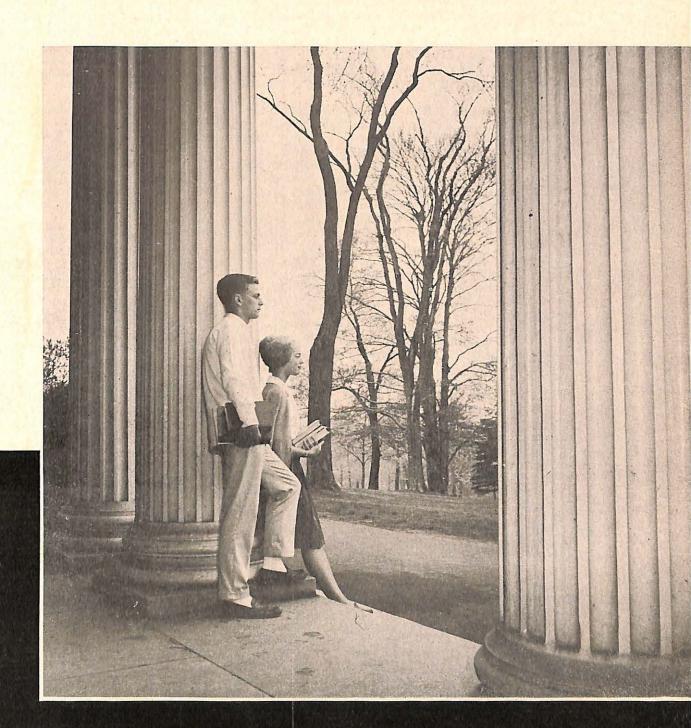
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Christ's Undelegated Authority

By Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance

A NARTICLE in the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, commenting on the discussion of Christian unity at the recent assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India, states that "Christian unity can be realized only through a Catholic-type hierarchy presided over by an infallible authority."

This candid restatement of the old Roman Catholic position on infallibility calls for an equally candid statement by those of us who have "an acute and vivid consciousness of the sovereignty of Christ, accompanied by a steadfast determination to secure the complete and consistent recognition of his personal, direct and undelegated authority over the souls of men."

There is no evidence in the New Testament that Jesus envisioned a hierarchy presided over by an infallible authority. The authority of the church set forth in the sixteenth and eighteenth chapters of the Gospel of Matthew flows not from flesh and blood, but from God (16:18), and from the presence of Christ among his disciples (18:20). Christ promised that after his departure, the Holy Spirit would be his advocate on earth to instruct and guide his followers into all the truth (John 14:16; 16:13).

Many of our friends in the Roman Catholic Church will say that individual freedom of interpretation leads to fragmentation of the Christian forces and competition between groups which believe they have the final truth. This is admittedly a danger. We deplore just as deeply the tendency of men to assume infallibility within the free churches as within the Roman Catholic Church. Yet the abuse of freedom is not reason for giving it up. It requires Christian humility and a deep sense of personal responsibility to claim the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free (Gal. 5:13-16).

In decrying the tendencies to fragmentation we should not overlook the growing sense of cohesion among those who hold that personal faith is the prerequisite for church membership. Despite differences and the absence of central ecclesiastical authority, they march together in world-wide missionary, evangelistic and benevolent endeavors with a sense of devotion and holy urgency which is borne, we believe, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

borne, we believe, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Faith in Jesus Christ must always be personal, but it is never private. Our relation to Christ, the Head of the Church, involves us in specific relations with our fellow believers, our neighbors, and all the world. Personal faith carries with it solemn responsibilities for the welfare of our fellow men.

We do not believe that Christ ever delegated his power to a "hierarchy presided over by an infallibile authority." We believe that the authority is still in the hands of him who said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

CHURCH EXTENSION SUNDAY, FEB. 18, 1962

- Read the leaflet, "Eighteen Keys for North American Baptist Churches."
 Study the book on Acts, "The Witnessing Church" by Robert S. Hess (German copies also available).
- Secure and use the Church Extension Packet (25 cents).
 Enlist as a "Church Extension Builder" (\$1.00 a month).
- Read the article by Rev. Daniel Fuchs on page 7 of this issue.

MISSION NEWS ... AND NEEDS ...

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONFER-ENCE. During the first full week of January 1962, the Annual Missionary Conference for our Cameroons missionaries was held in Bamenda with most of our missionaries in attendance. Many important decisions were made affecting the future developments on the mission field, which will be reported in later issues of the "Baptist Her-

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS IN TSU, JAPAN. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, our missionaries in the university center of Tsu, Japan, have reported that the recent evangelistic meetings were a time of real blessing. Almost 2000 announcements and tracts were handed out before the services. Various decisions were made for Christ and an Inquirers' Meeting is now being held every Sunday for those who want to know more about Christianity. Five of these Japanese have made definite decisions to accept Christ as Savior; others are still seeking. Pray! for them!

OUR MISSION TO LEPROSY PATIENTS. Miss Laura E. Reddig has glowingly reported about the mission work to the leprosy patients in the Cameroons. There are now 22 treatment centers besides the New Hope Settlement (see 1961 Annual with article by Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale about 16 Leprosy Clinics) with a total of 1913 patients being treated. "To date, 774 patients have been discharged and are enjoying the more abundant life in Jesus Christ, whom they have learned to know and love while taking treatment," Miss Reddig wrote.

CHURCH LOAN TRUST FUND. North American Baptists can now invest their funds to earn a good rate of interest while they are helping to finance church building projects at the same time. An informative article about this plan appeared in the January 18, 1962 issue of the "Baptist Herald" (page 8). Copies of an attractive leaflet with a certificate have been sent to our churches. Secure your copy from your pastor or write to the Forest Park headquarters office. Investments may be made in all multiples of \$100. The rate of interest varies from 41/2% to 5%, depending on the term of years that the money is made available. This is a Christian use of your invested funds for the advancement of God's Kingdom!

NEXT ISSUE

GREAT HOURS FOR THE INDIANS

By Rev. R. Neuman



Living on Tiptoe

The anticipation of forthcoming events provides us with some of the greatest joys of life. The very essence of our Christian faith leads us to expect great things of God. All of Christ's followers should feel this quickened pulse beat of expectant faith. Dr. Halford E. Luccock even went so far as to state that "only as we live in expectation do we live at all." These are the noble souls who live on tiptoe in eagerly looking forward to great and inspiring events about to happen and for which they make intensive preparations.

Arthur J. Gossip, the famous English author, has described "this kind of folks as the people by whom the world moves forward. They are always standing on tiptoe, always sure that something big may happen at any time. . . With people like that God can do anything. But you and I keep thwarting him by sheer dullness of spirit. We are listless, apathetic, blase, bored. Our hopes are small and thin. There is no audacity in our expectation."

Such intrepid believers tackle the difficult tasks for Christ and his Kingdom. Such eager souls look forward to the open windows of heaven in the days ahead. Such Christians are "fired" and enthused by their imaginative planning for great events in the future.

Even now you can live on tiptoe in anticipating the conference gatherings of next summer. How long has it been since you last went to a glorious Christian conference? Or have you missed out on these joys altogether in your life? The cost involved in going to such a conference with like-minded Christian people is relatively small when compared with the lasting blessings and golden memories that will be yours at such gatherings.

In the last issue we announced the dates for our nine regional conferences next summer. It is sometimes said that people do not go to conference sessions as frequently as in past years. What a shame! How much we are missing in the thrilling joys of fellowship with our fellow Christians! It will take a little effort on your part to make this decision and to plan your schedule accordingly, but it can be done. And the effort will be most worthwhile.

You can plan now with your family to be present for the Laymen's Family Conference at the beautiful grounds of the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin from July 21 to 28, 1962. Several hundred of our people will be there, tingling with excitement as they see the marvelous beauty and use the wonderful vacation facilities of these 1000 acres. The fine program will be your adventure of "walking with God." There will be something interesting and wholesome for the entire family. Read more about the plans for this Laymen's Family Conference in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." By making your plans to attend and sending in your registration form (see your pastor about this), you can begin now to live on tiptoe in anticipation of a thrilling vacation with Christian people at Green Lake.

Is your spirit on tiptoe or stretched out on a couch? Awaken with eager expectancy to the joys that God has in store for you. Then seize these blessings as you plan and work for them NOW.

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God Is My Light and Guide

A Heart-warming Testimony by Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Mott, North Dakota

early morning class at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas to my home in Marion, Kansas where we lived at that time. As I drove home, I noticed "bars" in front of my eyes. This was the foreshadowing of things to come. It was only a matter of days until I was blind in my right eye. Later I found that my left eye was also developing the same symptoms, so that by February 1960 I could no longer see to read or to drive a car. The sight in my left eye became less and less so that all I had was "light perception."

Since then I have visited the best eve specialists in this country and in Canada and they have all given the same verdict, "Sorry, we can't help you." Thus all the problems and frustrations of a life of blindness were to be mine. Nevertheless, to lose one's eyesight does not mean that one has to lose his "vision." I am glad to say that life can go on and that there are many rewarding spiritual experiences for the person who will not admit defeat.

AT THE REHABILITATION CEN-

The adjustments which follow blindness are difficult, it is true. Only one who has experienced them can fully understand this fact. So often the person, whose sight is taken, is thought of as being the only one having to make adjustments. This is far from true. The immediate family also has to make tremendous and far reaching adjustments. That is why I was very happy for the experience of attending the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Minneapolis, Minnesota for three months this past summer. Under the leadership of men like Mr. Walter Aman of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State of North Dakota, I was able to have this train-

There I learned to travel with the white cane, to read Braille and even to do a better job of typing. In the area of applied skills the trainee at the Center is taught to count and identify money, to use a Braille watch, etc. In the Department of Home Economics we (men and women alike) were taught to care for ourselves in the home, learning to do all things, so that the sightless person may be as independent as possible. Thus, not only the person who loses his sight is helped, but his immediate family is given the assurance needed at such a time as

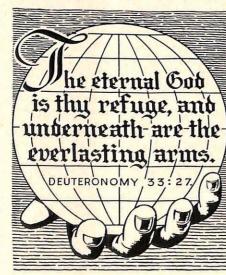
In a Center such as this, the recent-

HAD JUST returned from an ly blinded person also meets others in tation Center last summer I found that similar circumstances from all walks of life, and in that way he has opportunity to exchange experiences. The faculty at this Center, and others like it throughout the country, are a dedicated group of people who have the future rehabilitation of the blind person as their supreme task.

Today's blind person can avail himself of many helps in the field of recordings and tapes for the blind. The United States Library of Congress supplies such magazines as Reader's Digest and Newsweek on discs. They also supply the recording machines for the same and books of varying types and nature fulfilling every interest. There are also a number of private concerns which provide tapes and discs for special needs. These supply the person's special needs. In my case, I received tapes of books that a pastor desires.

Thus, the needs of the recently blinded person are many and varied, but highest on the list is understanding from the public. He does not ask for pity or for people to feel sorry for him. What he needs more now than anything else is the feeling of being needed and of being wanted and thus to be given a chance like anyone else to use whatever abilities he has. He is still a person, and he needs to feel that he is a vital part of his church, community and family.

During my training at the Rehabili-



REV. FRED J. KNALSON

"Even though I have lost my eyesight, I can honestly say that life is wonderfull I thank God for the best Friend, our Lord Jesus Christ who is 'the Light of the world' in the darkest hour.

there is a great spiritual need among these recently blinded people. To my disappointment, I found that the Christian church, either on a cooperative or an individual basis, is doing very little to aid these people. Here is a field which is white unto harvest.

One's spiritual life can be greatly strengthened through an experience such as I have had. Losing one's physical sight is very hard and frustrating. I do not say this to solicit sympathy. I do say it though because it is true. The emotional and mental hardships suffered are possibly just as hard as the physical, but I am glad to say that the spiritual life is strengthened. How much more important is spiritual sight than physical! I have learned to lean more on the Lord. I can honestly say that I can "see" some of the things of the Lord better now and in a better perspective than I did heretofore.

Before losing my sight, I read what other men thought on truths as found in God's Word. Now I lean fully on the Holy Spirit's leading as I listen to the Bible on recordings. Only the Holy Spirit can interpret for me now, not another man. Is this not better? It is my hope and prayer that I will be able to share these blessings with my fellow men. How wonderful it is to have the Master Teacher at one's side at all times to teach us in the ways of the Lord. When all other teachers can no longer communicate their message to the heart and to the soul, the Master Teacher, the Holy Spirit, is still there and will continue to be there to reveal his divine truths to the waiting

PREPARING MY MESSAGES

As a minister, I have had to re-orient myself in every phase of the ministry. I can no longer prepare my sermons as I did in the past. Now I listen to a passage of Scripture on my record player over and over again until it takes shape in my mind and I get my own outline. From there, with historical and other background material that I have acquired in the past 16 years in the ministry, I prepare my messages.

Here is an illustration of what I did with the story of Peter and John at the beautiful gate when the man who was begging at the gate was healed, as found in Acts 4. My message came in three points: 1) The Christian finds his opportunity of service on the way to prayer; 2) Peter and John found their

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Place your service men and chaplains on your prayer calendar

Challenging Days Ahead in 1962 By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Clinton E. Grenz, Hqs, 2nd Battle Group, 8th Infantry, Fort Riley, Kansas

HERE ARE OVER two and a half million American young men in the service of our country. Many of these men are away from home for the first time in their life. Others have been in the military for a considerable length of time. Yet the spiritual needs of the American fighting man is the same, for they all need to know about Jesus Christ and his redemption story.

For the recruit, Army life is a strange, different, and regimented life. His surroundings are strange to him. He meets many new faces from various walks of life. The young Christian man finds himself with other men whose ideals and standards are much lower than his own. For him there are countless temptations, for liquor flows freely, gambling is a daily occurrence, obscene literature is available for those who desire to read it, and sex is a matter of endless conversation. For others there are worries and frustrations because of employment, college, and family life interruptions. Many had to postpone their marriage or hasten their marriage.

SERVICE MEN NEED YOU

For the career soldier, there is the constant threat of being separated from his family by an overseas duty assignment. His separation from his family often brings financial hardship upon wife and children. Still more tragic is the unfaithfulness on the part of one or the other partner when separation does occur.

With this picture in mind, the year 1962 can only be one of challenge for any chaplain, pastor, and church as they endeavor to minister to military personnel. These people can only be saved from the power of sin and can only be helped as we present the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ to them in a positive manner.

We do this through the chapel program when the chapel becomes a soldier's church away from home. It is here that he receives instruction from the Word when it is preached from the pulpit. For others the chapel becomes a place of quiet meditation, prayer, and fellowship with their Lord, Still others come to the chapel for counseling sessions with the chaplain.

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS

We ask that you share in this great missionary ministry to the men in uniform by simply acting on the several suggestions which are listed for you. Others may want to distribute or use literature for pre-induction counseling



Chaplain Clinton E. Grenz stationed at Headquarters of the 2nd Battle Group, 8th Infantry, Fort Riley, Kansas.

classes. Do share with us in this ministry. Our Lord's command was, "Go ye into all the world" and certainly part of the world is the military.

• Pray for every youth in your service regularly by NAME.

• Know the young men who attend your church who are stationed in your

• Write a letter to the chaplain telling him of the coming of your young person to his unit.

• Keep an up-to-date mailing list of service men posted on the Bulletin Board of your church so that the entire congregation may see it regularly.

• Keep in touch weekly with your youth by means of church bulletin, news letter or chain letter.

• Send congratulations to those who receive promotions or other recogni-

NAB CHAPLAINS

Our NAB Conference has three duly appointed chaplains who are in the service of the United States Government. They are Chaplain (Major) Leslie Albus at Fort Dix, New Jersey: Chaplain (1st Lt.) Clinton E. Grenz at Fort Riley, Kansas; and Chaplain (Major) George W. Zinz, Jr., at Stuttgart, Germany. Remember these chaplains and their ministry in your prayers.

tion.

• Write to those near our denominational churches and mission fields giving the names of pastors and missionaries so they can visit the churches and mission fields and send back reports to your church.

• Institute a given Sunday annually for the purpose of recognizing your members in the military service.

Set up pre-induction counseling classes for all those who are anticipating military service informing them of what they can expect.

AVAILABLE LITERATURE

This is a partial list of available literature that is very helpful for counseling service men.

Military Service and You. Judson Press, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Chaplain Speaks. National Lutheran Council, Bureau of Service to Military Personnel, 736 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.

Questions and Answers and Why Didn't Somebody Tell Me? General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, 122 Maryland Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Your Life Plans and the Armed Forces. National Association of Secondary-School Principals, 1201-16th Street, North West, Washington, D. C.

When Daddy is Drafted. Presbyterian Distribution Service, 156-5th Ave., New York, N. Y.

Preparing Your Son for the Service. The Methodist Publishing House, 201-8th, South, Nashville, Tenn.

How to Stand by your Church's Services. Baptist General Conference of America, 5750 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Continue to place your service men and your chaplains on your prayer calendar as we endeavor to serve the living Christ in these critical days of world unrest.

WE THANK THEE

Father, we thank thee: For peace within our favored land, For plenty from thy bounteous hand, For means to give to those in need, For grace to help in thought and deed, For faith to walk, our hands in thine. For truth to know thy law divine, For strength to work with voice and

For love to serve our fellow men, For light the goal ahead to see, For life to use alone for thee, Father, we thank thee.

-Grenville Kleiser

Face up to the present-day problems of ministerial recruitment and of a worthy salary for ministers

Laborers and Their Hire

By Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Portland, Oregon, Western District Secretary

N RECENT YEARS a con- it betrays a subtle form of materialism. It seems to me that some, who are siderable amount of concern has been Furthermore, if we approach this saexpressed regarding the lack of recruits for the Christian ministry. Every feasible method available has been employed to present the vocation of minister and missionary to our youth in a challenging and attractive way. But in spite of these efforts, seminaries and Bible Schools in general report a drop in enrollment.

Those of us who attended the 33rd General Conference were deeply and lastingly impressed with the solemn 111th commencement exercises of our own North American Baptist Seminary. This writer was present and, among other thoughts, he could not help but ponder the ever recurring question, "When will our seminary graduate the twenty or so men that we need each year to pastor our pastorless and new churches?" Only eleven marched in the ranks of those who had completed their studies. Presently I am in Sioux Falls, and the incoming class numbers thirteen.

Obviously the blame for the shortage of candidates for the pastoral and missionary ministries cannot be fixed upon God. He has not changed. But something somewhere has changed, and I am inclined to believe that we, his people, have changed. Moreover, I am ready at least to suggest some areas in which our attitudes have been detrimental in this business of enlisting young people for the service of Christ.

A SACRED CALLING

1. OUR WORK TOWARD THE PASTORAL AND MISSIONARY MINISTRIES NEEDS OVERHAUL-ING. Too often young people today approach the call to the ministry with the question, "What can I get out of it?" This approach appears to be neither quite Christian nor Biblical. When Moses was called, it was not a question of what he could get but rather what he could give to the cause. His handicaps bothered him and caused him to feel insufficient for the task.

If Isaiah or Paul had approached this question from the angle of getting something, we would not read about them today. Isaiah was informed that his preaching would result in a deepening hardness on the part of his congregation. The truth would fail finally to impress them, much less to move them. Paul counted all things as loss in his unceasing effort to win Christ.

The question, "What can I get out

cred calling in this manner we betray a dangerous bias which makes it impossible for God effectively to deal with us in the matter of consummating a call. I do believe that many more are called than the number of those who positively answer the call.

GOD'S CLAIM ON YOU

2. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD RE-CRUITMENT FOR THE MINISTRY NEEDS AMENDING. A great preacher once stated that every man's life was a plan of God. If that be true, and I have no intention of taking issue with it, then it is likewise true that many live at cross purposes with that plan and countless others have never been able to discover that plan. This need not be the case for the Christian, for in experiencing Christ in a conversion that really converts he is inevitably faced with the question of life's plan and purpose. "What wilt thou have me do?" was Paul's question when Christ caught up with him. Thoughts, serious thoughts, and debates about his Christian vocation welled up in his soul.

Now the intensity of this soulstruggle about specifically Christian vocations may vary from person to person, but the fact of it should be there, for God has prior claim upon his life. To give serious consideration to Christian vocations gives God an opportunity to settle the whole question of a

LORD OF THE HARVEST

Such deep-going concern is quite a private matter, but normally it is born in a home and church which concern themselves about these needs. And a home or church that knows how to awaken such profound thoughts and concerns also knows how to pray the Lord of the harvest about laborers. Praying the Lord of the harvest for laborers was one of Jesus' urgent commands, but today it is one of the most neglected commands in the Christian home and church.

A hasty evaluation of the prayer life that exists in the home and in the church will convince you of this tragic neglect. God does the calling, and leaves the decision up to the individual. A Christian home, a church, and an individual Christian are used of God mightily in helping the called one reach that decision, whether it be of the ministry?", is suspect to me for a "yes" or a "no" to the call of God.

called, decide against Christian service largely because of the indifference that the church and the individual Christian display. This indifference is far more damaging than active opposition to the ministry which some of us at home and abroad have experienced.

DEDICATED GIFTS

3. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE MINISTER HIMSELF NEEDS SOME OBJECTIVE EVALUATION. I shared a seat on a train with a businessman who was much troubled by our recent recession. It was his avowed conviction that our economy would pick up steam once it got rid of its parasites—its nonproducers. At the head of his list of parasites stood the minister of the Gospel. Needless to say, this man had no use for the church of Christ in his scheme of things. Its servants were parasites, a drag on society. He expected nothing of moment to come from their ill-advised efforts.

Within the ranks of the church, there are people who expect too much of their minister. They look upon him as a kind of miracle-man, an expert in numerous areas of endeavor. It is this high and sometimes unrealistic demand made of the man called by God that has given rise to the modern "maceration of the minister."

A minister ought to excel as a Christian gentleman. A minister ought to excel as a student of the mysteries of God without fear nor favor. He should be peerless in the community as a spiritual leader. But when we expect him to be an expert in half dozen other areas for which he has had no special training, we are simply expecting too much of ONE MAN.

With rare exceptions, the gifts of talent and mind in his case are no different than those of the average man. When God calls a man to do his work, he normally calls an ordinary man. We must remember that fact.

As a man called for the work of the ministry, he will have weaknesses and needs. Ravens fed Elijah, but that is not likely to happen in our time and country. Your pastor and mine need an adequate salary.

In one state, a credit extending agency drew up a list of credit risks. The minister of the Gospel found his way into that list, not because he is dishonest, but because he cannot help it. If a pastor with a family of four children must live on a salary of

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The Challenge of Church Extension Sunday, Feb. 18, 1962

The World's Greatest Mission Field

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



HIS IS Church Extension year! North American Baptists are confronted in 1962 with one of the most dramatic evangelistic challenges in all the years of their history. In spite of the fact that the guiding hand of God has led us as a fellowship of churches constantly to grow in numbers and in spiritual vigor, we are faced today with unprecedented opportunities for growth and advance.

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields that are white already unto harvest." What instructions from the Savior himself! What a challenge! What breath-taking fields! Have you seen these fields?

Towns scarcely more than a gaspump a few years ago have become sprawling residential areas. Orchards, vegetable fields and quiet pastures have been chewed up by bull dozers to make way for super-markets, public schools and housing developments. While "old cities rot at the center and spires of old churches topple over," new suburbs bulge with thousands of new homes and tens of thousands of boys and girls, young people, and men and women. Home-seekers, realtors, builders, merchants, industrialists—all are there. But where is the church of Jesus Christ?

LOOK ON THE FIELDS!

Look on the fields! Many of these bulging fields "white already unto harvest" are left untouched by the witness and work of a Gospel preaching, New Testament type of church. Millions of souls in these "fields," unreached for Christ, are left to fall victim to all manner of anti-Christ teachings that are sweeping across the world today. These unreached multitudes "consume the wealth they have produced and they are still hungry; they run aimlessly through a world they do not understand; and the seeds of bitterness and disillusionment bear the fruits of conflict and strife in their hearts, their neighborhoods and in our world."

America is fast becoming the world's greatest mission field. There are more unsaved people in the United States and Canada today than ever in the history of these great countries. Why not lift up your eyes and look on the fields? What is your church doing to reach these fields?

The best means we have as North American Baptists for meeting these great spiritual needs is through a Holy Spirit directed program of "Evangelism through Church Extension." It is time that we take the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the places where the people are, in the cities and the suburbs, and that we start more Sunday schools and churches. It is time for our churches "to be heedless of themselves and to be concerned for people who perish without the reconciling word of

At least one hundred thousand more New Testament type churches are needed in America in the next few years. We need more North American Baptist churches that will continue to preach and to teach the whole counsel of God, evangelize the lost, conserve new converts, and help to provide the supply base from which to send the Gospel to all parts of the world.

CHURCH EXTENSION SUNDAY

The challenge is absolutely staggering! No North American Baptist church can stand idle. God holds us as individual churches and as a denomination responsible and accountable. Your church has the keys to meet this chal-

February 18, 1962 is Church Extension Sunday. On this Sunday let your church be reminded in a special way that as North American Baptist churches we have purposed under God

to use "18 Keys" to establish new Gospel preaching missions in new areas for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. You will find these keys outlined in the leaflet, "Eighteen Keys for North American Baptist Churches."

For Church Extension Sunday have an ample supply of the "1962 Church Extension Emphasis Packet" on hand. This helpful packet includes the Bible study booklet, "The Witnessing Church" by Rev. Robert Hess, and is available for every member of your church for only 25 cents each. Order your supply from North American Baptists, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

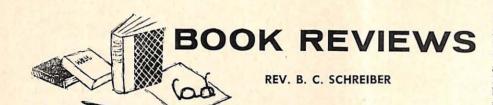
Encourage your church to emulate the early New Testament church in this matter of Church Extension. Use the Bible Study booklet, "The Witnessing Church," on the Book of Acts. Emphasize prayer and personal dedication for soul winning. Victory will depend on our fervent prayer for God's leading and blessing as we willingly move forward under his command.

Confront your church on Church Extension Sunday with the dramatic and colorful objective of enlisting 10,000 volunteers as "Church Extension Builders." Our Forest Park office will supply you with enlistment cards without cost upon request. Order also a good supply of the leaflet, "Be a Vital Part in Building a New Church" which is available free from our Forest Park

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THE HEART OF THINGS, by Nathaniel Beatie. Fleming H. Revell Company, 1961—119 pages—\$2.00.

For those who enjoy parables and spiritual analogies from medical science, this book will prove both interesting and profitable. Dr. Nathaniel Beatie is recognized as a surgeon and general practitioner in the London area. He is also known for his ministry in a Baptist church and in a Christian youth camp.

ed textbook pattern to chapter headings, sub paragraphs, clarification thoughts and questions. For the Christian who about the dangers and munism, it is a book and not hurriedly read.

Those who have seen Dr. Irwin Moon's science film, "Red River of Blood," will find some similarities in the first three chapters of the book which deal with the wonders of the blood and the heart. For a devotional and spiritual study of this type Dr. Beatie does not over-expose the reader's organs. In addition to the heart, only the ear and the eye are given Biblical and spiritual treatment. The author's prescription for a full and satisfying life is found in the close association and balance of spirit, soul and body.

HOW I DISCOVERED THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IN THE BIBLE, by Clinton Davidson. Fleming H. Revell Company, 1961—156 pages.

One might easily get the impression from the author that the Bible was written principally as a textbook for training insurance salesmen and executives. He repeats the same formula of "How to make friends and influence people" in order to make a sale, but gives it more of a religious emphasis. No thought is given to the primary purpose of the Bible as the way of salvation or as a source of spiritual growth. No mention is made of prayer, fellowship or worship.

A book of this type provides interesting reading. Without a high school or college education, Mr. Davidson rose to be a very successful insurance salesman, financial adviser and tax consultant. He succeeded in spite of what he refers to as a major handicap—he couldn't drink, gamble, or sit up at night "carousing" with his clients. One cannot help but admire his moral and ethical principles, his self-education, his thoroughness and preparation and his persistent effort. It is a highly readable "success story."

THE CHRISTIAN ANSWER TO COM-MUNISM, by Thomas O. Kay. Zondervan Publishing House, 1961—125 pages—\$1.95.

This book was written for the purpose of giving information about Communism. The sub-title indicates that it

is one of a series of study guides prepared for the National Association of Evangelicals. It follows a well prepared textbook pattern with clear-cut chapter headings, sub-topics above paragraphs, clarification of terms and thoughts and questions for discussion. For the Christian who is concerned about the dangers and evils of Communism, it is a book to be studied and not hurriedly read.

The fact that this book has only 125 pages should not dismay the reader. Mr. Kay has put into a few, crisp, concise words a wealth of information. It is easy to read and easy to understand. Beginning with the birth of Communism, the author takes the reader through Russia, the seedbed of Communism, its spread, its infiltration, its traget areas, its techniques to the present crisis. He emphasizes the fact that the strength of Communism is based on the weaknesses of Christianity and democracy. Where these two forces have sometimes not concerned themselves with the whole person, Communsim has used these gaps in crucial places to promote its own

In order to win the struggle against Communism, the total life of the Christian must be involved, not just his week-ends. Mr. Kay admits that the Christian answer to Communism is all too often idealistic. It is left up to God, according to his will. But in becoming a Christian, a choice was made to place one's will at God's disposal and enter into active service for him. The author himself may be a little too idealistic by emphasizing the simple Christian principles without taking into account the whole realm of political science and world democracy.

EVANGELISM AND THE SOVER-EIGNTY OF GOD, by J. I. Packer. Inter-Varsity Press, 1961—126 pages —\$1.25 (paper back).

In 1959 Dr. J. I. Packer addressed the Pre-Mission Conference of the London Inter-Faculty Christian Union. The lectures have been expanded and published in this volume. The book should be recommended to the minister and educated layman. At least, the layman ought to have an understanding of theology and theological

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terms. What would an ordinary layman do with this paragraph? "For the whole point of an antinomy—in theology, at any rate—is that it is not a real contradiction, though it looks like one. It is an apparent incompatibility between two apparent truths. An antinomy exists when a pair of principles stand side by side, seemingly irreconcilable, yet both undeniable."

The book is not a blueprint for evangelistic action, methods or principles. It is primarily an attempt, with convincing logic, to clarify the relationship between three realities: God's sovereignty, man's responsibility, and the Christian's evangelistic duty. The author tries to present a realistic approach to the sovereignty of God as over against the extreme Calvinistic absolute which hinders a healthy recognition of personal responsibility.

MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS, by Arthur T. Pierson. Fleming H. Revell Company, 1961—317 pages—\$3.75.

Honest doubts have always been important stepping stones to a strong and meaningful faith. The author, first of all, testifies to a period in his own life when he entered the deep darkness of doubt and how he found his way out. The experience was like finding one's way out of a dense wood into the full light of day. "Many Infallible Proofs" was written with the hope that it would help others who are still in the dark corridors of doubt.

As a foundation for the seeker, Arthur T. Pearson suggests an admirable axiom: "Believe your beliefs and doubt your doubts. Do not make the common mistakes of sceptics, doubting your beliefs and believing your doubts. A few more important principles are recommended for the serious student of Christianity: he must cultivate an impartial and scientific spirit; he must give the subject concentrated attention; he must have a healthy mental and moral attitude; he must guard against overthrowing truth by ridicule; he must distrust any argument that insults common sense.

The author's "infallible proofs" are thereafter based on internal and external evidence. The internal includes the character of Christ and his doctrine, while the external deals with the historical proofs of God's revelation to man. The proofs are based first of all on prophecy with special attention given to the ruin of Jerusalem. Miracles, scientific accuracy and the moral beauty of the Bible are also brought into sharp focus.

The "proof" in the second part of the book reaches its climax in the Divine Person, Jesus Christ. Here is the heart of the whole body of Christianity, the focal center of all Christian evidence. Intellectual doubts vanish when the seeker is constrained to confess: "Truly, this is the Son of God." The reader will discover that the faith which Arthur T. Pierson found and which he recommends is built on good evidence.

"Miss Minnesota" a member of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., relates how she met Jesus Christ . . .

My Biggest Night!

By Nancee Parkinson of West St. Paul, Minnesota (as told to Don Richardson)

It was probably what many girls dream about. For a week we had met celebrities and dined in fine restaurants. Photographers snapped our pictures. Reporters asked us questions, some of them quite silly. When we went from the cars to the hotel, there would be policemen there to keep curious onlookers at a distance.

MISS AMERICA PAGEANT

This was the Miss America Pageant of 1961. I was Miss Minnesota. Miss North Carolina was finally chosen for the highest honor, with my own position that of fourth runner-up. We did not all win, but we all did share in one of the most tremendous experiences of our lives. Some of the girls, I am sure, felt it was the biggest thing that ever happened to them. Not so with me. Something happened when I was a junior in high school that makes the Miss America contest seem awfully insignificant by comparison.

It was the middle of March. My mother had heard over the radio that Northwestern College in Minneapolis was having "school days" for prospective students. I had said something about college, and so she thought I should go.

"I don't know anything about the school," I said, not too anxious to let myself in for anything.

"If you're going to college, you should find out about as many as you can," she countered.

FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH

So I went. My mother drove me over there and helped me register. Then she drove off, leaving me to shift for the next two days on my own. This was on a Friday, Friday the thirteenth. I was alone. I knew no one.

After a short time I noticed another irl who was standing by herself. She was tall and had red hair. I walked showly over to her. "Hi," I said.

She said "Hi" back to me and introduced herself. Her name was Colleen Hendrix. She was from Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

"I'm Nancee Parkinson," I told her, "from West St. Paul. You alone?"
"Yes."

"Me too," I said. "Want to go around together?"

"Sure, let's," she said. "I've got to get some tooth paste. I don't have any. Want to come with me to get tooth paste?"

I went with her to get her tooth paste. Later we sat together at dinner,

T WAS probably what many ream about. For a week we had lebrities and dined in fine ress. Photographers snapped our talking about their boy friends.

"Do you have a boy friend?" Colleen asked me.

"Huh huh."

"Is he a Christian?" she asked.

What a strange thing to ask, I thought. He wasn't a Jew. Of course, he was a Christian. "Yes," I said out loud, "he's a Christian."

It had been an offhand question on Colleen's part, but as the evening wore on I couldn't stop thinking about it. I had heard speakers on the radio station that my mother frequently listened to use the term "Christian" in a special sense. They spoke of taking Christ into your life. Perhaps that was what Colleen meant.

A HAUNTING QUESTION

At that time I was president of my church youth group. I was faithful in church attendance and felt generally that I was as right with God as anybody else. Still Colleen's question, not about me but about my boy friend at that time, began to haunt me.

Sleeping accommodations for the girls had been set up in the gymnasi-



Nancee Parkinson, "Miss Minnesota" of 1961, a member of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., who also had a place of honor on the Minnesota float of the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 1, 1962 (Photo by St. Paul Suburban Newspapers),

um. Colleen's bunk was next to mine. We talked some more about a lot of things that didn't matter. Then, long after we should have been sleeping, I said, "Colleen, are you still awake?"

She was she said.

"You remember you asked me at dinner if my boy friend was a Chris-

"I remember. You said he was."

"Did you mean the not-Jew kind or the other kind?" I asked.

"The other kind, I guess," she said.

"What's the other kind like? I mean what do you have to do to become one? I'm not sure if I am one really."

CHRIST AS SAVIOR

By now Colleen was practically sitting up. "You take Christ into your life and tell him you want to live for him," she said. Then she went on to explain why Christ died and what it had to do with us.

I felt a strong compulsion to do what Colleen had said, to take Christ into my own life. I asked her exactly how to do it. She explained a little more and asked if I wanted to pray.

"I can't," I admitted. "Will you help me?"

This she did, and mostly by repeating what Colleen said I did manage to pray. I did invite Jesus into my life. A huge weight suddenly seemed to fall from my shoulders.

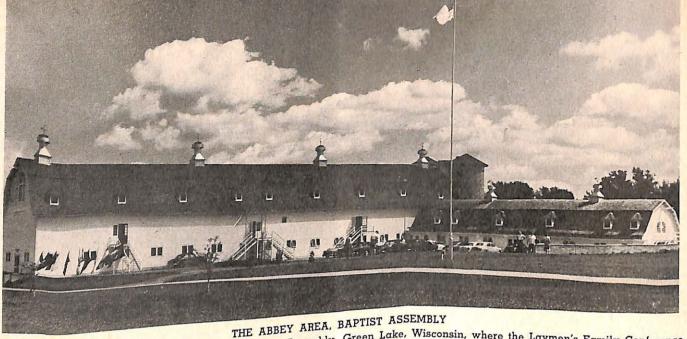
It must have been 3:00 in the morning when that happened. Contrary to my expectations, I had a wonderful time at Northwestern's "school days." When my mother picked me up two days later, the change in my life was quickly noticed by her.

RIVERVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

The week before I left for Atlantic City for the Miss America Pageant last summer, I was baptized at the Riverview Baptist Church in West St. Paul, Minn. Also baptized were my mother and two younger sisters. This experience also must rank above the festivities of the following week.

I am not saying that being chosen a beauty queen and coming so close to the top is not a tremendous thrill. I don't pretend that it isn't. It is. But for me the big night wasn't September 9, 1961, in Atlantic City. It was Friday the thirteenth in the gymnasium at Northwestern College when I gave my life to Jesus Christ.

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William Carey Building of the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, where the Laymen's Family Conference
will be held during the eventful and exciting days from July 21 to 28, 1962. (Photo by Mr. Herman Siemund).

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for our conference fellowship and program experiences, the marvelous facilities of the entire American Baptist Assembly will also be yours to enjoy. This will include trips to the fabulous Inn, to Judson Tower with its spectacular view over the lake, to the beautiful flower gardens, to the Memorial Indian Village and Prayer Tower, and around the picturesque grounds. All kinds of boat trips on Green Lake will be highlights of the week for our conference visitors. You will see things that will be etched forever on your album of memories, and you will have adventures that will enrich your Christian walk in the years to come.

The highlights of the LAYMEN'S FAMILY CONFERENCE program can now be announced. More details about this will be given in a brochure to be distributed in our churches before the close of February and in forthcoming articles to appear in the "Baptist Herald." Watch for them!

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President Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary will be the Monady evening speaker. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, will be able to give you the latest data

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We the Women

BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN of Aplington, Iowa President of the Woman's Missionary Union.



Mrs. Arthur R. Weisser of Rochester, N. Y., White Cross Chairman of the Woman's Missionary Union.

INTRODUCING OUR WHITE CROSS CHAIRMAN

The office of White Cross Chairman is not a new one, although with the revision of our constitution at the 1961 General Conference in Minneapolis it became an elective office. Prior to this change, the vice-president was also the White Cross Chairman. Since Mrs. Arthur Weisser of Rochester, N. Y. served as our vice-president last triennium, she brings to this office rich and valuable experience.

Mrs. Weisser graduated from Normal School in Camrose, Alberta, and received the degree of Associate of the Toronto Conservatory of Music in violin. Previous to her marriage she taught school.

Her husband, Rev. Arthur R. Weisser is pastor of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, New York. She took several courses at the North American Baptist Seminary while her husband was in attendance there. They are the parents of three children.

DID YOU LOSE A BLESSING? By Mrs. Arthur R. Weisser

"And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it" (I Kings 20:40).

So often, by being busy "here and

From the Professor's Desk

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

Should a person read material which is contrary to the Christian faith and thus expose himself to thinking which may be detrimental to evangelical belief?

HE ANSWER to this inquiry would depend largely on who the person in question might be. If we are thinking of a mature Christian who is adequately grounded in the truth and has a sufficient measure of discrimination, is capable of thinking for himself and aware that everything which is in print is not necessarily true, then it would be a wholesome thing if he would read material which presents viewpoints which differ from his own thinking. There are many values in so doing.

BREADTH OF UNDERSTANDING

A well-read, adequately informed Christian must know what others are saying who hold positions contradictory to the Christian faith. Breadth of understanding is imperative for the day in which we live. This would be a distinct value, even if one should take a wholly negative point of view. That is, it is of strategic importance accurately to know what one's opponent is saying (to know "the enemy" position), even if it is only to adequately refute his position.

But one could look at this more positively. That is, no one has a monopoly on truth, and sometimes there does come some light from unsuspected and uncongenial sources. This is particularly so in our day when serious and sincere religious thinkers are engaging in a very honest study of the Biblical text to find a living message from God for our tragic times. There has been an amazing rebirth of study of the Scriptures, particularly in the light of recent textual discoveries. It is remarkable to note the conservative viewpoints being expressed by thinkers who formerly embraced liberal posi-

A good case in point is the worldfamous archaeologist William F. Albright, who states in an exciting article in The Christian Century (November 19, 1958): "Thanks to modern research we now recognize its [the Bible's | substantial historicity. The narratives of the patriarchs, of Moses and the exodus, of the conquest of Canaan, of the judges, the monarchy,

exile and restoration, have all been confirmed and illustrated to an extent that I should have thought impossible forty years ago... There has been a general return to appreciation of the accuracy, both in general sweep and in factual detail, of the religious history of Israel. The practical monotheism of Moses and other early Israelite religious leaders is again being accepted in the light of more penetrating study."

Broad reading habits can save us from misrepresenting various schools of thought and can help us to keep abreast of contemporary developments within these schools of thought. It is part of intellectual integrity not to caricature or distort the theological viewpoint of someone with whom we do not agree. This is very easy to do, and everyone is more or less guilty of doing this at some time or other. Therefore it is important to read an opponent's own statements so that we may accurately and fairly be informed about what he is really saying.

INTELLIGENT READING

It is a healthy perspective to realize that, on the whole, even the most liberal scholars are not intentionally or deliberately trying to mislead people or undermine their Christian faith. In general, they are honest and sincere men, but they may indeed be thinking on the basis of certain presuppositions which may not be hospitable to our own. It is wisest to analyze their basic assumptions and try to understand why they think as they do. Often they tend to be a check upon one another, as for example L. Harold De Wolf versus Paul Tillich, and Tillich versus Rudolf Bultmann. We must grant the possibility that some of these learned scholars are believers in Jesus Christ and are, to some degree, susceptible to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, especially when they are dealing objectively with passages of Scripture, the truth of which they are seeking to explicate.

There is a great need for intelligent reading and mature thinking. We should certainly not expect others (always) to do our thinking for us. After all, there is something interesting, stimulating and strengthening about reading literature which differs from our own thinking. Thus we will be saved from provincialism, obscurantism and ignorant intolerance.

there" we, too, lose blessings which were meant for us. Life skips rapidly by with few services rendered and many blessings lost and the King of our lives says to us, "So shall thy judgment be; thyself has decided it." Our

work is part of the eternal whole-God needs each of us. His promise is. "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it" (Luke 9: (Continued on page 23)

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MARCH OF EVENTS

- Follow-up on Graham Crusade. Of upon the new country. The East Afrithe more than 550,000 persons who attended the Billy Graham Philadelphia evangelistic crusade which closed in mid-September, 16,244 turned in decision cards. Robert C. Coates, chairman of the follow-up committee, reported that at the end of the crusade 45 per cent of the cards had been processed and local follow-up on them had been completed. To hasten reports on unreturned cards more than 1.000
- Seminaries Show Small Enrollment Gain. Fall enrollment figures in accredited seminaries showed a small increase over the previous year. The increase for 1961 over 1960 contrasted with a decline in 1960 as compared with 1959. Total enrollment of theological students in the member schools of the American Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada in the fall of 1961 was 20,-466 as compared with 20,032 in 1960. Canadian schools showed a 10 per cent increase in 1961 over the previous year. The U.S. increase was less than two per cent.—Christianity Today

phone calls were made, and a letter

was sent to each pastor. As of Jan. 1,

1962, only about 500 cards remain un-

accounted for.-Christian Century

- West German Protestant youths, numbering more than 1,000, have volunteered for assignment in undeveloped countries abroad with the Working Committee of Evangelical Churches in Germany for service overseas. Formed last year, the Committee is a subsidiary of the "Bread for the World" campaign of the Evangelical Church in Germany. It selects and trains volunteers for technical and charitable work in undeveloped nations.-The Watchman-Examiner.
- About 100 years from now people will not remember much of Communism, whose days are "numbered." but the living church will still remain. So said Lutheran Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, Germany, addressing more than 9,000 persons at a rally in Dallas, Texas. "Just as every other atheistic ideology has had its beginning and end, so it is with Communism," he declared. Bishop Dibelius spoke in German, and his talk was translated by Dr. Franklin H. Littell, a professor at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology and a friend of the noted German prelate.—Baptist Standard
- Independence for Tanganyika. Tanganyika's green, black, and gold flag replaced the British Union Jack at midnight Dec. 8 as the newest independent African nation was born. During formal celebrations and merrymaking on independence eve, Baptist churches and other Christian groups held services to ask God's blessings

can country of 9,250,000 people was a German colony from the 1880's until World War I and then a British colony until 1946, when it became a Britishadministered United Nations trust territory. It gained internal self-government last May .- The Commission.

New York City to have 24-hour a day sacred radio station. Family Stations, Inc., already operates stations in San Francisco and Sacramento, Calif. The Internal Revenue Service recog-

nizes the corporation as a tax-exempt Christian ministry. For several months a committee of New York area pastors and Christian businessmen had been discussing the need for reaching the 18 million people in the area by radio. When the committee learned of Family Stations, Inc., they invited the organization to purchase and operate a station in New York. Family Stations, Inc., will soon begin a nationwide service to radio stations, called "The Family Stations Program Service."-Sunday School Times

BAPTIST BRIEFS



- Baptist Chapel in Tessin Canton, Switzerland: Baptists in Lugano, Switzerland, are building the first free church chapel in the Tessin canton, a predominantly Roman Catholic area. The Italian-speaking Baptist congregation currently has some 30 communicants. They are receiving financial aid from other Swiss Baptists and from the Southern Baptist Convention in the United States. The new church will cost about \$46,500 and will seat 100 persons-Christianity Today.
- Baptist Union of Queensland, Australia. The Baptist Union of Queensland, comprised of 95 Baptist churches in that Australian state, has recently dedicated a spacious new book room and Baptist Union headquarters at Brisbane. The opening of this new building is a milestone in Queensland Baptist history which first took tangible form with the formation of the Baptist Association of Queensland in 1877. There were seven churches in the state at that time. Rev. F. J. C. Stone is general secretary of the Union, and R. J. Morris is president.
- Mission Work in Assam. The 125th anniversary of the start of Baptist work in Assam was celebrated in Guahati, Assam, India, November 10-12, by the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India. American Baptists were among the 5,000 delegates who attended from India, Burma, West Germany and the United States. A pro-

cession of 8,000 Assamese Christians (gathered together according to their tribes) marched through the streets of Gauhati. They walked over a mile from the American Baptist mission hospital Satri Bari to a city park for a great mass evangelistic meeting. Dr. Abdul Haqq, an associate of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, addressed the crowd.-The Watchman-

- Finnish Baptist Minister in U. N. A Baptist minister from Finland who is a delegate to the United Nations feels that his service in the Finnish Parliament and now in the UN is but an extension of his work for God and world peace. The Rev. S. Alwar Sundell, who characterizes himself as a pacifist and a conscientious objector to war, expressed his views on Christianity and world peace in an exclusive interview with Church News Service. He has been a worker in peace movements for over 30 years and is the former executive secretary of the Swedish Baptists in Finland. Mr. Sundell entered politics in 1945 when he was elected to the city council in his hometown of Vasa. Since then he has been chosen to serve in the Finish parliament.
- Czech Baptist Leader Dies. Rev. Hindrich Prochazka, prominent Czech Baptist, died at the age of 70 following a long illness, reports the bulletin of Protestant Churches in Czechoslovakia. The funeral was in Prague, Czechoslovakia on Nov. 23. Dr. Prochaska had been in broken health and inactive following release from imprisonment seven years ago. He and three Baptist pastors had been accused of anti-state inter-national activities through the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Prochazka served his denomination as executive secretary, was a prolific writer, and taught at the Jan Hus Theological Faculty of the University of Prague.

On Sunday morning, Jan. 21, the Moody Chorale of 50 voices presented a sacred concert at the Bethel Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich. The choir is directed by Kerchal Armstrong of the Department of Sacred Music at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. The chorus has sung in most of the major cities of the United States as well as on European continents. Rev. H. H. Riffel is pastor of the church.

- · A fine program was presented by the young people of Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta on the last night of the old year. The play entitled, "Midnight," brought a timely New Year's message. An offering of \$90.50 was received which almost reached the objective that the young people had set for themselves. Rev. Henry Schumacher is pastor of the church.
- Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mott, N. Dak., had the Thanksgiving Message at the Union Thanksgiving service held at the Zoar Congregational Church of Mott, N. Dak, Mr. Knalson spoke on the subject, "Why I Am Thankful." Miss Darlene Fiedler, a member of the Baptist Church brought one of the three testimonies given by young people on the same subject.
- The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., united with the Immanuel Baptist Church for the Watch Night service on Sunday evening, Dec. 31st. Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor of both churches, baptized three converts and received them into the fellowship of the churches at the communion service that followed. Mr. Lutz reported that one of the baptismal candidates said to Mrs. Lutz as she stepped out of the baptistry: "I've never been so happy in my life."
- On Sunday, Dec. 31st, Rev. Dwight M. Fry presented his resignation as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Utica, Mich. He served this church since its organization in 1951 and has led the congregation in establishing the church's witness in a former bank building at the heart of the business district. He is awaiting God's guidance in his continued active ministry. His resignation at the Baptist Church of Utica, Michigan, has already taken effect.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. Norman Haupt, Cameroons missionaries, who are now in London, England, have announced the birth of a daughter on Dec. 21, who has been named Kristine Andrea. This is their third child. Mr. Haupt is taking graduate studies at London University for this year. Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Kolke of Shattuck, Okla., have also announced the birth of a son on Dec. 24 who has been named Desmond Daniel. This is their first child. Mr. Kolke is pastor of the Ebenezer Church of Shuttuck.

On Sunday, Jan. 7, Dr. Louis R. Johnson, pastor of the Immanuel

Church, Kankakee, Ill., extended the hand of fellowship to 10 new members, bringing the membership of the church to 460. For the Week of Prayer, Jan. 8 to 12, the pastor led the church in a Bible study course entitled, "Studies in Jeremiah." It was also announced that the total contributions of the congregation to the church budget for 1961 amounted to \$62,177.14 which represents a sum of \$4,677.14 over and above the 1961 budget.

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- On four successive Tuesday evenings from Feb. 13 to March 6, President and Mrs. Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., have been meeting with members of the Seminary Guild in an enriching program. Both Mr. and Mrs. Veninga have considered "The Role of the Pastor's Wife" in these informal sessions with the Guild, composed of the wives of Seminary students. A lively time for discussion and a question and answer period follows the presentation at each session.
- A series of Deeper Life Meetings was held at the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., from Nov. 15 to 19 with Dr. M. Vanderbeck as guest speaker. Dr. Vanderbeck is one of the denomination's interim pastors. Rev. Donald N. Miller, the pastor, reports: "This was our first attempt at a 'shorter series' of special meetings, Wednesday through Sunday with the exception of Saturday night. We found that our attendance was better and much steadier than when we scheduled meetings to run for a week or two weeks. Many rededicated their lives to Christ."
- On Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, the organizational meeting was held for the Westbrook Baptist Church of Santa Ana (Garden Grove and Anaheim area), Calif., with about 90 signing a charter members of the church. Rev. V. Donald Buell is the pastor. An illustrated report about the dedication of the new \$25,000 church building appeared in the Jan. 4, 1962 (page 9) issue of the "Baptist Herald." On Christmas Sunday the Sunday school attendance was 219 (a new record). There were 132 people in the morning worship service and 63 at the candlelight communion service.
- Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Knauf of Benton Harbor, Mich., attended the ordination service for their son, James, on Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Baptist church of Sunnyvale, Calif., where he has been active in youth work. Rev. James Knauf is a graduate of the

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- Ten of our North American Baptist young people attended the sessions of young Property of the Sessions of the 6th International Student Missionthe 6th Mission-ary Convention held from Dec. 27 to 31 on the campus of the University of on the turbana, Ill. More than 4,500 students, graduates and staff of the Instudents, Branch Staff of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, which sponsors the sessions, were present from 47 states. Some 800 Canadians brought the overall registrations to about 5,400. Some of the North American Baptists present were Rev. and Mrs. John Binder of Forest Park, Ill., Mr. Flavius Martin and Mr. Hisashi Murakami of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The speaker at the opening service was the evangelist, Billy Graham.

The Shattered Wall

The tangled threads of human lives are woven together into a moving tapestry of emotion and drama.

By Sallie Lee Bell

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SYNOPSIS

Dr. Harlan Rawlins, a young physician, was praised for his skill in performing a difficult operation. Afterwards, he and Mary Hodges, a nurse, went to a restaurant for dinner and for a drive in the cool of the evening. But Dr. Rawlins was so busy with his profession that he could not be serious about any girl. Mary refused to see him again. Then he started dating Helen Warren, a very pretty nurse, even though she was going rather steady with Roger Edwards. But she assured him that there was nothing serious between herself and Roger. However, the two men got into a fight over the girl. Mr. Edwards was struck down and was left unconscious. Dr. Rawlins decided to leave town. He went as far as he could go until he abandoned his car. Then he took a bus to the strange sounding town, "River's

CHAPTER FOUR

HE SLEPT fitfully as the bus traveled through the night. Early the next morning he approached the end of his journey. The scenery was lovely. The town was nestled among the hills and they traveled over a rolling country as they neared the town. There was a river flowing past and in the distance he caught a glimpse of a lake. He could see a ferry chugging across the river in the distance to a town on the other side. He thought that he would be as well satisfied here as he would anywhere else, so when the bus stopped, he got his bag and left the bus.

He asked the clerk at the bus station if there was a hotel in town and was told that there was one just a few blocks down the street. The town was clean and attractive and not very large, some distance away from the main highway. Harlan was glad of this. It would offer more security than if it were on the highway. There were some shops already open for business as he passed along.

The hotel looked clean and inviting. He was thankful for that, for he had imagined something run down and not at all inviting. He was agreeably surprised at the price of the room and he

paid for it a week in advance, so that there would be no questions asked about his baggage.

He ate in the dining room, the first really good meal that he had had since he had run away. Then he went back to his room to stand looking about him. So this was to be his home for he knew not how long. What a contrast to the room he had left behind him! It was clean and neat, but just a bare, average small town hotel room. He thought of his room at the hospital, with the comfortable chairs, the bookcase, the radio and TV, and the expensive clothes that hung in the closet. He looked down at his rumpled suit, much the worse for wear.

Regret and black despair overwhelmed him like a flood and he threw himself upon the bed and gave way to wracking sobs, something he hadn't done since he received news of his mother's death.

Harlan fell asleep and when he wakened it was late afternoon. He got up, feeling dull and depressed. He felt hungry but he had no desire for food. He wished that he could end it all and not have to continue carrying this load of despair. What could he do? Where could he turn? He must have work. but he wasn't equipped to do anything but the one thing which had occupied his whole life. He would have to find work soon or he would be penniless and that would be still more terrible than the plight he was in now.

He washed his face and went down again into the dining room. He felt shabby and dirty, but he didn't even have the energy to take a bath. He'd put that off until night. Then he remembered that he didn't possess pajamas or underclothing. After he ate, he went out shopping. He bought a cheap pair of pajamas and some underwear, a comb and a few other toilet articles.

When he had finished his purchases he took a walk down toward the river. The little ferry was just coming in and a surprising number of passengers was coming off along the ramp. There were a few cars also. He decided that he'd take a ride across the river and see what the town looked like on the other side. Anything was better than sitting in a hotel room or the lobby. with nothing to do but stare at the

He bought a ticket and went on board. The ferry had an upper deck and a cabin. He went up and he had a good view of the river and the lake at its head. He noticed that there was no road close to the lake, for there were rocky hills that reached down to the water's edge. The main road led off to the right of the town. Those living on the other side must take the ferry.

He went into the cabin to look around and sat down for a while, looking out at the river as it wound its way downstream among the hills. It was a quiet, beautiful scene, in great contrast to his own overwrought nerves and the turmoil within him. There was a snack bar and a cold drink dispenser across the cabin from him. An elderly man sat behind the counter reading a paper. Harlan realized that he hadn't seen a paper for days. He had been away almost two weeks. He hadn't even thought of a paper. He wondered now if there had been anything about his disappearance in his home paper. If there had been, the news would be old by now while something more recently exciting took its place. He felt that though the news might be old, they wouldn't give up trying to find him. He would still be a fugitive, perhaps for the rest of his life. He was glad that he had thought to change his

name when he had registered at the hotel. He knew that he must wipe out even that clue. From now on, he would be Howard Ramsey.

The thought brought a new wave of despair and he despised himself. He would not only be a hunted creature, but he would be a fugitive with an alias. How often he had read of those criminals with several aliases and how he had loathed them. Now he was one of them, fleeing from the law just as they had fled. What a fool and what a weakling he had been to have run away! But it was too late now for recriminations and regrets. He looked out again at the river. It would be so easy to jump over that rail and sink to oblivion beneath the peaceful river.

Fear held him back. He knew that there was no such thing as oblivion, that the soul of man lived on forever. He had had that teaching implanted within him by his mother who had prayed for his soul. He knew he would be a lost soul throughout eternity.

For the first time in his life he took time to think of his soul and where his life was leading him. He had been too busy before, following a star, a star which had suddenly been blotted out by his own foolish temper and cowardice. For the first time he had time to think of how useless his life had been outside of the operating room and the hospital rooms. He had never thought or cared about eternity. What would it be for him now? New horror and despair bore down upon him and he rose and went over to the snack bar to get away from his torturing thoughts. A candy bar and a coke might serve for supper. It would at least distract his thoughts for a while.

As he reached the stand, he saw a small sign on the counter. "Salesman Wanted." He stared at the sign for a moment. Here was a chance for some immediate work, no matter how small the salary might be. It was better than nothing and it would give him the chance to look for something better later on. Why not try it? The work required no skill and what else could he do but drive a car, dig ditches, or sell behind a counter?

While he stood there speculating, the man looked up from his paper.

"What can I do for you, young man?" he asked with a friendly smile. "I was just looking at that sign," Harlan told him. "Do you have anyone

"Nope. Just put it up this morning. My son was working here, but he had to go into the service and I can't run this place for long. I told Mr. Sims that I'd take over until he could find someone to take the day shift. Be you interested?"

"Yes, I am," Harlan told him. "I'm just out of college and I need work."

"Live anywhere about here?" the man asked.

"No, I'm from out west. I'm just looking around the country before I settle down. I'd like a try at this job if you'll give me a chance."

"If you're just a drifter, I'm afraid

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they wouldn't want you," he said. "They want somebody steady."

"I promise you I'll be steady," Harlan said with a smile. "I like it here and I think I'll stay here, but my bank account is running pretty low. How about it?'

"I'll tell Mr. Sims about you and I'll see what he says," the man told him. "What's your name, son?"

"I'm Howard Ramsey," he told the

The words almost choked him. They seemed to stick in his throat. When he had registered at the hotel, he remembered the initials on his instrument bag and he had to choose a name with those same initials, so he had chosen this name at random.

"Well, you just stay here until we reach the other side and I'll run down and telephone Mr. Sims," the man said.

Harlan waited. He must remember that he was now Howard Ramsey. The old name was gone with his old life. He must write that name down so that he wouldn't forget it. He hoped that he wouldn't make a slip when someone asked him his name. He felt more like a criminal than ever as he waited for the man to return. He came in just before the boat left and there was a smile on his lips.

"I think you'll get the job," he told Harlan. "I told him that I thought you'd do for the job and I vouched for you. I'll stay here with you for a few days so that you can get the hang of things, then you'll be on your own. The salary ain't too big, but then the work ain't too hard and the hours are easy. Eight to five. You can see Mr. Sims when we cross back again."

On the next trip over Harlan went to see Mr. Sims who had an office near the ferry landing. He had to tell more than one lie when he was asked his name and what other jobs he had held. He gave the name of some town in the middle west as his home town. When he finally left the office, the job was his. He felt a small wave of relief. His financial difficulties would be met for the present. As for the future, he would not even think about that. It was one dark blot without one ray of hope to bring light into the darkness.

After a few days Harlan was left in full charge of the snack bar. There was not much business and few passengers came into the cabin. The weather was pleasant and they preferred to sit outside. People came in occasionally to the coke machine, but they left without even giving him a glance. Loneliness began to weigh heavily upon him. He had no one to talk to and he longed for some human companionship, for he had always been surrounded by friends. Yet he dreaded the thought of being questioned by

anyone with whom he might come in contact.

He wondered how long he could endure this stifling situation, how long he could go on living. This wasn't life. It was only existence, with no hope of anything better in sight. Even if something better in the way of work became possible, it wouldn't change life for him. He'd still be just existing, with no desire to live, yet with the fear of death and what lay beyond preventing him from killing himself.

When he received his first pay check he bought a suit. His one suit was becoming so shabby and rumpled that he felt like a tramp. The suit he bought was cheap but it was at least a change. He had his old suit cleaned and pressed and he felt a little more like himself as far as outward appearances were concerned. Inside he felt that he was already dead.

He tried to read while the ferry made its endless trips and business was slack, but he couldn't get interested in what he was trying to read. He read the local paper but there was little outside news and the local news didn't interest him. He would sit and look at his hands and flex his long, slender fingers which had such strength and his whole soul longed for the feel of a scalpel in them or the grasp of clamp forceps as he closed an incision.

He thought of the patients he had left behind who had been under his post-operative care. What had become of them? Who was taking care of them? He remembered the first patient who had passed under his knife. Had he lived or had he died after all? The case had seemed to be successful, yet he knew the pitfalls that lurked in the aftermath of these operations. He had enjoyed meeting the challenge of this one case, for it would be a gold star upon his record if the patient recovered completely.

He wondered if they were still looking for him or if they had given him up at last as only one of many others who had disappeared without leaving a trace behind them. He wondered what had happened to his car after he had left it on the highway, if they had looked for the owner, or had just put it down to a stolen and abandoned car.

Then a terrifying thought struck him. There was the motor number of his car that could be traced if the highway police took the trouble to investigate it. Fear again made him uneasy. It had lulled for a time. After a while, however, he became apathetic. If they found him, he'd go back and face whatever awaited him. He'd never go back willingly, but if they came for him, he'd be glad to go back and end it

One afternoon, as he sat there trying to read, but with his thoughts far from the page, someone came in and put a coin in the coke machine. He didn't look up from his book, for he supposed it was a child, but a girl's voice caused him to raise his eyes and look at her.

(To Be Continued)

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 25, 1962

Theme: THE CLEAN LIFE

Scripture: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-30; Mark 7:14-23.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A Christian is motivated by love and not by lust.

INTRODUCTION: If someone from the outside were to judge America by the moving picture industry, the advertising agencies and the publishing companies, he would receive the impression that America's major product is sexual impurity. It would be difficult to convince such a stranger that America is an advocate of the clean life. Increasing juvenile delinquency and countless broken homes are glaring evidence that the morals in America are at an all time low. In spite of the fact that church attendance is increasing, we must face the tragic fact that crime and immorality are also on the increase.

The commandment under consideration today gives us an insight into the high moral character and the sacredness of the Jewish home. It is an indication of the fact that a nation, whose God is the Lord, has the best revelation of right and wrong. The original commandment simply and clearly stated, "no adultery." Because of the hardness of their hearts, Moses made a compromise, but Jesus said, "In the beginning it was not so."

I. THE OLD TESTAMENT COM-MANDMENT. Exodus 20:14.

The commandments were short and to the point. There was no special interpretation added nor exception made. Punishment was also severe. The law provided that both the adulterer and the adulterers should be put to death. Compared to the pagan nations around them, the Jewish people had high moral standards and the severest measures had to be taken in order to show the world that they were indeed a chosen people and a holy nation.

II. THE NEW TESTAMENT COM-MANDMENT. Matthew 5:27-30.

Jesus did not condemn sex. It was the misuse of this holy function which he condemned. God established the sexual relationships of human beings to accomplish divine ends. It was the selfish and lustful nature of man that degraded it and employed it to the destruction of the soul.

In this instance also, Jesus came to fulfill the law. He not only condemned the sinful act but also the lustful

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thought. The measures Jesus advocates sound extreme, but should not be taken literally. These verses are a figurative way of saying that whatever may lead to improper looks and actions must be put out of our lives. Cut out the sinful thought immediately and don't toy with the idea, or you are lost.

III. THE CLEAN LIFE WITHIN. Mark 7:14-23.

The scribes and Pharisees criticized Jesus and his disciples for not washing their hands before eating. According to the traditions of the elders they became spiritually unclean. Jesus explained that eternal things such as food cannot make a person spiritually unclean. It nourishes the body but has no effect on his spiritual condition. The thought of the heart and mind, however, have the power to defile a man and make him spiritually unclean. A faultless exterior is no true indication of the condition of the interior.

Suggested questions for discussion:

- 1. Apply the principles of this lesson to the circumstances found in John 8: 3-11.
- 2. What is the difference between the tradition of the elders and the commandments?
- 3. Can we avoid all impure thoughts?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 4, 1962

Theme: NO STEALING

Scripture: Exodus 20:15; Joshua 7: 19-26; Matthew 22:15-22.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Honesty is not only the best policy; it is the only policy.

INTRODUCTION: The first duty of organized government is to protect life, and the next is to protect property. Good government must have a reverence for life and a respect for private property. The more we study the commands of God, the clearer we see how closely they are used as a basis for the laws of the land. (For additional references to stealing see Deut. 5:19; Lev. 19:11; Jer. 7:9; Hosea 4:2).

Man seems to have an insatiable desire to get something for nothing. It ranges all the way from petty cheating to robbing of banks, to the ruining of corporations and to the ravaging of government treasuries. Diogenes is still with us, looking for an honest man. The respectable citizen living next door may be the embezzler in the local bank. The honest politician, serving the

people in such a noble manner, may already have depleted the public treasury. Historians may look back on this generation and refer to it as the "age of corruption." Stealing has become big business and is highly organized.

I. THE NECESSITY OF THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT. Exodus 20:15.

When the Israelites went out of Egypt, each individual and family had to protect their personal belongings. There were few places to hide their possessions. The opportunity and temptation to steal were very grave. A Goddirected commandment was the strongest plea for honesty, for it brought the individual into a relationship with a God who demanded justice and righteousness.

II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF STEALING. Joshua 7:19-26.

We do not always understand the means and methods used in the Old Testament; but the experience recorded in this passage is still a strict and severe warning that our sins will always find us out. This does not imply that all of our sinning will be discovered, for many have carried secret sins to the grave. It means that our sins will find us out. They will remain in our memory; they will follow us and will worry and harry us to the end of our days.

The extreme severity with which Joshua dealt with this situation does not seem justifiable in our eyes. But the story brings out the criminal character of all dishonesty.

III. HONESTY TOWARD GOD AND MAN. Matthew 22:15-22

Jesus said that it was impossible to love God and hate your brother (John 4:20). Neither can you support the Kingdom of God and cheat the government. We have spiritual responsibilities as well as secular responsibilities and in both areas we must be Christian.

These temple authorities who came to Jesus were not interested in information and enlightenment, but in the defamation of the character of Jesus.

Suggested questions for discussion:

- 1. How does punishment for stealing in the Old Testament compare with the spirit of the New Testament?
- 2. In what way do the innocent suffer with the guilty?
- 3. How does Jesus' advice to the Jewish leaders apply to our income tax returns?
- 4. How much time is wasted in our places of employment that can be considered stealing?

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Eastern District

Baptismal Service, Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J.

On Sunday, Dec. 3, the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., held a baptismal service at which Rev. G. Huisinga, pastor, baptized 7 converts, after which they received the right hand of fellowship. We are thankful for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed on us and for the dedicated ministry of our pastor.

On Dec. 10 there was an impressive service with the dedication of new Bibles, given in loving memory of Edward Kramer, who is now with the Lord. He served as deacon for over 25 years and in other capaciaties of the church. He will be remembered for his faithful attendance and willingness to serve his Saviour and Lord. He also endeared himself by his friendliness to others.

Minnie Buermann, Reporter

Christmas Season Programs Colonial Village Church, Lansing

The Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., recently received 33 members into the fellowship. Twenty of these members came into the church by baptism. One of the old Sunday School buses was replaced with a new and bigger one, which was dedicated in memory of Lt. Stanly Jones, a member of the Church, who was killed in Korea while on Army maneuvers. The other buses were repainted.

Visitors came from near and far during the Christmas season to view the interior church decorations. Mr. Robert Baker, chairman of the Board of Trustees, is in charge of these and often sends out of state for materials he uses. Black lighting as well as coiored lights enhance the beauty of the scenes. We believe our church auditorium is one of the most beautifully decorated in the nation at Christmas time. Special Christmas and Watch Night programs were conducted with exceptionally fine attendances. We as a church thank God for the many continuous blessings he showers upon us.

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New Parsonage for Open Bible Tabernacle, Erie, Pa.

"Glory to God in the Highest!" How we've been singing this at the Open Bible Tabernacle in Erie, Penna! God did so much for us in 1961 that we can never praise him enough. Besides the souls reached for him and the purchase of much needed pews for our church, God gave us another wonderful answer to prayer. We were able to purchase a lovely parsonage, thus leaving the second floor of our church free for Sunday school work.

The parsonage is a fine eight room

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Recitation material has been sent to all churches. Offering for the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature.

and bath building serving our pastor's needs well. New Year's Eve was chosen as the very appropriate time for the dedication of this home to the Lord. It was held at the parsonage itself in conjunction with an Open House held by our pastor, Rev. R. A. Mikolon, and his family. The dedicatory prayers were given by Mr. Karol Zlotnicki, representing the Polish part of our bilingual work, Mr. Richard Duda, representing the deacons, and Rev. R. A. Mikolon for the entire work. We're trusting now that we can go on to greater things for him than ever before.

Mrs. Arthur Harrison, Reporter

Christmas and Watch Night Programs, Alpena, Mich.

The Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., was filled to capacity on Christmas Eve once again to commemorate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The program began with the robed choir entering the sanctuary and singing an opening number, followed by the church choir that sang for the first time in our church under the direction of Mrs. Norman Klann and Mrs. Stanley Macks. Each Sunday school class, from the Nursery class to the adults, participated in the program with recitations and songs.

Special anthems by the choir, directed by Mrs. Ivan Saddler, solos and

instrumental numbers made the evening a memorable one. The Senior young people presented a three act play entitled, "A Teenager's Christmas." Following a congregational hymn, the pastor, Rev. Norman H. Klann, pronounced the benediction. The Sunday school sponsored the program with Ben Kannarr as superintendent. Mrs. Don Liske, Mrs. Victor Niebuhr, and Mrs. Damon Pollard were on the Program Committee.

A special Watch Night service was held Sunday, Dec. 31, with Group Two of the Ladies' Missionary Society in charge of refreshments. May we as a church seek to do God's will and to win others to Christ in 1962!

Mrs. Omer S. Turnbull, Reporter

Choir's Ministry, Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y.

The choir of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., has the privelege to render service to God at regular services as well as on special occasions. Every member of the choir is a willing worker. We have a wonderful time serving God and people in this capacity. As is traditional with this choir, so this past Christmas the choir rendered a sacred concert on Dec. 17th at the Sunday evening service. After the song service, the choir went into action with old, traditional Christmas songs as well as new ones. One German song was rendered by a group of children. Seven songs were rendered by the full choir. One of our tenors, Achim Brauch, rendered the solo, "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," from Handel's "Messiah."

Of course, no service of this kind would be complete if it would not include an offering. This amounted to almost \$60, designated for the Building Fund. The program came to a close with the choir singing softly, "Silent Night, Holy Night," as the members of the choir raised their lighted candles with each successive stanza. We are fortunate and thankful to God for our able choir conductor, Mrs. Oswald Kanwischer, for the service which she has rendered for a number of years.

John Heer, Reporter



Thirty-three new members received into the fellowship of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan, by Rev. Robert Penner, pastor. Of these, 20 came into the church by baptism.

Central District

Evangelistic Meetings and Watch Night Service, McClusky, N. D.

Last July we of the Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., had the joy of witnessing the baptism of six candidates by our pastor, Rev. E. R. Oster, dates by our pastor, Rev. E. R. Oster, at Blue Lake, north of Mercer. In the accompanying picture, they are: (left to right) Mrs. Emma Murray and daughter Sandra, Rev. E. Oster, Clarice Zimbelman, Clyde Zimbelman; (front row) Laurel Axt and Kenneth Daulter Bay Jave Jeep Elman of Code Dockter. Rev. Jacob Ehman of Goodrich, N. Dak., was guest speaker on Sunday, Sept. 17, for our Harvest and Mission Festival. The Woman's Missionary Society held its annual program on Oct. 4th at which time we were privileged to have our missionary, Tina Schmidt, as our guest speaker.

Under the leadership of Mrs. J. J. Ebel, 16 children are enrolled in the Scripture Memory Program in our church. Having completed three months' work, the children presented a program on New Year's Eve at the first hour of the Watch Night service. During the last hour we observed Holy Communion and the remaining moments were spent in prayer in ushering in the new year. Rev. Herman Palfenier was our evangelist for our special meetings held from Nov. 29 to Dec. 10. Although we didn't have any first time decisions, the church was blessed and many rededicated their lives to the Lord for a closer walk with Christ.

Mrs. John J. Ebel, Reporter

Fellowship Meeting for Five Milwaukee Area Churches

Five Baptist churches of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area joined in a service at the Zion Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14th. These churches belong to the North Ameri-

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lichte of Stafford, Kansas, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Dec. 20, 1961. They have been members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford for many



Rev. E. R. Oster, pastor of the Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., and six converts whom he baptized at Blue Lake last summer.

can Baptist Conference. This group was originally known as German Baptists of North America. The following Milwaukee churches participated in the service: Bethany, Immanuel, Temple, and Zion. The fifth church taking part was the Immanuel Baptist of Kenosha. Both English and German were used at the service that was well attended.

The general theme of the meeting was "The Changeless Christ." Rev. J. J. Renz of the Immanuel Baptist Church spoke on "The Changeless Christ in My Personal Life." Rev. Christ in My Personal Life." Rev. Wilmer Quiring of the Bethany Baptist Church spoke on "The Changeless Christ in My Family Life." Rev. J. Goetze of the Zion Baptist Church brought the only German message on "The Changeless Christ in My Church Life." Rev. Rudolph Woyke of the Temple Baptist Church presided over the English part of the meeting while the English part of the meeting, while Rev. John Goetze was in charge of the German part. Rev. Milton Zeeb

of Kenosha's Immanuel Baptist Church read the Scripture and offered the prayer. The choirs of the participating churches sang individually and as a group. A denominational mission-ary offering for Church Extension work was received. The women of the host church served refreshments. Rudolph Woyke, Reporter

Mortgage Burning at First Church, Eureka, S. Dak.

This year's Watch Night services at Eureka, S.Dak., will be remembered as most significant in the history of our church. A special Christmas offering had been dedicated on Christmas Sunday by the Lord's people in which all organizations of the church had made their contributions towards the cancelling out of the church debt. On the communion table, elevated above the rest of a number of other candles, stood a tall white candle burning, representing the Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. At a designated time all the officers of the church with its various organizations arose from their seats and came forward to take one of the smaller candles, lighting it on the tall candle and then returning to their seats.

Beginning with the board of deacons and trustees, all officers of the varicus organizations gave expression of their gratefulness for the completed task and readiness to proceed with the burning of all papers of indebtedness. The really great moment came when the chairmen of the boards and organizations together lighted the papers, as the audience sang the doxology, while these instruments of indebtedness crumbled into ashes. The minister then spoke briefly; taking to look backward and calling attention to the Lord's wonderful leading. A. E. Reeh, Pastor

Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lichte

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lichte of Stafford, Kansas, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 20th. A family dinner was held in their honor at the Brown Tea Room, with flowers, nut cups and place cards carrying out the wedding theme. During the Open House held at their home in the afternoon, 125 friends called. Hosts for the occasion were their children: Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Newell, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lichte, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lichte, all of Stafford; and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kruse of Stafford; and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kruse of Sylvia, Kansas.

The Calvary Baptist Church honored the couple with a program in the evening. The Men's Quartet sang "Hand in Hand with Jesus"; Mrs. Calvin Newell, a daughter, read an original poem, "A Tribute to My Parents"; Janet Lichte, a granddaughter, sang "Gott ist die Liebe" and "Walk Hand in Hand"; Mary Lichte and Jeanne Newell, granddaughters, played a piano duet, "Wedding March." Pictures of the Lichtes before and during their married life were shown. Rev. Edgar Wesner based his remarks on Galatians 5:22, 23, and presented the couple with a gold decorated Bible.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lichte are charter members of the Calvary Baptist Church and still active.

Mrs. Sam Stalcup, Reporter

Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kansas, Honors Its Pastor

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas was filled Sunday evening, Nov. 26th, with those who came to a surprise "This is Your Life" program for Rev. Harry Haas, pastor of Ebenezer. The program, presented by the young people's "Youth Fellowship," consisted of a reading of highlights and various incidents of Mr. Haas' life with some of the scenes enacted by the young people. Snapshots and a film of the program, plus the guest book, were given to Rev. Haas in remembrance of the occasion.

Those present were members of Ebenezer and the First Baptist churches of Dickinson County, and friends and neighbors in the community. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Asoph Haas of Venturia, North Dakota, and Mr. and Mrs. Christ Fischer of Ashley, North Dakota, parents of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Haas. Refreshments and a time of fellowship following the service were enjoyed by

Mrs. Carl Pschigoda, Reporter

CHURCH EXTENSION SUNDAY FEB. 18, 1962

Western District

Christmas and Watch Night Programs, Elk Grove

The First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., experienced a blessed Christmas season with the children in our Junior Department presenting their annual Christmas program on Christmas Eve. A White Christmas offering of \$108.00 was received which was sent for the missionary work in Japan with the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut. The Woman's Missionary Society, which usually exchanges gifts at Christmas, had invited Rev. and Mrs. Bill Dalton and their four children: Marie, Mark, Maylene and Mirinn, to this special occasion. The women also brought gifts for some member of this family in addition to clothing and many other things. The Daltons, who are members of our church, have come home on furlough after their first five years as mis-

after their first five years as missionaries in West Pakistan.

We observed the Watch Night service on Sunday night, Dec. 31, with almost every family of the church participating during the first hour and a half. Following a time of fellowship and refreshments during the second and refreshments during the second part, the closing hour was devoted to a beautiful and meaningful candle-

light service culminating in the observance of the Lord's Supper. The year ahead is most uncertain for the world at large. Our Watch Night service was a Christian way of ushering in the new year. Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

Northern District

Christmas and New Year's Services, Capilano, Edmonton

The bright, colorful lights have dimmed, and the tinsel has lost its sparkle, but with fond recollection we at the Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, remember the celebration of our Saviour's birth. Our many special church activities helped us to worship Christ in the true spirit of Christmas. The Senior Choir, directed by Mr. Jerry Tobert, pianist Mrs. Donna Wolfe and organist Mrs. Jeanette Schroeder, presented the Christmas cantata, "The Music of Christmas." On Christmas Eve, the Sunday school presented its program, and the children eagerly and sincerely worshipped the Babe in the manger.

The New Year was ushered in at the Capilano Church with prayer, as our members met for a Watch Night



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years.

Service. Miss Minnie Kuhn, our guest. showed slides and talked of her work in the Cameroons, Africa. The finale of the festivities was a Church Family Supper, to which members and friends of Capilano were invited. The annual reports of the various organizations were read. This proved a very fitting way to end the old year and begin the

Mrs. Delrene Tobert, Reporter

Christmas Season at Temple Church, Swan River, Man.

During the week of Dec. 10-17, the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River, Manitoba was privileged to have "God's Volunteers" in its midst. In spite of the severe cold weather, the meetings were well attended, especially that of the closing meeting when the church was filled to capacity. The team finished off their visitation by calling at the Senior Citizens Home and at the hospital where they sang Christmas carols. The team with Rev. Walter Hoffman appeared at the Swan River Youth for Christ on their "night off." Their ministry proved to be a great blessing and inspiration. On Dec. 20 the Ladies' Aid presented a musical Christmas program. The program was concluded with a few remarks by Rev. Leslie Zilkie concerning the Christmas season.

On Christmas Eve the Sunday school presented its program entitled "Home for Christmas." The program consisted of three parts: "God's Son Away from Home," "God's Children Away from Home," and "God's Family Forever Home." The first two parts featured the Nursery to the Junior departments and the third part was presented by the young people. Included in the program were two songs sung by the group, a trio and a solo.

Mrs. L. Zilkie, Reporter

GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE

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about our denomination's accomplishments and future objectives. The union meeting with a thousand men and their families attending the American Baptist Laymen's Conference is planned for Wednesday evening. Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson of Washington, D. C., general secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, will be on hand to guide our thinking concerning great political issues of the day in the light of our Baptist convictions and Scriptural truths.

Rev. David Draewell, the enthusiastic young pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, is scheduled to speak on Sunday evening and to lead the Sunday School Hour for men and women on that morning. The speaker at the closing Friday evening service will be Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary and editor of English publications.

This grand and glorious week with everything included-dormitory facilities, meals, programs, recreation, swimming in the pool, tennis, scenic trips around the grounds-all these can be yours for as low as \$5.50 per day. These are the rates for three to four persons to a room. If there

are only two persons in a room, the rates in the Abbey Area are \$5.75 per day. (For one person in a room, the cost is \$7.25). Accommodations can be had in the William Carey Hall, Oberlin Lodge and Shepherd's Lodge, all located near each other in the Abbey Area.

A limited number of accommodations can also be secured in the Roger Williams Inn (prices are somewhat higher here) about two miles from the Abbey Area. But you must reserve these accommodations prior to June 1st. You can also secure lodging in the Tower Court (Motel Style) at \$6.75 per day per person (two in a room) or at some of the cottages and houses with semi-private bath, and then enjoy your meals with all other conference guests at the Abbey Area. But these accommodations will have to be reserved considerably in advance. Registration for every adult visitor to the LAYMEN'S FAMILY CONFER-ENCE will be \$2.50. This must be paid when sending in your Registration

LOOK FOR LITERATURE

Watch for this literature pertaining to the conference at Green Lake, July 21 to 28, 1962. Ask your pastor about this material since it is being sent in limited quantities to our churches. You can also write to Baptist Men, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois and request some or all of these leaf-

1. Illustrated leaflet about the Laymen's Family Conference, its program, the rates, and how to get to Green Lake, Wis. (Ready Feb. 25, 1962).

2. Green Lake, 1962 Folder. This is a beautiful colored leaflet about the Green Lake Assembly, general information, summer schedules and 1962 rates for the entire grounds.

3. Registration Card. This should be filled out by you with information about the number in your party, your arrival and preference for housing facilities.

cancel your reservation by July 1, 1962. Green Lake has become a gateway to training, to dedication and to Christian fellowship for nearly 35,000 guests each year. This will be the sixth conference for our North American Baptist laymen and their families at Green Lake. It has been said before by those who have attended some of these inspiring conferences, and it is certainly going to be expression of many at this year's conference, that the exalted conference week at Green Lake has been like "heaven on earth." Come and see the opened windows of heaven at the LAYMEN'S FAMILY CONFERENCE July 21 to 28, 1962 at Green Lake Wisconsin.

HIRE OF LABORERS

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\$3,400.00 annually, he is inadequately cared for, especially when it takes \$1,700.00 annually on the average to send a young person to college.

Ministers or missionaries do not choose their vocations because they hope to accumulate a lucrative fortune. However, they and their families are entitled to a normal life here on earth. Paul lays that down as a divine principle and as a command from the Lord. (1 Corinthians 9:14).

GREATEST MISSION FIELD

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our financial needs.

Also encourage your people to let the Lord use their reserve funds to build new churches and to reach souls for Christ. Investment certificates are issued by our North American Baptist Conference at 41/2 and 5% interest. Write to the Executive Secretary, Dr. F. H. Woyke, for a supply of investment forms and for particulars.

Conscious of the fact that without the presence and power of the Holy Spirit we cannot meet this challenge nor accomplish these objectives to which we are called, let us earnestly pray God to strengthen us through his Holy Spirit, as together with millions of other Baptists across America, we go forward in a great effort of "Evangelism through Church Exten-

MY LIGHT AND GUIDE

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opportunity on the door step of the church; and 3) The ministry of Peter and John was that of healing, not so much of social service. The application of the above points is what makes the sermon alive for today.

In the field of pastoral calling, the adjustment was possibly the greatest. I had to learn to be willing to depend on others more and more. Nevertheless. as in other things, this seeming hardship can be turned into a blessing in disguise on the part of people and pastor alike. There is much that a congregation and pastor can learn through an experience such as this.

In it all, "his grace is sufficient." I can honestly say that "life is wonderful!" I thank God for a friendly handshake, for a friendly hello and for thoughtful friends and for an understanding wife and son. I thank God for the best Friend, our Lord Jesus Christ who is "the Light of the world" in the darkest hour.

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MR. VIRGIL RAY BYERS of Ellinwood, Kanas

Mr. Virgil Ray Byers of Ellinwood, Kansas, son of Frank LeRoy and Elma Adell Mitchell Byers, was born at Wakita, Oklahoma, May 19, 1912 and passed away Dec. 30, 1961 after a brief illness. On Oct. 10, 1931 he was married to Florence Ratslaff of 1931 he was married to Florence Ratslaff of Inman, Kansas and to this union were born 3 children: William of Wichita, Kansas; Larry of Stafford, Kansas; and Nancee of the home. Besides his wife and children his survivors include 3 grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Elma Byers of Wakita, Okla.; 5 sisters: Mrs. Wayne Roles of Santa Ana, Calif., Mrs. Paul Guthrie of Pampa, Texas, Mrs. Glenn Evans of Sand Creek, Okla., Mrs. A. K. Misak of Wakita, Okla., and Mrs. George Barr of Kilgore, Texas.

He was baptized by Rev. Elmer Strauss and united with the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, where he served faithfully until his death, Memorial services were held in the church on January 2, 1962 and burial was in the Wakita, Okla., Cemetery.

First Baptist Church Ellinwood, Kansas MERLE E. BRENNER, Pastor

MR. FREDERICK W. MEYER of La Salle, Colorado

of La Salle, Colorado

Mr. Frederick W. Meyer was born Dec.
28, 1892 at Palisade, Nebraska. At the early
age of 11, he accepted the Lord as his
Savior and was baptized by Dr. John Olthoff of Avon, S. Dak. Moving to Colorado,
he farmed near La Salle during most of his
life. He became one of the early members
of the First Baptist Church of La Salle,
serving his church faithfully and well, holdling many positions and offices during his
lifetime, being chairman of the Board of
Deacons at his death.

He was united in marriage on June 28,

Deacons at his death.

He was united in marriage on June 28, 1922 to Lena K. Ginther, who with an infant son, preceded him in death. On. Nov. 30, 1961 he was called to his heavenly home at the age of 68 years and 11 months. He leaves to mourn his passing two daughters: Frances of La Salle, and Evelyn, Mrs. K. Prang, of Madison, Neb.; two sisters: Mrs. Helen Reck of Portland, Oregon; and Mrs. Emma Schimpf of Valley Ford, Wash.; one brother, Herbert of Cherokee, Okla.; also two grandchildren, many other relatives and a host of friends. two grandchildren, have a host of friends.
First Baptist Church
La Salle, Colorado
F. H. FUCHS, Pastor

MR. OTTO OLTHOFF
of Emery, South Dakota

Mr. Otto Olthoff of Emery, S. Dak.,
passed away on Dec. 14, 1961. He was born
on March 15, 1881 to the Ottje Olthoffs who
lived on a farm near Aplington, Iowa. Most
of his lifetime he lived in the vicinity of
Emery, S. Dak., where he moved with his
parents at the age of three. The past few
years he was a resident of the Baptist Home
in Madison, S. Dak. On confession of his
faith he was baptized as a young man by
his father, Rev. Ottje Olthoff, then pastor
at Emery. He enrolled in the N. A. B.
Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., in 1904 and
graduated in 1910. During his summer vacations he served several of our churches:
Unityville, S. Dak.; Steamboat Rock, Iowa;
Buffalo Center, Iowa; and Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Buffalo Center, Iowa; and Yorkton, Saskatchewan.
On May 29, 1918 Mr. Olthoff was married to Etta Ruppelt of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. His wife preceded him in death in 1939. One daughter, Phyllis, was born to the Olthoffs and is particularly saddened in the Olthoffs and her immediate family. Phyllis is a member of the Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

First Baptist Church
Emery, South Dakota
LELAND H. FRIESEN, Pastor

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1).

MRS. MORTON ANDERSON

MRS. MORTON ANDERSON
of Hutchinson, Minnesota

Mrs. Louise Anderson of Hutchinson,
Minn., was born June 15, 1885, at Northwood, Iowa, and went to her heavenly rest
on Dec. 28, 1961 at the Hutchinson Community Hospital at the age of 76 years, 6
months, and 13 days. She had been ill for munity Hospital at the age of 76 years, 6 months, and 13 days. She had been ill for the last five months and spent most of that time in her hospital bed. She was married to Mr. Morton Anderson July 14, 1910 at Minot, N. Dak.; and they lived at Ambrose. Voltaire and Colgan, N. Dak., before coming to Hutchinson in 1918. She gave testimony to the fact that she came to know Christ as her personal Savior during her youth, but it was not until July 3, 1960, that she was baptized and became a member of this church. It was with tears of joy that she took this step since she was 75 years of age at this time.

She leaves to mourn her faithful husband, Morton C. Anderson; four sons: Merton of DeWitt, Iowa; Vernon of Willmar, Arthur and Floyd of Hutchinson; two daughters: Lucille, Mrs. Myron Riegert of Bloomington, Minn.; and Dorothy Mrs. Charles Moody of Lincoln, Neb.; also one brother, Mr. Oscar Amundson of Steilacoom, Wash.; 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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Bethany Baptist Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota
B. A. ITTERMAN, Pastor

MR. LEONARD MEYER of Avon, South Dakota

MR. LEONARD MEYER
of Avon, South Dakota

Mr. Leonard Meyer of Avon, S. Dak., the
son of John and Mary Meyer, was born on
Jan. 1, 1903 at Avon, S. Dak., and passed
away in the Wagner Hospital on Jan. 1962,
at the age of 59 years and 2 days. Death
came as a result of a heart condition that
was first discovered in September of last
fall. He did not recognize his need of a
Savior until the middle years of his life. He
trusted Christ as Savior during the ministry
of Rev. Fred Bartel and was baptized by
him on April 12, 1936, and was united with
the First Baptist Church of Avon, where he
remained a faithful member until the end.
He was united in marriage to Mable Kelly
on Jan. 19, 1928. They spent all their married life farming in the Avon community.
He always showed a keen interest in community and church affairs. He taught a
Sunday school class for a number of years.
Left to mourn his paassing are his wife,
Mabel, of Avon; one son, Dale, of Wagner,
S. Dak.; one daughter-in-law; one granddaughter and one grandson; one sister,
Mrs. Cora Burmeier, of Avon, 2 brothers;
George E. of Chicago, Ill.; and John of
Sloux City, S. Dak, Last services were held
in the First Baptist Church of Avon on Jan.
6, 1962. Interment was in the Baptist Cemetery.
Avon, South Dakota

Avon, South Dakota PETER WIENS, Pastor

WE THE WOMEN

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24-Moffat's Translation). By our deeds of love we express the highest possible self-interest.

"Women Living Abundantly for Christ" are women who serve. By neglect we lose a blessing! It is better to have tried and failed than never to have tried. The easy way leads to failure. It is said that a river grows crooked because it follows the way of least resistance. One acid test of a Christian is that of willing, joyful service. The spirit in which we serve is indicative of the depths of our dedication. Experience makes the task easier. It becomes a stepping-stone to success. Experience comes to those who accept responsibility and "the pressures of life develop staying power, and staying power develops competence," says Prof. E. Aubrey in translating Paul in Romans.

We need to be daring-to give ourselves that extra push to do something we have never tried in the past. "Life is not lost by dying: life is lost minute by minute, day by dragging day, in all the thousand small uncaring ways."-Stephen Vincent Benet. Sitting back and being content with the status quo may be the way of allowing ourselves to lose untold blessings. Ideas are no good unless we put them to use.

How can we tap our potential if we never make the attempt? By putting "activity" into Christianity we fulfil God's command, "Go ye!" Thus we shall find blessings along life's way. The road to joyful service leads to the source of maturity and strength. It is the source of many blessings, and service becomes the desire of the soul and the joyful act of the hand.

"Have you tried your best today, The battle that is yours to win? Each step is easier on your upward way As you put your trust in him."

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| Dakota | 17,577.60 | 20,879,21 | 17,709,77 |
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| Pacific | 11,339.14 | 20,393.11 | 23,525.12 |
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Letters from Readers..

We shall welcome any reactions or opinions of "Bapist Herald" readers in response to articles appearing in its pages. Limit your letters to 150 words and send to our editorial office, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

"BAPTIST HERALD" FOR NEW MEMBERS

I was quite impressed with the change in format for the "Baptist Herald." I appreciate the work you are doing and find the articles helpful and useful in promoting our work. At our last Deacons' Meeting, of the Glenwood Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn, Ill., we decided to give one year subscriptions to our new members.

-Rev. C. Salios, Glen Ellyn, Illinois

A WELCOME CHANGE

The new cover on the BAPTIST HERALD is most attractive and inviting. The various changes in the 1962 issues are a welcome change to me. These changes attract people's eyes and interest, and therefore more readily they read printed pages. Personally, of course, I always enjoy each issue very much.

-Rev. J. C. Gunst, Minneapolis, Minn.

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IMPROVEMENT AND PROGRESS

The latest issue of the "Baptist Herald" is excellent. "We, the Women" column is striking and the "rose" design at the top is just beautiful. The appearance of the whole issue spells newness, improvement and progress.

We are also thrilled with the new "Annual." The cover is so different and the contents are interesting and inspirational. We have heard many favorable comments about it.

Mrs. Harm Sherman, Aplington, Iowa

I MISS THE FELLOWSHIP

Since I have come back from California in November, after visiting all of my children, I have missed the copies of the "Baptist Herald." Please renew my subscription. I make my home in Modesto, Calif., where one of my daughters live. I belong to the First Baptist Church of Modesto.

It was a real treat for me to have attended the General Conference at Minneapolis and to have met old and new friends. I have been a member of the North American Baptist Conference for 56 years.

Mrs. Pauline Klein, Modesto, Calif.

OUTSTANDING NEW FEATURES

Greetings and congratulations upon the new format and materials of the "Baptist Herald." It is altogether fitting that a magazine should sponsor "letter weeks," as do our radio stations. We appreciate the invitation to comment.

Outstanding among features in several denominational magazines are the columns, "The March of Events," "From the Professor's Desk," guest editorials and quotes from contempories. These items bring us much help and inspiration. Your "What's Happening" page outranks all other similar denominational news in the several such periodicals that come to my desk. It carries warmth and is more interestingly done than any other. I could confess to a bit of personal prejudice here, due to our N. A. Baptist background.

I think the new format and materials are excellent. Your editorial, "A Timeless Life," in the January 4th issue, I trust, will be quoted extensively. All other features in this issue are really good.

—Rev. J. H. Kornelson, Scripture Memorization for City Children, Wheaton, Illinois.



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