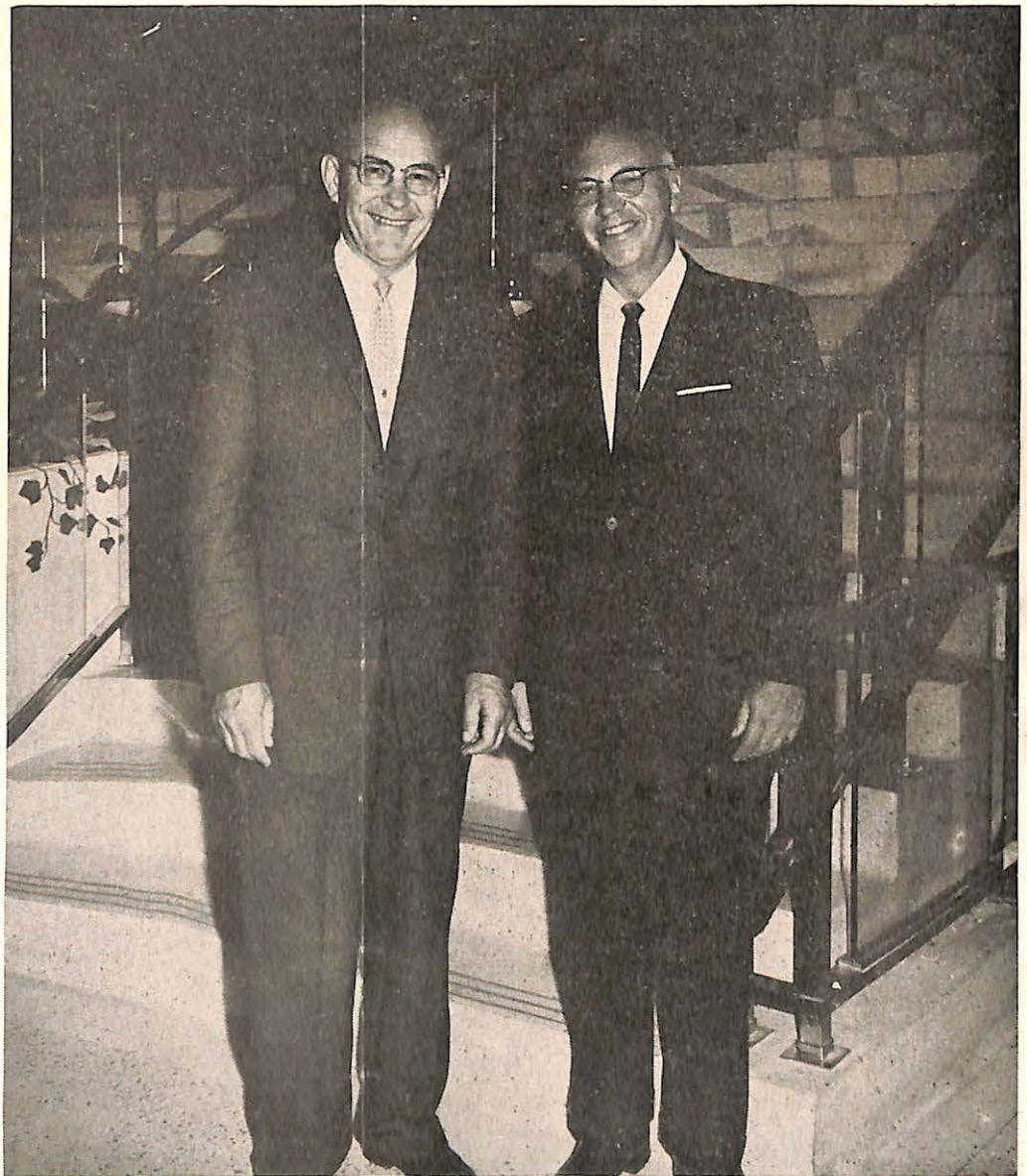


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of Events

• Women's organizations in Ghana, including religious groups, have strongly protested new marriage legislation prepared by the government which would permit polygamy. They said that countries "seeking civil progress must reject polygamy which constitutes an insult to the dignity of the African woman."

• Turkey's recently approved constitution guarantees religious freedom for all in this predominantly Moslem nation. Staff Major M. Ali Armagan, head of the National Unity Committee's Press Liaison Bureau, said the constitution provides for freedom of conscience and of religious belief and worship. He said Turkey will seek to aid the advancement of all religious and educational institutions in the country.

• Membership of the Lutheran Churches in North America totaled 8,456,863 adults and children at the end of 1960. The total represents a gain of 143,015 members or 1.7 per cent during 1960—133,872 in the U.S. and 9,143 in Canada. The percentage of increase is considerably below the average gain of 3.1 per cent over the past ten years, when increases in membership ranged from 2.7 to 3.6 per cent.—*The Watchman-Examiner*

• Pastor Martin Niemoeller, head of the Evangelical Church in Hesse-Nassau, Germany, was seriously injured in an automobile accident while driving from his home in Wiesbaden for a vacation in Denmark. Mrs. Niemoeller was killed in the crash, as was another passenger, Frau Dorothea B. Schultz. Martin von Klewitz, a 7-year-old boy, escaped unhurt. Dr. Niemoeller's condition was reported as critical.

• Circulation of the Scriptures in Argentina reached a total of over one million copies in 1960, an increase of more than a quarter of a million over the previous year. The co-operation of lay Christians in door-to-door contacts was cited as one of the principal reasons for the good results of the distribution effort. (A. Clifford)

• NEW YORK.—Eleven students from Wheaton College (Illinois) spent the summer working among street gangs in Manhattan's Hell Gate district. The students, who are cooperating with Youth Development Inc., a Christian social agency under the direction of Jim Vaus, are earning advanced sociology credit in an experimental program in applied sociology. The Hell's Gate neighborhood has a population of about 194,000, mostly Puerto Rican and Negro, and police estimate that there are about 30 armed gangs roaming the area.—*Sunday School Times*

• The winery income of the Christian

Brothers, a Roman Catholic brotherhood in California which makes wine and brandy, is taxable, according to a recent court decision. The brotherhood has traditionally claimed that its income is not taxable, invoking the law which exempts any income of a church from taxation. The Bureau of Internal Revenue argued that the order is not legally a church, and a Federal District judge agreed. He said that the brotherhood is a church-sponsored organization that must pay taxes on nonrelated business income. "The winery is a winery, and not a church," the judge declared.

• A large-scale united Protestant missionary effort is taking place in Nepal, according to a missionary of the World Mission Prayer League. Jonathan Lindell, who also serves as executive sec-

retary of the United Mission to Nepal, which co-ordinates the work of 18 denominations there, reported recently in Minneapolis that during the past year 76 missionaries from ten nations and many denominations worked together on several different projects, touching more than 100,000 people. Until the early 1950's, Nepal was closed to Christian missionary work.—*Sunday School Times*

• A decisive stage on the way to further developments for Christian literature work in Africa was recently reached at the All-Africa Conference on Christian Literature and Audio-Visual Communication at the Mindolo Ecumenical Centre in Northern Rhodesia, which is in the heart of the great mining area of the Copper Belt. Some
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Baptist Briefs

• 600 Baptisms in New Guinea. Six hundred baptisms were reported by churches in the Sau Valley, one of several mission areas developed in New Guinea by Australian Baptist missionaries. The 600 baptisms increase the number of baptized believers in the Valley to 700, thus marking an increase of 600 per cent in membership during the year. The year's report shows also the start of 13 new outstation churches and the operation of a clinic and schools.

• Baptist Seminary, Stockholm. Swedish Baptists plan to erect new buildings for their theological school, the Bethel Seminary, in Stockholm. According to the plans that have recently been adopted, the new seminary will have room for 50 students. The total cost is estimated at 3 million Swedish crowns. A building fund—called the Jubilee Fund because of the fact that the seminary can soon celebrate its Centennial Jubilee—is being raised, and its goal is 1,966,000 Swedish crowns, this amount being chosen with regard to the centennial year, 1966, when the new buildings are to be ready for use.

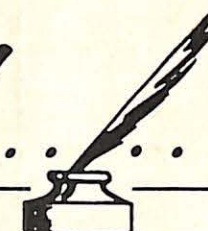
• Baptist Statistics. The Baptist Union in Germany has 548 churches and 96,840 members. A total of 2,313 believers were baptized in 1960. There are 32,000 scholars in the Sunday Schools and 3,600 officers and teachers in the same. The Baptist Union in Austria reports 5 churches and 7 stations. The number of church members is 750 and there are 7 pastors. There are 125 scholars in the Sunday Schools and 100 members of the organizations for

young people. The Baptist Convention in Portugal reports 31 churches and 1,363 members. The number of pastors and other preachers is 29. A total of 111 believers were baptized during 1960.

• Baptist Men's Conference in Europe. The Baptist Theological Seminary at Rueschlikon, Switzerland, was a lively place from July 1-8 when over 60 men from 14 countries arrived for the European Baptist Men's Conference. The language difficulties were no barrier to friendship, and real Christian fellowship was experienced from the outset. The overall theme was "Men, in the Service of the Church," and as a basis for the meditations the conference looked at the Biblical background of the Church and its early history. There was an average of 20 men at the prayer meetings who engaged in audible prayer each morning after breakfast. Every country was represented in the Scripture readings and devotions at the various sessions. This was the 7th Baptist Men's Conference to be held at the Seminary in Switzerland.

• Asia Baptist Youth Conference. The 2nd Asia Baptist Youth Conference which met at the International University near Tokyo July 10-22, attracted some 140 overseas delegates and 100 observers. Reporting on the conference, American Baptist missionary, John N. Nicholson, said that 3 Baptist groups from Japan participated in planning the conference. The Southern Baptist-related groups sent 60 delegates; the Baptist Union of Japan, related to the
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Editorial



Church Observances

A series of five important church observances will follow each other during the next few weeks. Attention should be given to each one, for they emphasize the ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ in various significant phases. They are much more than dates on the calendar. They dramatize the Church of Jesus Christ witnessing to the abundant and new life through faith in him as Savior.

Next Sunday (October 1st) will bring the Sunday School Week to its festive close. You should be acquainted with the Church Extension mission projects of the Sunday School Union, the new Department of Christian Education in our denomination, and the ever increasing witness and ministry of our Sunday Schools for Christ. Lift up your eyes with all of these officers and leaders upon "New Vistas for Our Sunday Schools."

Worldwide Communion Day is also observed in Sunday, October 1st. We need to be keenly aware of the spiritual ties that bind us through faith in the Savior with 24 million Baptists in 110 countries of the world and with all born again believers in Christ who number millions throughout the world. Remember the importance of this Sunday as you sit at the Lord's Table "in remembrance of HIM."

Sunday, October 8, will be a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving. The Harvest and Mission Festival programs of the Sunday Schools will be held in many churches on this day. Our Canadian friends will be observing their Thanksgiving Day on this second Sunday. Some of our churches will be meeting for their annual Harvest Festivals at this time. As we express our gratitude to God for his marvelous goodness to us as his children, let us recall his "Great Commission" and lay our generous thankofferings upon his altar for the ministry of the Gospel to the far corners of the earth.

Increasingly, Laymen's Sunday is receiving its deserved share of attention. This third Sunday of October (October 15) is a wonderful occasion on which to see our Christian laymen in action with their testimonies, their prayers, the reading of Scripture and with the story of the work of "Baptist Men" in our denomination. Several pages in this issue are devoted to the significant ways in which Laymen's Sunday can be observed with meaning and impressiveness in your church.

The observance of Reformation Sunday is usually scheduled for the last Sunday in October. This year it will be held on October 29. Even though we as Baptists are not regarded as "protestants" since our earliest churches began with a positive enunciation of New Testament truths revealed in Christ and not with a protest against Roman Catholic doctrine, however, we as Baptists have been greatly blessed and strengthened by the outgrowth of the Protestant Reformation and the spiritual ministry of Martin Luther. The spirit of the Reformation still needs to indwell the hearts of men and women today so that the Gospel might continue to be proclaimed with evangelical simplicity and power by those who have experienced Christ's matchless grace.

Observances can be more than calendar dates if we use them as stepping stones to more Christ-like living and to a better understanding of our present task as faithful stewards of our Lord.

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The Great Challenge of Christ

The Moderator's Address by Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon, Pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Delivered at the 33rd General Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 1, 1961.

WE ARE MET at this General Conference in a changing age. A multitude of voices forces this conclusion upon us. There is much travail and suffering. There is spiritual unrest. There is strife among races and nations. There is difficulty to adjust to the problems of automation and the space age. In some areas there is a denial of the existence of God due to the progress of scientific achievement. Even in the church there is a lack of clearness as to why we are here and where we are going.

GOD GIVES DIRECTION

I believe God has called his Church to show men the will of God and to give us direction. We must look to Christ for the answer to the world's needs. We must accept his challenge to find God in him, our hope in his plan of salvation and our Christian responsibility that calls for total commitment to him as the Lord of life and history.

In the 14th chapter of John's Gospel, our Lord, in his farewell address to the disciples, comforts them concerning a place he has prepared for them and to which he will take them. Then he challenges them that they will perform greater works than he did because through the presence of the Holy Spirit and through prayer they would be intimately united to him and would have access to him at any time and place.

Let us fix our attention upon this

challenge for a few moments in this keynote address.

CHRIST'S WORK ON EARTH

I. Consider the challenge of Christ's work on earth. It is important that we first consider the works that Christ did. In verse 11 Jesus says, "Believe me for the very works' sake." And again in verse 12 he says, "The works that I do." By the works of Christ we are to believe that Christ was in the Father and the Father in him.

It would almost seem as if Jesus was speaking of the Father and of himself as two persons. But what he really is saying is that they are indeed as ONE as never any two persons can or will be. In Christ we behold the full glory of God the Father and that which is to induce us to believe that this is twofold. We must believe that the words which Christ spoke were not the words of man but of God. They were the very mind and wisdom of God speaking through Christ.

We must also believe that the works Christ wrought had their beginning in the eternal counsels of God. God never had such a temple in which to dwell as when in Christ the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Now the challenge to us is that our Lord Jesus Christ did the very works that God the Father would have done. They are works of power, of mercy, and of love. And, greatest of all, it is the work of redemption, wrought through the shed-

ding of his blood on the Cross of Calvary.

Christ's works are not only proof of his divine mission, but a challenge that we can be certain. It is the challenge that God's power is available to us, that Christ is the answer to man's personal problems as well as to those of races and nations.

CHALLENGE TO THE DISCIPLES

II. Consider the challenge to the disciples. The disciples were full of grief, not only in knowing that Christ would part from them, but in wondering what would become of them when he was gone. He silenced these fears of the disciples by assuring them that he would impart to them sufficient power to meet their needs, and then he challenged them that they would be able to do greater works than he had done. This challenge assured them of greater power here on earth.

Whereas Christ had ample power to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers and even raise the dead, so should they. Just because Christ would depart from them, the work he did should not cease but rather be carried on even more vigorously and successfully. Through the working of miracles they would continue to witness to the fact that Christ is the Son of God and the Savior of the world.

Peter through his shadow, and Paul through his handkerchief wrought miracles that attracted the multitudes and caused the religious leaders to take notice and to be filled with indignation. What a challenge it must have been to these disciples to feel the presence and power of the risen Christ working such miracles through them!

Then there was the challenge of greater works which they performed through their spiritual ministry. This spiritual healing was greater than physical healing. Greater victories were obtained through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel than during the time Christ was here upon earth with them.

FULFILLING THE COMMISSION

The sphere of our Lord's earthly ministry, geographically speaking, was indeed limited. But the disciples, after having been enlightened and strengthened by the Spirit at Pentecost, had no limit set to their Gospel ministry. The Book of Acts shows how grandly they carried out the Lord's Commission when he said to them, "Ye shall be my witnesses, beginning at Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the world."

These things characterized the disciples in fulfilling this commission. They undergirded themselves with prayer; they fortified themselves with

Bible study; and they were united in spirit. They discovered that, most of all, they needed the help of someone outside themselves. So they communed with God fervently in prayer, saturated themselves with the Holy Scriptures, studied the ways of God with men, and then set themselves in the way of God's workings and leadings.

It reminds me of the story I heard a missionary tell. The car of one of the natives would not function properly. First, it would not start, so he prayed to it. Then the radiator boiled over and he prayed to it again. Then he ran out of gas, then he prayed to it a third time. Finally, a tire blew out and he said, "Machine no answer prayer; must be something greater."

So the disciples discovered that the source of their power lay in God. With such a challenge they preached to Jew and Gentile, and multitudes through their faithfulness to Christ became new creatures in him.

OUR PRESENT TASK

III. Consider our task in accepting the challenge. As Christ challenged his disciples, so he still challenges us today. This is based upon the statement, "Because I go to the Father." By having an interest in him, we plead his merit and enter into intercessory prayer. "Ask in his name." Finally, this challenge becomes ours as we pledge our love and loyalty to him. "Keep my commandments."

Our task in meeting this challenge is manifold. Christ has given us a field of service that covers almost all of the United States and Canada. It is our responsibility to keep strong the churches that we have, to expand our missions into self-supporting churches, and through Church Extension to reach out into new areas and establish new missions and Sunday Schools.

Christ has entrusted to us a missionary program in the Cameroons of Africa, in Japan, in Austria, and among the Indians of Canada and the Spanish American people of the States. The challenge is for us to keep these fields supplied with missionaries and to support them with our prayers and with our money day by day.

OPEN DOORS

Christ has placed under our care our Seminary and Christian Training Institute. His challenge is that we preach and teach and pray that young hearts may be touched so as to hear the call of the Master to full time Christian service and that such lives can be fully trained and educated to become consecrated ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Christ has set before us an open door to enlist, to teach, and to train our youth through the avenues of the C.B.Y. Fellowship and Sunday School Union. These are the most effective organizations in helping people to find Jesus as their Savior and to assist them in their spiritual growth. The more effective we make these organizations, the greater our opportunity for win-

HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVALS — 1961

The programs and recitation material (English and German) for the 1961 Harvest and Mission Festivals were sent to all churches at the close of August. The suggested date for the Sunday School programs is October 8, 1961, but any other suitable Sunday can be selected. The offering of these programs is to be designated for missions. A beautiful picture of the Baptist Church at Ndu in the Southern Cameroons appears on the two-page program leaflet which will be distributed at these Harvest Programs. EDITOR.

off his coat. The Wind tried his power and blew with all his might, but the traveller only wrapped his cloak around him closer. Then the Sun challenged the traveller with its warm rays. Soon his coat came off and after a while he even changed his raiment to bathe in a stream. The moral? Challenge is better than force!

You may say, "I haven't the time, or the personality. I am not creative enough. I do not have any money." All such excuses are ridiculous. You have as much time as anybody. You can develop a personality. Opportunities to create come every minute. And you have money for almost everything else.



EXHIBIT OF OUR JAPAN MISSION

Dr. and Mrs. R. Schilke are fascinated by the Conference Exhibit of our Japan Baptist Mission with its pictures, dolls, tapestries, map of the field and book marks which were distributed free to the Conference visitors.

ning the lost for Christ.

For our adult men and women we must provide pathways whereby they can find channels of service and Christian fellowship. It should be the business of every adult to take an active part in this wonderful fellowship. Christ has also bestowed upon us a ministry of love toward our aged folk through our Homes for the Aged. We must never permit this opportunity to be neglected.

And Christ has blessed us with a wonderful Ministers' Fellowship. May we count it a joy to esteem and honor these messengers of the Gospel and to intercede for them in prayer.

THE LORD'S WORK

This is the task to which Christ challenges us today. You will remember the fable of the dispute between the North Wind and the Sun. They argued as to which was the most powerful. To settle the argument, they agreed that the victor should be the one who could make a traveller take

Stop and consider the Lord's work for a moment.

They used to tell the story of an early settler in the Dakota's who ploughed with a team of oxen. He would holler "Gee" and "Haw" at them, but they paid no attention. One day he said, "Let them go where they please; the whole field has to be ploughed anyway." No disciple of Christ can turn his life loose like that. You must accept the Challenge of Christ. Pray more, serve more, give more, and dare more for him!

HIS SPIRIT DIRECTS US

A little boy went for a walk with his grandfather into the mountains. The grandfather asked, "Are you tired, Freddy?" "My feet are," said Freddy, "but myself isn't." Myself was Freddy's spirit. What we need is the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. When his Spirit is there to control, to influence and to direct us, then we will meet the challenge he has put before us. "Greater works than I do shall ye do."



GENERAL CONFERENCE BANQUET AT THE HALL OF STATES

Speakers' Table and some of the 1017 North American Baptists at the festive tables in the "Hall of States" of the Leamington Hotel. The banquet speaker, Rev. David J. Draewell, and his wife are seated at the left of the Minnesota Socl.

Observe Laymen's Sunday - Oct. 15

Suggestions how to initiate plans for this profitable observance and how to set the program pattern for this day of blessing.

By Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas, former President of "Baptist Men."

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY is October 15, 1961. This observance started about sixteen years ago. October 15 will also be Laymen's Sunday in Canada, and will be observed by the Protestant Men of the Chapel in military bases around the world.

The purpose of the observance is not to minimize the importance of the ordained ministry, nor to take from the minister his regular place of leadership in public worship. Rather it is to enlist and encourage all laymen to participate fully in the church's life and witness. Pastors, who have seen to it that this observance is included in the calendar of the congregation, and who have given to it endorsement and publicity testify that they have been richly rewarded.

MINISTRY OF LAYMEN

Also, their sympathetic counsel with laymen responsible for the worship on that day is greatly appreciated. We need to be reminded that laymen are also called, and to a ministry. We are all members of one body. Laymen's Sunday should remind us that the church is not an organization that laymen support, or a gathering of Christians to be attended. It is the Body of Christ of which laymen are a part.

We do not recommend that Laymen's Sunday may be initiated by the church simply because October 15th has been so designated, or because you have done so for a number of years. Observe it, if you do, because you see in it an opportunity to encourage the men of your congregation to more effective living and usefulness as members of the Body of Jesus Christ. We hope you see and seize the opportunity. Remember that there is and should be nothing automatic about observing Laymen's Sunday.

"Baptist Men," the official laymen's organization of the North American Baptist General Conference, can name the day, promote the idea, and we can make suggestions, but nothing at all will happen in your particular church unless some man, pastor or layman thinks well of the idea and takes the initiative.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Plans for the observance of Laymen's Sunday may be initiated by the pastor or by the laymen. In many churches the pastor will take the lead. In many others the pastor may expect the laymen to take the initiative. This is especially true in churches that have an organization for the men, a "Brotherhood" or "Men's Fellowship." The following suggestions are made primar-

ily for the benefit of laymen and particularly for "Brotherhood" presidents who have been given the responsibility for the observance.

Talk with your pastor, and clear the date. Can your church observe Laymen's Sunday on October 15 or will another Sunday need to be selected? You may find that the third Sunday in October has already been committed to another emphasis. What suggestions does your pastor have about observing Laymen's Sunday? Does he approve of the ideas you and your committee may have?

In churches without an organization for the laymen, the pastor may appoint a program committee that will work with him in planning the service and other activities in his church for Laymen's Sunday.

There are a number of ways to observe the day. The pattern in most churches is to observe Laymen's Sunday in either the morning or evening worship service. Once you have decided on the way you will observe Laymen's Sunday in your church, you need only plan the program and follow through.

One of two patterns is followed in most churches in observing Laymen's Sunday in either the morning or evening worship service. In the first, the regular order of service is followed and the pastor preaches on the theme, or otherwise emphasizes the observ-



Every man can render a tremendous service for Christ by heeding his call and working together with other Christian laymen in building his Kingdom. (A. Devaney Photo).

ance. Variations on this program may include special music by an all male choir, or having laymen read the Scripture and lead in the responsive reading and prayer. In some churches a layman is invited to speak briefly before or after the pastor's sermon.

In the second pattern, the service is conducted by laymen. There are also several variations in this pattern, and in some of them the pastor participates but does not preach. Usually, from two to four laymen take part, each being responsible for one element of the service.

GET THE MEN OUT

There is no point in Laymen's Sunday observances unless the men attend. Of course, church attendance should be a continuing project of all "Men's Brotherhoods," but special efforts should be made to promote attendance on October 15. Do not confine your promotion to the men who regularly attend worship services but go after the men who do not. Laymen's Sunday provides you with a wonderful opportunity to reach these men.

You will immediately think of the well known methods generally used to publicize meetings. You can contact the men by postal cards, letters and telephone. You can advertise in church bulletins and in newspapers. The payoff, however, will come from personal contact. This is always true. A personal invitation is worth a dozen letters. If you have the right kind of Men's Brotherhood organization, personal invitations to all the men of the church are easy to extend. But even if you lack organization, you will find it worth the effort to organize for this promotion.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Laymen working on committees for the observance of Laymen's Sunday in either the morning or evening worship service will probably find that the regular order of worship will be followed. If so, the order becomes your outline. You simply fill it in, using laymen for various parts as may have been determined. Your committee will need to select hymns, the Scripture reading, and the laymen who are to participate.

Those responsible for planning a Laymen's Sunday observance should remember that, although there is value in using a theme, the important consideration is to address your program to the particular situation. What is the condition of men's work in your church? What can be said that will contribute to the effectiveness of your work with men?

Join Forces With "Baptist Men"

An appeal to all North American Baptist laymen to band together in this denominational organization with its challenging objectives.

By Mr. H. H. Stabbert of Anaheim, California, President of "Baptist Men."

EVEN THOUGH the 33rd General Conference is now history, the inspiration received during those days is still ringing in our hearts. It is hoped that our lives have been enriched by the numerous fine messages and challenges presented to us. Among the various activities of our Conference, there is one that is still young in age and experience. We have in mind the men's organization known as "Baptist Men" in our North American Baptist Conference.

It was in 1949 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota during the sessions of the General Conference that "Baptist Men" was organized. From a beginning of six Men's Brotherhoods from our churches forming the national organization, we now have a membership of 54 dues-paying churches. While this is not a satisfactory growth, it still is an indication of interest shown. It is our prayer that many more Brotherhoods will be organized and that all will be led to join forces with "Baptist Men" as quickly as possible.

WHY JOIN "BAPTIST MEN"?

At this point an obvious question comes to mind and that is, Why should our Brotherhoods join "Baptist Men"? What does "Baptist Men" have to offer and what is to be gained? The writer feels that this is a fair question, and a good reason and answer should be forthcoming. Why should your church organize a Brotherhood, and why should your brotherhood join forces with "Baptist Men"? The answer is so obvious that the writer even hesitates to mention it, but calling to our attention what is apparent often shakes us out of our lethargy.

The basic reason for the existence of Brotherhoods of "Baptist Men" is that they be instruments and channels whereby the Kingdom of God is furthered and glorified. This reason must be the motivating power at all times, and if there are different reasons, then it is doubtful whether we as men will ever really be effective as an organized group. To be co-workers with our pastors must be our true objectives. To help make the church become an active and virile part in the lives of men should be one of life's greatest challenges.

To be a part of great missionary movements should motivate us to band together so that as an organized unit of men we can pool our spiritual and physical resources and accomplish things that a few men alone cannot accomplish. What are some objectives to consider in which men could participate? Let us see.

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THE LORD'S TITHERS

Wouldn't our entire denominational enterprise flourish if all the men within our constituency would enthusiastically endorse, support and carry out a tithing program? All of us are aware of the benefits of tithing. We have had scriptural passages pointed out to us again and again showing us that the Lord looks with favor upon one who gives his tenth unto him. We have had the subject called to our attention time after time. We say that tithing is good, but what are we doing about it?

man in the North American Baptist Conference.

To summarize, the objective of local Brotherhoods and "Baptist Men" is as follows:

1. To be a means whereby the Kingdom of God is furthered and glorified by:

- a tithing program;
- a home visitation program;
- supporting Church Extension Building program;
- supporting our mission programs;
- any other project that the pastor and men of each local church



PROUD FATHER. Lam Chi-Fung, Hong Kong industrialist and financier, is pictured here with his seven sons—count them! Lam is a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance and is vice-chairman for Asia of the Men's Department, BWA.

It is quite evident that if a stewardship program were adopted as one of the great objectives of our Brotherhoods and "Baptist Men," then the necessary funds would be available for Church Extension and Missionary endeavors nationally. Building programs and more effective work could then be carried on locally.

It is apparent that if nothing else were accomplished other than the enthusiastic development of a stewardship program, then local Brotherhoods and "Baptist Men" would have gone a long long way in reaching a realistic reason for being in existence.

PETER FEHR PROJECT

"Baptist Men" decided at the Conference to again adopt the Dr. Peter Fehr project. This is a well known activity of "Baptist Men" and we all recognize the tremendous good that is accomplished by a medical missionary. In addition, "Baptist Men" also heartily supports the Church Extension Builders program that was introduced in Minneapolis. Here is a project that should excite the imagination of every

would want to foster, and that would fit the needs of each local group.

THE STRENGTH OF MEN

Since Brotherhoods and "Baptist Men" are so closely related and have interests in common, no effort was made by the writer to sharply outline the objectives of Brotherhoods and "Baptist Men" separately. Suffice it to say, however, that in numbers there is strength. Our nation of 50 states is strong because it is banded together into a strong single unit.

The North American Baptist Conference would be a paper thin organization were it not for the support it receives from the many local churches of our conference. In like manner, "Baptist Men" will become strong and virile if local churches organize Brotherhoods, and then in turn join forces with "Baptist Men." Our national Baptist Men will be no more effective, no more progressive and no more interested than to the extent that our Brotherhoods are willing to support it. We are counting on you. How about it, men?



The Ministers' Wives Chorus led by Mrs. Emma B. Meier rendered several selections "with melody in their hearts" at the General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minn.

A Heavenly Melody for Our Earthly Walk

Reminiscences of the 33rd General Conference at Minneapolis, Minnesota by **Dr. W. J. Appel** of Grand Blanc, Michigan.

IN REFERRING to the extensive and effective ministry of the Apostle Paul, Dr. Robert G. Lee in one of his sermons says that Paul "found his heavenly call to be the spiritual melody of his earthly walk." This quotation expresses most adequately the impressions made upon us as we reflect upon our experiences during the recent sessions of our General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn. Most assuredly we sat together in heavenly places, the memories of which shall always remain a melody for our earthly walk and service.

PRE-CONFERENCE JOYS

Our first conference impressions preceded the actual beginning on Monday evening, for in response to the gracious invitation of Rev. Robert Zimbelman, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, it was my joy to minister in the church which I had served some 30 years ago. To look once more into the faces of those to whom I had extended the right hand of fellowship, among them our beloved General Secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke; and of those whom I had baptized, as well as the couples whom I had united in marriage; and to see their children in places of leadership in the life of the church—all this stirred emotions of humble gratitude for the privilege of serving as a minister of Jesus Christ.

From the opening song service to the closing rendition by the chorus, music

stamped a profound impression upon our hearts. Who can forget the devoted ministry of Dr. Theodore Bergman at the great organ, Bob Veninga's piano selections and accompaniment of his talented fellow students, the Pankratz instrumental trio, the youthful Minneapolis trumpeters, the violin solo by Herbert Stabbert, and the many uplifting musical numbers by the great chorus, to say nothing of the great congregational singing under the able direction of Mr. Arthur Thom and a goodly number of our pastors!

The daily meditations and Bible study under the leadership of Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, president of Bethel College and Seminary of St. Paul, with which each morning session closed,

DR. AND MRS. W. J. APPEL

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel radiate Christian charm and cheer. Their presence at the General Conference sessions was a blessing to many. Dr. Appel has been pastor of several of our churches, and with his wife he has served on Church Extension fields, in interim pastorates and as missionary workers in Austria. They were instrumental in opening the doors of Philadelphia's Baptist Temple to our 1952 General Conference sessions. They have attended Baptist conferences in many parts of the world. You will see these General Conference sessions in Minneapolis in a new golden light as you look at these memorable days through their eyes. EDITOR

sent us singing on our way making melody in our hearts to the Lord. His practical applications of the teachings in Paul's Philippian Letter opened new avenues of thought and action for many and will maintain the spiritual melody of our earthly walk.

Beginning with his cordial words of welcome at the opening service to his participation in the closing communion service, Dr. Curtis B. Akenson, the beloved pastor of the host church, shared from his great bounty and truly enriched the lives of all. Especially significant to the ministerial fellowship was his discerning and enlightening message at the ministers' banquet.

DR. JOSEF NORDENHAUG

What a wonderful experience was made possible for us by the wise planning of the Program Committee, in allowing so many to witness the 1961 Commencement Exercises of our Seminary! How our hearts thrilled as the first tones of the great organ introduced the processional and the graduates and faculty members took their places! Under the able leadership of President Veninga, the program progressed effectively, culminating in the presentation of diplomas and the granting of degrees.

The Commencement address was brought by our beloved friend, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, Executive Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. It was our privilege to see Dr. Nordenhaug in action in Europe as president of the Theological Seminary in Rueschlikon, Switzerland, and as chairman of the Baptist Hungarian Relief Committee, where we learned to appreciate his far-reaching capabilities and winsome personality. At another session, Dr. Nordenhaug's greetings as General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance impressed us with the privilege and importance of our place in the great Baptist world family.

Having had a share in the early period of our Church Extension Program, we were greatly impressed and thrilled by the fine report and visual presentation showing the glorious progress of this most important phase of our denominational enterprise. To see the pictures of beautiful new houses of worship and fine groups of children and adults, where only a few years ago we stood upon barren farmland and extensive newly plotted subdivisions, stirred within us a song of rejoicing and thanksgiving to God for his wonderful guidance. What a stirring of heart was experienced by all who heard the delightful and melodic children's voices as the Bonney trio sang their songs in praise to him whom they had learned to know and love through the ministry of our Church Extension work!

TREASURED FRIENDSHIPS

Having come into the membership of our denominational fellowship in childhood, and having been reared in a home where entertainment of ministers and missionaries was the custom, I

was deeply impressed by the cherished friendships which have sprung up and been maintained through the years. What a joy it was to see the happy groups of folk meeting and greeting each other! The happy mingling of young and old was heartwarming.

Greeting enthusiastic youth, and then turning to clasp the extended hand of a veteran soldier of the Cross still looking forward to greater things through Christ, adds another delightful chapter to the pages of our book of remembrance. On one page we shall always have recorded our meeting with Brother Argow, whose friendship and fellowship we have treasured through more than forty years of service for Christ.

Among the more intimate relationships with devoted laymen in the churches I have served, none has made a more profound impression than the friendship and understanding of our newly-elected President of the General Conference, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, of our Evergreen Church in Brooklyn.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The wonderful Women's Luncheon meeting on Thursday was a highlight for Betty. We will let her tell it in her own words. Having just returned from Austria, where the women's work is still in its infancy and the groups very small in number, I was especially impressed by the large number of women in attendance and by the keen missionary interest and enthusiasm. Our home and foreign missionary work was adequately presented by five missionaries. It was my privilege to extend the greetings of the Austrian women and to express their appreciation for the help given them, especially in the Annual German Program Packet which is now used regularly by the



GENERAL CONFERENCE HONORS DR. AND MRS. PAUL GEBAUER

Mrs. R. Schilke pins a corsage on Mrs. Clara Gebauer and Dr. M. L. Leuschner presents a citation to Dr. Paul Gebauer on behalf of the Board of Missions and the General Conference for their 25 and 30 years of missionary service, respectively, in the Cameroons, Africa.

Austrian women and greatly appreciated by them.

The musical selections—a violin solo by Mrs. Heartsill Wilson, and a vocal trio—beautified the hour. The beautifully decorated tables and the delicious lunch took me back, because of the striking contrast, to a simple farewell supper prepared by the women of Vienna, Austria just before we left, consisting of open sandwiches, homemade cookies, and tea brewed from

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General Conference Impressions

By Mrs. Clara Gebauer of McMinnville, Oregon, Missionary in the Southern Cameroons, Africa

A conference always has its highlights which vary with each individual according to his personal response. Coming right out of Africa, the fellowship and meeting of friends meant much to me. The strength of our youth work was encouragingly displayed at the banquet. But perhaps my special interest was in our women's work—and I was NOT disappointed. As usual, the women did superbly!

No doubt, many women will agree with me that our Woman's Union programs were for us a real highlight of the Conference. It was a thrill to feel the strength and vitality of our women's organization, its awareness of needs and the unselfish response to them. My admiration went out to them also for the well organized and exceptionally good programs that were conducted by Freda Reddig with such an easy charm and dignity. How many times in Africa have I said, "God bless our women." Now I say it again with all my heart.

My second highlight comes from a strictly personal response—the deeply moving service of Saturday morning. In its simplicity and utter sincerity, it was for me the spiritual jewel of the Conference sessions. I wish to thank Rev. Patet and his colleagues, in whose hands the spiritual welfare of our people is well placed.



THE MAGNIFICENT ORGAN AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel, our missionaries in Austria, (left), congratulate Dr. Theodore Bergman on his inspired playing on the organ as the General Conference organist.

Highlights of Conference Messages

Excerpts of several General Conference messages brought to the 33rd General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

THE FLAME OF FREEDOM

By Dr. A. Dale Ihrie,
Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.

(Excerpts of a message to "Baptist Men" at the General Conference).

OUR PERSONAL and collective liberty is still a precious part of our heritage. We are not slaves to collective forces, nor to a government, nor to a nobility, nor to a caste, nor to a church hierarchy. We are here because we are free. Our mandate is not by permission in the U.S.A.—it is by right! But this right traces to the only persistent fountain source of liberty anywhere. It is the right granted to individuals whose worth and value are established by the Christian Gospel.

spiritual biography we find three chapters which ought also to be written in our lives today.

The first chapter (John 3) finds Nicodemus coming to Jesus at night to inquire about the new life which the Savior was offering to those who would believe on him. This is remarkable, for Nicodemus was himself a very religious man (a Pharisee) and a ruler of his people. Jesus' message to him was that he must be "born again" if he would ever enter into the kingdom of God. Nicodemus responded in faith to Jesus' word and trusted him as his personal Savior.

This conversion experience is followed by a second chapter in Nicodemus' spiritual biography, his confession and defense of Jesus at a critical

Like Nicodemus, ours must be a total dedication, for Jesus Christ is still the only way of salvation and abundance of true life. When communists are prepared to give all to conquer the world, dare we do less? Such consecration cannot be delayed. It must be *now!*

GLORIOUS CHURCHES IN OUR CONFERENCE

By Rev. Kenneth Fischer,
Anaheim, Calif.

(Synopsis of the Church Extension message).

When asked to speak on the subject of Church Extension in this Conference session, I thought of many plans and programs how I would like to see the work carried on. But after thinking and re-thinking, I have come to the conclusion that the only way to reach the lost at home and abroad is to have Christ-centered people in Christ-centered churches doing God's will. Some weeks ago while studying for this message, I asked myself the question: "What kind of churches would we need in our Conference to really reach out in these hundreds of Church Extension fields?" I turned to the fifth chapter of Ephesians and read what the Apostle Paul said in verses 25 to 27: "... Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: that he might sanctify and cleanse it . . . that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." And the question immediately came to me, "What kind of a church would Jesus call a glorious church?" For to me it is going to take glorious churches in the North American Baptist General Conference to accomplish the great task in Church Extension.

Four things stand out in the verses, and here they are: First, a glorious church would need to have a consecrated membership. In Paul's description he tells us that Christ gave himself that the people which belong to Christ's Church might be sanctified and cleansed. Any church that isn't made up of consecrated people will never be glorious. If your church doesn't have God as its center, it will be as sounding brass or tinkling symbol. There is no place in a glorious church for worldly people.

Second, a glorious church will have a glorious prayer life. Prayer not only changes things, but it changes the prayer.

Third, a glorious church will be a church with a glorious missionary zeal. No church that isn't interested and actively at work in sending the

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THE SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, D. C., is delivering the Seminary commencement address on "A God of Residue" as seminary professors on the platform and graduating students with their caps (in the foreground) listen intently.

The truly important man of our time, when liberty is under attack from many sides, is the man who sees the relationship between our Gospel and our liberty, and who is willing to live and die for each. The man who is truly serving Jesus Christ is the man who is truly keeping alive the flame of freedom. He is God's important man in this crucial hour. He is the man God is needing most.

THE MAN WHO CAME AT NIGHT

By Dr. Ralph E. Powell

Synopsis of the Friday night message at the Minneapolis Armory Auditorium by Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Professor at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Wherever he is spoken of in the Bible, Nicodemus is known as "the man who came at night." In his

time when it was dangerous to openly show oneself to be a follower of Christ (John 7). Courageously he stands in defense of his Savior, challenging the unlawful procedure and plot to capture and condemn his Lord. He risked much to be a faithful witness to his newly found Master.

The last chapter (John 19) finds Nicodemus assisting those who with loving and consecrated hands are taking Christ's dead body down from the cross and preparing that sacred body for burial. For this purpose Nicodemus has brought *one hundred pounds* of costly spice and perfume to honor his Lord. This sacrificial gift and his willingness to be identified in total commitment to Jesus Christ at this despised place of the cross, when even the disciples had fled from the scene, indicates his depth of consecration.

1961 General Conference Elections

Newly elected officers of the General Conference, Cooperating Societies and Denominational Boards.

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SPANISH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES OF TEXAS

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Castro of Rio Grand City, Texas, Spanish American missionaries, are photographed in front of a colorful mission exhibit at the Minneapolis General Conference.



PORTLAND AVE. CHURCH, TACOMA, WASH.

Some of the Sunday School Teachers and officers of the Portland Ave. Baptist Sunday School, Tacoma, Wash., (left), with the patrol boys in the front row. Miss Doris Wagner, S. S. Superintendent is standing in front of the old chapel (right) that is now being used by the Junior Department.

A Standard Sunday School

The story of the Portland Avenue Baptist Sunday School, Tacoma, Wash., in observance of Sunday School Week, Sept. 24-Oct. 1, by Miss Doris Wagner, S. S. Superintendent.

"WHATSOEVER ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men: knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23).

This Scripture passage is on the first page of each handbook for the teachers and officers of the Portland Avenue Baptist Sunday School, Tacoma, Wash. In 1943, a group of men and women from the Calvary Baptist Church became burdened for the souls of those who were living in the newly constructed government housing project in Tacoma. A committee of three: Mr. Otto Stolz, Mr. Fred Klapstein, and Mr. O. Dingfield, along with the board of trustees were authorized to secure property suitable for a mission work for the defense workers at Salishan Housing project.

Three units, which had been the construction crews foreman "shacks," were purchased at a reasonable figure and moved to a site at Portland Avenue and East 40th Street, just across from the housing development. These buildings were then fixed up as a chapel.

ENCOURAGING GROWTH

The first Sunday School and service was held February 13, 1944 with 46 people attending. Since that time, the Sunday School has grown to an average attendance of 155. This mission chapel was organized as a church on May 24, 1958.

The families from the nearby housing project represented only a portion of the prospects within the immediate area of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church. Since the 2nd World War, the city government purchased half of the homes in the housing project and put

a permanent touch to most of the units. There are over 950 families living in this area. This includes over 2,000 children and young people. Until two years ago, the Portland Avenue Chapel was the only Sunday School within walking distance of these families.

During the past few years, we have not had a marked increase in Sunday School attendance but we have become organized in such a way as to meet the needs of those attending our Sunday School more effectively.

In 1956 our Sunday School adopted the Sunday School Standard of the Sunday School Union of the North American Baptist General Conference. To show in which areas we have grown, I will mention the area as related to the points of our Sunday School Standard.

A GROWING SCHOOL

A GROWING SCHOOL.—One day per month is set aside as Visitation Day for the Sunday School.

A BIBLE SCHOOL.—Boys and girls in the third grade and above who do not have a Bible, receive a Bible from

the Sunday School after attending three consecutive Sundays. A director of Scripture Memorization is appointed each year and a goodly number of boys and girls have enrolled. This year we presented three 4 year pins.

AN EVANGELISTIC SCHOOL.—Decision Sunday is held once a year and during our Vacation Bible School an opportunity is made for boys and girls to make a profession of their faith. This year 20 children accepted Christ as their personal Savior in DVBS.

A BAPTIST SCHOOL & A CHURCH-GOING SCHOOL.—The "Stay for Church" campaign as suggested by our denomination was used this spring. The Junior Department met with the upper department during the opening exercise and Baptist doctrine as well as emphasis on attending the worship service were given. During the morning worship service various Sunday School classes presented special numbers.

A MISSIONARY SCHOOL.—As a mission Sunday School we have always been keenly aware of the needs within our own area. Each year we give to the mission project of the Pacific Northwest Sunday School Union and contribute in a joint project with Calvary Baptist Church for the purchase of seeds for our missionaries in Africa.

A GRADED SCHOOL

A GRADED SCHOOL.—Until 1959 we had two main departments in our Sunday School, the Primary and "Upper" department plus a Cradle Roll. This included nine Sunday School classes, the majority of classes being over-crowded. In 1959 considerable time was spent in reviewing our teach-

ing material and Sunday School curriculum. In May, 1960 when we moved into the new church building, we divided into four departments: Beginners, Primary, Juniors and "Upper" (Junior High through Adults) Departments. On promotion Sunday in 1960 we again divided classes and now have five departments: Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Juniors and "Upper" Departments with a total of 14 classes. Still we need to divide even further for two of our younger classes have an enrollment of over 20 boys and girls.

We are utilizing our former "Chapel" building for our Junior Department and two additional classrooms have been partitioned off. The Junior Church is also held in this room. Though a few classrooms have been added, we are still in need of more Sunday School classrooms and we are praying that it will not be long before we can begin construction on our Sunday School Unit (Educational Building).

A LEADER TRAINED SCHOOL.—This fall we are planning a week of leadership training classes with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg as one of our teachers. In past years we have joined the Calvary Baptist Church in some of their Teacher Training Courses, but this year we are able to invite them to ours.

A PLANNED SCHOOL

A PLANNED SCHOOL.—A constitution for our Sunday School was adopted at our annual Sunday School business meeting on Sept. 21, 1959. Since then we have a planned over-all program for the Sunday School year including a budget. Teachers and officers meetings are held monthly and since we have become departmentalized, one meeting per quarter is set aside for departmental meetings the first hour followed with a brief business meeting.

We now have members of our own church as the teachers and officers of our Sunday School and our staff has grown from 12 to 30. This total includes boys who have been commissioned by the City of Tacoma as patrol boys and four young people elected to serve as Sunday School ushers. But we need laborers, for most of our teachers have several responsibilities and we do not have sufficient for assistant teachers for each class.

In July, our pastor, Rev. H. Smuland resigned. He and his family were faithful in the work of our Sunday School. We know the Lord will continue to meet our need for workers as we seek his will.

The other day I received a letter from a Sunday School scholar who has moved to California. In her child-like way she expressed thanks for learning about Jesus in our Sunday School. Many boys and girls have moved from our community and many new ones have moved in. It is a privilege to serve the Lord in this Sunday School, and we claim his promise that, as his Word goes out, it will not return void.

From the Professor's Desk

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

Question: "I often hear and read very vague ideas of what worship is. Please explain the meaning of true Christian worship."

True worship is the recognition and personal consciousness of God's presence, together with a devout dependence upon him and a reverent response to him. This awareness of God and drawing near to him is possible through God's revelation of himself and his redemption of man through Jesus Christ.

In true worship one must know who it is that he is worshipping. Other things being equal, the richer one's knowledge of God's revelation of himself in the Scriptures, the richer will be his worship experience. (This presupposes faith in God's Word and obedience to the truth revealed.) Actually, God would be incomprehensible to man if he had not manifested himself by acts of revelation. There could be no worship without God's drawing aside the curtain to show himself to man—he may be known and adored!

Indispensable to true Christian worship is also a personal experience of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is only through him that we can come to God. Jesus declared unequivocally, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). Because of man's sinful nature he is alienated from God; but because of the grace of Christ, who gave himself a sacrifice for man's sins, the believer is reconciled to God. Thus man is able to draw near to God as his heavenly Father through repentance and faith. In Christ Jesus we who were once far off from God have been made near by the atoning blood of our Savior through whom we now have access unto the Father (Eph. 2:12, 13; Col. 1:20-22). Apart from Christ's salvation, there could never be a true worship experience for man who is a sinner by nature and a stranger to God.

It is staggering to realize that fin-

ite, sinful man may enter into fellowship with the eternal, holy God. Originally man was first made in the perfect image and likeness of God, and communion with his Creator was both natural and spontaneous. It is because sin marred and corrupted this image of God in man (though the image was not altogether lost) and brought alienation between man and his Maker that a reconciliation is necessary in order once again to make possible and to restore the intimate relation between man and God. Hence, the need for the expiation of man's sins through the atonement of Christ, without which man as an unreconciled sinner is incapable of true worship of the living God.

A genuine experience of worship impresses us with the fact that God draws very near to us in Christ—he is closer to us than hands and feet and nearer than breathing. Yet, we are also impressed that he is above and beyond us, whom all heaven cannot contain, and whose glory is far above the heavens. When we stand before him, we can do so with confidence, since he is gracious; yet we come into his presence with humility and lowliness, for he is almighty and transcendent.

As one thinks of the vastness of God's nature, recognizing that he is the infinite, eternal, self-existent, unchangeable, all-powerful, all-wise, all-present, absolutely perfect divine Being, one is amazed that man is not only able to know God but able also to enter into his presence and commune with him. We stand in solemn reverence and profound gratitude before him. The cherishing of his presence in all of life and the submission to and dependence upon him is the greatest privilege, honor and possession of mankind. In his presence is fullness of joy; at his right hand are pleasures for evermore (Psa. 16:11). This is true spiritual worship.

A French peasant aptly described true worship when he said, "I look at Christ and let Christ look at me."

BAPTIST BRIEFS

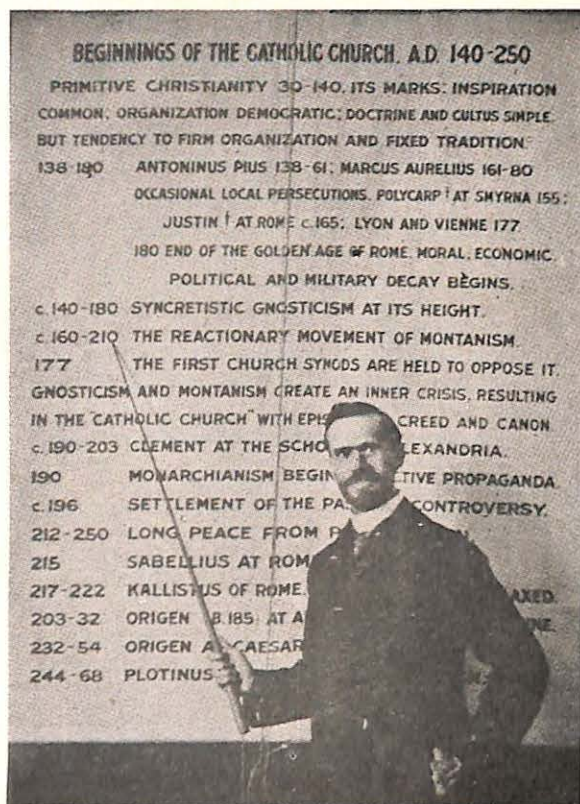
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American Baptist, sent 40 delegates; and the North American Baptists in Japan sent a small delegation as well. Mr. Nicholson serves at Waseda Hoshien Baptist student center in Tokyo.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **European Baptist Students to meet.** The first conference of European Baptist students will take place in January, 1962. For some years the number of young Baptists receiving university education has been increasing very rapidly in some countries. In fellowship and conference they now have much to

give each other. Eager to make Baptist students aware of their growing strength and of the opportunities of service which surround them the E.B.F. Youth Committee has planned the conference from January 4-8, 1962 at the Hamburg Seminary, in Germany. One important aim is to develop the widest possible fellowship by inviting representatives from all the European Unions. Another is to share experience of the development of student work and to make plans for its future. Outstanding Baptist personalities and a number of student leaders will take part under the Chairmanship of Robert Somerville of Paris, France.



Professor Walter Rauschenbusch in his famous class on "Church History" with the big chart on the wall.

SOMEONE has said: "Great men need not that we praise them. The need is ours that we know them." My first acquaintance with the name of Rauschenbusch dates back to my early boyhood days. I was about seven or eight years of age when I was visiting my grandfather, Ernst Seitner. He had been a chief forester with a lord in Germany.

One day this lord said to him: "Seitner, since you have been going to the crepehangers (the Baptists were known by that name), I cannot use you any longer. You might have stayed here with me for the rest of your life." My grandfather and August Rauschenbusch (the father of Walter Rauschenbusch) struck up a lasting friendship, and he spent many days in my grandfather's home in Dayton, Ohio.

We were seated at the dinner table that day when a bolt of lightning like a ball of fire burst above the table. No one was injured. I never forgot that harrowing experience.

GENERAL CONFERENCE 1895

A few years later I met Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch in Dayton, Ohio, at the General Conference held in that city in 1895. He was preaching at an evening service when a young man had a fainting spell which created quite a disturbance. But this was not noticed by Walter Rauschenbusch until he was interrupted.

It was at that Conference in Dayton that the Young People's Union for the denomination was organized.

I had the honor of extending the welcome to this new organization as president of the local youth society. A few years later, Rauschenbusch became editor of the "Jugend Herold," and as such wrote the study courses on "The Life of Christ" which were used by most of our young people's societies.

Later I used the book in different pastorates and found it exceedingly helpful. Dr. D. Stumpf of Buffalo, N. Y., was elected as president of this Young People's Union and Rev. Wm. Pfeiffer of Toledo, Ohio was the first secretary.

It was at the session of the denominational School Committee in 1897 that Walter Rauschenbusch was elected as successor to Professor H. Schaeffer, who had died that spring. Professor Rauschenbusch came to Rochester, N. Y., in the fall of the

WALTER RAUSCHENBUSCH'S LETTERS

In reading through my father's diary recently, written during the years following his graduation from the Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., in 1902 (same class as that of Rev. W. S. Argow), I was amazed to find so many letters and cards from Professor Rauschenbusch to my father counseling with him how to be a good minister of Jesus Christ, how to meet the problems of that day in the spirit of Christ, and encouraging him in the service of the Lord. W. R. was deeply interested in the spiritual development and growth of each of his students.

—M. L. Leuschner, Editor.

The Centennial of Walter Rauschenbusch

Walter Rauschenbusch on the centennial of his birth on Oct. 4, 1961 will be remembered in North American Baptist churches for his early ministry as pastor of a German Baptist church in Hell's Kitchen of New York City, seminary teacher, denominational leader, author of hymns and books, and a devoted, courageous disciple of Jesus Christ.

By Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Penn., a Student of W. R.'s at the Seminary.

year. We of the class of 1902 were the only class that had him for his entire stay with the German department of the Seminary. He taught Civil Government, Zoology and New Testament studies.

SITTING AT HIS FEET

Walter Rauschenbusch's dictations were couched in such a manner that it was almost necessary to memorize the entire lesson. His sentences were brief and compact. He insisted on being prepared for the daily recitation. A very prominent speaker had spoken at the Seminary the night before and the entire student body had attended. The hour had been late and exhausting, so that little preparation was made for the recitation. When we "flunked," we were given to understand by Professor Rauschenbusch that it was not to happen again. It never did, even though the other professors drew the short end.

The prayers of Walter Rauschenbusch continue to be an outstanding impression of him for me. To have heard him pray was to have felt a benediction. He was like a child at his father's knee, speaking with simplicity, confidence and hope concerning his request to God. How beautiful, how direct, how heartfelt were his prayers!

When he prayed, you felt that it was a speaking to God. Once he said: "There is a strange sweetness when you are conscious of touching God." Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, who was his secretary for a year, said: "When he prayed at the beginning of the class hour, all

of us were led so near to Christ that we were always the better for it. We felt that he had walked with God."

Towards the close of the last semester at the Seminary, he gave us some practical talks along many lines not touched upon in the class lessons. I recall one talk. It was on the subject of marriage. "When the time comes for you to choose a helpmate, don't ask the young folks about a certain young lady in whom you may be interested, but seek out the older women (not those who have marriageable daughters) and especially some good motherly souls. Then hear what they have to say about this particular person in whom you are interested." I found it excellent advice and never regretted following it.

LOVE FOR MUSIC

Someone said that Martin Luther did more for the spread of the Reformation through his hymns and songs than through the translation of the Bible into German. It made the people familiar with the great truths of the Bible. Someone else has said: "Let me write the songs of the nation, and I care not who writes the laws." At the spread of the youth movement many years ago, Walter Rauschenbusch sensed the lack of songs which were suitable for young people and he compiled the "Evangeliums Lieder" with Ira Sankey. This hymnal became very popular in many circles. Later he published the "Evangeliums Saenger" and it too was widely used. He was also instrumental in the editing and preparation of the worshipful "Glaubensharfe" that is still in use today in our German speaking churches.

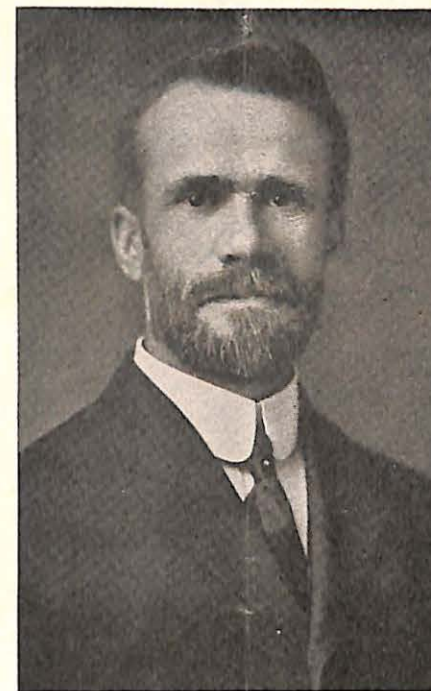
Walter Rauschenbusch was not a mere "rhymster," but he had the soul of a true poet. In all of his hymns and poems, there were beautiful, poetic expressions, splendid rhyming, and exalted religious feeling. He had a well developed "Sprachgefuehl," a feeling for language, both in English and in German.

I recall that after having prepared a paper for him during my last term in German, he wrote at the bottom: "You have apparently inherited your father's beautiful German, but your danger is the English influence. I recommend that you read good German literature." All of our work in the Seminary was in German at the time. How conditions have changed!

LOVE FOR CHRIST

Like Jesus Christ and many pioneers who were misunderstood and their teachings resented, so it was with Walter Rauschenbusch. He was a prophet thirty years ahead of his time. The "Social Gospel" was a "strange doctrine" for many people. The surprising thing was that Walter Rauschenbusch did not use that phrase in the beginning. He spoke of the "social interests" and the "social message." Only in later years did he use the phrase, "Social Gospel."

People made the mistake, whether



Walter Rauschenbusch whose centenary of birth will be observed on October 4, 1961.

wilfully or intentionally, by thinking of it as a social substitute for a religious Gospel. He was literally "crucified" by his enemies and by such who would not see the truth as he proclaimed it. Today most of his teachings have been accepted and introduced into everyday life, as for example, the eight hour day, etc.

Dr. D. S. Sharpe, his biographer, has said: "The term 'gospel' was a holy one. It was deeply inwrought in his personal religious experience and his profoundest convictions and beliefs. The good news of the proclamation of redemption, God revealing himself to humanity through Jesus for the sake of men, was proclaimed by him. No one can fully understand him until he realizes that he was, first of all, a disciple of Christ. His brilliant mind, his human passion, his reverence for God, his love for his kind, his mercy, his hatred of injustice, all were born of his devotion to Jesus Christ."

GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

Professor Rauschenbusch had many gifts but none was more delightful than his gift of making friends and keeping them. He was so friendly that he bound his friends to him with close and strong ties. The class of 1902 had a picture of him enlarged and hung in the chapel as an expression of their love and loyalty to him.

Among other things in expressing his appreciation for this act, Rauschenbusch said that so often the student takes things for granted which the professors give to them. He thought we had been an exception to that rule. We had received his teachings with genuine enthusiasm.

"It will remain with me," Rauschenbusch said, "that I was able to give you

as students something worthwhile. I sincerely hope that this expression on your part will not hurt others. You can do your best to prevent this. Yours in sincere gratefulness and Christian friendship, I remain your former teacher." All through the years we could count on his intimate friendship, bringing him our troubles and sharing our joys of the pastorate and of our families.

Dear to our memory will be that abiding and most helpful inspiration that came from personal contact with him. In our memory we shall always associate him with those wonderful things and choice souls of earth who have made the world better for having lived and concerning whom it might be said: "They rest from their labors, but their works do follow them." And "our friends do not die until we kill them by forgetting them."

THE LITTLE GATE TO GOD

By Walter Rauschenbusch
(Reprinted by request.)

In the castle of my soul
 Is a little postern gate,
 Whereat, when I enter,
 I am in the presence of God.
 In a moment, in the turning of a
 thought,

I am where God is,
 This is a fact.
 When I enter into God,
 All life has a meaning,
 Without asking I know;
 My desires are even now fulfilled,
 My fever is gone
 In the great quiet of God.
 My troubles are but pebbles on the
 road,
 My joys are like the everlasting hills.

So it is when my soul steps through
 the postern gate
 Into the presence of God.
 Big things become small, and small
 things become great.
 The near becomes far, and the future
 is near.

The lowly and despised is shot through
 with glory
 God is the substance of all revolutions;
 When I am in him, I am in the King-
 dom of God
 And in the Fatherland of my Soul.

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We the Women

INTRODUCING MRS. HARM SHERMAN OF APLINGTON, IOWA, PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

By Mrs. Fred L. Paul of St. Paul, Minn., 1961 Woman's Missionary Union Program Chairman

It is my high privilege to introduce the new president of the Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Harm (Carolyn) Sherman of Aplington, Iowa. Mrs. Sherman really needs no introduction to us, for she has used her God-given talents to serve him and us in many capacities in our denomination for a number of years.

She, and her husband, (who is employed by the Skelly Oil Company,) are life-long residents of Aplington, Iowa, and members of the Aplington Baptist Church. She is a graduate of the Aplington High School, Capitol City Commercial College of Des Moines, Iowa, and attended Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Before her marriage, she was employed by the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Des Moines, and taught commercial subjects in various high schools in Iowa.

Mrs. Sherman teaches a class of Adult Women in her home church. She has served as superintendent of the Aplington Community Bible School for several years—a venture God has richly blessed and used. She has served as president of the Iowa Association of W.M.U., and treasurer of the W.M.U. of the Northwestern Conference.

She served as chairman of the Missionary and Stewardship Committee, and edited the Program Packet for the Woman's Missionary Union for three years, and in this last triennium served as the "Broadcast" editor.



Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa, president of the denomination's Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Sherman brings to her office a rich experience and background, and under her able, devoted leadership, we can anticipate a continuance of great things being accomplished for God through the Woman's Missionary Union. Let all of us pledge our prayer support to Mrs. Sherman and her Executive Board as they would serve God through these channels.

THIS NEW TRIENNIUM By Mrs. Harm Sherman of Aplington, Iowa

Another great General Conference has become history. As we stand at the



WHITE CROSS EXHIBIT AT MINNEAPOLIS

Mrs. Arthur R. Weisser of Rochester, N. Y., White Cross chairman of the Woman's Missionary Union shows some of the many interesting things on display to the Conference women.

threshold of a new triennium, I am fully aware of the great responsibility that has become mine in being elected your Woman's Union President. However, I read in God's Word this precious truth, "Fear not; I will help thee" (Isaiah 41:13b). These words give assurance of the Lord's help and guidance as well as indicating partnership with the One who is sufficient to meet our every need. It has been my experience that God supplies strength for every task and responsibility, and it is my prayer that he may equip me for the work that lies ahead.

Some years ago I found these lines, and they have always meant a great deal to me: "I expect to pass through this world but once; any good therefore, that I can do or any loving kindness I can show, let me do it now; let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." In these lines there is a sense of urgency.

That same thought is expressed in the words of our Master, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; for the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). We are living in tremendous days, but also in perilous times. May we be stirred to be eager and willing to be about our Father's business "while it is day."

My sincere thanks to you for your faith and confidence in me. Some of the most thrilling and wonderful moments of my life were experienced at the General Conference sessions when so many of you expressed to me your prayer support. It was possible for us to have a very short Executive Committee meeting at the Conference, and it was then that your newly-elected officers decided to remember one another in prayer every morning at 8:30. Won't ALL of you join us at that hour bringing our needs at home and abroad before the Throne of Grace?

We would like to pay tribute to all the officers who have served throughout the years, for their capable leadership and for the work that they have done for our Union. As we pick up the torch from them, we look forward with dedicated determination to give of our best these next three years. Words fail to express our appreciation, to Mrs. Fred Paul, Chairman of the Program Committee; Mrs. Ted Hirsch, Chairman of the Luncheon Committee; Mrs. Harvey Stanke, Chairman of the Tea Committee; as well as all other women who served in any capacity to make the women's activities so inspiring and delightful.

In forthcoming issues of the "Baptist Herald," you will be meeting the other members of the Executive Committee. Then in the months to come we will share with you through this column our aspirations, plans, as well as our needs.

With God as my Partner, and with the cooperation of each one of you, I am confident that God will lead us to greater heights as we "LIVE ABUNDANTLY" for him in the home, church, community and world.

BAPTIST HERALD

What's Happening

LATEST MISSIONARY NEWS

The recent political developments in the Cameroons, Africa, have changed the sailing plans for the newly appointed missionaries, whose life sketches appeared recently in "Baptist Herald." Mr. Donald Witt of Detroit, Mich., departed for Africa by plane on Sept. 11. Missionary William H. Rentz left for Africa by plane on August 30. His wife is serving during "this waiting period" on the Spanish American mission field in Colorado, assisting Miss Helen Lohse. Miss Alma Zimmerman of Minneapolis, Minn., will wait for another year before going to the Cameroons. These are the latest corrections to the mission stories that were published in the August 3 and 17 issues of the "Baptist Herald."

Hunter's Creek Baptist Church, four miles from Holland, New York. He served this church as pastor for a year and from 1902 to 1904 he was the pastor of the Baptist Church in Josephburg, Alberta. He is the only survivor of the 1901 class of the Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. He and his wife are living in retirement at Fort Dodge.



Dr. A. J. Harms, Visiting Professor in Biblical Literature at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for the 1961-1962 school year.

• Rev. and Mrs. Eleon L. Sandau of Randolph, Minn., have announced the birth of a son on August 15 who has been named Clark Elliott. He is their fifth child and their third son. Rev. Eleon L. Sandau is pastor of the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn.

• Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein of the Fellowship Baptist Chapel, Detroit, Mich., have announced that their son, Murray, has been the recipient of a \$2150 scholarship at Yale University, New Haven, Conn. He began his studies at the university on Sept. 11. He is the only son and the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Stein. Congratulations, Murray!

• Rev. John J. Kroeker of Milwaukee, Wis., has announced that he has resigned as pastor of the German Bethel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., and that he was bringing his ministry there to a close on Sunday, Sept. 10. He has been the pastor of the Bethel Church since it was organized in 1959. Mr. Kroeker has also announced that he hopes to continue his education at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., supplied the pulpit of the church on Sunday, Sept. 17.

• Prof. William R. L. McLatchie began his ministry on the teaching staff of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., on August 24th. He and his family moved to Edmonton at that time from Chattanooga, Tenn., where Prof. McLatchie has served on the faculty of the Temple Baptist Theological Seminary during the past summer session from July 17 to August 23. He was ordained by the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1957. He has been studying for his doctorate degree at the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, Philadelphia, Pa.

• Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Harms of Garden Grove, Calif., have moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where earlier in September Dr. Harms began his teaching ministry at the North American Baptist Seminary. For the school year he is the Visiting Professor in the area of Biblical Literature. In former years Dr. Harms served as pastor of the following North American Baptist churches: Lorraine, Kansas; Baileyville, Ill.; and Grosse Pointe Church (Burns Ave. Church), Detroit, Mich. He has been the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Garden Grove, Calif., for the past six years.

• Rev. Benjamin Schlipf of Fort Dodge, Iowa, celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the Christian ministry on August 8. He was ordained on August 8, 1901 in the

Some time ago Mrs. Schlipf suffered a stroke. She is now fairly well physically, but has not regained the ability to express herself in audible words.

• At the Commencement Exercises of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., held on August 17 in the Northrup Memorial Auditorium, Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, Cameroons missionary, was awarded a "Master of Nursing Administration" degree. On this same occasion Carsten Herman Seecamp, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Seecamp of La Crosse, Wis., was awarded a "Doctor of Medicine" degree. The commencement address was delivered by the Honorable Luther W. Youngdahl, judge of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, on the topic, "Tyranny of Words."

• One of the national Christians from our mission field in Japan is at present a student at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He is Mr. Hisashi Murakami who arrived in Vancouver, B. C., by plane on August 30 and was met at the airport by Rev. Phil. Daum. He enrolled at the Seminary soon thereafter. He first came into contact with Christianity through an English Bible Class held in Japan by Missionary Clemence Auch. A story and picture of Mr. Murakami will appear in the "1962 Annual." He and Mr. Flavius Martin are the first young Christians from our mission fields to study in the United States.

• Rev. Reily Neuman of Edenwold, Sask., has accepted the call extended to him by the Board of Missions to serve as a missionary to the Indians on the Alberta Reserves. He has resigned as pastor of the Edenwold Baptist Church and announced that he would begin his missionary ministry on Sept. 1st. He is the Indian missionary for the Bull and Montana Reserves of Alberta, residing with his family in the mission home on the Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alta. Mr. and Mrs. August Grymaloski have moved to the mission house on the Montana Reserve and Mr. Grymaloski will serve as assistant to Rev. R. Neuman in the Indian mission work. Mr. Neuman served as a missionary to the Indians for more than ten years from 1948 to 1959.

• Rev. L. Bienert of Forest Park, Ill., business manager of the Roger Williams Press, was one of 1,000 delegates at the 12th Annual Convention of the Christian Booksellers Association held at the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, Aug. 6 to 10. The five day sessions featured the importance of the Bible in its history and distribution. Rev. Don Cleveland Norman of Skokie, Ill., showed in his exhibit of rare Bibles one written by hand and dated about 1225 A.D. Among the 50 others in his display were the Coverdale Bible, which was the first complete Bible printed in English (1535), and a complete two-volume facsimile of the Gutenberg Bible with an original leaf of this famed Bible.

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 8, 1961

Theme: HOW CHRISTIANS GROW

Scripture: Philippians 3:8-17

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God is concerned about the life of every Christian. But he is especially concerned in the Christian who is interested in growing in his Christian life.

INTRODUCTION: When Christians think about growing, it often leads to discouragement because the progress seems so slow and unnoticeable. A normal lifetime seems too short for such a necessary and, at the same time, a wonderful experience. In striving for Christlikeness in our meditative movements, we sometimes feel that our Lord had too great an advantage in that he was the Son of God. Our human nature often seems like an insurmountable barrier because we see only Christ's divinity over against our humanity. We must also accept Jesus as the Son of man. He came to us in the flesh; he grew physically and mentally; he was tempted in all points like as we are. In the record of his temptations we can even see a greater danger. Because of his additional power as the Son of God, the temptations were therefore so much more intense.

The Christian should be encouraged all the more because his growth is dependent on the divine power of Christ and not on his human strength.

I. GROWTH THROUGH SACRIFICE. Philippians 3:8-9.

The Apostle Paul had a keen sense of values. He did not have to weigh them in his mind very long before making a choice. Anything that failed to come up to the standard of Christ was simply cast aside. His emphasis was not so much on giving things up as it was on acquiring eternal qualities. What to others looked like sacrifices were to Paul necessary and joyful offerings. Whatever he had, he always managed to trade in for something better.

II. GROWTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST. Philippians 3:10-11.

To Paul the resurrection was not an Easter experience, but a fact that was central in his daily life. His passion was to know Christ better for he was persuaded that to know Christ was to share in his power; to share in his power was to share in his fellowship; to share in his fellowship was to be Christ-like—Christ-like in life as well as in death.

III. GROWTH THROUGH IMPERFECTION. Philippians 3:12.

Paul realized that in order to grow he must be conscious of his weaknesses,

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. D.

The annual business meeting of the Society of the Baptist Home for the Aged at Bismarck, North Dakota, will be held at the HOME on Oct. 10th at 10:00 A.M. The annual program will be held in the afternoon at 2:00 P.M.

Harold E. Weiss, Secretary

his imperfections, his immaturity. It was not easy for the apostle to look at himself objectively and in all humility see and admit his limitations. He understood fully what Jesus meant when he said, "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick" (Matt. 9:12). In order to attain perfection and maturity, he was willing to present himself completely before Christ.

IV. GROWTH THROUGH VISION. Philippians 3:13-17.

No self-satisfied person can grow. Paul lived and moved in the present, but he always had his eye on a distant goal. The mistakes and failures of the past did not hinder him. There was nothing he could do about them except forget them. To spend the rest of his life in remorseful agony would be useless and senseless. God forgives; he must forget.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 15, 1961

Theme: GROWTH IN KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20, 38-48.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: In order to understand better the life of Christ, we must possess more of the mind of Christ.

INTRODUCTION: It is not enough to have a hunger for knowledge; there must be hunger for the right kind of knowledge. The world is education conscious. It was once thought that if all the primitive people became educated there would be a better way of life available for all the world. Our civilization today can boast of the fact that it has the best educated sinners the world has ever known. Countless forms of evil have been invented in order to take advantage of the world's superior knowledge.

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.

Hosea can speak with authority, especially to our generation: "The Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land . . . because there is no knowledge of God. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:1-6).

The minds of men are being invaded as never before. What they need more than anything else is an invasion of the knowledge of God.

I. KNOWLEDGE AND LAW. Matt. 5:17-19.

Laws can bring order as well as confusion. They can be interpreted and misinterpreted. They can mean one thing to a person and something entirely different to another person. They can bring freedom or slavery; they can even be used to protect the guilty as well as the innocent.

In order to understand the laws of God, it is necessary to have the knowledge of God. Jesus did not advocate less law, but more love. Outward conformity to God's law was not enough. There must be an inner obedience which makes the law a matter of the spirit rather than of the letter.

II. KNOWLEDGE AND RIGHT-EOUSNESS. Matt. 5:20.

Jesus was outraged at the superficial morality of the religious leaders to whom the common people looked for leadership. According to all outward appearances, they lived according to a strict moral code. The condemnation of Jesus would not have been so severe if they had not looked with contempt on the common people who were not as well versed in the traditions of the elders and therefore ignorant of their laws. The scribes and Pharisees simply wallowed in their self-righteousness while their minds were still full of unholy desires.

III. KNOWLEDGE AND MERCY. Matt. 5:38-42.

The religious leaders in Jesus' day thought in terms of law and justice and punishment. They upheld the principle of limited revenge—a tooth for a tooth, but no more. It was far better than paganism which often took revenge ten-fold.

Jesus abolished the law of revenge and established a substitute—Christian revenge. It consisted in overcoming evil with good. Justice, Jesus believed, should be tempered with mercy.

IV. KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE. Matt. 5:43-48.

This is one area in which the knowledge of God was almost totally absent. As a God of love, he was little known until Jesus revealed him as such. God gives every man a complete chance to do the right thing. There is no doubt that a day of judgment will come, but until it does, he will make his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and send his rain on the just and on the unjust.

Fiftieth Anniversary — Strassburg Church

The 50th anniversary of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, reported by Rev. Charles Littman, Pastor.

"ENTER INTO his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise, be thankful unto him, and bless his name" (Psalm 100:4) On July 14, 15 and 16, members and friends of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, joined with the Psalmist in the expression of thankfulness and praise for the many consecrated men and women who through the past 50 years labored faithfully for their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

EARLY BEGINNINGS

The history of the Strassburg Baptist Church begins with the year 1876 when the first settlers of the community migrated here from Russia. When Peter III of Russia came to Germany to marry Princess Catherine, later Catherine the Great, she accepted his proposal on condition that she be permitted to bring 3000 German families with her to Russia, and that they be exempt from military service for 99 years.

The 99 years ended about 1865-70 and these Germans who had settled on the Volga River were asked to enter military service. Czar Alexandria II gave them until 1880 to obey or vacate the country, and so many of these German families emigrated to America. Among these were the early settlers of Strassburg, Kansas. These first Strassburg families bought land ranging in price from \$2.25 to \$5.00 an acre and settled along what is known today as the Strassburg Road. Since these families came from a village in Russia by the name of Strassburg, they gave their little settlement the same name.

Family altars of worship were set up in the homes, but they soon felt the need of "assembling themselves together" to worship as a group. Therefore, they met in the different homes of the neighborhood until 1892, when they bought a small frame building in Marion and moved it to the present location of the Strassburg Baptist Church. Home made benches, three on the east

side until 1905. The period between 1905 and 1911 was one of growth, even though there was no regular full-time pastor during much of the time. The pastor of the German Baptist Church in Marion, Rev. John Sievers, would come out on certain Sundays and take charge of the services.

July 16, 1911 marks another important milestone in the history of the



The Official Board of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas
Front Row (left to right): Rev. Charles Littman, Roy Vogel, Inez Krispence, Agnes Bernhardt, Kathryn Schimpf, Anita Schlehuder, Jake Stenzel, Milton Stenzel.
Second Row: Elmer Schlotthauer, Herman Schlotthauer, Ezra Schimpf, Jake Weber, Paul Vogel, Harvey Kruse, Dennis Seifert, Wilbert Hett.

side for the women and three on the west side for the men, faced each other instead of facing the pulpit which was a low table at the north end of the church.

This little congregation was known as "Die Brüder." The older brethren in their simple and sincere manner expounded the Word of God in this edi-

church. It was on that day that the group assembled to organize and apply for membership in the North American Baptist Conference of North America. The church became known as the Strassburg Baptist Church with 30 charter members.

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

The anniversary program began Friday evening with Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, bringing the message on the theme, "God Has Led." Special recognition was given to all charter members who found it possible to attend. On Saturday evening over 200 people gathered at the Marion City Building for our anniversary banquet. Rev. J. C. Gunst again challenged us with the theme "Found Faithful." Greetings from former pastors and visiting ministers were also given.

Sunday proved to be a real day of blessing and inspiration. Rev. Herman Palfenier was able to be with us and led us in the Sunday School Hour. For our morning worship hour Mr. Gunst brought the message, "Continuing in Fellowship." A challenging message Sunday evening on the theme, "Continuing in Witnessing," by Rev. J. C. Gunst brought our anniversary program to a close.

The Strassburg Baptist Church is indebted to all of the ministers who have served the church. They are: Rev. John B. Reh, 1911-1916; Rev. John A. Pan-

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The Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas which has ministered to the community on this site since 1892. The church was recognized in 1911. From July 14-16, 1961 the church celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Our Denomination in ACTION



Group of children and teachers at the first Vacation Bible School held by the Fellowship Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Western District

Vacation Bible School, First Church, Lodi, Calif.

"Living for Jesus." This was the daring, attractive and inspirational theme for the eight days of Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. This theme made teachers and pupils greatly aware of the privilege, responsibility and commission of becoming and of being a Christian in our present age of materialism, insecurity and secularism. God visited us, we are certain. Here it was that souls were saved and Christians confronted with living for Christ. New faces were seen from day to day, children from the community who did not go to Sunday School. It was to these and others that Acts 1:8 challenged us: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

The enrollment and attendance were very gratifying. Our pupil enrollment was 280, with an average attendance of 233. The total enrollment with staff was 348. This included a day school from ages 3½ through 7th grade (as seen on the picture) and an evening school from 8th grade through High School. The culmination of the school was the demonstration program. Here the children proclaimed to the public that Christ lives!

Arthur Brust, Assistant Pastor

Eastern District

Vacation School at Fellowship Chapel, Detroit, Michigan

On July 9th the Fellowship Baptist Chapel of Detroit, Michigan, welcomed its first pastor, Rev. Walter Stein, into its fellowship. From July 10 to 22 we held our first Vacation Bible School. We began with an enrollment of 27 children and, as the days passed by, our attendance increased to 61. We thank God for his blessings upon our efforts. On July 16 we began with Sunday School classes for all age groups. Our group is blessed with many talents which makes our work so pleasant.

The church has purchased a Baldwin Spinnet organ which adds beauty and dignity to our services. On August 10 we held a Community Sunday to which many people had been invited. The building purchased by our church was formerly a school building and former teachers, trustees, and students were invited to see the transformation that had taken place.

Ruth Peitsch, Reporter



The Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., reached an enrollment of 350. Most of the teachers of the school and the two church pastors are standing in the aisle.

Northern District

Diamond Wedding Anniversary Celebrated at Moosehorn, Man.

Saturday, July 8, was a memorable day for Mr. and Mrs. Julius Betker of Moosehorn, Man., as they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. To make this occasion even more joyous for them, they were privileged to have

all their eight children present, together with three daughters-in-law, 4 sons-in-law, and 15 grandchildren. These came from as far away as Vancouver, B. C., and Calgary, Alberta. The larger part of the evening's program consisted of special numbers, recitations, and readings by the children and grandchildren of the couple. Also during the course of the program, telegrams of congratulations were read. Some of these telegrams were from high ranking governmental officials, including the Queen's private secretary at Buckingham Palace, and Premier Duff Roblin of Manitoba.



Mr. and Mrs. Julius Betker of Moosehorn, Man., on their 60th wedding anniversary. In the back row are their son, grandson and great grandson, making this a picture "of four generations."

Above all, however, it was a joy to see the Betkers celebrate this event within the realm of the Church of Jesus Christ. Mr. Bruno Voss, the pastor of the church, presented a short message on Ex. 13:20-21. He reminded the couple that God will safely lead his people into the Promised Land, although at the present he may lead us through the wilderness. A lovely German plaque was presented to them on behalf of the church and friends. May God continue to bless Mr. and Mrs. Betker in the years to come, and may they in turn be a blessing to us.

Bruno Voss, Reporter

Ground Breaking Service, Grant Park Church, Winnipeg

When will you be building? This is a question that has often been asked of us at the Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, but which can now be answered. However, it has meant hours and days of planning, discussing, praying and sacrificing. But then anything good always costs something.

Four months after organizing, we had our sod-turning service. On Sunday, July 30th, under a tent an impressive ground breaking service was held. The service was graced with music by the church organ and church choir. Representatives of the various organizations of the church, including Mc-

Dermod Church, took part in the turning of the sod. The band from the Third Church served with a prelude and a postlude to the service. The main speakers were Rev. L. D. Potratz of Faith Baptist Church in Regina (our pastor's former charge) and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, District Secretary. We are looking forward to moving into our new church building where we will have countless opportunities to reach many people. The church site is in a field with limitless opportunities. Our church visited fifteen hundred homes prior to the July 30th service.

Already we are preparing for the increase in our Sunday School enrolment. We have organized a Board of Christian Education. Mrs. Grabke, the pastor's wife, is the chairman of this committee. Our pastor, Rev. R. Grabke, also served as evangelist in Bridgeland Church in Calgary and in our Church Extension work in Lac du Bonnet.

Morley Muth, Reporter

Central District

Mission Gifts at Vacation School, Kenosha, Wis.

A very fine Vacation Bible School was conducted from June 12 to 16 at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., with our pastor, Rev. Milton W. Zeeb, as director. Our theme was "Living for Jesus." Ninety-nine children were enrolled, with 15 teachers in attendance. The children's mission offering was designated for the Spanish-American field in Colorado. They deposited their gifts daily in a large kettle hanging over a bon fire placed at the side of a replica of a Spanish-American village made by Mrs. Dorothy White. This proved to be of great interest to the children as they saw with their own eyes where



Vacation Bible School display at the Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis., showing a replica of a Spanish American village made by Mrs. Dorothy White and the kettle into which the children placed their missionary offerings.



GROUND BREAKING EXERCISES, GRANT PARK CHURCH, WINNIPEG

Those taking part in these exercises at Winnipeg, Manitoba, are (left to right): Rev. R. Grabke, pastor; Mr. Harry Bergstresser; Mr. Dan Walters, chairman of Building Committee; Messrs. Wm. Patzia, Fred Zilkie and John Rogalski, Advisory Committee from McDermot Ave., Church; Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, District Secretary; Mr. Hans Schulte, architect; and Rudy Lach. Dale Clubino (foreground), youngest member of the church, is turning the sod.

their money was going. The offering amounted to \$44.62.

At our closing program the children marched in with the American and Christian flags and took their places on the platform. After pledging allegiance to the same and also to the Bible, they lustily sang the songs taught them. Each department

planned a special feature bringing out some phase of the work accomplished during the week.

Woman's Missionary Union Sessions at Southern Conference

During the sessions of the Southern Conference at the Greenvine Baptist Church, Burton, Texas, the Woman's Missionary Union held its annual business meeting on Friday morning, July 14, with the president, Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, presiding.

Friday afternoon the women were given time for a special program. Mrs. Helen Boyd led in the song service with Miss Ruth Poerschke at the piano. The president extended a welcome. Mrs. George Conway read the Scripture and Mrs. Raymond Castro led in prayer. Mrs. Richard Mayforth presented the awards with all banners for giving, attendance and efficiency going to the Mowata Union. Mrs. Helen Boyd favored us with a vocal solo and Miss Sherry Armbruster played a piano solo. Miss Joyce Ringering of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought a challenging message on "Women can Witness."

Mrs. Walter Hill was in charge of the installation service. The officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Emil Schmeltekopf, Kyle; 1st vice president, Mrs. Walter Weber, Crawford; second vice president, Mrs. Henry Nuss, Dallas; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Engelbrecht, Crawford; White Cross chairman, Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Waco. The women voted to give \$100 to the National WMU project, and the balance of the contributions and evening offering, with the exception of a small balance, to be applied to the Rio Grande City parsonage.

Mrs. Clarence Engelbrecht, Secretary-Treasurer

CONFERENCE ELECTIONS

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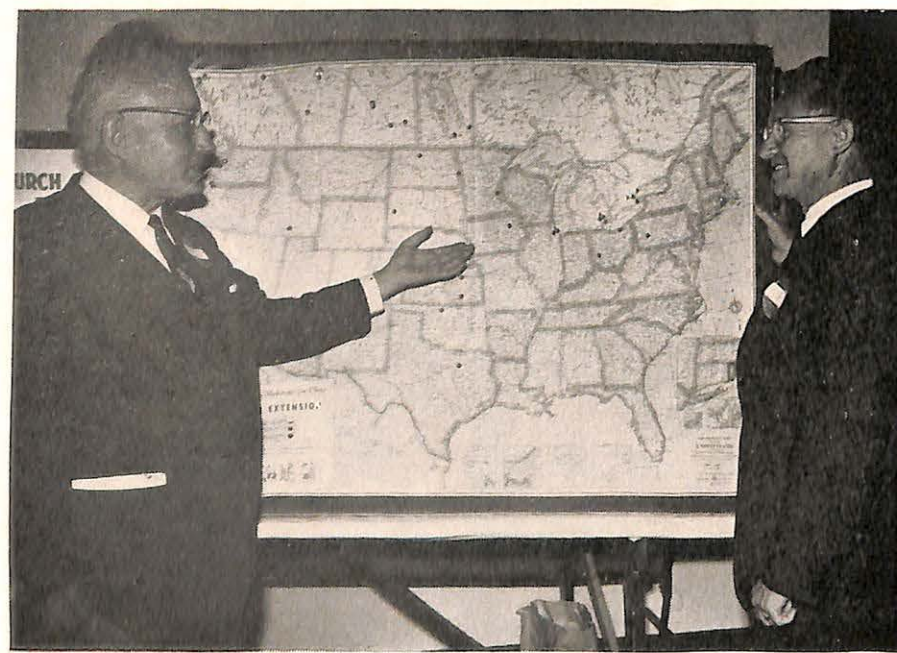
A HEAVENLY MELODY

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the flowers gathered and dried by them during the summer months.

We were deeply impressed to hear the evangelistic note sounded at our General Conference, when on Friday evening Dr. Ralph Powell of the Seminary Faculty brought an appealing message, presenting the loving Saviour in all his winsomeness and power.

The last day climaxed this feast of good things by two long-to-be-remembered gatherings. Under the capable leadership of Dr. R. Schilke, the gen-



52 CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECTS

The 52 Church Extension projects of the denomination, shown on the map in the United States and Canada, are studied by Rev. Daniel Fuchs (left), director of Church Extension, and by Rev. Adam Huber, Church Extension pastor of the Brook Park Baptist Church of Minneapolis.

Baptist Missionaries Design Stamps

Stamp designs for the Southern Cameroons, Africa submitted by our Cameroons Baptist missionaries have been selected by the government and will be in use during August and September, 1961.

Several of our Cameroons Baptist missionaries submitted designs for new stamps to be issued in August 1961 by the Southern Cameroons, Africa. The Committee appointed by the Executive Committee to prepare this new issue of Southern Cameroons Postage Stamps selected the following designs among others:

● 3 Penny Stamps—a design embodying the Cameroons Prawn, submitted by Rev. George D. Henderson, Cameroons Baptist Mission, Kumba.

● 5 Shilling Stamp—a design showing a Bamenda Drum Hut, submitted by Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons Baptist Mission, Bamenda.

The above stamps will be issued at once and are scheduled to be in circulation in August 1961.

The Committee selected the following designs provisionally. These stamps, however, cannot be issued in time to be on sale before Sept. 30, 1961 and any new issue after that will be a constitutional matter to be discussed

eral secretary of our General Missionary Society, we were permitted to take another look at our great missionary enterprise. To witness the fact that men and women still respond to the call of the Great Commission was a great privilege on Sunday afternoon, when three young folk were added to the growing list of faithful missionaries to the Cameroons of Africa. Very im-

with the Government of the Cameroun Republic.

● ½ Penny Stamp—a design showing a map of Africa and marking the position of the Southern Cameroons, submitted by Mrs. Clara Gebauer, Cameroons Baptist Mission, Bamenda.

● 1 Penny Stamp—a design showing Bamenda Mask and Gongs, submitted by Rev. George D. Henderson, Cameroons Baptist Mission, Kumba.

● 2 Penny Stamp—a design showing a carved post, submitted by Mrs. Clara Gebauer, Cameroons Baptist Mission, Bamenda.

● 1 Shilling 3 Pence Stamp—a drawing depicting an Elephant's Head, submitted by Mrs. Clara Gebauer, Cameroons Baptist Mission, Bamenda.

A prize of five pounds for the best selected design was awarded to Dr. Paul Gebauer and those submitting the other designs received prizes of two pounds for each design selected.

pressive too at this meeting was the presentation of a citation to Dr. Paul Gebauer upon completion of 30 years of service in the Cameroons, 25 years of which were shared by his wife.

All too soon came the memorable Communion Service at the First Baptist Church on Sunday evening. Under the leadership of the pastors of the four Minneapolis-St. Paul churches, assisted by their deacons, a holy quietness fell upon the large congregation as the familiar words introducing the service of memory were read. Each took the bread and the cup to remember with thanksgiving the ransom price paid for his salvation and resolved to return to his place of service with new determination to claim the Master's promise of greater things through Christ.

CONFERENCE MESSAGES

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Gospel story to other people has a right to exist. When Christ said "Go ye into all the world," he wasn't talking to twelve men or to seventy or to the Christians of Jerusalem. He was talking to us.

Fourth, a glorious church will have a glorious vision of stewardship. We can be good stewards and bring our tithes to the church, or we can just be stewards and pay the collections when God comes for them. Your relationship to your possessions is one of the most important elements in your spiritual life. It is important for the financing of the Kingdom. It is important for the starting of new churches where hundreds will come to Christ.

MARCH OF EVENTS

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90 delegates, representing about 20 countries and many denominations, attended the Conference which brought together for the first time literature workers from all regions of Africa south of the Sahara. Questions of literacy strategy for all Africa were raised. The main emphasis of literature work is likely to swing from literacy to the provision of books for the millions of new readers who will come from the primary schools which are rapidly being built in every African territory. While efforts will be made to provide some part of the Bible and worship materials in many vernaculars, efforts will be concentrated on a full range of books in a few of the main vernaculars and in the "lingua franca" such as Swahili, English and French.

● Missionary broadcasters meeting in Milwaukee, Wis., June 12-15 for the third World Conference on Missionary Radio set a goal of doubling the number of missionary radio stations around the world in the next ten years. They will also seek to build ten missionary television stations in such leading population centers of the world as Tokyo, Paris and Buenos Aires. Present at the conferences were 100 missionary radio and television broadcasters from six continents of the world. They represent 29 missionary radio stations that broadcast in over 100 different languages. Their powerful shortwave and longwave transmitters located in key spots of the Far East, Latin America, Europe and Africa are exceeded in power only by such government operations as the Voice of America and Radio Moscow. *Time* magazine recently told the story of one of them—Radio Monte Carlo in the tiny country of Monaco, which is the world's most powerful Christian radio station.

● RAPELON, COLOMBIA (CNS)—Another outbreak of violence in Colombia has marred what many had hoped was the beginning of better Catholic-Protestant relationships here. When Protestants of this town gathered for a religious service in a private home on May 17 they were attacked by a mob of school children and adults in the company of Father Jeremias Contreras, the parish priest. They were insulted and stoned until rescued by the mayor. The latest attack in this country town of about 8,000 where Protestant services have been held for over a year, involved a mob of some 300 school children and adults. The children surrounded the house where the service was being held and their Father Contreras spoke to them about the danger of Protestantism in their town. He said that Protestants were not wanted there and referred to Protestant pastors as "damned dogs." The priest then led the children in singing "Ave Maria" and the hate song, "We Don't Want Protestants."—*Church News Service*

Obituary

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

Mr. Carl Schatz of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mr. Carl Schatz of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born on Nov. 8, 1880. He was educated there and in 1901 came to the United States, home-staying near McClusky. He was married to Karoline Schlichenmeyer in December 1906 at the Zion Baptist Church, south of Turtle Lake. He was saved in 1905 and was baptized by Rev. August Liebig. The couple farmed in the McClusky area until 1941 when they moved to the city of McClusky. In 1955 they came to Bismarck and joined the Bismarck Baptist Church.
He leaves his wife; three daughters: Mrs. Henry J. (Sarah) Roberts, Bismarck; Mrs. Pauline Salak, Bismarck; Mrs. Marcus (Esther) Schultz, Santa Cruz, Calif.; six sons: Charles, Albuquerque, N. M.; Gustave Forest Lake, Minn.; Edwin, Toledo, Ohio; Thayfield, Grand View, Wash.; David, Bismarck; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He also leaves two brothers, Ed, Bismarck, and Gottlieb, McClusky, and a sister, Mrs. Katherine Jesser, Bismarck.
Bismarck, North Dakota
FRED TRAUTNER, Officiating Minister

MRS. KATHARINE AUCH of Lodi, California

Mrs. Katharine Auch of Lodi, Calif., was born on Dec. 25, 1880 in South Russia. In 1903 she came to this country and lived in North Dakota for many years. The last 21 years she was a resident of Lodi. In 1897 she was united in marriage with Mr. Christian Auch, who preceded her in death in 1947. When she was still a young woman, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church. Since coming to Lodi, she was a member of the First Baptist Church there. Sister Auch was a very sincere Christian, faithful in church attendance and in prayer meetings.
During the last five and a half years, she suffered much because of illness. During this time she received loving care from her daughter, Mrs. Hilda Rott of Lodi. She passed away on August 3rd, having reached the age of 80 years. She is survived by one son, Henry of North Dakota; and two daughters: Mrs. Hilda Nott of Lodi, Calif.; and Mrs. Alvina Hodell of New Leipzig, N. Dak. She also leaves a step-brother and a step-sister, 6 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser officiated at the funeral service.
First Baptist Church
Lodi, California
G. G. RAUSER, Officiating Minister

MR. HARRY POWERS of Avon South Dakota

Mr. Harry Powers of Avon, S. Dak., was born in Charles Mix County, near Delmont, South Dakota, on Nov. 16, 1895, and passed away after a long illness on July 31, 1961, at the age of 65 years, 7 months, and 20 days. He spent his boyhood and youth in this area. He attended church in a small rural Methodist church in his youth. On Sept. 6, 1936, he was baptized upon his confession of faith in Christ and received into the fellowship of the Avon Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until the end.
On April 1, 1917, he was united in marriage to Miss Effie Roll. This union was blessed in the birth of one daughter and 2 sons. He was a good husband, father, neighbor and friend. He endured suffering patiently through weeks of pain during which time his devoted wife and family were constantly standing by. Many times he expressed the wish that he might be able to attend church again. This privilege was

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Does anyone know ROBERT FRANK, age 63. He emigrated to Canada in 1928. This data is wanted in inheritance matters.

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ANNUAL MEETING, BAPTIST HOME, MADISON, S. DAK.

The annual meeting of the members of the North American Baptist Home of Madison, South Dakota, will be held at the South Dakota Association meeting on October 2, 1961, at 2:55 P.M. All members are invited to attend.
Herman Bleeker, Secretary

last granted him on April 9 when it was already difficult for him to get around.
Left to mourn his passing away are: his devoted wife; three children: Clarence and Lester of Avon, and Leona (Mrs. Melvin Swanson) of Brandon, S. D.; three brothers; two sisters; and 8 grandchildren.
Avon, South Dakota
PETER J. WIENS, Pastor

MRS. GEORGE J. WAGNER of Short Hills, New Jersey

Mrs. Marie Nuse Wagner, wife of George J. Wagner, of 65 Lake Road, Short Hills, New Jersey died at her home on July 1, 1961, after a long illness. Mrs. Wagner was born in Newark, New Jersey, and lived in Short Hills, New Jersey, for the last 24 years. Both were active members of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey.
She was a member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, the Bethany Home Society for the Aged of Newark, the Girls' Home Society of New York City, and the Baptist Home Society of Philadelphia, Pa. Besides her husband, who operates the Wagner Fuel & Oil Co., Inc., she leaves three sons: George J., Jr., of Short Hills, N. J.; Lt. David Wagner with the U. S. Navy in Monterey, Calif.; and Richard L., at home; four brothers, two sisters and six grandchildren.
Clinton Hill Baptist Church
Union, New Jersey
LEROY R. LINCOLN, Pastor

MRS. EMMA MARIE MILLER of Inglewood, California

Mrs. Emma Marie Miller of Los Angeles, Calif., was born in Schleswig-Holstein March 3, 1882. She departed from this life to be with the Lord on Friday, August 4, 1961 at the age of 79 years and 5 months. In 1893 she came with her parents to this country and found her new home in Marshalltown, Iowa. On Sept. 23, 1905 she was united in holy matrimony with Nicholas Conrad Miller. Her husband; a son, Frank; and a daughter, Grace, preceded her in death.
Mrs. Miller was converted under the ministry of Rev. Carl Swyter and upon confession of her faith in Christ was baptized Sept. 19, 1921. She united with the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles (now Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church) where she was a faithful, diligent worker in the work of the Lord. For many years as chairman of White Cross Work she showed great concern for our foreign mission work. She leaves to mourn her passing, two sons: Claude and Nicholas; one daughter, Gladys; 14 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren; also one brother, Peter C. Lorenzen of Nichols, New York.
Inglewood Baptist Church
Inglewood, California
EDMUND MITTLESTEDT, Pastor

STRASSBURG CHURCH

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krat, 1916-1922; Rev. G. M. Pankratz, 1922-1930; Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, 1934-1937; Rev. Roy Seibel, 1937-1944; Rev. Arthur A. Schulz, 1944-1948; Rev. Loyal A. Funk, 1949-1951; Rev. L. B. Hinz, 1951-1957; Rev. Charles Littman, 1957-.

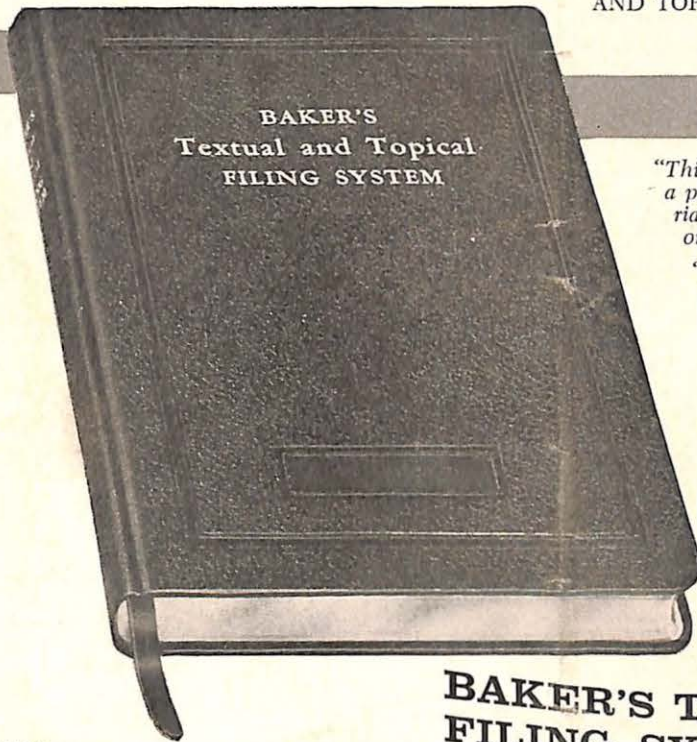
Special music by the choir, male chorus, trios, male quartets and vocal solos, and the challenging messages by our guest speaker, Rev. J. C. Gunst, inspired and thrilled the great crowds that gathered for this festive occasion. We have reason to say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psalm 126:3).

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