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Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn., is venturing a significant new publishing effort in 22 volumes of *Bible Guides*, under the general editorship of Dr. William Barclay and Dr. F. F. Bruce. The general editors have selected writers, well-known for their contribution to biblical understanding, to prepare the guides.

RANGOON, BURMA.—Proclamation of Buddhism as the state religion of Burma probably will take place in August, it was announced here by a spokesman for the State Religion Enquiry Commission. Muslim leaders have recently joined Protestants and Catholics in protesting establishment of Buddhism as the state religion. Buddhist leaders have emphasized that there will be no discrimination against members of minority religions.

—*Sunday School Times*

"Thirteen years of religious persecution in Colombia have resulted in an appalling total of 116 Protestant Christians martyred because of their religious faith, 65 Protestant churches and chapels destroyed by fire or dynamite, and over 200 Protestant day schools closed," says Presbyterian Missionary James E. Goff, director of a Presbyterian school for boys in Barranquilla, Colombia. In spite of the persecution, Protestant church membership in Colombia has increased more than 2½ times in the past 7 years.

—*The Watchman Examiner*

More than 4,000 young people in West Germany have thus far responded to an appeal for a "Deaconal Year," a welfare project conducted by various regional evangelical churches. It involved recruiting volunteers to spend a year serving in hospitals and other charitable institutions operated by the churches. Creation of the project was prompted by the acute lack of welfare workers and deaconesses both in Evangelical Home Mission institutions and parish organizations.

HCJB of Quito, Ecuador, world's first missionary radio station, announced last month the establishment of the world's first missionary television station. A pact with the Ecuadorian government provides for television transmission from Quito. Programs already are being aired three nights a week, and the schedule will be stepped up to a six-night week within six months.

The government of Jordan says it will not permit foreign exhibition of the Dead Sea Scrolls. A law announced last month prohibits all transactions designed to transport any of the scrolls out of the country. The law indicated that the scrolls are gov-

ernment property and a Jordanian historical inheritance, and therefore must be kept inside Jordan. All rental money and down payments previously deposited by archeological institutions for ownership of the scrolls will be paid back, the government said.

—*Christianity Today*

One of the severest of Presbyterian doctrines—predestination—was softened by a recent action of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (South-

Baptist Briefs

Datestone for Baptists. American Baptists have been unable to place a cornerstone in their church headquarters at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania—because the building has no corners. Instead of a cornerstone a datestone was recently placed in the paving leading to the building's entrance. The \$8.5 million building of circular design will be occupied next spring.

Chapel of Peace. Crozer Theological Seminary (American Baptist) at Chester, Pennsylvania, is planning a chapel of peace. The sanctuary will be dedicated to the achievement of peace through prayer, very likely the only such sanctuary in the world. The building's steeply pitched roof will reach from the ground to the sky in the manner of hands clasped in prayer. A thousand bronze plaques, reading "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will to Men" in a thousand different languages, will be placed in the chapel. Each donor of \$250 may designate a memorial plaque.

—*The Christian Century*

Famed Negro Baptist Dies. Miss Nannie Helen Burroughs, a foremost Negro Baptist leader in the National Baptist Convention and the Baptist World Alliance, died recently. She was believed to be the last surviving person who spoke at the organization congress of the Baptist World Alliance in London in 1905. She was only 19 at the time, and her speech was such a sensation the London newspapers lauded her highly. Miss Burroughs, who held a Ph.D. degree from Shaw University, was, at the time of her death, president of the

THERE'S STILL TIME
to plan to attend the General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minn.,
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ern) in their 101st general assembly in Dallas, Texas. This new action emphasizes the belief that God has predestinated some men, regardless of their earthly lives to everlasting death. At the same time the group recommended that the well known Westminster Confession be left intact. In other action the Southern Presbyterians opposed enforced segregation and were urged to implement

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Women's Convention of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., and the president and founder of the National Trade and Professional School for Women and Girls, Washington, D. C.

Billy Graham in Minneapolis. Billy Graham will conduct a crusade in Minneapolis, Minn., July 9-16, 1961 (two weeks before the opening of the NAB General Conference sessions. Editor). The meetings will be held in the Minneapolis Auditorium. They have been preceded by intensive evangelistic thrust in a four-state area led by associate evangelists Joe Blinco, Grady Wilson, Leighton Ford, Roy Gustafson, Larry Love and David Morken. Next on the Graham agenda will be the four-week Philadelphia crusade, beginning August 17, which "is taking shape as the greatest undertaking in mass evangelism in American history." Crusade chairman Ross Stover says that pre-registration of counselors may reach 14,000, compared to 9,600 for the present all-time high in Sydney, Australia.

Baptists' 50th Anniversary in Israel. Baptists in Israel opened the celebration of their 50th anniversary April 10 with a special service in Nazareth, their oldest center of work. Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., gave the anniversary address. A representative from the Ministry for Religious Affairs brought greetings, expressing appreciation for the significant contribution Baptists have made to the religious life of the country and offering best wishes for a successful second half-century. Government, religious, civic leaders attended.

—*The Watchman Examiner*

Baptist Leaders React to Red Peace Conference Bid. WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNS)—Baptist leaders in the United States said they would not send delegates to a Communist-sponsored peace

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Editorial

Try A Rocking Chair!

A plain rocking chair in the White House at Washington, D.C., has become the most talked about piece of furniture in our nation's capital. Its fame has probably encircled the globe. Its purpose, as recognized by President John F. Kennedy for restful relaxation, has aroused tremendous interest. Most people are keenly aware of this need in their lives. As a result, tens of thousands of Americans are swaying in newly bought rocking chairs, seeking tranquility and peace of mind.

How disillusioned many of these people will be! The rocking chair may help you in receiving some temporary rest and physical relaxation, but unless it becomes a symbol of a spiritual gift and discipline, its usefulness will be negligible. All of us need "a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God." Not only do we need to be still, as if riding on a rocking chair, but out of this stillness and quiet waiting, we must come to know God, to lay hold on his power, to be sensitive to his will and guiding directives.

Peace of mind is both a gift of God and an achievement of your soul in strenuous self-discipline. You will not find it by wishful thinking. You cannot attain it by physical exercise, even in a rocking chair. "The heart that is to be filled with holy joy and peace must be held still." This word of wisdom by Bowes stresses the Biblical injunction: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."

A remarkable article in the June 1961 issue of "The Reader's Digest," shows us "How to Stand Up Under Stress." Dr. M. Maltz states his belief that "each personality is equipped with a center which, like the deep of the ocean, is never disturbed. Once you have found the secret of relaxation, you will have a chance to discover the quiet room within you that each of us needs—and has." Dr. Maltz goes on to show how we can build for ourselves such "a mental room," filling it with good thoughts, great truths, beautiful pictures and wonderful memories.

"Then, whenever you have a few spare moments during the day, or whenever you begin to feel tension mounting, retire into this quiet room for a few moments. In your imagination, see all the quiet, restful details; settle down in your favorite easy chair, utterly relaxed and at peace with the world."

There is "the rocking chair" again as a symbol of the Christian's tranquility, trusting in God, thinking God's thoughts after him, recalling Scriptural truths, singing the songs of Zion and offering intercessory prayers for others. It is your secret chamber of coming face to face with God. It is your quiet place where you can come into the center of God's will. It is your source of spiritual power and joy.

"In my quiet room I talked with the Friend I love,
As he engineered his planets, his stars, his suns;
My little world was what I was dreaming of,
My little day, and my own near precious ones.
And he with his hands on the universe, his eyes
Upon endless space and the sweep of eternity,
Bent over me, listening to my cries,
And, forgetting my faults and failures, answered me."

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Evangelism, Our Most Urgent Business

This day of desperate need must be the day of total commitment for us to the task of EVANGELISM given us by our Lord.

By Rev. Herman Palfenier of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Denominational Evangelist

THE WORLD is in trouble, perplexed, desperate, hopelessly caught in the web of its own sins and pride, seeking a way out and finding none. The picture is dark and the need is urgent. There is no time for dilly-dallying, for taking it easy. Play time is over, and disaster and death stare humanity in the face.

Is this too drastic a picture? Read your newspapers or listen to the news as it comes to you by way of radio and television! And in this desperate situation, there comes to us the call and command of Christ: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." That is the good news of salvation to a world that lies in the wicked one. This day of need must be to us the day of total commitment to the task given us by our Lord!

DEDICATION TO CHRIST

Half-measures are no longer adequate. They only evoke scorn and derision in the minds and hearts of those who behold. The forces of evil and enmity against Christ and the Cross are teaching us anew the lesson which the first Christians so thoroughly knew and taught and lived: Total surrender is the giving of one self without reservations of any kind to the goal set before us, not counting the cost in time, labor or money. They were men and women who hazarded their lives for Christ.

We must renew our dedication to Christ, the preaching and teaching of the Word, and the work of our denomination in all its phases. The sickness is desperate, and desperate means must be taken in order to overcome and to cure it. As a nation we spend billions of dollars to put man into space. How much are we willing to pay as believers in the Lord to put men and women, boys and girls, into the Kingdom of God? The one exposes man to deadly radiations, darkness, emptiness, absolute loneliness and danger of sudden death. The other brings the radiance of God, light, fullness of joy, fellowship and eternal life! Away then with lethargy, coldness, indifference, unwillingness to work!

There is a three-fold task for us to do. A certain product has for its emblem and motto three interlocking circles, denoting unity, strength and interdependency. These interlocking circles are to be found in our denominational program of evangelism and the winning of souls.

There is the home circle. We need more Christian homes, where Christ is known and loved! Many have said

that it is not easy to live the Christian life at home. That is often true, for frequently the homes are divided in their love and loyalty to Christ and his Word. That brings tensions, often hatred and fears, and dark despair.

The first disciples had the task of beginning their work and testimony in Jerusalem, their home territory. This was the place where they had tasted defeat and fear and devilish hatred! We must win the homes for Christ. Our greatest need is for Christian homes.

We could tell of the many who have come to us during our work as evangelist with their heart-breaking stories as they have unfolded the misery and pain that they must endure in their homes because the love of Christ is not there. We must evangelize our homes!

Our communities must be evangelized, those who are living next-door to us, so often strangers to us to whom we hardly bid the time of day. We must let them know that we feel a concern for their spiritual welfare. How important it is that the impact of our Christian lives and personalities is made in such a way that people will be attracted to us, and through us to Christ!

How many people are kept out of the Kingdom of God because so many professing Christians are not attractive. If we would win some, then we must be winsome! This also pertains to the life of the church. There are



Rev. Herman Palfenier of Minneapolis, Minn., Denominational Evangelist.

churches that repel and there are churches that attract.

A man told us at one time, speaking about a certain church: "I won't go near that church as long as they behave the way they do inside the church." The spirit of love, kindness, concern and sacrifice must be there if we would win the lost to Christ. The church must evangelize, not only through eloquent preachers and teachers and evangelists, but through its own life of a loving testimony to the saving and keeping power of Christ.

OUR SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

Time and space fail us to write fully of the circles of our denominational enterprises and institutions, our schools and publications and programs. They must be enlarging circles! Here too we must evangelize as never before. We thank God for our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and our Bible School in Edmonton, Alberta. They need our prayerful support and sustaining interest as never before!

Some ten years ago, our people caught the vision of erecting the new Seminary buildings at Sioux Falls. With heart-warming zeal and joy they put their shoulders to the wheels of progress. In the spirit of true sacrifice they gave, and in due time their faith and sacrifice saw their joyous fruition. But we need more than a beautiful and adequate Seminary building and campus. We need young men who will go to our Seminary to prepare themselves for the work of the ministry to which the Lord has called them!

Parents, preachers, teachers, churches, don't send your young men to other seminaries or Bible schools, good as they may be. Send them to your own, the ones for whom you have labored and prayed and which cannot continue to be what they ought to be in strength and vigor and continued influence upon the lives of countless people unless we give them of our young men and women to be trained in the things of God unto an effective service to humanity through Christ and the Gospel!

Asia, Africa and the Isles of the Sea are in turmoil. The people are restless with nameless desires and aspirations, reaching out blindly for they know not what. They need Christ! We must bring him to them before it is too late! These are the issues we must face, because they face us! Will the Lord say of us what he said of Israel of old? "I looked for a man, to stand in the breach, and I found none." God forbid!

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"Walka Good, Doctor Stockdale!"

Eight hundred leprous patients and friends gather at the New Hope Settlement to bid farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale and family before their furlough departure for the United States.

By Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons Missionary

THE SCHOOLHOUSE at the New Hope Settlement in the Southern Cameroons was packed to the last window sill. The veranda was occupied to the last inch of seating space. Instead of being a part of the congregation, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale with American-born David and Dianne, and Cameroon-born Darlene, were the guests of honor, sitting on five chairs near the table-pulpit. After more than four years of service at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement, Mbingo, in the Southern Cameroons, the doctor's time for furlough had arrived. The entire Settlement and the Mbingo area folks were on hand to give them a warm send-off on this Sunday, April 16, 1961.

SALUTING THE DOCTOR

Amina, one of the leprous patients, holding her little Moses side-saddle, led the congregation in singing. The voices were joyful, and the drums, rattles and an occasional honk from the cow-horn added zest to the service. Everyone clapped, whether with ten complete fingers, a few less, or none at all. Some patients from the segregation village had trudged a mile and a half up-hill on bandaged feet to join in this big "Walka good" for the doctor and his family. The school children's flowers splashed bright colors on the table and window sills.

The Church Teacher explained the significance of the service and the immense crowd in this way: "Today we have come to salute (greet) our doctor and his family who will soon get on a 'big canoe' and cross the great water to their country. There is not enough time for everyone to talk or sing, so we made this farewell program to show our thanks to God for sending us this doctor, and we want to send them away with a real 'Walka good.'"

FAREWELL MESSAGES

There were messages from Elizabeth, representing all the women of the staff and Settlement women; and from Lucas who spoke on behalf of all the patients. He read the first 12 verses of Genesis 12, comparing the doctor's coming to Africa with Abraham's obedience to God's call, leaving home and all to go to a strange land. The staff choir sang, "God be with you 'till we meet again." The Boys' Brigade, smart as anything in their navy and white uniforms, sang their own composition: "Our dear doctor is going away. Good-bye!

Mr. Sam, the Settlement Overseer, expressed the gratitude, good wishes

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THE STOCKDALE FAMILY
Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale and their children—Dianne, Darlene and David—on their farewell Sunday at the New Hope Settlement.

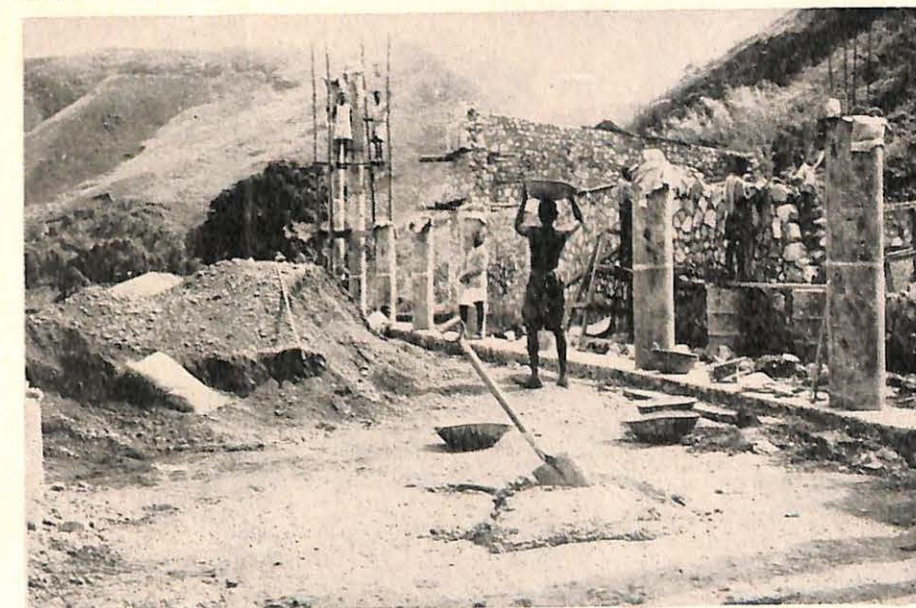
and prayers of the staff, closing his remarks with Psalm 121:7-8. Then Missionary Gilbert Schneider explained in Cameroons Creole, (pidgin English), the four big necessities of life: fufu (bread), water, work and rest. Rest may be of many kinds, but as long

as sickness knows no season, a doctor has little time to rest. Jesus told his disciples in Mark 6:30-31 that they should come away and rest a while. "Cool heart" was a type of rest that would refresh and revive. By going to America now, the doctor could get this rest, this new strength. Mr. Samuel, a former patient and our first trained Cameroons nurse, read the farewell message of the church, closing it with the Apostle Paul's farewell words to the Ephesian leaders in Acts 20:32.

THE DOCTOR'S APPRECIATION

Then the Church Teacher called upon the doctor to "empty his heart" of all he wished to say to this audience. Dr. Stockdale expressed his appreciation for the many (over 800) who came to bid them farewell. "At Mbingo you can all learn to know Jesus. This is the greatest step in your lives. Then live for him and work for him. We give you medicine, and many have gotten well; but showing you Jesus Christ is more important." With a promise to pray for them often, and a request for the prayers of all these people, the doctor asked that everyone would work hard and well with the new doctor.

As the Land Rover drove away from the hospital that last morning, the Stockdales were followed with shouts of "Salute America," "Walka good," "God go with you."



BAPTIST CHAPEL FOR LEPROUS PATIENTS

A leprous patient carries a headpan of mixed cement to help build the first pillars for the Baptist Chapel at the New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

Dedicated Leadership and Buildings

Report of Sessions of the General Council and Dedication of Headquarters Building by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL at its annual sessions in Forest Park, Ill., May 26 and 27, provided leadership for the entire denomination with a dedicated spirit and took part in the festive services dedicating the new Headquarters Building to the glory of God.

This was the keynote that was sounded in the business sessions and colorful programs of these two busy days. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, emphasized this in his report: "We are grateful to God and our denomination for the fine facilities that have been provided for our work. In turn, we dedicate ourselves to faithful service as long as we have the privilege of continuing our ministry."

DEDICATION SERVICES

On Friday evening, May 26, members of the Council, the headquarters staff and the pastors of the Chicago area met for a dedication dinner in the headquarters dining room. About 120 persons enjoyed the dedication dinner prepared by Mrs. Arthur Church of Bellwood, Ill., assisted by ladies from the Bellwood and Forest Park Baptist Churches.

The informal and inspiring program was presided over by Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, vice moderator of the General Conference. The report of the Building Committee was given by Mr.

COMMUNION SERVICE AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE AUGUST 6, 1961

The North American Baptist churches of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., with their pastors will conduct the joint Communion Service at the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis on Sunday evening, August 6, and are hereby inviting all members of NAB churches at the General Conference to this service to begin at 7:00 P.M. Rev. H. J. Wilcke of the Dayton Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minn., will be in charge of this communion service. EDITOR

Fred A. Grosser, chairman. Brief messages of congratulation followed, brought by Dr. John Wobig, Conference moderator; Mr. Arthur Schwerin, Finance Committee chairman; and Mr. Harold B. Johns, Publication Committee chairman.

Greetings from the denominational societies were delivered by ten speakers with sincere fervor: J. C. Gunst, A. Dale Ihrie, Frank Veninga, A. S. Felberg, Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, Henry Pfeifer, Vernon Heckman, Arthur Patzia, Raymond E. Engelbrecht and S. Donald Ganstrom. Mrs. Herbert Hiller of Edmonton, Alberta, sang the solo, "The Good Shepherd." Mr. Edward Russell offered the opening

prayer and Rev. A. Lamprecht led in the closing prayer.

About 200 people attended the dedication service on Saturday afternoon, May 27, in the Conference Room. Dr. John Wobig presided and Miss Lydia Mihm of River Forest, Ill., accompanied by Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman, sang two solos, one of which was "Bless This House." The new Kohler and Campbell piano, a gift of many friends for the new building, was used at these dedication services. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke led in the invocation and Scripture reading. Mr. Lincoln S. Love spoke in behalf of the Building Committee. Dr. Frank H. Woyke brought the dedication address, stressing the fact that the building was being dedicated to Christian fellowship, service in Christ's Name and missionary outreach. Dr. M. L. Leuschner led in the dedicatory prayer, and Dr. Walter W. Grosser closed the wonderful service with prayer.

GENERAL COUNCIL DECISIONS

The General Council carried out its responsibilities with dedicated leadership in making important decisions and in setting up the program for our denomination for the year ahead. A challenging budget of \$845,000 was adopted, the largest budget for a single year that has confronted us as North American Baptists. This includes \$100,000 for special projects. But it also gives clear evidence of our missionary zeal with \$401,800 marked for the General Missionary Society, of our concern for our educational institutions and the task of training our young people, and of our ardent faith that with God all things are possible!

The 1961-1962 Denominational Budget is given in full on the next page, as presented by Mr. Arthur Schwerin, Finance Committee chairman, and adopted by the General Council.

The General Council also appointed a STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE to "plan a continuing program of stewardship education for our North American Baptist churches. This committee will also plan and carry out a promotional program for the missionary and benevolent program adopted annually by the General Council." The Stewardship Committee consists of 18 members as follows: Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, chairman; promotional secretary as the committee's secretary; Mr. Herman Balka, Dallas, Texas; Mr. Ed. Bohnet, Anaheim, Calif.; Rev. David J. Draewell, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, St. Paul, Minn.; Dr. Louis R. Johnson, Kankakee, Ill.; Mr. Richard John-

son, Lorraine, Kansas; Mr. Lincoln S. Love, Erie, Pa.; Rev. Willy R. Muller, Carbon, Alta.; president of the Woman's Missionary Society. Ex Officio members are: General Conference moderator, executive secretary, general missionary secretary, and four district secretaries. In addition, the General Council has recommended the appointment of local conference Stewardship Committees of five members for every conference area.

DEPT. OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upon recommendation of a special study committee, the General Council voted to recommend to the General Conference a reorganization of our youth and Sunday School departments into a Department of Christian Education. There would be sections on adult, youth and children's work. The special committee is publishing full particulars concerning this recommendation in our denominational periodicals (see pages 11-13 in this issue) and has sent a report to the pastors of all churches.

A special study committee reported to the General Council concerning the matter of changing the status of the present Publication Committee to that of a Board of Trustees for the Roger Williams Press. Action was taken by the Council to recommend to the General Conference that such a Board of Trustees of seven members be elected, three of whom shall be ministers and four laymen. This Board of Trustees will be responsible to the Board of Education and Publication.

The Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, was given permission to solicit the entire denominational territory for its Theological Department students. Permission was likewise granted for the establishing of an Alumni Living Endowment Fund and a Revolving Student Loan Fund with donations to be solicited from alumni only.

FORWARD LOOKING DECISIONS

The appointment of new missionaries by the Board of Missions was approved. Missionary salaries have been increased. Another missionary home at Soppo, Cameroons will be built to provide the needed facilities for an increased teaching staff.

The Pastor-Evangelist and Bible Teacher Program will be continued. In this way, our pastors assist one another in the aggressive evangelistic program throughout the year. The Church Extension Builders program to be launched at the General Conference in Minneapolis and the Church Building Trust Fund were adopted.

The General Council was delighted to give its approval to the Pension Fund Committee's recommendation that the "Pension Fund benefits be increased 20 per cent across the board for all members, past and present, and that such increased benefit payments become effective as of January 1, 1962."

Denominational Budget, 1961-1962

Budget and Special Requests for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1962

GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Home Missions	\$ 87,000.00
God's Volunteers	10,000.00
Church Extension	50,000.00
Cameroons Mission—Operating	164,975.00
Cameroons Mission—Building	9,000.00
Japan Mission—Operating	29,850.00
Japan Mission—Building	2,500.00
Austrian Mission—Operating	12,043.00
Austrian Mission—Building	1,132.00
Administration	35,300.00

Total General Missionary Society

\$401,800.00

OTHER COOPERATING SOCIETIES

Education & Publication Society	\$ 14,000.00
Roger Williams Press—Operating	21,000.00
Roger Williams Press—Bible Day	2,000.00
North American Baptist Seminary	68,000.00
Christian Training Institute	46,000.00
Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship	13,300.00
Sunday School Union	20,000.00
Woman's Missionary Union	1,800.00

Total Other Cooperating Organizations

\$186,100.00

DENOMINATIONAL DEPARTMENTS

Chapel Building Fund	\$ 3,000.00
N.A.B., Inc.—Pension Fund	12,000.00
Aged Ministers and Relief	5,000.00
Home for Aged—Six	3,600.00
Conference and Council	44,300.00
Promotional and Publicity Expense	32,800.00
District Secretaries	36,400.00
Fellowship Fund	2,000.00
Budget Reserve	18,000.00

Total Denominational Departments

\$157,100.00

Total Budget

\$745,000.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Anticipated Denominational Advance Building Fund Contributions	\$ 80,000.00
Balance for Tsu Missionary Home, Japan	5,000.00
Cameroons Building	15,000.00

Total Special Projects

\$100,000.00

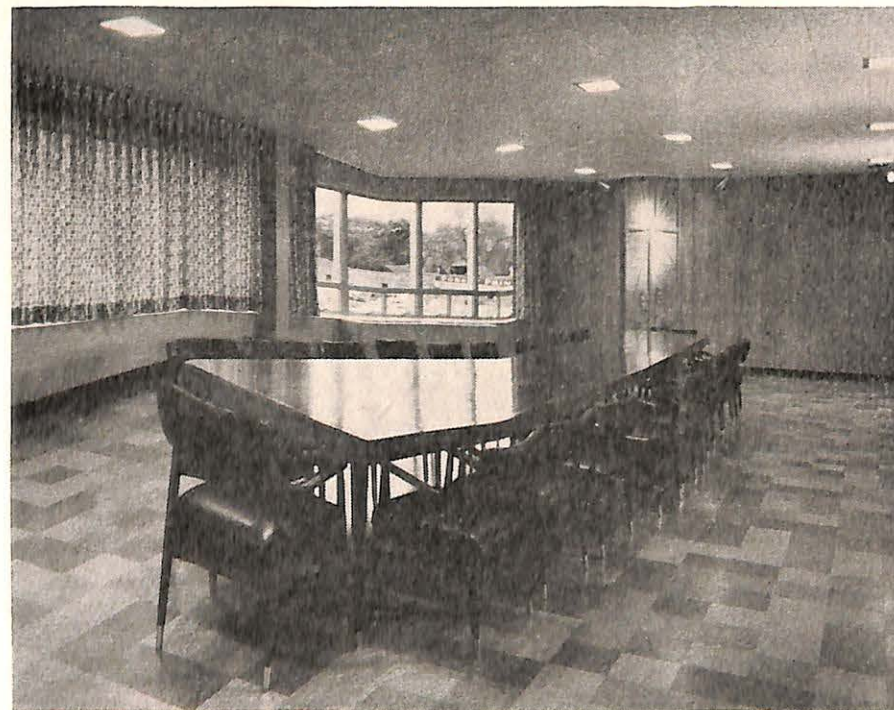
Total Budget and Specials

\$845,000.00

The annual reports from the denominational departments and district secretaries were very encouraging. Since this was the first meeting of the General Council in the lovely Conference Room of the new headquarters building, it was both a historic occasion and a forward looking event. As Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, has stated: "Opportunities beckon on every side, so that our advance is limited only by

the extent of our willingness to increase our support and thus meet the challenge!"

The General Council is providing the leadership and initiative in this advance. The denomination has made possible the new buildings and fine facilities. The dedication to the tasks must be provided by each one of us, as we give God the honor and glory and confidently believe that "He will give the increase."



The beautiful Conference Room in the North American Baptist Headquarters Building, Forest Park, Illinois, where the annual sessions of the General Council were held on May 26 and 27.

A Look at Our Denominational Budget

The chairman of the Finance Committee reviews our operating budget of 1960-1961 and presents the challenge ahead of us for your continued prayers and increased support of all phases of our denominational work.

By Mr. Arthur Schwerin of Burlington, Iowa

BEFORE considering the 1961-1962 budget, perhaps a few comments on the 1960-1961 budget and our financial operations as a denomination are in order. For the year 1960-1961, the largest budget in the history of our denomination amounting to \$690,000 was approved. This was an increase of \$100,000 from the previous year, including \$50,000 for Church Extension and \$10,000 for "God's Volunteers," which formerly had been special projects. In addition we had special projects for over and above our giving, totaling \$110,000, making a grand total

of \$800,000 for the year. This \$110,000 included \$80,000 for new buildings. Our demands for expansion in every phase of our activities have been growing. In order to increase our overall giving, it is essential that we increase the number of givers. The logical way to do this is by increasing our number of churches. We have a large number of churches whose membership stays more or less at the same number. They are apparently situated in older communities where the opportunities for expansion are limited, and their increase is generated largely within the membership of the church itself.

However, all over this land of ours there are new communities and suburban areas, due to the shift in population and an increased birth rate, that present a real challenge for growth and expansion. These opportunities are available right now. If we delay, others will move in and of our reasoning has been sound is proven by the increase during the past 15 years from 266 churches to 300. In the meantime, we have closed or lost a sizable number of churches.

Realizing the importance of Church Extension and also the fact that the over and above contributions were not

from 36,000 to over 50,000, the increase in the number of general workers, plus the increased services we were rendering, made new quarters essential. These were what we now call the old offices. When it was decided to move the Roger Williams Press to Forest Park, we were again faced with the need for additional room. Hence, our new headquarters building.

Many of you have had an opportunity of looking over our new headquarters building. I am sure that you will agree with me that it is beautiful, practical, and a building that we as a denomination can justly be proud of.

Briefly, our efforts in raising money for this and the new library at Sioux Falls have resulted as follows: \$185,000 in cash and \$40,000 in unpaid pledges. Here at Forest Park, we ran into some unexpected increases in remodeling the old building. Certain defects were discovered and the committee was justified in seeing to it that these were corrected, so as to make the old part equally as substantial and lasting as the new part. These additional extras for remodeling costing \$33,795.73, plus the cost of furnishings of \$24,277.53 represented an increase of \$58,023.26. At Sioux Falls the prime bid was within the estimate. There again we have the architect's fee to take into account which will represent an increase of \$12,461.54 over the \$125,000 originally planned, plus the cost of new equipment.

In order to meet our operating expenses and pay building costs, the Investment Committee sold \$100,000 worth of securities in February.

OPERATING BUDGET

Looking at our statement of receipts and expenditures, you will note that we were short \$37,827.06 on our operating budget. On the special projects we were short \$14,618.85. (We only use what we collect.) This means that we had to use \$37,827.06 of our reserves to meet the operating portion of our budget, plus \$42,688.76 for deficits, special appropriations, moving the Roger Williams Press, etc.

Last year you will recall that all general workers and office help were given an increase to take effect October 1st. In virtually all organizations this increase was absorbed. The Board of Missions did not make a general increase last year for missionaries, but it has done so this year, in order to bring the salaries of our missionaries in line with the average

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The office of Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, in the new Headquarters Building at Forest Park, Illinois. (Photo by Herrlin Studio).

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producing the amount necessary to fill even our minimum needs, the Finance Committee at the request of the Church Extension committee, included the sum of \$50,000 for this most worthwhile project in the budget.

Another very much worthwhile project, "God's Volunteers," was also included in the budget at the request of the Board of Missions. The total operating budget was raised from \$590,000 to \$690,000. Special projects were held to a minimum of \$30,000.

NEW BUILDINGS

I well recall my first visit to Dr. William Kuhn's office. It was small and crowded. At that time our entire budget was less than \$100,000 per year. The increase in our membership

Wetaskiwin Marches On!

The story of the dedication of the new Educational Unit of the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

By Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary

THE ADDITION of an Educational Unit to a church may in itself not be anything startling. To a church which is the size of our Calvary Baptist Church in the relatively small community of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, it was indeed a memorable and progressive event. As far as I know this is the second church in our Northern Conference which has added a distinct educational unit, consisting of six Sunday School classrooms. The other church is McDermot in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Other churches have classroom facilities in the basement, but usually at the expense of space needed for other purposes.

REV. W. W. SIBLEY, PASTOR

It was visible evidence that "Wetaskiwin Marches On" under the leadership of its congenial and dedicated pastor, Rev. W. W. Sibley, the able and consecrated board members, and Baptist people of faith and vision. The dedication of this new unit on Sunday, April 16, became a sort of anniversary celebration, and well might it have been, for a new milestone was reached with greater emphasis on teaching and training in the Word of God.

Mr. Leroy Dickau, Sunday School superintendent and hard working aide in God's Kingdom, gave a rather unique introduction to the church historian: "The Book of Acts has never been finished. Chapter 'n' thousand is being written by the Calvary Baptist Church in Wetaskiwin. Here is 'Dr. Luke' Strohschein to give us a bit of that chapter."

And Mr. Albert Strohschein gave a most interesting illustrated brief history of the church. The illustrations consisted of large chalk drawings of the four church buildings since 1896, and in the center a large picture of the Western Canadian pioneer worker, Rev. F. A. Mueller. I could not verify the trueness of the picture, but a group of old timers from Leduc walked into the auditorium and exclaimed, "There is Father Mueller."

Lack of space does not permit me to give details of the story as it was told by Mr. Strohschein. The history of a church is interesting and valuable for the present generation. We are building on the foundation laid by our fathers, but we are also building for tomorrow's generation.

BY THE GRACE OF GOD

Furthermore, this brief excursion into the history of the church was quite appropriate for this dedication festivity. It gave the older church members an opportunity to reminisce with personal

experiences as young people and children listened. They may not remember details, but some names and events have been written into their hearts. Thus it connected the past with the present, and the present with tomorrow. Historically and in its mission and outlook, Calvary Church is a typical church in the ranks of North American Baptist churches of Western Canada. One could say, "By the grace of God, the hard work of its people and the vision of its leaders, they are a witness in their community."

The dedication service itself was an impressive moment in connection with the morning service. To dedicate a building is without meaning unless there are people who dedicate themselves. So it was done. The pastor read, "To the glory of God, to the teaching of the Gospel, etc." The teachers and people responded, "We dedicate and give ourselves." Whenever such words are spoken in sincerity, there must be fruits of the Spirit.

The District Secretary had the great joy of preaching a message on "The Precepts of God." The ministry of teaching the precepts of God becomes more urgent in today's life. Christian leaders and Sunday School teachers must, first of all, learn to know and

do God's laws, and then teach them in accordance with Jesus' final order, "Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you."

One of the sons of the church, Rev. Charles Littman was home on vacation. It was appropriate that he gave the dedicatory prayer. We greet Calvary Church in its forward march as the leading witness in Wetaskiwin!

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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conference held in Prague during the middle of June. A call for Baptists around the world to support this peace effort was made on Radio Moscow by Dr. Jakov Zhidkov, president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Russian Baptists). Dr. Zhidkov, a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, was reported to have said that "the 23,000,000 Baptists of the world are a great Christian force and their voice must ring out loudly in calling for peace and friendship between peoples of the world." Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said that he had received an invitation to attend, but that he would not be going and that the Alliance would not send any delegates. "In making this appeal, Dr. Zhidkov spoke only for himself and not for our organization," the Baptist world leader commented. He termed the conference a "religious meeting which will be used for propaganda purposes, though some valuable discussions will take place."

—Church News Service



SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF, CALVARY CHURCH, WETASKIWIN, ALTA.

Teachers and officers of the Calvary Baptist Sunday School, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, at the dedication of the new Educational Unit. The school has 12 classes with assistant teachers for each class. Mr. LeRoy Dickau is the superintendent and Mrs. Elmer Dickau is in charge of the Junior Department. Rev. W. W. Sibley, pastor, is third from the left (front row). At his right is Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District secretary.

Christian Adult Education Workshop

Report of an Educational Workshop at the North American Baptist Seminary by Miss Ruth Bathauer, Forest Park, Illinois

"WHEN I was younger, it was easy for me to learn." "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." These and similar statements have been prevalent in many adult circles. This false concept would indicate that when a person has reached a certain age it is impossible for that person to learn. Educators, however, would hurry to assure us that this is not true.

In the book, "Informal Adult Education," by Malcolm S. Knowles, we discover this interesting fact. Experiments conducted recently, which involved actual learning situations, indicate that it is not an adult's learn-

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possible that the adult education program has been somewhat neglected? This is a concern of many churches across our nation.

The Bureau of Studies in Adult Education of the University of Indiana began research for a more adequate adult program in the local church. This research was begun in 1952 under a grant from the Lilly Endowment,

was limited. Twenty-eight pastors, laymen, directors of Christian Education, and seminary students participated in this workshop. In spite of the required small enrollment, participants came from Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta; Hutchison and St. Paul, Minnesota; North Freedom, Wisconsin; Vesper, Kansas; and from a number of our Dakota churches, including Madison, Corona, Venturia, Herreid and Sioux Falls.

The staff members included the guest instructor, Rev. William J. Turner, Jr., Maple Springs, New York; Rev. and Mrs. John Binder, Forest Park, Ill.; Professor Martha M. Leyboldt, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Miss Ruth Bathauer, Forest Park, Ill.

When plans for this workshop were made, arrangements had been made for Dr. John McKinley, one of the founders of the adult plan, to be the guest instructor. Just prior to the workshop it became necessary for Dr. McKinley to curtail some of his activities and he found it impossible to come to Sioux Falls. Rev. William J. Turner, Jr., of the Lauriston L. Scaife Conference Center, very ably took the role of guest instructor.

PURPOSEFUL TRAINING PERIOD

Persons who enrolled in the adult workshop discovered the training period of five days to be packed with activities. There were 21 sessions in which participants became actively involved in a learning team as they learned through participation. The basic educational ideas, related methods and techniques were put to work as participants learned how to become a part of a group and a learning team. They learned, through actual experience, ways in which they could accept personal responsibility for the learning process.

Other objectives to which participants were exposed included ways to begin and continue an adult church program, providing opportunities for adults to deal with Christian educational needs which they recognize, methods of helping adults recognize other Christian education needs, and insights into basic educational skills and concepts which will make meaningful learning in adult programs possible. Several sessions were spent in purposeful program planning as the group put into practice suggested methods and resources. Participants also shared ideas for a workable plan to start a long-term adult program back home.

We hope that this workshop is just the beginning of an enlarged training program in the adult education field.

The Department of Christian Education

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

THE SPOTLIGHT has been on Christian education during recent years! New books and more effective plans and methods have required much alertness and action by those in the local churches and national committees who have responsibilities for Christian education. We are grateful for the Lord's leading in the Sunday School and youth work in our denomination which also has experienced its share of reorganization in the past ten years.

We recognize that each change in organizational structure and expansion served well for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. We also recognize that men and women of God made vital and lasting contributions to our Sunday School and youth work during its many years of history, and we pray that the Lord will lead us in the presently proposed reorganization to do even "Greater Things Through Christ."

The reorganizational plan which is being recommended to the General Conference was reviewed by the General Sunday School Committee at the annual meeting in 1961. The General Sunday School Committee went on record approving this organizational structure, since it will expand our Christian education efforts into distinct areas of specialization; namely, children, youth, and adults.

CHILDREN'S WORK

For the past ten years we have carried on a very effective and growing program for children in our churches under the direction of Miss Ruth Bathauer. We have witnessed an annual growth in the number of children enrolled in our Sunday Schools, camps, Vacation Bible Schools, and Scripture Memory program. We believe that children's work can become even more effective by having a section on Children's Work with a committee which will aid the director further to improve, expand, and strengthen the children's work in our denomination.

Our present Sunday School Committee was not able to devote enough time to develop a better program for our children's work because the effort had to be divided among all areas of the Sunday School program. The proposed reorganization for children's work, with a committee of five, will make it possible greatly to strengthen this vital area of our Christian education program.

YOUTH WORK

We are indebted to consecrated servants of God who have devoted much time to develop the youth work in our denomination. One of the very essential features of the reorganiza-

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Let God have your life; he can do more with it than you can.
Dwight L. Moody.

tion is the representation from each of our nine local conferences to the youth committee. This will make it possible to relate the program of the denomination directly to the local conference and local churches and their young people's organizations.

From five years of experience of having local conference secretaries on the General Sunday School Committee, we know that much of the success of our Sunday School program can be attributed to the local conference Sunday School committees and their secretaries, who carried out the program which was developed by the General Sunday School Committee at its annual meetings. We wholeheartedly recommend that this plan be approved since it will result in "Greater Things Through Christ" by our youth.

ADULT WORK

A more adequate program for adults has been needed for many years in our churches. This is an area where many denominations are devoting special attention. Again we want to remind ourselves that adults are more involved in education today than at any previous time in our history. The church cannot stand idly by because the Word of the Lord furnishes adults with the most important knowledge essential for a purposeful life of service. The recommended reorganizational struc-

ture will provide our denomination with a committee on adult work responsible for adult work in Sunday School, Sunday evening training program, and Christian home and family emphases.

COORDINATION AND DEPARTMENTALIZATION

The CBYF and the Sunday School Union have been carrying out to the extent possible a coordinated program during the past six years. We believe that the newly proposed organizational structure would make for even greater coordination and effectiveness in these areas of our Christian education program. The departmentalization of youth, children and adult work has also been carried out to a large extent under existing organizations, but the reorganization plan would provide for more specifically defined areas of responsibility. For example, the children's section would include children's work in the Sunday School, Junior CBYF, Junior Camp, and week-day activities for children up through the junior age.

It should also be stated that the proposed reorganization DOES NOT INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SALARIED STAFF MEMBERS. It will include only four additional committee members which will provide for a more adequate representation from all nine conferences.

We request that you prayerfully consider this reorganization, because we need to undertake to do "Greater Things Through Christ" in Christian education.

Youth Work to Be Reorganized

By Rev. John Binder, CBYF General Secretary

WE ARE IN need of a change so that we can become more efficient and effective in our youth work. Therefore, several changes are being recommended to the General Conference in Minneapolis.

During the past six years the Youth Executive Committee was composed of five people elected at large by the General Conference. We are very much indebted to this committee and the past youth secretaries for their many contributions to the work of Jesus Christ through youth. They have done a good job. But it is now felt that we need to expand the youth committee to nine members who are to be elected by the nine local conferences. This will give us a much more adequate geographical representation.

These nine people will come to For-

est Park annually to plan the detailed long range youth program. They will then be able to return to their respective areas and promote that program. The national youth director (formerly called secretary) will have good contact persons in each of our local conference areas. They can further plan youth activities and workshops in that area. This youth committee representative will also be on a local conference Committee on Christian Education. Here coordination of the local area Christian education program will be brought about.

LONG RANGE PROGRAMS

In the past the Sunday School Union has had a similar set-up which has worked out very well. This has helped the local church Sunday School

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—Photo by Roy W. Seibel

Pastors, Seminary professors, students, Sunday School and youth leaders in attendance at the Adult Christian Education Workshop held at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., May 20-25.

ing capacity which is affected with age; rather there is a slower rate of learning. Therefore, adults have just as much learning capacity as they did when they were younger but they learn a little more slowly.

EMPHASIS ON ADULT EDUCATION

In recent years a great emphasis has been placed on adult education. Business firms are investing thousands of dollars in training adults because they realize this investment will result in a more efficient personnel. Because adults are becoming aware of the satisfactions of learning, the church faces a great educational challenge in its work with adults.

If the adults in our churches were to be asked why they attend church, one of several answers might be, "I want to learn to know God better in order that I might serve him more effectively." When we evaluate our church program, however, we must ask ourselves whether or not we actually have the type of adult education program to meet this need. Is it

Inc., by Dr. Paul Bergevin, Professor of Adult Education at Indiana and Purdue Universities, and by Dr. John McKinley, Field Consultant, Bureau of Studies in Adult Education. Initial work was carried on in approximately thirty churches. The techniques in Christian Education and research results from this work have been presented in a series of institutes which began in 1955. Now, six years later, research and evaluation have proven the methods and techniques to be workable in a variety of adaptations.

ADULT WORKSHOP IN SIOUX FALLS

On May 20-25, 1961, a workshop in Christian Adult Education was held at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in which the above methods and techniques were demonstrated. This workshop was sponsored jointly by the Sunday School Union, the C. B. Y. Fellowship and the North American Baptist Seminary. Because of the nature of the program the enrollment

Department of Christian Education

Recommendations by the General Council to the General Conference at Minneapolis, Minn., July 31 to August 6, 1961, for the reorganization of the Sunday School Union and the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship.

Introductory Statement

By Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Hempstead, N. Y., Chairman of the Committee on the Reorganization of the Sunday School Union and the CBYF.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL consisting of the officers of the General Conference, chairmen of the standing committees, two representatives from each of the cooperating organizations, and one minister and one layman from each of the nine local conferences have full power to act for the General Conference between its sessions, except to change the General Conference Constitution. With these broad powers entrusted to the General Council, all matters of denominational policy, organization and finances are considered and determined by this body.

For more than a year various suggestions have been made for the possible reorganization of the Sunday School Union and the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship into a Department of Sunday School and Youth Work. At its annual meeting in 1960 the Board of Education and Publication went on record to "recommend to the General Council that it appoint a committee to study this possible reorganization."

This recommendation of the B. E. P. was approved by the General Council in May 1960 and the following study

committee was appointed: General Conference moderator, Dr. John Wobig; vice-moderator, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein; executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke; chairman of Committee on Constitutional Changes, Mr. Harold B. Johns; secretary of the Board of Education and Publication, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke; general secretary of the Sunday School Union, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman; secretary of the CBY Fellowship, Rev. John Binder, manager of the Roger Williams Press, Rev. Lawrence Bienert; chairman of the General Sunday School Committee, Mr. Vernon Heckman; chairman of the Executive Committee of the CBYF, Mr. Arthur Patzia; director of Children's Work, Miss Ruth Bathauer, and professor of Christian Education at the NAB Seminary, Professor Martha Lepoldt.

The committee made a careful study of several plans of reorganization which would increase the effectiveness of our ministry to children, youth and adults. After much discussion and revision in plans, the following recommendations are submitted by the General Council to the General Conference for its approval.

the Junior High, Senior High and Older Youth work in Sunday school, CBYF, camp and other activities for these age groups. The Director shall also be responsible for the general administration of the entire youth program of the denomination.

5. The Committee on Adult Work (Figure B3) shall be composed of the Director of Adult Work and six members elected by the Christian Education Committee from the nine local conference secretaries, other than the three on the Committee on Children's Work (Figure B1). The Director of Adult Work shall be responsible for adult work (including young adults) in Sunday school, Sunday evening training programs and Christian home and family emphases. The Director shall also be responsible for the general administration of the Sunday school program of the denomination.

6. Each of the nine local conferences shall elect a Committee on Christian Education (Figure A), consisting of six members; two of which shall represent children's work, two youth work, one adult work, and one elected as secretary. The secretary shall assume responsibility of adult work in addition to his duties as secretary, and shall represent the local conference committee on the General Christian Education Committee (Figure C) at its annual meetings. One of the two members representing youth work on the local conference Committee on Christian Education shall be elected as youth work representative on the Committee on Youth Work (Figure B2) and on the General Christian Education Committee (Figure C).

7. The General Secretary shall be elected by the delegates of the General Conference in accordance with the provisions in the Constitution. The General Secretary shall also serve as director of one of the 3 sections (Figures B1, B2 and B3). The directors of the three sections shall be elected by the General Christian Education Committee.

8. The directors shall be non-voting members of the General Christian Education Committee. The General Secretary of the General Christian Education Committee shall be a voting member.

9. The Department of Christian Education shall constitute one of the cooperating organizations of the North American Baptist General Conference and it shall so be stated in Article III of the Constitution.

Recommendations to the General Conference

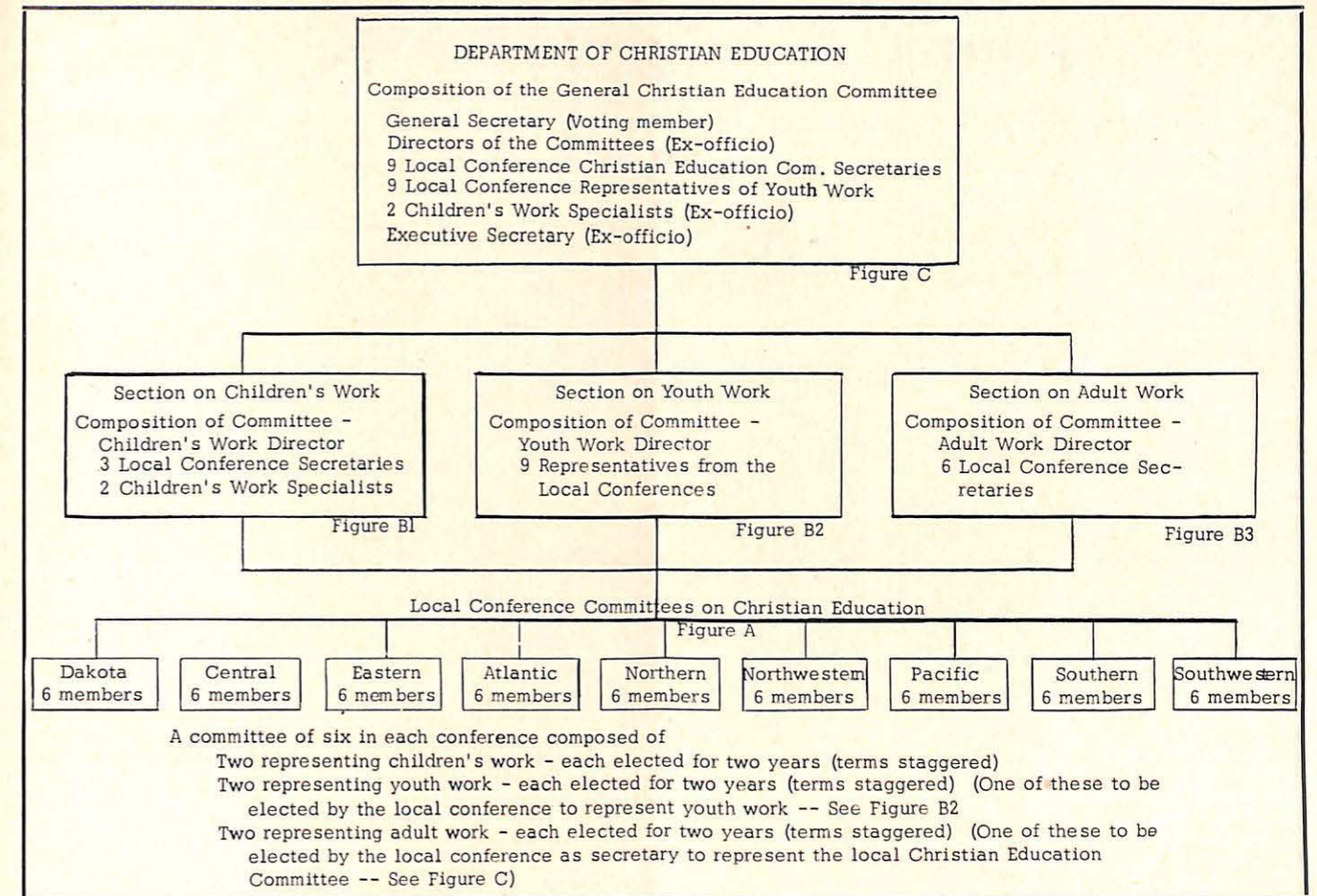
These recommendations will be presented to the Conference sessions at Minneapolis, Minn., for your consideration.

1. The name of the organization shall be THE DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, which shall have a GENERAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Figure C), composed of the nine local conference Christian education secretaries (Figure A), nine local conference Christian education committee representatives of youth work (Figure A), the three directors of the sections (Figures B1, B2, and B3), plus the ex-officio members, which will include the two children's work specialists (Figure B), and the Executive Secretary of the denomination.

2. The General Christian Education Committee shall have three committees consisting of the committees on Children's Work, Youth Work and Adult Work (Figures B1, B2, and B3).

3. The Committee on Children's Work (Figure B1) shall be composed of the Director of Children's Work, three members elected by the General Christian Education Committee from the nine local conference secretaries and two children's work specialists elected by the General Christian Education Committee from the denomination at large. The Director of Children's Work shall be responsible for children's work in Sunday school, Junior CBYF, Junior camp and week-day activities for children up through the junior age.

4. The Committee on Youth Work (Figure B2) shall be composed of the Director of Youth Work and nine representatives of youth work from the local conference committees on Christian education. The Director of Youth Work shall be responsible for



Youth Work Reorganized

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work greatly. We are confident that the new recommendations for the youth work will also aid the local church CBYF groups in a more adequate way. We will get closer to the "grass roots" by the reorganizational structure.

You may ask the question, "Well, how is this going to help where there is not a strong local conference-wide CBYF organization?" The answer is that we are not necessarily interested in starting or promoting a strong, local, conference-wide CBYF organization where there is none. Our greater interest is to strengthen those regional or state organizations that are now functioning well. And our main concern is to help the local church CBYF groups to do their work effectively and tie them in with all other CBYF'ers and our national emphasis. We feel that the reorganization suggestions will help to do this.

The present new concept of a unified youth program in the local church also requires this reorganization. In the past, youth work was concerned mainly with the Sunday evening program and summer camps. Sunday School was left to the Sunday School Union. Now our Youth Section will be concerned with the total Christian education program for youth: Sunday evening, camps, Sunday School, and all week-day activities,

OUR CHRISTIAN TASK

Though our task is not to bring all the world to Christ, our task is unquestionably to bring Christ to all the world.

A. J. Gordon.

The new committee on youth work will therefore have a wider range of responsibility. In practice, this has already been done to some degree, but now it will be much more specific and direct.

The departmentalizing of children's youth and adult work will also help each department to specialize. In the past, the youth committee has provided materials for juniors in the church and at camps. It has also provided materials for young adults. Both of these areas needed some help and so it arose out of the Youth Committee. But actually this should not be a responsibility of the Youth Committee. With the reorganization suggestions, this work will be passed on to the Children's and Adult Committees, respectively, and the Youth Committee will be especially and only concerned with Junior High, Senior High and older youth work.

You are vitally concerned with the welfare of your young people. Therefore, we appeal to you prayerfully to consider the recommended reorganization so that we can accomplish "Greater Things Through Christ" for our youth.

CHRIST, THE ANSWER

By Marian Louise Hartman of Anaheim, California

My heart was filled with dread and sorrow . . .

I could not see beyond tomorrow, Nor did I know which way to turn For, oh, I had so much to learn! And then . . . I heard my Savior say, "Look up, my child, and trust today! Open now your heart and let me in, A new life, with peace and joy, begin." And then it was I heard him say, "Fear not, my child, be not dismayed For things you cannot understand Or . . . for trials close at hand; Be still! Completely trust today For I'll be with you all the way!"

Oh, if YOUR life is filled with sorrow And you cannot see beyond tomorrow, Nor do you know which way to turn, Or perhaps you have so much to learn . . .

Be still! And hear the Savior say, "It was for you I died that day Upon the Cross! I paid the price, My precious blood I sacrificed, So that you might ransomed be Saved, throughout eternity."

And then it was I heard him say, "Rejoice, your sins are washed away With the blood I shed upon the tree So that you might ransomed be, Saved, throughout eternity!"

Mr. Herman Streuber, God's Businessman

A Tribute to "the Father of the Baptist Immigration Movement" in Canada on His 80th Birthday by Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary.

FEW personalities are as well known in our Canadian North American Baptist churches as Mr. Herman Streuber, of Winnipeg, Manitoba. On July 4th of this year, Mr. Streuber was 80 years of age. Himself an immigrant from Germany-England in 1914, he has devoted much of his time and life in building an organized Baptist immigration program and in assisting German-speaking immigrants in finding a new home in Canada.

Born on July 4, 1881 in Taugwitz, Thuringen, Germany, he travelled a good deal after his 16th birthday through various European countries. He took part of his business apprenticeship in Leipzig. Then he moved on to Switzerland, Italy, Spain, France and England. In England he became treasurer of a large manufacturing firm. Later he had an offer to become branch manager in Petersburg, Russia, but instead he chose to move to Canada with his young wife and first son, Gerhard.

With the exception of a brief interruption during the war years, the Streuber family has lived in Winnipeg ever since their first arrival in Canada. Thirty-eight years ago he joined the firm of Allan, Killam and McKay, Ltd., in Winnipeg as insurance agent. Untiringly he has visited his people, not for the purpose of making money, but to be of service to them and to assist new-comers to Canada in acquiring the right type of insurance on property and life.

DEDICATION TO THE LORD

Mr. Herman Streuber was born and raised in a pious Evangelical Lutheran home. A deep seated sense of divine Presence has left a definite imprint on his personality. His prayers during the family altar show an attitude of humility and personal relationship to his heavenly Father. He himself shows dignity in his manner of speaking and in his entire life.

In 1912 Herman Streuber married Miss Frida Ruf. In 1923 they were baptized by Dr. John Leyboldt and since that time have been loyal, devoted members of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg. Mr. Streuber has been deacon, Sunday School superintendent, trustee and financial advisor to the church. His life and talents have been dedicated to his Lord, to his church and to his fellow-men.

Three children were God's gift to Mr. and Mrs. Streuber: Gerhard, a prominent member of the Baptist church in Brandon; Frohmut, Mrs. Herbert Hiller, serving as pastor's wife in Edmonton; and Edmund, chartered accountant in Winnipeg, active



Mr. Herman Streuber of Winnipeg, Manitoba, who celebrated his 80th birthday on July 4, 1961.

member of the McDermot Ave. Church and a member of the Finance Committee of our denomination.

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY

Immigration has been Mr. Streuber's hobby for many years. My first acquaintance with him was in 1927, when Mr. Streuber gave particular care and counsel to young immigrants who came to Winnipeg. That has been his hobby ever since. His relief and immigration ministry began as early as 1923. It was he who became instrumental in organizing a sort of employment service and financial assistance treasury for destitute German immigrant families who had come to Canada. He was treasurer of this organization.

In 1926 several Baptist people in Winnipeg asked his assistance in bringing their relatives from Russia to Canada. They deposited considerable money with him, which he immediately placed into a trust account. The doors were wide open to Canada. Mr. Streuber outlined the distress of Germans in Russia and the ability for these people to come to Canada to Dr. Wm. Kuhn. Dr. Kuhn came to Winnipeg, and encouraged leading men to organize an immigration assistance society. Again it was Mr. Streuber who was instrumental in organizing the German Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society, now North American Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society. The Society was incorporated, and up to this time it has a charter with the Dominion Government.

Our entire immigration ministry has been based on the solid foundation of

this Society. When North American Baptists received the first news of hunger, distress and need in Europe after World War II, Herman Streuber again was instrumental in organizing a united Baptist relief program on the Canadian side. Under the supervision of Dr. Wm. Kuhn, the Canadian office contributed wonderfully in dollars and relief goods.

Then the doors opened for the immigration of Volksdeutsche and Reichsdeutsche to Canada. Again it was Herman Streuber who persuaded the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee to set up an office in Winnipeg and Germany. He himself spent two years in Germany, giving untiringly of his time and talent to the effort of directing people into the Canadian immigration channels.

Up to this day he remembers many of the names and people who at that time received his help. As father of the Baptist immigration movement, he has no greater pleasure and joy than observing how the immigrants of years ago have been successfully established as Christians and citizens in their new homeland. I am sure there are thousands of people in our Canadian churches and entire denomination who will want to join in offering congratulations and wishing God's blessing to Mr. Herman Streuber on his 80th birthday.

MARCH OF EVENTS

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their stand against it. Dr. Mahlon A. Boggs, the retiring moderator, told the group that the racial conflict is the "towering problem with which we are confronted in the Southland."

—United Evangelical Action

● Pastors of seven Lutheran churches in the suburban Lake Minnetonka area, Minneapolis, Minn., have asked their parishioners to make no funeral arrangements without consulting them. The pastors urged that funerals be held in churches and warned that "lavish funerals seem out of place in the Christian scheme of things." They said that they would be willing to help their members select caskets at the time of funerals. "We can honor the dead best by caring for the needs of the living." The ministers cautioned against "too much emphasis upon viewing the person in the casket" because, they said, the practice can become a pagan rather than a Christian ritual: reviews should be limited to one evening at a mortuary. The pastors' views are presented in a pamphlet titled "When a Christian Dies."—*The Christian Century*

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What's Happening

● On Sunday, May 7th, the First Baptist Church, Linton, North Dakota, held a baptismal service at which Rev. A. J. Fischer, pastor, baptized three persons on confession of their faith in Christ. These and two others were given the hand of fellowship into the church at the communion service held that evening. Mr. Fischer has served as chairman of the program committee for the Dakota Conference held in Aberdeen, S. Dak., in June.

● Dr. Paul E. Loth of Philadelphia, Pa., director of the Bible-Christian Education course at the Philadelphia College of Bible since 1955, began his new duties as president of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, Wheaton, Ill., on July 1st. Dr. Loth was formerly pastor of the Bethel Church, N. Y., now located in Williamsville, N. Y. Numerous NAB churches are making use of the textbooks furnished by the Evangelical Teacher Training Association in their training courses.

● Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Berndt of Rochester, N. Y., have announced the birth of twins on April 27, 1961. A son, Jeffrey Allan (6 lbs., 9 ounces) and a daughter, Julie Elizabeth (7 lbs., 2 ounces) were born to them. Mr. Berndt is the Seminary's exchange student in Hamburg, Germany, for this year. Mrs. Berndt was with her husband in Germany but returned to Rochester, N. Y., recently where the twins were born. Mr. Berndt will be a third year student at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., this fall.

● Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., is in Germany this summer conducting evangelistic tent campaigns in response to the invitation of the Baptist Union of Germany. His campaigns for the summer are as follows: Wuppertal-Elberfeld, June 18-24; Berlin, June 25-July 8; Essen Nord, July 9-16; and Muehlheim, July 17-23. Mr. Hoover will be back in the United States before the close of July and will be in attendance at the General Conference sessions in Minneapolis beginning with July 31st.

● Rev. Clinton Grenz of Minot, North Dakota, a 1961 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, has received notice of his appointment as a chaplain in the United States Army Reserve, effective August 1961. Chaplain Grenz is the third North American Baptist minister to serve in the chaplaincy, the two others being Chaplain Leslie P. Albus and Chaplain George W. Zinz, Jr. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, is a member of the General Commission on Chaplains with offices in Washington,

D. C., which processed this appointment.

● Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary nurse at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, will be leaving for the United States and Canada in a few days for her furlough. She will fly by Pan American plane from Lagos and Accra in Ghana, Africa on July 6, arriving in New York City on July 7. Later she will go to her home at Yorkton, Saskatchewan, before visiting our churches and conferences in a promotional ministry. She will attend the General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minn., from July 31 to August 6.

● The First Baptist Church of George, Iowa enjoyed a wonderful blessing on Sunday, May 14. Mother's Day was observed as well as Rev. John Reimer's tenth anniversary as pastor of the church. It was the minister's joy to baptize 13 persons on the evening of his anniversary. Some of these were children saved during the 1960 Vacation Bible School and others came to full assurance or were saved during special meetings held in the church during the first two weeks in April. At that time Rev. Willard Wyatt was the evangelist. The report was sent by Miss Dorothy Krull.

● The Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Leon Bill of Okeene, Oklahoma, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church since 1956. He has accepted the call and announced that he would bring his ministry at the Okeene church to a close on Sunday, August 20, and begin his pastorate in the West



Rev. Roger Schmidt of Philadelphia, Pa., pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, who will be the speaker at the Tuesday evening session (August 1) of the General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn.

Fargo church on Sunday, August 27. He will succeed Rev. Bernard R. Fritzsche, now Church Extension pastor in Waterloo, Iowa. The church has started to build a new parsonage which will be ready for occupancy by Rev. and Mrs. Leon Bill and their family.

● The Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, has appointed Prof. William R. L. McLatchie of Chattanooga, Tennessee, to its faculty of the theological department to teach in the field of Old Testament Literature, Philosophy of Religion and associated subjects. He has accepted the appointment and will begin his services at the C. T. I. on Sept. 1st, as reported by Dr. A. S. Felberg, president. He is working on his doctorate thesis at present at Dropsie College of Hebrew and Cognate Learning, Philadelphia, Pa. Professor and Mrs. McLatchie have a family of three children.

● The First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., has announced that it has granted the pastor, Rev. Fred J. Knalson, a leave of absence for three months from June 12 to September 12, so that he might attend the Regional Rehabilitation Center of the Society for the Blind in Minneapolis, Minnesota. During his absence the church is being served by Mr. William B. Keple, a third year Seminary Student next fall at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mr. Knalson's family has accompanied him to Minneapolis and they are living at 1819 Lyndale Avenue South, % Antler Apartments Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

● The young people of the First Baptist Church, Leola, South Dakota, held a Mother's Day supper in the church basement. After supper a Mother's Day program was held under the leadership of Mrs. Leslie Brakhage and Mrs. Elmer Feiock. The program consisted of singing, short plays, and readings presented by the young people. Carnations were presented to the oldest mother present, the youngest mother, and the mother with the most children. Rev. Adolf Reeh is pastor of the church. The offering, which amounted to \$55, went toward the project of Flavius Martin, as reported by Sharlene Loebbs, Secretary.

● Mr. Herbert Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., was awarded the Ph.D. degree by Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., on June 17. His thesis in the department of music was entitled, "The Male Voice in German Choral Music of the Renaissance." Dr. Pankratz is a teacher and chairman of the Humanities and Music Departments at Wright Junior College in Chicago. He is also the organist and choir director in the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., where he and his family are members. Dr. Pankratz will serve as organist on Thursday, August 3, during the Gen-

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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 to the tina, where they settled down next to the evangelical church. 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. Zorillo thought he was right and bought a Catholic Bible to prove it. But Severino was able to convince him of the error of his ways and of his need of forgiveness at the foot of the Cross. Both Zorillo and Rosita became seekers and found salvation in Christ. Then the leaders of the church pointed out that things had to be made right in their lives. Legally they were not married, and Zorillo actually had married again. Dan Manuel tried to help them.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

"THIS IS a matter for much prayer," said Don Manuel. "We cannot doubt your sincerity or your salvation because of something in the past, but we must see what solution God has for this problem. We need wisdom from on high. We have never baptized anyone yet whose marriage was not first legalized."

"Oh, *hermanos*," cried Guadeloupe, "let me wait. It is all my fault that Zorillo left Doña Rosita, and got himself into this net. Let me wait!"

The elders smiled. "That is a good

attitude, but it could not solve the problem. We cannot deny baptism as a kind of punishment. The past, both yours and theirs, is all under the blood of Christ. It is a matter of avoiding the establishing of an unwise precedent. We do not see how we are to proceed, so all we can do for the present is pray. Most churches are extremely strict in these matters. We dare not act hastily. Let us trust God—surely He has a solution."

With this good counsel, and with a season of earnest prayer, the little meeting broke up. More than one heart ached as they turned to their separate homes.

The whole church was asked to pray and responded willingly. There were different opinions, of course, within the group. Some felt that the past, since it could not be remedied, should be forgotten, and the couple baptized without delay. Others were strongly against the idea, and felt that they could not possibly be baptized as long as the irregularity existed. Some even wondered if they should not now separate. The young people themselves desired strongly that God might reveal some plan whereby their testimony might be unquestionably honest in the sight of all men before their baptism. But no discussion or argument was allowed in the church. The faithful elders pointed out that God the Holy Spirit would lead them all alike, if each was truly seeking

to know His will. There was nothing to do but pray until that will was made plain.

There was nothing to hinder Guadeloupe, so one bright day the believers gathered by the river. The young man felt badly about taking this step ahead of his friends, but did so because he knew that to draw back from obedience could not possibly bring blessing. His joy, however, was certainly tempered by the fact that they were hindered, and he felt himself to be the cause.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated after the baptism. Again Guadeloupe sensed his unworthiness, and the old pain of remorse stabbed him anew as he saw Zorillo and Rosita sitting back. Oh, if there was only something that he could do to help untangle this web of confusion in which they had been caught before either he or they knew the Lord.

O God, he cried silently, show me some way in which I can be of help! Let me have a part, even just a little part in undoing this thing!

It seemed a ridiculous prayer. What could anyone do? Many thought that this was something that could be solved only by the death of Tomasita! But ridiculous or not, Guadeloupe found it in his heart to pray this prayer, and even as he cried, he felt that there would be an answer.

Zorillo and Rosita might have felt a little resentment, a root of bitterness could easily have sprung up, but so much love was shown on the part of Guadeloupe, Severino, the elders, and indeed most of the believers, that no such thing found place in their hearts. Friendship between them and their old enemy grew stronger daily, and together they waited God's way out.

The weeks went by. Rosita began to make a garden in the lot around the *ranchito*, for the promised place on the plantation never became available. They did not mind. They were quite happy now to live beside the evangelical hall. Their places at every meeting were never vacant.

But things were not always "rosy," even in this little church. As in the days of the Early Church "certain men which came from Judaea" would have brought the church in Antioch into bondage, saying, "except ye be circumcised . . ." so certain legalizers came down also to San Miguel and said to Zorillo, "You are living wickedly; you must leave Doña Rosita, for she is not your true wife. Except ye be separated . . ."

Zorillo and Rosita, only babes in Christ, knew not how to answer. They had been born again with tender consciences, and were wounded ruthlessly. For hour after hour, visit after visit, the legalistic informers sought to show Zorillo that he should leave Rosita and seek his legal wife. They found a few in the church who were easy to persuade with their ideas, and these few supported them. Bewildered, sick at heart, discouraged, Zorillo knew not what to do. Rosita wept.

They sought counsel of the elders, who, shocked and indignant at the interference of those who would trouble the flock of God tried to comfort and encourage them.

Said Don Domingo, "Listen, Zorillo, we do not deny that you made a grave mistake and terrible when you married Doña Tomasita. We do not deny that the vows that you then made were serious, but it was done in ignorance and in the foolishness of your unsaved state. God in His mercy has blotted it out. Also, it was done in spite of vows that were first made to Rosita! Although those first vows were not legalized, they should have been! Furthermore, Tomasita of her own choice left you, and would probably never return to you now. We feel that you have a great and present responsibility to Doña Rosita, and to your little son José. They need you as husband and father, and you would do them a great wrong to separate. Besides this, you would be exposing yourself and them to greater temptation, and matters would only be worse. Look to God, Zorillo, and do not let yourself be carried away by those who would bring you into bondage over a situation that is now beyond your power. Remember the Scripture says that if any man provide not for his own, especially those of his own kindred, he is worse than an infidel. Even if you provided for them materially, that is not enough; your little boy, and your unborn child need a father!"

These kind words and wise, and similar ones from Don Manuel, cheered and comforted Zorillo and Rosita. A couple of months went by, in which they read, studied, grew, met consistently with the other believers, testified by lip and life, but remained unbaptized.

One glad day they welcomed into their family a little mite of a girl. They called her Marta, of course. The memory of the mother, whose prayers had been answered after her death, was an inspiration to them both, and it was their earnest prayer that this little *Martita* might early come to know the One whom her grandmother had found near life's close.

As they contemplated the two little people, by God's providence under their care, they thanked Him that their children need never know the tangles of planless lives. They could be taught from infancy to accept the divine plan, the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

As summer and Christmas time drew near, the little group of God's people began to buzz with plans; not for a Christmas tree, or party, but for a conference. There would be a week-long conference, with visiting believers coming from other churches in the province. There would be several missionaries, or *evangelists* as they were more commonly called, who would be bringing the messages. There would be early morning prayer meet-

ings, morning and afternoon Bible studies, evening evangelistic services, meals together under a great brush arbor, and hours of fellowship together around the *maté* kettles.

The great day came for the arrival of those from afar. Believers poured in. Some had tramped many miles on short-cut trails through the forest. Some came by bus, some on bicycles, others on horseback, while still others came down the river by boat. There was great rejoicing as old friends met and new ones were introduced. Some were taken into the homes of the believers to occupy hammocks or beds there, or to make themselves beds on the floor. Others slept in the hall, while still others slung their hammocks out under the open sky.

Zorillo and Rosita were glad to open their home to a couple of the visitors. By this time Zorillo had extra cots made on which to accommodate them. It was good to be able to minister unto them as unto the Lord.

All who came were strangers to the young believers; that is, until one couple arrived late in the afternoon. Don Jorge and Doña Helena were thrilled by the almost unbelievably good news with which they were greeted, and went immediately to visit Zorillo and Rosita. The acquaintance in Encarnación had been slight, but the happy greetings were like those of old and faithful friends!

The conference turned out to be a high and holy time indeed. The *evangelists*, and they were certainly a motley group in respect to nationality—English, American, Argentine, Uruguayan, Dutch and Bolivian—delved into the Word of God and drew forth treasures, new and old.

As they met with the elders to pray about the spiritual needs of the people, and about the ministry from day to day, Zorillo's case was brought before them. All were most sympathetic, especially when they heard of his consistent testimony since conversion, and they joined the elders in the cry to God for His undertaking. All felt that there was nothing that Zorillo himself could do to mend matters. All were inclined to think that it was, therefore, unfair to deny baptism; did not the Word teach that those things which are behind should be forgotten? At the same time it was hard to break away from the established "law" of no baptism for those whose marriages were not legalized. On one thing they could and did agree, and that was that they must continue in prayer until God should give clear guidance and definite peace and assurance about any step to be taken.

Zorillo and Rosita gained much during the conference. Throughout the week they feasted on the well-taught truths of the Scriptures, and were blessed by the fellowship with so many brethren in the Lord. But on the closing day, when all were gathered around the Lord's Table—all but Zorillo and Rosita—a great sense of de-

pression came over them. With aching hearts they wondered if the privilege would ever be theirs.

The great, good days were over. The Christians, many of them rejoicing in new victories, new insight into the meaning of identification with Christ, new appropriations of their treasures in Him, went their ways back through the forests, over the hills and up the river. And in San Miguel the legalizers, who had been absent for a season, swept down with renewed force upon the little family in the *ranchito* next to the hall!

Guadeloupe visited them one evening and found them so discouraged, under such a burden of condemnation, and so filled with doubts and fears, that the old stab of remorse that seldom left him struck more deeply than ever into his heart.

The visit terminated with prayer. All three poured out their hearts earnestly to God, thanking Him for the forgiveness that they knew was theirs, as they acknowledged afresh that these tangles were the results of their own waywardness and sin. Then they beseeched them to live lives "honest in the sight of all men." In silence Guadeloupe prayed once again, *Lord, show me how I can do something to help!* and deep down in his spirit he found the Holy Spirit's approval on that seemingly absurd prayer.

The enemy was working havoc in the tortured minds of Zorillo and Rosita. Their prayers were earnest, desperately earnest, but it was hard to believe that God could do anything in such an impossible situation! Theirs were the prayers of despair rather than of faith.

Early next morning, even before the first glow of dawn, Guadeloupe appeared in their doorway again, to say good-bye. He was on his way to Paraguay!

GAUDELOUPE called at Don Manuel's house just as the old elder was stirring himself.

"*Hermano Manuel*," he said, "I've come to ask Don Domingo and you to pray much for me. Ask the whole church to pray. I have had no rest all night. I felt that God is urging me to go back to Paraguay for a few days, or maybe more. I may find some news that could be helpful to Zorillo. I cannot imagine what such news might be, unless it were the death of Tomasita, but somehow I feel that there is something that we ought to know. Pray that my journey may be prospered of God!"

Just then there sounded the blast of a bus horn, and Guadeloupe ran to catch the yellow "*Canary*" as it swung around the corner, ready for the trip to Posadas, and calling all passengers.

Over the hills and through the forests ran the little bus, on the narrow, stony road. The passengers, for the most part, were frivolous, light and gay. Guadeloupe was silent, thinking

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 16, 1961

Theme: **MATTHEW, THE CONVERTED PUBLICAN**

Scripture: **Matthew 9:9-13; 10:1-4**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The one we often consider to be an outcast, Jesus will in no wise cast out.

INTRODUCTION: It is so easy to set ourselves up as judges with the freedom of dividing and delegating people all around us into their proper category. We decide who are the good and the bad, the worthy and the unworthy, the spiritual and unspiritual, and in the process we, consciously or unconsciously, set ourselves on a pedestal.

Matthew was definitely classified as one who was evil and unworthy. Publicans, or tax collectors, were despised people because they were regarded as traitors among the Jews. Many were cruel extortioners, exacting much more than the Roman law required and living abundantly on their ill-gotten gains. There is no direct statement that Matthew was a dishonest publican, but neither is there any indication that he was different from his fellow publicans. After having been called to follow the Master, he gave a dinner for Jesus and his disciples and also invited his former friends, the publicans and sinners. At no time did he give the impression that he was different from the others.

I. AN INVITATION AND AN ACCEPTANCE. Matthew 9:9.

This is one of the shortest and most meaningful biographies in the Bible. Its very simplicity has within it the feeling of power. Matthew did not try to embellish his experience, neither did he understate his testimony. He simply told it the way it happened. There was no hesitation on his part to weigh the consequences and count the cost. He saw in Jesus a power to change lives, and in his heart he had the sincere desire to have his own life transformed. No matter how busy Jesus was, no man ever went unnoticed.

II. A TESTIMONIAL DINNER. Matthew 9:10.

The genuineness of Matthew's conversion is evident in the fact that he was not ashamed of Jesus nor did he forsake his former friends. Before leaving their company, he intended to give them every opportunity to meet Christ with the hope that they too would come under his influence, accept him, and follow him as he had done.

III. REVIEW FROM THE CRITICS. Matthew 9:11.

It seems strange that these critics

should be so shortsighted and miss the miracle of a changed man. They were merely concerned about an infringement on their man-made rules and regulations. Their self-righteousness got in the way of the righteousness of Christ.

IV. REVIEW FROM THE HIGHEST CRITIC. Matthew 9:12-13.

Since the scribes and Pharisees could not grasp the message of the new dispensation, Jesus quoted from the Old Testament, hoping they would see the higher spiritual value of mercy and compassion for sin-sick souls. Sincere repentance is more important than formal sacrifice. Jesus did not come to avoid sinners, but to save sinners.

V. ONE OF THE TWELVE. Matthew 10:1-4.

Humanly speaking we would probably agree that there is no higher honor given to men on earth than to be in the first circle of Jesus and be called "one of the twelve." The change in the status of Matthew is tremendous—from a frustrated, unhappy, dishonest tax collector to "one of the twelve" is the best of all "success" stories.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 23, 1961

Theme: **MARY AND MARTHA, FRIENDS OF JESUS**

Scripture: **Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-5; 12:1-3.**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Our home life is made more loving and secure when Jesus is included in the fellowship.

INTRODUCTION: Today's lesson gives us a picture of a warm, godly Jewish home. The fact that it was not composed of a father, a mother and children does not detract from its spiritual atmosphere. Jesus discovered a deep and satisfying fellowship whenever he visited the home in Bethany. He found it as welcome as a traveller who stops at an oasis. It was a source of spiritual and physical rest and relaxation. After the hard and difficult days Jesus spent in Jerusalem, it must have been a comforting thought to know that at the end of the day there is an open door and friends waiting to minister to his needs. On the other hand, Jesus must have enjoyed his teaching in this home, knowing that those who sit at his feet are hungry

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and thirsty for the word of life. No scribes and Pharisees were there to interrupt him, to contradict him and to find fault with him. Even though this home was a source of blessing to Jesus, the scales were by far balanced in the other direction. The blessings Jesus brought to the home greatly outweighed those he received.

I. THE DOMESTIC AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS IN THE HOME. Luke 10:38-42.

Although Jesus was an honored guest in the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, it was not a home that was perfect in every detail. There were also petty problems and annoyances which are part of a family life in every home. The advantage in the home in which Jesus dwells is the fact that they can be more easily dealt with. Peace is restored more quickly because a sense of fairness and honesty is present.

Jesus did not infer that Mary's service was unnecessary, but that she was attaching undue importance to it. No doubt he ate the meal, which she prepared, with much enjoyment and relish. Jesus, however, thought of spiritual fellowship and teaching of the Word as having primary importance in the home. It is often easy to be over-anxious and over-zealous in our service to Christ and forget that the service which Jesus renders to us has much greater value.

II. SORROW AND DEATH IN THE HOME. John 11:1-5.

If there is ever a time when friendship is appreciated, it is when tragedy enters the home. The price we pay for friends is in part the deep sorrow we feel when we lose them. Family ties in the home are strong, but the time comes when they are broken. The friendship of Jesus does not guard us from these human sorrows, but it gives us the assurance that we can call on Christ for his sympathy and relief.

The greatest comfort in the Bethany home was the knowledge that "Jesus loved Martha, and her sister and Lazarus." With this conviction they knew that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

III. JESUS, THE HONORED GUEST IN THE HOME. John 12:1-3.

Although each individual in the home was different in personality and character, harmony and stability existed because Jesus was always given the central place. He was loved and trusted and there was no difficulty in uniting their love and attention toward the Savior.

Martha's service was accompanied by a troubled spirit, and by little thoughts of anxiety and jealousy. The service of Mary, as she anointed the feet of Jesus, was filled with gratitude and self-sacrifice. There was no thought of counting the cost in the mind of Jesus when he gave his life on the cross.

BAPTIST HERALD

Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

Building Fund Dinner, Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento

On Wednesday, May 3, a Building Fund Dinner was held at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif. The Lord has richly blessed our church with spiritual and physical growth. We are very much in need of more Sunday School rooms. It was decided to hold a dinner and to present our needs, our plans and then give an opportunity to give and pledge to give toward this building project. Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi was our guest speaker for the evening.

The material results of the evening were: cash, \$1,657.10; pledges (to be paid in one year), \$7,764.00; total, \$9,421.10. We were very much encouraged by this response.

Mrs. Robert Patton, Reporter

Mother-Daughter Banquet, Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

The Mother-Daughter banquet of the Bethel Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Anaheim, Calif., was held May 11 in the social hall of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Mrs. Clarence Schneider, outgoing president, welcomed 260 members and guests. Mrs. James Fallon, song leader, was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Joe Love. Mrs. George Breitzkreuz brought devotions, a vocal trio number was given by Elaine Boettcher, Susanne Martin and Marion Stevens, and an accordion solo by Sharon Mims. Mrs. Millie Remland, vice president represented Mrs. Albert Urbigkeit, president on vacation. Table centerpieces and decorations were made by Mrs. James Johnson, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Gene Baker, Mrs. William Berry, Mrs. Walter Paulus, Mrs. Kenneth Studebaker and Mrs. Harry Urbigkeit. Special recognition to mothers over 80 years went to Mrs. Emilie Hemmerling, Mrs. Mary Fitz and Mrs. Nettie Diehm.

Mrs. Adolf Baudisch was the banquet hostess. The Bethel Church men served the delicious chicken dinner with Mr. Everett Granere as chef, assisted by ladies of Bethel Church. Mrs. Henry Smith and Mrs. Joe Love were ticket chairmen. Mrs. Earl Trevett presented a hilarious display of hats of the century. Her comments brought many laughs. She was guest speaker of the banquet and modelled hats as she talked.

Ruth M. Mellen, Reporter

Special Programs at Baptist Church, Startup, Wash.

The Baptist Church of Startup, Washington, held a very interesting study recently on "Baptist Doctrine" with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, as leader. The Candlelight Communion Service on Good

July 6, 1961

Friday evening was a real blessing for those attending. Our choir rendered a sacred concert on Palm Sunday evening, with our pastor, Rev. Herbert Schauer, directing.

A week of services was held in March, with Rev. Clarence Walth of the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Dallas, Oregon as speaker. Several public decisions for Christ have been made recently. We feel the Lord is blessing his work here as we labor together for him. The C. B. Y. presented a missionary playlet, "This Is Your Life—The Apostle Paul," which was written by one of the C. B. Y. sponsors, Mrs. Jan Brian. The women of the church served a free smorgasbord to the C. B. Y. members in April.

Margaret Sherman, Reporter

Spring Highlights At Trinity Bible School, Portland

The Bible School of the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon, used "a train trip to heaven" as the theme for an attendance promotion from March 12 to April 23. Each pupil received a train ticket to be punched by a conductor every Sunday in his department. Our goal was helping the passengers take Jesus as their Engineer and become interested in the church and its organizations. A trip on the "Portland Zooliner" was won as a prize for the best attendance by children in the Primary-Hi Department. Our total aim was 650 in Bible School, which was reached on Easter Sunday. A good, steady attendance was held throughout the entire seven-week period.

Our Bible Day program on April 16th was presented with the showing of twelve very colorful tableaux, including important Old Testament stories, the Nativity Scene, and scenes of the Boy Jesus in the Temple, Last Supper, Cross, Bible, and Child in



HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE

Two charter members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., pictured at the golden anniversary program are: front, from left, Mrs. Elizabeth Wedel, charter president, and Mrs. Emilie Hemmerling, charter member. Standing behind them are: Mrs. Albert Urbigkeit, president, and Mrs. Clarence Schneider, past president.

Prayer. Following the program, the children were entertained while parents and friends were given the opportunity to visit and speak with teachers and superintendents in the various departments and to be served refreshments.

We are grateful for the baptismal service on April 23rd when four Sunday School pupils gave witness to their acceptance of Christ as their personal Savior. Dr. John Wobig spoke on "Suggested Detours." Another group of youngsters is taking instruction now for baptism in the near future.

Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter

Important Events At Magnolia Church, Anaheim, Calif.

The Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., under the leadership of Rev. Kenneth Fischer, recently held its annual business meeting and election of officers. The coming year will be a very important one in the life of our church since we are planning to build a sanctuary, so that many more in the community may be reached for Christ. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg held a week of inspirational meetings recently on the theme, "Examining Your Faith." Some of his sermon topics were "Can you Define Your Faith?", "Is Your Faith Working For God?", "Is Your Faith Keeping You?" The members and visitors were greatly blessed by the soul-stirring messages.

The High School and College Young People's groups under the leadership of Mr. Gary Ream and Mr. Vernon Stubblefield held a Spring Retreat at Twin Peaks in the Arrowhead Mountains of California. The 27 young people who attended enjoyed a spiritual blessing as well as a good time together. Pastor Kenneth Fischer led a discussion group on Saturday morning on the third and fourth chapters of the Book of James. The group attended the First Baptist Church at Crestline on Sunday morning and returned to Anaheim for the youth meetings and Sunday evening service.

Ellen Froslic, News Reporter

Northern District

Special Events at Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta

We of the Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta, are very grateful for the faithful ministry of our pastor, Rev. Ervin Strauss. Under his guidance we have been very active in all departments of the church. The Senior CBYF has had a challenging experience by presenting a play at home and also at a neighboring church. Our choir presented an inspiring Easter program at home and also at a neighboring church. This was directed by Mrs. Caroline Zeitner.

Our church has organized a Junior CBYF which we feel will truly be of

spiritual value to our young Christians. The Junior and Senior groups combined forces to present a Mother's Day program on May 14. Carnations were presented to each mother. May God lead us in the future so that we will continue to do his work faithfully!
Mrs. Shirley Semrau, Reporter

Women's Programs at McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, would like to share some of its recent activities with you. In February it was our pleasure to assist in the rehabilitation of some of the guests of the Mental Hospital near our church. They were so grateful again to be accepted into society, even in this small way. On February 14 we held a mammoth "Birthday Party" in which all the members and husbands of our group as well as many other guests took part. The venture was a great success and we raised a considerable sum toward our mission goal. On March 26 the Society took over the Sunday evening service presenting a program with an Easter theme. A mission offering towards our denominational woman's project amounted to \$197.

A Mother and Daughter Banquet with approximately 100 women participating was held on May 9. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Mary Finley of the Beulah Home for Unwed Mothers and Babies. A most inspiring evening was climaxed with Mrs. Finley helping us to realize that there are many in need of love.

Mrs. Lois Grabia, Secretary

Ground Breaking Service, Upper Seven Sisters, Man.

On a rather cold and dreary day a ground breaking service was held for a new Baptist church to be erected at Upper Seven Sisters, Manitoba. The occasion took place on Sunday, April 30. It was a long awaited day by the members of the Whitemouth Baptist Church and some surrounding citizens. Although the weather was not the best, still all participated with whole-heartedness with the knowledge that God was with us in this undertaking.

The Brass Band of the Third German Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, provided a fitting prelude to the activities. Rev. A. Gellert brought the invocation and the statement on the meaning of the service. Our district secretary, Rev. William Sturhahn, brought a brief message on "Why We Are Building Churches." This was followed by a musical interlude by the band, a service of consecration and then the prayer of thanksgiving and consecration by Mr. Sturhahn. The actual breaking of the ground was followed with several members of the church turning the sod in behalf of the various positions in which they serve as members of the church.

Mrs. Ken Hodges, Reporter

Recent Programs of Temple Church, Medicine Hat

On Sunday, March 26th, the "Home-Makers" of the Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta produced the play, "My Son Lives." The



Ladies' Mission Circle of the Temple Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, at their annual program. The new piano and pulpit furniture can also be seen.

play carried a message of hope and salvation fitting for the Easter season. Mrs. Melvin Fauser, director of the play, said what a pleasure it had been working with such an enthusiastic cast. Money was raised for the piano fund. The "Home-Makers" are an organization of married couples working for better homes and a better church. On April 30th the pastor, Rev. Henry Schumacher, and congregation rejoiced to see five young adults follow the Lord in baptism.

On April 7th the Ladies' Mission Circle held its annual program. Choir numbers were rendered under the able direction of Mrs. Herbert Martin. Mr. Carl Schumacher, brother of the pastor, spoke of his work in the Mali Republic in Africa. The women's annual offering is for the support of a leper and Bible student on our Cameroons field. With various departments of the church helping, a beautiful new Upright Grand Heintzman piano was purchased. The old piano now serves in the basement of the church for mid-week services and activities.

Anne Schumacher, Reporter

Eastern District

Special Women's Program, South Hills Church, Erie

An "All Ladies Meeting" was held on May 15 at the South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., to honor all of our women over 70 years of age who have been such an inspiration to us over the years by their faithful living and Christian witness. The ladies of our sister church, the Open Bible Tabernacle, were our guests. After a comical "Ladies Meeting" skit given by the Evening Circle women, a tribute was paid to the following women: Mrs. Nellie Cox, Mrs. Marie Hetzel, Mrs. Clara Meuser, Mrs. Mary Mattchet, Mrs. Frieda Siegrist and Mrs. Rose "Mother" Storz. Mrs. Merle Gibbens, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, presented each honored lady with a chrysanthemum plant.

Mrs. Robert Eichler who had taken

slide pictures of many activities, both back in our old "Central" church and our new South Hills Church, showed them at this time. A wonderful time of fellowship followed in the church parlors over "pie and coffee" and we all went our way feeling "it was good to have been in the House of the Lord."

K. Louise Eichler, Reporter

Mother-Daughter Dinner, Fleischmann Memorial Church

On Tuesday evening, May 2, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., sponsored a "Mother and Daughter" dinner. After a delicious buffet-style dinner, Mrs. Marion Steinbronn led a joyous song service. A word of welcome was given by Mrs. Olga Zabel, president of the society. The Misses Susan and Linda Doar, Carol Fertig and Mary Jane Muller favored us with a quartet number. Scripture was read by Miss Esther Kraemer. A musical selection was rendered by a family in the neighborhood, the Higgins.

The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Weber, a mother of a minister, daughter of a minister, and wife of a minister. Her unusual presentation was enjoyable and inspiring as she spoke of our "Eternal Quest for Happiness." The closing prayer was delivered by Mrs. Albertina Mercner, the oldest member of the society.

Recognition should also be given to Mrs. Bricker and Miss Wittmer for the lovely decorations; to Mrs. Ruth Gerstlauer for making the programs; to the "Homemakers" for the cakes they baked; to Mrs. Zeigenthaler for piano accompaniment. A blessed time was had by the eighty women and girls present.

Jeannette MacMeekin, Reporter

Mother-Daughter Banquet At Forest Park, Illinois

With "The Home" as the theme for the evening, the Woman's Missionary Guild of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., enjoyed a delightful Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 23 with each table centerpiece depicting a home in various countries.

After a delicious dinner, Irma Grieger, toastmistress, took us on a tour through the house, stopping in the various rooms where we relaxed and enjoyed special numbers on the program. Mrs. H. Gnass led the group singing. Mrs. Albert Smith provided inspirational music on the Musical Cow Bells, accompanied by Dorothy Fuchs on the piano. Mrs. William Rogers rendered several vocal selections, and Mrs. Hollis Barber gave a monologue entitled "Dinner's on the Table." The Scripture was read by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Richard Schroeder. Our Guild president, Mrs. C. B. Nordland, installed our new officers, acknowledging those still in office as well as those whose term had expired. We were indeed privileged to have Mrs. Albert Reddig, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of our denomination, as our guest speaker. After this very full, but enjoyable evening, Mrs. L. G. Bienert pronounced the benediction.

Miss E. Redlich, Secretary

BAPTIST HERALD

Esther Vinz Honored for 50 Years, S. S. Service

"Sunday School" might well be the middle name of Miss Esther Vinz of Peoria, Ill. She was honored Friday night, May 19, by the North Sheridan Baptist Church, of Peoria on achieving 50 years of service in Sunday School work. She is superintendent of the Beginner and Primary Department at the church. She first attended Sunday School at the church's second location at 405 N. Monson, now Musicians' Hall. She began her career in March, 1911 as departmental superintendent at the church's third location when the church was known as State Park Baptist. Now she is serving the Sunday School at the church's fourth location at North Sheridan Church.

She started with one teacher in 1911, and her staff now consists of 9 teachers and assistants. Her sisters, Alma and Lydia, have assisted her for many years in Sunday School work—Alma for 40 years, Lydia for 30 years. The mother of the Vinz sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Vinz, broke the ground for the church's current location in August, 1958. Esther Vinz has served her Sunday School during the pastorates of 8 ministers and 7 Sunday School superintendents. Eight of her "boys" are now in the ministry, and 3 of her "girls" are in Christian training work. Two more—Richard Axmann and Carol Lee Radmacher—are now studying for the ministry and Christian service work, respectively.

Walter Kohrs, Reporter

New Buildings for Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

"WE WERE THERE"! on Sunday, April 30th, at the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., as history was being made. The occasion was the dedication of a beautiful, large eight room parsonage, adjacent to our church, and the cornerstone laying of our Educational Building, which is to be completed in the late fall.

We are indeed privileged to have a share in planning and building for future generations. Our guest speaker at the four o'clock service was Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor of the Immanuel Church, New York City, under whose former ministry and vision our present lot was purchased. After the service and a tour of the parsonage, a special time of fellowship was arranged as we gathered for refreshments.

On May 13th a congregational dinner was held to launch a financial drive with faith-promises to attain a goal of \$35,000 during the next year. We have undertaken a huge building program under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Roger Schmidt, but believe that God's people will be honest stewards as we invest for eternity.

Katherine Yung, Church Clerk

Central Conference Sessions, Redeemer Church, Warren

The Central Conference met in its 81st annual session in the beautiful new Redeemer Baptist Church in Warren, Michigan, from May 17 to 29. The theme, "Foundations for the Future" was developed in a number of main messages. Our guest speakers were Rev. E. Wolff, Eastern District Secretary; Dr. George Lang, profes-

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Miss Esther Vinz (right) was honored at Sunday School night ceremonies at North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., for achieving 50 years of service as superintendent of the Beginners and Primary Department. Rev. Frank Friesen, interim pastor, is pictured holding the "pot o' gold" presented Miss Vinz in ceremonies televised over a Peoria TV station. At center is Mrs. Fred Smith, superintendent of the Junior Department, in charge of the Sunday School night program. (Photo by Peoria Journal Star).

sor at our seminary in Sioux Falls; Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary from our Cameroons field; and Mrs. Arthur Crawford, Christian businessman from Columbus, Ohio.

Several of our own pastors also brought messages and led in devotional periods. Among them were Dr. Dale Ihrle of Grosse Pointe; Rev. N. Klann of Alpena, Mich.; Rev. Leon Franck of Gladwin, Mich.; Rev. Jack Fullard of Trinity Church in Warren;



The beautiful, eight room parsonage of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., which was built adjacent to the church edifice. Rev. and Mrs. Roger Schmidt and their family are the first occupants of the parsonage.

Rev. Wallace Alcorn of the new Bloomfield Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; and Rev. Chester Dundus of Grosse Pointe Church. The evening services were made a rich blessing by the combined choirs of the local churches and the men's chorus under the direction of Mr. Elmer Wengel of Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., as well as by other special numbers.

Important business conducted by the Conference included the following: 1. complete revision of the constitution; 2. reception into the Central Conference of: Community Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio—Rev. John Ziegler, pastor; Glenbard Baptist Church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois—Rev. Connie Salios, pastor; Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.—Rev. Wallace Alcorn; 3. appointment of a committee to investigate the possibilities of purchasing our own camp site facilities. The offerings amounted to \$540.08. Delegates numbered 90 and the total registration was 191.

Rev. J. R. Kruegel and Miss Ruth Ann Lowe, Publicity Committee

Events at Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Numerous activities have taken place at the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., this past spring. "God's Volunteers" served us for eleven days prior to the Easter season. Many blessings were ours and several persons were won to the saving knowledge of our Savior. The Father and Son Banquet was held while "God's Volunteers" were with us and they provided the inspiring program that evening. The C. B. Y. entertained the church at breakfast following the Sunrise Service which they conducted in the sanctuary. Easter lilies were distributed to the shut-ins and visits were made that afternoon. A "Jahresfest" was held by the German Bible Class on May 7th with Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District secretary, as guest speaker.

On May 13, a Mother and Daughter

Banquet was prepared and served by the Brotherhood. Mrs. V. E. Devadutt, wife of a professor from India, was the guest speaker. The Men's Retreat of the Eastern Conference, held at the La Tourneau Bible Camp at Canandaigua Lake, had eight of our men in attendance. It proved to be a time of good fellowship and a challenge for greater service in the Kingdom's cause. The retreat was held May 19-21. Rev. Arthur R. Weisser is the pastor of the church.

Doris Weisser, Reporter

Central District

Baptism At First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak.

On Sunday, May 21st, a baptismal service was held by the First Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota at which nine candidates were baptized by the pastor, Rev. Gordon Voegelé. Since we have no facilities for baptism, the First Baptist Church of Turtle Lake very graciously permitted us to use their church in the afternoon for this service. This was a time of spiritual rejoicing for everyone present to see these Christians follow the example of our Lord by being baptized, and especially to see an entire family take this step of obedience. The hand of fellowship was extended to these candidates at our regular communion service.

Pictured from left to right, they are: (back row) Rev. Gordon Voegelé, Lola Adams, Mrs. H. Adams, Mr. H. Adams, Juliet Adams, (front row) Doulie Grimsley, Raymond Schafer and Carol Saylor.

Neil Walther, Reporter

50th Anniversary, Woman's Missionary Society, Eureka

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, South Dakota, had the pleasure of celebrating its 50th anniversary on Sunday, May 21. The Society was organized in 1911 under the leadership of Mrs. Agnes Roth. Societies from Herreid, Leola, S. Dak.; Ashley, Ventura and Lehr, N. Dak., were represented in the festive audience.

The service included the song service led by Mrs. Erhart Fischer; Scripture reading by the vice president, Mrs. Reinhart Gill; prayer by Rev. Albert Krombein; and welcome by the president, Mrs. Adolph Reeh. Corsages were presented to honored members. Two songs were sung by the members of the Society. Reports on the work of the Society were given by secretary, Mrs. Harry Bertsch, and the treasurer, Mrs. Walter Dohn. Greetings and congratulations were brought by members of the guest societies. The Jubilee address was given by a former president, Mrs. Albert Krombein, of Mercer, N. Dak. The benediction was offered by the church's pastor, Rev. Adolph Reeh.

Mrs. Delores Bertsch, Reporter

Pastor's Farewell Service, Grace Church, West Fargo, N. D.

Members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N. Dak., gathered for a farewell supper

MINISTERS' WIVES CHORUS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE, MINNEAPOLIS

All ministers' wives are invited to participate in the Ministers' Wives Chorus at the Woman's Missionary Union program on Friday afternoon, August 4, during the General Conference sessions at Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Oregon, will be the director. Please watch for times of rehearsal to be announced during the Conference.

Mrs. H. Hiller, Correspondent

on Sunday, May 14, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Fritzke and their sons, Mark and Dean. Mr. Fritzke brought his ministry here to a close after 5½ years of very able leadership since the beginning of our church. On May 21 he began his service on a new Church Extension field in Waterloo, Iowa.

After the supper we gathered in the main sanctuary for the service. John Albrecht, deacon and moderator of the church, was in charge. The following spoke words of appreciation and farewell on behalf of the church organizations: Sunday School, Otto Bertsch; Woman's Missionary Society, Lucille Walker, who also presented Mrs. Fritzke with a corsage; Senior CBYF, Carl Sigmund; and Deacons, John Albrecht. Stainless steel cookware besides a monetary gift were presented to them by the church.

Another outstanding event which took place at the Grace Church was a baptismal service held on Feb. 26 with six candidates being baptized on confession of their faith in Christ.

Mrs. Milbert Fischer, Reporter

Mother-Daughter Banquet, Bible Church, LaCrosse, Wis.

The Bible Baptist Church, La Crosse, Wis., held a Mother-Daughter banquet on Tuesday, May 2, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society. There were 67 persons in attendance. Mrs. James Hall, president of the society, extended the welcome. Devotions and the songfest were led by Mrs. Hiram Phillips. Program numbers were an oboe and vocal selection, "When Mother Smiled at Me" by Shirley Sandau; a duet, "Mother



Rev. Gordon Voegelé (left), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak., with nine baptismal candidates.

Knows," Mrs. G. J. Wallen and Mrs. Robert Mason; a reading, "Mother," by Sharon Kay Lintelmann; tribute to mother by Mrs. Roy Tichenor; tribute to daughter by Mrs. Frances Kaaz; selection, "Mother," by Patty, Mari Beth, Roni and Kathy Joe Murphy.

The speaker of the evening was Mrs. C. H. Seecamp on the topic, "Mother Love." The benediction was given by Dr. C. H. Seecamp, pastor. Men of the congregation serving the meal were: Bernard DeVore; G. J. Wallen, Albert Lee, Albert Palutke, Fred Semelar, Hiram Phillips, John Sandau, and Herwald Dippel. The Woman's Missionary Society officers serving with Mrs. Hall are Mrs. Kenneth Lintelmann, vice president; Mrs. Albert Lee, secretary; and Mrs. Robert Johnston, treasurer. A Junior Young People's organization has been reorganized in the age group of 8-12 years. They have been meeting since January with an average attendance of 11 out of a possible 20 in the age group. Counselors for this group are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lintelmann.

Kenneth Lintelmann, Reporter

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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eral Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minn.

• The Edmonton, Alberta, "Journal Weekend" magazine recently featured a four page illustrated article about "My Nightmare Ride in a Space Capsule" by Mrs. Winnifred Kelm, the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Milner of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and a sister of Rev. Bert Milner of South Fort George, B. C. She related the harrowing story of her 8½ days of complete isolation in a capsule or dome, completely cut off from all light and sound. This was one of a series of isolation tests conducted by the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Winnifred Kelm established a woman's record for endurance. Her reactions to these enforced conditions of prolonged darkness and silence, with all physical and mental activity kept to a minimum, were carefully studied by university psychologists.

• On May 12, the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held its first Mother and Daughter Banquet. It was a huge success with approximately 132 persons present. The theme this year was "Pattern for Living—Mother and Daughter Style" with appropriate decor of mother and daughter dresses, colored thread, thimbles, scissors, etc. The program included songs by the Mother Singers of Anaheim, a tableaux depicting growth of a child from babyhood to an adult Christian, corsages to mothers, and a devotional using the theme, "Pattern for Living." A delicious ham dinner was cooked and served by the men of the church, so that altogether "it was a delightful evening for mothers and daughters of the Magnolia Baptist Church" as reported by Mrs. Ina Carter. Rev. Kenneth Fischer is pastor of the church.

SOUTH AMER. ROMANCE

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over the other time that he had traveled this road in the other direction, fleeing from Zorillo and his wrath. Oh, the changes that God had wrought since then! Surely the God who could change his wild and jealous heart and convert a zealous idol maker, turning bitterest enemies into warmest friends, could turn to order the chaos in Zorillo's life. He mused . . . and prayed.

The sun was high when Guadeloupe reached Posadas. He bought coffee and food at one of the many stands near the bus stop, then found his way to the port. Except for a change of clothing tied up in a little bundle, he had no baggage and passing customs was therefore a simple matter. He had his Paraguayan papers, so had no trouble getting passage to his native land. As he boarded the launch, the noisy market women with their bulging raiment brought home the fact that he was indeed at the gateway to Paraguay.

Reaching the Paraguayan shore, he made his way first of all to the house of Don Jorge and Doña Helena, who received him cordially. He told them of his twofold mission, for not only was he in quest of news that might be of help to Zorillo, but he realized that it was his duty to bring a testimony to his family.

They spent a good while together, for there was much to tell and hear about the work in both Encarnación and San Miguel. There was "old news" to tell, too, for the missionaries had never really known how Zorillo's and Rosita's separation had come about, and neither the young couple back in San Miguel nor Guadeloupe had ever heard the full story of Doña Marta's conversion. As they considered the mysterious ways in which God had worked, they encouraged themselves to believe Him for greater wonders.

Suddenly the church bells pealed the hour of noon. How swiftly the time had passed! The missionaries invited Guadeloupe to have lunch with them, and this he did. He was a little embarrassed at first by the neatly set table, but was quickly put at ease by the naturalness and simplicity of his hosts, and by the native foods set before him.

As he bade these friends good-by after a season of prayer, there was a sense of assurance in his heart that God had a wonderful answer in store for him. And Don Jorge's parting words, spoken thoughtfully, impressed themselves upon him, "You know, Guadeloupe, I think you ought to try to find the judge in Asunción who performed Zorillo's marriage to Doña Tomasita. See if he has anything to say."

"I will," was the reply, and Guadeloupe went on his way.

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Obituary

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

MRS. MATTHEW BISCHKE

of Anamoose, North Dakota

Mrs. Matthew Bischke of Anamoose, N. Dak., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Unterschitz on May 5, 1893 in Rumania and passed to her Eternal Home on April 6, 1961 at the age of 67 years, 11 months and one day. She was united in marriage to Edward Bender of Rumania in 1908 to which union 7 children were born. In 1940 she was married to Joseph Engel of McClusky. Both husbands and one son preceded her in death. On Jan. 12, 1960 she was united in marriage to Matthew Bischke of Sacramento, Calif.

Mourning her passing are her husband, Matthew Bischke; 3 sons: Jacob, Victor and Walter; 3 daughters: Mrs. Bob Sherlock (Marie); Mrs. Walter Pilgar (Emma); and Mrs. Ed Schwoderer (Pauline); 21 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. At the time of her death she was a member of the Anamoose Baptist Church. Interment was in the Anamoose Baptist Cemetery, Anamoose, North Dakota.

MILTON H. VIETZ, Pastor

MR. DANIEL KIRSCH

of Camrose, Alberta

Mr. Daniel Kirsch of Camrose, Alberta, was born in Wolynian, Russia on Sept. 5, 1872 and passed away in the Home of the Aged at Camrose on May 21, 1961. As a boy of 16 years, the deceased came to Canada and made his home for the first few years in Winnipeg. Then he moved to the Yorkton, Sask., district where he homesteaded and lived many years of his life.

In the year 1904, Mr. Kirsch was united in marriage to Miss Wanda Schindler. Eight children were born to this union. One daughter preceded her father in death. Survivors include his bereaved wife; five sons: Daniel, Albert, Edwin, Walter and Alvin; two daughters: Mrs. Elsie Hutch and Mrs. Laura Jeffries; 12 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and two sisters. Psalm 71:9 served as a Word of the Lord at the funeral service.

Edmonton, Alberta
E. P. WAHL, Correspondent

MR. JOHN J. MILLER

of Lodi, California

Mr. John J. Miller of Lodi, Calif., was born in Odessa, Russia on July 10, 1893. In 1902 he came to America and lived near Turtle Lake, N. Dak. He was converted at the age of 12 and baptized by Rev. August Liebig. He was united in marriage to Lydia Strobel in 1915. She passed away in 1957. This union was blessed with one daughter, Mrs. Laurena Meidinger of Santa Cruz, Calif. In 1958 he was married to Mrs. Bertha Hellwig. He moved to Lodi, Calif., in 1930 where he lived until his death on May 12th, following a stroke, having reached the age of 67 years and 10 months.

In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by 2 grandchildren, 4 stepsons, five sisters: Edna Ebel and Ida Kessler of McClusky, N. D.; Molly Stolz, Lehr, N. D.; Rosie Fischer of Lodi, and Sarah Rauser of Stockton, Calif.; 5 brothers: Ernest of St. Paul, Minn.; Edward, Sykeston, N. D.; Ben and Fred of Turtle Lake, N. D.; and Ruben of Renton, Wash. Memorial services were held from the First Baptist Church of Lodi on May 15.

First Baptist Church
Lodi, California
AARON BUHLER, Pastor

MRS. AUGUST RITTENBACH

of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mrs. August (Mathilda) Rittenbach of

WHAT GOD CAN DO

If the Father deigns to teach with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of the buried acorn and to make it burst forth from its prison walls—will he leave neglected in the earth the soul of man made in the image of his Creator?

William Jennings Bryan

Bismarck, N. Dak., was born Dec. 8, 1888 in Southern Russia. She came to the United States in 1903 and lived for a time with her folks in the Anamoose community. Four years later, on Jan. 14, she entered holy matrimony with Mr. August Rittenbach. They farmed first at the Tabor community and then at Turtle Lake until 1947, when they retired and moved to Spokane, Wash., for three years. Returning in 1950, she came to the Baptist Home in Bismarck, N. Dak. There our departed sister lived with her husband until her death at one of the city hospitals on May 8, 1961. After she had accepted the Lord as her personal Savior in 1907, she was baptized upon confession of her faith in Christ.

The following mourn her departure: her husband; 4 daughters: Mrs. David Littke, pastor's wife; Mrs. George Hamshire, Mrs. Lester Hansen, and Mrs. Stephen Skoric; and two sons, Albert and August, Jr. Funeral services were held at our church with Rev. E. Broeckel and the pastor officiating. Her final resting place is at St. Mary's Cemetery, Bismarck, N. D.

Bismarck, North Dakota

JOHN E. GRYGGO, Pastor

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"WHAT IS TRUTH?"

By Grace L. Voll
of North Freedom, Wisconsin

This question Pilate asked of Christ But proves how truth was sacrificed, The night "false witness" testified, Demanding he be crucified.

"What is the truth?" We ask it yet, Though sensing it's an amulet In any cause that may arise, A heavenly guerdon, earth's best prize.

Truth on the tongue is honey-sweet, And to the body bread and meat, Embedded in the heart, a gem, More precious than a diadem.

It sets to music, as a whole, Perfection's haloed aureole, That glows above mere trumped up lies And has no need of their disguise.

Within the soul it flourishes With fundamental dignities, For truth stands ever 'fair and square' And never stoops to "split a hair."

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

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salaries paid by others in their respective fields. These two items totaling \$57,015.00 must be included in this year's operating budget.

Just what does all this mean? Simply that we have been spending more money than we have been taking in. You all know from your own personal experience that such a program cannot be continued indefinitely, otherwise you will wind up in bankruptcy and the sheriff takes over. On the other hand, it means that for this year and perhaps for the following year or more, there cannot be any talk of expansion, such as more missionaries, more professors, or more of this and that unless there is a substantial increase in contributions.

OUR DENOMINATIONAL PROGRESS

Is this good or bad? I would say that it is some of each. All of us feel that we make progress only as we spend more money on items such as have been mentioned. On the other hand, we have made progress this past year and will continue to do so. But this progress will be along somewhat different lines. Moving the Roger Williams Press from Cleveland to Forest Park did cost some money. One of the results already evident is the better service we are giving our

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constituency. The increase in the sale of religious literature, the increase in the sale of Sunday School literature, and the decrease in our subsidy of this work will also help.

We will never be able to publish "Der Sendbote" and the "Baptist Herald" without a subsidy, because of the limited subscription lists. The book store and its related activities, as they become better known, will gradually become self-supporting and show a profit. In other words, the subsidy, including deficit, of around \$40,000 in recent years will grow less. Furthermore by having all of our operations under one roof will make for greater efficiency and less cost.

Last year, when making up the budget, we were aware of the fact that we were taking a big step forward. The economic and business climate has not been of the best. All of this talk about recession by those in high government positions has not been of any help as far as producing a better feeling for increased giving.

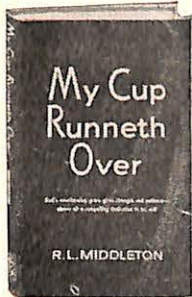
Furthermore, we have made the much delayed and greatly needed adjustments in our payments to our general workers and our help. Many of our pastors were receiving a great deal more in salary, housing allowances, etc., than our highest paid men. This certainly needed correction. In other words, we did what should actually have been done some time ago.

OUR CONTINUED ADVANCE

Now that we have taken these steps as far as salaries are concerned, now that we have provided adequate facilities and paved the way to be of greater service than ever to our membership, now that we have provided means for producing our promotional literature at reduced prices, now that we are in position to reduce our subsidy to the Roger Williams Press, we have taken care of some of our most urgent problems. What we did last year was to step up our denominational advance by several years, instead of doing it piecemeal. It cannot be said that we have stood still. Rather we have taken a big step, or perhaps a big jump, forward!

I am sure that as our people fully understand what has taken place and the reasons therefor, that they will wholeheartedly approve of what has been done. We also trust they will show their appreciation by their continued prayers and increased support of all phases of our work.

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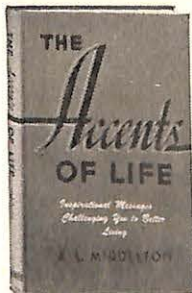
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