missionary rally on Sunday, August 6th. They sailed for the Cameroons on August 16, 1961. May the Lord grant them the continued joy as they serve him on the mission field in this teaching position at the Cameroons Protestant College, and may their radiant Christian lives not only influence our 60 Baptist boys at this college, but all of the 250 students who are enrolled and who will, no doubt, play an important part in the future of the Cameroons in years to come.



God's Man in God's Time - William Carey

A fascinating article about a remarkable man of God on the 200th anniversary of his birth (August 17, 1761). William Carey inspired eight missionary societies to organize, translated the Bible into Bengali, wrote scores of books, and personally contributed \$46,000 to missions while receiving \$600 for the support of himself and his family. Out of his 73 years, he gave 41 years to India and the world, never returning to England after his departure for India in 1793.

By George A. Dunger, Professor of Missions,
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From "The Baptist Witness" published by the Judson Press.

MAN AND SOCIETY of the mid-twentieth century stand at the dawn of a new age. Unprecedented discoveries in practically every field of science have changed the world. Within the short span of one western generation, man has stepped from the discovery of radium to the creation of atomic power generators and the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

During the First World War the ballistic expert experimented with high velocity guns to penetrate the steel armor of tanks believed to be impenetrable. During the Second World War the supersonic missile displaced the cannon and the bomber. Now man himself becomes a part of a projectile, sitting at the controls of a rocket in the attempt to navigate space.

And what of the numerous orbiting satellites? There is the lunar rocket which reached the moon. Here is the solar space probe which transmitted signals from abyssal space—twenty million miles from the tiny planet earth where man had first lifted it to the sky.

WORLD CONVULSIONS

More! Man and society undergo convulsive seizures in the attempt to adjust to rapidly and drastically changing situations. The concept of the nature of man and the pattern and function of society become modified under the impact of new ideas. A new barbarism threatens the world. China's six hundred million people are domi-

nated by the concept of mass society. The black tide of African humanity is rising in the demand of freedom. And next to the costly nuclear weapons, designed for total destruction, stand the sinister psychological skills by which the ungodly man suppresses and manipulates the mind and will of his fellow man.

However, as colossal as contemporary man's dilemma may seem, the mid-twentieth century is not the first time at which anxiety and fear gripped the hearts of men and women. William Carey, a very extraordinary man of God, lived and worked during a time very similar in its unsettling aspects. Likewise, the church that William Carey served so devotedly and effectively remained not untouched by the march of events two centuries ago. The year of 1961 marks the two hundredth anniversary of William Carey's birth. What situations had the church to face and how did God's people respond to the conditions into which God's providence had placed them?

READING TIME — 25 MINUTES!

For the first time in "Baptist Herald" history, we have devoted six pages to an article. But it is **EXCITING** and **BRILLIANT**. It is a memorable article and a famous missionary, presented at the height of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program. Read the article at one sitting. You'll get up a better and inspired person!—EDITOR.

What was William Carey's response to the challenge of his time?

In France the absolutism of the corrupt and debt-ridden government of Louis XVI and the power of the Roman Catholic clergy prevailed, making life for the unprivileged an indescribable misery. The voices of Montesquieu, Voltaire and Rousseau remained not unheard. Reaction set in. The French Revolution took place. Louis XVI and his Queen, Marie Antoinette, went to the guillotine. In 1792 France was declared a republic—the very same year in which William Carey published his thought-provoking pamphlet entitled, "An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens" and when he preached his famous missionary sermon, "EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD AND ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD."

EUROPE'S MAP RE-DRAWN

While John and Charles Wesley stirred the hearts of the people of England, Napoleon Bonaparte became the master of the Revolution and laid the foundation for the construction of his European empire which, under the resistance of the Tsar of Russia and at the Battle of the Nations at Leipzig in 1813 and the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 finally collapsed. It was in those years when the map of Europe was re-drawn at the Congress of Vienna, when new boundaries were established and new territorial settle-

ments were made. From then onward, the prominent nations of the 20th Century developed: England, Germany, France, Belgium and Italy.

Those were the years when Immanuel Kant propounded his famous "Critique of Pure Reason" at the University of Königsberg, when August Comte formulated his concepts of sociology, when Ludwig van Beethoven composed his great symphonies, when the Danish sculptor, Thorwaldsen, prepared for the creation of his sublime "Der Segnende Christus" and when Scotsman Thomas Carlyle exercised his versatile pen for the advancement of ethics, politics and economics. It was then that Goethe produced his profound and deeply controversial "Faust," that the theologian-preacher Schleiermacher proclaimed his tenets of absolute dependence upon God and his philosophy of ideal realism.

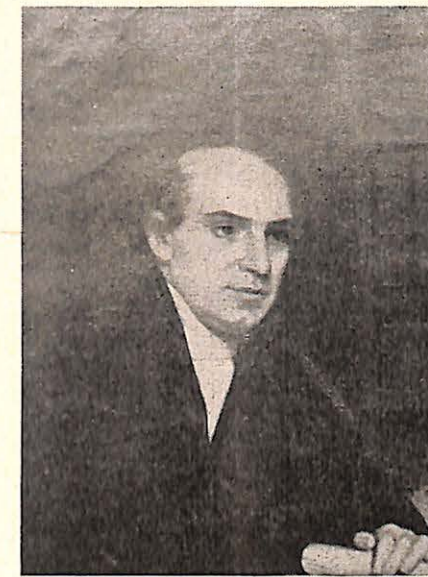
The new era of experimentation in the field of science was coming into its own, thanks to John Newton. Now Joseph Priestley discovered oxygen and Henry Cavendish demonstrated the compound nature of water, dethroning it from its old, proud position as one of the earth's elements. And Benjamin Franklin tried to establish the fact that the electric spark of a Leyden jar and the lightning discharged by a cloud were basically the same phenomenon, rather foolheartedly flying a kite into a thunderstorm.

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

Inventors kept up with the advancement of science. In 1781 reciprocal steam power was converted into rotary power, and four years later the first power loom was constructed. In 1791 the cotton gin followed. In 1807 Fulton's steamboat "Clermont" cruised the Hudson River and eighteen years later Stephenson put his first steam locomotive on rails. The steam printing press was invented in 1814 and in 1837 Morse's telegraph went into action.

The scientific and industrial revolution began in William Carey's life time. This revolution, together with political upheavals, brought about profound changes in the lives of the European people. Commerce was revolutionized. Transportation was revolutionized. Communication conquered new horizons. Manufacturing evolved the factory system. Social life developed new class systems and economies, new personal, social and national values.

The historian, devoid of spiritual life and blind to the light of eternity, would see in these events the succession of happenings here and there which in the course of time produced our modern age. The Christian believer, however, knows these events, their circumstances and the persons involved to be a part of God's great plan of redemption in which his grace, love, holiness, righteousness and providence are the coordinates for man's salvation and the up-building of the Church, the Body of Christ. It is in



WILLIAM CAREY

A splendid painting of the famous missionary by the artist, R. Home, that is reproduced in Carey's official biography.

this perspective that the time and life of William Carey must be viewed, not only to perceive the great stature of the "Father of Modern Missions," but to give God all honor and glory.

CAREY, THE COBBLER

William Carey was born August 17, 1761. His father was a strict Episcopalian who earned his livelihood as a schoolmaster. Faithfulness and conscientiousness were such marked traits of his Christian life that he was appointed parish clerk. Here, in the pious and strict atmosphere of the home and



William Carey's signboard that was nailed over the entrance to his cobbler's shop in Hackleton, England.

the Episcopalian Church of Paulers Purey in Northamptonshire in the Midlands, young William Carey spent his early youth.

Life began to change its course for William Carey when he, for health reasons, became an apprentice of the shoemaker and cobbler at nearby Hackleton. William was sixteen years of age when he came to know and work with a young man who was also an apprentice. There was something dif-

ferent about this young man. He did not belong to the respected and established state church; he was a "dissenter." This young man invited William to one of their out-door meetings, an evangelistic meeting frowned upon by the Churchmen. William went. His heart was moved. He went again and again.

Finally, in 1779, he gave his heart to Christ and became a "dissenter" himself. Four years afterwards, convinced of the truth of Baptist doctrine, William was baptized by Dr. Ryland. His baptism took place in the River Nen. Throughout these years William Carey felt his personal responsibility as a witness for Christ and as a soul winner. And the stories of his uncle Peter, a sailor, kept haunting him, stories of heathen who knew nothing of the church and civilization.

CAREY, THE PREACHER

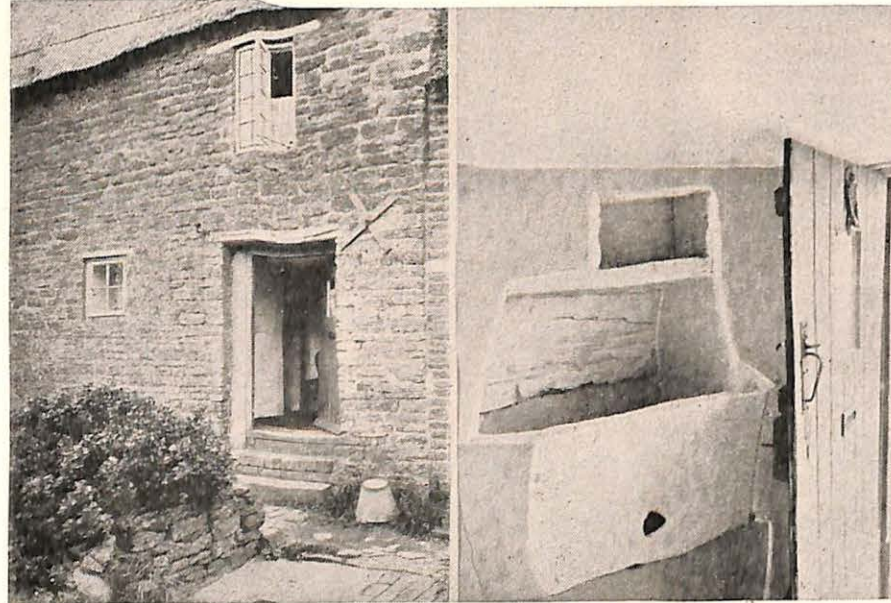
William Carey secured a copy of famous Captain Cook's "Voyages Around the World" and began reading the marvelous account of an Englishman's adventures for his land and monarch as recent as 1770! Slowly the deep conviction formed in William that he would go to the ends of the earth, not to extend geographical knowledge and to enhance earthly kingdoms, but to extend the knowledge of his Lord Jesus Christ and to do it for the honor and glory of God. And that land, he thought, would be one of the far-off islands of the great Pacific Ocean and the people would be the benighted inhabitants of Tahiti . . .

William Carey's ability did not re-

he began to put his mind more strenuously to work.

Opposite his cobbler's bench he placed the map of the world on the wall. On it he wrote all available data about the people and their religions. Everywhere and at any time he spoke with people about the Christian's duty to witness. He put himself more earnestly to the task of learning and mastering the languages of the Bible, Greek and Hebrew as well as Latin. He felt that this was not enough. He began studying French and Dutch.

Meanwhile he preached and taught at Boston, Northamptonshire, necessitating a walk of six miles each way. The church and the Baptist ministers realized his capacity, and on August 1, 1787 William Carey was ordained. He became the pastor of the small Baptist church at Moulton with an annual salary of about \$75.00. As he had married and as his family now included two children, he still plied his trade as a shoemaker and cobbler.



William Carey's cottage at Moulton, England (left) where he served as pastor of a Baptist church at an annual salary of \$75.00. Here he still plied his trade as shoemaker and cobbler. The trough for the soaking of the leather which Carey used (right) can still be seen today.

In 1789 he was called to be the pastor of the Harvey Lane Baptist Church, Leicester.

Throughout these years he continued to read voraciously. Among other publications, the biographies of John Eliot and David Brainerd, sacrificial missionaries to the American Indians, influenced him deeply.

MISSIONARY VISION

While William Carey was pastor at Leicester he was asked by one of the older ministers—Rev. John Ryland, Sr.—to participate in one of their ministers' meetings and to submit a subject for discussion. William Carey accepted without hesitation. His subject was "Whether the Command given to the Apostles to teach all nations was not obligatory on all ministers to the end of the world." The more

experienced ministers did not appreciate their younger colleague's emphatic proposition, and the moderator of the meeting rejoined: "Sit down, young man. You are a miserable enthusiast to ask such a question. When God wants to convert the world, he can do it without your help; and at least nothing can be done until a Second Pentecost shall bring a return of the miraculous gifts."

William Carey, respecting the views of his older fellow workers, but obedient to the Holy Spirit, did not rest until he had stated his conviction in a pamphlet entitled, "An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens." This pamphlet was completed in 1791. In the early part of the following year one of his deacons made it possible to have the pamphlet printed with the understanding that any profit derived from its distribution should be used to establish a mission.

It was evident that William Carey's

missionary emphasis, demonstrated by his personal work of tireless witnessing, made an impact upon his friends and fellow pastors. Historical records show that a number of his fellow ministers, among them Rev. John Sutcliffe and Rev. Andrew Fuller, preached sermons with the objective of arousing the sense of spiritual and moral responsibility of the members of their churches.

CAREY'S TIMELESS SERMON

The Baptist ministers of the Northampton Association had planned to have their association meeting on May 30th. They needed a speaker. The choice fell on William Carey. His address was a deeply stirring missionary appeal. His text was Isaiah 54:2 and 3: "Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and

cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." And his theme was: **EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD; ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD.**

Everyone began to realize: here speaks God's Servant! Here is spiritual vision, power of faith and deep, irresistible commitment to Christ, the task of evangelism and the joy and hope of a Greater Tomorrow for all of Christendom. A vote was taken to convene on October 2nd the same year in order to consider the formation of a missionary society.

The meeting place was the home of the widow of Deacon Beebe Wallis at Kettering. Twelve ministers, including William Carey, were present. Again, William Carey spoke. He cited the missionary example of the Moravians. He proposed a simple, but effective program, summed up in three little words: pray—plan—pay! The ministers, after thorough and purposive discussion, resolved to form a denominational missionary society as suggested by William Carey in his pamphlet. The name given to this society was the "Particular Baptist Society for the Propagation of the Gospel amongst the Heathen."

They had prayed. They had planned. Now for the "paying." They collected among themselves the total sum of thirteen pounds, ten shillings and six pence (about \$38.00). Interestingly enough, the sale of Carey's pamphlet had realized a profit of one pound which was added to the total contribution. Since there was no suitable receptacle immediately available, the money was put into a snuff box. Time and place for the next meeting were determined, and the gathering of ministers disbanded.

FIRST MISSION SOCIETY

The miracle had taken place! The first denominational Baptist missionary society had come into existence. This event transpired despite international uncertainty, perplexity and calamities. In France a revolution was under way, and who knew what would happen there and in England? Unrest was spreading in the American states.

Protestant missions had never succeeded, really; in fact, their work was declining. It was hindered by politics and trade. The Episcopal Church was handicapped in its missionary work by official relationships with the government. The non-conformist churches did not have the sense of corporate unity, and there was no organization that could have assumed the responsibility of caring for all the details of the missionary enterprise.

The miracle of the formation of the first denominational Baptist missionary society had taken place because the Holy

Spirit had found an open, a responsive and willing person in William Carey. Far more than any one of his fellow ministers, he had the sense of individual, personal responsibility. Committed to the teaching of the Scripture, believing God's promises and exercising his faith against the opposition and reluctance of his fellow believers, he finally succeeded in arousing the Baptist conscience and in the organization of a group of believers which, indeed, marks the creation of a **NEW SPIRITUAL ACTION GROUP**, hitherto entirely unknown.

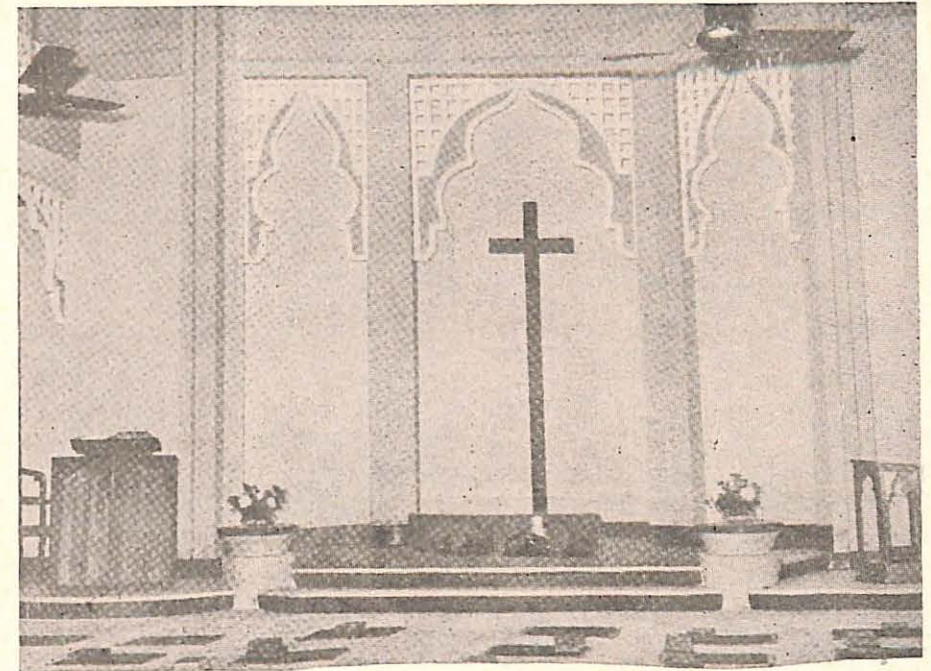
This society was dedicated to missionary action, missionary education and missionary promotion. It was devoid of political, commercial or secular support. It was based on the sense of Christian, Baptist, personal responsibility and the commitment to foreign missions. This was an entirely autonomous group. Membership was individual. The only condition was **PARTICIPATION** in the support of the work. This participation was to follow Carey's simple program: **PRAY-PLAN-PAY.**

The payment was fixed as an annual subscription of ten pounds deposited at once or ten shillings, six pence per year. Its motives were straightforward: **THE NEED OF THE HEATHEN; LOYALTY TO THE ESSENTIAL GLORY OF GOD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS KINGDOM; THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMAND OF CHRIST AS EXPRESSED IN THE SCRIPTURE.** This event was of God! Within a few month's time auxiliary societies were formed, representatives were appointed, and the members prayed, planned and paid!

PROTESTANT WORLD MISSIONS

The intelligent and spiritually sensitive Baptist church member of today, when looking back to William Carey's time and life, recognizes and acknowledges several profound truths not easily self-evident: William Carey became the instrument in God's hands within the context of a complex personal and historical setting. This meant personal commitment to the point of anxiety, despair and danger. This commitment resulted in personal action. Personal action was followed by group action, conditioning circumstances always being taken into account (for example, denominational emphasis and orientation).

Further: group action meant organization and organization meant specific responsibilities of and application by the officers of the organization. Out of this Spirit-created and Spirit-directed minority issued strong, significant, active foreign missions over the centuries. Foreign missions aroused a denominational consciousness which strengthened the home church, but fostered at the same time interdenominational cooperation on the mission fields. This, finally, fruited in the concept of Protestant world missions and the creation of representative



The beautiful new chapel in Serampore College in India, which was founded by William Carey in 1818 and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1827.

Protestant and evangelical missionary agencies.

The missionary society had become a reality in the English Baptist churches. A missionary society has to have missionaries to carry on its work. A meeting for the appointment of the first missionaries was called on January 9, 1793. Of course, William Carey offered himself, though his church—quite willing to pray and to plan—was unwilling to release him from the pastorate.

There was another applicant by the name of John Thomas, a former ship's surgeon who had become an effective lay preacher and who had spent years in India, knew the language and gathered enough experience to be considered a promising candidate. William Carey graciously stepped aside in favor of the experienced person. However, when John Thomas made the society's officers aware of the fact that a missionary might earn his support in India, William Carey and the society reconsidered the matter with the result that he, too, was appointed.

MISSIONARIES IN INDIA

Arrangements were made for John Thomas and William Carey, together with his family, to set sail for Calcutta, India. However, the English East India Company, governing the political and commercial affairs in Calcutta and strongly disapproving of "dis-senters'" missionary work, refused passage to the missionaries. Passage was finally secured on the "Kron Princessa Maria," a Danish boat.

William Carey's parting message was: "Yonder in India is a gold mine. I will descend and dig, but you at home must hold the rope." How little did he realize the difficulties that lay ahead of him and how much endless toil was involved over many years'

time to produce "gold" from that "gold mine."

They set sail on June 13, 1793 and arrived in Calcutta sometime during the following November. Within a very short time the man for whom William Carey had so graciously stepped aside—John Thomas—proved to be the iron ball on his feet. John Thomas, emotionally unstable and a weakness for accumulating debts, had spent a year's allowance of mission funds in a few week's time. Realistic and decisive, William Carey took the job of the manager of an indigo factory in order to support his family, John Thomas and the mission.

Carey stayed at this post for six long years. How difficult it must have been to be keenly aware of the missionary call, to have been faithful in the pastoral ministry, to have worked long and hard for the realization of the missionary society, to have left home—and now to accept the turn of events as God's providence!

THE SERAMPORE TRIAD

However, William Carey was not the man who put his hand to the plough and then looked back. He used every spare moment to acquire the mastery of two of India's most important languages, Bengali and Sanskrit—and to collect all available information regarding the life and the religion, the philosophy and culture of the people of India, alongside of knowledge which appeared important to him, geography, agriculture, horticulture and botany. When the year 1798 drew to its close—five years after he set foot on India's soil—he had finished the translation of the New Testament into Bengali and had itinerated over two hundred Indian villages!

European affairs had their effect upon India. The Napoleonic Wars made

the production, transport and sale of indigo unprofitable for the English merchants. In 1799 the indigo factory, of which William Carey was manager, was closed. Since he was no longer welcome to stay in Calcutta, he sought refuge in Serampore where the Danish had an extensive settlement. William Carey was gladly received by the representatives of the Danish government. Soon he was joined in his missionary work by Mr. William Ward, a printer and editor, and Mr. Joshua Marshman who was a teacher. These devoted missionaries became known as the "Serampore Triad."

Carey concentrated on language study and translation. Ward kept the printing press going at high speed. Marshman gave himself to the establishment of a large boarding school. In 1801 the Bengali New Testament appeared in print, ready for distribution.

Meanwhile, the East India Company had established Fort Williams College at Calcutta for the training of British civil staff. Now, the Company which had refused Carey to stay in Calcutta, invited him to become the college's professor of Sanskrit, Bengali and Marathi. William Carey accepted the position. He held this position for thirty years. This arrangement was entered into for the purpose of adequate support and financial security, seeing that conditions in Europe were unsettled and that younger missionaries and younger administrators at home now appeared both unwise and uncooperative at times.

Instead of friendly letters from home continuing to support the "Triad" in the original plan to become independent from home support, they received cold, businesslike letters containing instructions and directives. The "Triad" had, in fact, succeeded in the realization of the original plan. Carey was a salaried professor at Fort Williams College, Ward operated the press efficiently and with an appreciable profit, and the Marshmans managed a boarding school for European children.

The "Triad" lived together. They contributed their earnings to a common treasury. They shared their expenses. Most of their earnings went into the mission. It is estimated that the total amount of money contributed by these missionaries in this manner for purely mission purposes over a period of about thirty years was nearly \$400,000.00 (four hundred thousand dollars)!

TRANSLATION OF BIBLE

The missionary enterprise at Serampore and the method of Carey, Ward and Marshman produced far-reaching results. The mastery of Indian languages enabled the missionary team to translate and print the Bible and portions of the Bible, making it possible for the Indian people to read the Christian Scriptures in their own, native tongues. The educational method of Marshman helped in making the



CAREY'S LAST RESTINGPLACE

The inscription on the tablet over the grave of William Carey in Serampore, India, and of two of his wives, Charlotte and Grace.

fledgling church of India an indigenous church by providing educated Christian leaders.

Further, Carey's evident respect for the finer aspects of India's culture and religion made friends of many non-Christian Indians. Carey's proposal for denominational societies to meet every ten years to review the work done and devise plans for world evangelization marked the beginning of modern ecumenical thought. The tensions developing with the change of personnel, both missionary and of the home organization, demonstrated the need of adjustment between home and field policies and showed that missionary administration matures through conflict resolved in a Christ-like way. The home and field staff learned by experience that the missionary organization cannot be an effective witness for Christ in an atmosphere of distrust and authoritarian control.

As Carey continued to work with his Indian friends, he became keenly aware of a number of cultural evils.



One of them was the sacrifice of children by drowning them in the Ganges River, the most sacred stream of all India. Through his influence with responsible Indians, Carey succeeded in having this practice abolished by a law passed in 1801. He worked steadily at the translation of the entire Bible into Bengali, a task he achieved in 1809.

CAREY'S MANY INTERESTS

Alongside of his teaching and translation work, he mastered numerous other Indian languages, hoping to serve Christ and his Church in the years to come. Some of these languages were: Hindi, Orissa, Telugu, Maldivian, Punjabi, Tamil, Hindustani, Karnata, Kashmeer, Assam and Malay. He became the author of grammars and dictionaries of Marathi, Sanskrit and Bengali and of grammars in Punjabi and Telugu.

As a missionary using the tool of literature, he enabled Western readers to enjoy Indian classics which he translated into English. Together with Marshman, he translated the great Indian epic "Ramayana" and printed it on the mission press. Although linguistics was Carey's specialization, he never deteriorated to a specialist in the sense that he felt his service to be confined to this one field. Continuing his interest and research in geography and botany, he collected numerous live botanical specimens from different parts of India and Europe for the purpose of planting them in his garden and caring for them. He felt that some day his horticultural experiments might be of value to the Indian people.

Thus, Carey became an expert in Oriental flora and corresponded with several noted European scholars, sharing information and comparing their findings as well as publishing notable articles on horticultural subjects. He organized a society to improve the soil of India for better utilization and more productive food supply. He introduced fruit trees from England and experimented with coffee, cotton, tobacco, sugar cane and cereals.

CAREY'S WORLDWIDE INFLUENCE

William Carey's influence reached far and wide. He was an inspiration to many young men at home who dedicated their lives to Christian missionary service. Through his letters and reports, he helped kindle missionary enthusiasm in England and in America. The example set by the "Particular Baptist Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Amongst the Heathen" encouraged other denominations and church groups to form their own foreign missionary societies. Among them were the London Missionary Society, founded in 1798; the Church Missionary Society, formed in 1799; the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, established in 1810; the American Baptist Missionary

Society, organized in 1814; the Basel Mission Society of Switzerland, founded in 1814; the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America, in 1818; and the Church of Scotland Foreign Missionary Committee, founded in 1829.

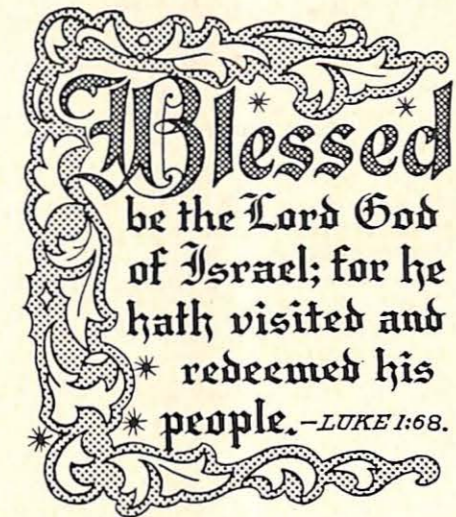
Among his contemporaries were the following missionaries who by their life and labor achieved lasting recognition in the home land and abroad: Henry Martyn, the brilliant scholar of Cambridge University who left England with the unforgettable words, "Now let me burn out for God." There was Adoniram Judson who had come from America as a Congregationalist and, convinced of Baptist doctrine, was baptized by Rev. W. Ward, William Carey's fellow worker. Other famous missionaries of Carey's time were Dr. Scudder who labored in India from 1819 to 1855; Reginald Heber who spent just four years in India before he was called to his heavenly home; and there was the famous English educator, Alexander Duff, who went to India in 1829 and labored there with outstanding success until 1863. His greatest contribution was the establishment of a full-fledged school system for India, making English the language of instruction.

FORTY-FOUR TRANSLATIONS

In 1821 King Frederick VI of Denmark honored Carey and his fellow workers with a gold medal in appreciation of their service, and he endowed the college which had been founded and operated by the missionaries. In 1829 Carey finally succeeded in having the Indian government pass a law which prohibited "Suttee," the burning of the widows on the funeral pyre of their deceased husbands. In 1832 William Carey could step to his simple book shelf, his eyes following the volumes of translations of the Bible, the New Testament and portions of the Bible, his fingers touching each one of them—totalling forty-four! And he could scan, together with William Ward, the account books of the printing press, their fingers halting at the figure of 212,000, representing the copies of Scriptures issued from the Serampore press in no less than forty different languages.

One day—June 9th—in the year of 1834, William Carey joined the great throng of witnesses standing before the Throne of God. He was 73 years of age when he yielded his spirit and body to his Redeemer and Creator. The servant of God, whose strong resolution and sense of duty, whose boundless perseverance, undefiled conscience, unflinching faith, prodigious labor and deep love for Christ and the Indian people had placed him in the foremost rank of missionaries, had finally come to rest.

Out of the 73 years he gave 41 years to India and the world. He had left his lovely English Midlands when he was a young man—and never returned



thence. While he never retraced his steps to the scenes of his boyhood and the days of his apprenticeship as a cobbler, while he never returned to visit with the flock of his early pastorate and his beloved friends, he couched God's revelation in the strange tongues of many million people that they might find the way to Calvary and through his beloved Savior to the Father heart of God . . .

FOLLOWING IN HIS TRAIN

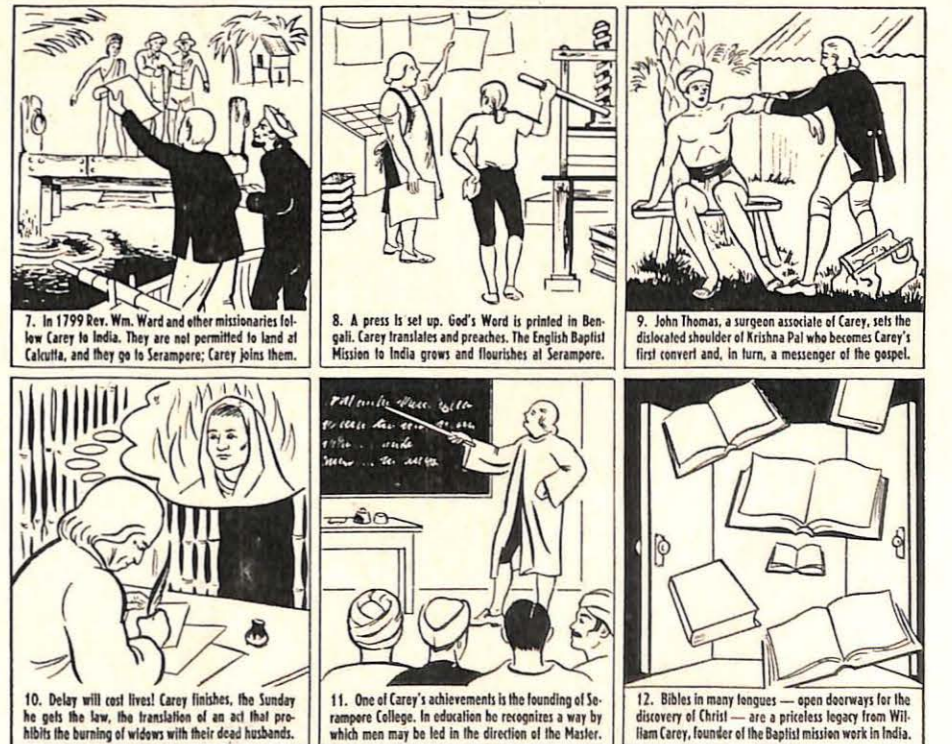
William Carey was *God's Man in God's Time!* And what a time it was! The Japanese and Africa people of our day cry for God's men and women, waiting not for the professional ecclesiastic who will come and go and be gone, but who wait for God's men

and women who in their highest personal, spiritual and academic as well as practical achievements will live—and die with them, who, as an old African said not so long ago, will "put their bones with our bones that the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ might live . . ."

The Christian believers and the church of the mid-twentieth century stand at the dawn of a new age, even as William Carey and the church of his time stood at the threshold of a new age. He did not know what the years would bring—great historic upheavals! However, he knew Christ as his Savior and entrusted himself to God. The Christian believers and the church of today may sense that great, perhaps far greater, overturnings lie in the wake of the revolutionary masses marching relentlessly down the corridor of time.

Almost two centuries ago, William Carey yielded to the claim of the Lord Jesus Christ, and he gave his life in missionary service, awaking the church by the impact of a faith that could triumph over her traditional inertia and cry with the prophet, "Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear . . . enlarge the place of thy tent . . . spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes . . ."

Christian youth, Christian ministry, Baptist churches, heed the prophet's proclamation which is God's promise! Respond in love that will take upon itself the anxiety and the despair of the world! Act in faith that will not flinch and fail. EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD; ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD!



Some of the highlights of William Carey's life and missionary ministry in India were pictured in these sketches that appeared in "The Crusader" magazine of the American Baptist Convention.

Reviews of Recent Books

These books can be secured through the Roger Williams Press, Forest Park, Illinois.

OUT OF MY LIFE by V. Raymond Edman. Zondervan Publishing House—1961—224 pages—\$3.50.

Dr. Edman, president of Wheaton College, has written many wonderful books. But this volume is unique, for here in these pages, the author reveals some of his most intimate and most sacred experiences with his Lord. The reader feels the warmth of Dr. Edman's experiences and is also stirred and challenged by this "superior piece of devotional literature," as Dr. Frank E. Gaebel described it. These are spiritual gems (all 41 chapters!) that are truths literally torn from life, "behind-the-scenes" spiritual revelations, both from his own life and from the lives of other Christians whose experiences have touched him. Quiet courage, unusual adventures, and spiritual secrets from the lives of those who crowd these pages make **OUT OF MY LIFE** an unforgettable and exciting excursion into the warmth and reality of a God-centered life.

HOW TO INCREASE CHURCH ATTENDANCE by James L. Christensen. Fleming H. Revell Company—126 pages—\$2.00.

Every church today is confronted with the problems of decreased attendance at some of its services and of dwindling loyalty to the church. Here is a comprehensive study of the psychological implications and other factors known to affect church attendance regularity and congregational morale. Informative, timely and suggestive, this concise and attractively arranged handbook addresses itself to lay leaders in the church, Sunday School officers and administrators, church staff personnel and to the minister himself. Although it may seem to deal with larger, urban churches, it is a resourceful guide for every type of church, emphasizing always the enriching spiritual life, both of the congregation and of the individual church member. The unchurched of the community are clearly seen as a part of the church's attendance job. This book will be a good spiritual investment for many churches!

MOSES, THE LAW-GIVER by William M. Taylor—Baker Book House—1961—482 pages—\$2.95.

This is the first of a series of eight reprints of "Bible Biographies" by the renowned Scottish evangelical preacher. After 20 years of distinguished preaching in Scotland, Dr. Taylor at the age of 42 came to America and for 20 years was the famed preacher of the Broadway Tabernacle in New York City. He was the Lyman Beecher lecturer in Yale Divinity School and the L. P. Stone lecturer in Princeton Seminary.

Christian leaders and ministers will welcome this outstanding homiletical and expository series of biographical sermons with warm and spiritual applications. It was said that Taylor's sermons were so constructed that every sentence was a definite step toward his goal. This volume on **MOSES** is outstanding and penetrating, with Moses, the Law Giver, walking vividly through the book and with the glory of God's revelation in him constantly shining through these pages.

JOSEPH, THE PRIME MINISTER by William M. Taylor—Baker Book House—1961—241 pages—\$2.95.

This is another volume in the series of reprints of "Bible Biographies" by this eminent Scottish divine, dealing forcefully with one of our favorite Bible stories of childhood days. It can truly be said that this is one of the best available books on the life of Joseph and its spiritual application for our times. This sentence about Joseph is typical of the strong, beautiful diction in the book and its penetrating analysis of Joseph: "His career is uniquely interesting as that of a good boy who was not a weakling; that of a pious man who was not a business failure; and that of a great man who, in the glory of his exaltation, did not outgrow the simplicity of his youth." (page 223). The spiritual lessons of Joseph and those associated with him transform these sermons and Bible studies into timeless messages and a very helpful book.

BAKER'S TEXTUAL AND TOPICAL FILING SYSTEM, prepared by Neal Punt. Baker Book House—\$19.95 (After 1961, \$23.95). (Reviewed by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication)

A workable filing system is the goal (and despair!) of every busy pastor and Christian worker. Here is Baker's latest answer to those who desire a "new and sensible filing system . . . which requires only a minimum of time and effort out of a busy schedule." It is a single volume—large, heavy (about 5 lb.), and beautifully bound in black Fabrikoid, with gilt edges and thumb indexes. The book consists of three sections. The first

SEE PAGE 23!

After reading this enthusiastic review of the "Baker's Textual and Topical Filing System" by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, turn to page 23 and peruse the full page advertisement. The book can be ordered directly from the Roger Williams Press, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. It is a good investment.

is a textual index, which provides space for a list of general reference works on each book of the Bible and then lists, in order, every verse in the Bible. The second section, a topical index, alphabetically lists topics most often used in filing religious material. The list runs from *Alcoholics Anonymous* to *Zwingli*! The third, and largest section of the book, are the lined reference pages, with each quarter page numbered from 1 to 2,000. Each numbered area has 20 lines, so this one large volume (approximately 11½ by 8 by 2 inches) has space for a total of 40,000 references.

Obviously, one volume cannot do more than organize and index your voluminous material found in books on your library shelf, periodicals, pamphlets, sermons, and clippings. You will still need shelves for books and some method of dealing with your periodicals, as well as files and a filing cabinet. But this "system" completely organizes your resources. This one volume is the "heart" and "brain" of your study material and can, in minutes, tell you where to look.

How does the "system" work? Suppose you find an excellent article on the Ascension of Christ. You look under the topical index and find that the author has thoughtfully provided this very topic on the fourth page. Next, turn to the reference spaces. You are starting the "system," so reference space "1" is available. You write in the heading, "Ascension of Christ," and list in the first space the magazine article you have just found: "BAPTIST HERALD, May 15, 1962, p. 11"—for example. Behind the words "Ascension of Christ" in the topical index you mark a small "1." Nineteen more spaces are available under "1" for books, more articles, sermons, and other material on the Ascension. Next Ascension Day, a quick look under the topical index refers you to reference space "1" which lists everything you have available on this important subject. Bible texts are handled in the very same way as topics. If you run out of space, Baker Book House provides additional reference spaces in book form, in a uniform binding.

The book has been prepared with pastors in mind by a pastor—Neal Punt of the Christian Reformed Church in Coopersville, Michigan—and the secret seems to be that much of the work is already done for you. You can begin at once to organize all the material in your library and files. The book is not cheap, but it would prove invaluable over the years as a complete, easy-to-use, and expandable system of organizing your books and files. It will make a wonderful gift for a church to give its pastor!

BAPTIST HERALD

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 27, 1961

Theme: **LYDIA, A CHRISTIAN BUSINESS WOMAN**

Scripture: Acts 16:11-15, 35-45

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The bands of praying women are still a power felt in the Church of Jesus Christ today.

INTRODUCTION: If the teacher or a member of the class could look on the subject objectively without bias or prejudice, it would stimulate interest in a discussion of the relative merits of women in business, education, politics and religion.

In spite of the lowly and subordinate position of women generally in both the Old and New Testaments, there were nevertheless many who held positions of power and influence, and who had talents and abilities which were recognized in Israel as well as in the early church.

Lydia was a successful and prosperous business woman who dealt in very fine wares. Her stay at Philippi was for the purpose of her trade and was therefore only temporary. She is not mentioned in Paul's letter to the Philippians which seems to indicate that she had already left the city.

I. THE MACEDONIAN CALL. Acts 16:11, 12.

What seems to be a detour to us is often God's direct route. The main highway on the divine map is not always visible until it is pointed out to us by the finger of God. It may not always be as dramatic as Paul's vision, but by prayer, by God's Word, by the Holy Spirit, by providential circumstances and by the counsel of other Christians, God will direct us to the way that leads us to our place of service. We will be led "with a straight course" as were Paul and Silas, even though we will have to "abide certain days" and wait patiently for further revelation and direction.

II. A PRAYER MEETING BY THE RIVERSIDE. Acts 16:13.

Of all the sacred places and awe-inspiring cathedrals in the world, there is nothing more sacred than a humble and contrite soul with a prayerful heart. It is not the place of prayer, but prayer that has power with God. Not the riverside, but the praying women are of primary importance to Jesus Christ. These prayers had the drawing power which brought the Gospel to Europe. They stopped Paul in his tracks, and he had to make a divine detour.

III. THE FIRST EUROPEAN CON-

COMING!

August 31 — "Sunday School Week" issue of the "Baptist Herald"

Sept. 14 — A full report and many pictures of the General Conference in Minneapolis.

VERT. Acts 16:14, 15.

It is interesting to note that Lydia, a religious business woman, was led to Philippi, not for business, but for salvation. Coming from Thyatira, she may have been a pagan before she turned to Judaism. As she prayed and worshipped God, her heart was quickly opened when she listened to Paul and his Gospel according to Jesus Christ.

IV. THE SUCCESS OF THE GOSPEL AND PERSECUTION. Acts 16:35-40.

Whenever Satan is on the losing side, he stirs up trouble. The great tragedy in this experience is the fact that the world would rather have a girl filled with an evil spirit than one filled with the Holy Spirit. Paul and Silas were instrumental in setting her free, but they themselves were imprisoned. Their persecution, however, did not stop the Gospel but spread it even more rapidly.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 3, 1961

Theme: **TIMOTHY, A GUARDIAN OF TRUTH (Temperance)**

Scripture: Acts 16:1-3; Philippians 2:19-23; II Timothy 2:1-5, 22

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Timothy became a faithful guardian of the truth because he put himself under the guardianship of Paul.

INTRODUCTION: The twelve disciples of Jesus were faithful in proclaiming the Gospel of salvation and in going to all parts of the then known world to witness to their Lord. We do not know too much about the other phases of their ministry. In studying the life of Paul, we see more clearly the full scope of the work of the church. In addition to his zeal in preaching the Gospel and his missionary endeavor, he was also active in

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the training of young men for the ministry. John Mark, Titus and Timothy are often referred to in his epistles, and we have the impression that these were his seminary students. He was concerned about their practical training, their theological beliefs as well as their spiritual relationship to Jesus Christ. Of all of them, Timothy seemed to be the most promising and Paul showed evidence of joy and honest pride in seeing him develop into one of the leading young men in the Christian church. It must have made his death easier, knowing that there was someone trained and able to carry on where he left off.

I. THE PROMISING CONVERT. Acts 16:1-3.

There is always "joy over one sinner that repenteth." But there is even more joy over a repentant sinner who shows promise of becoming a minister to sinners. Paul not only saw the possibility of Timothy as a Christian, but of the possibility of him as a missionary. We often think of Timothy as a young, immature disciple, but the apostle must have noticed his maturity compared to other converts of the same age. His early training, his knowledge of the Scriptures, the favorable report by the churches, all seem to give the impression of a capable and talented young man. The fact that he was so willing to put himself under the care and direction of Paul indicates that he was willing to learn. He was talented but humble.

II. THE CONCERNED TEACHER. Philippians 2:19-23.

This short passage of Scripture gives us an insight into Timothy's importance to Paul and the early church. We have a picture of him, not as an errand boy, but as a mature member of a great missionary team. So needful was Timothy to the apostle, that he could not afford to release him until he was more sure of his own condition. On the other hand, he felt that Timothy was so important to the Philippian church that he had no alternate to send in his place.

The father and son relationship was purely spiritual, yet in many respects they were closer than many who have only a physical relationship.

III. THE DIFFICULT TRAINING. II Timothy 2:1-5, 22.

Timothy did not receive his training within the safe walls of a classroom. Neither did he have the status of an Ivy League graduate. His professor did not teach much theory, nor did he elaborate on the glories of the ministry. Instead he reminded Timothy of the hard facts of life in the work of the Kingdom. Missionary service does not merely require knowledge and intellect, but courage and strength. Comfort and ease are out of the question. Hardness must be endured and maintained through strenuous discipline.

Reports of Conferences, Camps and Anniversaries

Reports from the Denomination in Action

Dakota Conference Sessions at Aberdeen, South Dakota

The 53rd annual Dakota Conference met in the "Hub City" of Aberdeen, S. Dak., June 22-25, 1961. Challenging and inspiring messages were brought by general workers and pastors centering about the timely theme, "Our Freedom in Christ" or the liberty we enjoy in the fellowship of Jesus Christ. (Gal. 2:4, 5:1). Challenges, privileges, responsibilities, correct use, threats and dangers of freedom and liberty were expounded. To God be the glory for the freedom and liberty we enjoy—and even the "special freedom" enjoyed by the conference speakers. May our land long be bright with freedom's holy light. "Protect us by thy might, Great God our King." All were challenged and inspired to work and pray and do their part for the maintenance and continuance of freedom and liberty.

Friday morning the pastors met bright and early for a Pastors' Fellowship Breakfast. Dr. R. Schilke reported on the Cameroons situation. Saturday was an All-Family Day. The Woman's Mission Union and the Men's Brotherhood met for their respective luncheons and programs. Other highlights of the conference were the prayer sessions, the memorial service, the missionary service and the closing service with the C. B. Y. F. in charge. General workers present at the conference were Missionary Ruby Salzmann, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. Frank Veninga, and Dr. Richard Schilke.

M. H. Vietz, Reporter

Women's Sessions of Dakota Conference, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Approximately 200 ladies gathered for a delicious luncheon in connection with the annual business meeting of the Dakota Conference held in Aberdeen, S. Dak., June 24. Our national president, Mrs. Albert Reddig, accompanied our entry with piano music. Our Conference W. M. U. president, Mrs. Alfred Weisser, capably presided throughout the afternoon. The song service was led by Mrs. Bernard Edinger, accompanied by Mrs. Carl Weisser. "Do everything to the glory of God" was the devotional thought given to Mrs. O. Enockson.

The usual business procedure brought reports from Mrs. Reuben Fries, secretary; Mrs. H. Decker, treasurer; and Mrs. B. Edinger, White Cross Chairman. Our special project of \$2,000 for the Bamenda New Hope Settlement Church was exceeded by \$286, and we went over the top in our giving toward the National W. M. U. project. Another goal of \$2,000 was adopted for the coming year toward the Maternity Center at Banzo. Mrs. A. Reddig installed the following newly elected officers: president, Mrs. Jothan Benke; vice-president, Mrs. R. H. Zepik; secretary, Mrs. Reuben Friez; and treasurer, Mrs. Orrin Enockson.

We adjourned to the Civic Arena for our program. Mrs. Alfred Weisser welcomed all delegates and friends, and Mrs. William Giedt of Ashley, N.

Dak., led a volunteer choir in the song, "I Shall not Want." Mrs. E. Becker led in prayer. Miss Ruby Salzmann, Cameroons missionary, brought us a message using Psalm 126:3. Under effective lighting, wearing a beautiful Indian costume, Mrs. Schnell presented "The Lord's Prayer" in Indian sign language, while Mrs. M. Herringer brought the message in song accompanied by Mrs. John Grygo at the organ. Dr. Richard Schilke, general mission secretary, pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, Reporter

Eastern Conference Youth at Buffalo Bible Camp

A "Rooten Tooten" time as well as a spiritual blessing were had by every young person who attended the 38th Annual Convention of the Commissioned Baptist Youth held at the Buffalo Bible Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., on June 23, 24 and 25. The theme for this year was "Into Orbit For God." The convention text was "Launch out into the deep . . ." found in Luke 5:4 and the theme song was "Soldier, soldier, fighting in the world's great strife." The first message of the conference was delivered by our guest speaker, Dr. Ralph E. Powell from the North American Baptist Seminary.

Saturday morning Rev. Eugene K. Stroh of Erie led us in a Bible study called "Slaves to Technology." He also gave a Bible study on Sunday entitled "The True Orbit." At the business meeting, the following officers were elected: president, Erhard Schultz, Rochester, N. Y.; vice-president, Paul Eichler, Erie, Pa.; secretary, Sharon Overbeck, Erie, Pa.; and treasurer, Allan Scheel, Arnprior, Ontario. Rev. Eugene K. Stroh was elected advisor for the coming two years. Saturday night was the annual banquet after which skits from each church were presented. Sunday we had a communion service led by Dr. Powell, and after dinner we all sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Sharon Overbeck, Reporter

Iowa C.B.Y.F. Fellowship Camp at Clear Lake

A total of 237 young people and staff members met at Clear Lake, Iowa, June 19 to 24, to enjoy our annual C. B. Y. F. camp. The junior campers, grades 4 through 8, and the senior campers, grades 9 and up, met simultaneously for a week of spiritual blessing and fellowship. The camp theme for this year was "Victory With Christ." Our special guests at camp were: Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale, and Rev. and Mrs. James Strauss. The

SALVATION

God can take a worthless, sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, put His Spirit in it and make it a blessing to humanity—that's salvation. —Haven of Rest "Log"

classes in the senior camp were taught by Rev. Kurt Marquardt of Steamboat Rock and Rev. Howard Johnson of Burlington. Junior camp instructors included: Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt of Victor, Rev. Donald Patet of Applington, and Mrs. James Strauss.

New officers were elected at the business meeting on Friday. They are: president, Kennon Schaefer, Sheffield; vice president, Rachel Hackmann, Elgin; secretary, Carol Dreyer, Applington; treasurer, Leonard Thye, Burlington; senior camp dean, Rev. Kurt Marquardt, Steamboat Rock; assistant senior dean, Rev. R. I. Thompson, George Central; junior camp dean, Rev. Fred Schmidt, Victor; assistant junior dean, Rev. Bernard Fritze, Waterloo; project promoter, Rev. Eldon Schroeder, Elgin; business administrator, Miss Verna Luiken, Steamboat Rock. A new mission project goal of \$2,000 was also agreed upon at the business meeting. This includes: \$1,400 for the Mbingo chapel at the leprosy settlement, \$300 for a seminary scholarship, and \$300 for the Waterloo Church Extension work.

Carol Dreyer, Secretary

75th Anniversary Services, Baptist Church, Edenwold

We of the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., were blessed during the days of our 75th anniversary. The festive days of June 3 and 4 began on Saturday evening when we heard the guest speaker, Rev. A. Weisser of Rochester, New York, a former minister who faithfully served our church. A brilliant anniversary ribbon and colorful flowers decorated the chapel to bring the festive atmosphere to its height.

Rev. P. Grabke, missionary to the Indians, was chairman of the worship service on Sunday morning and Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba, brought the message to the eager listeners. The noon meal was served at the local hall which was a well planned turkey dinner. Our afternoon service, with the local pastor, Rev. R. Neuman, in charge, was a memorial service. Rev. A. Weisser brought a challenging message. Some of the highlights of this occasion were a historical report by our secretary concerning the progress of the church since its beginning in 1886. There have been 18 pastors and five students who have ministered to the congregation. Tribute was also paid to our charter members, with Rev. H. Palfenier of Minneapolis, Minn., offering the prayer. Another memorial event was the unveiling of the picture of Henry Rumpel which is being placed in the chapel.

Our anniversary services were beautified by inspiring anthems by our choir under the capable leadership of our pastor and by other musical numbers by duets, trios, soloists and quartets. As the mother church of the Northern Conference churches, we had a wonderful birthday and want to thank our many thoughtful friends who participated in these eventful days. Mrs. Frank Brucker, Reporter

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Richard Schroeder of Oak Park, Ill., have announced the birth of a daughter on July 15 who has been named Christine Susan. This is their third child. Mr. Schroeder is pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Henry Lang of Napoleon, N. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. He has announced that he would begin his ministry in the Harvey church on Sept. 1st, succeeding Rev. John Kastelein. Mr. Lang has been the pastor of the Baptist Church in Napoleon, N. Dak., since 1952.

● On Sunday morning, June 25, Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., baptized two young women on confession of their faith in Christ and received these and another person into the church's fellowship on Sunday, July 2. The Vacation Bible School of the church was held from June 26 to July 7 with the special program for the parents of the pupils and church members on the closing Friday evening.

● On Friday, June 23, Rev. Clemence Auch of Dallas, Texas, presented his resignation to the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church at the annual business meeting. He has served the church as its pastor since 1959. His plans for the present are indefinite, but he and his family hope to reside in Dallas, Texas. His resignation will be effective Oct. 1, 1961. The Carroll Ave. Church is prayerfully considering a successor.

● On Sunday evening, June 25, the beautiful new robes of the church choir of the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., were dedicated to the glory of God. The robes were made possible by the gifts of members and friends of the church. A musical program of 18 numbers was presented by the church choir directed by Mr. Ed. Wolf. These were numbers requested by members of the church. Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor, brought a brief message.

● The Southwood Park Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon has extended a call to Rev. Henry Smuland of Tacoma, Wash., pastor of the Portland Ave. Baptist Church since 1957. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry there on the first Sunday in September. The Southwood Park Church is located in a promising suburban community and recently completed a beautiful sanctuary. Mr. Smuland will succeed Rev. Albert Wardin at this Portland church.

● The Baptist Churches of Herreid and Selby, S. Dak., held a union Vacation Bible School at Herreid from June 12 to 16. The enrollment was 50 pupils. There were 12 teachers and assistant teachers. The closing event of the Vacation Bible School was a picnic supper at the Herreid City Park. On Sunday, June 18, the closing program was held when certificates were given to the children. The offering was designated for missions. There were two converts, as reported by Betty Adolph.

● Mrs. Katharine Borschlegel of Emery, S. Dak., aged 91, passed away on June 22. She was the widow of Rev. George Borschlegel who died in July 1946. Together they served nine of our North American Baptist churches. The last two fields of their service were Okeene and Bessie, Oklahoma. For the past several years she had lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jansen, in Emery, S. Dak. The obituary, prepared by Rev. Leland H. Friesen, appears on page 22.

● The First Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., has extended a call to Rev. Wilfred Dickau of North Battleford, Sask., to which he has given a favorable response. Mr. Dickau is a spiritual son of the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwan, Alberta, and is a cousin to Rev. Raymond Dickau of Parkersburg, Iowa. Rev. Wilfred Dickau has been pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of North Battleford for several years. In the Ebenezer, Sask., church he will succeed Rev. John Wollenberg, now of Morris, Manitoba.

● Mrs. Charles Wagner of Portland, Oregon, the wife of one of our NAB retired pastors, died of a heart ailment on June 15. She and Rev. Charles Wagner were married by Professor J. C. Gubelmann in Rochester, N. Y., in 1917. She was a faithful and devoted pastor's helpmeet in our churches at Watertown, Wis.; Ellinwood, Kansas; La Salle, Colo.; Marion, Kansas; Okeene, Okla.; and Linton, N. Dak. Mourning her departure are her husband and three children. A memorial tribute to her appears on page 22 of this issue.

● The Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma has extended a call to Mr. Karl Bieber of Branch, La., a senior student of the North American Baptist Seminary who was among the 1961 graduates at the commencement exercises held during the recent General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minn. He is a member of the Mowata Baptist Church of Louisiana. He has accepted the call of the church and

he and his wife will begin their ministry at the Zion Church on Sept. 1st. Mr. Bieber is succeeding Rev. Leon Bill, now pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak.

● Rev. R. Luchs of Tacoma, Wash., passed away on Sunday, July 9, after undergoing surgery. He was one of the retired ministers of our denomination. For several years he had been a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma. His son, Rev. Oscar Luchs, was able to send the greetings of his father from his deathbed to the Greenville Baptist Church of Texas which celebrated its 100th anniversary on the following Sunday, July 16. Mr. Luchs served as pastor of the Greenville Church from 1912-1915. The obituary will appear in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The South Canyon Baptist Church of Rapid City, S. Dak., held its Vacation Bible School from June 12 to 16. Sessions were held each day from 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. The average attendance was 59 with a total enrollment of 67 pupils. The staff consisted of 12 teachers and workers. Among the teachers were Minnie Peters from Hutchinson, Minn., and Phyllis Bartels and Betty Poppinga of Chancellor, S. Dak. The pastor, Rev. Loren Weber, served as the school's director. Standard Publishing Company materials were used with the theme "Living For Jesus." The missionary offering totaled \$26.90.

● On Sunday, June 25, Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., supplied the pulpit of the First Christian Church of Erie, Pa., and on Sunday, July 2, he was the guest speaker in the Evangelical Covenant Church of Erie, Pa. Mr. Argow has been honored by having been asked to preach in 54 different churches of Erie, Pa., and vicinity in recent years. He holds the unique record of having attended 20 General Conferences over a span of more than 60 years, including this year's conference sessions at Minneapolis, Minn. He is in his 86th year, having graduated from our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. in 1902.

● The Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Norridge, Ill., has announced the appointment of Mrs. Violet Harvey of Billings, Montana, as the new registered nurse. She began her ministry in June, succeeding Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke. Mrs. Harvey is a member of the Calvary Church of Billings, Mont. On May 28 a group of 25 friends from the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., visited the Home, and went on a conducted tour of the buildings, besides presenting a program for the guests in the Chapel. The guests and staff members of the Home were entertained on May 26 by Mrs. Jeanice Greenwood who gave a vocal and musical dramatization of "The King and I." Mr. Edward Meister is the superintendent of the Home.

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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 married Rosita and worked at his father's trade of making wooden saints in his workshop. But the marriage was broken up by Guadeloupe who paid undue attention to Rosita. After several years of separation, Zorillo and Rosita were reunited and moved to San Miguel, Argentina, where they settled down next door to the evangelical church. In the meantime Guadeloupe had become a Christian in this chapel. He came to Zorillo and asked for forgiveness. But Zorillo's heart was filled with hatred and was stubborn. At their place of work, Severino, an elderly evangelical Christian, talked to Zorillo about forgiveness as taught in God's Word and led him to Christ. Rosita also became a seeker and found salvation in Christ. Then they realized that as Christians things had to be made right in their lives. Zorillo had married another girl, Tomasita, in Asuncion. Guadeloupe determined to help them and went back to Paraguay seeking information and God's guidance. Evangelical friends advised him to find the judge who had performed Zorillo's marriage to Tomasita. In Asuncion Guadeloupe found Dr. Barbosa, the Justice of Peace, who frankly stated that the marriage of Zorillo and Tomasita had been doubly invalid. With this certificate in his possession, Guadeloupe triumphantly returned to Encarnacion and then to San Miguel to his Christian friends.

CHAPTER NINETEEN

GUADELOUPE was impatient to be in San Miguel. He walked quickly from the missionaries' house the port, went through the routine of customs, emigration, and passage buying, scrambled hurriedly down into the launch as though he were about to miss it, then endured fifteen long, seemingly endless minutes while the crowd entered and filled the benches

in a provokingly slow manner.

The old launch started at last, circled around, and headed out across the river. When it sputtered, jerked and stopped for a few minutes, just before reaching midstream, the messenger of good tidings felt like plunging in and swimming to the farther shore!

The wait in Posadas was trying. The hot sun blazed down on the gathering passengers as they collected in little groups in the scant shade of trees and buildings, many of them, like Guadeloupe, arriving hours before the departure of their particular bus. Most of them enjoyed the long wait, for there was no work to do, and there was *maté* on hand, as well as oranges, coffee and tasty meat pies, made as only the Argentines can make them.

Guadeloupe had no interest in food. He wore the long hours away by walking around the little plaza, handing out a tract to this one and that, and conversing, now with one, and now with another of the waiting passengers.

At last the chauffeur of the bus for San Miguel appeared on the scene. With much jostling and joking the "Canary" was loaded with passengers and their multi-formed baggage. How good it was to be actually on the way!

Great flocks of parrots screeched as they flew overhead, restlessly shifting from location to location in their vast world of treetops. The *tucanos*,

much more stationary, called to one another from the topmost tips of the highest trees. The "lower" wild life twittered and scampered in the edge of the great green forest. In spite of Guadeloupe's impatience, his heart sang with the birds. He was discovering a joy in the handiwork of the Creator that he had never known before. As God in His great wisdom worked in his own life and on the behalf of those dear to him, the work of the divine fingers in the realm of nature became increasingly evident.

At last the familiar outlying shacks of San Miguel came in sight, and Guadeloupe leaned forward in his seat as if to bring the village nearer. The old bus stopped here and there at the request of passengers, and ran up this street and down that to take several right to their own doors. Guadeloupe remained seated until they had come to the official stop in front of the Santa Lucia Hotel.

As the bus drew to a standstill, Guadeloupe glanced from the window, and a forlorn-looking, dejected figure, just emerging from the hotel caught his eye. He looked again, surprised, and then alarmed—it was Zorillo!

Hastily he descended from the bus and ran after the slowly retreating figure.

"Zorillo!" he called. "*Hermano* Zorillo! Stop!"

Zorillo turned and brightened a little when he saw that it was Guadeloupe who called him.

"What has happened, *hermano* Zorillo? You have finished work early today! What are you doing here?" exclaimed and questioned the puzzled Guadeloupe.

"I have just bought my ticket, brother," said Zorillo wearily. "I am going to Encarnación tomorrow."

"You are going to Encarnación? What takes you there?" asked Guadeloupe, more alarmed than ever. "Everyone is well. Rosita's parents send *saludos*. Your own aunt and cousin are in health and everything is in order with your property. The *hermanos* are rejoicing and send their warmest greetings."

"Thank you, that is very kind of them all. I am glad that they are well. But I must go tomorrow. Rosita and I have separated. My heart has been wretched in the knowledge that we are not properly married in the sight of the law. It is not a good testimony. I am going to arrange for Rosita and the little ones to live in the *rancho* in Encarnación. Then I will return here and work on the plantation until God undertakes for our legal union. Perhaps we can both be baptized now. I am determined that God shall have first place."

He went on, while Guadeloupe listened, dazed, never having imagined that the matter would have come to a head as quickly as this.

"I wish I could believe that the elders are right. They tell me that I should not leave my little ones fatherless, that what I cannot now help I

must commit to God. Oh, they have prayed much for us, God bless them! The night before last, they spent almost entirely in prayer, I believe, and last night the whole church was praying for us that our home might not be broken up. Oh, I wish I could believe that their counsel is right, but since those brethren from the north came down, there is a nagging at my conscience that I cannot bear, and the only way I shall get peace is by this separation!"

It cost him great effort to maintain self-control, as he thus poured out the pain of his heart, and naturally he was amazed that while he thus spoke, a great, wide smile was spreading over the face of his friend!

When he had finished, Guadeloupe clapped his hand on the weary shoulder.

"Brother," he said, "you have great courage. I am proud of your willingness to sacrifice your home for the Lord's sake, even though I do believe that the elders are right. But come with me; come to my *rancho*. I have something to show you that will make you throw away your ticket for joy!"

Quickly they walked through the dusty street, while Zorillo's aching heart pounded with renewed hope and his bewildered brain searched for an explanation for Guadeloupe's strange words.

The latter could hardly keep back his secret. They had barely stepped inside his humble door, when he thrust his hand into his pocket, pulled out the carefully guarded paper, and placed it in Zorillo's trembling hands.

"Read that!" he said.

Zorillo turned to get a stool and sit down, for he was shaking. Opening the document, so impressive with its stamps and bold signature, he began to read slowly. He finished, then read it again, and again, as Guadeloupe, it again, and again, as Guadeloupe, enjoying himself immensely, looked on. Finally Zorillo put the paper down, and dropped his head in his hands, and wept for joy.

When Zorillo could compose himself, the friends embraced, and thanked God fervently.

"Now I must see my Rosita!" exclaimed Zorillo, eager to be off. "But, oh, my friend Guadeloupe, how shall we ever be able to thank you?"

Guadeloupe beamed happily and anyone could have seen that no reward could have added to his joy. "Do not waste time thanking me," he said. "Be off, and tell the good news to Rosita! *Pobresita*, she will be ill with sorrow!"

In a flash Zorillo was gone.

It was late afternoon by now, too late for Guadeloupe to go to his work. He tried to settle down to some little job around the *rancho*, but he couldn't. He tried to read a little from his Bible. Even that was impossible! At last he slipped his feet into his old shoes, he put on his hat, and went out. How could he keep such good tidings to himself until the meeting, even if it

were only a couple of hours away? Good old Severino, Zorillo's spiritual father and faithful helper through prayer, had a right to know immediately how marvelously God had worked, and so had the elders.

The meeting that night was one of praise. Don Manuel, Don Domingo, Guadeloupe and the radiant Severino smiled with satisfaction when Zorillo and Rosita entered with their little ones and sat in their old place, while many wondering eyes were turned upon them, for all had known of Zorillo's decision. Their wondering was no less as they noted the new peace and gladness written on the young faces.

A few moments later, when Don Manuel arose and announced the happy news, there was a chorus of spontaneous praise and thanksgiving; and when the meeting was over, all with one accord tried to be first in reaching the young couple to congratulate them!

Zorillo didn't throw away his ticket. He helped Rosita home with the children, then spent the night with Guadeloupe in his *rancho* near the highway and caught the earliest bus for Posadas. The motive for his trip had changed, however.

The heavy rain that the parrots had been predicting had fallen in the night, so the roads were slippery and in places dangerous, but Zorillo did not mind. The freshness of the earth and air was as nothing compared to the freshness of new life that he felt in his soul—new life, courage and greater confidence than ever in the love and power of God.

When he had crossed the river to his native Encarnación, he made the rounds, even as Guadeloupe had, to tell his relatives and former friends what Christ had done for him. The reactions he received were as varied as those which his friend had met. Perhaps he found just a little less antagonism from some, for Guadeloupe's visit had prepared the way for these, and his words had not been forgotten.

Doña Ana showed the greatest consternation, and Zorillo, remembering his mother's death, reflected that she had reason to. He said nothing about the lie that she had perpetrated about his mother "repenting," but he could see that she was most uncomfortable in his presence.

"Tia," he said, when he had finished telling of God's working in his heart and life, "when you have come to know our Saviour, you will be happy that Mamita died a believer."

Her only answer was a disgusted grunt.

In Rosita's old home he was received with kindness, and as he told his story, their silent attention gave him reason to believe that there was a hunger being born in them for the Word of God. When he told his intentions to legalize his marriage with Rosita, they were agreeable, and even asked that it might be done in Encarnación. Zorillo consented gladly.

He visited the missionaries, too, and met some of the believers he had come to know during the conference, as well as others he had never known. The bonds of the Gospel drew them quickly together, and fellowship was sweet.

The days flew, and a week was gone. By that time Zorillo, with the co-operation of Rosita's parents, had secured a birth certificate for her, and had made arrangements for the civil ceremony.

Two weeks later, a happy party, consisting of Rosita and her little ones, Severino and his wife, Guadeloupe and several other believers, boarded the old yellow bus, and chatted quietly as it rattled over stones and bridges, up rocky hills and through the forest, on its way to Posadas.

It was a great day for the young woman Rosita, and her mind was filled with thoughts of the pleasures to be hers before nightfall. She would see her beloved parents and sisters again; she would meet with many who, though as yet they did not know her, had been praying earnestly for her; she would be untied with Zorillo according to the law and at last have a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man!

Zorillo met the party in Posadas. As he looked at Rosita, he found her far more beautiful than she had been on that first wedding day, for now the beauty of a redeemed soul, washed in the blood of Christ and clothed with His righteousness, shone out through the happy eyes and radiant face.

Together they crossed the Paraná, and made their way directly to the office of the judge. There they were met by Doña Helena and Don Jorge, Rosita's parents, and even Zorillo's aunt and cousin! Doña Helena stood by Rosita's side as her witness, while Zorillo's one time enemy stood by his. In a matter of a few minutes, they were legally man and wife.

In the meantime the believers had made a little feast to celebrate the occasion, under the friendly shade of the paradise and orange trees in Doña Luisa's patio. How pleased everyone was when the couple's relatives consented to attend! It is true, they stood shyly back at first, a little bit apart, reticent and curious, until, conquered by the simple hospitality and warm friendliness of the believers, they began to enjoy themselves.

Doña Luisa was almost beside herself with joy, although she could not restrain a tear that found its way down her cheek as she remembered her dear friend Marta and thought of the gladness that would have been hers had she lived to see this day. Then she laughed at herself for such a thought—could any gladness exceed that which now was Doña Marta's in the presence of her Lord?

The joyful gathering finished with a solemn service, in which God's bless-

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

Baptism at Portland Ave. Church, Tacoma, Wash.

Special evangelistic services were held in February at the Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington with the Rev. Mr. Burghart of Seattle, Washington as speaker. Decisions were made and 13 persons followed the Lord in baptism on Sunday, April 23. The young people under the direction of their leader and pastor, Rev. H. Smuland, held an Easter Sunrise Breakfast for the church and friends.

Our Vacation Bible School was held June 12 to 23. "Around the World With Christ" was our theme. We had an average of 65 children and 14 teachers in attendance. The Lord was good to us and many boys and girls made decisions for Christ. Our Sunday evening services have been a real blessing in that our audience is largely composed of children and young people. We are looking forward to a survey of this area, and a committee who will carry out advance preliminary plans for an educational unit which is greatly needed.

Mitzie Neumann, Reporter

Central District

Vacation Bible School at West Fargo, N. Dak.

"God's Time" was the theme of our Vacation Bible School held from June 12 through June 22 at the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak. We had an enrollment of 89. Mrs. La Vane Weight was the director. A word of appreciation goes to all the teachers who did such a splendid job in instructing the children.

We are also happy to report that Rev. A. J. Borchardt has been very faithful in helping us out in supplying



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School at the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak.

the pulpit every Lord's Day at the morning and evening services until our new pastor, Rev. Leon Bill of Okeene, Okla., arrives.

Mrs. Milbert Fischer, Reporter

Events at Anamoose and Lincoln Valley, N. Dak.

On Sunday, May 21, three candidates from Lincoln Valley, North Dakota, and one candidate from Anamoose were baptized by the pastor, Rev. Milton Vietz, at the Turtle Lake Baptist Church. We are thankful to God for these spiritual blessings. The hand of fellowship was also extended to an additional person.

Our annual Youth Banquet was held on May 28 at the Anamoose Baptist Church. The banquet tables were beautifully decorated with spring blossoms. The program followed the theme, "My Times Are in Thy Hands" (Psalm



Rev. Milton Vietz (right, rear row), pastor of the Anamoose and Lincoln Valley Baptist Churches, N. Dak., and three persons from Lincoln Valley whom he baptized on May 21.

31:15). Our guest speaker was Rev. Richard Christeleit.

From June 5-9 a Vacation Bible School was held at Anamoose and the program was presented on June 11. From June 12-16 Bible School was held at Lincoln Valley and the program presented on June 18. The theme was "Around the World With Christ" from the Gospel Light Series.

Mrs. Milton Vietz, Reporter

Vacation Bible School at Chancellor, South Dakota

"Living by God's Time" was the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School held June 5 to 16 at the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, South Dakota. Eighty-four boys and girls were enrolled and were taught and guided

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Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Ehman and family at the farewell service held for them by the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Mont.

by 24 teachers and helpers. God's Spirit was working as nine boys and girls accepted Christ as their Savior and some 17 children expressed their desire to follow the Lord in baptism. The daily offerings, totalling over \$90.00, were designated for the work among boys and girls in the Cameroons.

On Friday evening, June 16, a closing program was presented and handwork displayed, evidencing the study and activity of the foregoing two weeks. The pastor, Rev. Herman Effa, directed the Bible School and Mrs. Herman L. Weeldreyer and Mrs. Lambert F. Jacobs served as secretaries and refreshment hostesses. The Lord has revealed again how pliable young lives are, and we trust that through Bible School their lives have been moulded according to Christ's example.

—Mrs. Herman Effa, Reporter

Pastor's Farewell and Vacation School, Sidney, Mont.

The First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana held its farewell service for Rev. Jacob Ehman and family on May 28. Mr. Earl Backhaus served as master of ceremonies. Representing the various organizations of the church were Mr. Gordon Smith for the deacons, Mr. Kenneth Johnson for the Men's Fellowship, Mr. Ray Auch for the Sunday School, Mrs. Gordon Smith for the Ladies' Mission Society, Mr. Art Pribnow for the trustees, Miss Sharon Fay for the young people, and Mrs. Mary Lee Zimmerman for the choir. Gifts were presented by the church after which Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ehman responded.

Two weeks of Vacation Bible School were climaxed with a program on Sunday evening, June 18. Forty students were registered with 28 completing the course. The theme was "Living in God's Times." The director was Mary Lee Zimmerman and the teachers included Mrs. Esther Gaub, Beginners, with Jean Foltz as assistant; Mrs. Lynn Foltz, Primary; Miss Bertha Pribnow, Juniors, with Lynda Candee and Rita Fay as assistants; Mrs. Harriet Klempel, Intermediates, who also served as pianist.

Mrs. Lynn Foltz, Reporter

Record Breaking Vacation Bible School, Eureka, S. Dak.

A successful and inspirational Vacation Bible School was held, June 12 to 16 at the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak. Each session began with the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag, the Christian Flag and the Bible, as well as with Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. A. E. Reeh, our pastor. The course we studied was "Christ and My Life."

We had the largest enrollment in the history of the church—57 pupils and 12 teachers. At the close of each session, we had chorus practice and a missionary story from Africa, Japan, the American Indians and Spanish-Americans, which acquainted the children with the missionaries and the mission fields in the world which we as churches support. The highlight was the Achievement Program on June 18th. The children's mission offering amounted to \$10.65 and was designated by the children for the Rio Grande Valley Mission where Rev. Raymond Castro is serving.

Judy Heupel, Reporter

Vacation School at Strassburg Church, Marion, Kansas

From June 5-9 we of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, enjoyed the blessings of Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 37 pupils. On Sunday evening, June 11, the boys and girls of Scripture Memory presented the program and received their awards, with Mrs. Dave Krispence, chairman of Scripture Memory, presiding. Following the program, the Bible School children presented their handwork on display tables in the basement and also served cookies and punch to their guests.

A program in honor of Father's Day was given by the members of the Woman's Missionary Union, of which Mrs. Jake Stenzel is president. Recently a new Wurlitzer Piano was purchased for use in the sanctuary of the church. We praise the Lord for his faithfulness to us in past days. We had very blessed days as we celebrated our 50th anniversary from July 14-17.

Mrs. Charles Heiser, Reporter



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Record breaking enrollment of children at the Vacation Bible School held at the First Baptist Church, Eureka, South Dakota.

Vacation School and Church Organizations, Wichita, Kansas

The Memory Lane Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas, was privileged to hold its first Vacation Bible School from June 5 to 16. Fifty-six children

ly of their time to teach and seven of our high school young people taught and helped with the handwork and recreation. The demonstration program on Sunday morning was given to an audience of 86 people.

We are also happy to report that



Vacation Bible School group of the Melody Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas (left) held in a public school building. Teachers of the Bible School and the pastor, Rev. Edwin Michelson, are shown at right.

were enrolled and our average attendance was 43. We were grateful for the fine assistance given to us by Mrs. Arvil Peipmier of Stafford and Donna Helmer from Marion, Kansas. Two of our faithful mothers gave sacrificial-

we have organized a C. B. Y. group and a Woman's Missionary Society. The C. B. Y. now has an active membership of 16. The officers are: president, Judy Michelson; vice-president, Margaret Warren; treasurer, Roger Savage; and secretary, Phyllis Warren. The sponsors are Rev. Edwin Michelson and Fred Savage.

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in April and has a membership of 12 women. The officers are: president, Mrs. Verna Michelson; vice-president and White Cross chairman, Mrs. Alice Pshigoda; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Mary Krauskopf. Various committees were appointed and every member of the society has been given some responsibility. The June meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Regina Savage when we were blessed by a message and color slides shown by Miss Delores Henne about her work at the New Hope Settlement and Belo Maternity Center in the Cameroons, Africa.

Mrs. Verna Michelson, Church Clerk

Pastor's Reception, First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak.

Sunday, June 4, was a happy occasion for the First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., for it was the reception for Rev. and Mrs. Carl Weisser

Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas. Rev. Charles Littman is pastor of the church.

and their children, Noreen, Gary, and Nolan formerly of Streeter, N. Dak. Welcome speeches were made by Arthur Bender, chairman of the Board of Deacons; Mrs. Marvin Schilling, Sunday School superintendent; Irvin Rudolf, chairman of Trustees; Mrs. Godfrey Herr, president of Mission Circle; LeRoy Hagel, president of the CBYF; and Mrs. Arthur Bender, president of Dorcas Society, who also presented Mrs. Weisser and Noreen with a corsage of flowers at this time. Special numbers were rendered by the church choir directed by Mrs. Melvin Hoffman; a duet by Lorna Herr and Phyllis Boschee; and a saxophone and trombone duet by Geraldine and Douglas Kramer. Additional remarks were made by two visiting guests, Rev. George Nelnar from Olds, Alberta, nephew of Mr. Weisser, and Rev. David Littke of the Berlin Church of Fredonia, N. Dak. Rev. Alfred Weisser of Herreid, S. Dak., presented the message based on I Corinthians 15:58. Rev. and Mrs. Carl Weisser and family expressed words of appreciation and thanks. We are indeed thankful to the Lord for hearing our prayers and sending us the Weisser family to guide us.

Mrs. Ida Herr, Reporter

Baptism and CBY Activities, Rapid City, S. Dak.

May 21st was a day for the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., to praise God. In the morning service Rev. Loren Weber presented certificates to 10 adults who completed the leadership course on "Solving Church School Problems." These were: Mr. and Mrs. Everret Crooks, John Kwyzla, Jr., Mrs. Eva La Plante, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Schlottman and son Jim Schlottman, and Mr. Helmut Wolff. In the afternoon, a baptismal service was held at the First Southern Baptist church for two young people, Sherry Kittel and John H. Kwyzla, who were recently saved during the "God's Volunteers" campaign in our church. The fact that once again we were forced to use facilities in another church forcefully brought the definite need for a church



Junior Hi group of the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., enjoy a retreat at the Schlottman cabin in the Black Hills near Mt. Rushmore.



PASTORS AT PENTECOST SERVICES

Rev. Elton O. Kirstein (left), pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, greets Rev. Frank Friesen (center), guest speaker at the Pentecost Day services and other ministers in attendance. (Photo by Les Broadstreet).

sanctuary of our own.

Recently the young people of the South Canyon Church voted to divide their C.B.Y. into two groups for several reasons, one being that in the fall a host of Juniors will be coming into the C.B.Y. setup. At present there are 10 active Junior Hi's. With the division came the election of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Schlottman as the Junior High sponsors and Rev. Loren Weber for the Junior C.B.Y. As a rallying effort the Schlottmans invited the Junior Hi group to an overnight retreat in their cabin in the beautiful Black Hills near the Shrine of Democracy at Mt. Rushmore. The group joined in wonderful Christian fellowship in games, hiking, fireside prayer time and, of course, in ranch style serving of supper, breakfast and lunch. Plans were discussed for the future of the group.

Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr., Reporter

Pentecost Sunday Service, Emmanuel Church, Marion, Ks.

Sunday, May 28, was the festive day for our annual observance of Pentecost Sunday at the Emmanuel

Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas. Rev. Frank Friesen of Forest Park, Illinois, was the guest speaker. Members of the Strassburg and Durham Baptist Churches were guests for the day and friends from the Memory Lane Church of Wichita, the Bethany Church of Elmo, the First Church of Dickinson County, and the Mount Zion Church were additional guests for the afternoon and evening services. Both the noon and evening meals were served by our ladies in the city building and the evening service was held in the city auditorium. There was a record attendance this year. The Marion Church choir presented the music for the morning service and the guest churches presented the music for the afternoon and evening service. The young people enjoyed a singspiration at the Marion Park led by Don Janzen, choir director of the Marion church. At the three offerings received on this day for mission projects the total approached the \$1,000 mark.

Our Vacation Bible School was very successful this year. Classes were held with both morning and afternoon sessions from June 5 to 9. A total of 37 children were enrolled with an average attendance of 36. Rev. Elton Kirstein served as the superintendent, assisted by a very capable staff of teachers. Sunday evening concluded the activities when the pupils presented an excellent program and displayed their handwork. Four children accepted the Lord as Savior during the sessions of the school.

Mrs. Harry Koslowsky, Reporter

Vacation School, Danzig and Tyndall Churches, S. Dak.

"Living By God's Time" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held from June 5 to 9 by the Danzig and Tyndall Baptist Churches of South Dakota. The school was conducted at the Danzig Church. The emphasis was placed upon the fact that now is the time to accept Christ. Many blessings were received during the week. Fifty-six pupils were enrolled. The attendance was nearly 100 per cent. A missionary offering was taken daily, which totalled \$25.80. On Friday evening a program was presented and a display of the handwork was shown.

The school was under the able direction of our minister, Rev. David Zim-

merman. The teachers were as follows: Nursery, Alvena Williams, Mrs. Glen Janssen and Sheryl Younger; Beginners, Helen and Delores Buchholz; Primary, Mrs. Wilbert Buchholz, Brenda Heber, Mrs. Wilbert Berndt, Mrs. Erwin Weber and Barbara Kaul; Juniors, Mrs. Calvin Finck, Mrs. Herman Kaul, Mrs. Howard Heber and Mrs. Lavern Berndt; Intermediates, Mrs. David Zimmerman and Mrs. John Lubbers. Mrs. Wilbert Berndt, Reporter

Eastern District

Atlantic Conference Ministers' Retreat at Bradley Beach

At the kind invitation of the Young People's Union of New York and vicinity, the annual retreat of the Atlantic Conference ministers was held at Bradley Beach, N. J., from June 26-30. The theme of the retreat was "Sharpening Our Ministry" which was developed along practical lines to help each pastor to re-examine the many aspects of his ministry.

Our special guest was Dr. Bernard Schalm of Edmonton, Alberta, professor at the Christian Training Institute, who brought us a provocative lecture each day followed by a stimulating discussion period. Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolff also visited with us while vacationing nearby and Mr. Wolff led us in our closing devotional period. The social highlight of the retreat was a party given by the pastors' wives for all the guests and the household staff. It was good to come apart for a while by the shore of the sea.

Roger W. Schmidt, Reporter

Baptismal Services, Round Lake Church, Gladwin, Mich.

The Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., had the joy of dedicating its new baptistry early this year which had just been installed. Along with the dedication service, the pastor, Rev. Leon Franck, baptized 16 young people upon their confession of faith in Christ. Most of these young people had been born again during the week of special meetings held previously. On Father's Day, June 18, we had another baptismal service in which three teenage sisters were baptized. These sisters had given their hearts to the Lord during special meetings held here in April with the Rev. Donald Guarnere as speaker.

We thank the Lord for our new baptistry which was paid for by Mr. and Mrs. Holland Grove, one of our families. The work was done by our own men, chairman of whom was Mr. Kurt Landenberger. We trust that this baptistry will give occasion for more than one baptismal service each year and will prove to be a source of encouragement toward the winning of more precious souls to Christ.

Arlene Franck, Reporter

Baptismal Service and Laymen's Sunday, Erie, Pa.

June 18th was an experience of great spiritual joy for more than 200 persons who filled the South Hills Baptist Church (formerly Central Baptist), Erie, Pa., to witness the first baptismal service held in this six month old church. We will celebrate

our 100th anniversary as a church in October of this year, but we have been in this new building and location only a short time. This was a combined service with the Open Bible Tabernacle with Rev. Richard Mikolon baptizing four young people and two adults while our pastor, Rev. Eugene Stroh, baptized seven young persons.

June 25th, Laymen's Sunday, was another service of spiritual blessing as various laymen representing the departments of the church gave short talks on "What My Church and Its Beliefs Means to Me." Here again we felt the presence of the Lord in a definite way. On this same Sunday, our pastor, Mr. Stroh, was the speaker at the Eastern Young People's Conference held at the Buffalo Bible Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. from which he returned as C. B. Y. Conference Advisor while two of our young people, Sharon Overbeck and Paul Eichler, were elected secretary and vice-president, respectively.

Mrs. Robert R. Eichler, Reporter

This year's Vacation Bible School was held all day during the first week of July. The very well attended classes were taught by the following teachers: Mrs. Velma Kuehn, Pre-School; Mrs. Rose Fried, Primary; Mrs. Ivy Weiss, Juniors; Rev. H. A. Pohl, Young People; Ingrid Foth, Pianist; Mrs. Margret Pohl, Handcraft and Young People. The Gospel Press material, "Around the World With Christ," was effectively used.

Margret Pohl, Reporter

Manitoba Baptist Association At Ochre River Church

The Manitoba Baptist Association met at the Grace Baptist Church near Ochre River, June 16 to 18. The theme, "Stewards of Christ," proved to be a great blessing. The various avenues of stewardship which were emphasized were Stewardship in Giving, in Prayer, of Time, of Talents, in the Home, and in and towards the Church. It was also our privilege to have Dr. George



Thirteen baptismal candidates at a joint service held by the Central Baptist Church and Open Bible Tabernacle of Erie, Pa., with their pastors, Rev. Eugene Stroh (right with dark suit) and Rev. Richard Mikolon (next to him).

Northern District

Rally and Bible School at East Olds, Alta.

The East Olds Baptist Church of Olds, Alta., extended an invitation to neighboring Sunday Schools to convene with us on June 25th, for the purpose of finding new ways to reach the unreached and of getting better acquainted with new methods in presenting the Sunday School lesson. During the morning sessions new light was given in the teaching of children and teens, while our pastor, Rev. H. A. Pohl, spoke on "more effective teaching in the adult department." Strong missionary emphasis was laid at the afternoon meeting and a marked evangelistic note was sounded at the evening service. Both speakers challenged the hearts of the congregation which filled the church to capacity throughout the day. Among the various special numbers was also one by the children's choir of the local church entitled: "Jesus, the Friend of the Children," directed by the pastor's wife.

A. Lang and Dr. R. Schilke with us and they were used mightily of the Lord as they brought their reports and messages. The Grant Park Baptist Church, a Church Extension project in Winnipeg, was received into the fellowship of the Association.

The officers elected for the new year are as follows; moderator, Rev. H. J. Waltereit; vice-moderator, Rev. H. Schatz; secretary-treasurer, Mr. R. J. Stober. Special mention must be given to the host church and their pastor, Rev. A. Kliever, for their hospitality and sacrificial work during these days. The Sunday services were a great highlight of the Association with Dr. Lang and Dr. Schilke bringing the messages. The afternoon service was the missionary service. With grateful hearts we made our way homeward.

John Wollenberg, Reporter

Sessions of Saskatchewan Association at Jansen

The Saskatchewan Baptist Association was held in the Temple Baptist Church of Jansen, Sask., from June 16-28. The theme of the Association was "The Unfinished Task" (Acts 1:8). Thirteen churches were represented.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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● The Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., conducted its annual Vacation Bible School from June 19 to 23. The total enrollment with workers was 530. There were 103 persons who came forward and accepted the Lord as their Savior. Each one who made a decision for Christ received a New Testament and a children's tract. Rev. Robert F. Penner, pastor, reported: "Though many of those saved attend other churches, we thank God for the joy of having led them to Christ. Many parents came to our church for the first time to see the closing program on Sunday evening, June 25. May God help us to reach both children and adults alike for his glory."

● Dr. and Mrs. Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y., have been guests in the St. John's Home for the Aged in Rochester since the end of May. This Home recently finished a building program costing almost a million dollars. It is a beautiful Home with some of the finest facilities for its guests. Rev. William Schmitt, a retired NAB minister, is also a resident there. Dr. and Mrs. Bretschneider attend most of the worship services of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, as reported by Rev. Arthur R. Weisser, pastor. It has also been announced that Dr. and Mrs. Fred Willkens have

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joined the church. Dr. Willkens was formerly a member of the faculty of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

● On Sunday, June 26, 1960, the children of Mr. and Mrs. William Moser of McIntosh, S. Dak., held Open House in honor of their parents' 40th wedding anniversary by presenting a short program of poems and favorite songs of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Moser have spent almost all of their 40 years of married life in the McIntosh community where they farmed before retiring to their new home at Mobridge, S. Dak. The Lord has blessed them with 8 girls and 2 boys and 28 grandchildren who were all present for this grand occasion. The children are: Lydia (Mrs. John Gehring); Helen (Mrs. Rudy Schulz) of McIntosh; Edna (Mrs. Edwin Scholl) of Lodi, Calif.; Irene (Mrs. John Heinrich) of Elk Grove, Calif.; Milbert Moser of Rupert, Idaho; Violet (Mrs. Gene Bronson) of Logan, Utah; Clara (Mrs. Milton Stoecker) of McLaughlin, S. Dak.; Edwin Moser of McIntosh; Shirley (Mrs. Loven Stoecker) of Onaka, S. Dak.; and Mildred of McIntosh.

SASKATCHEWAN ASSO.

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The guest speakers brought messages that informed, inspired and challenged the large audiences. We were privileged to have Miss E. Schmidt of Africa and also Professor Edgar Klatt of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton. It was also the Association's privilege to have our District Secretary, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Winnipeg as guest speaker, who informed us about the various denominational projects.

Saturday was spent with devotional services, business sessions and election of officers. The Youth Banquet on Saturday evening was well attended. The guest speakers were Miss Schmidt and Rev. E. Klatt. Sunday was a beautiful, warm Lord's Day. The Association closed in the afternoon with a Missionary Rally.

The officers for the new Association year are as follows: moderator, Rev. R. Neuman, Edenwold; vice moderator, Rev. E. L. Thiessen, Saskatoon; secretary, C. Hollerbaum, Edenwold; treasurer, R. Kurtz, Edenwold; camp president, Rev. L. D. Potratz, Regina; camp vice president, Rev. J. Neudorf, Fenwood; camp secretary, Rev. A. Zeller, Raymore; youth director, Rev. F. Pahl, Springside; music director, Rev. P. Schroeder, Southey; Sunday School director, Rev. E. Hohn, Nokomis; mission committee, Rev. J. Kuehn, Jansen; camp trustees; Bill Bonney of Jansen, John Richter of Nokomis, A. Hoffman of Ebenezer, and H. Fenske of Regina.

Carl Hollerbaum, Reporter



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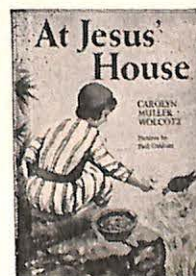


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