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The Mountains of God

ON A rounded, snowy Alpine peak, lifted high above an emerald valley, flanked to right and left by glaciers, and on the day of which I am writing enveloped in impenetrable mist, I took from my pocket my Testament and Psalms and marked in it this verse, "Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God" (Psalm 36:6).

And that was the mountain's message to me. God's righteousness today is veiled in mystery. Tomorrow it may blaze forth in majestic, perhaps terrible self-manifestation. Unapproachable in its elevation, changeless in its being, it yet commands the vast circle of the earth in its impartial and equal view. "Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God."

Mountains are born preachers. From the beginning of time they have been creation's expert teachers concerning God. And what wonder? For geological ages his hands have been busy fashioning them, and the work discloses the Worker. Look away at them receptively, and you may descry the divine attributes. Bring to them eyes anointed by religious experience, and it may dawn on you that their mighty functions and offices are no less than an ordained image and parable of his.

It can hardly be set down to accident that religious spirits from the beginning have cultivated the mountains. Spiritual mountaineering began early in the Bible. Mountainous Palestine favored this, and there were not wanting the inner promptings. Abraham, father of believers, came off victor in the test of his life on a mountain. Jonathan, warrior friend of youthful David, was an intrepid rock-climber. From the bottom of the chasm of Michmash, attended by his armor bearer, he scaled the almost perpendicular rock Bozez, fell on the astonished Philistine garrison and scattered them. Moses and Elijah, pillars of the old theocracy, have linked both the majesty of the Law and its defense with mountains.

As for our Lord Jesus Christ, he was tempted on a mountain, taught on a mountain, on a mountain prayed for his storm-tossed disciples, was transfigured on a mountain with a brightness surpassing Hermon's snows, and from a mountain issued the proclamation which sent his followers with the message of salvation to the ends of the earth.

And if I am still asked what there is in mountains with their inaccessible remoteness, peril and hardship to assist in all this, I can only say, "Climb them!" If you cannot; commune with them at a distance, even through photographs. Learn their language, and you too may find that the great mountains are heavenly spokesmen and august carriers of supersensible things.

John Henry Strong, "A Man Can Know God."

MEN TO MATCH OUR MOUNTAINS

God give us men! A time like this demands	Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;	Men who can stand before a demagogue
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;	And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;	Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
Men who possess opinions and a will;	In public duty and in private thinking.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

GENERAL COUNCIL SESSIONS. For two action-packed days, May 25 and 26, the General Council with its 50 representatives met at Forest Park, Ill., to plan the denominational program for the coming year. A wonderful harmony and a prayerful concern pervaded the sessions, so that the tremendous problems confronting us could be tackled in the light of God's will and program for us. These weighty decisions and recommendations of the General Council will be reviewed in forthcoming issues.

1962-1963 BUDGET OF \$925,000. The General Council, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee adopted a total budget of \$925,000. This includes an Operating Budget of \$805,000, or \$50,000 higher than that of last year. In addition, the following "Special Funds" will be spent as received: \$30,000 for Church Extension Builders, \$30,000 for Church Extension Building, and \$10,000 for Special Seminary Library Fund. Another total of \$50,000 will be for "Denominational Advance" to be allocated and distributed only after the other commitments have been met. Now let us press on!

APPOINTMENTS. The General Council approved two missionary appointments, including Miss Ruth E. Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wis., as a missionary nurse for West Cameroon. Our participation in the training ministry of the Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan can now be announced. Two "God's Volunteers" teams under one director were approved. The budget allotment for Church Extension Operation was increased to \$60,000. The Christian Training Institute of Edmonton will be appointing a new Dean of Women.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW SECRETARY. With a unanimous vote, the General Council appointed Rev. David J. Draewell of Parma, (Cleveland), Ohio as the Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education. Mr. Draewell has prayerfully considered the challenge of this position and has accepted the appointment, effective in September. He is the pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

NEXT ISSUE

THE CENTENNIAL OF PROF. F. W. C. MEYER

By Rev. Herbert Hiller of Edmonton, Alberta and Dr. Fred H. Willkens of Rochester, New York

Editorial

After A Year!

Almost a year has gone by since the memorable sessions of our General Conference at Minneapolis, Minn. At that time we became convinced that "Greater Things Through Christ" were in store for us. So in Christ's Name we set long range denominational objectives before us. These were then unanimously adopted as guiding lights in our three year program:

1. Increase in missionaries;
2. Advance in Church Extension; and
3. Strengthening of our educational institutions.

After a year, it is time for us to take inventory of our denominational program. How are we doing? Are we getting closer to these objectives? Can we give a good account of our stewardship before God? Or are we lagging behind in the God-inspired schedule which we all adopted at Minneapolis with such enthusiasm?

It would be wonderful if we could paint a rosy picture of the situation in our denominational program "after a year." But the facts cast somber shadows over the picture and confront us with a stern challenge, such as we have not experienced for many years. These are the realistic facts with which the Board of Missions, the Finance Committee and the General Council have been wrestling in recent weeks. They should arouse you to action and awaken in you a personal sense of responsibility.

In 1962, the year following our General Conference in Minneapolis, we have been able to appoint only TWO NEW MISSIONARIES. We have set an objective of 100 missionaries by 1964. The present missionary staff numbers 82. Almost every year during the past decade the total of new missionaries appointed was encouraging. But the story this year is disappointing. Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, has reported that his files for processing new missionaries is almost bare. The volunteers for missionary service, the young people who respond to God's call and the missionary candidates who qualify are now hard to find. In addition, the tremendous increase in costs for carrying on a vital missionary program has made the appointment of new missionaries difficult.

We started out in Church Extension with high hopes and with a challenging program. But we have bogged down somewhere along the line. Church Extension Builders number only 3500. Some of the projected new chapels cannot be built. We have had to call a halt to any new Church Extension fields or projects. We are compelled to mark time and to stay put rather than to launch out and to go forward, as we had hoped to do at the General Conference sessions.

Our educational institutions present a somewhat brighter picture. Our Seminary and Christian Training Institute are strengthening their faculties, making progress in accreditation, and aggressively recruiting their students. But they have presented a schedule of things that ought to be done and of facilities that must be provided if their goals are to be attained. There is still work—lots of it—that will have to be done by God's faithful stewards.

After a year, the denominational challenge is greater than ever. Our progress has been slow, but the objectives are still beyond us. But they can be reached and, with God's blessing, will be attained if each one of us and every church will fervently believe that "Greater Things Through Christ" are possible for our N.A.B. Conference.

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Have you ever made a Faith

Promise Offer to God? Read

this article and try it to

God's glory and to your joy

Investments With Divine Dividends

By Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington.

MUST THE CHURCH of Jesus Christ—or the denomination—always be in a financial position where it has to beg, urge and plead with its constituents to give more?

Yes! I feel there is sufficient and logical reason to say this. Let me explain myself by the following and also urge you to consider "Investments That Will Bring Divine Dividends."

THE SPIRIT OF URGENCY

The spiritual need of society is so great, and the number of people who are really concerned about it so few that the church can never afford the luxury of relaxing its zeal and push for meeting its needs. Jesus warned, "The night cometh when no man can work." The church has a spirit of urgency about her that the world has never understood and shamefully we must acknowledge that many a Christian has failed to see and to feel this urgency.

The human soul, especially the Christian, demands challenge. Our Lord laid the challenge of evangelizing the world on the shoulders of eleven obscure men. They accepted the challenge and were known later as men who were turning the world upside down. This was done through their total commitment to their Lord.

The natural man's most elemental driving force is the instinct for self-preservation. A force that drives him to hunt or fish or cultivate or gather, to satisfy his and his family's hunger also makes him store some away for tomorrow to satisfy his desire for security. The natural human tendency is to get as much as possible and to hang on to it.

THE CHRISTIAN'S MOTIVATION

Only the introduction of another, higher force can induce man to share voluntarily a part of what he has with others who have a need. This higher force a Christian should possess. For the Christian is no longer a natural, ordinary man. He is one who through the work of the Holy Spirit has come to the realization of his responsibility to God, of his sinful condition, of his inability to help himself. He has realized that his only remedy is to turn his back on his old life and to turn toward the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior. His only tenable future course is to yield to Christ as Master.

Such a man has a new relationship to

God, to the world, and to himself. This new force is love. When this operates in our lives as God's children, we should no longer ask, "How much of my time, my talents, or my treasure do I give," but rather we should seek God's will as to how much of his time, his talents with which he has endowed me, and of his treasure do I give to him for his work and his glory.

This is fulfilling Romans 12:1, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." Such love in our lives causes us to give everything to our Lord who is the object of our love.

As a denomination we met together in conference last year in the Twin Cities. There we sought the Lord's will as to his challenge to us for the next few years. He led us to adopt a new program of sharing, and challenged us with the great needs (1) to increase the number of home and foreign missionaries; (2) to continue and accelerate our advance in the work of Church Extension; and (3) to strengthen and expand our educational institutions. Brethren, let me remind you that these challenges represent NEEDS, not dreams.

PRESENT MISSION NEEDS

(1) It is no dream when we say we could send out thirty to fifty more missionaries and still not be meeting the need of evangelizing the heathen now coming in contact with our mission fields in West Cameroon and Japan along with our home mission efforts among the Spanish-Americans and the American Indians—not to mention other needs known to our General Mission Secretary and his committee.

Look at Africa today, a country that is filled with hatred—hatred that has built up over the years due to ill-treatment at the hands of many—a country dominant in religions yet without Christ and the hope of eternity, save for a few million who have been touched by the Gospel in the past two centuries. Daily hundreds of thousands go to a Christless grave.

In Japan our mission now has four stations and the work there is just beginning to bear fruit . . . a mission field considered one of the hardest in the world to evangelize. It is a nation that not many years ago was considered our

enemy. Now its doors are wide open to us, and surely God has had his hand in this for a reason. Nine missionaries represent us in a land that boasts the largest city in the world. Tokyo, as a city, has nine times the population of the portion of the Cameroons in which we work. This is reason enough for God to keep the doors open for more missionaries in Japan. Only one part of one per cent of Japan's population professes Christianity. This shows us the need and this is surely the reason God has opened the doors. Who will help send more missionaries to win them to Christ?

ACUTE SHORTAGE

(2) America is a land of progress—a land of opportunity, we say. Yes, how true this is in almost every field of endeavor, and even more so in the field of Church Extension. We need not relate here the many projects already begun, but this is not half enough. The tremendous possibilities for the future are neither dreams or speculations. The needs are crying out. The future is not just an echo of the present, but a vision of masses of people unchurched and unsaved—a nation lost in sin yet with the Gospel next door. Every denomination has been shaken by these needs, but finds the shortage of funds and preachers, meeting places and parsonages acute. Enlist as an Extension Builder this week. Don't delay!

YOUR FAITH PROMISE OFFERING

(3) The mention above of a shortage of preachers or Christian workers is to mention the need of our third goal. Tomorrow's world will need higher qualified workers in most every vocation. The Lord's work is no exception. Our institutions are at present the strongholds of Christ where the Word of God is preeminent, where devoted instructors are giving of themselves to the training of our young people in Christian citizenship and in the vocations of their choosing.

In a day of moral declension and mounting tensions on every hand, there is a great need of expanding and strengthening our facilities. More young people are enrolling in Christian colleges and seminaries today than can be accepted. Today's and tomorrow's world needs men and women who are totally committed to the Lord's cause

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Young Japanese give their witness

to their new life in Christ, their Savior . . .

Easter Sunday in Tsu, Japan

By Rev. Edwin C. Kern, Missionary in the University City of Tsu, Japan

SINCE WE STILL do not have an organized church in Tsu, Japan, our three baptismal candidates and the missionary went to Ise to our Ise Baptist Church for the baptismal candidates' examination. After the deacons and pastor of the Ise Church had examined each candidate, they were asked to give their testimonies before the church.

THREE FERVENT TESTIMONIES

The first to give his testimony was Mr. Ando, a banker, who was saved in December 1961. He began his testimony by mentioning that he heard the song "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Since he works in a bank, he could not help but think of money and gold. But he said, "I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I'd rather have Jesus than have riches untold." He rejoiced in his personal faith in Christ, his Savior and Lord.

In spite of the fact that his father, who is a Shinto priest, opposed his step of obedience, he stepped into the waters of baptism with joy in his heart and a smile on his face. He realized more than ever before that he must obey God rather than man. Mr. Ando is waiting for further definite guidance concerning Christian service.

Next Miss Honne, an office worker, was asked to give her testimony. She began by telling how happy she was to be able to come to the Tsu Christian Center and hear the Gospel. The first time she heard the message, she felt that every word was directed at her. She accepted Christ during our special meetings in October 1961.

Her parents too were opposed to her taking the step of obedience in following the Lord in baptism. But gladly she stepped into the waters of baptism to testify to a group of witnesses that she once was dead in sin but has been raised to new life in Christ. Miss Honne is making preparations to become one of our teachers in Sunday school.

PRAY FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE

The last to give his testimony was Mr. Ito. He began by saying that he was just a little over one year old. He felt that his life, before accepting Christ, had been so empty and unreal. He asked the Ise Baptist Church members to pray for him and his family. When he told his parents that he would be baptized, they laughed, thinking that this was just something a young university student would try and then later forget. Mr. Ito at present is the



Missionary Edwin C. Kern and three Japanese Christians—Miss Honne, Mr. Ando and Mr. Ito—whom he baptized at Ise on Easter Sunday.

only Christian at his university. Please pray that God will be able to use his witness through the Bible studies at the



BAPTIST MISSION HOUSE, TSU, JAPAN

The Tsu Fire Department came to check on the construction of the Baptist Mission House when this picture was taken by Rev. Edwin C. Kern, missionary. The roof is almost completed.

university and in the work of our church.

The above three young people were baptized on Easter Sunday. Already they have been and will be facing even greater temptations that will test their new found faith in Christ. Pray with these three that their families too will come to know Christ. Then, too, pray for us as we continue to give guidance to these and other believers in Tsu. It is our prayer that God will call, from the ranks of our young people, laborers for the Kingdom's work in Japan.

OUR WORK IN TSU

Considerable progress is being made on the building of the Baptist Mission House in Tsu, Japan. The framework was begun on Jan. 10 and the building is going up quite rapidly. The basic structure of the building up to the roof has been completed, as well as the basic plumbing and electrical wiring. According to the contractor, we should be able to move into the house soon.

Some of our believers who were students at the university in Tsu graduated in March and left our city to take up work in other cities. One of these places in which we already have Christians is Nagoya, only about one hour and fifteen minutes away from Tsu. We

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There are privileges to be enjoyed
and important things that can be
done by the older Christians

A Challenge to Senior Christians

By Rev. Willibald S. Argow, Age 87, of Erie, Pennsylvania

A FEW WEEKS AGO when I could not sleep in the wee hours of the night, this verse came to me: "At eventide it shall be light." The following Sunday Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, paid us a visit. I told him that I thought of writing an article on this subject for the "Baptist Herald." Then the article by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman on "Mr. and Mrs. Adult in the Sunday School" appeared in this publication.

We need a readjustment in our planning and thinking. Very few men can secure new jobs after they are 40 years old. An arbitrary law, "Retirement at 65," closes the door to future employment for them. With the progress of medicine, life's average has been lengthened by 25 and more years. The clamor of labor unions for a shorter week increases. What is to take the place of this free time?

Many people look forward to retirement, but to retire to what? What are we to do with all this free time? There is a saying, "The devil finds work for idle hands and mind." So refer to Number 4 of the "Baptist Herald" and read again that splendid article by Mr. Zimmerman.

GOLDEN RAYS OF LIFE

The Bible contains many stories of childhood—Samuel dedicated from birth to God; Moses' life planned by God from the cradle in the river to his grave; and Jesus blessing many children—such is the Kingdom of God.

But the aged are not overlooked in the Bible. God was with Joshua until he was 119 years of age. Moses reached the 120th milestone and Jacob lived until 147. Isaac was 180 years of age, Enoch, 365 and Noah became 950 years old. "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31).

Their lives were not all sunshine. They also had dark and stormy days. Life is like that. You see the dark clouds in the west and the windy gusts are cold and repulsive. Then suddenly the sun appears behind the clouds and transforms all into a golden mass of glory. There is no time of day so inspiring and comforting as when:

"Day is dying in the west;
Heav'n is touching earth with rest;
Wait and worship while the night
Sets the ev'ning lamps a-light
Thro' all the sky."

The climax of the day's glory is seen when the sun hangs golden in the west, when the winds die down and the birds' songs become softer, when there is quietness and stillness, when men return from their labors and children from their play. Then is the time for rest, meditation, worship and prayer.

My saintly father often prayed: "As the sun sinks over our lives, let the golden rays transform them into that glory which awaits us in our Father's House." My dear elderly friends and co-workers, do not spend your lives in sighing "about the good old days." Thank God for the present and for the untold wealth which you have in Christ Jesus. The Psalmist says: "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age . . . they shall be fat and flourishing to show that the Lord is upright."

PRAYING CHRISTIANS

When Bishop Phillips Brooks walked down a rainy, gloomy street in Boston, the entire street became transformed because he greeted everyone with a smile. Your Mile can be changed into a Smile by adding an (S). So coming out of your fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, you too will have the smile that transforms darkness into light.

At eventide you should be strong as praying Christians. Why is the average attendance at our prayer meetings so low, from one-fifth to one-tenth of the members of the church? Is it because prayer meetings are "old fashioned," "out of date"? Or have we lost the art of public and private prayer? The present times need your prayers, dear friends.

It is true that "they also serve who stand and wait." "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, he shall strengthen thine heart, wait I say on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14). "Prayer changes things" and only prayer can change present conditions in our lives, homes, churches and nations.

Pentecost came after the disciples were in one accord after a season of prayer. Would it not be possible to have another Pentecost if we were in one accord in praying? So keep on praying. "Pray without ceasing." "The effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much." "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and prayer." What a privilege that is for us older Christians!

The poet Longfellow was asked how he could continue to write such beautiful poetry. He pointed to a nearby fruit tree and said: "As it grows new wood, so I continue to grow." We may retain the numbers of church members by new additions, and lose that rich heritage of religious experience acquired through long fellowship with Jesus. We are not consistent in our appraisal of things. We value antiques because of their age and yet discount the experiences of older Christians. We seek the one and cast the other aside.

CONTINUING TO GROW

We cannot prevent growing older, but we can prevent growing old. General Douglas Mac Arthur, who recently observed his 82nd birthday, once wrote: "Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interest wrinkles the soul. Worry, self-distrust, fear and despair . . . these are the long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust. Whatever your years, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the undaunted challenge of events, the unflinching, childlike appetite for 'what's next,' and the joy and game of life.

"You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubts; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fears; as young as your heart, as old as your despair. In the central place of your heart, there is a recording chamber. So long as it receives messages of hope, beauty, cheer and courage, so long you are young. When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snow of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then and then only are you growing old."

Why not be like Caleb, who, when he was 85 years old, said: "Give me this mountain. I want a hard job. I want to claim the promise given to me by Joshua." Yes, "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

My friend, there is a place in this world for you. Can God count on you? So "grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made. Our times are in his hands who saith: 'A whole I planned. Youth shows but half; trust

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To spend a week at Green Lake

is to enjoy a spiritual, invigorating
vacation with heavenly blessings added

A Family Vacation at Green Lake

Your invitation to the Laymen's Family Conference at the Baptist Assembly Grounds, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 21 to 28, 1962, by Mr. Lincoln S. Love of Erie, Pennsylvania.

AS WE ENTER the gates of the American Baptist Assembly grounds at Green Lake, Wisconsin, and see the beauty of nature all about us in the beautiful flowers, lawns and trees, we feel that truly this is a place God has set apart for us at which to spend a week away from things that occupy us in our busy work-a-day world. This is a place where we can turn all of our thoughts toward him who is always thinking of us.

From the time we gather at breakfast to greet and have fellowship with Christian friends, through the devotional periods of the morning, recreation in the afternoon and until the sun sets over Green Lake in the evening, we have been filled with spiritual blessings the whole day through.

AN INSPIRATIONAL VACATION

In the years we have been raising our family, we have spent many vacations together in various places but we feel that at Green Lake we not only have recreation and relaxation but we receive inspiration. Here our children can learn the true values of life which are everlasting. The Green Lake experience for the family vacation is where the North American Baptist leaders of tomorrow are truly forged.

Friendships made at the discussions and cemented during the recreation periods span the miles and years to weld us into a strong, national and even international group. Our churches of tomorrow, our denomination's growth and ability to accept God's challenge for the future may quite well be formed in the youth in our family groups on the Assembly Grounds. Our children, as have many others, have enjoyed every minute of our former Green Lake experiences. The boys and girls from California, Texas and Canada, not forgetting our East Coast, seem to fit together immediately as though they were at a local conference.

What glorious days these can be never to be forgotten! The Prayer Tower on the grounds became very dear to our small son. As he reached for the key on the outside of the door to take it inside so others would know the tower was in use, and as he went inside to offer his simple prayer, it brought us all closer to God. To spend a week at Green Lake is to enjoy a spiritual, invigorating vacation with heavenly blessings added.

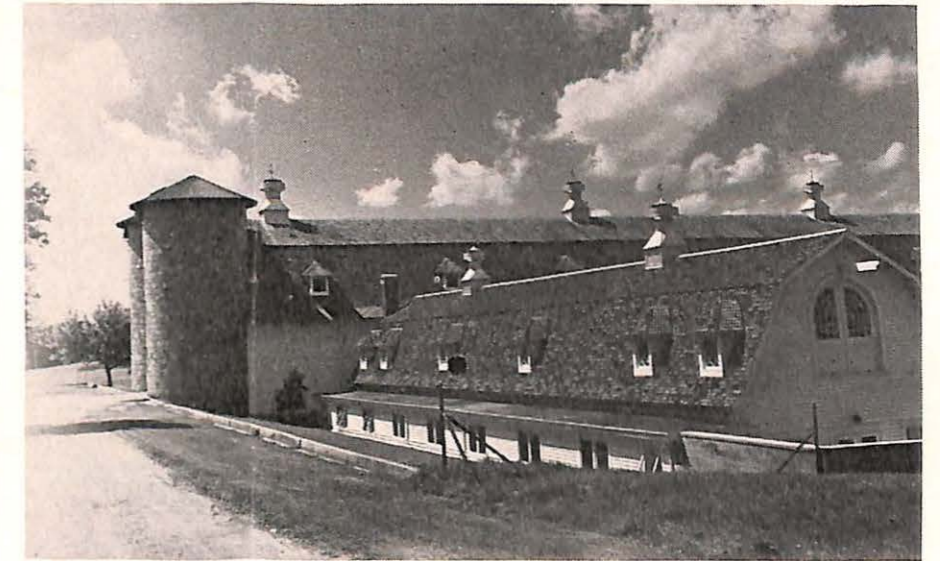
There are so many things that are of interest to the young people and to those who are young at heart. Campfires, wiener roasts, swimming, boating, shuffleboard, and water skiing are included in the hours of recreation provided in the schedule.

The speakers chosen for the devotional periods are vital, enthusiastic men who inspire the youth as well as the older folks. After having heard Dr. Paul Gebauer once again at the Eastern Conference sessions, we know you will not want to miss hearing him and having fellowship with him at the

whom we have always had, have not only been great platform personalities but in man to man chats, while standing in the meal line, they have proven to be warm and personable.

The Men's Chorus of Chicago will help us to worship God in song on Sunday. What wonderful spiritual food for all who attend!

The 1100 acres of the Assembly Grounds afford a paradise for photographers, to be sure. Bring your camera so that you may record and supplement your memory in those things that will probably make this week one of the



ABBNEY AREA BUILDINGS, GREEN LAKE, WIS.

The dining hall for the Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wis., is in the foreground (right). The Conference sessions will be held in the William Carey Hall, just behind the two huge silos. (Photo by Herman Siemund).

Laymen's Family Conference. He is truly a man inspired by God. The daily Bible messages will be brought by Dr. A. J. Harms of our Seminary faculty. These will be both informative and inspirational. Bryan Archibald of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs will speak to us about "Baptists in Washington, D. C." There will be panel discussions in which everyone can participate.

For myself, the internationally prominent speakers, lecturers and teachers,

You can still make reservations
for good accommodations at the
Laymen's Family Conference, Green
Lake, Wis., July 21-28, 1962!

most unforgettable vacations of your life.

Workshops conducted by trained personnel will be of great interest to youth and Sunday school workers, giving them an opportunity to learn new methods and teaching techniques which can be taken home to their churches.

At the close of the day, it is most enjoyable to meet with friends of long standing whom we do not see often because of miles separating us and to have small talk over coffee or an ice cream soda as we recall past experiences.

As we leave Green Lake after a glorious week, we will be refreshed, re-

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June 21, 1962

Dedication Services of New Church Buildings

Reports of Memorable Events in the Denomination

Dedication of New Edifice, Bethany Church, Vancouver

The beginning of the year 1962 brought thrilling changes to the Bethany Church of Vancouver, B. C., as we moved into the lower auditorium of our new church building. Meanwhile the work of finishing the church was carried on.

On March 18th our pastor, Rev. I. Faszer, had the joy of using the new baptistry for the first time, when nine young people followed the Lord in obedience to his command.

With great anticipation, the members and friends of the church looked forward to April 1st, when the completed church building was to be dedicated to the glory of God. A great host of people gathered in the foyer before the morning worship service. Rev. I. Faszer read Psalm 100: "Serve the Lord with gladness, come before the Lord with singing." After a prayer, the doors to the main sanctuary were opened, and led by the male choir, the congregation entered.

It was our privilege to have as special guests our Executive Secretary,

the new edifice for proclaiming the Gospel, for worship, prayer, study and fellowship. Rev. J. Sonnenberg closed the service with the dedication prayer.

At the evening service Rev. Joe Sonnenberg brought the inspiring and thought-provoking message, "What the Lord Expects to Find in the Church." Throughout the day the three choirs of the church, the orchestra, and various other vocal and instrumental groups thrilled the listeners with their beautiful harmony. The offering for the building fund and for missions amounted to \$5256.23.

The beautiful, modern church building was designed by W. D. Buttjes and R. Rapske, associated architects, and the construction was supervised by W. and E. Radke, all of whom are members of the church. The building was planned to provide adequate facilities for the entire church program. There are 19 classrooms, three of which are large assembly rooms, a mother's room, choir room, study and library. The seating capacity in the sanctuary is 500, and the lower auditorium seats 300 persons.

Mrs. A. Hiller, Reporter

furnishings for a full schedule of activities. A visitation program is being carried on by members of the church. The Sunday school and youth work activities are growing. The yard area gained with the purchase of the house, plus that which adjoins the church property, will be converted into a parking area for church use. Rev. Richard Sparling is the pastor.

Florence Pressick, Clerk

New Facilities for Bible Church, Detroit, Michigan

The Bible Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., moved into its lovely new facilities on Easter Sunday. We were pleasantly greeted with a congregation of 138. At the evening service Miss Esther Schultz of our Cameroons mission field presented our denominational work in Africa. The Bible Baptist Church, now located in Troy, Michigan, is a Mission Extension of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit. It also comes under the Home Missions—Church Extension Department of North American Baptists.

The unique arrangement of a Joint Board of Control, representatives from Ebenezer Baptist Church and Bible Baptist Church, has worked out very well. This Board will act in a supervisory capacity until Bible Church becomes self-supporting. We rejoice in the blessing of having a wonderful "mother church." Lovely cushioned pews and chancel furniture were presented to Bible Baptist Church as a gift from the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Our Dedication Sunday was held on June 17th, at which time Rev. E. Arthur McAsh of Ebenezer Church brought the dedicatory message at the afternoon dedication service. The Ebenezer Baptist Church presented a concert on Dedication Sunday evening.

Eugene K. Stroh, Pastor

Additional Classroom Space, Emmanuel Church, Morris

Recently we of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba had the joy of dedicating our new folding Sunday school room partitions. Our attendance was such that there was need of additional space for the various classes. The Lord provided for this need through the prayers and gifts of his people.

During the dedication, our pastor, Rev. John Wollenberg, reminded us that not only were these partitions to be dedicated, but also our own lives. Each of us was to renew our zeal to see that this additional space was effectively used since classrooms are only valuable when pupils are present to fill them. The Sunday school teachers were challenged to be sure that the teaching carried on within these partitions was such that would insure sound Christian growth. Our prayer is that these partitions might truly be used to win new pupils to the Lord.

Bernieta Paschke, Reporter

Special Announcements and Reports

Calling Your Attention to Important Conference News

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Three prominent denominational couples will celebrate their golden wedding anniversaries in July. Why not share in their joys by sending them congratulations and letters of greetings?

Dr. and Mrs. A. Bretschneider of 1262 South Ave., Rochester 20, N. Y., will celebrate their anniversary on July 10. But the celebration will occur earlier on Sunday, July 1st, at 4:00 p.m. at the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y. Letters or congratulations to be read at this service can be sent to Rev. Arthur Weisser.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Streuber of 1143 Fleet Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on July 6th. Mr. Streuber was a leader in our immigration ministry for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schwerin of 1921 Osborn Street, Burlington, Iowa, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on July 12. The actual anniversary date is July 15. Mr. Schwerin has been a member of the General Council and Finance Committee chairman for years.

Remember to send your cards, telegrams and greetings to these honored couples and servants of God!

CHALLENGE TO SENIOR CHRISTIANS

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God: see all, nor be afraid."

God has a plan for every life, so . . .

"If you cannot write the story you can live it;

If you may not make the music, be the song;

If you cannot paint the picture you can give it

Heart and soul the glowing canvas for the throng.

Sightless eyes shall see the colors in your action,

Ears grown deaf shall hear the anthem in your deed,

Hearts unlearned shall find and count the holy pages,

And the record of a life of beauty read."

EASTER IN TSU, JAPAN

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have numerous contacts in the city there and we need a work in Nagoya, but we are short of Japanese workers as well as missionaries.

I have been occupied with two Sunday services, prayer meetings, a meeting at the TB sanatorium, and Bible classes. Our little meeting place in Tsu is bursting at the seams. We also will have to get facilities in Matsuzaka if

we want to continue that work. Then, too, we need land and a church building in Tsu in addition to the mission house now under construction. We certainly need more personnel among the missionaries to go along with these additional physical facilities if we want to do the work that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has entrusted to us.

INVESTMENTS WITH GOD

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and educated in such a way that they will make a strong impact for God upon untold multitudes in a world moving in the space age.

As Christians, as churches, and as a denomination, we must realize that our schools are already there; the young people are all about us; and there is a desperate need for getting the two together with sufficient equipment and staff to meet all requirements of a progressive age.

To meet these needs we must SHARE what we have with others. We must give of ourselves in total commitment and love to our Lord.

Have you ever made a faith promise offering to God? Oh, it is easy to give cash offerings. That really doesn't require faith. You just reach in and pull out a dollar or two or perhaps just a fifty cent piece. You don't stop to pray about it; you don't ask God for it. You don't have to trust him for it; you just give it because you had it.

But a faith promise offering is different. You pray asking God how much he would have you give and you commit yourself for more than what is in your pocket. Then you trust God for it. Month by month, you trust him. Week by week you ask him to help you give it. Yes, you must wait upon him until it comes in. Such an "Investment Brings Divine Dividends."

More Reports

Minister of Christian Education, Grosse Pointe Church

The Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., extended a call to

I SHALL BE SATISFIED

By Grace L. Voll

I shall be satisfied all down
life's toilsome way
With Jesus Christ to hold my hand
of feeble clay;
But oh! what satisfaction shall
at last be mine
In that great day, when, bitter
tears all wiped away,
I shall behold his blessed face
forever and for aye!

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Rev. David Agnor of Los Angeles, Calif., as Minister of Christian Education. He accepted the call and will begin his ministry about the middle of August. Mr. Agnor is of Swedish Baptist background, studied two years at Fuller Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, Calif., then transferred to California Baptist Seminary at Covina, Calif., because he wanted a stronger Baptist orientation.

He majored in Christian education and has had rich experiences in church work. Mr. Agnor has had military experience and served as Deputy Probation Officer for Los Angeles County for three years. In this he has shown excellent supervisory skills and genuine understanding of youth in our day. On Sunday, April 29, the congregation of Grosse Pointe Church held a prayer and fast day concerning the decision of calling Rev. David Agnor as Minister of Christian Education.

Mrs. Wm. Faust, Reporter

65th Annual Sessions of Atlantic Conference, Ridgewood

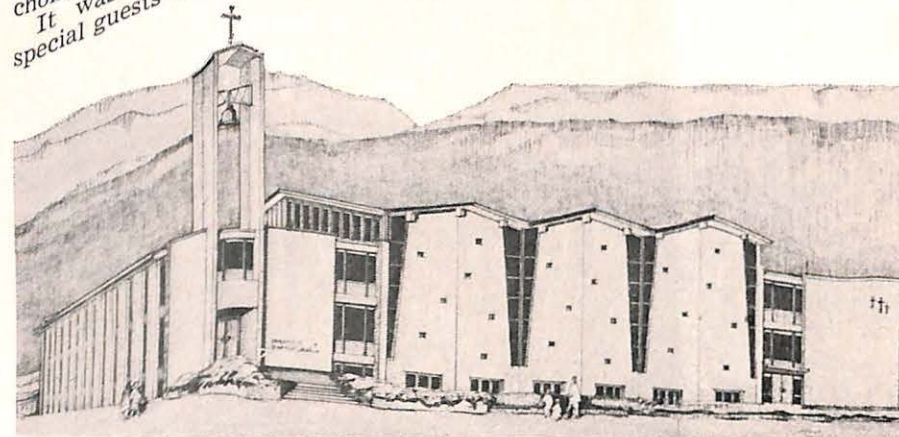
The 65th annual sessions of the Atlantic Conference, with Rev. Roger W. Schmidt of Philadelphia, Pa., as moderator, convened at the Ridgewood Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., from April 26 to 29. The theme, "Who is My Neighbor?", Luke 10:25-37, was a most challenging one. Various pastors brought devotionals relating to this Scripture passage which were most inspirational. On Thursday evening, Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District secretary, presented a pictorial message on Church Extension.

We were privileged to have our Cameroons missionary, Miss Esther Schultz, as guest of honor at the Woman's Missionary Luncheon on Friday. Later she addressed the Conference with a vivid picture of Africa and its people. On Saturday afternoon, a most timely Sunday School Committee presentation was given with Rev. H. Freeman of Hamden, Conn., in charge, which was followed by the CBYF business session with Miss Jeanne Nolte of Philadelphia, Pa., presiding. A most sumptuous Conference Banquet was the feature of Saturday evening.

Our sessions were brought to a thrilling climax on Sunday afternoon as our missionaries, Gilbert and Mildred Schneider and children, Evan and Linda, attired in native African garb made the Cameroons live in stories, song, and a soul stirring message by Mr. Schneider.

Officers elected for the year 1962-1963 are: moderator, Rev. E. Hoffmann, Philadelphia, Pa.; vice-moderator, Rev. R. Nasshan, Union City, N. J.; clerk, Rev. Wm. Christensen, Bridgeport, Conn.; and statistician, Rev. A. Boymook, Jamesburg, N. J. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to the members of the Ridgewood Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. Rubin Kern, for the warm welcome accorded us.

Mrs. Victor H. Prendinger, Jr., Reporter



BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH, VANCOUVER, B. C.
The new \$221,000 building of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, which was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, April 1, 1962.

Dr. F. H. Woyke, and the Western District Secretary, Rev. J. Sonnenberg, Dr. Woyke brought a challenging message on Psalm 121.

The official dedication took place in the afternoon, when about 800 people filled the church to capacity. Visitors from far and near had come to rejoice with us. The call to worship by the mass choir opened our hearts to receive the blessings of the afternoon. Hearty greetings and good wishes were expressed by Rev. J. Sonnenberg and pastors of the neighboring churches.

A brief report by the chairman of the building committee, Mr. W. Radke, emphasized our gratitude for the goodness of the Lord and the good co-operation of everyone concerned with the building of the church. The dedication address by Dr. F. H. Woyke was a challenge to the church to use

New Education Facilities for Union Church, Arnold, Pa.

Needed space for educational work at the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., was made available through the purchase of an eight-room dwelling at the rear of the church. The house was purchased for \$12,000. Very little work by way of remodeling had to be done. The entire basement could be immediately converted into a roomy recreational center for young people. The house is being used for Sunday school activities, all youth functions, special meetings and a church office, with counselling quarters for the pastor.

Among other facilities that the new unit will include is a guest room for visiting missionaries. Special gifts by members of the church will make it possible to equip the house with new

Zion Rejoices at Okeene, Oklahoma

A brief history of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., and an account of its 50th anniversary celebration by Lenora Weber, Reporter.

THE HISTORY OF the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Oklahoma dates back to the time when Oklahoma, the "land of the Red man," opened up this area for settlement by people of all walks of life. This was the area known as Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian country. It was opened for settlement by the "white man" on April 19, 1892.

On Sept. 16, 1893, about three miles to the north of Okeene, the Cherokee Strip was opened for settlement by the "white man." Among those who came to these two areas were many of German Baptist extraction. There was need for someone to minister to the spiritual life of these people.

REV. EDWARD GRAALMAN

On Dec. 1, 1893, Rev. Edward Graalman and his family came from Concordia, Missouri, to a homestead ten miles southeast of Okeene, for the purpose of ministering to these Baptists. Through the efforts of this pastor and faithful laymen, the Emanuel German Baptist Church near Kiel, (now Loyal), Oklahoma, was established.

Soon after this, it was learned that German Baptists had settled near Okeene. From this group a mission was begun in the town of Okeene with weekly meetings being held in the little District School Building. These meetings, as well as future meetings in the Methodist Church building, were held on Sunday afternoons.

Brother Graalman and the able lay members, Henry Schroeder, Frank Weber and John Geis, also ministered

to another group of German Baptists who had settled in the Cherokee Strip area six miles north of Okeene, where in 1900 the Ebenezer Baptist Church had been established. Later Rev. Louis Vogt and family came to this area and served in the capacity of "roving missionary" for Oklahoma, often serving the Ebenezer and Okeene churches.

Through the efforts of the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, it became possible for the Okeene Mission to borrow \$250 in the form of a gift mortgage with which to erect their first building in August 1902. In order to receive the loan, the mission had to organize and through this effort the German Baptist Mission Station of Okeene, Oklahoma, came into being.

The church did not officially become a church until January, 1912, when 55 members were listed as charter members. The church then became known as the German Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma.

It was not until August 1920, that the church was incorporated according to the laws of Oklahoma, and took on the new name of Zion Baptist Church. Rev. C. F. Tiemann was pastor of the church at that time. In September 1920, the Ebenezer Church north of Okeene asked to join the membership of the Zion Church. This increase in membership resulted in the existing facilities being inadequate so that the former Ebenezer Church building was used to enlarge the church building in town.

Through the years the Lord has

blessed and guided his church, and by his grace the years that lie ahead will be dedicated to the Gospel of Christ.

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

As a church we rejoice in having taken advantage of the challenge that the 50th Anniversary Celebration offers. This was held on Palm Sunday, April 15. Our hearts were inspired beyond our own expectations as we recalled the many facets of the church's activities throughout the years. Truly, the Lord has been good to us and has blessed us in ever so many ways under the fine leadership of our pastor, Rev. Karl Bieber.

The guest speaker for the occasion was our denominational promotional secretary, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, who brought two very challenging and inspiring messages that stirred our hearts. It was our pleasure as a church to have the members of the mother church (the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal) and their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Martin DeBoer, with us.

Two services were held on this day of celebration, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The Ladies' Chorus presented several very appropriate numbers in song in these services. Rev. Leland Friesen sang a solo in the afternoon service which was very inspiring. After the morning service the ladies of our church served us a delicious dinner and a tea was enjoyed by all after the afternoon service.

The letters of congratulation were read in the afternoon service by the church clerk, Mrs. Walter Weber. Mr. O. G. Graalman presented a historical sketch in the afternoon service that had been of special remembrance to him of the past. Of the original 55 charter members, six of this number are still with us: Mrs. Jake Geis, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Graalman, Mrs. Alma Hagen, Mr. Charles Laubach, and Mrs. Alex Priebe.

Other kind remembrances of the day included the beautiful flowers sent by the sister churches of the Oklahoma Association and by friends and members of the church. We were happy to have had Rev. and Mrs. Leland Friesen and Roger of Emery, S. Dak., with us for the occasion. Mr. Friesen is a former pastor of the church, having served from 1952-1955.

The Zion Church will always be indebted to the many pastors and interim pastors who have so faithfully served the church throughout these many years. We have seen great things happen and we trust that by God's grace the endeavors of his Church will be multiplied.



We the Women

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

BOARD OF MISSIONS MEETING

By Mrs. Harold Gieseke of
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Vice-President of the Woman's
Missionary Union

During the last week in April, it was my privilege to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Missions as your representative. This was indeed a unique opportunity to be brought up to date on all phases of our denominational missionary endeavors.

The 13 voting members, representatives, and ex officio members received a formidable volume in the mail even before we made plans to travel to Forest Park. This was our agenda, prepared by our secretary, Dr. Richard Schilke, and it was to be covered in three days. To consider wisely the work of our 82 foreign and home missionaries (and through them, countless others), our mission-aided churches, our Church Extension work, and the ministry of God's Volunteers was our task. To consider the appointment of new missionaries and the possibility of enlarging our foreign outreach was our challenge.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Cleveland, Ohio, chairman of the Board, directed our thoughts to the great tasks accomplished by Nehemiah during our opening devotional service. God's guidance and Holy Spirit wisdom were sought in an inspiring prayer time.

The days were unusually warm, for summer had suddenly superseded spring in the great city of Chicago. It was necessary to work long hours, for our agenda received several additions even after we arrived. We were very privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, just home from Africa, to represent our work in the Cameroon Republic. Rev. Fred G. Moore, just home from Japan, brought us the latest news from our missionaries there. Wise counsel, distilled by years of service, was ours from our resigning Field Superintendent, Dr. Paul Gebauer.

It was an inspiration and joy to meet one of the new missionaries appointed during the Board sessions. The needs of South America were presented by Rev. Herman Riffel of Detroit, Mich., who had recently returned from that continent and seen the degradation and

From the Professor's Desk

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

Has Karl Barth really changed his theological views in recent years, and if so in what specific ways?

Unquestionably Barth has modified his theological views in certain significant ways in recent years. Repeatedly he has stated that he is trying to uproot all philosophy out of his theology and to make it wholly the theology of the Word of God. Opinions vary as to how successful or thorough Barth has been in this attempt, but it cannot be denied that some notable modifications have appeared.

PERSON OF CHRIST

One point on which he has changed his thinking is with regard to the sinlessness of Jesus Christ. In his early commentary on Romans, he stated that Jesus stood as a sinner among sinners, a statement which caused serious alarm and concern. In the first volumes of his *Church Dogmatics*, he toned down this statement by saying that in becoming flesh Jesus partook of a sinful human nature possessed of all our sinful disabilities, but that throughout his lifetime he never actually committed any sin, because as the eternal Son of God sin is actually impossible. He continuously overcame the sinful fleshly nature assumed in the incarnation.

Now in his most recent writings Barth seems to have further modified his position by asserting that Christ assumed the "weakness" of sinful flesh, but not its sinfulness. This point, however, appears somewhat ambiguous in his thinking. No less a Fundamentalist than John F. Walvoord of Dallas Theological Seminary has stated, "Karl Barth seems very close to orthodoxy in his statement of the person of Christ" (*Moody Monthly*, Dec. 1961, p. 59).

Another area where a change is apparent is with regard to the resurrection. In earlier works one can find disparaging statements about the importance of Christ's bodily resurrection, but now his writings make plain that he accepts a bodily resurrection. The resurrection of Christ, he avers, took place as an actual event in history, and the empty tomb is an historical fact. Yet he adds that its signifi-

cance is not a matter of doctrine as such, but as a revelatory sign that in Christ the ever-living God acts. The divine breaks into the course of history—the incognito is removed and God reveals himself. The believer must accept this by faith, for without the resurrection the Christian would be without hope, says Barth.

Even though Barth becomes very critical about the biblical records and expresses his suspicion over the resurrection narratives set forth in the gospels, he nevertheless asserts that the appearances of Christ continued for forty days, as the Bible reports. The details of Scripture are in some places contradictory, he thinks, and need not be accepted in full, but the witness of the gospel to a post-resurrection ministry of Christ must be accepted. These appearances are not merely spiritual or psychic, but neither are they explainable in terms of modern physics. We are to take the biblical testimony as it stands and we are not to speculate about details, which Barth considers unimportant.

DOCTRINE OF CREATION

The Barth who justly could have been said to have had no adequate doctrine of creation when he wrote his *Epistle to the Romans*, now has devoted four volumes in his *Church Dogmatics* to this topic, in which twice as much space is given to the doctrine of creation as to the doctrine of God. This represents a remarkable turn-about in Barth's thinking. The latest volume on the subject of creation (Vol. III, Part 4) treats of Christian ethics. Barth's reply is that any ethics that is divorced from divine revelation is no ethics, for we can only know what is right by hearing the Word of God.

However much one may differ with Barth on various theological issues, and the consistent evangelical would differ with him at some crucial points, Barth puts us all immensely in his debt for his penetrating insights into Scripture and theological thought. "No serious thinker coming after Barth," writes Colin Brown of Tyndale Hall, "can afford to neglect what he has to say" (*Christianity Today*, March 16, 1962, p. 38).

A FAMILY VACATION

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dedicated, and with spiritual fires having been rekindled. We are then ready to go back to our churches with the determination that we will work harder for our Lord Jesus Christ than ever before and that we will live our lives so that those with whom we come in contact will know that we have a "Closer Walk with God."



Rev. Karl Bieber (left), pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., and charter members of the church (right to left): Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Graalman, Mrs. Alma Hagen, Mrs. Jake Geis and Mrs. Alex Priebe. (Mr. Charles Laubach is not on the picture).

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MARCH OF EVENTS



● Dr. Gene E. Bartlett, president of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., since 1961, and minister of the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles from 1953 to 1960, spoke at the baccalaureate exercises at the University of Southern California on June 13, on the subject, "The Engagements of Maturity." A noted pastor preacher, educator, administrator, and scholar, Dr. Bartlett held pastorates in Hilton and Syracuse, N. Y., Columbia, Missouri, and Evanston, Illinois, before coming to Los Angeles. His Los Angeles church was in inner-city congregation of 2200 with a staff of 16. His 1961 Lyman Beecher lectures at Yale University last year have just been published by Harpers under the title, "The Audacity of Preaching."

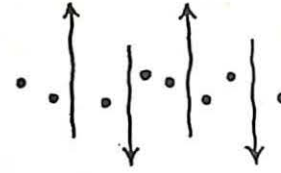
● By camel and canoe, 50,000 census-takers set out in May to find out just how many people live in Nigeria, on the west coast of Africa. The headcount is the first truly nationwide census in the history of Nigeria. It is one of the most ambitious tasks the Nigerian Government has undertaken since the country became independent from Britain in 1960. Because of the size of the country—more than 450,000 square miles—and the difficulty of traveling in many areas, it will be more than two weeks before the census-taking is finished and more than two years before all its results are known. The total cost of the task is estimated at 1,500,000 pounds (\$4,200,000). The latest estimates are that Nigeria, the most densely populated country in Africa, now has nearly 40,000,000 inhabitants.

● The hope that expanding East-West church contacts may benefit 50,000,000 Christians in the Soviet Union is being kept alive. The American Bible Society of New York City, which has had good relations with the Russian churches since 1816, is keeping its lines of communications open. Through agreement with previous Russian church officials, the American Bible Society sent two shipments of 100,000 copies of the four Gospels to the Soviets shortly after World War II. These small booklets, printed in the modern Russian alphabet, were part of a larger commitment which did not go through. However, a printing of 10,000 plain Bibles for the Russian Baptist churches was permitted in 1957. The estimated 25 million to 50 million Christians in the Soviet Union have shown intense interest in obtaining literature when it has been available. "The American Bible Society has offered to donate any quantity of Scripture or paper or translation work or funds for the publishing of the Bible in Russia," Dr. Darlington, consultant of the American Bible Society, has said.

● WASHINGTON (BPA)—The work of Christian missionaries in Africa has received high praise from a member of the United States Senate. Speaking to the Senate, Sen. Claiborne Pell (D., R.I.), an Episcopalian, paid "public tribute to the debt that is owed by the Western world to our Christian missionaries and the education they have offered in Africa." He said that there are 23 thousand missionaries of all nationalities in tropical Africa. Of that number approximately 6,400 are Catholic and 15,970 are Protestant. The Sen-

ator referred to a report prepared at his request by the Library of Congress. The report dealt with the heads of state and prime ministers for 23 African countries, and with leaders of seven not yet independent countries. With one exception, Sen. Pell pointed out, all those listed for the 23 countries, other than the Moslems, were educated to some degree in Christian missionary schools, either Catholic or Protestant. For the seven non-independent countries only one man received no Christian missionary education.

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● Centennial of Charles Evans Hughes. The centennial of the birth of the late Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes was observed at Calvary Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., on April 8 as part of the centennial observance of his birth. The chief justice became a member of Calvary on his appointment to the Supreme Court in 1911. Rep. Fred Schwengel (R., Iowa) paid tribute to the chief justice, and an exhibit of Hughes memorabilia was featured. The United States issued a stamp honoring Chief Justice Hughes in April.

● Baptist Pastors' Salaries. The American Baptist Convention, along with ten other major denominations, is engaged in a concerted effort to encourage churches to raise ministers' salaries. Studies show that if a pastor's salary has not doubled since 1940, it has actually been reduced because of inflation. They further show that the average American family income is a thousand dollars above the median income of pastors in the 15 major denominations with pension boards.

● Burma Missionary Dies. Dr. Gustaf A. Sword, 74, missionary representative emeritus on the staff of the Illinois Convention, died April 22 at Memorial Hospital, Springfield, Ill. Dr. Sword lived in Springfield for the past 10 years. For 31 years he was a missionary to Burma, and during World War II he served as a specialist on Burma affairs for the U. S. Army. Services were held in the Central Baptist Church, Springfield, Ill., on April 24, with Dr. Adam Baum and Dr. Albert J. Gernenz officiating.

● 4,234 Baptisms in New Guinea. There have been 4,234 baptisms in New Guinea since Australian Baptists opened mission work there in 1956, though

a 12-month waiting period for instruction is required of all converts. This is one of the fastest growing mission fields in all the world. A total of 928 new converts were baptized during 1961. These statistics come from the New Guinea Regional Committee of the Missionary Cooperation Council.

● Freedom in Burma. Burma's new Revolutionary Council, which deposed Premier U Nu and seized control of the government on March 2, announced at Rangoon that in its professions of democracy it guaranteed freedom of worship. "Freedom of religion is a necessity," said Brigadier Aung Gyi, Burma's vice chief of staff of the armed forces and spokesman for the council. "We don't want to emphasize one religion at the expense of another."

● All-Africa Conference. OSHOGBO, NIGERIA—(BWA)—"Contemporary events in Africa prove that while we can do without imperialism and all it stands for we cannot do without God." The speaker was Chief S. L. Akintola, premier of Nigeria's Western Region, addressing an All-Africa Baptist mission conference at Oshogbo. Chief Akintola received his early education in Baptist mission schools. Representatives from nine countries attended the conference. Dr. Carlton F. Whirley, a missionary, observed that the year 1962 began with 29 independent nations in Africa. He challenged missionaries and African leaders to adjust their methods to new conditions. Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, associate general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, declared, "We need to face our problems with hard work and sincerity of purpose. We are living for a cause. If Africa is to be won to Christ, we Africans must be prepared to risk our lives if need be."

● On Sunday evening, May 6, Rev. C. T. Remple, pastor of the Portland Ave. Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., baptized 16 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Recently he extended the hand of fellowship to 11 others so that the church has had an increase of 27 members in recent weeks. Mr. Remple wrote: "We are grateful for this increase and hope to work for the Lord with greater zeal and power."

● From May 2 to 13 "The Gospelaire" team of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., presented musical programs in our churches of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and southern Alberta. The team was under the direction of Rev. E. B. Link of the C. T. I. faculty and the travel direction of Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary. "The Gospelaire" team included the following students: Helen Hufnagel, Harvey Bertsch, Dorothy Mantay, Dorothy Bredin, Eileen Jaster, Llewelyn Bertsch and Harry Hiller.

● On May 29, after the close of the school year in Bismarck, N. Dak., Mrs. Dorothy Knalson, widow of the late Rev. Fred J. Knalson, and their son, Stephen, left by car for Rochester, N. Y. They are making their home with her parents at 185 Grand Avenue, Rochester, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Knalson served our churches faithfully for 16 years and 7 months until Brother Knalson's homegoing on April 15. Another tribute to him by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, will appear in the next issue.

● A "Musical Request Night" was held on Sunday, April 29, by the Baptist church of Goodrich, N. Dak. More than 30 numbers were sung by soloists, youth choir and various groups which had been requested as "favorites" by church members. In addition, testimonies were given by Arnold Berreth, Vernon Schneider, Karen Schmidt and Floyd Lang. From May 27 to June 10 evangelistic services were held at the church by Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of "God's Volunteers." Rev. J. Ehman is the pastor of the church.

● The Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif., has called Rev. Robert Cahill as its pastor. He has accepted the call and has already begun his ministry in the church. He is a 1962 graduate of the Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., and a member of the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Cahill have a year old son. He has succeeded Rev. Fred David, now pastor of the Wichita Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. The interim pastor at the Upper Bay Church has been Rev. Henry Hirsch of Anaheim, Calif.

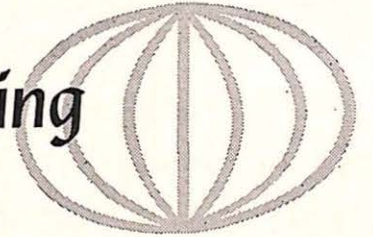
● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, called Mr. Robert Veninga of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to serve as student pastor during the summer months of June, July and August. He is a son of President and Mrs. Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary. He served as a member of the Seminary "Musical Mes-

sengers" team during the summer of 1961. He is already in Vancouver, B.C., serving in this capacity as student pastor in the Ebenezer Church, of which Rev. Otto Patzia is pastor.

● The First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., has extended a call to Mr. Harvey Mehlhaff to become the Director of Christian Education. Mr. Mehlhaff of Wishek, N. Dak., is a 1962 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Mrs. Mehl-

● The Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois, has called Rev. Herman Palfenier to serve as the minister at its German services for the summer months. He began this ministry on Sunday, May 20. This appointment was made with the approval of the Board of Missions. Mr. Palfenier is the denominational evangelist. Mr. Friedhelm Radandt brought his ministry as the pastor at the early German services to a close on the previous Sun-

what's happening



haff's picture appeared on the front cover of the May 10 issue of the "Baptist Herald." He has responded favorably to the call and hopes to begin his ministry in the First Church of Lodi on July 1, succeeding Rev. Arthur Brust, now of Salem, Oregon.

● Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, was the guest speaker at the Sunday morning and evening services, May 6, at the Shroyer Road Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio. On that Sunday morning, Rev. H. H. Riemer, pastor, received 20 new members into the fellowship of the church. Of these, eight had been baptized by the minister. On that Sunday afternoon, the ground breaking exercises were held by the Community Baptist Church at which Dr. Schilke also served as the guest speaker. Rev. John Ziegler is the minister of the Community Church.

● On Friday, April 27, the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., held a "Partner's Social," at the church. The partners were the husbands. It was a ham dinner at 6:30 Friday night. The program was led by the president, Mrs. Edwin Schuh. The guest speaker, Rev. Gene Wilburn of the Galt Bible Church, Galt, Calif., spoke on "Partnership." The newly elected officers of the Society are: president, Mrs. Henry Rausser; vice-president, Mrs. Roy Dolliver; secretary, Mrs. Walter Berkan; and treasurer, Mrs. Ben Kammerer.

● On Palm Sunday evening, April 15, at Eureka, S. Dak., and on Good Friday, April 20, at Leola, S. Dak., it was the joy of Rev. A. E. Reeh, pastor of the Baptist churches at both places, to baptize 18 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Of these, ten were received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Eureka and eight into the First Baptist Church of Leola. These young people accepted Christ as Saviour during evangelistic services held at Eureka by Rev. Herbert Vetter of Missoula, Montana, and at Leola by Rev. A. E. Fischer, Linton, N. D.

day, May 13. He has become the minister of youth activities at the Mission Baptist (German) Church of Chicago, Ill.

● On Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., served as guest speaker at the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri. To a well filled church, he showed missionary pictures in color on Saturday night about the educational program of the Cameroons Baptist Mission in Africa and of mission possibilities in the countries of South America. He spoke at both the morning and evening services of the church on Sunday. A fellowship dinner was held at noon for members and friends of the church. The Pin Oak Creek Church is pastorless at present.

● On Sunday, April 16, the Salem Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ontario held its ground breaking exercises for the erection of its sanctuary with the Eastern District secretary, Rev. E. Wolff, as guest speaker. His fitting message encouraged the church toward unity and perfect cooperation in the great task before them. Words of greeting were brought by neighboring churches of the denomination. Music was provided by the church choir and also by a reinforced brass band. After the ground was lifted in the form of a cross, a closing prayer of dedication was offered by the pastor, Rev. Waldemar Eritis.

● An Easter cantata-drama, "Claudia and the First Easter," was presented at the Danzig Baptist Church of South Dakota on Easter Sunday evening. Members of the Tyndall Baptist Church assisted in the presentation. In addition to musical numbers by the choir, men's chorus and quartet, there were several solos. Taking part in the drama were Larry Voigt, Betty Kaul, Sandra Heber, Brenda Heber, Byron Brandt, Jerry Buchholz, Laddie Schub, Dennis Buchholz, Adella Buchholz, Donna Berndt, Katherine Buchholz, Nadine

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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. He was so busy with his profession that he could not be serious about any girl. He started dating Helen Warren, a very pretty nurse, even though she was going rather steady with Roger Edwards. The two men got into a fight over the girl. Mr. Edwards was struck down and left unconscious. Dr. Rawlins decided to leave town. He abandoned his car and took a bus to the strange sounding town, "River's End." He took an assumed name, Howard Ramsey, and got a job in a snack bar on the ferry boat. There he met a girl, Deidre Fleming, who lived in Westwego, across the river, and worked in the Sunset Cafe. He struck up a friendship with her and they had several dates together. She was bringing sunshine into his gloomy existence. One afternoon Harlan witnessed an accident in which a little girl was critically injured. He went to the girl's aid, thus saving her life. Later he called on the girl, Marjie, at the hospital and at the home of the Bartons. Their pastor, Rev. Marvin Jacobs, was also there. Harlan learned that Dr. Mead of the hospital wanted to see him. He was offered a job of taking charge of the hospital management which he accepted. He began to read the doctor's latest medical books, and consequently he was much more cheerful.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

Deidre noticed it and rejoiced over it. Now that she was sure that there was no girl in his past, she began to hope that he would learn to love her. He seemed more aware of her than he had been before. There had been times when they were together that he seemed to be lost in his thoughts and had forgotten that she was there. Now it was different. He talked to her about the patients that came and the funny little things that sometimes happened, and when he laughed, his very laughter seemed different, more buoyant and not mirthless as it often had seemed.

She wished that she could feel that same lift of spirit that he seemed to feel. As time passed, her own weight of worry and fear seemed to bear down upon her, and, in contrast to the change in Harlan, it seemed heavier

than before. She longed to go to the pastor and have a talk with him, for she felt that he could help her, but fear held her back. She wished that she could talk to Harlan about it, but she feared that, if she did, he would never fall in love with her and she wanted that more than anything.

Harlan came into contact with the pastor quite often. He was a regular visitor at the hospital. He dropped in often to see patients that he knew, and he visited others who were able to talk, bringing them a little message of cheer, or else talking to them seriously about their souls.

Sometimes Harlan listened to what he said, especially if the patient was dangerously ill. The pastor would always ask him if he might go in and talk to that one and if Harlan thought it wise, he would give his consent, for he knew that Jacobs could only do good. Sometimes the family of the patient knew that the patient was dying and they would send for him. These were the times when Harlan listened with keen attention to what the preacher said.

One day a young boy was dying of leukemia. He had been in the hospital for sometime, and had been slowly losing ground. Not until almost the end had the family been willing for someone to talk to the boy about his soul, for fear of frightening him. But now he knew that he was dying and he was terribly frightened.

When they sent for the pastor, he came in with a smile and a clasp of the youngster's hand.

"I'm sorry you're not feeling well today, Jimmy," he said.

"I'm gonna die," Jimmy told him while his lip trembled and he struggled to keep back the tears. "I heard the doc tell Mom yesterday that there was little time left. I knew what he

meant. They didn't think I could hear them. I don't want to die! I'm afraid!" He turned his face away to hide the tears.

"You don't have to be afraid of that, Jimmy-boy," the pastor said gently. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Do you know what that means?"

The boy shook his head.

"It's just like going from this room out into a beautiful garden where the One who loved you and died for you will meet you and welcome you to something that's far more beautiful than anything you've ever dreamed of, something that's so wonderful that God hasn't told us how wonderful it is. He said that it hasn't even entered into our minds to imagine what it's like. Wouldn't that be more wonderful than living down here and being weak and sick all the time?"

"I don't know," Jimmy replied. "How do you know this is true?"

"Because the Word of God says it's true and God can't lie," the pastor replied.

"But I don't want to leave Mom and Dad," the boy said.

"There's nothing we can do about that," the pastor told him gently. "God knows just when it's the right time for us to leave our loved ones or for them to leave us and there's nothing we can do about it. We have to go whether we're ready or not. Don't you think it's much better to be ready?"

"What do you mean by being ready?" Jimmy asked.

"Jesus said that there is only one gate to that beautiful place called heaven. Only one door and that is through Him. He stands ready to open the door for you, if you'll only ask Him to let you in. Wouldn't you like to know that you can go in?"



—Photo by Harold M. Lambert

"I guess so. If I don't get in, then what happens to me?"

"Then you're cut off from heaven and you spend the rest of eternity being sorry that you wouldn't ask to go in and suffering as no human being ever suffered on earth. You see, Jimmy, Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood, in order that we might be cleansed from this old sinful nature of ours and that we might receive the gift of eternal life and go to heaven to be with Him when He calls us to give up this life."

Jimmy listened in silence.

"When we do that, then it's just the same as if we asked Him to open the door, for when we are cleansed by His blood, then He stands at the door waiting and you'll enter that land without even having to knock. He's waiting at the door of your heart right now, Jimmy, waiting for you to open your heart and let Him in. You see, He has to come into your heart before you can enter His door. It's hard to explain, but it's true and it's wonderful to know."

"What do I have to do?" the boy asked, interested at last.

"You must understand that you have a sinful nature, even though you've never done anything really wrong. You have physical life, but no spiritual life, which is eternal life. You must ask the Lord to forgive you and to save you. When you really mean it, then something happens that we can't understand, for it's a miracle. He cleanses your heart and gives you the gift of eternal life. That's what the Lord calls being born again. Then we are sure that, no matter when the time comes for us to close our eyes and travel through space with the speed faster than light, that the door will swing open for us, and we will hear the Lord Jesus say, 'Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' Wouldn't you like to have that happen to you?"

"I sure would," Jimmy said.

His voice was weak and Harlan could see that it wouldn't be long before he would be gone.

"Then suppose you ask the Lord to forgive you and to save your soul. Would you do that?"

"What must I say?" Jimmy asked.

"Just say, 'Lord, forgive my sin and save my soul, for Jesus' sake.'"

"Is that all?" the boy asked in surprise.

"That's all, Jimmy, if you really mean it. He loves you and He wants you to come Home to Him and I know you want to go."

"Sure I do."

He closed his eyes and murmured the words while the parents stood by weeping silently.

"Now do you believe that God has forgiven you and saved you?" the pastor asked.

"Sure I do. Didn't you say that God promised to forgive me and that He couldn't lie?"

"That's what I said," and he patted the boy's frail hand.

He bowed his head and prayed earnestly for the boy, that he would rest in the peace of God and that no fear would mar his homegoing, in simple language that the boy could understand.

When he opened his eyes, Jimmy was smiling at him.

"I'm not afraid any more," he whispered. "I know it'll be wonderful, just like you said. Thanks." The smile spread across his pale lips. "I'll be seein' you one of these days. I'll be standin' inside that door."

Tears came to Marvin Jacobs' eyes as he bent over and kissed the boy on his forehead and murmured, "God bless you, boy. I'll be looking for you."

Late that afternoon Jimmy went out with the speed faster than light to go through that open door to meet the One who stood waiting for him.

That scene shook Harlan to his very soul. He felt that he would give anything he possessed, if he could have the faith of that young boy, if he could have the peace that he had seen upon the youngster's face after the pastor had left and until his soul went out to be in the presence of his Lord.

His respect for the pastor increased and he longed to become the man's close friend, yet the old fear held him back. He was afraid of what that keen mind might see as it delved into his past, that dreadful past which would forever stand as a hindrance to lasting peace.

Dr. Mead and Dr. Saunders depended more and more upon Harlan as they noticed his efficiency and also how he loved the work. Dr. Mead had his suspicions about Harlan as he watched him in the operating room and his care of post-operative patients. He was sure that Harlan had had medical training. His skill in assistance in surgery was too pronounced to have resulted just from the little work he would have had in an army hospital with no previous training.

He said nothing of what he thought to anyone, however. He argued that if there was some reason for Harlan's denying the truth, there was no need for him to probe into his past to find out why he had finally come to this out-of-the-way place. It was off the main highway and general traffic did not often pass that way. Only those interested in the lumber camps to the north passed through to any great extent.

Dr. Meade was afraid that if he pried into the past, Harlan might leave and he was too well satisfied with the young man's ability and the complete satisfaction he was giving in his work. He didn't want to lose him, for he was filling the gap that they both had known had existed in the personnel of the hospital.

He thought that perhaps the young doctor had failed somewhere along the line, either in his post-graduate work or that he had slipped up on some operation and had left in disgrace from

some hospital. The past, whatever it was, didn't concern the doctor. He was interested only in the good work that Harlan was doing.

Cases were brought in from time to time when Harlan was needed as assistant and several times he had made suggestions which had astonished Dr. Mead. Harlan explained that he had read of the new methods which he suggested that they should try, in some of the new medical books which the doctor had in his library. Dr. Mead admitted that he had not had the time to read them. He laughingly remarked that if he didn't watch himself, Harlan would be teaching him and he would be the assistant.

"But I don't have a license," Harlan reminded him.

"That's really a pity," the doctor told him. "I believe that if you'd study up on some of the state board questions, you could pass this board. It isn't too strict. Then you'd be able to carry on here and possibly branch out on your own."

"That wouldn't be possible, I'm sure," Harlan said. "Besides, I'm satisfied as things are now, so let's just let them be. Perhaps some day I may have the courage to try what you suggest, but if they asked me about my diploma, I'm afraid I wouldn't get very far."

"I'm glad you're satisfied here, for we're certainly in need of just what you're doing for us."

What Harlan feared might happen, did happen not long after this conversation. He had wondered what he should do if some serious case came in which required immediate attention and he couldn't get in touch with either doctor. It would be up to him to run the risk of getting into trouble with the law if the patient died, or if the family should find out that he wasn't a licensed practitioner.

A girl was brought in with acute appendicitis. She had been suffering for some time but the parents had not thought it too serious. When Harlan saw her condition and made a hasty examination, he was sure that if the appendix wasn't removed at once, it would rupture soon. There was no time to lose.

He tried to get Dr. Mead, but he had gone into the country and wouldn't be back for some hours. Dr. Saunders and the older doctor were both ill. It was up to him to decide what he should do.

He told the nurse that he would have to operate immediately and to get everything ready.

The mother of the girl wanted to know who was going to perform the operation. She wanted Dr. Mead.

"I've tried to get him and he won't be back for perhaps several hours. Dr. Saunders is in bed with a strep throat. There's no one else to perform the operation but myself," Harlan told her.

"But I don't know you," the mother objected. "I want to wait for Dr. Mead. I know what a good surgeon he is."

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 1, 1962

Theme: JOSIAH'S REFORMS

Scripture: 2 Kings 23:2-3, 21-27.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: One man in the hands of God can bring about a revival and change the pattern and the course of history.

INTRODUCTION: With this lesson we begin the later Hebrew history and the prophets. Throughout the study we will become conscious that the nation of Israel is in grave danger. We shall see how the disasters suffered by the Hebrew people and their deliverance by God are lessons for nations today. A deeper examination of the teachings of the prophets will also reveal to us the importance of our New Testament faith and practice.

When Josiah became king of Judah at the age of eight, the worship of Jehovah was at a low ebb. His father, Amon, and grandfather, Manasseh, "did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord" (2 Kings 21:2). So evil were they that their abominations and wickedness surpassed that of the heathen Amorites (2 Kings 21:11). It was, therefore, a decided contrast to have it said of Josiah that "he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord . . . and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left" (2 Kings 22:2).

I. REVIVAL BASED ON GOD'S WORD. 2 Kings 23:2.

In 2 Chronicles 34:3 we have a record of Josiah's search for God when he was about 16 years old. "He began to seek after the God of David his father." It may have been a decision that led to his conversion, but the full impact was not evident until the revelation of God came through the book of the law. Ten years later, when Hilkiah the high priest found the book of Deuteronomy while the temple was being repaired and renovated, a more meaningful revelation of God was experienced. A genuine revival cannot be brought about without the truth of God's Word.

II. REVIVAL BASED ON REPENTANCE AND OBEDIENCE. 2 Kings 23:3.

Josiah and the nation of Judah were not really aware of their sins and weaknesses until they listened to the reading of the book of the law. It is always true that in God's Word we discover what he demands of us and how far short we have fallen. There is no true repentance without an awareness of sin. As soon as we show a repentant spirit and God shows a forgiving spirit, then obedience must follow.

III. REVIVAL BASED ON WORSHIP. 2 Kings 23:21-25.

For a closer fellowship with God and with each other, there must be a time and place where we must meet and worship God together. A personal cleansing should lead to the cleansing of God's house, and to a corporate worship based on God's Word. Often some church practices must go while others must be restored. It is the house of the Lord and the worship service must be ordered of the Lord.

IV. TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE. 2 Kings 23:26-27.

Revivals are good only if they go beyond the emotions. Josiah's reforms did much but they were not permanent. They had no spiritual depth and they did not affect the great majority of the people of Judah. So accustomed were they to the easy ways of pagan religions under Manasseh and Amon that they soon drifted back to idol worship. Josiah's son, who ruled only three months, was known to do "that which was evil in the sight of the Lord."

Questions for Discussion:

1. Jehovah was often referred to as a covenant-making God. What is the difference between a covenant and a legal contract?
2. What effect does legislation have on our morals?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 8, 1962

Theme: JEREMIAH ANNOUNCES IMPENDING TRAGEDY

Scripture: Jeremiah 25:1-11

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: When a nation tries to hide its sins, God sends a prophet to expose them.

INTRODUCTION: Josiah reigned for 31 years. Toward the end of his reign, the little kingdom of Judah was caught in the middle of three great powers: Egypt, Assyria and Babylon. Josiah became involved in the struggles between these nations and was mortally wounded in a battle at Megiddo. The Egyptian Pharaoh put Jehoiakim on the throne shortly thereafter and exacted tribute from Judah. It was during this time that Jeremiah came upon the scene. These were turbulent times in the Bible lands, and Jeremiah must have been greatly moved by the events of the time. He was not very popular, for he was a prophet of gloom and doom. Although his life was often in danger, he nevertheless challenged kings and priests for more than 40 years. Through the broken covenant, through the sufferings of captivity,

Jeremiah saw a new era based on the coming Messiah.

I. THE SPEAKING PROPHET. Jeremiah 25:1-3.

Jeremiah was speaking God's judgments. He was convinced that this was the Word of the Lord, even though the message was difficult to proclaim. Warning people is never an easy task. It is no wonder that Jeremiah tried to find an excuse in the fact that he was too young (Jer. 1:6) to speak on such a mature subject. Advice and warning are given by experienced and aged men.

II. THE DEAF AUDIENCE. Jeremiah 25:4.

Jeremiah may have been sure of God's voice but with the people of Judah it was a different matter. There were many voices speaking to the Hebrews. The voice of the king represented the government while the priests spoke as religious authorities. People, generally, were confused and more often than not decided to listen to more favorable voices. It takes courage and intelligence to recognize the man who is speaking for God as it does to do the speaking.

III. THE PERSISTENCE OF GOD. Jeremiah 25:5-8.

It is strange yet wonderful that God should keep on speaking, even after it was said of the people of Judah: "Ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear." Not only have they not listened but they were actively seeking and worshipping other gods.

New Testament Christians can be grateful that the Holy Spirit appeals to them many times daily to follow righteousness, to practice forgiveness.

IV. THE JUDGMENT OF GOD. Jeremiah 25:9-11.

The Hebrews looked away from themselves and saw only the sins of the Babylonians. The prophet Jeremiah did not waste much time talking about the sins of pagan nations. He specialized in revealing the sins of Judah. He made himself unpopular, but he was sure he was right in the sight of God. Jeremiah did not believe that Babylon was mightier than God; but he believed that the Lord was using Babylon to punish Judah for their sinfulness.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Is there less preaching of warning and judgment in today's pulpits?
2. Is it the duty of the pastor always to get along with the members of his church?
3. Why did God use a more sinful nation to punish Judah?

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Central District

Ashley Baptist Church Welcomes Pastor and Family

The reception for Rev. and Mrs. Isador Faszer and family was held in the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., on Tuesday evening, April 17. The reception was in charge of Dr. M. Vanderbeck, who served the church as interim pastor. Mr. Jacob Wage-man spoke words of farewell to Dr. Vanderbeck. The presidents of the different organizations and the superintendent of the Sunday school extended a welcome to the Faszers.

Special musical numbers were rendered by a mixed quartet, duet, organ soloist, piano soloist, men's double quartet, and a ladies trio. The hand of fellowship was given to Rev. and Mrs. Isador Faszer and their two oldest sons by Dr. Vanderbeck who also brought the charge to the church and the charge to the pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Faszer responded to the welcome. The church was invited for an hour of fellowship in the church basement afterwards.

Mrs. Albert Goehring, Reporter

Many Good Friday Blessings at Hettinger, North Dakota

Good Friday services were conducted at the Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., with Rev. D. Wileman of the Assembly of God Church of Hettinger bringing a very inspiring message on "The Three Crosses." Special music was presented by both churches.

On Good Friday evening, baptismal services were conducted at the Grace Church of Hettinger. The churches of McIntosh and Bison, S. Dak., joined us for this service. Rev. Walter Klemmel of McIntosh brought a very inspiring and informative message on "Baptist Principles and Doctrines." Rev. Ronald Derman of Hettinger had



Three members of a family (Mr. and Mrs. Roger Peterson and Dean) baptized by Rev. Ronald Derman, (2nd from left), pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Hettinger, N. Dak.

the blessed joy of baptizing three members of one family upon their confession of faith. The hand of fellowship was extended to them as we observed the Lord's Supper at the Easter service. We sincerely welcomed these new members into our fellowship. May the Lord richly bless them!

Mrs. Max Hokstad, Reporter

Faith Church, Selby, S. Dak., Welcomes New Members

We of the Faith Baptist Church, Selby, S. Dak., have been richly blessed of God. On Sunday evening, April 15, we joined the Baptist Church in Her-reid, S. Dak., in a union baptismal service. After a challenging message by Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, Rev. Alfred Weisser baptized two young people



Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler (right, front row) of the Faith Baptist Church, Selby, S. Dak., and 11 persons received into the church by baptism and letter.

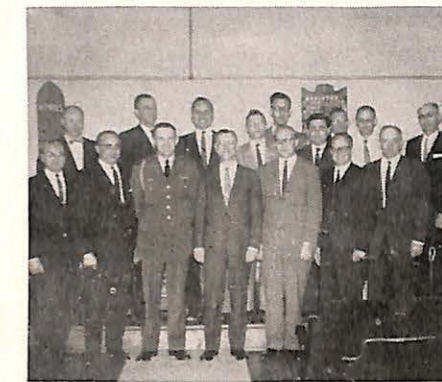
and Mr. Kraenzler led three girls into the baptismal waters and extended the hand of Christian fellowship to them on Easter morning. On Sunday, Feb. 4th, eight new members by letters were welcomed into our fellowship by our pastor. The attendance at our Sunday school and services has steadily increased. Under the leadership of Mrs. Kraenzler successful Christmas and Bible Day programs with 25 children were held. We regret, however, that recently two families consisting of 9 persons moved away.

On Sunday evening, May 6, following the evening service we surprised our pastor on his birthday. A time of fellowship was spent in the lower auditorium, and Mr. Kraenzler was presented with a desk lamp as an appropriate birthday gift. The Lord has given us a great concern to strengthen the work and to win people for Christ on this mission field.

Mrs. Gehhardt Pfitzer, Church Clerk

Many Fine Programs, Baptist Church, Durham, Kansas

The scene of numerous blessed occasions during the past several months was the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas. The joy of having "God's Volunteers" with us for a full week brought much inspiration and chal-



Pastors and guest speakers at the Southwestern Conference Ministers' Retreat held at Dighton, Kansas.

lenged each of us to be of greater service to our Lord. For a three month period, the Emmanuel Church of Marion and the Durham Church conducted a Sunday school attendance contest. Interest was keen and the attendance soared. The final outcome was a tie between two schools.

As a C.B.Y. project, the young people, with the assistance of the King's Daughters, sponsored and prepared a supper in early March. Miss Minnie Kuhn, a beloved missionary, was speaker at the annual Missionary Program given by the Ladies' Missionary Society. The colorful slides presented with her message were most informative. On Palm Sunday evening, the choir under the direction of Mr. David Zimmerman gave a musical program with Rev. Wesley Gerber, narrator. Soloists were Mrs. Robert Geis and Galen Frick. At present a Teacher Training program is in progress. Material being studied with the aid of a film is "Successful Teaching" taught by our minister, Rev. Wesley Gerber.

Mrs. Dorman C. Becker, Reporter

Southwestern Conference Ministers Hold Annual Retreat

The Ministerial Fellowship of the Southwestern Conference convened for its 10th annual Spring Retreat at the First Baptist Church of Dighton, Kansas, April 3-5. Fifteen pastors registered for a time of inspiration, fellowship and challenge. Guest speakers were Dr. Ralph Powell, Professor of Theology and Music at our North American Baptist Seminary, and Rev. J. C. Gunst, District Secretary.

The theme of the retreat was "Contemporary Christology." Dr. Powell presented a series of very challenging studies on the views of Christology held by such present-day theologians as Nels F. S. Ferre, Paul Tillich and Karl Barth. He reaffirmed our evangelical position concerning the person and work of Christ as contrasted with these contemporary thinkers.

Pastor William Berger and members of the host church were most hospitable in making arrangements for this retreat. It was commendable for such a small church to undertake in so large a responsibility. Officers for the Southwestern Conference Ministerial Fellowship for 1962-63, elected at the retreat are: president, Rev. Edgar B. Wesner; vice-president, Rev. Karl Bieber, and secretary-treasurer, Rev. Oliver Ringering.

Edgar B. Wesner, Reporter



Twenty-two baptismal candidates from the Baptist churches at Washburn, Underwood and Goodrich, N. Dak., with their respective pastors in the Turtle Lake Church.

Union Baptismal Service, Washburn, Underwood and Goodrich

On Easter Sunday evening, April 22, the three churches of Washburn, Underwood, and Goodrich, N. Dak., met at the Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., for a union baptismal service.

How shall we describe this glorious occasion when 22 candidates from these three churches followed the Lord in baptism? As it happened at the River Jordan (Mark 1:10) when Jesus came to John to be baptized, so we also sensed "the heavens opened" and the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the entire service. The host pastor, Rev. H. Weiss, led the service. Rev. G. Voegel from Underwood led in singing. Rev. J. Ehman from Goodrich read Scriptures and led in prayer. Rev. R. Stading from Washburn brought a very inspiring message on "Baptism."

The baptistry lights were then turned on and the church lights turned off so that all attention could be focused on the baptismal scene. The choir from the Turtle Lake Church sang during



Rev. Milton Zeeb, (right, rear), pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., and 12 new members received into the church on Sunday April 29. Of these, 11 were baptized on Easter Sunday evening.

the service of baptism. Pastor Voegel of Underwood baptized two from his church (pictured in the center of the picture and in front of Mr. Voegele). Pastor Stading of Washburn was next with seven from his church (pictured to the right on the picture with the pastor, Mr. Stading at the extreme right). Pastor Ehman of Goodrich followed with 13 from his church (on the left of the picture with Mr. Ehman on the extreme left).

J. Ehman, Reporter

Baptism of Eleven Converts at Kenosha, Wisconsin

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin has been richly blessed spiritually during the past few months. During the week of April 2 to 6, there were special Cottage Prayer Meetings in preparation for the evangelistic meetings which were held the following week. We were privileged to have Rev. George Robinson of Wausau, Wisconsin as evangelist. One person received Christ as Savior and many were spiritually enriched at this time.

A Pastor's Personal Evangelism Class for ten adults and a Pastor's Instruction Class for seven young people were provided recently. Eleven of these members were baptized on Easter Sunday night. The succeeding week, twelve were extended the hand of fellowship by our pastor, Rev. Milton Zeeb. Praise God for the wonderful way in which he has been working in our midst.

Karen Kaiser, Reporter

50th Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. John Lorenz

Mr. and Mrs. John Lorenz of Bison, Kansas observed their Golden Wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 8, at an "Open House" reception in the First Baptist Church in Bison. At noon that day, the Lorenz family and their relatives enjoyed a dinner in the church basement. Open House followed.

In the afternoon a brief program was given under the leadership of Mr. Elmer Thielenhaus, a deacon. An an-

niversary reading was given by Mrs. Elmer Thielenhaus. The Men's Quartet rendered several numbers and remarks were brought by Mr. Clarence Hanhardt, Mrs. Fred Hanhardt and Mr. John Eitel. Rev. O. K. Ringering of Elmo, Kansas, our former pastor, led a short devotional. Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz have been active members of our church for years. We are grateful for their dedicated and faithful service.

The hosts for the reception were Mrs. Esther Koochel of Albert, Kansas; Mrs. Mildred Rodie of Timken, Kansas; and Mr. Dan Lorenz of Bison, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz also have five grandchildren.

Clara L. Niedenthal, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. John Lorenz of Bison, Kansas who observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 8th.

Baptism of Six Converts at Hoisington, Kansas

The Calvary Baptist Church, Hoisington, Kansas was blessed by the ministry of "God's Volunteers" in January. Besides services every evening, a program was given in every public school in the city. On Easter Sunday the young people sponsored a sunrise service with Rev. Theo Dons of Sterling, Kansas as speaker, followed by a breakfast.

On Sunday afternoon, April 29, a very impressive baptismal service was held at Smith's Lake. The service was conducted by Rev. Theo Dons with the assistance of Rev. Merle Brenner. Six people were baptized of which three were adults. In addition to our own people attending, members from the Bison and Ellinwood Churches were present, as well as a group of people from the First Baptist Church (colored) in Hoisington. After the showing of the film, "Decade of Decision, that evening, a communion service was held.

We are grateful for the encouraging ministry of Rev. Theo Dons, Rev. Merle Brenner, and Miss Margaret Cunningham, missionary teacher, in these past weeks. We welcomed our interim pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen, on Sunday, May 6. Pray with us that this "mission field" in Hoisington will continue to grow.

Mrs. Frederick Schlegel, Reporter

Baptist Gleaners Celebrate 25th Year, Gackle, N. Dak.

Sunday, April 29, was "a red letter day" for the Gleaners Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., as they celebrated their 25th year as a ladies' group in the church. Over 200 people attended from Gackle and the area. Beginning as a Sunday school class in 1937, they organized as a young women's group with their meetings on the second Monday of the month. Of the 19 young girls who began with the group as charter members, only one remains active—Mrs. Ed Mueller. Most others have moved away to live elsewhere. Three other charter members, Miss Frieda Rivinius of Bismarck, Mrs. Walter Ruff of Fargo, and Mrs. Rueben Rivinius of Gackle, attended the festive occasion. Another member especially honored for her faithfulness was Mrs. Alvin De Witt, who has not missed a meeting in the past seven years since she joined the group.

Miss Delores Henne, missionary from the Cameroons, gave the challenge of the evening. A history was read, recounting numerous activities of the Gleaners and many projects whereby they have assisted their church, their community and their denomination. Refreshments were served following the service where pictures were taken of most of the present 26 members of the society.

Mrs. Ervin Wolff, Secretary

Ground Breaking Ceremony, New Church, Wausau, Wis.

The congregation of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wisconsin saw the culmination of several years of prayers and plans in the ground-breaking ceremony held Easter Sunday afternoon, April 22. Mr. Evans Beneditz, chairman of the Building Committee, was in charge of the ceremony and reported on events that led up to this hour. Mr. W. W. Luedtke representing the mayor of Wausau spoke briefly. Our guest speaker for Spiritual Emphasis Week, Palm Sun-



BREAK GROUND FOR BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. George Robinson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wis., reads from Scripture at a ground-breaking ceremony for the new church to be built on Fifth Street between Fulton and McIndoe. In rear (left to right) are City Assessor W. W. Luedtke, representing the City of Wausau; Evans Beneditz, chairman of the building committee; Mrs. Duane Johnson, chairman of deaconess; Franklin Gering, chairman of deacons; Henry Holubetz, chairman of trustees; and Gerald Wergin, general building contractor. Golden spade in right foreground was used to turn the first dirt.



The Gleaners Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak. at their 25th anniversary celebration. Mrs. Bernard Edinger, pastor's wife, is at the left, front row, and Missionary Delores Henne, guest speaker, at the right, back row.

day to Easter, Rev. Robert Simpson, Calgary, Alberta, spoke to us.

Mr. Gerald Wergin, the contractor, presented a gilded shovel to Pastor George Robinson who turned the first shovelful of earth. Chairman of organizations of the church followed, each in turn turning a shovelful of earth: Mr. Henry Holubetz, trustees; Mr. Franklin Gering, deacons; Mrs. Duane Johnson, deaconesses; and Mr. Evans Beneditz, Building Committee.

Scripture was read by Rev. George Robinson, followed by the prayer of dedication. As if given in heavenly benediction the sun shone forth during the prayer. Everyone joined in the Doxology. Immanuel Church is looking forward to the completion date which is set for next April by our contractor.

Mrs. Victor K. Kletzin, Clerk

Baptism of 16 Persons at Pound, Wisconsin

We of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., recently had our church sanctuary redecorated with ceiling tile and the walls repainted. The painting was done by one of our faithful trustee members, Mr. Peter Waselchuk, who

donated his time.

Easter Sunday is always a very special day. We are happy to report an increase in attendance both in Sunday school and worship services. On Easter Sunday evening, our pastor, Rev. Curtis Haas, baptized 16 persons on confession of their faith. Our hearts were touched as we witnessed this event. After the service, all were given the hand of fellowship into church membership which was followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper.

For the past months our pastor has conducted a study course, "How to Be an Effective Sunday School Teacher." These were conducted on Wednesday evenings before prayer meeting and have proved to be helpful to those attending. A young Couple's Fellowship was organized, known as "Christian Couples Fellowship." This is another opportunity for fellowship and to learn more about Christian living.

Mrs. Henry Mattrisch, Reporter



Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Vetter and their children at the reception tendered them by the Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana.

Pastor's Reception at Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana

Sunday, April 15, will long be remembered by the friends and members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana. It was on this day that Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Vetter and their four lovely children began their

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Hebner, Connie Oorlog and Barbara Rueb. Rev. David Zimmerman is the pastor.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 22, the Calvary Baptist Church choir of Stafford, Kansas, presented the Cantata, "Life Eternal" by Fred B. Holton. Mrs. Kenneth Whitehouse serves as the choir director, and Mrs. Rosa Flandermeyer is the organist. The church held its annual Graduates' Banquet on Wednesday evening, May 9, honoring its young people who are graduates of educational institutions this year. Dr. Kenneth P. Smith, dean of Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, was the guest speaker. On Sunday evening, May 20, Rev. Edgar B. Wesner, pastor of the Calvary Church, was the speaker at the High School baccalaureate service held in the Stafford High School auditorium.

● Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., was the guest speaker at the 3rd Annual Missionary Conference held on April 6 and 7 at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., sponsored by the Bender Fellowship. He addressed a chapel service, the missionary rally on Friday evening on "Personal Observations of World Missions" and the conference banquet on Saturday evening on "Our Responsibility to Missions." Mr. McAsh stated: "I was

NOTICE, REPORTERS!

Several reports had to be held over for the next issue because of the many reports received. Please limit all reports to 175 words or less. This will be greatly appreciated. EDITOR.

deeply impressed with the whole spirit of the students and staff at the Seminary, and I was greatly encouraged with the missionary emphasis at our school of the prophets."

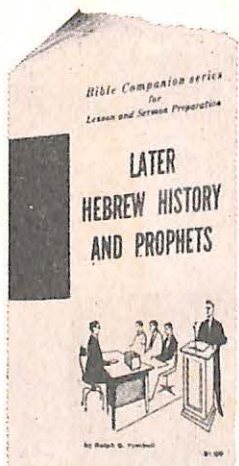
● A two page article about the North American Baptist Seminary Library appeared in the April 1962 issue of the magazine, "Greater Sioux Falls" published by the Chamber of Commerce. The article described the library's facilities, its book holdings of 12,500 volumes, the story of its dedication and its potential services for the community. "Many individuals are discovering that the library renders a vital service to the community. It reflects the very heart throb of the community, for it provides the climate necessary for cultural enrichment, mental stimulus and spiritual growth." The Seminary is to be congratulated on this prominent recognition accorded it in the city of Sioux Falls.

● From July 11 to 18 Dr. Paul Gebauer will serve as special instructor for the United States Peace Corps program at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. There will be about 56 Peace Corps volunteers

in this class, all of whom will be sent to the Federal Republic of Cameroon in West Africa at the close of their training from July 7 to August 31. There has been no arrangement between the Peace Corps and the Missionary Society of our denomination, but we are delighted that Dr. Gebauer can serve in this important program of instruction, preparing these Peace Corps volunteers for their services in Africa. From August 7-17 Mr. Flavius Martin will be in Athens, Ohio, serving without teaching responsibilities, in living and talking with these students. Mr. Roy P. Fairfield is the U. S. Coordinator of the Peace Corps program.

● Thirty-one new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa at the Maundy Thursday Communion service on April 19. Twenty-six of these were baptized on Palm Sunday evening. Two Easter Sunday morning services were held with Easter music provided by the combined choirs of the church. Miss Minnie Kuhn, Cameroons missionary, spent the Easter week-end with Oak Street Baptists, speaking at a youth meeting on Friday evening, the Sunday School Easter morning and at the evening service. A Children's Church has been started by Miss Dorothy Pritzkau, the Christian Education director, held simultaneously with the morning worship service. Rev. Howard Johnson is the pastor.

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