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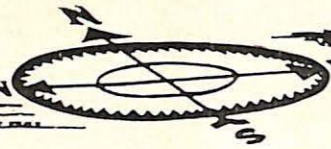
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▪ Thanksgiving and Sacrifice
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Indian Miriam.



● Production of Bibles and Scripture portions in Germany increased from 170,250 copies in 1945 to 1,252,590 in 1960 according to the Association of Evangelical Bible Societies in Germany. The Bibles are distributed primarily in connection with missionary and evangelization programs, as well as after worship services in refugee camps and during individual talks with refugees.

● NEW YORK.—Churches in seeking to improve the nation's mental health should look first toward the Gospel and theology and not toward psychiatry, a noted psychologist declared. Dr. Carl A. Bramlette, Jr., co-ordinator of mental health education for South Carolina, said the church's ministry of healing should stress theology rather than psychiatry. He spoke at a United Lutheran Church in America conference on psychological services.

—The Sunday School Times

● The remains of a monumental synagogue built some 200 to 500 years before Christ were discovered during excavations near Ostia Antica, the harbor of Ancient Rome. Experts said the structure probably was one of the oldest Jewish monuments, second only to the Wailing Wall, a fragment of the Jerusalem Temple destroyed by the Emperor Titus. They estimated that the synagogue dated from the 2nd to the 5th century, B. C.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● A 10-man team of the Pocket Testament League distributed more than 125,000 Gospels of John in Hamburg, Germany during a recent campaign there. As in West Berlin last fall, distribution was carried out in schools, prisons, refugee camps, factories and local churches. Regular street meetings were held on the *Reeperbahn*, a seamy district near the waterfront where all manner of sin flourishes unabated in the open. On one occasion, 17,000 Gospels were distributed when 70,000 sports enthusiasts poured into Hamburg's largest stadium to witness the Hamburg-Barcelona playoff for the European Football Championship.

● The World Radio Missionary Fellowship has purchased radio station CX-42 in Montevideo, Uruguay, and now considers it a sister-station to HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. According to Gene Jordan, director of the newly acquired station, this will be an unprecedented opportunity to reach millions in Latin America on long wave radio. CX-42 (1370 kc., 2500 watts) is one of the most listened-to stations in the Montevideo area. Early in 1962 it will begin to broadcast the gospel into homes that are ready and, in some cases, eager for the message of life.

There is complete religious freedom in Uruguay and constitutional law guarantees separation of church and state.

—The Beam

● A copy of one of the greatest Bibles ever printed, the Complutensian Polyglot of 1514-17, has been acquired for Lambeth Palace Library, London, which had no copy of this very rare book. The printing of the Complutensian Polyglot, in which the text appears in four columns giving respectively the Hebrew, Greek, Latin and Chaldee versions, marked the birth of modern Biblical scholarship and was perhaps the first case of co-operation by Christians and Jews on a work of scholarship subsequent to the invention of printing. Only 600 copies were produced and the printing occupied more than 15 years. It was printed for Cardinal Ximenes, (1436-1517) and the work cost him 50,000 ducats. The

copy which Lambeth Palace Library has now acquired comes from the library of the first Lord Aldenham, and is remarkable for its fine condition.

● The Blue Ridge Broadcasting Corporation, a non-profit corporation headed by Dr. Billy Graham, has been granted a permit by the Federal Communications Commission to build and operate a 10,000-watt radio station at Black Mountain, North Carolina. The permit authorizes construction of studios and transmitter and erection of necessary towers. A site has been secured and construction is expected to start soon. The proposed station will operate under a commercial license, with wave length of 1010 meters and the call letters WFGW. Its directional beam will enable it to serve an area with approximately 160-mile radius in the Asheville-Black Mountain area.



Baptist Briefs

● **Dr. Cranford Returning to Washington, D. C.** Dr. Clarence W. Cranford is returning as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., effective the first Sunday in November. Cranford was pastor of Calvary Church for 19 years before going in March to the United Baptist Church, Lewiston, Maine. Mrs. Cranford is critically ill following brain surgery about two months ago.

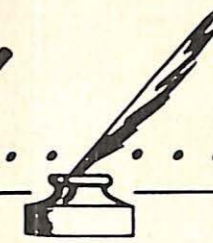
● **Seminary at Ruschlikon.** Thirty-seven students from 13 countries were enrolled in the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Switzerland, for the opening of its 13th session on Sept. 4. Three additional students, all from a 14th country, Poland, were expected within a few days. Germany, with 6, claims the largest group. Other countries represented are Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Holland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Southern Rhodesia, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States.

● **Baptist Missionary in Burma.** Dr. Gordon S. Seagrave, who is beginning his fortieth year of service in Burma, has received a letter of commendation from President Kennedy. It was forwarded to Dr. Seagrave by John Scott Everton, U. S. Ambassador to Burma. The hospital in Namkham in Northern Burma is 2 miles from the China border. It is supported by contributions from the United States through the American Medical Center for Burma, Inc., and ministers to more than 15,000 persons a year.

● **1962 American Baptist Convention.** "Proclaiming the Gospel of Freedom" will be the theme of the 1962 annual meeting of American Baptists in Philadelphia, May 23-27, 1962, it has been announced by Dr. Adam Baum, chairman of the program committee. The theme is taken from Luke 4:18, 19 in the King James Version of the Bible. A "cavalcade of freedom" will proceed from Independence Square in downtown Philadelphia to the national offices of the American Convention at Valley Forge, on Saturday, May 26, according to Dr. Baum. Nationally-known speakers will address the convention at Independence Square and at Valley Forge.

● **Baptists in Hungary.** Hungarian Baptists plan to buy or build soon a new church edifice in Buda, the eastern part of Budapest. This means a strengthening of the work in the Hungarian capital. The only church in Buda at present is one which has existed for years in connection with the Baptist orphanage. This congregation will now be absorbed into the proposed new church. In the Pest section of the city, west of the Danube, there are at least 10 Baptist churches and several missions. The Hungarian Baptist Theological Seminary in Budapest, which dates from 1906, expects an enrollment of 13 students for the fall semester this year. Hungarian Baptists report a membership of 19,500, in about 500 churches and stations.

Editorial



The Unfinished Task

All of us are working on some unfinished task in life. We are placing stones into some new building, another achievement of life. For every one of us, time is the most precious gift that God has given to us. It cannot be bought with all the wealth of the world. But it belongs to all, rich and poor alike.

Recently my wife and I saw the fabulous Hearst Castle in California, which represents the lifetime work of a great newspaper publisher who collected the finest art treasures, statuary, tapestries, choir chairs and sculptured ceilings of the world. After we had seen this castle with its treasures worth millions of dollars, we were shown "The Grand Staircase" which was to have been the crowning glory of the building. But it was never finished—and probably never will be! The wealthy publisher never had the time to finish the task.

As you awaken to a new day, your heart should overflow with thanksgiving to God for this new token of his love to you—TIME to use wisely, to expend carefully in which to serve him. God draws the curtains aside upon another new day and grants you this gift. With overwhelming gratitude we must say with the Psalmist: "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy" (Ps. 16:11).

"Look to this Day!

For it is life, the very Life of Life.

In its brief course lie all the Verities and Realities of your Existence:

This Bliss of Growth,

The Glory of Action,

The Splendor of Beauty . . .

Look well to this Day!"

As we greet the new day and face our unfinished tasks, let us thank God for his mercies, new with every morning. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed . . . They are new every morning: great in thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23). Every day is a gift from God's hand, revealing his bountiful mercies to us and enabling us to work at the unfinished tasks before us.

Another new day should find us thankful for the opportunities before us, more glorious than ever. Who can fully understand what a new day will bring forth in experiences and opportunities? Who can adequately describe the doors of service that will open to you with this new day? It was James Russell Lowell, who said beautifully:

"One day, with life and heart,

Is more than time enough to find a world."

As we thank God for another new day of life and another gift of his grace to us, we are made keenly aware of the unfinished tasks before us in our lives, in our churches and in our denomination. "To the Work"—more than ever before, with all of our strength! On mission fields at home and abroad, in meeting the Church Extension opportunities, in advancing for Christ throughout our denominational enterprise, there are so many unfinished tasks challenging us. What will be your response? What will be your gifts toward the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Offering of the denomination? How thankful are you for this new day of God's grace for you?

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Manna Every Morning!

At this Thanksgiving season, we look back at God's daily, sufficient, sustained supply. But back of all the gifts, we must see the Giver and recognize our responsibility to him in our faithful service and sacrificial gifts.

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Forest Park, Illinois

"AT EVENING, you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out . . . and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD . . ." (Exodus 16:6, 7).

We need a God who can save and keep! When a man is dead in sin and outside God's family, he needs a Savior. Once he is alive from the dead, and at the family board, he needs a Sustainer. Our great God and heavenly Father is both!

ance now destroy them by famine?

GOD'S ANSWER

The thrilling sixteenth chapter of Exodus is God's answer to Israel's faithless grumbling. In the evening twilight, God sent quails to cover the camp, and the people had meat. In the morning, he gave them his "miracle-bread," the manna. After the dew was gone, there lay on the surface of the desert something small and flaky,

new year 1961? Although we knew we were God's own purchased possession and had seen the Enemy of our souls defeated at Calvary, there were natural questionings in our hearts. Natural, but faithless, nonetheless! Some of us wondered about material needs. Would there be food on the table, shoes for the children, and money for the rent? Others of us were deeply concerned about spiritual necessities. Would there be patience for trials, power to meet temptations, forgiving love to cover hurts and slights? Would there be adequate spiritual food so that we would be enabled to grow in grace and knowledge?

Now standing near year's end, we know the answer. Our doubts are swallowed up in gratitude. We confess it unashamedly: At evening, we have come to understand that it was the LORD who brought us out, and in the morning, we have seen the glory of the LORD. The story of the Israelites in the desert corroborates our own experience. What did they learn about God's wonderful provision?

DAILY SUFFICIENCY

1. First, that is *daily*. That's how the manna came—every morning. There it lay in fresh supply each time the sun came up. And they had to be out with the sun! There was no gathering a week's supply on a given morning. Some folk tried that, but it did not work! God was teaching Israel a grand lesson: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" (Deuteronomy 33:25b). We have learned it, too. Morning by morning, through 1961, we have looked up into our Father's face and into his blessed Book and we have had his grace and power. On January 1st we did not have the grace we needed for the Fourth of July. But on July 4th it was ours. "The trouble with life," said the old lady, "is that it's so *daily*." We all know what she meant. But the glory of a Christian's life is that God's mercies are daily, too! "His compassions . . . are new every morning."

2. But more, God's provision was *sufficient*. There was no shortage in the supply of bread from heaven. There was enough. Moses said to the people, "Gather of it, every man of you, as much as he can eat . . ." Were you a big husky eater who could enjoy two huge bowls of it at every meal? There was the supply, right outside your door! The only measure was your need. So we have found it with our spiritual hunger. "My God shall supply *all your need* according to

his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," writes Paul to his beloved Philippians (4:19). "My grace is sufficient for thee . . ." said the Lord Jesus himself to Paul. In the year just passed, we have proved it unfaithfully true. But will it last? we ask. Israel's story holds the answer.

GOD'S SUSTAINING FAITHFULNESS

3. God's provision was *constant*. At the end of the chapter we read, "And the people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land." What a tribute that verse is to the *sustaining* faithfulness of God. He not only gives us as much as we need. He gives it to us as long as we need it! "Even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save" (Isaiah 46:4). "Lo, I am with you always," said our Savior, "even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20b). Looking back over the years of our lives, we cannot help but marvel at his mercy. In fact, the older we grow, the better

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS

- Have you enlisted?
- Has your first \$1.00 been sent?
- Are you aware of the new Church Extension projects in which you can share?

WRITE: North American Baptists, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

our perspective. God's love and grace are not measured in time. They have the quality of eternity.

How gracious has been God's leading in our denominational fellowship, as well. It is seventy years since August Steffens left for the Cameroons. Think how God has supplied a constant stream of dedicated men and women for these seven decades. Recall how he answered our prayers for a doctor. Now we have four! Consider how he has enabled us to start 52 new churches since '52; how the men have been found to shepherd them; how we have kept a virile, evangelical testimony for these crucial years. Our hearts are greatly humbled and we say, "The LORD is good unto them that wait for him . . . great is thy

faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:25, 23).

THANKSGIVING SEASON

Let me conclude with a question and attempt an answer. Have you even wondered why God did such amazing miracles in Israel's day? Why did he send manna and the quails and the water from the riven rock? Was it only—or even in the first place—to supply his people? No. It was to reveal his own great heart of love. It was to point men to himself. And the LORD said to Moses . . . "Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" Back of all the gifts, men were to see the Giver!

So, at this Thanksgiving season, we look back at God's daily, sufficient, sustained supply. But will God's purpose in it all be achieved? Not until we know, each evening, that he has delivered us and not until we see, each morning, his resplendent glory. Not finally, until we know, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that he is the LORD, our God!



THANKS BE TO GOD!

How lavishly God touches the trees of the forest with beauty in the fall of the year! But his gifts of love and grace are ours in great bounty throughout the year in Christ Jesus! (Luoma Photo).

The children of Israel discovered that 3,400 years ago. After they had been delivered from Pharaoh's mighty host at the Red Sea and had joined in the ringing triumph-song on the shore, Moses led them into the great wilderness. Their "number one" problem now became not protection, but provision. Where was this great company to get food? They had been slaves in Egypt—true!—but after the long, hard day of making bricks, there had been meat and bread. "We sat by our flesh pots and ate all the food we wanted" (Exodus 16:3, Berkeley).

Now they had freedom, but where was the bread? Had Moses and Aaron led them out only to see them starve? Would the God of the Red Sea deliver-

as fine as hoarfrost. The people asked, "What is it?" and all, unwittingly, named their food. (The word "manna" as used in Egypt and the Sinai peninsula carries the meaning, "What is it?"). They gathered it up in their dishes and ate it for breakfast, dinner and supper. "The taste of it was like wafers made with honey." By God's mercy, their needs were fully met. In the desert, they were fed! They had meat and bread.

The parallel between Israel and ourselves is obvious! Throughout this year we have been stalking through our wilderness of "sin." (The Sinai Wilderness of Sin is a proper, geographical name and has no reference to evil.) Can you remember how we began the



"The fruit of the vine" in all of its luscious glory and harvest splendor (Luoma Photo).

Like a fruit-bearing vine
you have known the joy
and wonderful blessing of
God's Bountiful Gifts.

Now your responsibility is to
**SHARE THESE RICHES IN
CHRIST WITH OTHERS.**

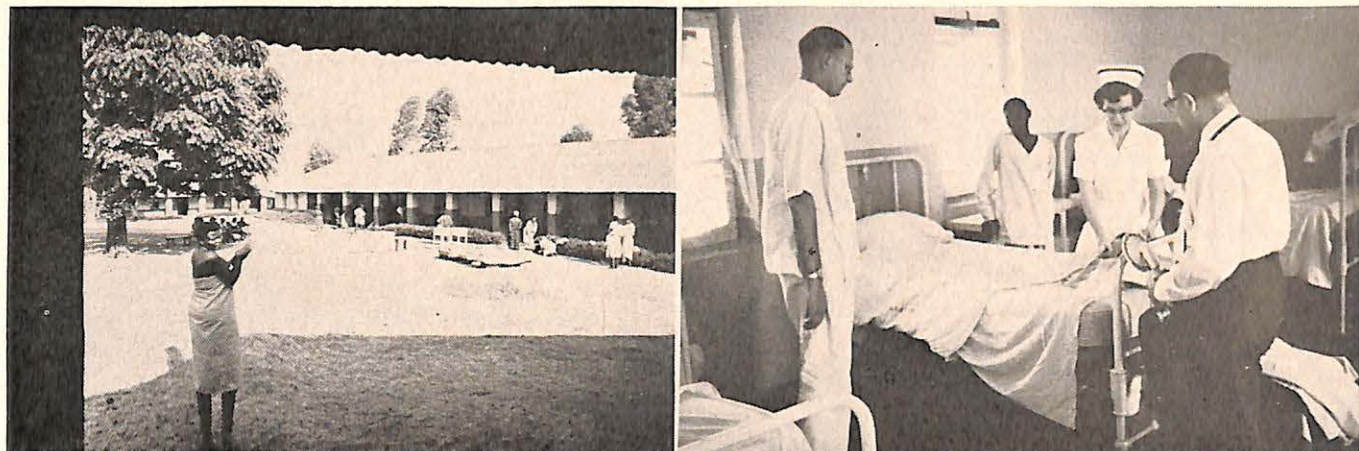
SEE WHAT YOUR MISSIONARY GIFTS CAN ACCOMPLISH:

- 2526 converts were baptized in the Cameroons, Africa last year.
- 52 Church Extension projects have been started.
- New missionaries have been appointed to the Indian Reserves.
- God's Volunteers are traveling thousands of miles to our churches and communities.
- New buildings are needed on the Japan mission field as we advance energetically for Christ.
- "Greater Things Through Christ" can be accomplished in every department of our denomination.

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

Sunday, November 19, to Sunday, November 26

GIVE your **THANKSGIVING GIFTS** through your **CHURCH** or send directly to
NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois



OUR MEDICAL MINISTRY IN CHRIST'S NAME

The present Maternity Ward at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons (left). The facilities here are inadequate and a larger building is desperately needed. Dr. Leslie Chaffee, medical missionary, and Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, watch Nurse Ardice Ziolkowski (right) as she demonstrates how a hospital bed should be made up for a new patient.

A Typical Day at Bansa Hospital

A unique and exciting portrayal of the daily routine at the Bansa Baptist Hospital and of the urgent need for a new and larger maternity ward to cost about \$8,000.

By Miss Ardice Ziolkowski of Saskatoon, Sask., Missionary-nurse at Home on Furlough.

(Time: 6:20 A.M. Miss Eleanor Weisenburger in uniform, coming to the maternity, is met by Mrs. Igwe, African midwife, trained at Bansa Hospital, who is on night duty.)

MRS. IGWE: Please sister, where shall I put the patient who just delivered? She was carried in from Oku, eight hours of walking, after being in labor for two days, but she delivered a fine baby boy.

MISS WEISENBURGER: Put her in maternity isolation ward. Is the main, 12 bed ward filled?

MRS. IGWE: Yes. I put benches between the beds and now have 15 patients in there. The women's 4 bed ward is also filled with maternity patients. We have 28 patients in all this morning.

MORE ROOM NEEDED

MISS WEISENBURGER: And we actually have room for only 15. The doctor needs those beds in the men's and women's wards that we're using for maternity patients, so I will have to send some of the mothers home early again. Mrs. Igwe, will you please have morning devotions with the mothers while I see whom we can discharge?

(Mrs. Igwe speaks on John 14 in Pidgin English, stressing "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Miss Weisenburger makes a list of mothers who have delivered four days ago.)

MISS WEISENBURGER: Wiba, no be you see how all bed they done full up. You go go for your house today.

WIBA: Please sister, I no fit go where the thing for pickin he belly never come off.

MISS WEISENBURGER: But you must go. I go give you them fine clothes for pickin. (She gives White Cross layette of a blanket, two gowns and a diaper. Mother is pleased with these but hesitates to go home with baby's cord on. She is instructed to come back in six weeks for "well-baby-clinic.")

MISS WEISENBURGER (to Mrs. Igwe): We will have to send Sarah home with her twins too, even though they only weigh five pounds each. I hope they will do all right with everyone in the village handling them. Tell her to bring them every week. She will have to stay in Bansa town since her home is ten miles away. I hope the pupils in training will not get the idea that this is the correct procedure to follow.

A DIFFICULT LABOR CASE

(10:30 A.M. A difficult labor case is brought in by the Ndu Tea Estate Ambulance from 25 miles away. The

\$8,000 NEEDED

This dramatic presentation by Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, Cameroons missionary nurse, is an urgent plea to our churches and people to give some designated funds for the new maternity building at Bansa in the Cameroons, "over and above their denominational gifts." Send these designated gifts to our headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois.

This interesting and challenging article by Miss Ziolkowski can also be used effectively as a short play in your church. It can easily be adapted for such a dramatic presentation in every church or church organization.

EDITOR.

mother is in a very poor condition.)

MISS WEISENBURGER: Rose, will you call Dr. Chaffee. I think he is just finishing surgery on that woman with the huge tumor. Helen and Bertha, will you help carry the patient into the admission room? Martha, please fill three hot water bottles and bring a blanket.

(Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee examines patient and advises Caesarean Section. Staff quickly prepares for surgery.)

MISS WEISENBURGER (to class of 20 pupils): Today, instead of your 11:00 o'clock class, you may come to the operating room to watch the Caesarean Section.

(One hour later.)

HUSBAND OF PATIENT: Thank you, doctor! Thank you, sister, for how you done help my wife, and now I get pickin too. God he done do fine for send you for we own country and now my woman and pickin go live.

(1:00 P.M. Dr. Dibue, director of medical services for Cameroons, arrives for hospital inspection.)

DR. DIBUE: I stopped at Bamenda General Hospital to see Dr. Peter Fehr on my way through. We appreciate his services there. The patients have great confidence in him and the number of out-patients has increased greatly. (They start their inspection.)

25,000 OUT-PATIENTS

DR. CHAFFEE: This is our out-patients' department. Last year we saw about 25,000 out-patients. This last room of the building is our operating room. We do all our surgery here, clean and contaminated cases.

DR. DIBUE: The government plan has a separate building for clean and

septic operating rooms. Are you planning to add that building?

DR. CHAFFEE: I hope some day we will be able to afford it. This next building is the men's ward. It is a 30 bed ward, but most of the time it is more than filled.

MISS WEISENBURGER (entering women's ward): This 6 bed ward is used for children since we haven't a separate ward for children. Those requiring isolation are put into one end of the women's ward with a screen around them.

DR. DIBUE: This children's ward is much too crowded. Let's see, you have 15 children in it and 10 in this isolation section! Do you realize these crowded conditions are against health regulations? Do you have plans for enlargement?

DR. CHAFFEE: Yes, we realize these conditions are not good, but we can't turn the sick children away and, since our maternity work has increased, more mothers bring their children to the hospital. We hope to build a new and larger maternity ward as soon as the funds are raised in our churches in the United States and Canada. Then we will use the present maternity ward as a children's ward. The labor and delivery rooms will be very convenient for isolation.

NEW MATERNITY WARD

DR. DIBUE: How big is this ward to be and how much will it cost?

DR. CHAFFEE: It is to be about 120 feet long and 25 feet wide. It will accommodate 30 patients. Our labor room will accommodate four mothers instead of two and the delivery room will have two tables. We have over 100 women attending our weekly prenatal clinic, so we will have more space to accommodate this large group. We hope to build as cheaply as possible and have asked for \$8,000.

(Entering maternity ward.)



Cameroons women and mothers at the Bansa Baptist Hospital on "Well Baby Clinic Day."

GRATITUDE

"Do you give thanks for this?—or that?" No, God be thanked
I am not grateful
In that cold, calculating way, with blessings ranked
As one, two, three, and four—that would be hateful.

I only know that every day brings good above
My poor deserving;
I only feel that in the road of life true love
Is leading me along and never swerving.

Whatever gifts and mercies to my lot may fall,
I would not measure
As worth a certain price in praise, or great or small;
But take and use them all with simple pleasure.

For when we gladly eat our daily bread, we bless
The hand that feeds us;
And when we tread the road of life in cheerfulness,
Our very heartbeats praise the Love that leads us.

—Henry Van Dyke.

DR. DIBUE: This ward also seems very crowded. How many deliveries do you have a year?

MISS WEISENBURGER: Last year we had almost 1,000 and this year we expect more.

DR. DIBUE: That's very good considering you've started here only 12 years ago, and you have the Catholic maternity center just two miles away. I was pleased with the pupil midwives you sent for the last examination. Your school has an excellent record. I hope some of them will work for us in Victoria. How many pupils have you in training now?

MISS WEISENBURGER: We have

seven who are taking their government exam in March and 19 in the class after that. We hope to take about 20 pupils in each year for the two year course.

DR. DIBUE: Do they get experience in pre-natal and well-baby-clinics?

HARD WORKING MISSIONARIES

MISS WEISENBURGER: O yes, I supervise them in doing complete pre-natal care on over 100 mothers every Wednesday, and 30 to 40 babies come for clinic on Thursday. Here they also gain experience in health teaching of the mother. In that way our teaching reaches out into all the surrounding area.

DR. DIBUE: You missionaries are doing a wonderful work in medical services. I hope you will continue to help our people, for they need and appreciate you. I hope the next time I come for inspection, you will have your new maternity ward.

(That evening Miss Eleanor Weisenburger sits at her table and writes:)

"Dear Ardice:

"It's been a very busy day, but before I tell you about it, please, when you are visiting our churches at home, tell them about our need for a maternity ward. Don't forget to tell them that it is an approved special project and to ear-mark their donations, 'For Bansa Maternity Building Project.' It will be so good when we can move these whooping cough children into a room where you can keep them separate from the other children.

"The night watchman has just called for me to come to maternity! Love, Eleanor."



A new church, proclaiming the Cross of Jesus Christ with his saving power, has been established in this community as the new building nears completion. (Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.)

Our Venturesome Faith in Church Extension

Billy Graham has said: "I have a burden for America because, if America fails, may God have mercy on the rest of the world."

By Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension.

THE HOME base area for our North American Baptist Conference is the United States and Canada with a present population of approximately 200,000,000 people. This vast area extending from the Gulf of Mexico to the borders of Alaska and from Massachusetts to California constitutes our Home Mission Field.

How we thank God that in spite of the geographic vastness of the field and in spite of our scattered work, a strong spiritual ministry of Bible-centered faith and of evangelistic passion binds our churches together. Under the guiding hand of God, our North American Baptist home base was firmly established on this continent by our Baptist forefathers, and it has been constantly extended and strengthened down through the years.

OUR EXPANDING DENOMINATION

Today we have 312 North American Baptist churches with a total membership of nearly 52,000 in twenty-nine states of the United States and in five provinces of Canada. Our fellowship is steadily growing in numbers and in spiritual vigor. We have our own Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and our Christian Training Institute with a theological department in Edmonton, Alberta. We have our Roger Williams Press and our Christian Book Store as well as our headquarters office at Forest Park, Illinois. Our missionary outreach is world-wide.

Realizing that this wonderful enterprise of our expanding denomination, both at home and abroad, must of necessity be projected and supported from a strong spiritually vigorous home base, we were led of the Lord in recent years to begin a special North American Baptist Church Ex-

tension program. Today we are united in establishing new churches for Christ and for the future of our denomination in new areas throughout the United States and Canada. Through Church Extension new communities are being reached with the Gospel to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

No less than 52 new churches have been organized and assisted through Church Extension in the United States and Canada. Over \$300,000 in Church Extension Funds have been used to help new churches in new areas. North American Baptist Church Extension has become an amazing story of God's wonderful guidance and blessing in our midst.

The divine approval of God rests upon our venturesome faith in taking the Gospel to new communities. Statistics show that these 52 new churches are developing into strong congregations. Their total present membership is approximately 4,000 and their Sunday School enrollment about 5,000. About one-fourth of these churches



have already become self-supporting.

Not only do these new churches strengthen our North American Baptist fellowship numerically, but through their inspiring contributions they add a new spiritual vitality to our entire denominational life. They help widen and strengthen our denominational home base from which in days to come we will increasingly be able to support the ever expanding ministry of our denominational enterprise at home and abroad.

BRANCH MISSIONS

To help reach new areas for Christ in the United States and Canada, a number of our churches have become parent churches of Branch Missions. In Wichita, Kansas; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Detroit, Michigan; and other areas, parent churches have supplied new Church Extension projects with leadership and financial assistance. In a wonderful way our churches are accepting this evangelistic challenge more and more to become parent churches of Gospel missions in new communities, and to supply these missions with the necessary leadership, program and finances, until these branch missions become new self-constituted North American Baptist churches.

In cases where a single church is unable to sponsor a Branch Mission alone, groups of churches are cooperating through their local Association to sponsor Church Extension projects. Associational Church Extension Committees are elected whose purpose it is to locate places for new Church Extension projects, create concern in the churches, enlist sponsoring churches, and establish and promote yearly Church Extension projects and goals

of attainment within the Association area.

To help provide capital funds for building new churches, North American Baptists all across our denomination are enlisting as Church Extension Builders. Thousands of our members feel deeply in their hearts that as North American Baptists we are being called of God to strengthen our home base by building for God in our home field area. The Church Extension Builders is a new voluntary group which is committed to make a special investment for God and for souls by giving \$1.00 per appeal to help build new churches in new areas.

We believe the hand of God has wonderfully led us from the very beginning in our North American Baptist Church Extension program. The task is by no means completed. Evangelist Billy Graham has recently said: "We have a mission field in this country. There are vast areas in America that need the Gospel and need Christ just as much as any part of Africa and India or any other place where I have traveled. I believe in foreign missions and I invest a part of my time and money and my efforts in foreign missions, but I have a burden for America because, if America fails, may God have mercy on the rest of the world!"

WE MUST GO FORWARD

Under the sure leadership of the Holy Spirit, let us continue to go forward into new communities and claim them for Jesus Christ and for our beloved denomination. It is tremendously urgent that we do so now without delay. Jesus said: "For the night cometh, when no man can work."

The Lord has need of you in this greatest mission advance in our denomination. Your gifts and your prayers are urgently needed. Will you have a share in this most vital work that is going on among us for Christ in America today?

Mission Field at Home

A Church Extension survey shows rapid growth in strategic suburban areas.

By Dr. Luther L. Grubb

(Article reprinted from ACTION of the National Association of Evangelicals)

WHO REALLY builds the Church? Is this accomplished by vast denominational efforts, the work of various faith home mission groups or as the result of the outreach of a single missionary-minded local church? As a home missions leader I have seen all of these methods used in establishing new churches, but that is not the basic reason they are in existence today.

Rather, churches are born and grow because of their divine appointment. Our Lord himself laid down the basic principle when he said to Peter "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). As the early apostles and believers witnessed for Christ, he was building his church.

LOCAL CHURCHES

So it is yet today that the work of God on earth begins through the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of individual believers. Groups of these believers band together in local churches for worship, the teaching of the Word and to propagate the Gospel. The normal result is the establishment of still other churches.

Therefore God's basic instrument for service, his headquarters on earth, is the local church. Although many other factors may be involved in glorifying God, the degree of this glory is largely determined by the vision of his people for extending the church.

Even though there are local churches all over the world, it has been the will of God to provide most missionaries for foreign fields and the means for

their support through churches in America. Is it not clear, then, that to substantially increase this world-wide foreign testimony we must increase the number of evangelical churches in America!

CHURCH POPULATION

It is very difficult to arrive at a true and accurate picture of Christianity in America today because of the various shades of belief and the number of different religions. According to the 1961 edition of the Yearbook of American Churches in 1959 there were 314,345 local churches and a total of 112,226,905 church members. This involved only those who reported to the National Council of Churches, which publishes this book.

However, it does represent a very interesting picture. We know that not all of these churches are Christian and evangelical. For instance, included are 5,500,000 Jews who report all Jews as members in communities having congregations. The Eastern Orthodox churches count all those as members who are in their cultural groups. These figures also include 40,871,302 Roman Catholics and other groups such as Buddhists.

There is no accurate way of knowing how many Protestant churches are really in the evangelical category, but if we take the figure of 285,132 there could be one Protestant church for every 630 people. But there still are 67 million people completely unchurched. Certainly we have not reached the saturation point in Church Extension.

If we are searching for a mission field—here it is! And, it is growing annually. By this same time next year 6,000 or more new evangelical churches will be needed just to meet the population increase of 4 million people.

TODAY'S URGENT NEED

In Proverbs 29:18 we read that where there is no vision the people perish. The early church, in spite of all opposition from Satan, rulers and nations, flourished under the special blessing of God because it had spiritual vision.

Is it possible for the twentieth century church of Jesus Christ to achieve the same spiritual level in purpose and results? Jesus said, "I will build my church." Nothing can change, alter or deter the accomplishment of this purpose in any era—that is, nothing but the lack of spiritual vision and the lack of spiritual response in God's people.

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An Exciting Fall at the Seminary

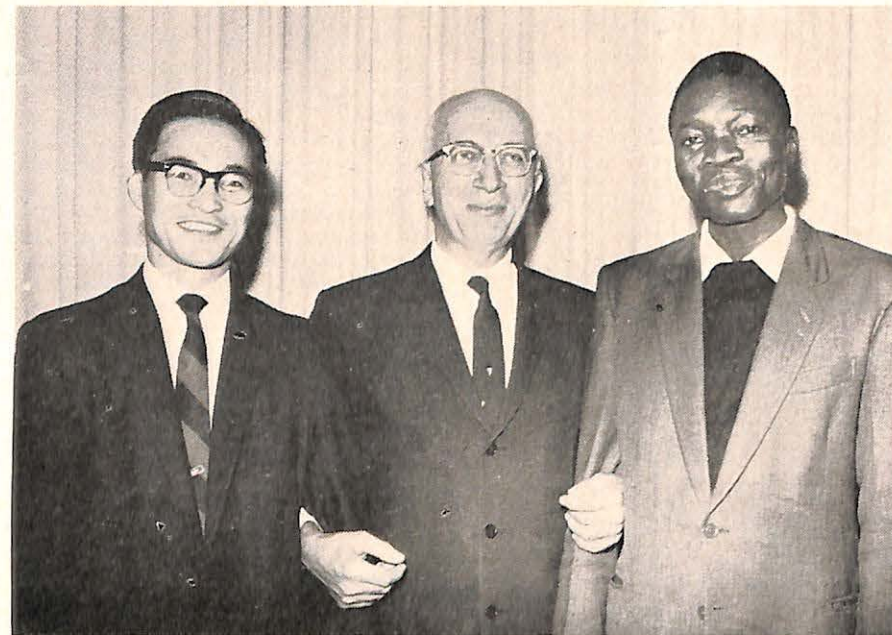
The story of rapidly unfolding events at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by Professor Roy Seibel, Professor of Applied Theology.

THE RAPIDLY unfolding events of the new school year, 1961-1962, at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., have been marked with such significant developments that this year will live long in the history of our school and denomination.

The new year has brought with it new students; a breakthrough in our missionary program in which the Seminary is involved; completion of a modern library building; and other events vital to our denominational life.

THIRTEEN NEW STUDENTS

One of the most significant news developments of each school year is the roster of new Seminary students. The registration of thirteen new students brings the present student body enrollment to 35.



ARM IN ARM AT THE SEMINARY

Left to right: Mr. Hisashi Murakami, student from Japan; Dr. George A. Dunger, professor of missions; Mr. Flavius Martin, student from Africa, at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. (Photo by Roy Seibel).

South Dakota is the home state of five students. The provinces of Alberta and Ontario each produced two students. One student came from the province of British Columbia, and a student from each of the states of Michigan and North Dakota. One transfer student came from Switzerland to complete his training in our Seminary.

The incoming students, with but one exception, have completed their college or university work enabling them to pursue the graduate level of study for the Bachelor of Divinity degree. This has been the established trend

for the past several years. Although the demands placed upon our pastors today are very exacting, our youth are demonstrating that they are prepared to pay every price necessary to be good stewards of the Gospel.

MURAKAMI OF JAPAN

One of the most exciting developments of this school year is the coming of Hisashi Murakami to our campus from our mission fields in Japan. Mr. Murakami is residing in our dormitory while completing his college work preparatory to entering our Seminary.

This joint effort of our Board of Missions and the Seminary represents a new chapter being written in our work in Japan. As a measure to advance our program of developing the indigenous church, we are seeking to give the Japanese church leaders the

stand as representatives of two great peoples asking for the outstretched hands of fellow-laborers in Christ to bring the light of the Gospel to those who sit in the ever deepening shadows of world crisis.

FALL CONVOCATION

The new school year began with student registration on Sept. 11. The following day was spent in orientation of new students. Every effort is made to acquaint the students with this new dimension of study and research found in Seminary training. It is important that the student understand from the beginning the objectives and methods of study in this final phase of his preparation.

Though the beginning of classes on Wednesday, Sept. 13, represents the launching into a program of rigorous mind and body, it brings the thrill of a new challenge in Christian thought and expression.

The Fall Convocation on Friday night, Sept. 15, recognized the official opening of the new school year. Dr. A. J. Harms, Visiting Professor in Biblical Literature, spoke to an audience that filled the chapel with an overflow group seated in the hall. His address, "The Centrality of the Divine and Human Christ," not only pointed up the emphasis of Dr. Harms in his teaching ministry, but it restated the position of the Seminary on this vital subject.

ANNUAL FALL PICNIC

There was an invigorating snap in the fall air when the Seminary family met in McKennan Park on Tuesday, Sept. 19, for the annual fall picnic. Overhead the scudding clouds dipped lower and lower to warn of impending showers, but the picnic went on.

The fall outing plays a vital role in bringing faculty and students together in an informal atmosphere where new and old students alike can feel the strengthening bonds of Christian friendship. It is important to realize that each member belongs to the family.

A light drizzle began to fall as two long lines of hungry picnickers gathered at the well-provisioned tables. This failed, however, to dampen either the spirits or the appetites for long lines continued to form for second helpings.

The day was climaxed with a sing-song and devotions under the outspread arms of sheltering trees. The sounds of the persistent drizzle upon the leaves could not be heard as heart joined with heart to sing praises to God.

Sept. 26 stands out with singular importance on the semester calendar. It was our Day of Prayer. Classes and other activities were set aside to concentrate on the one primary objective of the day.

It was as if a great curtain had quietly dropped behind the last one to enter the chapel that morning. For those short hours the pressures and clamoring of the world could not penetrate the citadel of the chapel walls. We were free to meditate and pray, and pray we did.

After a short devotional period led by Mr. Allan Gerber, the group entered into a season of prayer and intercession. The time was soon exhausted but not the spirit of prayer. In his gracious manner Dr. A. J. Harms then opened the Bible and in a meditation shared rich truths which he had gathered through the years from his effective pastoral ministry. The morning sessions were concluded with the group dividing into five prayer circles.

In continuation of the prayer day activities after lunch, Professor Hugo Lueck challenged the group with a thought-provoking Bible study. President Frank Veninga led in spontaneous testimonies to the grace and power of God. All present formed a large circle about the chapel and joined in a continuous chain of prayers. "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was sung with a great depth of feeling to bring the spiritually enriching day to a close.

BENDER FELLOWSHIP

The Bender Fellowship has launched an aggressive program of fall activity. On Friday evening, Sept. 29, Dr. Paul Gebauer spoke to a congregation that filled the Seminary chapel in the first meeting of the Fellowship in the new school year. Speaking in his typical staccato style, Dr. Gebauer



The incoming class of new students at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with the wives of the married students (as well as Mr. Donald Richter) also shown.

pointed up the recent trends in the Cameroons which will have a direct bearing on our missionary program in that country.

In carrying out its primary objective, the Bender Fellowship is seeking to foster a greater concern for missions in a two-fold program. The Fellowship has engaged a number of speakers, including Dr. Eugene Stockdale, Flavius Martin, and Hisashi Murakami, for information and inspiration.

In addition, the Fellowship will be in charge of one prayer chapel service each month to foster an intercessory prayer ministry for missions. Prayer folders containing missionary prayer requests have been distributed among all the members. The insert cards will be changed monthly to suggest new prayer petitions.

DENOMINATIONAL CONTACTS

The meeting of the denominational workshop on our campus, Sept. 27-29, provided a valuable opportunity for the students to see the responsible leaders of the denomination in action. We have no means to measure the impact of such contacts upon our future pastors and leaders. Only unfolding history of the next years can reveal the benefits gained through strengthened personal ties, deeper understanding, and commitment to our mission.

The coming of the God's Volunteers team to our campus for a month of intensive training gave the Seminary another opportunity to make a contribution to the larger denominational life and ministry. President Frank Veninga and Professor Roy Seibel served on the faculty with Rev. Walter Hoffman and Rev. Daniel Fuchs. Rev. Edgar Klatt completed the teaching staff as a representative of the Christian Training Institute.

Strong bonds of Christian friendship were forged between the team and the Seminary during the days of training. Their ever expanding ministry will be followed with keen, prayerful interest.

One could not complete a report on the happenings around the Seminary these days without reference to the new library building which is in the final stages of completion. As this article is being read, we are expecting to be in the process of moving!

NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

On that happy day we will see the demonstration of answered prayer as our leaders and people alike accepted the challenge to take this additional step toward providing our youth with the best training possible.

More reports will follow in time, but we must share this much now. The first impression one gains as he views

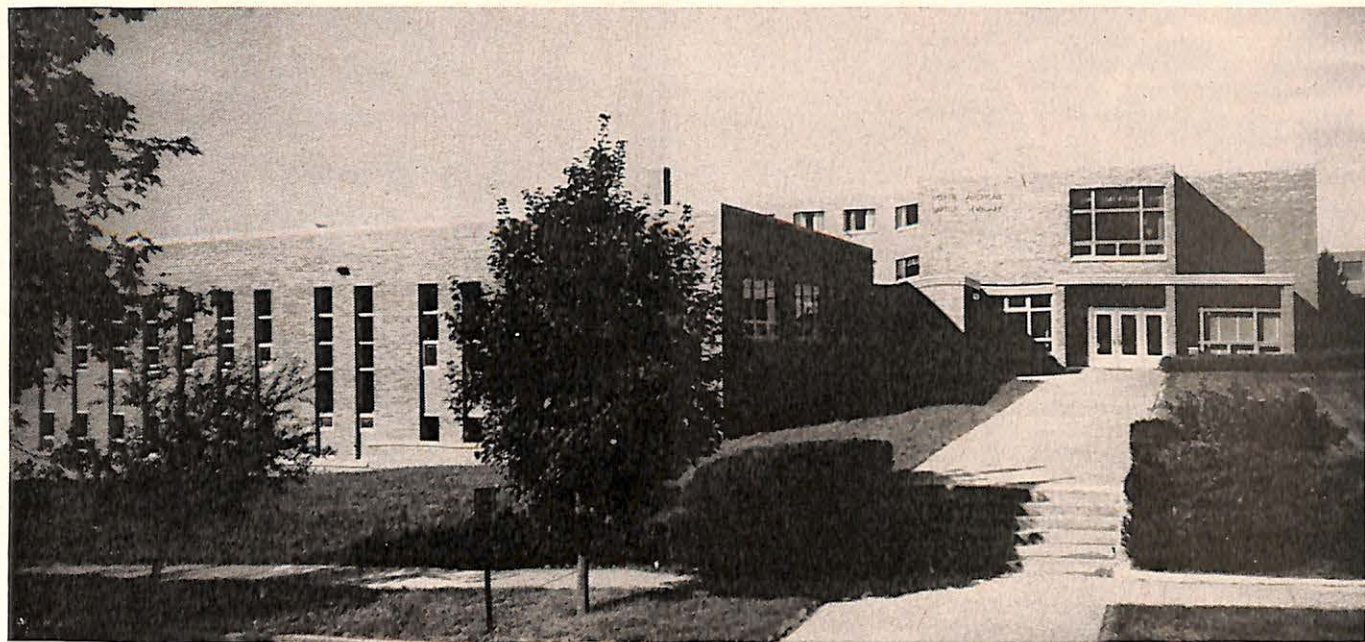
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THIRTEEN NEW STUDENTS AT THE SEMINARY

New students who entered the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., this fall.

Left to right: Ben Breikreuz, Lester Downer, Eric Ohlmann, Waldemar Kroguletz, Melvin Wipf, George Black, Wilfred Weick, John Siewert, Oryn Meinerts, John Hisal, Reinhold Kerstan, Allan Kranz and Mrs. Donald (Gladys) Richter.



THE \$150,000 LIBRARY, NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY

The new library building (left) blends attractively with the other buildings on the grounds (administrative building at the right) and actually enhances the appearance of the Seminary campus. (Photo by Roy Seibel.)

The New Seminary Library Building

The very attractive and practical library building at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is now being used by the students and will be formally dedicated on Friday, December 8, 1961.

By Miss Joyce Ringering, Librarian of the North American Baptist Seminary

THE NEW Seminary Library Building in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is completed and ready for occupancy. What will this mean to those who will use it?

The students will be most happy with the improved study areas. Instead of a concentrated study center, the new building provides for individual study areas. There is seating

for twelve persons at three tables near the reference books. Other than this, only individual study tables with a rack for books have been included. These will provide privacy for the student who wishes to study with a minimum of interruptions.

Also provided on the lower floor are four enclosed carrels for students who are writing theses or other special

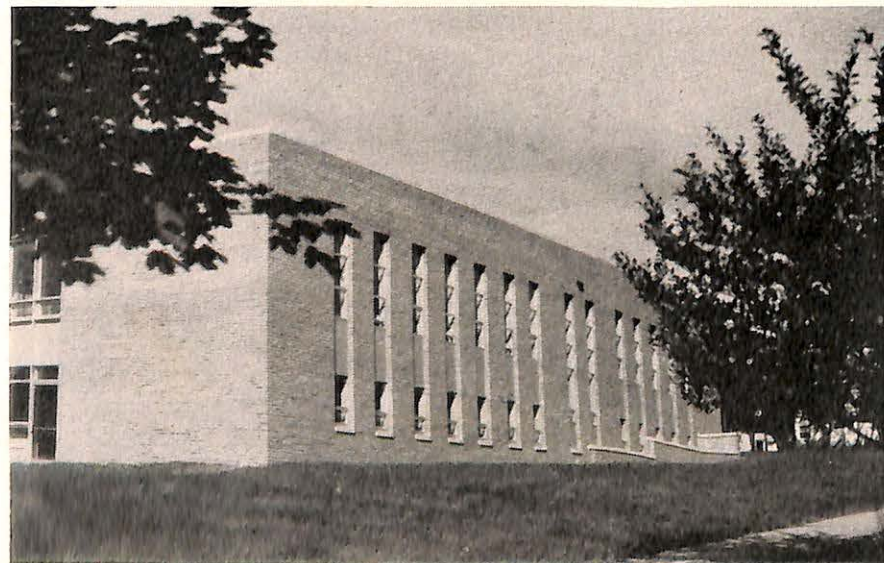
research projects and need to have their work spread out over a period of time.

STUDY AREAS

This scattering of study areas will help the students in several ways. A student will find study area near the materials he wishes to use. He need not sit next to someone and be tempted to visit when he knows that he should study. Because this temptation to visit is removed and the study area is scattered, there will be less noise to disturb all students. This noise has been a real problem in the old library.

Another area which the students will appreciate is the Typing and Conference Room which is located on the lower floor. Here, typewriters will be furnished or the students may bring their own. This is especially handy in taking comprehensive notes from reference books which are not allowed to leave the library. The added title of Conference Room is to signify that small groups who wish may meet in this room to study together.

Also located on this lower floor will be open shelving for the back issues of periodicals. This will be particularly appreciated by many students. In the old building it has been necessary for these materials to be shelved in a locked room which was too full to keep the materials in proper order. A



The imposing new library building of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., showing the attractive windows on the Euclid Street side. (Photo by M. L. Leuschner).

study area there was almost non-existent. The new building will provide space to add more materials and study tables will be placed near the periodical stacks to encourage additional study.

BEAUTIFUL BUILDING

Because of families at home, some students find it to their advantage to do more of their studying in the library. All of these study facilities will be especially helpful to them.

The new building is most attractive. Many visitors have commented on how well the new building blends in with the present complex. They have said (and we agree) that the new library actually enhances the looks of our campus. Sodding is almost complete. Landscaping will not be finished until next spring. Yet the building looks almost as though it had always been there.

Inside, too, the building is bright and attractive. The furniture has a walnut finish. This is highlighted by brightly colored upholstery and walls. All of this is in keeping with present trends in library planning to make the library a warm, attractive and inviting place. The students will surely enjoy coming into the library not only to study, but to browse and relax. Some areas are set aside for this as well.

In the area where current periodicals are displayed, lounge type furniture has been used. Also planned for this area are some low tables, lamps and planters. In another area is a large display case. This will be used to show rare books, mission curios, and other items which may be of interest.

SEMINARY ACCREDITATION

This new building is the first step in strengthening our library. It provides us with the necessary study facilities. It also provides adequate room for the expansion of our library collection. We have been hampered in trying to expand our collection to what it should be by two big items. These items have been space and budget. Now the first hindrance is out of the way.

The second will be the next to remove. In some ways it is the easier, but it is more long lasting. While a building project is a one-time proposition, the budget must be faced again and again. Year after year the budget must be re-evaluated in terms of our needs and the funds available.

The team which visited our Seminary for accreditation purposes last year told us that our book budget should be increased by approximately one thousand dollars to bring it up to the minimum standards that have been set. In addition to this, because our budget has been low, we are behind in the building up of our collection. We should, therefore, exceed this minimum figure for several years in order to bring our library up to the standard where the minimum

From the Professor's Desk

By Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Professor, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

How does the advent of the space age and the possibility of space travel and of other living beings in the universe affect our ideas about God and the Bible?

In no way does the advent of the space age necessitate any change in our idea of God; that is, if our idea of God has been big enough. And it will have been big enough if our idea of God has been adequately based upon the Bible. God is revealed in the Scriptures as infinite, eternal, all powerful, all knowing and present everywhere. He is the Creator and Preserver of this immeasurably vast universe. Everything is under his wise control and he is guiding all things to their divinely appointed end.

The more we learn about this tremendous creation of God, including the infinitesimally small as well as the incalculably large (both the microcosm and the macrocosm), the more we stand in awe of his greatness and wisdom. And when we know that he has redeemed us in Jesus Christ, we stand all amazed at his love and grace, particularly so when we understand that he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world!

Scientists feel certain that within the next few years space travel will be a reality for man. Whether their confident expectation will be fulfilled remains to be seen. The writer knows of nothing in the Bible which would preclude the possibility of interplanetary travel. If man succeeds in this scientific venture, it is hard to say what he will find in space. And to what degree he will succeed, or how far out in space he will be able to go, it is impossible to say at this early date. Some scientists are making large claims for man's future exploits in space; others are more cautious.

Another big issue in this matter regards the possibility of other intelligent life somewhere else in the universe. One of the most competent authorities in this area of investigation, Dr. Otto Struve, stated at Massachusetts Institute of Technology that we are in the midst of an intellectual revolution with regard to the existence of some kind of personal beings on other planets in the universe. He cautiously suggested that other intelligent beings occupy the cosmos and that some of them are very probably superior to us culturally. They may even

figure would be sufficient to provide for our needs.

Our people have been most wonderful in supplying for the new building. We know it will be paid for in the near future. This shows us, at the Seminary, that our churches believe in providing the best education possi-

ble for their pastors and leaders. We sincerely hope that our people in the local churches will not forget to continue their support both financially and prayerfully. Our Seminary can continue to go forward only with this continued support from you, our friends and supporters.

suspect or definitely know about our existence. As of now, we cannot know whether Dr. Struve's suggestion represents actuality. Again, the writer does not know of anything in Scripture which speaks one way or the other to this point. If it should be ascertained some time in the future that other humans do exist on another planet, this would not invalidate or change any aspect of Christian faith.

Whatever creatures there may be elsewhere, man is, as Genesis 1:26-27 asserts, made in the image of God and enjoys a unique place in God's creation, including fellowship with God. Sin ruined this relationship and corrupted God's image in man, but restoration and renewal were graciously provided through Christ's redemption. Imagine, the heavenly Father sent his only Son down to this tiny speck in the enormously immense universe to make atonement for our sins and to reconcile little, frail, rebellious men to God. But we must always remember that God does not count value according to size.

If there should be humans of some sort on another planet, surely this would not tax the Maker's energies, mercy or patience to also care for them according to his own perfect will. The astronomer Herschel said, "If one world glorifies God, more worlds glorify him all the more." W. B. Easton, Jr. states, "A multiplicity of worlds should not complicate his problem although it does expand our awe of him." All creation is under his concern and power, and he is capable of caring personally for whatever life he has created on other worlds according to whatever needs may arise in such places and in whatever way suits his plan. We cannot speculate as to what needs (such as the need for salvation) there may be out in space or how the Creator might act to provide for such needs. But we can assert that he is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can imagine or think, for he is God.

An expanded universe, space travel, or intelligent beings on other worlds in no way destroy or detract from the uniqueness of Christ as our Savior and the Bible as God's supernatural revelation to us. And beyond this, we cannot know what his plan may be for "men" out in space, if, indeed, any such do at all exist.

The Story of an Indian Miriam

The shocking but revealing story of the status of women on the Indian Reserves of Canada and the encouraging account of the Gospel's power in Indian lives.

By Rev. William Sturhahn, Co-ordinator of Indian Missions.

HER NAME is Miriam. She is an Indian woman of 36 years, living on one of the reserves of our mission work. I met Miriam in the home of the missionary, and I want to tell her story because it is so typical of the life and fate of Indian women on the reserves.

In connection with this story of Miriam, I want to reveal a little of the status of women among the Indians, but at the same time show the courage and effort which come from a heart that has taken the Lord Jesus Christ into her life. Miriam has a daughter, age five, whom she named Christine, or in short, Tina. She has two men, one of whom, named Ernie, is her legal husband. The other one is her common law husband. His name is Louis.

MIRIAM'S FAMILY

Miriam had a typical Indian childhood. Her father left her mother early. Mother and children found another man, with whom they lived, or better said—existed. They were all Roman Catholic, since no one knew of anything else. Her mother seems to have been a woman of unusual vision and wisdom. She wanted Miriam to learn to know the white man's world.

So at an early age Miriam went out into the cities of Alberta, earning and living by doing housework and other tasks commonly done by girls. At the age of 18, she was married to Ernest W., an Indian from a neighboring reserve. For six years she lived in the home of Ernest, giving birth to two boys. The boys are 14 and 16 years at the present time.

The mother of the boys made it a point to take her sons to the outside world quite frequently. She succeeded in implanting some interest in cultural things into the hearts of the boys. The result is that the older one of the boys learned to play violin. By recommendation of the priest, he was sent to a music conservatory in Quebec two years ago. He has now returned to Alberta, and is planning further music study.

The other boy, age 14, is still attending high school in the Roman Catholic residential school near Hobbema, Alberta. After six years of married life, the first severe jolt came to Miriam. An X-ray examination revealed active TB. She was immediately hospitalized and spent the next two years in the hospital.

No sooner was Miriam in the hospital than her husband took to himself Miriam's sister. They lived together as husband and wife during the en-



Miriam, the Indian mother of this story, and her daughter Tina.

tire time that Miriam was in the hospital. When Miriam was released she did not return home but succeeded in getting a little house of her own on the Indian reserve. She determined that she would remain alone.

WOMAN'S SOCIAL STANDING

For six years she succeeded in maintaining her status of single woman on and off of the reserve. It is during these six years that she received the shocking revelation of the social standing of an Indian woman on and off the reserve. While she lived in her house on the reserve, married and single men would boldly come to her door and request that she live with them. When she went off the reserve and walked through the streets of the neighboring cities, she was often confronted by white men whether she was available.

At one time in the city of Calgary, a man sided up to her and asked, "Are you a prostitute?" She turned away, because she did not even know the meaning of the word. It was only another version of the same story that she had experienced so often.

Her real husband, in the meantime, had sunk to the status of a drunken brute and criminal. He was in and out of jails, living with many other women.

One day, after six years, a fine young man asked Miriam to live with him. She consented. They have now lived together for seven years in his home on one of the reserves. Legally and officially she maintains the name of her first husband. Publically she is considered the wife of the second man. This is nothing uncommon, and no-

body questions the actions in the least. Together they have been on and off the reserve, her man Louis trying to provide home and living for Miriam and her daughter.

ACCEPTING CHRIST AS SAVIOR

Several months ago Miriam became acquainted with our missionaries. Both she and Louis accepted Christ as their Savior. Whenever possible, they walked the 3½ miles to the mission to attend Sunday service. Three weeks ago Louis told her one morning that he had to go to the city. He was going to find a job for himself, but he left no money with Miriam. For three weeks Miriam did not hear from this man.

Then she came to the mission. That is where we met, and that is where I heard her story. Knowing the ways of Indian men, she suspected that Louis might have found another woman. Her suspicion found further confirmation by the fact that Louis was aware that Miriam would probably have to go to the hospital again because there were again symptoms of active TB. Within a few days she would know the verdict of the doctor. Most likely it would mean another two years in the sanatorium. Two questions bothered her: 1) What about Louis and herself?; 2) What about her little daughter Tina?

Before I give you the answer to these two questions, I want to make a few general observations. Miriam's status as an Indian woman is typical. She differs in the fact that she has a spark of genuine womanly dignity in her. Her appearance is different than that of other Indian women. Her hair is neatly combed. Her clothes are washed and ironed. Her conscience has always told her that she has lived in adultery. Now that she has come in touch with Christ, she realizes that she must find a solution. Just what the solution will be, we cannot tell at this time.

GAME OF IMMORALITY

Adulterous and common law marital relations are so common among the Indians, that it is actually difficult to find a married couple which at some time or other has not engaged in sin. Women have no status or dignity; they are practically considered fair game by any man. I have the strong impression that the women have given up and are subjecting themselves to this game of immorality and lawlessness.

A young man of 18 came to the mission to ask for the use of the phone.

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What's Happening

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., has called Dr. W. J. Appel as interim pastor. He served formerly as director of our Baptist mission fields and work in Austria. He and Mrs. Appel began their ministry in Tacoma's Calvary Church on Oct. 15th. Rev. Robert S. Hess has become the new pastor of the Sheridan Road Baptist Church of Peoria, Illinois.

● The Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., has called Dr. M. Vanderbeck of La Crosse, Wis., as interim pastor, beginning his ministry on Sunday, Nov. 26. At that time Rev. John E. Grygo will bring his ministry there to a close, starting as denominational editor of German publications on Dec. 1st. Dr. Vanderbeck is one of several denominational interim and supply pastors.

● The obituary of Mrs. Charles Wagner of Portland, Oregon that appeared in the August 17, 1961 issue (page 22) of the "Baptist Herald" omitted the following sentence with this request: "A Wagner Memorial Fund has been initiated by the many who cherish the memory of her inspired life." Rev. William H. Jeshke is the pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, of which Mrs. Wagner was an honored member.

● The German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta., has called Rev. Henry S. Stinner of Simcoe, Ontario, as its pastor to serve during the next year. He has responded favorably to the call and is already at the Calgary Church. Mr. Stinner was the pastor of the German Baptist Church in Toronto, Ontario, some years ago. In the Calgary church he has succeeded Rev. Waldemar E. Ertis, now pastor of the Salem Church of Kitchener, Ontario.

● The First Baptist Church of Leola, S. Dak., observed its Mission and Harvest Festival on Sunday, Sept. 24. Rev. A. J. Fischer of Linton, N. Dak., served as the guest speaker. The services were well attended and the offerings amounted to \$1,250. Revival meetings were held at the Leola church during the following week from Sept. 25 to 29 with Rev. A. J. Fischer bringing the messages. Rev. A. E. Reeh is pastor of the church as well as the nearby church at Eureka, S. Dak.

● A film in Kodachrome color entitled, "The Kitimat Story," has been released this fall by the Alcan Aluminum Company Ltd. and the Chamber of Commerce of Kitimat, British Columbia. This film includes, among other things, the rendition of "The Hal-elujah Chorus" by Handel sung by all of the Kitimat church choirs under the direction of Mr. Hans Diesing, a member of the Kitimat Baptist

Church. This is also a Christian witness, honoring the Lord Jesus Christ!

● The Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 1st, with Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. The offerings amounted to \$817 for the building fund and \$644 for N. A. B. missions, totalling \$1,461. In view of crop failures this past summer in this area, these offerings represented sacrificial giving. The Sunday School attendance on Oct. 1st was 152. The enrollment is announced as 157. Rev. Harold W. Weiss, pastor, led the services of this festive day.

● The latest North American Baptist statistics, recently announced by the headquarters' office and to be published in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald," will reveal that there are now 312 churches in our fellowship, a net gain of 12 over that of last year. There are still quite a number of newly organized churches that as yet have not been received officially into the denominational fellowship. "We are beginning to see the wonderful blessings of our Church Extension program in new, aggressive churches."

● Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haupt, missionaries at Bali, Cameroons, and their children, Cheryl and Anita, and Miss Esther Schultz, Cameroons missionary and teacher, sailed from Africa on August 29 for Southampton, England. Mr. Haupt is now engaged in studies in England. Miss Schultz has returned to the United States for her furlough. Miss Minnie Kuhn, missionary nurse, went by plane from Douala, Africa on Sept. 13 to Paris, France. Her relatives arranged to meet her for a European tour prior to her return to Canada.

● On Sept. 17 during the Sunday morning service at the West Center Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., Ralph Backhaus, Sunday School superintendent, presented Joanne Benke,

Laura E. Reddig

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II of England has appointed Miss Laura E. Reddig, one of our Baptist missionaries, a Member of the Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.) in recognition of her services to the people of the Cameroons. On September 15, 1961 the Commissioner of the Cameroons presented to her at Buea the Queen's order and with it the medal that signifies membership in the Order. We rejoice with Laura Reddig in the words of Rev. Fred Folkert, acting field superintendent of our Cameroons Baptist Mission: "It is a high honor well deserved."

daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jothan G. Benke, the grand award prize for completing her ninth year in Scripture Memory work. Pins and bars for other memorizers were presented on a previous occasion. Sunday School Promotion Day exercises were held Sunday, Sept. 24. Another course on Scripture Memory work began on Oct. 1st, as reported by Mrs. Harm Frerichs.

● The Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, held a series of Bible study meetings from Oct. 22 to 27 with Dr. S. Franklin Logsdon, noted pastor and Bible teacher, as guest speaker. On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 8, the church celebrated the 20th anniversary of its pipe organ with a special organ recital held by Gordon Farnell of North Central College, Naperville, Ill. The Mission Rally held from Sept. 22 to 24 was very successful. Dr. Paul Gebauer and Miss Ruby Salzman, Cameroons missionaries, were the featured speakers. Rev. Howard Johnson is the pastor of the church.

● On Sunday, June 4, the guest speaker at the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon, was Rev. Thomas Dulin on the occasion of his 100th birthday. He resides with a daughter in the community near the church. Mrs. Sally Opper, church clerk, reported that "Mr. Dulin is very alert and writes many inspirational poems honoring the Lord. Our hearts were thrilled as we listened to him unfolding the Scriptures." During the services his family, including four generations, was recognized and Rev. Thomas Dulin was presented with a plaque and birthday cake from the church.

● On Tuesday evening, Sept. 26, about 250 members and friends of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., held a surprise party for Rev. William Hoover, pastor, on his 50th birthday. (The birth date is Sept. 27). Mr. Hoover's mother of Toronto, Ontario as well as members of the family were also present. Musical numbers added to the evening's enjoyment. Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., and Rev. W. W. Knauf of Benton Harbor, Mich., brought greetings. Rev. Reginald Shepley, associate minister, and Mr. David Rivers, director of Christian Education, brought congratulatory remarks.

● The fall Denominational Workshop was held at our Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from Sept. 27 to 29 with all headquarters secretaries, the four district secretaries, and the presidents of the Seminary and Christian Training Institute present. Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons missionary, was an invited guest. The members of the Workshop also took part in the chapel services of the Seminary, heard the testimonies of Flavius Martin of Africa, Mr. Hisashi Murakami of Japan, and Mr. Reinhold Kerstan of Germany and Switzerland, at present students at the Seminary and Sioux Falls College.

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We the Women

BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN
W. M. U. President

A CALL TO PRAYER

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

Every Christian is acquainted with the value and power of prayer. Real prayer is more than a religious exercise. It is not only a privilege, but a vital part of a Christian's life. It has appropriately been called "the Christian's vital breath." Prayer is indispensable. One cannot live a holy life, neither be fruitful or useful for God, unless he spends much time before God in prayer.

Alexis Carrel, the greatly known and loved physician, once wrote: "Prayer is the most powerful form of energy one can generate. . . . When we pray, we link ourselves with the inexhaustible motive power that spins the universe. We ask that a part of this power be apportioned to our needs. Even in asking, our human deficiencies are filled and we arise strengthened and repaired."

In times like these, we need to pray as we never have before. No sincere Christian confronted by a world of unrest, upheaval, agitation and confusion can question the need for united prayer.

The Baptist women of the world, through the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, have set aside the first Friday of December (Dec. 1, 1961) to pray together. The European Baptist Women's Union, organized in 1948, was the first to recognize the great need of a united prayer effort. So the general call was sent out by the Executive Committee of the Women's Department in 1951. Each year the interest has grown and more women have joined in prayer around the globe. From daybreak (12:01 a.m.) to nightfall (11:59 p.m.) on that day, Baptist women somewhere will be "praying without ceasing."

The theme for this year is "Think on These Things" using the Scripture found in Philippians 4:8-9. The material falls into three main areas of concern: "Greatness of God," "Contentment Through God," and "Unity Before God." It is easily adapted to meet the needs of your group. As you plan, remember that prayer is the object of your meeting.

The special offering to be received on that day will be designated for the women's work of the Baptist World Alliance. We are part of this great company of Baptist women around the world. One way that we can "LIVE ABUNDANTLY IN THE WORLD OUTREACH" is through this greater fellowship of helping the women of Africa, Europe, Asia, Latin America

AN INDIAN MIRIAM

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He was dirty, uncombed and uncouth. I asked whether he was related to S. M. "Yes," he said, "in a way. I live with his daughter." "What do you mean?" I inquired. "Are you married to his daughter?" "No, we are not married, but I live in their home." The girl of 17 is already the mother of two children. Anytime that this boy wishes, he can leave this girl and find himself another woman. Unusual? Not at all. This is common practice.

The missionaries informed me that most girls at the age of 15 or 16 have their first baby. It appears that two basic evils have undermined the lives of the reserve living Indians. 1) A subjection to lawlessness and irresponsible attitude on the part of the men and even the leading men on the reserves. Government has failed to provide laws and regulations to govern the lives of these people which in every other way are wards of the government. Corruption, immorality and drunkenness go together.

2) Womanhood has given up every effort to reclaim its dignity and rightful status in the society. Women are generally careless and unattractive in dress and appearance. The immoral subjection of women is being perpetuated from grandmother to mother to daughter.

Our missionaries to the Indians have a gigantic task. These evils cannot be remedied by one missionary, nor will remedy come within a short time. Government, welfare and church agencies will have to work in close co-operation. Since we are the bearers of the Good News of Christ and must apply this good news to the whole man, it appears that initiative and guidance in this task must basically come from the missionaries. It seems that only by much prayer and fasting—sacrificing—will the power of God become effective in the lives of these people. Will you be a prayer helper?

What about Miriam? The end of the chapter is not yet written, but I shall keep you informed.

and other countries establish their own work.

PRESIDENTS, please notice that on page seven of the material that has been sent to you there is a "Tear off Slip for Day of Prayer Offering." Directions for sending are also given. Read this information very carefully. Mail your total offering with this "Tear Off Slip" directly to the treasurer of the North American Baptist Women's Union: Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Student Union, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. A receipt will be mailed to you.

One of the rewards of observing the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer is that we will experience a real sense of the Presence of God in our own lives and in the lives of all fellow-believers everywhere in the world.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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• Eighty members of the German Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., spent Sunday, Oct. 1st, at the Bethel Church of Milwaukee, Wis. The Benton Harbor choir presented several numbers in music at the morning and afternoon services and Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor, brought the messages. The two combined choirs directed by Mr. Fred Treu, Sr., and Mr. Ed Wolff rendered several inspiring numbers at the afternoon musical program. Instrumental numbers were also given. On Sunday, Oct. 8, Rev. W. W. Knauf received three new members by letter and testimony into the German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, bringing the total membership to 115.

What will be your THANKSGIVING GIFT to the Lord Jesus Christ?

• The Bender Fellowship of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., held its first meeting of the school year on Friday evening, Sept. 29. Mr. Raymond Hoffman of Ashley, N. Dak., president, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Paul Gebauer, who spoke on "Trends in the Cameroons Today." A mission project of \$242 for the Indian Mission Field was adopted. The offering of the evening amounted to \$51.80. Several musical numbers were presented, including special songs by the Fellowship Ensemble directed by Rev. Ronald Mayforth. On Oct. 20 the Bender Fellowship group heard Mr. Flavius Martin from Africa and Mr. Hisashi Murakami from Japan, students in Sioux Falls. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 30 with Dr. Eugene R. Stockdale as the guest speaker. Other officers of the Fellowship are: Ken Fenner of Cleveland, Ohio, vice-president; and Don Richter of St. Paul, Minn., secretary.

• On Sunday morning, Sept. 24, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck presented his resignation to the congregation of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, effective December 31, 1961. He has accepted the appointment to become the executive administrator of a new Home for the Aged which is planned by a group of North American Baptist businessmen in Southern California. This action was taken with the blessing of the Board of Deacons and given blessing by the congregation. It will take about 21 to 27 months to complete the first unit for this "Anaheim Town House." Land must still be secured in addition to zoning privileges and initial funds. The completed project along with a loan from FHA will cost several million dollars. All funds will be secured on an individual basis and it is expected that all expenses can be met without making an appeal for funds to our NAB churches. Mr. Vanderbeck has been pastor of the Bethel Church of Anaheim since 1957.

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 19, 1961

Theme: GROWTH THROUGH SELF-DISCIPLINE (Temperance)

Scripture: II Peter 1:2-11

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Self-discipline should be practiced in such a way that it will free us from ourselves and help us to find our freedom in Christ.

INTRODUCTION: There are so many books written on self-discipline and self-improvement that it is often difficult to know where to begin. Some are confusing and contradictory as to procedure and method. All claim to have a sure cure for whatever ails us. Perhaps this is one area in which we should go "back to the Bible." Its language is simple enough for all to understand and the help and strength of the Holy Spirit is felt to a greater degree.

The Word of God recognizes the weaknesses of the flesh. There are desires, appetites and passions which, though normal in themselves, become dangerous when they are out of control. Some external discipline is often necessary in the process of growth. The goal is inward strength of character, which helps us to say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

I. SELF-DISCIPLINE THROUGH KNOWLEDGE. II Peter 1:2-3.

Peter was a great man of faith. But it was not a faith based on ignorance. Again and again in the apostle's letters we come across the phrase, "knowledge of God." It gives us a clear indication that Peter's faith was firmly established on his knowledge of God, which he gained through fellowship with Jesus, through personal experience, as well as through education. The self-discipline which Peter practiced was based primarily on what he knew about God, and the more he learned about God the more meaningful his discipline became.

II. SELF-DISCIPLINE THROUGH GOD'S PROMISES. II Peter 1:4.

Peter knew a great deal about God's promises. He was there when Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always." With such a promise the effort of self-discipline is lessened to a greater degree. The presence of Jesus gives comfort and strength and assures us that while we are doing our best, Christ is doing his best. And his best is always better. Self-discipline is not something we are required to do outside of Christ, but with Christ.

III. SELF-DISCIPLINE THROUGH

HOLY ADDITION. II Peter 1:5-9.

Self-discipline should not lead to self-satisfaction. To a Christian, low aim is a crime. An easy goal is not much of an incentive. That is why Peter gives us this wonderful problem in addition. As soon as our self-discipline is evident in one area, let us add another. The sequence of these virtues is important. The apostle begins with faith and ends with love. But love itself has no end. From there it goes on ad infinitum. Since God's love cannot be measured, our capacity for love is also measureless.

IV. SELF-DISCIPLINE THROUGH PERSEVERANCE. II Peter 1:10-11.

Peter makes us aware of a great danger: nothing succeeds like success; nothing discourages like failure. Self-discipline is difficult because the progress often seems so slow. We cannot grow as fast as a mushroom and at the same time have the strength of an oak tree. The thought of failure will enter our minds only if we rely on our own strength. If we persevere in our faith in God's strength, then, as Peter reminds us, "ye shall never fall."

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 26, 1961

Theme: CONTINUING GROWTH

Scripture: II Timothy 1:3-14

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A strong physical body may be a poor specimen unless it is inhabited by a mature, growing spirit.

INTRODUCTION: When a Christian begins his new life, he needs a great deal of encouragement, sympathy and love. He is aware of his temptations, his spiritual difficulties, his ignorance and his weaknesses. He relies largely on the help of those who are experienced Christians. But he cannot always depend upon others to carry him along. The strong ought to help the weak, but not in such a way that they will remain weak. They must learn to develop their own strength and not depend on the strength of others. They must learn to develop a personal faith in God and not rely on the faith of their friends. They must become part of the assets of the Kingdom of God and cease to be liabilities.

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

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

Paul was concerned about the continued growth of his spiritual son, Timothy. His fatherly advice, his directives and his love are not given in order to make Timothy dependent on him, but that he may learn to be more dependent on Jesus Christ.

I. CONTINUING GROWTH THROUGH INTERCESSION. II Timothy 1:3-4.

What a strengthening and comforting effect these words must have had on the mind and spirit of young Timothy. To have a man of such strong faith pray for him gave him the assurance that his own faith cannot fail.

We are grateful when we are in someone else's thoughts and prayers occasionally, but Timothy was remembered in prayer continually—night and day. Such intercession becomes meaningful to the one who prays and for him who is prayed for.

II. CONTINUING GROWTH THROUGH THE HOME. II Timothy 1:5.

Paul is humble in his relationship with Timothy. He does not take full credit for his Christian growth and strength. Without the warm pious influence of the home in which Timothy's mother and grandmother played such an important role, it would have been difficult for Paul to have given additional help and guidance. Because Timothy received a good religious foundation in the home, Paul was able to help him build upon it.

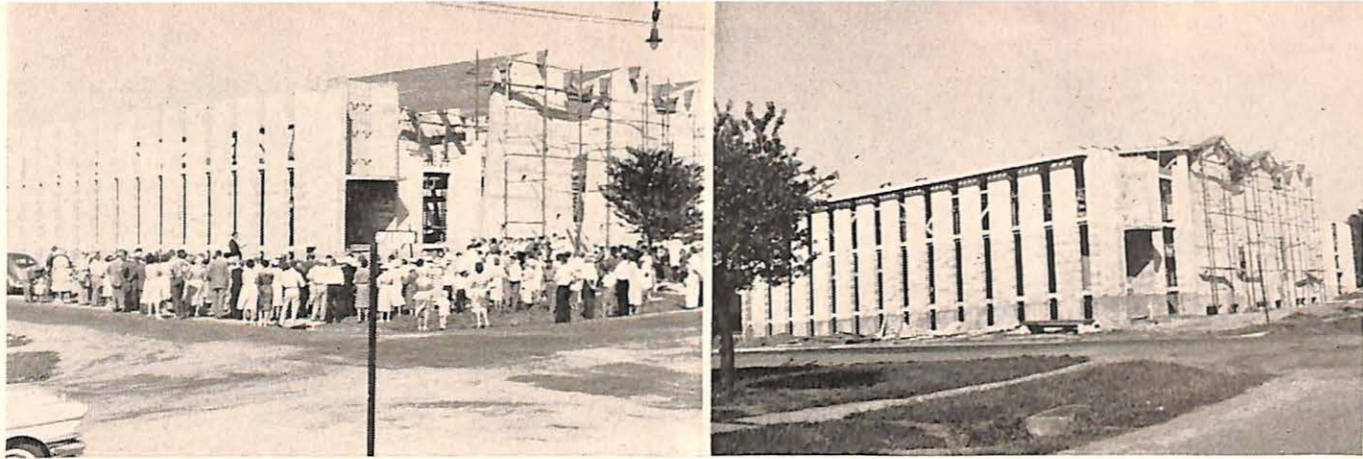
III. CONTINUING GROWTH THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF OUR GIFTS. II Timothy 1:6-7.

Sometimes we get the impression that Timothy was a little timid. Perhaps because he was so closely associated with Paul, he may have felt that whatever gifts he had were very insignificant compared to the talents the great apostle displayed. Paul seemed to notice his hesitation and directed him to stir up his latent gift. It was held in check because of a spirit of fear, and Paul had to remind him of God's spirit of power and love and a sound mind.

IV. CONTINUING GROWTH THROUGH AFFLICTION. II Timothy 1:8-12.

Growth is not easy. Every sincere Christian is sometimes troubled by spiritual growing pains if he has volunteered to be a "partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel." Paul often suffered because he was proud of his Christian faith, proud of the Gospel, proud of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Even though it may seem like a shameful experience to be in prison, Paul felt proud to be a prisoner of Jesus Christ. It was only his body that was committed to prison; his soul was "committed unto him against that day."

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NEW SANCTUARY OF BETHANY CHURCH, VANCOUVER, B. C.

The imposing new building of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, with the large crowd of members and friends for the cornerstone laying service (left) and about ten days later (right).

Church Cornerstone Laying Services

Reports from Vancouver, B. C., and from New York City.

Cornerstone Laying Service, Bethany Church, Vancouver

Sunday, August 20, was a memorable day in the history of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C. This was the day when the cornerstone was placed in the structure of the new sanctuary and educational unit.

What a day of gladness it was! A great crowd had gathered at the site of our new church, so that the 300 programs which had been prepared were insufficient. Our spirits were lifted by what we saw and heard. Before us was the rising building and everywhere about us were people, members, friends and guests.

From various sections resounded the strains of music as the band played, the choirs sang and the people lifted their voices in the singing of the great hymns of the church. Our guest speaker, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, imparted sound counsel when he reminded us that the best

possible cornerstone is Christ.

The further program of building the church has been placed into our hands with an exhortation to build discreetly. Following the presentation of the items for the cornerstone, the trowel was handed to the mason by Mr. Willi Radke, chairman of the Building Committee, who then placed the stone with the assistance of Mr. Ervin Radke. Rev. Herbert Hiller, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta then led us in a prayer of thanksgiving and dedication.

More and more we are able to see our anticipated hopes become reality. Back in 1959 we purchased our property because we lacked Sunday School facilities. Then on May 25, 1961 ground was broken and the building program has proceeded without interruption. With the continued cooperation of our people and the blessings of God, we hope to enter the new building before the end of the year.

Isador Faszer, Pastor



Groundbreaking service held by the Immanuel Church of New York, N. Y., at its new church site in Woodside, Long Island.

Left to right: Mr. August Sterling, contractor; Mrs. Carolina Quenzer, who turned over the first shovel of ground; Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor; Mr. R. F. Herzog, senior, deacon. (The church's youth leader is leaning against the car).

Ground Breaking Service, Immanuel Church, New York City

After waiting for more than six months for the building permit, we of the Immanuel Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., at last could rejoice and the ground breaking services could be held on September 10 on the new premises. The site comprises a whole street front on 31st Avenue, between 68th and 69th Streets, Woodside, Long Island, only a few blocks from our parsonage. With about 300 persons present, including members of the Second, Evergreen and Ridgewood Churches, and using a loud speaker, we sang hymns and presented musical numbers with an impressive welcome to the new neighborhood.

Our highly esteemed pastor, Rev. Assaf Husmann—his being the beginning of his 15th year of fruitful service at Immanuel—rallied the congregation with a hymn of praise. Rev. P. Zoschke of the Evergreen Church read the Scripture passage. Our pastor's sermon stressed this truth: "This church is to be dedicated as on fire for Christ, winning souls for Christ, and to be a beacon light for this neighborhood!" We were honored to have the moderator of the General Conference, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, with us to extend kind greetings and to ask God's blessings upon us.

The undersigned then gave a short historical report of the church, now in its 67th year, valuing the vast improvements which have been made by God's grace under the leadership of Rev. A. Husmann. He also introduced our own brother, August Sterling, as the contractor to build this sanctuary. The honor of breaking the ground was given to the widow of our former beloved deacon, Karl Quenzer, Mrs. Carolina Quenzer, a reliable church worker with a 43 year record of continued membership.

Now we pray that the Lord may add his blessing to this great undertaking with an estimated cost of \$238,000, that it may be brought to a successful completion. We have sold our present church with the understanding that it will be vacated by Dec. 31.

R. F. Herzog, Reporter

Our Denomination in ACTION

Western District

Rev. T. W. Leger Celebrates 100th Birthday Anniversary

On August 31st the Baptist Home for the Aged of Portland, Oregon, celebrated the 100th birthday anniversary of Rev. Theo. Leger who has been a guest of the Home since 1955. A number of the Board of Directors were present as well as pastors of the local churches. One of the highlights of the celebration was a duet sung by Rev. Theo. Leger and Mrs. Bertha Rich, also of the Home. Victor Steinfeld, president of the Home, Dr. John Wobig and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg brought messages of congratulations. Mr. Leger is believed to be the oldest living minister in our denomination.

In 1890 he went to Africa as a missionary but returned four years later due to his health, at which time he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received his Bachelor and Masters degrees in Theology. Later he served as a minister in Kentucky, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Two of his daughters, Evelyn L. Jensen of Hillsboro, Oregon and Bernice Towle of Los Angeles, Calif., were present for the occasion.

Mrs. L. C. Johnson, Reporter

Baptism and Pastor's Farewell, Stafford Church, Oregon

We of the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon have had the joy of adding six new members to our fellowship by baptism and one by letter. These new converts were baptized by our former pastor, Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, during a morning worship service. This was indeed an especially happy oc-



Rev. T. W. Leger of Portland, Oregon, smiling on his 100th birthday at the Baptist Home for the Aged.

casation for our pastor because he experienced the joy of baptizing his own son and daughter. The new members are: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wray, Shawn Wray, David Miller, Barbara Oppel, and Stanley and Jeanette Gerlitz.

On Sunday evening, June 4th, Rev. Ervin Gerlitz preached his farewell message to his congregation at Stafford Baptist Church. A farewell party was held for the Gerlitz family following the evening service in the church basement. A time of refreshment and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Rev. Ervin Gerlitz has felt led to do Church Extension work in Renton, Washington. We are thankful for his ministry to us.

Sally Oppel, Church Clerk

Ground Breaking Ceremony, Stafford Church, Sherwood

Sunday, July 9th, was a memorable Lord's Day for the people of the Stafford Baptist Church of Sherwood, Oregon. That afternoon a ground breaking service was held for the construction of a new educational unit. A 75 year



Rev. Ervin Gerlitz and seven members received into the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon, by baptism and letter before the close of his ministry at the church.

old parsonage was torn down to make way for this new building. Approximately 115 people attended this out-of-door service. Most of our Oregon churches were well represented and participated in the program. We were pleased to have Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, our District Secretary, as our guest speaker. A history of our church was given by our former pastor, Rev. Ervin Gerlitz. The dedicatory prayer was rendered by our new pastor, Rev. Henry Barnet. The Junior/Intermediate Department of our Sunday School favored us with a medley of choruses accompanied by a guitar.

On Friday evening, Sept. 15th, mem-

Send reports promptly, within four weeks after the event. Limit reports to 175 words. Thanks!

EDITOR.



Rev. Henry Barnet (left), pastor, and Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, former pastor of the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon, break ground for the new educational unit.

bers of the Stafford Baptist Church held a reception for our new pastor, Rev. Henry Barnet, and his family. Mr. Barnet was formerly the superintendent of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Portland, Oregon. Each president of the various church groups brought a word of welcome to them. Mrs. Barnet was presented with a lovely corsage by the Ladies' Missionary Society. The choir rendered a special number. Words of welcome and encouragement came from the pastors of our sister churches and also from our District Secretary, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg.

Sally Oppel, Church Clerk

Teachers Honored by Bethel Church, Anaheim, California

The young people of Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., directed by Rev. George Breitkreuz, Minister of Christian Education, have launched a busy fall and winter schedule including weekly work by visitation teams. A service on Promotion Sunday evening, Sept. 24, honored advancing Sunday School pupils.

The next evening an appreciation banquet was served 77 teachers and workers. Robert Martin was master of ceremonies. Don Bentley led the singspiration and Rev. John Vanderbeck, pastor, offered the prayer. Mr. Breitkreuz then recognized the faithful work of the teachers and awarded them certificates of service. Responses came from Mrs. Herbert Bowen, superintendent, and Paul Jungkeit, chairman of the Board of Christian Education. The delicious dinner was provided by Mrs. Dayton Smith and committee and decorations arranged by Mrs. William Berry and Mrs. Kenneth Studebaker. Guest speaker was Rev. Walter Dingfield of the Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles, Calif., whose challenging message admonished the teachers always to give out the precious Word of God.

Mrs. R. Mellen, Reporter

Northern District

McDermot Avenue Baptist Vacation School, Winnipeg

The halls and Sunday School rooms at the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, were filled with much activity from August 14 to 25 as our forty-five Vacation Bible School teachers, under the directorship of Mr. Richard Hohensee, diligently sought to sow "The Word" in the hearts of some 220 scholars every evening. Our enrollment reached a record high of 314. We thank God for the two souls who found Christ, as together we studied his Word, basing our studies on our theme, "God's Time."

Violet Lepholtz, Reporter

Scripture Memory Course, Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Man.

On Sunday, June 25, the Scripture Memory Course students presented a short program depicting the year's work at the Oak Bank Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Manitoba. The children recited some of the Bible verses and sang some of the songs which they had learned throughout the year.

Lorraine Albrecht, the leader of the course for Oak Bank, expressed a few thoughts on the importance of memorizing Bible verses, as well as an explanation of the Scripture Memory Program as set up at our denominational headquarters. Fifteen boys and girls completed the course. Awards were presented to them after the program.

Mrs. E. Lange, Reporter

Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Hilda, Alta.

"Living For Jesus" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held in July at the Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta. Our pastor, Rev. Ervin Strauss, was the director. The group was divided into four classes: Beginners, Primary, Juniors and Junior High. The enrollment was 48 pupils



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Hilda Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta. Rev. Ervin Strauss, the school's director and pastor of the church, is at the extreme right.



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

with an average attendance of 44.

A word of appreciation is extended to the 19 teachers and helpers who took time from their daily tasks to do such a splendid job in instructing the children. The ladies of the church took turns providing refreshments for the children which were served at both morning and afternoon recesses. The daily offerings of \$30 were designated for "Starving Children." On Wednesday evening, July 19, a closing program was presented and the handwork was displayed, evidencing the study and activity of the foregoing week.

Mrs. Shirley Semrau, Reporter

Eastern District

Salem Church, Kitchener, Ontario, Welcomes New Pastor

The Salem Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ontario, was organized on March 7, 1960 by 40 former members of the Central Baptist Church of the city. After the first services had been held in a rather small apartment, it became possible to rent a spacious hall, which now meets the requirements of our church in preaching

the Word of God. At a council meeting called by the Eastern Conference churches on Nov. 4, 1960, the Salem Baptist Church was recognized, and at the 1961 Eastern Conference, sessions the church was welcomed into the North American Baptist General Conference. During the past 18 months ministers of neighboring Baptist churches and of Mennonite Brethren churches have rendered their assistance in bringing the Gospel message to us.

Recently Rev. Waldemar Ertis of Calgary, Alberta, who had served almost six years as pastor of the German Baptist Church, accepted the call of our church to become our minister. On Sunday, Sept. 3, we welcomed him to our church and into our fellowship. About 500 guests of neighboring churches were present in the spacious auditorium of the Kitchener-Waterloo College building to attend the inauguration of our first minister. Representatives of various branches of the church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Ertis by word and in song. Special numbers were rendered by a male quartet of St. Catharines, Ont. Rev. W. C. Darnau, mission secretary of the Eastern Conference, served as guest speaker and extended the greetings from the North American Baptist General Conference. Concluding the services, Brother Waldemar Ertis addressed the congregation thanking for the kind reception. Special thanks was also expressed for the efforts of the Ladies Society providing a bountiful luncheon where all guests were able to unite again in fellowship.

Wm. Sommer, Clerk.

Central District

Reception for New Pastor at Harvey, N. Dak.

On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., welcomed into its midst our new pastor and his family, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Lang, formerly of Napoleon, N. Dak. We had a fellowship dinner in the church basement following the morning worship service.

At 2:00 P.M., we gathered in the main auditorium along with friends of

the church for a short program. Words of welcome were spoken by different representatives of branches of the church. Mayor Loerch of our city also brought a short welcome. Several musical numbers were rendered and Rev. Gordon Thomas of the Fessenden Church gave a short message. May God add his blessings in the days that lie ahead as we work together for his cause!

Mrs. Leonard Keszler, Clerk

Baptism at Riverview Church, West St. Paul, Minn.

On two successive Sunday nights in August, 16 persons were baptized by Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minnesota, and were welcomed into the fellowship of the church. On August 20, Dora Renstrom, Charlene Bennett, Gael Bruce, Michael Hildebrandt, Patricia Ishibashi, and sisters Marie and Connie Guthrie were baptized.

On August 27, a joint baptismal service was held with the Randolph Baptist Church, and the following were baptized from Riverview: Mrs. Bruce Parkinson, her three daughters—Nancee, Lynn and Carol Parkinson, Steven Stary, and brother and sister from two families, David and Mark Tuck and Cathy and David Burke.

Mrs. Gerald Miller, Reporter

Recent Events at Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

The First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., has appointed a church photographer to take color slides of the various activities held during the year. These slides will then be shown at our Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve in a program entitled, "The Year in Review." A new church paper to be published monthly, is being planned and will include items of interest to all members. An effective Vacation Bible School under the direction of our pastor, was held June 12-23, with an enrollment of 83 children and 18 teachers and helpers. Ten decisions were made for Christ. An attractive float advertising the school was used to tour the city for publicity purposes. Eighteen young people went to summer camps. Rev. and Mrs. Miller served as counsellors for the Junior Camp and Miss Judi Sutton served as assistant counsellor. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Krause served as Canteen Managers for the Senior Camp.

Several of our young people have enrolled in schools for another year: Robert Bender, Whitewater State College; Allan Krause, University of Wisconsin; Barbara Leischer, West Suburban Nurses Hospital; Kathryn Norman, and Ruth Rabenhorst, Wheaton College; Richard Rabenhorst, Bethel College; and Norman Schroeder, Vanderbilt University. Our pastor speaks once a month on the local radio station in a program entitled, "The Church Along the Way."

Mrs. Milton Bender, Reporter.

Summer Events at Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pritzkau of Sioux Falls, South Dakota served the Church Extension project and Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Junction City, Kansas under the Student Service Plan



Vacation Bible School group held by the Junction City Church Extension and Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas. Rev. Edwin F. Walter, pastor, is at the right (back row).

and the Church Extension Committee from July 26 to August 28. Their ministry was appreciated very much. Mr. Pritzkau is a second year student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin F. Walter attended the General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., and also had their vacation after the conference.

We had an enrollment of 51 pupils in the Vacation Bible School. Darlene Strobel and Patricia Quenzer were two



Teachers and helpers serving at the Vacation Bible School held by the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin.

of the helpers sent to us by the Student Service Plan. Other teachers were Mrs. Noten Martinitz, Mrs. Edwin F. Walter, Miss Linda Brenner, Evelyn Walter and the pastor, Rev. Edwin F. Walter.

Edwin F. Walter, Pastor

Reception for New Pastor at Jamestown, N. Dak.

A reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. H. Walter Trim and family on Wednesday evening, September 20th by the First Baptist Church, Jamestown, N. Dak. About 175 members and friends were present. A program was given in the church parlors with Dr. M. Vanderbeck, Interim Pastor, in

charge. Words of farewell and words of welcome were given by the chairman of the Board of Deacons, George Berge. Other words of welcome were given by Miss Marilyn Truax, Mr. Curtis Bury, Mrs. Jim Martin, Mrs. Christ Rott, Mrs. Stanley Herr and Mr. Loren Ordal. Several special numbers in music were rendered.

Dr. M. Vanderbeck gave the charge to the church—with the three important words, "Heaven Cannot Wait." He also gave the charge to the new pastor. Rev. and Mrs. H. Walter Trim gave their appropriate responses to the welcome and the charge. Mrs. Reuben Wolff was at the organ. The members of the church expressed their appreciation for Dr. Vanderbeck's ministry in our midst.

Brother Trim was a student pastor in Columbus, North Carolina, serving a Southern Presbyterian Church. He received his B.A. degree from Bob Jones University. After two years of service in this church, he accepted the call to the Christian Fundamental Church of Wibaux, Montana, where he served for three years. He was ordained in the Grace Baptist Church of Bozeman, Montana in 1957. He served that church as its pastor from 1955 until 1961.

Agnes Austin, Church Clerk

Woman's Society Observes 40th Anniversary, Plevna, Mont.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Plevna, Mont., had the joy of observing the 40th year of its organization on Sunday, Sept. 3. The historical report revealed that one charter mem-

ber is with the society and four others live elsewhere. The largest membership was 40, the present membership is 16. Eleven persons served as president. The activities from the beginning were visiting the sick, helping the poor and needy, supporting the local church and doing mission work at home and abroad. Approximately half of the \$20,000 was given for missionary purposes. Former pastors' wives and charter members sent letters of greetings and congratulations that were read at the service. Mrs. Karl Hepperle, the only charter member, told of some of the hardships of the early years, but she was able also to tell of times of blessing. The guest speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schmeider, our mission-

aries in the Cameroons. They challenged us to "Greater Things Through Christ." The missionary offering was \$236.00. It is our desire to work for the Lord in the coming years.
Mrs. Rose Fuchs, Secretary

Baptism and Rally Day Program, Randolph, Minn.

On Sunday evening, August 27th, the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., baptized five people in a joint baptismal service with the Riverview Baptist Church in West St. Paul, Minn. The hand of fellowship was extended to them at the quarterly communion service on Oct. 1st.

A Promotion and Rally Day program was held during the Sunday School hour on Sept. 24. Mrs. Paul Miller, Mrs. Paul Guildner and Mrs. LeRoy Scott planned the program around the theme, "God's Garden." As each successive class appeared in the pageant, they carried with them plants at various stages of development—first a tiny plant, then the full grown plant with large green foliage, and finally bouquets of flowers. The male quartet of Milton Eckstrom, Nathan Lufi, Jim Cagle and the pastor supplied the background music.

Eleon L. Sandau, Pastor

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK Nov. 19-26, 1961

Ordination of Rev. Ronald Derman, Grand Forks, N. D.

Delegates for the ordination of Mr. Ronald Derman met at the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., at 2:30 P.M. on Friday, Sept. 22. Dr. Chester Faul, moderator of the local church, began the meeting with devotions. Rev. Willis Potratz, host pastor, and Rev. Milton Vietz of Anamoose were duly elected as permanent moderator and permanent clerk, respectively. Churches represented on the council were Martin, West Fargo, Rosenfeld, Harvey, Fessenden, Carrington, Anamoose, First Southern Baptist of Grand Forks, and McDermot Avenue of Winnipeg. Mr. Derman related his conversion experience and described his doctrinal position. The ordination council met in separate session and indicated its satisfaction with Mr. Derman's preparation, presentation, conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal views.

The Grace Church proceeded with the ordination service that same evening. Rev. Willis Potratz, moderator and host pastor, presided. Mr. Edmund Wehr and Mr. Gordon Mayer read Scripture and led in prayer, respectively. Dr. George A. Lang of the seminary brought the ordination message, "God's Bridge to Men." Vocal solos were given by Mr. Clayton Edinger and Mr. Milton Derman. Rev. Milton H. Vietz gave the charge to the church, and Rev. J. C. Gunst the charge to the candidate. Rev. H. J. Waltereit led in the ordination prayer and Rev. Richard Christeleit welcomed Mr. Derman into the ranks of the Christian ministry. Rev. Ronald F. Derman, the new pastor at Hettinger, N. Dak., closed the service with the benediction.

Milton H. Vietz, Clerk

Diamond Jubilee, Eureka, S. Dak.

75th Anniversary Festivities of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, South Dakota, Reported by Rev. A. E. Reeh, Pastor.

September 17, 1961 will be remembered for a long time by the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak. Weather-wise it was a perfect day, so that for the opening of our Sunday School session about 400 people gathered in the Eureka High School Auditorium at which time Mrs. Albert Krombein and Rev. Emanuel Broeckel expounded the lesson for the day.

Even more people attended the Jubilee Service at which time Rev. J. C. Gunst, the Central District secretary, brought the message. The Jubilee Choir under the direction of Rev. A. E. Reeh, the local minister, sang, "Praise

boring pastors mounted the platform and Rev. Albert Krombein brought the Jubilee message in German. The local men's quartet sang two selections, while Rev. E. S. Fenske of Lehr, N. Dak., led in the Jubilee prayer.

The ladies of the church were organized into two major groups, each with its subcommittees, in serving two wonderful meals at noon and in the evening. Because of the limited space in the church's basement where only 150 plates could be set, three tables had to be set at each time.

Due to the far-reaching ministry over the 75 years of this church, about 800 people from far and near gathered



Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Reeh of Eureka, S. Dak. Mr. Reeh has served as pastor of the First Baptist Churches of Eureka and Leola, S. Dak., since 1955. During this time the Eureka church has grown in membership and the debt on the new building was materially reduced. He led the Eureka church in its festive program commemorating its 75th anniversary.

to the Lord." Rev. Emanuel Wolff, the Eastern District secretary and a spiritual son of this church, led this great audience in the Jubilee prayer.

The flower committee had decorated the platform with bouquets and baskets of fall flowers and the Wilbur Staiger family of Medina, North Dakota had placed a beautiful bouquet of gladiolus in commemoration of their parents, who had been members of the Eureka church.

About 600 people attended the afternoon service which was in the German language. Former ministers and neigh-

in the evening to share in the blessings of this hour. The Jubilee Choir sang, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem," while Rev. W. A. Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dak., led in the Jubilee prayer. Greetings and congratulations were extended by former ministers present, neighboring churches through their ministers and by letters from former members. A telegram from Senator Carl Mundt, Washington, D. C., was received and read to the audience.

Rev. Emanuel Wolff, the Eastern District secretary, brought the Jubilee message. A special Jubilee Mission Offering was received in each service and dedicated for the support of our denominational mission enterprise around the world.

A Jubilee booklet had been prepared to commemorate this glorious event which found a good reception. Any one wishing to have one can write to Rev. A. E. Reeh, minister of the church, enclosing \$1.00 and it will be sent to you postpaid. A wonderful day was experienced by many people, and the inspiration of the day will linger long in our hearts.

ANNIVERSARY BOOKLETS, SERATH, SASK.

Since we have several copies of the 50th anniversary booklet containing pictures and the history of the Serath Baptist Church, Serath, Sask., on hand, we are offering them for sale at \$1.00 per copy. Anyone interested, please contact Mr. Robert Orthner, Raymore, Sask., Canada.

Obituary

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

MRS. CAROLINE GERTZ of Gladwin, Michigan

Mrs. Caroline Gertz of Gladwin, Mich., went to her eternal rest on May 29, 1961 after an illness of several months. She was born in Russo-Poland on Aug. 17, 1877, was born again of the Holy Spirit in her youth and was baptized by Rev. Fred Russell at Wolve, Poland at the age of 19 years. She came to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1897 and became a member of the First Church.

In 1899 she was united in holy matrimony to Louis Gertz and they came to Gladwin County in 1908 and united with the Round Lake Baptist Church. She is survived by two sons: Henry of Detroit, Mich., and Harvey of Gladwin, Mich.; three daughters: Mrs. Olga Koenke, Mrs. Alma Koenke, and Mrs. Helen Baehr, of Detroit, Mich. Also surviving are three sisters in Germany, 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Round Lake Baptist Church
Gladwin, Michigan
ARLENE FRANCK, Correspondent

MR. HENRY OLDENBURGER of Napoleon, North Dakota

Mr. Henry Oldenburger of Napoleon, N. Dak., was born on Sept. 8, 1882 at Rundevise, South Russia and passed away suddenly of a heart attack Sept. 23, 1961 at the age of 79 years and 15 days. In 1910 he and his wife migrated to the United States and settled down on a farm near Java, S. Dak. In 1912 they moved to the Flat 18 miles northeast of Napoleon. In 1923 another move was made to a farm 4 miles east of Napoleon and since 1941 lived on a farm with his son northeast of Napoleon until they retired to live in Napoleon in 1945.

On Sept. 22, 1905 he was united in holy matrimony to Maria Mutzenberger in South Russia, to which union one daughter and one son were born. Soon after coming to this country he became converted, was baptized by Rev. Karl Roth and became affiliated with the Eureka, S. Dak., Baptist Church. In 1912 he transferred his membership to the Streeter Church, and in 1924 to the Wishek Church. In 1941 he became one of the leading members of the newly organized Napoleon Baptist Church. He served faithfully as Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher, church treasurer and on the building committee when this new church was under construction.

He leaves to mourn his deeply bereaved wife, Maria; one son, Gideon of Napoleon; one daughter, Mrs. Dan Reinhardt of Bismarck, N. Dak.; 9 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren.

Napoleon, North Dakota
HENRY LANG, Former Pastor

CARL DWAYNE DANIELSON of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Carl Dwayne Danielson was born to Carl and Sylvia Danielson in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Feb. 14, 1935. He died on Sept. 29, 1961, at the age of 26 years, 7½ months, of an incurable kidney disease, Chronic Nephritis. Dwayne was saved when he took Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at an early age, and was baptized by Rev. Wm. Grant on May 27, 1945 into the Northside Baptist Church where he retained his membership until the time of his death. Baptized upon confession of their faith at the same time were his parents and two sisters.

Dwayne's mother preceded him in death exactly 10 years to the day. He leaves his father, Carl; sisters Delores (Mrs. Elmer Westerman), Darlene (Mrs. Jerry Clifford) Donna, and a brother, Dale; and a host of friends. Funeral services were held on October 2 at the Benz Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Krueger officiating, and interment was in the Hills of Rest Cemetery. Northside Baptist Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
R. G. KRUEGER, Pastor

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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V. CONTINUING GROWTH THROUGH SOUND DOCTRINE. II Timothy 1:13-14.

Paul was a man who saw the truth, he experienced the truth, he preached the truth and he lived the truth. But he realized that the truth, in order to be meaningful, must be immersed in faith and love. To grow and develop intellectually and theologically and not emotionally and practically is to be spiritually stunted. Truth and love must be part of the warp and woof of our lives.

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GRACE CHURCH, GACKLE, N. DAK., ON THE AIR FOR ANNIVERSARY SERVICES, NOV. 19

As a result of the work of Rev. Bernard Edinger of Gackle, N. Dak., on the format of the weekly radio broadcast sponsored by Gackle business men and produced each week for one hour on Sunday, the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle has been offered one hour free time on Sunday, Nov. 19, when the church will be celebrating its 30th anniversary. The morning worship service, in which Rev. J. C. Gunst of Minneapolis, Minn., will be speaking, will be on the air over Radio Station KSJB, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Sept., 1961	Sept., 1960	Sept., 1959
Atlantic	\$ 2,585.57	\$ 5,057.12	\$ 5,285.27
Central	11,358.37	7,788.20	7,952.04
Dakota	7,272.48	6,469.84	5,309.95
Eastern	1,030.45	1,330.88	1,679.27
Northern	5,397.65	4,256.34	3,803.93
Northwestern	6,192.20	6,580.41	8,541.99
Pacific	7,700.60	5,415.80	4,843.76
Southern	446.74	1,579.75	267.98
Southwestern	11,370.80	2,776.73	1,255.11
Inter-Conference	4,462.24		
Total Contributions	\$ 57,817.10	\$ 41,255.07	\$ 38,939.30

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For month of Sept., 1961	\$ 39,516.79	\$ 13,785.45	\$ 4,514.86	\$ 57,817.10
For month of Sept., 1960	34,908.99	1,141.30	5,204.78	41,255.07
For month of Sept., 1959	32,944.02	5,995.28		38,939.30

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1961 to Sept. 30, 1961	\$252,779.41	\$ 25,810.07	\$ 31,542.94	\$310,132.42
April 1, 1960 to Sept. 30, 1960	244,579.90	6,729.94	32,485.13	283,794.97
April 1, 1959 to Sept. 30, 1959	255,623.44	36,754.39		292,377.83

A THANKSGIVING CONFESSION

By Lloyd Quinnett

GREAT is thy loving care—
Holding abundant store,
Thou bid'st us boldly knock
At heaven's door.

GREAT is thy providence—
Sending without restraint;
We need but ask of thee;
The gift is sent.

SMALL is our gratitude—
Taking these gifts of grace;
We bow our heart to thee,
And hide our face.

A HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

For all the blessings of the year,
For sunshine and for showers,
For seedtime and for harvest rich,
For bird songs and for flowers
From hearts overflowing with thy
praise
Accept, O Lord, the thanks we raise.

And for the gift of thy dear Son,
From sin to set us free,
No tongue can tell, no words express
The praise we offer thee,
For Christ, who came for us to die,
Accept our thanks, O God on high.

For grace and glory which he gives,
For pardon, joy, and peace,
Our voices raise to thee, O God,
In songs that never cease,
For victory amid the strife
Accept our thanks, O Lord of Life.

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And for the hope of his return,
Dear Lord, thy Name we praise,
With longing hearts we watch and
wait

For that great Day of Days,
For Christ, our coming Lord and King
To thee, O God, our thanks we bring.
—Alice E. Sherwood

HIS LOVE AND GRACE

We look with wonder in our eyes
At hills and skies—
In rose of dawn, in sunset-flame,
God writes his Name;
He fills the starlit nights,
The Father of all lights;
The stormy billows shout that he
Is mightier than any sea;
And something in each flower face
Tells to the heart his love and grace.
—Author Not Known

THANKSGIVING DAY GRACE

Our Father, fill our hearts, we pray,
With gratitude Thanksgiving Day;
For food and raiment thou dost give,
That we in comfort here may live.

With bread of life our spirits feed
And grant to us the grace we need,
Guide thou our feet lest they should
stray
From paths of righteousness away.

True service may we render thee
In love and deep humility;
Deliver us from every sin,
In his dear Name we ask. Amen.
—Luther B. Cross

SEMINARY, SIOUX FALLS

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the gracious expanse of the Seminary campus is that the new library building was designed into the campus blueprint from the beginning. The impressive lines of the administration building flow naturally into the library building. Our campus is lovelier than ever.

Not being able to offer more trained pastors to our churches is the one sobering note in the new year. This is a continual burden upon our hearts.

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