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The objectives of the North American Baptist Seminary are viewed in the light of New Testament principles and center on the preaching of the Gospel of Salvation and the strengthening of the church which is the Body of Christ. It, therefore, bases both its purpose and its service on the spiritual and moral needs of the church and the world.

The North American Baptist Seminary seeks to prepare its students to become "good ministers of Jesus Christ" who shall be able and eager to carry out his Great Commission: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Authorized Version.)

In order to qualify for this task the minister must understand the modern mind, be familiar with the ills of our age and know the techniques of applying the resources of God for the cure of these ills. Since the future minister is to be an ambassador of Jesus Christ, every effort is made to acquaint him thoroughly with the whole content, power, Scriptural basis, and challenge of the Christian message. Studies in the fields of Bible, church history, theology, missions, Christian education, and practical work are designed to provide a well-rounded and realistic preparation and training. Every student is expected to obtain practical experience, thus relating academic competence to life situations.

Further, a continuing aim and concern of the faculty is that the religious life and experience of the students shall be strengthened during their seminary years. They need to develop, it is felt, such a well-balanced personality and live such an exemplary life, that one might say with Paul: "Be ye followers of me, even as I am also of Christ." The Seminary thus aids its students to achieve spiritual and intellectual adequacy to serve Christ in this generation.

The North American Baptist Seminary trains young men and women for the pastorate, the mission field, and Christian Education, in harmony with and in the spirit of the North American Baptist General Conference. Thus the Seminary demonstrates that a denominationally related institution of learning is an organic and, therefore, a functional unit which performs its appointed task effectively and efficiently under time-proven principles.

THE PREACHER'S PRAYER

By Dr. Ralph S. Cushman

I do not ask
That crowds may throng the temple,
That standing room be priced;
I only ask that as I voice the message,
They may see Christ!

I do not ask
For churchly pomp or pageant,
Or music such as wealth alone can
buy;
I only ask that as I voice the message,
He may be nigh!

I do not ask
That men may sound my praises
Or headlines spread my name abroad;
I only pray that as I voice the message,
Hearts may find God!

I do not ask
For earthly place or laurel,
Or of this world's distinctions any
part;
I only ask when I have voiced the
message,
My Savior's heart!

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

LAST CALL! Less than three weeks remain before the close of the denominational fiscal year on March 31, 1962. It begins to look as if we shall go beyond the \$800,000 mark for the first time in our history with our contributions to missions and the denominational work. But we shall still be short of our budget objective of \$845,000 UNLESS our churches and church members make a concerted and prompt effort to send all monies on hand and special gifts to the headquarters office. It can be done with God's help and with your faithfulness!

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. Some glowing reports are coming from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alta., about their training programs and plans for the future. Quite a number of our churches are placing the Seminary and the C. T. I. in their budgets for specific, designated sums. This worthy action can be suggested to other N. B. A. churches for your consideration. It brings the work of our educational institutions directly to the attention of your people and enables them to be identified with this important, educational work.

1961 CONFERENCE REPORTS. This big volume of 300 pages has been mailed to all North American Baptist churches. It is one of the largest volumes of reports ever printed in our history. But the price remains the same at \$1.00 per copy. It features all the minutes and procedures and decisions of the 33rd General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., as well as reports of the regional conferences and churches. This volume will be important for use in years to come, especially at the 1964 General Conference.

CHURCH EXTENSION. Do you want to see the miracles that your Church Extension dollars are accomplishing with God's blessing? Then read the article about the Snowview Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio on page 12 of this issue. You will be amazed how this church has grown from a small, struggling group of a few years ago to become a flourishing, witnessing, influential congregation with a uniquely beautiful and attractive church. Rev. Harold F. Lang is the pastor.

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"Christ and the World
Crisis"

Mr. Edwin H. Marklein
General Conference Moderator

BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

Thus Saith the Lord!

God speaks to us through "the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15). Every good minister of Jesus Christ is a living channel of this Word of divine revelation until his messages seem to trumpet this truth: "Thus saith the Lord!" He stands in a holy place as he proclaims and interprets God's Word. God has called him to this noble ministry in the pulpit, and his people honor him for his sacred calling, "rightly dividing the word of truth" for them. The Seminary has for its high objective the training of such young people in the Word "so that the man of God may be efficient and equipped for good work of every kind" (2 Timothy 3:17, New English Bible).

Every young Christian, training for the ministry or mission field, must have an intimate acquaintance with God's Word. He is led and inspired to study it until he finds it "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." It is his most important textbook. It unfolds the secrets of wisdom and of God's mysteries to him. It becomes the basis of his maturing in his Christian life so that he can speak with forcefulness and conviction to others, "Thus saith the Lord!"

John Newton, the great divine of England, wrote to a ministerial student: "Become intimately acquainted with the Gospel, with your own heart and with human nature: the last is a necessary branch of a minister's knowledge, and can only be acquired by comparing what passes within us, and around us, with *what we read in the word of God.*" Such learning is wisdom from above!

Every good minister of Jesus Christ preaches with firm confidence that this is God's authoritative Word. This is both an illumination of the heart and a disciplining of the mind for every minister. He lives with the Word and in the Presence of his Christ so closely and constantly until the genuineness of God's authority, "Thus saith the Lord," is felt in every word that comes from the pulpit. This is the distinctiveness of the Christian message. "The people in the pew ought to receive a distinctive message," said the late Dr. F. Townley Lord of London, England, past president of the Baptist World Alliance, "a challenge which derives its authority from a 'thus saith the Lord,' a glimpse of Galilee—nay, more, a glimpse of the eternal throne."

Such a minister, humble in spirit before his Savior, will be able to channel the truths of God's Word to others. He is merely the mouthpiece of God—the spokesman of the Most High—the channel of his revelation to others. The work of grace is God's work. The power is that of God's Word that has been faithfully proclaimed. "The minister's advocacy may have some faltering; yet it was the advocacy of great truths—of God's matchless grace." Billy Graham's ministry became much more effective, as he tells us, when he "found that this Book had become a sword in my hand. Wherever human argument had failed, the Word of God did its work." This is the glory of a Seminary preparing young people with God's Word to be good ministers of Jesus Christ!

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"God ordained you to your work—
see that you don't fail him!"

Preaching and Preachers in the Jet Age

By President Frank Veninga, North American
Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota



President Frank Veninga (left) confers with senior students of the North American Baptist Seminary in the Library's Periodical and Browsing Room. (Names of students are given on page 9 of this issue).

A survey to determine the place of the Protestant minister in today's society was undertaken several years ago by the Russell Sage Foundation and the Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Samuel W. Blizard, Associate Professor of Sociology at Pennsylvania State University, was engaged to undertake the survey. When completed he stated that, traditionally, the Protestant minister has been known as a "preacher" adding that the complexity of society today is causing this role to assume a "declining importance." This role "is being relegated to a less important position and the roles of counselor, organizer, administrator and promoter are coming to occupy prominence."

It is unquestionably true that the young men trained in this "Jet Age" walk out to face a different world than did those of a previous generation. Therefore, the minister must re-examine the way he functions, the roles he plays, and the methods he uses to make the theology of the church meaningful in terms of the problems and aspirations of the people whom he is privileged and responsible to serve. Though numerous and complex his area of service, the role of the minister as "preacher" must not be lost.

EXCITING BUSINESS

Preaching is exciting because it deals with the primary interests of life and seeks to answer the great questions which arise in the human heart. True preaching is basically the unfolding of the message of God. "Preach the preaching that I bid thee," is the divine admonition. In general, "to preach" is loudly to proclaim the will of God, as his appointed heralds. "To me, though I am the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach . . . the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Phillips has the Apostle Paul say, "Never forget that you received the gift of proclaiming God's Word." "Never

be ashamed of bearing witness to your Lord." "Accept all the hardships that faithfulness to the Gospel entails in the strength that God gives."

Luther has remarked, "Those who preach the Word of God must necessarily be sent of God; and conversely, those who are sent of God cannot proclaim anything but the Word of God. This is the unity of the divine-human event of preaching."

Since the establishment of the Christian Church, preaching has been regarded as a sacred profession, and, for the most part, has been confined to an appointed and especially trained order of men, men called and committed to this difficult and yet challenging task. Although preaching belongs especially to Christianity, it has an ancestry which can be traced, and that ancestry is in the Old Testament. It is not the purpose of this article to trace its ancestry or its history but to look at the making and the preparation of the contemporary minister.

THE CONTEMPORARY MINISTER

During the winter and spring of 1960 a series of eight regional conferences brought together teachers of preaching from the seminaries belonging to the American Association of Theological Schools. Dr. H. Grady Davis, professor of functional theology at Chicago's Lutheran Seminary, stated six basic points about the nature of preaching, as stressed by the participants in the conferences.

1. True preaching is a form of the Word of God. God's Word is not ideas but a person. It is not talking about God but is "God talking." Preaching is not a man revealing God and the truth about him. It is God disclosing himself through a man.

2. True preaching is biblical preaching, based on thorough exegetical study and interpretation of the Bible. This means the Bible's message, not a use

of the Bible for our purposes. It is not simply exposition to deduce truths and advice (Scherer); it is biblical, not concordance preaching (McLelland). Rather it is breathing the climate of biblical thought (Bartlett), replenishing a Bible-starved Christianity (Wedel).

3. True preaching centers, as God's Word centers, in Jesus Christ, seen as God's redemptive act, the divine event, God's invasion of human life and restoration of broken humanity—the Christ, truly human and truly divine, who is himself God's saving Word.

4. Such preaching is itself part of the divine event, part of God's redemptive act in Christ. In such preaching God's act takes place here and now, becomes contemporary, is not simply remembered but made present. In it God's reconciling and recreating power comes now and does its work.

5. This message is not congenial with the thought or the cultural habits and concern of the times, but rather in collision with them. It comes to question, to challenge all we are, including the preacher, and it is met by resistance and counterattack. It must disturb and trouble before it can heal.

6. Preaching is therefore a unique kind of speaking, of language. It is like no other form of communication. It is a dialogue between God and the hearers, in which the preacher remains a hearer while speaking God's Word. It is an interaction between God and the hearers, a recreative action, which the preacher must serve while being himself one of those acted upon.

THE DIVINE CALL

Traditionally men have been called into the ministry of the Church by the voice of God. No one should enter the ministry without a divine call. But what constitutes a call? John Oliver Nelson in *Protestant Religious Vocation* defines a call this way: "To be called of God is to be confronted with a life situation where God is needed,

and to realize that you must help meet the need."

This definition indicates that a call is definitely from God, seeking to meet a specific need, resulting in a conviction and finally commitment and dedication on the part of the individual. A call may, according to Edwin A. Hunter in *My Call to Preach*, be a "slow maturing judgment," or a "deep inward conviction" and again a "conviction that grew with the passing years." The calling is divine. But within the scope of this divine calling, there are personal qualifications which contribute to success in the ministry.

The called and commissioned young man or woman, being educated in this space age for a church vocation, must be equipped to meet the requirements of the 1970's, '80's, and '90's. The closing decades of the century will demand of the pastoral ministry a breadth and depth of preparation previously confined to the very specialized ministries. The needs of today's preacher are so great that a man must have a thorough and comprehensive equipment. The plain necessity for more and better education is nowhere more urgent than in the field of specialized training for the ministry.

THE SEMINARY'S RESPONSIBILITY

It is the Seminary's responsibility to prepare ministers qualified and strongly motivated to serve our churches. For the fulfillment of this objective, we offer the best possible education for the pastoral ministry, missionary specialization and Christian education. This achievement is contingent upon the excellence of our faculty and the continued progress of our library.

Tremendous advance has been made with the completion of the new library

SEMINARY NUMBER OF "BAPTIST HERALD"

- Become acquainted with the members of the 1962 Class and and remember them in prayer. (See pages 8 and 9).
- Praise God for our "School of the Prophets," its fine faculty, and wonderful buildings.
- May 20, 1962 — Commencement exercises of the Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

building. New books are constantly added. The faculty, too, must be enlarged and must keep abreast with the latest methods and skills in theological training. It is, of course, our aim to improve our standards, and to encourage the professional development of present faculty members.

Because the modern minister's task is so complex, the Seminary's course of study is vigorous and demanding. We cannot afford mediocrity. Numerous denominations have passed resolutions demanding that their future pastors have no less than the recommended standard training: four years of college leading to an A.B. (Bachelor of Arts) degree, or its equivalent, and three years in seminary with a B.D. degree (Bachelor of Divinity). Young men really can't afford less. It is therefore our desire that our candidates present a solid academic record from an accredited college.

Ministers must be abreast of developments in secular fields, such as philosophy, psychology, counseling, etc., which have a bearing on their future work. And yet intelligence and academic excellence is no guarantee of an effective ministry. These must be coupled with warmth of spirit and a dedicated heart. Paul desires to see

"the man of God perfect, thoroughly furnished." By this he means "complete," "capable," "proficient," "able to meet all demands," "exact," "fully equipped," "properly filled," "well qualified."

CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRY

It may well be that Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin, late president of Union Theological Seminary, was perfectly right when he stated five qualifications of the successful minister: (1) vision; (2) moral intuition; (3) sympathy; (4) daring; (5) faith. Today's minister must have a personal experience of the redemptiveness of Jesus Christ, a thorough knowledge of the Bible, a working relationship to the community, knowledge of what men are thinking, a knowledge of psychology, and, of course, he must always be in orbit with God.

The demands made on the ministry in this jet age are greater and more exacting than they have ever been before in the history of the church. The devoted pastor is more than the "big operator" of a church. He is primarily a man of God, fulfilling a Christ-centered ministry. Into his life must come the breath of God filling him with the Holy Spirit and making alive and effective his message from the Word. The called and consecrated minister will bring sound doctrine to his people, living in a disturbed and confused age. He will employ the Word for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. Or as Phillips renders Colossians 4:17, "God ordained you to your work—see that you don't fail him!"

The purpose of the theological school, as someone has stated, is to prepare a person with sufficient understanding of the reality of the Christian faith and heritage and sufficient skills in dealing with people through preaching, teaching, counseling, and group activities to render a real service to individuals, to the church, and to society in the name of Christ.

PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

The church, too, has a role to play in the making of preachers in this jet age. It must never cease to call out the called. Furthermore, the church has an obligation to its pastor which is well illustrated in the life of J. Wilbur Chapman, one of the greatest preachers of his day. As a young preacher he had just settled in his first pastorate in Philadelphia, when he was visited one

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NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY FACULTY

Left to right (seated): Roy W. Seibel, A. J. Harms, George A. Lang, President Frank Veninga, Joyce E. Ringering, Mrs. Donald Richter, acting registrar; Hugo Lueck. Standing: Ralph E. Powell, George A. Dunger.

In this space age, the Christian minister
is confronted with many pertinent questions
about the Gospel of Jesus Christ . . .

The Gospel Relevant to This Jet Age

By Dr. George A. Lang of the North American Baptist Seminary Faculty

THE PERIOD of human history in which we are now living is often called the Atomic Age, the Space Age, or the Jet Age. These expressions are used to describe the areas of advance because of scientific and technological discoveries. The smashing of the atom has developed a new dynamic which has permitted us to explore space and to travel at explosive speeds. This has produced revolutionary effects in our thinking, planning and understanding.

We are confronted with new relationships between formerly remote nations, peoples and religions. Interplanetary communication is no longer a "pipe dream" but needs only more time for realization. These all affect our old way of thinking about the world, the universe and the works of God. We are therefore confronted with many pertinent questions about the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SAME, ETERNAL GOSPEL

Does this Jet Age need a different Gospel? A more general, yet specific, question is: Does each new age need a different Gospel? The Scripture answers these questions in Galatians 1:9: "As we have said before, so now I say again, If any one is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed." The Christian church and its members are com-

mitted to the preaching and teaching of the same Gospel throughout the history of manind.

In this changeable world, God told everyone through the prophets: "For I the Lord do not change; therefore thou, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6). Of Jesus the Bible says: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8). The Apostle Paul writes: "Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for your sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures . . ." (I Corinthians 15:1-4). "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). This is an "everlasting gospel." The changing ages do not change the Gospel.

Included in the Great Commission of our Lord to his disciples to "make disciples of all nations" and "baptizing" is the broad injunction, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19, 20). This involves the influence of the Gospel, believed by

the Christian, in all of his personal, family, community, church, national, world and universal relationships. Each disciple of Christ is responsible to make the Gospel and its power relevant to the age and to the geographic area in which he lives.

This becomes a very interesting and sometimes involved progress. The Christian is not asked to change the Gospel, but to live the Gospel in changed circumstances and conditions. The essentials of the Gospel remain the same but the incidentals in the environment in which the Gospel shows its power change. This requires adjustments in teaching the eternal truth of God.

We come now to the heart of our topic. How do we make the Gospel relevant to this Jet Age? There are no hard or fast rules which can be laid down as absolutes, but there are suggestions which deserve our most serious and thoughtful consideration.

INTEREST IN BIBLE STUDY

First, there must be an increased interest in the study of the Bible and Biblical Theology. Already this has become apparent among churches and seminaries. During the week when this article is being written, a study of the Bible by members of over thirty cooperating churches is being held nightly in one central church in the downtown area of Sioux Falls under the auspices of the Ministerial Association. This is only one of the many cities in the U.S.A. and other countries where special efforts to study the Bible itself are again emphasized.

In the January 1962 issue of *The College of the Bible Quarterly*, Dr. Richard C. White writes in an article entitled *The Newer Preaching*: "The central thrust of this movement demands not just a return to theology, but a return to biblical theology; so that biblical study has now passed from the exclusive realm of the historian and become the proper field of the theologian and preacher." This interest in biblical study is altogether good. It must increase until it envelops the entire Christian church, leaders and members alike.

It is most essential that we know the Gospel which has been given to us from God through his church. It must ever be remembered that every generation must be won to Christ individually and must be taught Christ's ways. To influence a people and an age, the Chris-

tian must know what he believes so that he will "always be prepared to make a defense to everyone who calls you (him) to account for the hope that is in you (him)" (II Peter 3:15).

In the light of the thinking of godly men and the discoveries of documents describing the historical setting of biblical truth, the Christian of today must do more than just be able to quote a passage of Scripture, important as this is. He must have a clear concept of what God seeks to teach in his Word. This must be an encounter with God which affects not merely the mind, but the heart, the feeling and the very soul of the one who presents God's Gospel.

USE OF WORDS AND ILLUSTRATIONS

Secondly, the eternal truths of God's revelation—the Gospel—must be explained in words and illustrations which are relevant to the Jet Age. Terms commonly understood during the oxcart day may be entirely foreign to people living in the Jet Age. Too often the Christian minister or Sunday school teacher has sought to teach a truth of God in the limitations of language which obtained 75 or 100 years ago. Also many illustrations and anecdotes which meant so much in the nineteenth century have little or no meaning in the twentieth. People living in a small circumscribed community with their restricted verbal expressions make no impact on the youth who have been thrown into cultures in other areas of the world, which are different than the Christian culture and yet are most powerful. The Gospel must be interpreted in the understanding of the world of space travel in which we live.

The simplicity of a rural economy of one or two hundred years is a thing of the past. Now everything seems to be so very involved. Note the Baptist emphasis of religious liberty or separation of church and state. This is biblical. We believe it. But how is it to be spelled out in our complex culture? What does this mean when referring to the use of government funds for the building of church-related colleges? Or the acceptance of free milk and food from government in parochial schools?

Further, we believe in peace. But how about the use of missiles for scientific research? Should we stop developing this field of study because the results can be used for war even though they may have great peaceful benefits? What can one individual do in the power struggle among nations today? To be sure, he must first have a proper individual relationship to God through Jesus Christ, but he is also his neighbor's keeper. He has a relationship to less fortunate peoples "on the other side of the track." He has a corporate Christian responsibility. He needs to spell this out in terms and examples which are clear to the person living in the Jet Age.

OBJECTIVE OF THE GOSPEL

Thirdly, there needs to be a greater emphasis on the objective of the Gospel.



Dr. George A. Lang (left), Seminary professor, listens to the taped sermon of one of the students, Mr. Edward J. Pritzkau of Chicago, Illinois, in the Homiletics Class. This course is taught from the practical approach. (Photo by Roy Seibel).

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Here the objective is "everlasting life" which is to know "the only true God and Jesus Christ" whom he sent (John 17:3). To come into this life means to come into the love of God. To come into his love means to have this love. Thus the objective is the love to God and the love of God, and love to men and women everywhere (which is in God's love).

Unless great effort is made to meet the pressure of this world which operates on the principle of "the survival of the fittest," the love of God and of God to men everywhere will be defeated. In this Jet Age, survival of self and advancement of self seem to be the great motivations. If this continues, it will not only destroy the best that we have but will destroy mankind. God is interested in saving mankind. Therefore he gave!

So emphasis on giving needs to be stressed above that of receiving. The principle of sacrifice for the salvation and rest of needy people rather than of survival needs special attention. The cross of Christ hardly seems to be the symbol of survival. It is the symbol of sacrifice, self-denial and service. The Christian in his home, in his business, in his church worship needs to recapture the objective of the Gospel. We are saved by Christ to give ourselves for the eternal wellbeing of people in new, struggling nations and in old, privileged nations. This will be extended to new planets when and where such contacts are made.

LIFE AND LOVE OF GOD

Thus while the greater part of the world is interested in material things for their own sakes, the Christian is interested to make these material things serve God's purposes. He seeks to make them his servants rather than to be mastered by them. The Christian uses television, radio, missiles, and space travel to spread the Gospel of the love of God rather than to continue hatred among men.

The lay people and the clergy must express in words and life what the life and love of God mean. This is done not because we are afraid of annihilation, but because we love God whom we love to worship. Until this deeper motivation takes hold of more Christians the world over, all advances in technological knowledge and skills will spread fear and terror among people. With this deeper motivation, there will be greater commitment to God and his work.

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SEMINARY CONVOCATIONS

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Spring Convocation, 1963. Dr. Samuel Southard, Associate Professor Psychology of Religion, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will lecture in the area of "Pastoral Evangelism."

Spring Convocation, 1964. Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D. C., will be lecturing in the area of "The Sociological and Cultural Aspects of the Work of Baptists of the World."



NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY CAMPUS

The new library (left), administration building and dormitory of the N.A.B. Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. (Photo by Roy Seibel).

These NAB Seminary students will soon
become our pastors and missionaries . . .

Presenting the Class of 1962!

By Prof. Roy Seibel of the Seminary Faculty, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

IN SEEKING to express the sense of commitment with which they regard their future ministry, the members of the Class of 1962 at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota have selected as their motto, "Trusting in the Living God" (I Timothy 4:10). While in Seminary, the men have sought to discover for themselves the implications of this passage for their personal lives and their Christian ministry.

The Class of 1962 has set a high mark of achievement in academic excellence and in service which will stand as a challenge to those who follow them. The members came to the seminary from widely separated geographic points. Two came from Canada, one from Europe, and seven from states ranging from the Dakotas to New York. In God's design he drew them into a common fellowship of study and gave to them a unique oneness for the future years of their ministry.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

An unusual chain of circumstances made it possible for three of the members to study abroad. Harvey Mehlhoff and Herbert Berndt in the course of

their seminary studies attended the Hamburg-Horn Seminary in Germany as foreign exchange students. David Priestley has been selected as the exchange student under the new plan which provides for the appointment of a student the year after his graduation.

The senior students have enjoyed a wide denominational outreach and a stimulating variety of field work experiences. Arthur Patzia is serving for the second three-year term as president of our denominational C.B.Y. Fellowship. William Keple, Arthur Patzia, and Fred Penner traveled extensively among our churches as members of Seminary musical teams.

Seven members have participated in the Student Service Plan, and three are serving as student pastors at the present time.

A brief biographical sketch will help acquaint our churches with the individual members of this class.

PAUL CUSTER

Paul Custer is the one senior who is enrolled in the program of study leading to the Master of Religious Education degree. He graduated from Sioux Falls College with the B. A. degree and

taught in public schools for nine years on the elementary and secondary level prior to coming to the Seminary. He has been serving as student pastor of the Hamlin Reformed Church near Castlewood, South Dakota for the past eight months. After graduation he plans to teach in a Christian college.

Paul, 34 years of age, is a member of the Free Methodist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He and his wife, Joy, have a family of three children.

HERBERT W. BERNDT

Herbert Berndt was born in 1937 in Rochester, New York, where at the age of 14 he became a member of the Andrews Street Baptist Church. He and his wife, Judith, have twins, Julie and Jeffrey.

After receiving a B.A. degree from the University of Rochester, he entered our seminary where he majored in New Testament studies. In the summer of 1960, he served in the Student Service Plan to gain practical experience in church work. The year following he studied in Hamburg, Germany as a foreign exchange student. This year he is president of the senior class. After graduation in May, he plans to enter the pastorate.

ALLAN GERBER

Allan Gerber came to the Seminary from Camrose, Alberta, Canada where he is a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church. He is 23 years of age and is married to the former Leona Hoffman.

Allan received the B.A. degree from the University of Alberta. Theology has been his field of concentration in his Seminary studies. He was the recipient of the Baptist Life Scholarship for the current school year. Allan served as student assistant at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Kankakee, Illinois the summer of 1960. Since January 1, 1961 he has served as student pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Beaver Creek, Minnesota. Allan intends to enter the pastorate after graduation.

WILLIAM B. KEPLE

William Keple, the son of the late Rev. John Keple, came to the Seminary from Martin, North Dakota where he is a member of the Martin Baptist Church. He and his wife, the former Pauline Pallasch of Grand Forks, North Dakota, have one son, Timothy.

In 1959 he received the degree of B.S. in Education from the University of North Dakota. He majored in mis-

sions in his Seminary study. In the summer of 1960, he toured with the Seminary quartet, the "Gospel Jubilaires," and in the summer of 1961 he served as the student pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mott, North Dakota. In September, 1962 he plans to enroll at the University of North Dakota to complete his work in the M.A. program in further preparation for service in the foreign mission field.

REINHOLD J. KERSTAN

Reinhold Kerstan was born in 1931, in East Prussia, Germany. In 1957 he completed five years of training in pharmacy at the University of Frankfurt and received his diploma as a professional pharmacist in 1958. He studied theology at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland from 1959 to 1961. In September of 1961, he came to our Seminary where he majored in the New Testament. Reinhold has had a varied experience of practical work which includes Christian Scout work, serving as president of a youth group for 10 years, and as a student pastor while studying in Switzerland.

He has accepted the call to become the associate pastor of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, effective June 1st. Reinhold and his wife, Inger, have one son, Andrew.

HARVEY MEHLHAFF

Harvey Mehlhoff came to the Seminary from the First Baptist Church in Wishek, North Dakota. He is 25 years of age and is married to the former Carol Bertsch of Ashley, North Dakota. They have one son, Mark Harvey.

Harvey attended Sioux Falls College and graduated in 1958 with a B. A. degree. In Seminary he concentrated his study in the area of the New Testament. During the year 1959-1960, Harvey was the representative of our school to Hamburg, Germany as a foreign exchange student. His practical experience has included work in camping, pulpit supply, and one summer as assistant pastor in the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, California.

ARTHUR PATZIA

Arthur Patzia was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in 1936. Later his family moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba where he became a member of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church. He was married to the former Dorothy Sturhahn during the summer of 1961.

After a year of Bible School at C.T.I., Arthur entered the University of Manitoba where he received his B. A. degree. His area of concentration at the Seminary has been Bible, majoring in the New Testament. Arthur has enjoyed an enriching experience in practical work including youth work, denominational C.B.Y.F. president, summer student service work, and singing in a Seminary quartet. He is currently vice-president of the Seminary stu-



DR. CARL F. H. HENRY

Dr. Henry of Washington, D. C., editor of "Christianity Today," will be the guest lecturer for the Spring Convocation of the North American Baptist Seminary, March 13 and 14, 1962.

1962 SENIORS

The senior students of the North American Baptist Seminary in the picture, page 4, are: (next to President Frank Veninga), left to right: David T. D. Priestley, Reinhold J. Kerstan, Arthur G. Patzia, Herbert W. Berndt, William B. Keple, Fred M. Penner, Harvey W. Mehlhoff, Allan E. Gerber, Paul J. Custer, and Donald G. Richter, (Photo by Roy Seibel).

dent body. Plans for the future include the possibility of further graduate study.

FRED PENNER

Fred Penner, who is 25 years of age, attributes the influence of his home church, the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church of metropolitan Detroit, Michigan, as the primary factor in his call to the ministry and the choice of the N.A.B. conference as his place of training and service.

After receiving his B.A. degree from

Wayne University in Detroit, he came to the Seminary where he majored in New Testament studies. While studying in the Seminary, he served as student pastor for one summer in Arnprior, Ontario, and represented the Seminary in the "Musical Messengers" last summer (Baptist Herald, Oct. 12, 1961). His immediate plans are to enter the pastorate.

DAVID T. PRIESTLEY

David Priestley is 26 years old and a South Dakota resident. His membership is presently in the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

He received the M. S. degree from South Dakota State College in 1959, where he also met his wife, Janet. In Seminary his major field has been New Testament. While here he has been manager of the Seminary cooperative bookstore, class president during his middle year, and, presently, student body president. In 1961 he served as summer worker at Parma Heights, Ohio. Following graduation, he hopes to work under the Student Service Plan and in the fall to go to Germany as next year's exchange student to Hamburg.

DONALD RICHTER

Donald Richter was baptized and received into the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, after he had been converted at 14 years of age during a city-wide revival crusade. He is 28 years old and married to the former Gladys Hoogestraat.

He attended Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota for one year, the University of Minnesota for two years, and worked for an insurance firm for three years before he responded to God's call. He completed his college training at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, receiving his B.A. degree. His Seminary major is theology. He is completing his second year as student pastor in Valley Springs, South Dakota and anticipates entering the pastorate.

It is with joy that the Seminary recommends these men to our churches as their future pastors and denominational leaders. As they have been diligent seminarians, so we are confident they also will render a faithful ministry as pastors and missionaries in the service of Christ.

PREACHING IN THE JET AGE

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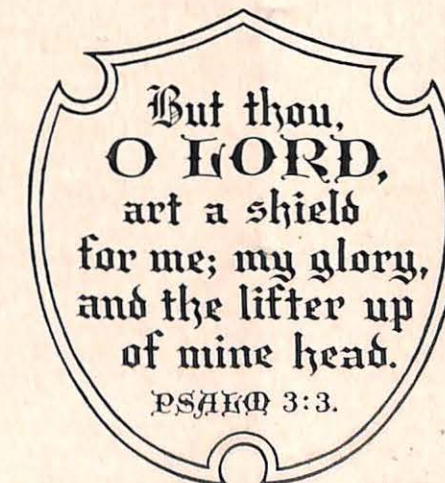
evening by one of the laymen in his church. The man said bluntly to him, "You are not a strong preacher. In the usual order of things you will fail here, but a few of us have agreed to gather every Sunday morning to pray for you." The young preacher saw that group of people grow to more than one thousand praying weekly for their pastor.

May we join heart and hand in sustaining the minister of today and in preparing the preacher of tomorrow!



1962 CLASS, NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY

ROW 1 (left to right): Herbert W. Berndt, Fred M. Penner, Reinhold J. Kerstan.
ROW 2: Donald G. Richter, Allan E. Gerber, Harvey W. Mehlhoff, William B. Keple.
ROW 3: David T. D. Priestley, Paul J. Custer, Arthur G. Patzia.



Be a Phone Ringer!

By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education

THE OLD STYLE telephone with the two bells and the crank, which were used to ring two long and three short rings and many other similar combinations, has almost disappeared from our homes except as antique collections. It is also rapidly becoming history to have the twelve party lines with almost all receivers coming off the hook, no matter what combination of short and long rings were heard from the bells.

These changes in the telephone industry have not lessened the importance of the phone but rather increased the number of phones in homes, including one or more extension telephones. The use of the telephone has

Look for the "Be a Phone Ringer" Poster in your church!

for the one-month period, March 25 through April 22, 1962. Every Sunday school member with a telephone, or with access to one, can have a vital part in our "Be a Phone Ringer" Sunday school expansion campaign. We have suggested that the local Sunday school staff develop an extensive prospect list in preparation for this campaign from the following sources:

1) Sunday school enrollment lists which often contain leads to family members and friends who are not at present attending Sunday school.

how to promote the "BE A P R" Sunday school expansion campaign program.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Every member of your church and Sunday school should participate in the program of reaching new members for the school. Foremost is the need for a decision by your church or Sunday school to launch this Sunday school expansion campaign and to undergird this effort with prayer individually as well as in your various church meetings.

"Pray without ceasing" that the Lord's will may be done in reaching souls for Christ. To make this effort of lasting benefit to your church, it will be essential that adequate arrangements for new scholars be made before the campaign begins. It may mean additional classes and teachers, as well as converting unused space into classrooms.

Every member in your Sunday school who is able to use a telephone can become the vital link between your church and the prospects to be reached. We are suggesting that those who enlist to "Be a Phone Ringer" will make two or more telephone calls per week inviting others to come to the House of God and to study his Word.

60,000 BY 1964

Unitedly we need to strive toward the goal of 60,000 in our Sunday schools by 1964. This goal was set by the General Sunday School Committee when the five year Baptist Jubilee Advance Program was launched in 1959. Our present enrollment in Sunday school of 47,000 has been steadily increasing but greater efforts will need to be put forth by all of us if the goal of 60,000 by 1964 is to be attained. We hope that as many of our churches as possible will undertake to participate in this program for the suggested date, March 25-April 22, 1962. All the materials for the "Be a Phone Ringer" expansion campaign are undated and can be used at a future date.

Jesus impresses upon all who come to know him as Savior and Lord that they must fulfill the commission, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." As faithful stewards of Gospel, we will once again have this special opportunity to reach souls for Christ by inviting them to Sunday school and church by being "phone ringers."

2) Church membership directory which will add many prospects for the Sunday school, since in many churches a goodly number of adults do not attend Sunday school.

3) Community census. Since one out of five families moves each year, it is urgent that we contact new people in our changing community.

4) Church affiliated organizations such as women's and men's organizations, youth groups, boys' and girls' work, choir, Vacation Bible School, week-day Christian education classes and other organizations within the church.

Your Sunday school superintendent and pastor have received packets containing posters and manuals suggesting

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPANSION CAMPAIGN

BE A PHONE RINGER

DATES	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
ATTENDANCE GOALS					
No. of PHONE CALLS					

Approved by Department of Christian Education, North American Baptist Sunday Schools

POSTER for the "Sunday School Expansion Campaign" distributed by the Department of Christian Education to North American Baptist Sunday Schools.

become more convenient in recent years since it has now become possible to call across the country without the assistance of the long-distance operator by merely dialing the distance area code number before the telephone number of the party being called. With these remarkable changes in telephones, we want to seek out ways to use the phone in the Lord's work.

PREPARATIONS FOR CAMPAIGN

Next to the mail service, the telephone becomes the link which connects us with the most people, far and near. With this unique link between homes, we have chosen to make special use of the telephone in the Sunday school expansion campaign scheduled

"God's Volunteers" in Kansas

By Dwight Enockson, Reporter for the Team.

ON JANUARY 1, 1962 "God's Volunteers" traveled southward toward Kansas where our first campaign of the new year began at the Bethany Church near Vesper. We were happy to be together again and eager to start the new year aright.

BETHANY BAPTIST, VESPER

Although we thought that the Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper was located in town, we soon found out that it was ten miles north of Vesper. While we were there, we worked together with the pastor, Rev. Edwin Voigt, and several of the church members who were concerned for lost souls. For several days we went forth with church members and visited people in the area who were in need of the Savior. The services were well attended and it thrilled our hearts to see souls won to Christ as his matchless Name was proclaimed.

The campaign ended on Wednesday evening. We traveled to Stafford, Kansas on Thursday afternoon to open another campaign that evening. En route we stopped for a few moments to see our church at Lorraine. Later we stopped at Sterling, Kansas to see a Christian college. It was there that "Shneedsmo" had to be towed for the first time in her history. The generator belt broke and, as a result, the battery went dead. After having a new belt installed, we continued our journey to Stafford to prepare for the evening service.

CALVARY BAPTIST, STAFFORD

Calvary Baptist Church, where Rev. Edgar Wesner is pastor, is also a country church located three miles north of Stafford. Starting Thursday evening, we conducted a 10-day campaign ending on Sunday morning. Visitation consisted mainly of calling on church members. Each individual with whom we spoke was asked to relate his salvation experience.

The campaign was somewhat hampered by blizzard conditions but the Lord used this to serve his purpose. While the storm raged outside the church, the people inside were being quietly spoken to by the Holy Spirit. Almost all who attended that night came forward to rededicate their lives to the Lord. God continued to bless, especially in the last service, when several people responded to the call, "Follow Me," some through the waters of baptism; others wherever the Lord might lead.

At Stafford, along the line of recreation, we had some unique experiences: horseback and burro-drawn, wagon riding (from which we received some lasting impressions in the form of stiff muscles), coyote hunting and a basketball game. We certainly are grateful

new prospects. We had the opportunity of presenting programs in three elementary schools, in one Junior High School and in a Senior High School. This made it possible for us to reach the youth of the community.

Thus, you have seen "God's Volun-



"God's Volunteers" team members riding in a burro-drawn wagon and on horses in front of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas.

to those who so willingly provided these facilities for our enjoyment.

CALVARY BAPTIST, HOISINGTON

Sunday night we started a campaign of one week at the Calvary Baptist Church in Hoisington where Rev. Frank Armbruster is pastor. Although the membership is small, we found that there are great possibilities and plenty of room in which to grow. Our visitation consisted mainly of calling on prospects and also canvassing to find

teers" as they have served in some of our churches. We have enjoyed our stay in each place and have felt the warmth and wonderful hospitality shown to us. It is always hard to say "Goodbye" to the people who have made us feel so much at home.

We are requesting your prayers even more so in these last two months of service. In general, we feel that God's people must pray more fervently that we might break through the barriers that hold us from reaching souls. Continue daily to uphold us in prayer, especially at the 11 o'clock hour every morning.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

- March 11-18—Jeffers, Minnesota
- March 18-25 — Riverview Church, West St. Paul, Minnesota.
- March 26-April 1 — La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- April 3-15 — Community Church, Dayton, Ohio.
- April 17-29 — Hillcrest Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

- Become a "God's Volunteer Helper," by sending \$5.00 or more toward their support.
- Remember "God's Volunteers" in prayer.

WE CAN HAVE A REVIVAL

If all the sleeping folk will wake up;
And all the lukewarm folk will fire up;
And all the dishonest folk will confess up;
And all the discouraged folk will cheer up;
And all the depressed folk will look up;
And all the estranged folk will make up;
And all the gossipers will shut up;
And all the dry bones will shake up;
And all the true soldiers will stand up;
And all the church members will pray up;
And all that are in arrears pay up.

—Ann Onymusse—

Striking architectural designs and unique glass panels highlight the beauty of this new church . . .

Dedication of Snowview Church, Cleveland

By Mr. Wilbur L. Wilkins, Chairman of the Building Committee, Snowview Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

THE SNOWVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH of Cleveland, Ohio, was started in 1957 as a joint venture of the Church Extension Committee and Parma Heights Baptist Church with meetings held in the Snowview School. In November 1957, Rev. Harold W. Lang came to direct the work.

The year 1959 was an important one for the work as the following events took place:

BUILDING PLANS

• The church was officially organized June 24, 1959 with twenty-four charter members and was accepted as a

double its present size with additional facilities possible by adding wings to the main structure.

A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

Architecturally, the building can be better described in Mr. Peterson's words as follows:

"The exterior finish is Roman face brick and expanses of vertical glass panels give an illusion of height. The glass panels are protected by stained wood sun and rain capes, which also serve as an architectural motif to break up the facade, which, due to length and height, would normally

tectural feature provides indirect light for an evening service and a luminescent glow at light is also created which can be viewed from the exterior also—at considerable distances.

DEDICATION SERVICES

"The gothic arch of the nave ceiling is created by specially designed, long-span steel joists that accommodate gypsum wall board, arched between members and finished in a smooth fashion. The baptistry is screened by colorful translucent plastic panels which were also designed to converge attention to the pulpit.

"The basement of the church provides various Sunday school areas, furnace room, rest rooms and a kitchen area."

We of the Snowview Church believe that God worked in a great way through human hands in making this building possible, and we truly wish to dedicate it to his service. Public dedication will be held on Sunday, March 18, with Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Church Extension, as the morning and afternoon speaker. Rev. Edwin Miller of Wilmington, Delaware, will be the speaker from Sunday evening through Friday, March 23, for a series of evangelistic services.

TEN MOST WANTED MEN

Are you acquainted with any of these?

1. The man who puts God's business above any other business.
2. The man who brings his children to church rather than sends them.
3. The man who thinks more of his Sunday School Class than he does of his Sunday sleep.
4. The man who is willing to be a right example to every boy he meets.
5. The man who measures his giving by what he has rather than by the amount he gives.
6. The man who goes to church for his own sake rather than for the sake of the preacher.
7. The man who has passion to help rather than to be helped.
8. The man who has a willing mind rather than a "brilliant" mind.
9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
10. The man who is more concerned about winning souls for Christ than he is about winning worldly honor.

—Trinity Baptist Announcer
Santa Monica, California



member church of the Central Conference of the North American Baptist General Conference the following week.

• In August, property consisting of 1¼ acres of land and a large house was purchased. Part of the house was used as the pastor's residence; other parts for all services and meetings except Sunday school and morning worship.

In 1959, Mr. Arnold A. Peterson was employed as architect and plans were prepared for construction in 1960. Financing was not available at this time and construction was postponed indefinitely. In early 1961, definite financing plans were started in cooperation with the Parma Heights Baptist Church. Actual construction was started on July 18 with Mr. J. E. Frederick as general contractor.

The completed building seats 200 for worship service and accommodates approximately 200 for Sunday school. The building is designed to be expanded to

A RULE OF LIFE

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

—John Wesley



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

INTRODUCING OUR GERMAN EDITOR

Some of the duties of our German editor, Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, consist of editing the column, "Frauen-Ecke" in "Der Sendbote" and the "Rundfunk." She served in this same capacity during the last triennium. Her work is especially helpful to the German women in our societies.

Mrs. Kraenzler is a faithful pastor's wife. She and her husband have had



Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler of Selby, S. Dak. Mrs. Kraenzler is the German editor of the Woman's Union department in "Der Sendbote" and the "Rundfunk."

the privilege of serving a number of churches in the United States and one in Canada. At the present time, they are serving in the church in Selby, South Dakota. One of the things Mrs. Kraenzler cherishes most is the thought of having so many praying Christian friends in these churches which they have served.

Born into a Christian home, she is grateful for a praying mother who still prays for her constantly. Her Christian devotion, cooperation and denominational loyalty make her a valuable member of our committee.

STEWARDSHIP

By Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler of
Selby, South Dakota

Personal stewardship as an expression of our love for Christ and for what he has done for us is at the heart of any serious concern to win the whole world to Christ. We live in the midst of a world which is basically selfish,

March 15, 1962

From the Professor's Desk

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

What changes in approach to teaching in theological education have you noticed during the years you have served as a professor in our Seminary?

Since significant theological education is not stagnant, but is a developing and growing process, ever aware of its need of being relevant to the needs of the day, there have certainly been changes in its approach during the last ten or more years. It would be disappointing if this were not so, to say nothing of the ineffectiveness of a static, unprogressive entity.

COMMUNICATING OUR FAITH

A change has come about with respect to the view of the nature and purpose of theological education. No longer is it viewed merely as a training of future pastors and Christian leaders in the sense of equipping them with sufficient scholarly information, needed skills and techniques for the Christian ministry. It is partly that, to be sure, but it is much more. It is also to instill in the lives of the students an on-going desire and habit of continued study, of personal, spiritual and professional development.

The aim is to help students to become self-educating men who will keep on preparing themselves throughout their lives in order to meet the changing problems of their ministry and to carry on their theological studies and evaluations in the midst of varying situations and climates of opinion. In so doing, it is sought to cultivate open-mindedness, careful discrimination and warm evangelical commitment. It is necessary meaningfully and effectively to communicate our faith in Christ to the contemporary scene, especially since we know it is the only remedy for today's devastating ills.

This teacher is convinced that it is only vital biblical convictions which produce energetic, practical godliness capable of withstanding and reversing the current agnosticism and moral revolt. If we are to remain loyal to the faith of our fathers, we dare not simply repeat their answers to opponents of a generation or more ago. Thought must be oriented toward the battle lines as they are drawn today. Our theological task is not simply the de-

fense of an inherited system of doctrine. It is the forging of a contemporary, evangelical world-view under the authority of the Word of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Under such direction our students are challenged to think through their doctrinal convictions and to make them relevant to the times and the particular situations into which they are thrust as "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world," whose Christian faith and life will be dynamically felt for God's glory.

INVESTIGATING MINDS

Instead of conceiving of a theological education as providing "all the answers" which will be needed for a future ministry, we now seek to prepare investigating minds which are stimulated to continued research and study. Since it is impossible to "get everything in" in a three-year training, the student must be prepared with the necessary tools and desire to be a lifelong student of the Word of God, of human nature and timely issues. The student is welcomed to a companionship of creative learning and sharing; he is not just handed some given knowledge which he is expected to master and reproduce on an examination paper for a certain academic grade. Thus conceived, graduate theological education becomes a cooperative affair, a community of dedicated minds, a comradeship between teachers and learners.

Actually, the foregoing statements are in accord with the etymology of the word "seminary," which is from "seedbed." Perhaps this expression indicates better than any other just what a theological school really should be and do. Roger Hazelton has said that it is a growing place where, under somewhat controlled conditions, young men and women are provided with opportunities for intellectual and spiritual development and maturation looking toward professional leadership and service in our churches. It is also a testing place where candidates for the ministry can measure themselves against the demands of biblical faith, personal and corporate, with a view to their future vocational competence.

which goes on the policy of "what is mine is mine, and I will keep it." We are part of a world which does not feel that it is its brother's keeper. But we must never forget what Jesus says in Matthew 6:19-21: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth

corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Jesus is striking here at our crass materialism. He knows that we have to be lifted out of ourselves, and that we must be reminded that our holding on to that which we consider ours is simply laying the foundation for having

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MARCH OF EVENTS



● Detroit, Michigan. Evangelicals in the Detroit area found that a program of tent evangelism at the Michigan State Fair proved so successful that they are now planning to build a permanent building there which they will use each summer for evangelistic work. Last summer they were able to distribute 50,000 tracts and show a gospel film to 25,000 people. Heading up the project is the Rev. Volie E. Pyles, president of the Detroit Association of Evangelicals.

United Evangelical Action.

● "The Voice of the Andes" radio broadcasting station, located in Quito, Ecuador, and operated under auspices of Evangelicals, has just celebrated its 30th anniversary of broadcasting Evangelical programs in many languages. The station known as HCJB, inaugurated in August 1960, what is considered the first missionary television station in the world. Other evangelical radio stations are functioning in Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Bolivia and Costa Rica.

—Christian Century

● RELIGION FIFTH IN BOOK TITLES. A total of 18,060 different titles, were published in 1961—an all-time high in American book publication. New titles accounted for 14,238, with 3,822 new editions of previously published works. Books grouped under the general heading "religion" were a strong fifth, with a total of 1,290, according to 1961 statistics given by *Publisher's Weekly*, a trade publication. Leading "religion" by nearly 200 titles were the works of "science," totalling 1,494. Books on "religion" out-numbered "art" two to one. "Language," "law," and "literature" combined had a total number of books published approximately the same as "religion."

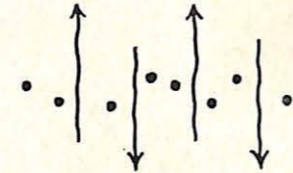
● TOKYO, JAPAN—Japanese Christians are using tape recorders to promote Christian fellowship with Chinese leprosy patients. Kozensha, an inter-church leprosy committee supported by American Leprosy Missions, learned of the desire of a Japanese Christian doctor in charge of leprosy work in Taiwan to carry on a tape-recorded evangelistic program among his patients. To help this program, Kozensha voted to donate four tape recorders as a Christian present to Dr. Kazuo Saikawa. He will use the recorders to carry messages from Japanese Christians to Christians in Taiwan leprosaria, as well as for taping church services, songs, sermons and evangelistic programs.

● WASHINGTON, D. C. (CNS)—The formation of a federated evangelical campus as a means of strengthening the educational efforts of small groups

and denominations was suggested by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry in the current issue of *Christianity Today*, the magazine of which he is editor. Such an institution, he said, would coordinate the academic effort of a number of Christian colleges while at the same time enabling each to concentrate on its own specialties. Under this plan the cooperating schools would share

stronger faculties as well as central library and science facilities. Certain other facilities such as dormitories would be maintained separately. Dr. Henry suggested that not only small interdenominational schools, but also small denominational groups which cannot afford to own and operate a first class college might pool their resources.

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● Baptists Arrested in Leningrad. A Soviet radio broadcast has reported that a number of Russian Baptists have been arrested in Leningrad on charges of carrying out "illegal, savage religious agitation and propaganda." Quoting an article in the newspaper "Leningrad Pravda," the broadcast said the Baptists were arrested after they had been forcibly ejected from Leningrad's ancient Kazan Cathedral, now an anti-religious museum. The Baptists were said to be distributing religious leaflets to visitors and verbally trying to convert them to their faith. One young Baptist girl allegedly put religious tracts in the mail boxes of Leningrad residents.

● Two Thousand Youths Attend Argentine Congress. Though Cardoba, Argentina, is a Catholic city with only 300 Baptists, more than 2,000 people attended sessions of the Argentine Baptist Youth Congress in Cardoba. Dr. Arnoldo Canclini reports that 200 people volunteered for Christian work and an offering of 520,000 Argentine pesos was given to support mission work in Patagonia. Rev. David Gomes of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was guest speaker. Jacobo Vartanian, a former member of the Baptist World Alliance Youth Committee, was elected president of the congress for 1962.

● BWA Committee To Meet In Oslo. The executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance will hold its annual meeting at Oslo, Norway, August 20-24, 1962. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary, said that Oslo was chosen over Barcelona, Spain, in a mail ballot of administrative committee members. Nordenhaug said that a Latin Conference of Baptists will meet at Barcelona, Spain, August 30-September 2. This will be an inspirational type program drawing attendance from Italy, France, Spain, and Portugal. Dr. Frank H. Woyke is a member, representing the North American Baptist General Conference. The Oslo meetings will be held at the Baptist School at Stabekk.

DR. TOWNLEY LORD, FORMER PRESIDENT OF BWA, DIES GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA—(BWA)—Dr. F. Townley Lord, president of the Baptist World Alliance 1950-55, died here Feb. 9. He was 68. Death came suddenly, apparently from a heart attack.

Dr. Lord had been serving since 1958 as visiting lecturer at Furman University, a Baptist institution. He came to Furman following retirement from the pastorate of the Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church in London, England, where he served 28 years.

Dr. Lord was editor of the "Baptist Times," journal of the Baptist denomination in Great Britain and Ireland, 1941-56. He served also as president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and as president of the British Sunday School Union.

Dr. Lord was elected president of the Baptist World Alliance during the Baptist World Congress at Cleveland in 1950, succeeding Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis. He saw the Baptist population of the world increase from 17 million to more than 20 million before he turned his gavel over to Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., at the Jubilee Baptist Congress in London in 1955.

He was the author of several books, including "Baptist World Fellowship," a short history of the Baptist World Alliance, and "Conquest of Death—A Christian Interpretation of Immortality." Others were "Man and His Character," "The Master and His Man," "The Man in the Dark Room," "The Unity of Soul and Body," "The Acts of the Apostles," "Christ on the Road," "Light Your Beacons," "Christ in the Modern Scene," "Great Women of the Bible," "Great Women in Christian History," and "Achievement—A History of the Baptist Missionary Society." The Baptist leader was known around the world for his radiant spirit and an ability to produce a prolific amount of work.

BAPTIST HERALD

● On Friday, Dec. 29, the Central North Dakota churches held a song festival at the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak. The various youth organizations brought choir selections for the afternoon service. In the evening the large youth choir sang. Rev. Robert Hoffman of Napoleon, N. Dak. was the guest speaker at the closing evening services.

● The pulpit of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta, is being supplied at present by Mr. Harry Foss. He served for about six years as the pastor of the Pacific Garden Rescue Mission in Calgary, Alberta. He has been supplying the Camrose church pulpit since November 1961. The former pastor, Rev. Oscar Fritzke, is now serving the Trochu Baptist Church of Alberta.

● On Monday, Jan. 29, Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., was installed as the new president of the Ridgewood Glendale Ministerial Association. Mr. Kern and the other new officers of the association were pictured in the "Long Island Press" newspaper along with Rev. Daniel Potter, executive director of the New York City Protestant Council.

● Since Feb. 4th Rev. Henry Hirsch of Anaheim, Calif., has been serving as the interim pastor at the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif. During the month of December, Mr. Donald DeBoer, a student of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, supplied the pulpit. The former pastor, Rev. Fred David, left the field in November to become the minister of the Wichita Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon.

● A baptismal service was held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Glidden, Sask., on a recent Sunday. Rev. Willy R. Muller of Carbon, Alberta, pastor of the Carbon Baptist Church, baptized six teenage young people who were then received into the fellowship of the church. Early in January, another couple joined the church by testimony, as reported by Mrs. M. E. Smith, church clerk. The church is pastorless at present.

● At the Watch Night service of the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak., Rev. Carl R. Weisser, pastor, baptized four young people and one adult woman. Afterwards, the Lord's Supper was observed and the hand of fellowship extended to those who had been baptized. On Sunday, Jan. 28, Mr. and Mrs. John Meidinger of the Wishek Church were honored by their children and church at their 50th wedding anniversary. Open House at the Meidinger home was held that afternoon.

● Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Winnipeg, Manitoba, will begin his ministry in the Ridgemont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich., on Sunday, March 18. He has been the pastor of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg since 1954. In the Ridgemont Church, he will succeed Rev. Walter Stein, at pres-

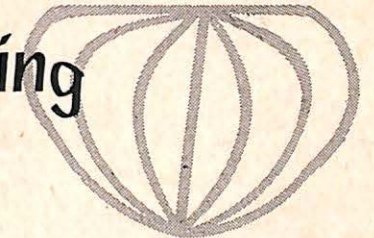
ent pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Chapel, Warren, Mich. The interim pastor at the Ridgemont Church has been Rev. Ernst Sakowski, a member of the church.

● The Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge, Alberta, has extended a call to Mr. Fred Merke of Vernon, Alberta, a student in the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. He has ac-

March 15. He brought his ministry of 15 years at the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., to a close on Sunday, Feb. 11. In the Anaheim church, he is succeeding Rev. H. John Vanderbeck. The interim pastor of the Bethel Church in Anaheim has been Dr. Richard Chase, faculty member of the Bible Institute, Los Angeles.

● The First Baptist Church, Trenton, Ill., at its annual business meeting on

what's happening



cepted the call and announced that he would begin his full time ministry at the Lethbridge church following his graduation in May 1962. He will succeed Rev. Otto A. Ertis, now pastor of the German Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas, has extended a call to Rev. Oliver K. Ringering of Bison, Kansas, to which his favorable answer has been given. Mr. Ringering will begin his ministry at the Ebenezer Church on April 1st, succeeding Rev. Harry Haas, now pastor of the Sumner, Iowa church. Mr. Ringering has served as the pastor of the Bison Church since 1956. An attractive church building was constructed during his pastorate to replace the edifice that was destroyed by fire.

● Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Michigan, has announced that he would begin his ministry in the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., on

Jan. 16, approved three significant steps in a program of advance. The Sunday school will be moved to the parsonage next door to the church and another home will be rented for the pastor and his family. The current expense budget was enlarged from \$5300 to \$6840. An extensive Visitation Program was approved in order to reach more people for Christ and to build the Sunday school and church work. Rev. J. R. Kruegel is pastor of the church.

● A group of members and Rev. Arthur R. Pohl left the Kitimat Baptist Church, Kitimat, B. C. and organized a new church known as the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Kitimat. Meetings are being held for the present in the First Baptist Church of Kitimat at Columbia and Saguenay Streets. It has been reported that the new church has a Sunday school of about 45 and a choir of 18 voices. It is hoped that a new parsonage can be built in 1962. Rev. Arthur R. Pohl is serving as the minister of the new church, which has not been recognized as yet by our North American Baptist council.

● On Sunday, Jan. 7, Rev. Eberhard Goetze of Kitchener, Ontario, was called to his heavenly Home after a serious illness of many months. The memorial service was held in the Central Baptist Church of Kitchener of which he was a member and of which a son, Paul, is the pastor. Another son, John, is the minister of the German Zion Church of Milwaukee, Wis. The late Rev. Eberhard Goetze was the author of several books and publications, a Baptist pastor in Europe, and relief organization of a missionary and relief organization in Europe that brought blessing to many people in need.

● The Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., held formal dedication services for its new \$17,000 parsonage during the morning worship service on Jan. 21. Rev. J. C. Gunst, guest speaker of the occasion, brought the message,

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NEWS RELEASE

State Department On African Affairs

Washington, February 16, 1962 at 4 P.M.

(Received from Mr. Allan Davis, Officer in Charge of African Affairs)

The State Department on African Affairs in Washington, D. C. announces that His Excellency, the Honorable Mr. Ahmadou Ahidjo, President of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, has accepted President Kennedy's invitation to come to the United States. Beginning on March 13 President Ahidjo will spend five days in the United States.

The first two days of his visit will be spent in Washington, D. C. This will be the first visit to the United States of President Ahidjo since he took over the leadership of the Federal Republic of Cameroon on January 1, 1960.

March 15, 1962

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. But she assured him that there was nothing seriously between herself and Roger. However, the two men got into a fight over the girl. Mr. Edwards was struck down and was left unconscious. Dr. Rawlins decided to leave town. He 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 promised to eat at her cafe one evening. Now he looked forward to this exciting adventure!

CHAPTER SIX

WHEN AT LAST Harlan was off duty he left the ferry and went into the town. He had never been interested enough to look around in the town before. It was still too early for him to eat, so he had plenty of time. He found Westwego as clean and attractive as River's End was. It was somewhat larger and the stores looked quite inviting, with their merchandise displayed in the windows.

He turned down a side street and walked for a while. He came to a red brick church. He read the sign on the door. It was a revival center, so the sign read. He read the name of the pastor, Marvin Jacobs, and the hours of Sunday school and the church services.

It had been a long time since he had been to church. When his mother was living, he had gone with her, but since he had left home he had never gone. Bitterness had so completely filled his heart that he almost felt rebellious against God. Why had God let his mother endure such suffering when she was such a consecrated Christian? Why had she been made to suffer from a heartless man's cruelty when she

had never done anything to deserve such treatment?

He couldn't answer the questions and he had never been interested enough to try to find the answer, for God had not been in his thoughts. If he had searched for the answer, he might have realized that perhaps his mother had disobeyed God's command when she had married a man who wasn't a Christian. He would have realized that he himself had no claim upon God's mercy, for he was not a child of God.

He wondered what kind of a church a revival center was. He turned back to the main street and searched for the cafe where Deidre worked. The cafe was not large but it was bright and inviting, with white table cloths and silver and glassware that looked clean, something which one didn't always find in small cafes.

Deidre saw him enter and gave him a bright smile while she handed him his menu.

"I was wondering if you would come or if you had forgotten," she said.

"How could I forget?" he asked with a look that brought the color to her face. "What would you suggest? How is this number three special?"

"It's our best," she told him. "You'll find the steak really tender."

"Then I'll take that. This is a silly question, but would they allow you to have dinner with me?"

"Oh, no!" she exclaimed with a quick look toward the counter where the manager sat. "We're not supposed to carry on a conversation with our customers. I'll bring your order right away."

She hurried off before he could say any more. When she returned with his salad, he glanced casually toward the manager's counter where he sat behind the register, then he turned to her, for the man was reading.

"Is there another place in town where we could have dinner together?" he asked.

"There's the hotel, but those meals are much more expensive," she told him.

"Would you have dinner with me on your next day off?" he asked. "I'm very lonely and I would love to have another chance to talk to you. I don't know anyone else except the few men I've met at my hotel and they're pretty dull."

"Sure, I'll go with you," and she gave him a smile. "But I won't be off again until Monday."

"It's a date then," he said and she left him while he began his meal.

The steak was really tender and he enjoyed the food. Perhaps it was because while he ate he watched her as she moved gracefully about among the other customers. He wondered if she had many other dates. He hoped she didn't. Then he caught himself up with a stern silent rebuke. What difference could it possibly make to him? She was just someone he had met who might help him bear his loneliness. She could never be anything more than that. He continued to watch her, the smile she gave to those she served, her quick reserve if they tried to engage her in conversation, her lovely face and clear eyes that had no guile in them.

When he finished his meal and she gave him his check, he asked her where he should meet her on Monday.

"I'll come to the lobby of the hotel," she told him. "I'll be there at six. Will that be all right?"

He told her that it would be and he left. He was glad that he was off early on Monday, for he didn't want to miss this date. It suddenly seemed a most important thing in his life. He laughed rather bitterly as he remembered the casual way he had taken those other

dates in that dim past when life had seemed so wonderful. What would he not give to be able to return to that life! He had had everything that he wanted to make life what it had been, full of joy and with each day bringing new opportunities for achievement. There had been money enough to supply all of his needs.

Now there was nothing but a mere pittance of a salary, not even enough to lay aside something for emergency. He grimly determined not to let himself be drawn into the pit of gloom again. He would take what little life offered him in the present and try not to think of the past or the future.

He couldn't help but worry over that motor number of his car. Would they try to trace the owner or just let it drop? If they were still looking, how long would it take them to find him? Perhaps the sooner they found him, the better. He would at least know what his fate would be. There would no longer be this empty existence with the shadow of fear constantly hanging over him.

He decided that he would go back to where he had abandoned his car and see what he could find. It would be a hard trip and an expensive one for him, but he couldn't resist the urge to go. He would leave on the night bus, the night before his day off, ride to the junction near where he had abandoned his car, then return on the next night bus to River's End. He felt that it was a foolish and useless trip, for it had been so long since he had abandoned his car that there would be little possibility of finding any clue as to what had happened to it, but he just had to go and see. That motor number and the fear of what its discovery might lead to kept him uneasy whenever he thought about it.

When he reached the spot and began what seemed to be a hopeless search, he did find something. It was the old blown-out tire among some bushes near the roadside. Someone must have replaced that tire and stolen the car. If the highway police had picked it up, they wouldn't have changed the tire, they would have jacked up the car and towed it away. He heaved a sigh of relief. If this was what had happened, there was only the remotest possibility that the car would ever be traced to him. He returned to River's End with more peace of mind about that little matter.

He was at the hotel ahead of time on Monday, waiting eagerly for Deidre to arrive. When she came in he stared at her in surprise as she stood for a moment looking for him before he rose to meet her. She wore a filmy dress of light blue. Her hair was combed high upon her head and held in place by jeweled clips. She looked more mature and he was surprised at the change it made in her appearance, though it made her look even more lovely.

"You're right on time," he said as he greeted her. "Do you have a good appetite?"

"I always do," she laughed. "It's a wonder I don't weigh twice as much as I do."

"That would be a tragedy," he remarked as they took their places and looked over the menu while a waiter stood solicitously by.

When he had given the order, he remarked, "That hairdo surely makes you look older. It's surprising how such a little thing can change a person's appearance."

"Shall I take that as a compliment or shall I feel sorry for myself because I've aged so suddenly?"

He smiled. "Take it as a compliment. It makes you look more lovely than you did before, even though it makes you look more mature. I thought you were just a child, a teen-ager, and I felt so old in comparison."

"I'm twenty," she told him. "Does that make you feel younger?"

"Quite. But I'm still five years older, so I feel very paternal in comparison."

"Don't," she advised. "I don't like that word. It makes me think of fat old men who try to act young and who expect silly little gold diggers to forget their age and enjoy their stupid company."

"You speak as if you've had some experience in that direction," he observed.

"What girl hasn't, if she's working with the public? The world is full of men like that."

She seemed like a different person, for before she had seemed so youthful and so unsophisticated. He saw that she had more depth than he had realized. He felt that she would be an interesting person to have as a friend.

"You say that you haven't always lived here," he said presently. "May I ask how you happened to come to this out-of-the-way place?"

Her eyes grew dark and her gay mood seemed to vanish while she hesitated before answering.

"I left my home town because things were so unpleasant," she said. "I wanted to get as far away from it as I could. I stopped at several towns and stayed there, working for enough to take me farther away. I didn't like those towns enough to want to stay there. I was running out of money when I arrived at the junction where this bus line began. I worked for a while and then got a ticket to the end of this local line, but when I saw this town with the river and the lake, it appealed to me, so I got off here and here I am."

"You said that your father married again but that you have no people. Is he dead? Pardon me if I'm too inquisitive," he added.

"You're not," and she smiled faintly. "He is just the same as dead. He's dead as far as I'm concerned." Her voice was bitter. "How did you happen to come to this place?" she asked.

"In some respects my story is somewhat like yours," he said. "I had no relatives and things were so unpleasant for me that I decided to leave. Like

you, I wanted to get as far away as I could, so I came as far as the money would hold out. Like you, I liked what I saw here and decided to stay for a while. So here I am."

He hoped that she wouldn't remember what he had told her when he first met her, that he was just roaming around, seeing the world, before settling down to work. If she did, she didn't remark about it.

"It's strange, that we two, of all the people here, should meet in the way we did," she said.

"Yes, it is," he agreed, "but I'm mighty glad that it happened. Meeting you has brought sunshine into an otherwise gloomy existence. I was lonely, yet I didn't have the desire to meet anyone. Now I shall not be lonely if we can be friends. May we be friends?"

"I hope so," and she gave him a smile which banished the shadow in her eyes.

"Then would you give me a date on your next evening off?"

"Yes, if that is what you want."

"It certainly is what I want. Is there any place where we can go for some entertainment? I'm sorry I don't have a car. I had to get rid of mine when I left home."

"There's to be a festival on the high school grounds," she told him. "Perhaps that would be better than sitting in one of the two movie houses. The pictures they show are usually old ones and not very interesting. I seldom bother to go."

"We'll go to the festival and pretend that we're kids again," he suggested.

"There is also boating on the lake, if you like canoeing or driving a speed boat. There are a few for hire."

"I'd like to go canoeing," he said. "I've never driven a speed boat and that can be dangerous. I wouldn't want to give you a ducking and spoil your hairdo."

She laughed. "Then we'll stick to canoeing. I like it better anyway."

When they had finished eating they walked down to the river and sat there for a while on one of the benches, talking.

"This is really a gem of a spot for scenery," he remarked. "I never saw two cleaner or more attractive little towns set in such beautiful surroundings. I can see why the early settlers were so content to remain here and finally build a town on each side of the river."

"Do you think you could be satisfied to remain here?" she asked.

He sighed and spoke involuntarily, without thinking, "I wonder if I'll ever be contented anywhere again."

"Were things that bad back there in your home town?" she asked.

"Bad enough," he conceded. "I seem to have lost the meaning of the word contented."

"I'm sure you wouldn't be satisfied to spend the rest of your life behind that counter on the ferry. You were meant for better things than that."

"How do you know?" he asked.

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sunday school lessons

REV. B. C. SCHREIBER, FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 25, 1962

Theme: **THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT**

Scripture: **Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:35-40; 19:16-22.**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: You can obey the commandments legally or lovingly.

INTRODUCTION: No legal code is perfect as long as it is used to restrain people from being wicked. Most of the laws are made to keep everybody in line. The best behavior and the best goodness cannot be developed in human nature by establishing a code of negatives. The degree to which a person conforms to the law depends on the degree of his love for the law. The Psalmist had little difficulty in keeping the law because he had the right attitude toward the law. It was more than a schoolmaster to him; it was a way of life. Keeping the law was easy for him because he could say: "O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97). He was one of the few in the Old Testament who discovered the secret of loving obedience.

I. THE COMMANDMENT TO LOVE. Leviticus 19:18.

The only time love is mentioned in the original Ten Commandments is in the first, in reference to God. Since the commandment under consideration today is not part of the code, we may think of it as the eleventh commandment in the Old Testament. The words of Jesus, "That ye love one another; as I have loved you," is commonly referred to as the eleventh commandment in the New Testament.

The first part of the verse describes the negative aspect of the law. To take vengeance or bear a grudge against any fellow Israelite was considered wrong and wicked. But it is not enough simply to refrain from doing evil, for God also requires positive obedience. We must not merely avoid doing wrong to our neighbor; we must also love him.

II. JESUS' EVALUATION OF THE COMMANDMENTS. Matthew 22:35-40.

Since Jesus was asked to choose only one commandment, he quoted Deuteronomy 6:5. A man must, first of all, have a right relationship with God and, therefore, this commandment is all-important. But in speaking about love to God it is very easy to sound very pious and to ignore the needs of our fellowmen. Therefore, Jesus added a second commandment which involves

our responsibility toward our neighbor as much as it does to ourselves. If there is genuine love to God, there must be a practical working out of that love in our everyday human relationships. There must be an outreach as well as an upreach in our love.

III. THE CHOICE BEFORE US. Matthew 19:16-22.

There are many people who came to Jesus in the hope that he will demand less than everything. This rich young ruler came to Christ with the hope that he could strike a bargain or reach a reasonable compromise. He was actually giving himself a better recommendation than he deserved. Jesus included the commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." When he answered and said, "All these things have I kept from my youth up," he was not altogether truthful. Because he let possessions dominate his life, he could not love his neighbor as himself.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Do people always ask questions because they want to be helped or because they are curious?
2. Have you ever been questioned in order to "catch" or "trap" you as a Christian?
3. Did Jesus condemn the young man's wealth?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 1, 1962

Theme: **CHRIST—CENTER OF OUR FAITH**

Scripture: **1 Timothy 1:12-17; 2:3-6; 6:11-12.**

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: If your faith is not centered on Christ, your life is off-center.

INTRODUCTION: The lessons for this quarter are based on eleven New Testament books from First Timothy to Revelation and deal with faith, counsel and courage. Many of the early Christians needed hope and stability in the face of opposition and indifference. The purpose of these lessons is to help those in our present day who have similar problems.

We hear much today of the importance of the minister in the role of counsellor. The Apostle Paul realized its value especially in regard to his younger assistants. Because of the wide and varied experience of Paul, his

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God gives every bird its food, but he does not throw it in the nest.
—J. G. Holland

counsel was therefore based, not on theory, but on the facts of his personal trials and difficulties, his sufferings and tribulations. "Out of them all the Lord delivered me" (2 Tim. 3:11) was his testimony.

I. PAUL'S LIFE—BEFORE AND AFTER. I Timothy 1:12-14.

In government and education, we often speak of politicians and educators as being either left or right. Paul is saying that at one time in his life he was way off to the left—far from Christ-centered. God met the apostle's hate and cruelty with love and conquered him on the road to Damascus. Every time Paul thought of his former life, he burst out in praise and thanksgiving. He could join wholeheartedly in the song: "What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my heart."

II. CHRIST, THE CENTER OF SALVATION. I Timothy 1:15-17; 2:3-6.

Paul's faith was based on a faithful message—that "Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners." He knows because he was on top of the list. He is a prime example of what Christ can do for a sinner. The enormity of Paul's sin was dissolved by the enormity of God's grace. He does not look upon his salvation as an outstanding example that could happen only to him, but he sees Christ as the center of salvation for every man: "Who will have all men to be saved."

III. CONTINUED AND PERSISTENT FAITH. I Timothy 6:11-12.

So far, Paul related what Christ has done for him and what he can do for everyone. Now he reminds Timothy of the personal responsibilities involved which must come from our own efforts and desires. In verse 9 and 10 (not included in the printed lesson) the apostle mentions some of the dangers and temptations that may even affect the lives of the best Christians. The best defense is a hasty and quick retreat: "Flee these things." But there is also a time for a well-planned offense: "Fight the good fight of faith." Christ gives marching orders and battle strategy, and he expects us to go forward unafraid.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. How and when are Christians persecuted today?
2. Why does God not give such outstanding conversion experiences to all men as he gave to Paul?
3. How can Christians today take their salvation more seriously? Are we really grateful for what God has done for us?

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Western District

Ordination Service at Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon

The ordination of the Rev. Robert Cahill took place at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, Dec. 12, 1961. The moderator was Rev. Henry W. Barnet, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Stafford, Oregon. The ordination sermon was delivered by Dr. John Wobig, pastor of the ordaining church. Others taking part in the ordination service were the Reverends Bruce Rich, William Jeschke, Herbert H. Butt, Joe Sonnenberg, George Jefferson and Fred A. David.

The choir of the Trinity Baptist Church added much to the inspiration of the service with a selected anthem. Mr. Cahill, who will graduate from Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, California, this year, presently awaits the leading of the Lord as to a place of Christian service.

Fred A. David, Clerk

Reception for Pastor, Tacoma's Portland Ave. Chapel

A reception service for Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Remple and their family from Missoula, Montana was held Sunday afternoon, January 21, at the Portland Avenue Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington. The beautiful new sanctuary was filled, as members and friends from churches of neighboring areas came to welcome our new pastor.

From John 1:6 and 8, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, listed human limitations, needs and responsibilities to God which the church should expect from their pastor. "One of the glories of a pastor in a free pulpit is that a man is free to preach the unadulterated Word of God. This man is shackled by none other than the Holy Spirit of God. You call a man. He is a good man, but he is still a man who as his best in serving you must feel the constraint of God upon him in order to perform an effective ministry among you."

Patricia Holthusen
Reporter

Teachers' Training Course at Vancouver's Ebenezer Church

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., was privileged to have Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary, Department of Christian Education, with us Jan. 18 through 24, as instructor of a Teachers' Training Course. We were also privileged to have the cooperation of the Bethany Baptist Church and welcomed representatives of their Sunday school in our midst. Despite very inclement weather, we averaged an attendance of 23.

March 15, 1962

HISTORICAL BROCHURE

WISHEK, N. D.

A very fine, 40 page historical brochure was prepared by the First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., for its 75th anniversary program. It features 16 pictures of the early years as well as of the present congregation in addition to many photos of the pastors. Copies of this informative, historical brochure are available at \$1.00 each. Address your request to Rev. Carl R. Weisser, Wishek, North Dakota.

The benefits derived from this course will be manifest in our Sunday schools in the months and years to come. Mr. Zimmerman delved into the heart of Sunday school problems and spoke with authority and from experience on every age group, from Nursery to Adult classes. He offered helpful suggestions for specific problems as well as acquainting us with the Sunday school work of our denomination as a whole. Truly, those of us who were present gleaned much insight into the work of the Sunday school and were inspired to put into practice that which we had learned.

(Mrs.) Eugen Lueck,
Reporter

Former Pastor Visits Church, Elk Grove, California

At the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., it was homecoming for Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Knauf of Benton Harbor, Mich., on Jan. 19. There was a potluck supper in the church social room for the members and friends to make it an enjoyable time to visit with the former pastor and his wife. On Sunday, Jan. 21st, Rev. W. Knauf gave the morning message, using II Peter 3:11-14 as his text.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Knauf, James Knauf, a member of our church, was "the big reason" for this visit. James was ordained as a minister at the First Baptist Church of Sunny-



Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Nikkel of Kelowna, B. C., of the newly organized Trinity Baptist Church.

vale, Calif. Along with his parents, our pastor, Rev. W. Berkan, and a good delegation from the church were present for this joyous event on Jan. 21. On that Sunday evening the Baptist Life was in charge of the service in the Elk Grove church, and a musical program was presented by a quartet called "The Chapelaires."

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich,
Reporter

Pastor Welcomed by Trinity Church, Kelowna, B. C.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 7th, an official recognition of Rev. E. Nikkel's full time pastorate of the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., beginning as of Jan. 1st, was held at the church. We have so much appreciated his former ministry and are happy that he has accepted the pastorate of our church. The evening was spent in words of appreciation and with musical numbers by each of the seven different departments of the church. A time of fellowship followed.

We have a very busy time ahead of us as we have purchased property in the new Shops Capri area for our new church site. Plans for the educational unit and Assembly Hall are under way at present, and construction will be started as soon as possible. The main sanctuary will be built later.

Rose Leschert, Reporter

Watch Night and Dedication Services at Anaheim, Calif.

The first portion of the Watch Night service at the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., featured the following musicians accompanied by Janice Lamb, church organist: Young Teen Choir directed by Phyllis Boettcher; the Youth Accordion Band directed by Mrs. Arthur Domries; a trio number by Elaine Boettcher, Susan Martin and Marion Stevens; and a duet number by Sharon and Shirley Mims. Rev. George Breitzkreuz spoke on "A True Test For '62." Congregational musical interludes were included in the fellowship hour program directed by Herman Zachay and Pat Abernathy. Singing also were the men's quartet of Herman Zachay, Joe Love, Reinhard Kwast and Bob Ash; a ladies' trio of Gertrude Urbigkeit, Iris Fallon and Viola Eggert; also a duet by Phyllis Boettcher and Don Chiles.

The morning worship service on Jan. 7 included a solemn dedication service led by Rev. H. John Vanderbeck. The occasion acknowledged the presentation of a beautiful set of communion furniture given by Mrs. Alma Fox in loving memory of her late husband, Harry R. Fox, former moderator and deacon. Thanks and tributes were given by Herbert Stabbert, Deacons' Board chairman, and Robert Martin, church moderator.

The communion table is a closed style Stanilius light walnut colored, Appalachian oak with recessed base. Beneath the overhanging table top are small hand carved inset panels. Across the front top edge are the hand carved words, "In Remembrance of Me," spoken by Christ in Luke's gospel story of the Last Supper. The two matching chairs have a 100 percent nylon covering fabric.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

Mary-Martha Circle, Swain Oaks Church, Stockton

The Mary-Martha Circle of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif., installed its newly elected officers at a candlelight service in the January meeting. Those taking office were: Mrs. Joey Gaskill, president; Miss Anita Porter, vice-president; Miss Marie Goetz, secretary; and Mrs. Linda Cundari, treasurer. The group now has a membership of 21 women.

The Lord has enabled the Circle to support the grandson of members of our church, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones, missionaries in Nigeria, West Africa. We have also helped provide a Thanksgiving dinner for a young mother's home and have been busy with White Cross work and other projects. As a newly organized group, we can say that God has blessed us.

Violet Fischer, Reporter



Rev. I. H. Schmuland, pastor of the Calvary Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., and 11 young people baptized on Sunday, Dec. 31st.

Ordination of Rev. James Knauf at Sunnyvale, Calif.

On Jan. 21, it was the great privilege of the members of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., to attend the ordination service for James Knauf, the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Knauf, former pastor of this church and now of the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich. The ordination took place at the First Baptist Church of Sunnyvale, Calif., where James has been working as youth director. Our pastor, Rev. Walter F. Berkan, took part in the service. Dr. E. P. Y. Simpson, professor at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, gave the ordination sermon using as his text Luke 9:23.

The act of ordination was a proud moment for Mr. Knauf and son James. Rev. W. W. Knauf read 2 Tim. 4:1-5 and spoke words of encouragement and admonition to James. The prayer of ordination was given by Dr. Harold B. Frazee, professor at the Divinity School, and all pastors laid their hands on the kneeling James invoking God's blessing on him in his service as God's messenger. Rev. Fred Halliwell, pastor of the host church, presented James with the ordination certificate.

Theodora G. Wuttke
Church Clerk

Eastern District

Gospelaire Sing at Forest Park Church, Illinois

The Gospelaire of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., with Rev. Richard O. Schroeder as pastor, have been gladdening the hearts of their listeners during the past few months. Banded together under the direction of Mr. Hermann A. Holz, this group of 25 girls and boys of Junior and Intermediate ages has been busy singing at both regular worship services of the church and at special programs. They sang at the Thanksgiving service in November; at the Woman's Missionary Guild Family Night Christmas program; at the Guild's Christmas program for guests at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged; as an adjunct to the annual Christmas choir concert; at the Sunday School Christmas program; and during Youth Week.

Miss Jeanine Martinitz is the accompanist. Layne Purdom is president and Paul Grundke, secretary-treasurer of the Gospelaire. "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me" has been chosen as the goal and theme song of



"The Gospelaire," youthful singers of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., who are directed by Mr. Hermann A. Holz (not shown in picture) in their ministry at church services. (Photo by Rosemarie Hackmann).

the group. In addition to regular rehearsals which include brief devotionals, there have also been occasional social events. It is refreshing to have the Gospelaire serving the Lord with gladness and coming before his presence with singing.

Irma L. Greiger, Reporter

Youth Retreat of New York and Vicinity CBYF

The second Winter Retreat of the New York and Vicinity CBYF was held at the Y. M. C. A. Camp, Beaver Lake, N. J. Forty-three young people and two pastoral counsellors travelling by chartered bus and spent Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26-28, in an atmosphere of fun and Christian fellowship at this rustic "hideaway."

Rev. Don. Mostrom conducted a series of four lessons on the "Well-Rounded Christian Life." His apt instruction was well received by an attentive group. Rev. Rubin Kern led the Saturday evening devotional and Sunday morning worship service. Ice skating, table tennis, hiking, group games, good food and rest, combined with the spiritual ministry of the two pastoral counsellors, provided the group with a well balanced program for well-rounded Christian activity. Mr. Karl Klass, president, and Mr. Richard Pleines, vice president, were in charge of the arrangements.

Pastoral Counsellors

Central District

Eleven Converts Baptized, Calvary Church, Aberdeen, S. D.

The Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., was privileged to hold several special programs during December 1961. We had the Ladies' Missionary Society from the Leola Church, S. Dak., present a program in our church. Then we had the special privilege of having the First Baptist Church Choir of Jamestown, N. Dak., present its Christmas cantata under the direction of Mr. Shindell in our church.

Dec. 31st was a day of great rejoicing for us when we witnessed the baptism of 11 converts by our pastor, Rev. I. H. Schmuland. We rejoice with our new members and trust that together we may build God's Temple, strong and steadfast. We feel that one of the highlights at our annual business meeting was the decision of the church to be self-supporting. We pray for the Lord's guidance and blessing upon our pastor and the growth of this church.

Willard Tesky, Church Clerk

"World Mission Conference" at Buffalo Center, Iowa

The First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa completed another profitable week at its World Mission Conference held from Jan. 21 to 26. Our guest missionaries were Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary; Dr. Paul Gebauer, Camerouns, Africa; Rev. Herbert Griffin of China Inland Mission, Waterloo, Iowa; Rev. and Mrs. Birdell Emells, Asmara, Eritrea, Africa; and Rev. Emory Van Gerpen,

Katsina, North Africa.

Our featured speaker was Rev. Herbert Griffin. His messages were: The Price of Advance, God's Call to Discipleship, God's Call to Prayer, God's Call to Witness, and God's Call to Church-Planting. We received a real blessing from the question and answer period in which the missionaries took part. We were also glad to hear how God is working so wonderfully in these different fields. Our eyes have been opened once again to the need of getting the Gospel message to these fields before the doors are closed.

Mrs. Tony Geiken, Reporter

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, Dorcas Society, Lorraine, Kan.

There was something of interest for each generation of the 70 women who attended the Silver Anniversary of the Dorcas Society at the Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas on January 11, 1962. The "Silver Treasures" which were mined were found in divisions of Past Treasures, Present Treasures, and Future Treasures. Twelve of the 25 charter members were in attendance and highlights of events through the years were given. The motto, "Saved to Serve," is an ever "present" opportunity and will be for the "future" also.

After a candlelight service honoring the charter members, the church's three mission societies, and the Christ of the future, refreshments were served from a beautifully appointed table in silver and white. Souvenir program booklets fronted with a colored picture of the local church were given to each person present. Congratulatory floral arrangements decorated the Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Emil Ploog, Reporter

Road Sign and Special Programs, Watertown, Wis.

The Men's Fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin recently erected a Road Sign on a highway outside the city. The highlight of Sunday School Week was a retreat with Rev. G. K. Zimmerman as guest speaker and resource leader. We were pleased to have Rev. J. C. Gunst and Dr. Richard Schilke as recent guest speakers. A Church Visitation Program has been started. Results have been rewarding. A monthly church paper, "The Banner," has been published. A special offering for the reduction of the mortgage on our parsonage amounted to over \$750.

On Dec. 3, the King's Daughters sponsored an inspiring program by the Bell Ringers of the First Baptist Church, Waukesha, Wis. On Dec. 31 our pastor, Rev. Donald N. Miller, baptized two young people upon confession of their faith and eight weeks of preparatory classes. At our Watch Night service 50 colored slides of various church activities, taken during the year were shown.

Our esteemed pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Donald N. Miller, entertained members and friends of our church at Open House on Jan. 7. At the annual business meeting on Jan. 21, it was decided to give our pastor a substantial raise in salary in appreciation of his sacrificial services rendered.

Mrs. J. J. Abel, Reporter

March 15, 1962



CHARTER MEMBERS OF DORCAS SOCIETY, LORRAINE, KANSAS

Back row, left to right: Minnie Preuss, Marie Steinbock, Mrs. Walter Wessler, Mrs. Herman Schroeder, Mrs. Herman Rolfs, Mrs. Louis Rolfs, Sr.
Front row: Mrs. Wm. Bayer, Mrs. Edd Kruse, Mrs. Harry Mollhagen, Mrs. A. D. Stassen, Mrs. Ben Mollhagen, Hulda Dressler.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer Honored at Ashley, N. Dak.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer were honored at a farewell service at the Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., on Sunday evening, Jan. 21. The deacons with Mr. Adam G. Bertsch as chairman were in charge of the program. The various organizations of the church took part in the program. The church choir, men's chorus, the young people's group, a double duet by the Tabitha Society and a trio by the Women's Missionary Society brought special musical numbers.

Scripture was read by Jacob Wage-mann. Jacob Hoffman and Albert Goehring led in prayer. C. C. Fischer and Emanuel Fischer gave short talks. The presidents of the different organizations and the superintendent of the Sunday school spoke briefly. Rev. A. E. Reeh of Eureka, S. Dak., brought a sermonette. A friendship offering was taken and presented to Mr. and Mrs. Bibelheimer as a farewell gift.

They responded with words of gratitude.

On Jan. 23 Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer left for Kilgore, Texas, where they are spending some time with Bernard Tiede and his children. Mr. Bibelheimer has accepted the call of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. He will begin his pastorate in the Winnipeg church on April 1, 1962.

Mrs. Albert Goehring, Reporter

Holiday Events, West Center Church, Madison, S. Dak.

The Senior Choir directed by Mrs. Jothan G. Benke presented the cantata, "The Shepherd's Christmas" by Morten J. Lubaas, on a Sunday evening in December at the West Center Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak. All those present were greatly blessed as the Christmas message was proclaimed with solos and various groups singing. The Sunday school Christmas program was given on Christmas Eve by the



The prominent Road Sign on a Wisconsin highway erected by the Men's Fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis. Rev. Donald N. Miller is pastor of the church.

children taking part with recitations, music and a candlelight service by the Junior and Junior High girls. The shut-ins and residents of the Nursing Home were remembered by the Junior and Senior C. B. Y. F. with carol singing.

As the year drew to a close, we met in the church parlors for a Fellowship Supper on Sunday evening, Dec. 31st. Rev. J. G. Benke, our pastor, led in a dedication service. Twelve candles, representing the church and its organizations, were lighted by the leaders after brief reports of their work were given and as appropriate hymns were sung.

Mrs. Harm Frerichs, Reporter

Sunday School Contest and Baptism, Billings, Montana

The Sunday schools of the First Baptist Church, Sidney, Mont., the First Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., and the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., held a very interesting contest from Nov. 5 to Dec. 24. The Billings Sunday school won the contest. We are happy to report that our Sunday school enrollment increased from 118 to 138, or 17 per cent.

During the Watch Night service, the members and friends of the Calvary Church had the joy to witness the baptism and reception of six believers and new members. Our church observed the Week of Prayer by having blessed and inspiring cottage prayer meetings held in different homes for four nights. At the annual church business meeting, it was decided to increase the pastor's salary for 1962.

Mrs. Emil Opp, Reporter

Program Highlights at Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dakota

Fifty young people of the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak., took part in a unique Christmas Eve program in charge of Albert Seibel, superintendent, Sunday school teachers and Junior C. B. Y. leaders. Highlighting the evening was the attendance of a former Sunday school scholar, Rev. Fred J. Knalson, and family of Mott, N. Dak. Mr. Knalson spoke a few words challenging all of us. A Watch Night service in five



Rev. Richard A. Grenz, pastor of the Calvary Church, Billings, Montana, and 6 baptismal candidates.

parts was planned by our pastor, Rev. R. Christeleit, which proved to be one of the best attended services of its kind. It closed with a candlelight communion and rededication service. A new musical group, a Women's Chorus of 18 voices, is now taking part in services in addition to our Men's Chorus and choir.

The offering on the fifth Sunday of each month has been designated for the future building of a new church edifice. The pastor's family held Open House at the parsonage during the holiday season. A class for baptismal candidates is being held weekly for a group of young people. A fine Missionary Conference was held from March 2 to 4 with Miss Esther Schultz of West Cameroon and Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary.

Mrs. Royce Bender, Reporter

Northern District

10th Anniversary Services, Edmonton's McKernan Church

Many charter members, present members and friends gathered for the 10th anniversary services on January 14th at the McKernan Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta to recount blessings and thank God for his guidance and mercy during the past ten years.



Charter members and 10th anniversary guest speakers, McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta. Rev. A. Lamprecht, pastor, is at the extreme left, and Dr. F. H. Woyke, anniversary speaker, at the extreme right.

In the spring of 1951, a group of people, mostly members of Central Baptist, met to worship at the Christian Training Institute. Rev. Robert Hoffman served as student worker for three months. The church was organized on Dec. 26, 1951 with a charter membership of 91, fifty of whom still are members today. Rev. O. R. Schmidt became the first full-time pastor, serving from 1951 to 1954. Rev. E. P. Wahl, who had a large share in its organization and building program, served as interim pastor until Rev. A. Lamprecht, our present pastor, began his ministry in Sept. 1955.

The church building, which cost \$60,000 and many hours of volunteer labor, was dedicated on June 20, 1954. The congregation hopes to be free of debt on all its property, which consists of 309 foot frontage of land, the church and a modern parsonage, by the end of this year. A total of 363 members have been received into the church, 79 of these through baptism. The present membership is 255.

We were privileged to have Dr. Dale Ihrie of Detroit, Mich., as guest speaker in the morning service. In the evening service, Dr. Frank Woyke from Forest Park, Ill., challenged the church to grow on the same percentage basis for the next ten years as it has in the past ten, and reminded us of Christ's commandment, "Love One Another." As we look to the years ahead, our prayer is that we may be satisfied with nothing less than our best for the Master and, if the love of Christ is in us, we cannot fail.

Carl Lang, Reporter.

Growth Through Stewardship, Rabbit Hill S. S., Alberta

The Junior High Class in the Sunday school of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta under the leadership of their teacher, Mrs. David Kuhn, recently demonstrated the story of the "Five Talents." On the Sunday when the lesson was discussed, the students were challenged by Minnie Kuhn with the needs in building the new maternity building at Mbem in the Camerouns. It was decided that each student would begin with \$1.00 and by Christmas time they would report any increase they had been able to make.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, each one came forward, presented his money and told how he had "made it grow." One student bought potatoes, peeled and sliced them and then, with the help of his mother, made potato chips. Then he reinvested his funds until \$14.60 were realized. Another invested in popcorn, sugar cream, etc., and made popcorn balls, fudge and some cookies, realizing \$13.00. Some bought cloth and made aprons. The enthusiasm and joy with which each student worked was wonderful to behold. The original \$12.00 increased to \$38.40.

The interest did not end with the students. Others became interested and another \$80.00 were added making a total of \$138.40. The total was designated to go to the new maternity building at Mbem. Already the students are considering a similar project in the spring, that of planting a small garden plot on the "God's Acre" plan.

M. M. Kuhn, Reporter

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Obituary

MR. WILLIAM KLOCK of Emery, South Dakota

Mr. William Klock of Emery, S. Dak., was born on Sept. 16, 1888 near Chancellor, S. Dak., and went to his reward on Jan. 3, 1962. His health had been failing for the past several years. He was married to Johanne Weeldreyer of Chancellor on Feb. 11, 1913. The three children born to the Klocks: Simon, Harvey and Mayola and, especially, the wife, will sorrow in his passing.

Mr. Klock came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as a youth and was baptized by Rev. Ottje Olthoff, also pastor of the Chancellor Church, in 1905. After moving to Emery, he placed his membership in the Emery Church where he faithfully attended and served until illness prevented it. He had served as a deacon of the church.

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

MRS. GEORGE J. TERVEEN of Emery, South Dakota

Mrs. George J. Terveen of Emery, S. Dak., was born to the Engelbert Johnsons on July 25, 1886 in Butler County, Iowa and died suddenly in a traffic accident on Jan. 19, 1962. She moved to Emery with her parents when just a child and had lived in the vicinity of Emery her remaining lifetime. She was married to George J. Terveen on May 20, 1909.

The surviving children are Mrs. Walter Heitzman, John Terveen and Bert Terveen, all of Emery. One daughter and her husband preceded her in death. She was converted as a young girl and was baptized by the Rev. Ottje Olthoff on April 19, 1904. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Emery for 58 years and proved to be a very faithful member. For many years she had been an active member of the Woman's Missionary Union.

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

MRS. EDWARD CLINTON of Princeton, New Jersey

Mrs. Edward (Helen) Clinton, nee Lange, of Princeton, N. J., was born in Jamesburg, N. J., Oct. 15, 1897, and went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 16, 1961 following a period of serious illness. Mrs. Clinton came to know the Lord at an early age, was baptized and joined the fellowship of the First Baptist Church in Jamesburg, N. J. in 1909 where she faithfully served her Lord. She was active in the church as Sunday school teacher and as an officer of the King's Daughters Society for many years.

On April 15, 1925 she was married to Edward J. Clinton of Jamesburg with whom she shared the joys and burdens of life. This union was blessed with two sons. Her homegoing is mourned by her beloved husband, Edward; her two sons: Robert of Valley Forge, Pa., and Richard of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; two sisters, one brother and three grandchildren. Mrs. Clinton found strength and comfort in God and his Word. She faced hardships and trial with faith in her Savior. Her faithfulness to the Lord and loyalty to the church were a real Christian testimony to all who knew her.

Jamesburg, New Jersey
ARTHUR W. BOYMOOK, Pastor

MRS. HENRY ROTH of Ashley, North Dakota

Mrs. Henry Roth, nee Breittling, of Ashley, N. Dak., was born on a farm near Venturia, N. Dak., Oct. 20, 1891. In 1907 she was baptized on confession of her faith in Christ by Rev. G. Burgdorf and united with the Venturia Baptist Church. In Dec. 1947 she united with the Ashley Baptist Church whose faithful member she remained until her passing. She was active in the church's program, especially in the Woman's Mis-

FOUR THINGS

Four things that come not back:
The spoken word;
The sped arrow;
Time past;
The neglected opportunity.
—"Vision"

sionary Society. On Nov. 22, 1911 she was united in marriage to Henry Roth. Their home was established on a farm near Venturia. Eight children were born to this union, three of whom preceded their mother in death.

For several years Mrs. Roth was afflicted with illness which she bore patiently. Her husband spared no effort to provide every comfort available. She passed away on Jan. 19 at the age of 70 years, 2 months and 18 days. Surviving her besides her husband are 5 children: Mrs. Fred Rempfer, Zeeland, N. Dak.; Mrs. Reinhold Hoffman, Great Falls, Mont.; Bennie Minot, N. Dak.; Gilbert and Raymond of Colorado; besides one brother and 8 sisters.

Ashley Baptist Church
Ashley, North Dakota
A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Pastor

MRS. ELIZABETH LICK of Turtle Lake, North Dakota

Mrs. Elizabeth Lick, nee Wagner, of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., was born in South Russia, Sept. 10, 1891. Coming to America, the family lived near Drake before residing in Turtle Lake, N. Dak. She married William Lick in 1912. Mrs. Lick accepted the Lord as her Savior at the age of 15 and joined the former Tabor Baptist Church near Mercer, N. Dak. Following the death of her husband in 1945, she joined the Turtle Lake Baptist Church where she was a faithful member.

She was happy to be able to reside in the Nursing Wing section of our Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck for several months until her passing to her heavenly Home on Jan. 1, 1962. Mourning her passing are seven children: 3 sons, 4 daughters; one sister, Mrs. Amelia Blumhagen of Drake, N. Dak.; and 18 grandchildren. We miss her as a faithful prayer warrior. She is resting from her labors.

Turtle Lake, North Dakota
HAROLD E. WEISS, Pastor

MRS. CAROLINE RENSCHLER of Turtle Lake, North Dakota

Mrs. Caroline Renschler, nee Lang, of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., was born March 19, 1873 in Neu Freudental, South Russia. After her marriage to Henry Renschler in 1893, they came to America settling in Texas and later near Washburn, N. Dak. After the death of her husband in 1926, she moved to Turtle Lake with her children. She went to her eternal Home Dec. 29, 1961 after a full life of 87 years. Mrs. Renschler accepted the Lord at the age of 24 in Russia. In 1901 she was baptized by Rev. Reichert and joined the Linton Baptist Church. Since 1926 she had been a faithful member at the Turtle Lake Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn her passing five children: Edwin of Fargo, N. Dak.; Emanuel of Rapid City, S. Dak.; and Henry, Carrie and Katie of Turtle Lake; one brother, John Lang, of Plevna, Montana; and two sisters: Mrs. Adolph (Pauline) Singer of Turtle Lake, and Mrs. Rosina Wening of Walla Walla, Wash. Rev. Henry Lang, nephew of the deceased and pastor of the Harvey Baptist Church, Harvey, N. Dak., shared in the memorial service with the local pastor.

Turtle Lake, North Dakota
HAROLD E. WEISS, Pastor

MR. HENRY STUSSY of Hunter, Kansas

Mr. Henry Mike Stussy of Hunter, Kansas, was born on June 15, 1882 in Mitchell County, Kansas. He passed away at the Asbury Hospital in Salina, Kansas on Jan. 20, 1962 at the age of 79 years, 7 months and 5 days. He came to know the Lord and was baptized in Nov. 1897. He was an active member of the Bethany Baptist Church. He served as church trustee for a time. On March 24, 1915, he was united in marriage with Marie Anna Wolf of Gaylord, Kansas. This union was blessed with six children.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Marie; one son, Alvin, of Hunter, Kansas; 3 daughters: Mrs. Clarence (Laverna) Towle of Alexandria, La.; Mrs. Leslie (Morna) Masteller of Salina, Kansas; and Mrs. Carl (Katherine) Schulz of Vesper, Kansas; 2 half-brothers: Jake of Hunter, Kansas; and

Fred of Bellflower, Calif. 4 half-sisters: Mary Mooney of Haxton, Colorado; Louise Preuss of Wichita, Kansas; Bertha Lee of Bakersfield, Calif.; and Lydia Stussy of Hunter, Kansas; and 19 grandchildren.

Bethany Baptist Church
Vesper, Kansas
EDWIN F. VOIGT, Pastor

REV. HERMAN P. KAYSER of Mt. Clemens, Michigan

Rev. Herman P. Kayser of Mt. Clemens, Mich., was born in Waldenbuch, Germany on Nov. 6, 1879. At the age of 17, he emigrated to America. During the three years he spent on the Philippine Islands as a soldier in the Spanish American War, he received the call from the Lord to be his representative on the mission field.

After graduation from the Rochester Seminary in 1910, Mr. Kayser was commissioned as a missionary to the Camerouns where he labored until World War I necessitated his return to America. After his marriage to Freada A. Goebel of St. Louis, Missouri in 1917, he served in Eastern Montana as a district missionary. During this interval Mr. Kayser was privileged to organize the Baptist church in Plevna, Mont. There followed happy years of service in Germantown, N. Dak.; Parkston, S. Dak.; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Goodrich, N. Dak.; and Beaver, Mich.

After his retirement, Mr. Kayser lived in Roseville, Mich., where his consuming interest continued to be missions and the evangelization of the community where he lived. Mrs. Kayser went to her heavenly home in 1951. The Lord called Mr. Kayser home on the morning of Jan. 21, 1962. He leaves a daughter, Alma Kayser; a son, Albert Kayser; and five grandchildren. A memorial service was held on the evening of Jan. 24 at the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church with Dr. Dale Ihrie officiating. Interment was in St. Louis, Missouri.

Grosse Pointe Baptist Church
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
The Family

MR. JOHN ANTON WIERS of Southey, Saskatchewan

Mr. John Anton Wiers of Southey, Sask., was born on Jan. 6, 1889 in Hungary. He came to Canada in 1912 and settled in the Earl Grey, Sask., district. Ten years later he moved to the United States where he met and later married Ruth Rueckheim in 1926. Mr. Wiers came to know Jesus Christ as his Savior in 1913 and was baptized the same year. He became a member of the Southey Baptist Church and served his Lord faithfully through these many years. His services as deacon of our church were much appreciated until his illness prevented him from carrying on only one month before his death.

He is sadly missed by his wife, Ruth; his son, John; and his daughter Mildred, (Mrs. Robin Krupp), of Earl Grey, Sask.; his five grandchildren, his brother, Jacob of Chicago, Ill.; and his sister, Marion, who resides in Rumania. Brother Wiers became ill in October and was taken to hospital in Regina. After several weeks of tests he was allowed to return home. On Dec. 26 he was again taken to hospital where he suffered patiently until the Lord saw fit to call him home to glory on Jan. 26.

Southey, Saskatchewan
PETER SCHROEDER, Pastor

MR. ALVIN M. PULLMAN of Prince George, B. C.

Mr. Alvin Melford Pullman of Prince George, B. C., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pullman of Springside, Sask., on May 15, 1926. He spent his childhood and early years in the Springside district. Later he served for a time in the armed services. In 1947 he came to Prince George where he was engaged in the lumbering industry. Mr. Pullman was united in marriage to Miss Edeltraud Knopf, Sept. 2, 1950. This marriage was blessed with six children. He made a profession of faith in the Savior several years ago. On the morning of Jan. 17, 1962, he was instantly killed at work. The entire community was shocked at his sudden passing.

Left to mourn his passing are his beloved wife, Edeltraud; two daughters, Darcy and Glenys; four sons: Ellery, Daryl, Lorne and Eldon; father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pullman, Springside, Sask.; four sisters: Mrs. Alice Rempel, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Grendoline Werner of Springside, Sask.; Mrs. Alice Kallweit, Prince George, B. C.; and Mrs. Joyce Schmidt of Kenya, Africa (missionary-teacher); and two brothers, Rudolph of Prince George, B. C. and Lawrence of Springside, Sask.

South Fort George, B. C.
BERT E. MILNER, Pastor

Special Meetings, Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta

We of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, were privileged to have Prof. E. Klatt, professor at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, in our midst Dec. 31, 1961 to Jan. 5, 1962 for meetings designed for deeper Christian living. These meetings were in English in the interest of the young people, and challenged all of us to a closer fellowship with God. Our theme was "God With Us" as we took several imaginary journeys. The first was to a wedding where 10 virgins were preparing to meet the bridegroom. But only five were ready when the bridegroom came. The next was into the wilderness with Christ where he was tempted by Satan. Then he went into the Temple and preached the acceptable year of the Lord. Then, the Garden of Gethsemane where the Lord Jesus prayed "Not my will but thine be done," and so may we let go of ourselves and let God!

May we take God with us throughout the year 1962 as the song writer has so beautifully expressed it:
"My God and I go in the field together,
We walk and talk as good friends should and do,
We clasp our hands, our voices ring with laughter,
My God and I, walk through the meadow's hue."

Lilly Oster, Reporter

Bridgeland Church, Calgary, Begins New Work at Brentview

Several events have occurred at the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, recently. On Jan. 10, 1962, 150 members and friends participated in a loyalty dinner. On this occasion emphasis was placed on re-vitalizing our stewardship program. A film, "The Unfinished Task," was shown, stressing the importance of tithing and a greater need to launch into new areas. The annual business meeting was held in January. To begin the meeting, testimonies were given by the eight members who joined our fellowship on Membership Sunday, Feb. 4. It was decided that the sale of the property at Bridgeland be lifted, and at the same time it was voted that we proceed with our extension project at Brentview.

Our Sunday school at Brentview has an average attendance of 60. We praise the Lord for the fine progress in this newly-developed area in northwest Calgary. Plans are being made for a building to be erected at this location. At present Sunday school and a worship service are being held each Sunday at a nearby school auditorium. Every Tuesday evening, a door-to-door visitation is being carried on.

Velma Martin, Reporter

God's Blessings at Central Church, Edmonton, Alta.

The beginning of the new Extension Sunday school of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta in November in a new district of Edmonton under the direction of Helmut Strauss was among the greatest thrills of seeing our work progress. Our hearts were overjoyed as the first session

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Trade unions and professions have their journals to keep their members informed. So denominations have their periodicals for communication with their constituents. The "Baptist Herald" for us as North American Baptist churches is of inestimable value because it speaks of our united efforts for Christ's Kingdom and fosters fellowship in our common undertakings.

was represented by 61 boys and girls and some adults. December, as usual, was a very busy month at Central. Among the activities were the annual Choir Concert of the German Choirs of Edmonton held in the Jubilee Auditorium and the German-English Choir Concert in the church in which all four choirs took part and special numbers were rendered.

The C. B. Y. at our annual "White Christmas" evening program, presented the play, "The Greatest of These" portraying the importance of love and kindness for our fellow-man. The New Year was again ushered in with prayer and meditation as a full auditorium of members and friends approached the new year as a new start in "Life With Christ." Reports of the various church organizations were given as to the progress of the work. Again we were able to praise God for his love and guidance as we shared with our pastor, Rev. Herbert Hiller, in his message of the grace of God how much we owe to our Lord.

Jean Strauss, Reporter

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"A House For God's Servant." Following the message, Mrs. Wesley Kahler sang "Bless This House." Words of appreciation were spoken by Rev. Leon Bill, pastor, and Mr. John Albert led in the dedication prayer. An open house and reception were held in the new parsonage in the afternoon with approximately 100 persons inspecting the finished product, as reported by Mrs. Milbert Fischer.

• On Sunday evening, Jan. 7, the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held a farewell for Rev. H. John Vanderbeck and family. The song service and choir anthem, "My God and I," were led by Mr. Herman Zachay. Mr. Robert Martin, moderator, spoke in behalf of the church; Mr. Herbert Stabbert for the deacons; Mr. William Ballman for the trustees; Mrs. Herbert Bowen in behalf of the Sunday school; Mrs. Albert Urbigkeit for the Woman's Missionary Society; Susan Barton for the young people; and Rev. Al Casebeer represented the Anaheim Ministerial Association. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbeck responded to these remarks, and closing words and benediction were brought by Rev. George Breikreuz. Mr. Vanderbeck has begun a full time directorship of a senior citizen housing project to be located in Anaheim.

WE THE WOMEN

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nothing at all. I have always felt that the only things I have continued to possess are those I have given as a good steward. When I have used my time, my energy, my influence, or my money for self and self-interest, I feel that it has ended at the very moment it has been spent. When I have given myself, through my time, my influence, and the money which God has permitted me to have in Kingdom causes and enterprises, I feel that the influence of this kind of stewardship never ceases.

There is a real glory in a genuine understanding of the stewardship of life. It links us not only with time but with eternity. It gives a right and proper motive to our earnest desire to carry out the full will of God.

There is no way to get away from the fact that all of us are stewards. We are the Lord's by creation, by purchase, by discovery, by preservation, and by redemption. All things are his. We are kept by his power and his love and redeemed by his grace. The earth is the Lord's; the things on the earth belong to God. God is the source of all our blessings, both temporal and spiritual. We, therefore, have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the Gospel, and a binding stewardship in our possessions.

Stewardship is the recognition of the fact that we are recipients of all that we have. We are not owners; we are only possessors. The matter of stewardship is not optional; the question is only how good or how faithful or how honest we are going to be as stewards. All of our hopes and desires to win the world to Christ await the day when all Christians become acknowledged stewards and are willing not only to have the fruits of the Gospel but to share it with those who have not heard. In order to "Live Abundantly" we must be good stewards both of our temporal as well as our spiritual possessions.

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