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Story of A Beloved Song

NOT ONLY do the sources of inspiration for our many beautiful hymns differ widely, but an amazing wealth of variety also appears when we look at the respective careers of their authors. Truly it seems that kings and poets, statesmen and warriors, ministers and teachers, youth and old age, have all had a role in contributing to our rich treasury of church song.

We see striking contrasts also in the stations in life of the authors. A king, Robert II of France, invokes the Holy Spirit in his "Veni, Sancte Spiritus."

The militant leader, Martin Luther, led his Reformation forces with his stirring "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," while the warrior-king, Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, joined Luther's battle hymns with some of his own.

More recently, it was a London architect and surveyor, James Edmeston, who wrote the lovely evening song, "Saviour an Evening Blessing." Ray Palmer, author of "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," was a teacher in a girls' school, as was Katherine Lee Bates, professor of English at Wellesley College, and a poet so impressed by the grandeur of Pike's Peak that the opening lines of "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" came to her instantly.

Likewise, it is to one of the most outstanding British statesmen of his day, Sir John Bowring, that we owe the hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." His verses take on an even richer meaning when we see them against the background of his other exceptional accomplishments. Born at Exeter, England, in 1792, he very early developed astonishing facility at foreign languages, and published his own translations from the literature of thirteen different countries.

But he did not stop there. His flair for languages helped open up a long and unusual diplomatic career. After serving twice as a member of Parliament, where he made notable contributions to the cause of prison reform, he was appointed British consul at Hong Kong. After being knighted in 1854, further honors were heaped on him. He became Governor of Hong Kong, as well as Minister Plenipotentiary of China, and concluded many trade agreements in the Orient.

Throughout his career, Bowring was a great progressive, intensely interested in everything pertaining to human welfare, and delighted in the new intellectual awakenings of the times. His writings, including essays, poetry, and political treatises, reach a total of thirty-six volumes—all that on top of his exceedingly active career!

One of his other hymns, still widely sung, is "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night." On his tombstone in Exeter is cut the first line of his beloved hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

—From "Stories of Hymns We Love" by Cecelia Margaret Rudin.

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,

Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS IN APRIL. In April the Church Extension Builders will make their contributions to the new chapel of the Crestview Baptist Church of Minot, North Dakota, of which Rev. Elmo Tahran is the pastor. This new church group in Minot has been growing steadily in spite of difficulties that were encountered. But a new church building is greatly needed. An article about the prospects in the Crestview Church will appear in the next issue of the "Herald."

OPEN DOOR IN MATSUSAKA, JAPAN. Word has just been received that our missionaries in Japan have been given permission to rent a part of an unused hospital building in Matsusaka for Gospel meetings. Rev. Fred G. Moore stated: "This is a wonderful opportunity and the leading of the Lord." Matsusaka is a mission station of the Baptist Church in Ise, Japan. Pray that the missionaries may be able to continue in this very fine location after the end of June. There seem to be some complications that this may not be possible.

THE EASTER OFFERING. During the Easter Week (April 15 to 22) our churches will receive their EASTER OFFERING for the extended mission fields of our denomination. Articles in this issue and the next number of the "Baptist Herald" will present the stirring story of our wonderful Savior and his Gospel ministry to people in Africa, Japan and North America. The needs are tremendous. The harvest fields are white. Many doors are open. Your gifts with the grace and help of God can perform miracles in these needy places of the world.

PUBLICATION SOCIETY. The annual session of the Publication Board will meet in Forest Park, Ill., on Friday, March 30. The reports at this session will probably be "brighter" than ever. Business at the Book Store has been fairly brisk. Many of our Sunday schools are ordering their literature through this office. The "Baptist Herald" may be able to announce that its business last year was conducted "in the black." Virtually all copies of the 1962 Annual were sold. Remember this ministry of the Roger Williams Press in your prayers and watch for the improved report of the Society.

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EASTER NUMBER

Your Emmaus Road
By Rev. H. J. Wilcke

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Editorial

Thy Will Be Done!

The events that led to the Cross for the Lord Jesus Christ can be understood only in the light of God's will. The divine plan for our redemption is seen in Christ's suffering and death on the Cross for the forgiveness of sin. The Son of God by his own words was committed to this task of our salvation—"who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame" (Hebrews 12:2). How clearly this truth is brought home to us in Hebrews 10:10. "And it is by the will of God that we have been consecrated, through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (New English Bible).

"Thy will be done!" These words reveal the glory of Christ's salvation for us on the Cross. "No greater words than these can pass from human lips," wrote G. A. Studdert Kennedy in "The Wicket Gate," "than these which rent their way through agony and bloody sweat and broke the silence of Gethsemane to save the world from sin." They are felt by us as we watch the Savior setting his face to go steadfastly toward Jerusalem. We hear the words as Christ meets with his disciples at Caesarea Philippi and informs them that "he must suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed" (Matthew 16:17). They are the cry of human anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane and the outburst of divine revelation on the Cross. "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4).

"Thy will be done!" These words also identify us with the suffering of Christ on the Cross. The Apostle Paul in his letters called on every Christian believer to "know the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." This can be our experience only as we have committed ourselves completely to God and to his eternal purposes for us and as we make him Lord of all in our lives.

Dr. Robert G. Lee calls this identification of ours with Christ on the Cross "re-enacting Calvary." "Are we willing to count many things but loss for Christ? Can we manifest the genuine sacrificial spirit—not the sacrifice that is spectacular, but the sacrifice that serves while the world sounds no trumpets, rings no bells, gives no praise? Are we ready to give up all for Christ? Can we say, will we say, that the spirit of Christ is in us? And, like him, are we ready to be crucified for the cause?"

"Thy will be done!" These words finally open the portals for us to new triumphs in Christ. Through Christ we become more than conquerors, we are able to do all things to his glory, we go from strength to strength. These words, "Thy will be done," become the testimony of our dedication to Christ's service.

"Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

In these days our faith should be strengthened in Christ, our Savior, in his redemptive work on the Cross, in the glory of this testimony, "Thy will, O God, be done!" Then our gifts toward the Easter offering of our denomination will be an overflowing expression of our life to Christ. Then we shall be "able to stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (Colossians 4:12).

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The real crisis in this world, under
condemnation that needs to be saved . . .

Christ and the World Crisis

By Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Hempstead, New York, General Conference Moderator

THE WORLD is always in a crisis. It simply passes from one to another. Ever since the world began its sinful course, it has plunged headlong into trouble, due to its perversity. Its determination to live without God and against his will divorces it from his wisdom and justice. Those who rule nations in defiance of God's purposes involve themselves in wars which no one seems to want. These result in international hatred, in revolutions and class struggles, and in racial strife, besides bankrupting nations.

When Jesus said, "In this world ye shall have tribulation," it showed how well he knew the world and its history. He would know of the downfall of Egypt, Babylon, Assyria, Macedonia, as well as the fall of Israel. He knew the condition of the Roman Empire and prophesied its ultimate destruction.

EDGE OF DESTRUCTION

All through the centuries since the time of Christ, the world has gone from crisis to crisis. The collapse of Rome was followed with the development of the so-called Holy Roman Empire, which was broken up. Then came the Tartar invasion from the East and the Mohammedan invasion of Europe, both of which were stopped. Centuries of petty wars and big ones, revolutions and struggles between nations, among which were the American and French Revolutions and other upheavals, have culminated in two World Wars in this century.

We now live in a world which man in his rage has brought to the edge of destruction. Missiles and bombs can be loosed upon us to the destruction of everything, making life in the devastated areas impossible.

That is the world in which you and I live. We know as Christians that, because of its wickedness, the whole world is under condemnation. That is the real crisis. This is the world that needs to be redeemed. It is the world God sent his Son to save. It was to save them who believe that Jesus died. To bring this message to a lost world, our Lord commissioned his disciples and then his church. There is no doubt whatever that the final judgment of the world waits upon the church fulfilling its task.

We see then how realistically our Lord depends upon us in our witness in the world. We are co-workers together with him in his testimony to

the lost. He says to each one of us; "Son, go work today in my vineyard."

OUR MISSIONARIES

It is evident that there must be those who go in person. We cannot have a Christian witness without witnesses. Therefore, there are some of our company of believers of whom it is expected that they shall go personally into the work of full-time witnessing and ministry as a Christian calling. It must be that God provides such, giving them gifts and a predisposition to respond to the call. We must make possible their challenge and, when they affirmatively answer, we must render them the assistance of our prayers and means that their talents may be developed and that they be thoroughly fitted for their calling.

For every person set aside for full-time service in the cause of Christ, there must be adequate means provided to support them in their work. Naturally they cannot acquire these means themselves, for their time and strength are employed in the Lord's ministry. The means must be furnished by those who are the Lord's stewards.

It is in this sense that we go in the persons we send. We become part of the ministry of those who give their lives sacrificially to the Christian witness and work. In this sense, we are identified with them and share in their reward.

It is said that, when William Carey offered to go to India, he spoke these words to his pastor, Rev. Andrew

Fuller: "I'll go, if you will hold the rope." That is it. We who consider that those who give their lives for Christian service go as our representatives, ours is the responsibility to hold the rope, as it were. They put faith in us, just as we put faith in Christ and together we obey him.

YOUR EASTER OFFERING

That is how we meet the crisis of the world. We carry to it the message of the salvation Christ Jesus made possible by dying on Calvary and rising again from the dead. It is the only message that gives the world any hope. We have it in our power to bring many who are lost into the Kingdom of God by our stewardship of life and means.

The Lord has entrusted us with a great mission work. His Word is being proclaimed by our missionaries and pastors in the Cameroons of Africa, in Japan, in Austria of Europe and also in the United States and Canada through our Church Extension and home mission projects.

These servants of Christ, who have dedicated their lives to full time service, are faithfully doing their best in preaching and teaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. However, in order for them to continue their faithful ministry they need the financial support and assistance of every North American Baptist. We all will have this opportunity through our Easter Offering which this year has been designated for all of our foreign and home mission projects.

Will you do your share as a faithful steward by contributing to this worthy work of Christ?

I trust that each one of us will say, as we make our contribution, "Lord, use my gift to meet the crisis of the world."

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

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advisor, introduced me to the strange conventions of a new society.

These three years have been years of studies, travels, talks, and thoughts; of spiritual growth and unforgotten kindness; of constant visions and revisions. Every influence has been for good, whether positive or negative. My experiences may well be summed up in the words of my favorite professor who said, "Whatever may seem to us a detour may in fact be a direct path to the heart of God."

BAPTIST HERALD

Thousands of Latin Americans gathered
in bull rings, gymnasia and churches to
hear "el predicador fascinante"

Billy Graham in South America

Report of the South American Crusade.

FROM THE copper mines of Chile, the coffee plantations of Ecuador, the high Andean slopes and the shores of Lake Titicaca in Peru, from the oil fields of Colombia and Venezuela, thousands of Latin Americans have gathered in the past few weeks to hear Billy Graham proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dark faced men wearing on their feet makeshift shoes or sandals and on their shoulders the traditional poncho trudged scores of miles over rocky highways and slept on the pavement in city streets to hear "el predicador fascinante," (the fascinating preacher).

STORY OF THE CROSS

Barefooted Indian women, wearing black hats and carrying babies on their backs plodded wearily but stoically beside their men. Wide-eyed children crowded with their elders into bull-rings, gymnasia, and stadia to hear the story of the Cross.

Indians and mestizos from remote reaches mingled in the Crusade audiences with business men and industrialists from the cities, professors and students from ancient universities, laborers, land-owners and the denizens of city slums.

Looking back over Dr. Graham's South American Crusade, the first of two scheduled for this year on this continent, missionaries and Crusade workers have been reminded afresh of the words of our Lord: "I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw every man to me." (John 12:32 Aramaic).

To rich and poor, learned and unlettered, the troubled, the fearful and the indifferent, the Gospel has been preached. Thousands have heard; hundreds have committed their lives to Christ and, in the words of a missionary, "Nothing will ever be the same again."

In Barranquilla, Colombia, where the mayor canceled the permit for the

Crusade to use the stadium, some 400 singing banner-waving well-wishers greeted Dr. Graham at the airport, while a dozen steel-helmeted police patrolled the field.

The Rev. Leighton Ford, associate evangelist, had conducted the preliminary services in Barranquilla. The first attracted about 4000 persons and 250 decisions were recorded. A similar audience had gathered Monday night before the permit withdrawal was made official. Mr. Ford and local Crusade leaders read the mayor's decree, prayed and dismissed the audience. Meetings were resumed on the United Presbyterian compound and the attendance from Tuesday through Friday was estimated at about 11,000. For the week, 700 decisions were recorded.

At a news conference, Dr. Graham said he had come to Barranquilla to witness to a vital faith and NOT to build up any particular sect. He was given a cordial and respectful hearing at the conference and the mayor's action was denounced in some sections of the public prints.

Notable among the South American newspapers which accorded the Crusade fair treatment was "El Tiempo" of Bogota, often called the "New York Times" of Colombia, owned by Eduardo Santos, former president of Colombia. El Tiempo published a well-reported interview with the evangelist and a front-page picture of Dr. Graham in its Sunday edition and a favorable editorial on Monday.

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

In Cali, Colombia, 8500 persons (counted by turnstile) crowded a gymnasium built to accommodate 6000 persons, while hundreds listened outside. Records showed 530 decisions that first night. Tightened safety precautions reduced Dr. Graham's second-night audience to 7000, but officials estimated that 3000 others stood outside. Dr. Graham spoke briefly to those out-



side and his principal message was relayed by way of a sound-amplifying system. Inside and outside the hall, 770 decisions were recorded on that Feb. 1st, among them that of the printer who had prepared the promotion literature for the Crusade.

Missionaries, state department representatives and other officials expressed amazement at the fervor of the welcome given by Colombia to Dr. Graham. No offerings were taken in Colombia. The \$5000 budget for Cali was raised without personal solicitation.

Dr. Graham was greeted by the lieutenant-governor and cabinet members. The evangelist and the lieutenant-governor discussed faith and religion for 15 minutes and several cabinet members asked for and received copies of Dr. Graham's book, "Peace With God."

QUITO, ECUADOR

In six days of preliminary services in Quito, Ecuador, Mr. Ford preached to about 15,000 persons and 440 decisions were recorded. An estimated 6000 persons turned out for Dr. Graham's first rally and 300 decisions were recorded. At the second rally, attendance was estimated at 7000, with 340 decisions recorded.

At a luncheon given by Radio Station HCJB, former President Galo Plaza of Ecuador praised Dr. Graham as a powerful voice speaking simply and convincingly to ordinary people regarding their deepest fears and problems and bringing hope and renewal to many. Among the guests were Marge Saint and Mary Lou McCullough, whose husbands were among the five missionaries martyred by Aucas Indians.

Millen Darnell of Memphis, Tenn., a Presbyterian missionary, said that three special buses daily, and five on Sunday, carried people to the Crusade from his farm-country mission field,

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*A ten year promise to the Mbem
Chief has been fulfilled*

The New Maternity Building in Africa's Bush Country

By Miss Minnie Kuhn, Missionary-Nurse
of Mbem, Cameroon



Miss Minnie Kuhn, missionary nurse, in front of the new Staff Quarters at Mbem, Cameroon.

"PLEASE MA, which time mission go build dem house where woman go come for born? Dey done make we promise; dey go build um for dem time when dey done ask my papa, who be chief for dat time, for give them small piece of land. He be long time now where we see how dey done begin em. But which time they go continue and finish dis house?"

This was the question that the Chief of Mbem asked me one day in 1960. Yes, what he had said was true. A promise had been made at that time. There was to be a maternity building at Mbem. In 1950 when the dispensary building was erected, a foundation was also begun for the maternity building. This was never completed. There it stood a daily reminder of a promise unfulfilled and a need that had never been met.

"NO PLACE TO STAY"

It just seemed as if there were never funds to meet this need. Other more pressing needs came first. The question was often raised, "Is it really needed? You do not have that many women coming for delivery. You have a room in the dispensary that you can use for deliveries. After delivery, the women can stay in the outpatient quarters."

We had to admit that the above was true. Our total number of deliveries at the dispensary did not exceed 100 per year until in 1960. Why were there not more women coming for delivery? One of the biggest reasons was that there was "no place to stay, both before and after delivery." Although we have five outpatient rooms with two beds in each, rarely was there space available in these for our maternity patients. The women objected to staying in rooms that had been occupied by patients with pneumonia, diarrhea, or even dysentery.

Even though we tried to disinfect after each patient had left, this was certainly not a desirable situation.

Government regulations demand a separate building for maternity patients, if we are to remain open as a maternity center. These women, who came for delivery, walked back to their homes about one hour after they had delivered. Often this was at night or even in the rain. All of us certainly know that this was not good, either for the mother or the baby.

DEFEATS AND DIFFICULTIES

We could give little or no care to the mother or baby. Needless to say, this was defeating our purpose in having the women come to us for delivery. Many times they would return later. The baby's cord would be infected or the mother would have sore breasts or something else had gone wrong.

Many of the women, arriving at our pre-natal clinics, had come from villages six or seven hours walk from Mbem. Where were they to stay when they came waiting for labor to begin? Our present delivery room is approximately 6 by 9 feet and was originally planned to be a storeroom for the



The patient by the wayside who did not get to the dispensary before she delivered. Miss Minnie Kuhn, missionary nurse, is in the background.

dispensary. It was terribly crowded and it certainly does not meet government standards. We have no place where a woman in labor can stay except on the delivery room table. Who wants to spend from ten to sometimes 24 hours on the delivery room table? If a second woman arrived in labor, we would have to do the delivery on the waiting room bench.

IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS

Our pre-natal clinic was usually well attended. The women want to learn how to do things better. Often 40 to 50 women would attend. This always caused difficulty because our regular dispensary patients would have to wait until our maternity clinic was over. The maternity patients would be exposed to measles, whooping cough, pneumonia, and the ever present diarrhea and dysentery.

We have been trying to teach some of our women and older girls what to do if they should be called to help a woman in labor. Space in our present building made this very difficult.

The question may logically be asked, "Why didn't you do home deliveries?" There are several reasons why this is impossible. One of the main ones is that there is no room in the homes. On these occasions when this was attempted, we always ended up with the patient lying on the ground out in the corn field or banana grove. Coco yam leaves and banana leaves were put under the woman before our sterile towels were put down. The nurse-midwife would have to kneel down to do the delivery. What happens if it should be a breech delivery? You did the best you could and, needless to say, the Lord always answered our prayers.

LAUNCHING IN FAITH

With all the other responsibilities that a missionary-nurse has, it is difficult to be away trekking for six to seven hours for a delivery. We have

no roads on which we might rush to the patient by motor. Horse back goes no faster than walking in the hills of Mbem.

We should not have to improvise or apologize for the work we do. Mbem may be in the bush, but these people have needs which are the same as others. Promises were made and should be kept. The people have already carried considerable sand and stones with which to build. The government has given L300: (approximately \$900.) towards the building.

We have launched out in faith believing that God, once again, will supply these needs. We know that Christians at home will once again prove faithful in their support, both in gifts and in prayers, so that we can fulfill our promises to these people and meet this need.

CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING

On Sept. 2, 1961, the Saturday before I left Mbem to come home on furlough, we had the privilege of having Dr. Leslie Chaffee lay the cornerstone for this building. At Christmas time the Holzimmers wrote me that the walls had been completed and the rafters had been erected. Roofing materials, cement for plastering, interior decorating and furnishings were on hand for the completion of the job. Once again we claim that promise of old: "My God shall supply all your needs." We know that we will be able to say with those who reported to Moses in Exodus 36:5, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make."

I want to add a postscript to this. A few weeks ago I received a letter from one of our missionaries on the field, telling me that there still is no missionary-nurse at Mbem. Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, who was to relieve me when I left in September, was unable to return to the field until December. However, she has been posted to Belo so that Miss Gertrude Schatz could go to Banzo to begin the new training program there. Apparently we have



Miss Minnie Kuhn, Rev. Fred Holzimmer and Christian leaders stand in front of the beautiful Baptist Church at Mbem (left). But the stones at the right have lain here for many months waiting for the new maternity building to be constructed on this site.

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1962 CONFERENCE SESSIONS

ATLANTIC—April 26-29, 1962, Ridgewood Church, Ridgewood, N. Y.

DAKOTA—June 20-24, 1962, Bismarck, North Dakota

CENTRAL—June 27-July 1, 1962, Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Illinois

EASTERN—May 3-6, 1962, Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y.

NORTHERN—July 4-8, 1962, Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta

NORTHWESTERN—July 11-15, 1962, Sheffield, Iowa

PACIFIC—June 13-17, 1962, Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

SOUTHERN—July 12-15, 1962, Central Church, Waco, Texas.

SOUTHWESTERN—August 22-26, 1962, Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas.

no one to fill the gap except the possibility of an English Baptist nurse from England, who is being considered under special contract.

NURSES ARE NEEDED

Where are our young women in this time of need? Miss Delores Henne does not return to the field until about the middle of this year. Is it too much to ask, in preparation for the Lord's work, that young women take a six to nine months' mid-wifery training in Kentucky after they have had their nurses' training? There is a great need for well trained workers. Won't you help to meet that need? Are you certain that God has called you to stay at home and not to go to the Cameroons?

GRAHAM IN SO. AMERICA

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50 to 80 miles south of Quito. This "Operation Andrew," he said, resulted in 62 conversions in that area alone.

He added that some of the inquirers had resisted or opposed the Gospel for many months.

Native pastors have reported revival within their own hearts and laymen have said that the Crusade has given Christians opportunity to speak with "new boldness." In Quito, a new Christian Businessmen's Committee has been organized.

LIMA, PERU

Billy Graham preached to 15,000 Peruvians in a bull ring Sunday night in Lima, Peru, and afterwards hundreds came forward in answer to his call to make "decisions for Christ."

The American evangelist referred to the current Peruvian election campaign and said he had sensed some of the Latin American enthusiasm for politics.

"Why not give the same enthusiasm to a renewal of faith in Christ?" he asked.

Lima young people broadcast 300,000 handbills and 5,000 posters. One night 50 of the youth worked from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. superimposing Graham stickers on big "Come and Hear" signs of a presidential candidate whose rally just ended as they began their night's work. Two of them were jailed briefly for posting posters everywhere after the municipality had donated space for 400 on the city's own bulletin boards.

250,000 LISTENERS

Statistics coming out of evangelist Billy Graham's South American crusade, as reported by "Christianity Today," did not compare with those recorded during his tours of Europe, Asia, and Africa. But they were highly significant when viewed against the background of the area. Graham and his associate evangelists had preached to an aggregate of nearly a quarter of a million persons in five countries, with the number of decisions for Christ approaching 10,000. Almost everywhere the team went, turnouts were two or three times the local Protestant population.



OUR CAMEROONS BAPTIST MISSION AT MBEM

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the training of those whom God
will thrust forth into his harvest fields . . .

Challenge of the Theological Library

Reflections by Dr. George A. Dunger, Former Librarian of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

BOOKS. Shelves of them. Book cases filled with them. Not just a few books, but range upon range of books. One range containing up to one thousand volumes. One thousand volumes! And there are ten, eleven, twelve ranges of them. What a lot of books!

Students walk past me. They carry books in their arms. Like something very precious. I see them sitting at their study tables in the library, deeply absorbed in books. Nothing seems to matter. Except the books. Once in a while the hand, holding a pencil, moves across the note paper. Like a jeweler who lifts gently and lovingly, at times excitedly, a gem from one treasure chest to another treasure chest. Gems of priceless information, stimulating knowledge, thought-provoking aphorism, and profound wisdom.

BOOK TREASURES

Why this fascination? Why this absorption?

The questing mind and the searching heart have been touched by the beauty of these treasures. It seems as if they had unlocked the corridors of time, permitting new vistas into the struggle of man for light and peace. It seems as if the ancients speak again, and as mind touches mind and as heart touches heart through the strange little black symbols in the book, that which looked like sparkling ruby and lustrous pearl are the drops of blood and the tears of the witnesses of old, the apostle, the evangelist, the theologian, the musician, the doctor, the painter, the educator, the missionary and the pastor, all of whom gave their lives for the sake of Christ and the truth of the Gospel.

Not just a lot of books! Far more than that! Deep, vibrant life and lofty thought! The miracle of grace and the great love of God rising from the ashes of time that was. Is it wonder that students should walk about, cradling books in their arms, a gleam in their eyes? Is it strange that they should sit at their study tables, absorbed, captivated and enthralled, stimulated, challenged and—blessed?

What of "Modern Times" and the "Contemporary Scene"? Are the voices of the past strong and clear enough for the present?

Scan the books on the shelves. Check their dates of acquisition. Look



SEMINARY LIBRARIAN IS HONORED
Mrs. Herman Bleeker presents a corsage to Miss Joyce Ringering, Seminary Librarian, at the dedication festivities for the new library of the North American Baptist Seminary.

at the titles and scrutinize the names of the authors. What an array of modern facts, presented by brilliant minds, interpreted within the context of the "Age of the Atom" and the "Jet Age." Here are almost ten thousand books packed with the realism of the 20th Century. Penetrating Bible studies, historical, textual, exegetical, expository, homiletical and hortatory; sermons; encyclopedias; dictionaries. Volumes of theological truth and philosophical profundity, opening new avenues of thought and penetrating into the complexities of man's reasoning and the religious life. Books on evangelism and missions. Lucid treatises on church history. Instructive publications on church administration and the newest in pastoral care and counseling.

This is a veritable battery of treatises on Christian education, the church school, curriculum, methods, apparatus, group work, camp management and church school administration. Statistics. Critiques. Research volumes. Reports. Essays. Theses. Reference works. What an immense wealth of material for the student and professor! Almost bewildering in variety and mind-staggering in the scope of specialization. This is the "Jet Age"!

Now examine the arrangement by

which these books are placed on the shelves. Discern the philosophy and method which make the treasures of the past and the present accessible to the searching eye. Central to all the knowledge and the know-how of the Christian worker is the Bible! Around this Book of books are placed all the other library holdings: language, history, geography, archeology, theology, homiletics, church history, evangelism, society, culture, non-Christian religions, education, psychology, administration, music. Systems of indexing and cross-indexing place all these materials literally at the finger tips of the student and professor. Why this system? Why the student and professor? Isn't reading enough?

Reading, though basic and essential, is not enough. Reading, research, studying are intimately related to the curriculum of the Seminary, to the class session and to the demands of ever increasing needs of the church, its organizations and the "outside" world, the people and institutions without Christ. It is the task of the professor to acquaint and familiarize the student with these needs through the subjects he teaches and his experience in Christian service.

Likewise, it is essential that the professor leads the student to the spiritual resources found only in the Revealed Word and in the Person of the Living Christ if he strives to achieve the teaching-learning objective, that of maturity and fruitfulness. It is in the meeting of minds and hearts in the classroom and in the concern generated in dedicated study and sincere prayer that the student begins to respond more realistically to the needs of the unsaved and the needs of the flock.

QUIETNESS OF THE LIBRARY

The place in which he finds the necessary, mentally and spiritually helpful equipment is the Library. Instruction, study and research, field work, prayer and devotion, fellowship and consecration provide the challenge by which the student grows in grace and knowledge and by which he acquires the skills to be used in working with souls. Much of this growth toward spiritual, ethical, mental and professional maturity takes place in the quietness of the Library. . .

Although library development has been significant, especially during the last ten to fifteen years, much needs

to be done. Our library holdings have increased from 2,800 volumes in 1951 to approximately 12,000 volumes in 1961. Essential periodical subscriptions have been stepped up substantially. A beginning has been made in the field of visual and audio materials. Library services have been bettered.

LIBRARY ADVANCES

However, living in the "Jet Age" calls for continued, uninterrupted, accelerated advancement. The pastor, evangelist, missionary, director of Christian education must be prepared to assume enthusiastic and positive leadership in an increasingly complex age. It is imperative, therefore, that the Library intensify its program of advance and expand its scope of service, including many more additional, well-chosen books, microfilm equipment, audio-visual materials, up-to-date recording and projection apparatus and other teaching and learning devices which will facilitate the sound training of the future Christian workers.

The classroom, the library and the practical field work constitute the "Community of Learning." Here, the Holy Spirit teaches and guides, challenges and calls into action the very best of our young men and women. Much is at stake: the growth of his Church, the honor of his Name. The Seminary Library, together with the faculty and students, through the faithfulness and sacrifice of HIS servants and handmaidens, anticipates continued advancement for the purpose of becoming an even better tool in the training of those whom he will thrust forth into his harvest fields, now white unto harvest. . .



DR. GEORGE A. DUNGER AND STUDENTS
Professor Dunger is busily engaged in a Seminar Session in Modern Cults with two of the North American Baptist Seminary students.

New Life in Christ Jesus

Testimonies by Hisashi Murakami of Japan
and Flavius K. Martin of Africa

THE FRUIT OF LIBERTY IN CHRIST

By Hisashi Murakami of Japan,
a Student in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

"The truth will make you free" (John 8:32). One of the greatest experiences that has taken place in my life was that of the real sense of freedom which has been given to me out of my constant conflict with myself, stained with sins.

Until I came into contact with missionaries while I was a student at the University, I had never thought of God or of religion. Being indifferent toward religion, I was interested in Shintoistic dogi (ethics), which Dr. Amano influenced me very much through his books. One thing which impressed me in the depth of my heart, and which I could not forget, were his words of responsibility which youth should have. According to him, what makes me a man is a sense of responsibility.

This consciousness of a sense of responsibility did help me to have a consciousness of sin by having access to the teachings of the Bible. The Bible changed my attitude toward the concept of men. It was this consciousness of sin that renewed the whole picture of my life. By having despaired of myself (Rom. 7:24), I found, through the Word of God, a real self which is freed from the law of sin and which re-

ceives freedom which, I understand through my experience, is the positive fruit of liberty that I can do good and overcome evil.

My religious experience testifies that I have received life, through which the real freedom has come in losing my life (Mark 8:35) and in hating it. (John 12:25). The conviction or experience of the freedom that occurred long after my conversion gave me a strengthened sense of responsibility and a deep joy of the privilege that I as a Christian have to share with others the Truth which entirely changed my life.

In closing my testimony, I can say through my experience that truth can be realized and revealed to those who, looking after truth, really have a constant struggle with evil.

THE PATH TO THE HEART OF GOD

By Flavius K. Martin
of Victoria, Africa,

a Student in Sioux Falls, South Dakota
I have heard it said that the credit for a man's life belongs to others. This is especially true with me. I grew up under a grandmother's care and received an education largely at the expense of a kind uncle.

My church life began at Victoria, Africa where I lived for the best part of my life. That is the place where I was taught to read the Bible. That is the place where I heard about Jesus Christ and accepted him as my personal Savior. It was there that I felt called to serve our Christ and my people. I cannot exaggerate my sincere thanks to the pastors and laymen who served faithfully in Victoria during the years of my boyhood. Among them were Pastor Lucas Ndichafah, Rev. George Henderson, and Mr. George Haddison. These were the men who contributed to the formative years of my spiritual growth.

Of the men who have influenced my education, the greatest two are unforgettable: one, a Swiss missionary teacher at Bali College; the other, a British education officer of Kumba Centre. Messrs. Schneider and Emerson taught me Bible and English, respectively. Both of them combined education with Christian manliness. It is on this academic foundation that I have built.

The idea of my training in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, began with Rev. Ben Lawrence, and it was realized in my arrival at Sioux Falls Seminary three years ago. A lady-professor taught me to write my first term paper and gave me patient academic guidance. Dr. George A. Dunger, my

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A Challenging Frontier for Ministers

By Rev. Harold E. Weiss of Turtle Lake, North Dakota, President of the North American Baptist Ministers' Fellowship.

IT HAS OFTEN been suggested that untried, vigorous new ideas for action, in the 20th century, in religion as well as in politics and science can best materialize when the young are given greater opportunity for leadership. This, however, can be greatly exaggerated. Permit me to clarify. It was both gratifying and humbling to realize that a new frontier idea for a noble ministry came to the ministers



Speaking in behalf of the Ministers' Fellowship, Rev. Harold E. Weiss (left) describes the Seminary Library Book Project of \$7000 to President Frank Veninga.

at our General Conference Ministers' Fellowship Banquet in Minneapolis, Minn., not from the young men "of vision" but from one of the elderly brethren who had obviously been "dreaming dreams." He is, in fact, one of the oldest retired pastors in our denomination, namely, Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Penn.

A VISION OF FAITH

His dream cried out for fulfillment. Vigorously and dramatically, he highlighted his main concern by presenting a \$25.00 check as a challenge gift toward our new Seminary Library in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The utter genuineness of his concern evoked a responsive note from the now hushed assembly of ministers. His challenge gift of \$25.00 was soon matched by another of our elderly brethren in the ministry. Others expressed their approval of such a worthy effort and project. Before our eyes, much more was evidenced than

an expression of a dream. It was clearly a vision of faith.

The Executive Committee of our Ministers' Fellowship was instructed to study and to develop the proposed idea. We are happy to announce officially, after consultation with key Seminary personnel, that the Seminary Library Book Project has been established and accepted by the N.A.B. Ministers' Fellowship as a worthy and challenging project with denominational Finance Committee's approval.

It has become clear that a new, spacious library building without an adequate supply of good books can not possibly contribute to the intellectual and spiritual needs of the students, pastors, missionaries and others who have access to the Seminary library. This constitutes an urgent Home Mission need. With all active and retired co-laborers participating, our goal of \$7,000.00 ought to be realized and exceeded.

YOUR GIFT OF \$25.00

As ministers of the Gospel, we have often had the blessed privilege of challenging our people to accept worthy, Christ-honoring goals. Now it becomes our privilege, for the glory of Christ and his worthy cause, to accept the challenge as fellow pastors, ministers, missionaries, as well as seminary students, to respond with a loving gift of \$25.00 toward our Ministers' Fellowship Seminary Library Book Project. This gift for many may constitute a sacrificial gift, while others may feel led to go beyond the suggested figure.

Servants of the Lord, who have been greatly influenced by good Bible teaching and wholesome reading, who have discovered something of the joys of digging deeply into the things that are sometimes obscure or uncertain can not be selfish in withholding from our younger Bible student generation a more adventurous and profitable reading and learning experience than we have ever had. We shall prove ourselves generous in making a noble financial contribution to the learning experience of our Seminary students and its constituency by supplying them with the very best books and materials that are available.

Let us be reminded of Daniel Webster's wise words: "If truth be not diffused, error will be; if God and his Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does

not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will."

SATISFACTIONS AND BLESSINGS

Shall we not experience for ourselves anew the meaning of the lesson which we have often taught and preached, namely, that we gain greater satisfaction and blessing by deeds which help others than by being in a position where we become the sole recipients? Beyond this, it occurs to me that through our financial gifts to our Seminary Book Project we may, in disguise, be making invaluable contributions to our sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters who may hear the voice of God and find their way to our Seminary.



Raymond Hoffman of Ashley, N. Dak., a Seminary student in the individual Study area of the new library. The Seminary stresses independent thought and research.

May it please the Lord that the end result of this effort shall be better prepared pastors, missionaries and Christian workers and more precious souls won for the Savior. Our gifts will surely help Paul's worthy goals for Christian workers to be better realized. (2 Timothy 2:2, 15; 3:14-17). In prayer and faith, we shall unitedly accept the gift challenge and anticipate a gracious response. Gifts are to be sent to North American Baptists, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois, and designated to the "Seminary Library Book Project."

In the past four years, 132 study
course certificates have been issued here

Study Courses at Kankakee, Illinois

By Mr. Edwin A. Kapchinske, Chairman of Board of Christian Education, Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois.

JANUARY 7, 1962 ushered in another Week of Prayer and Bible study at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois. Despite a tremendous amount of snow and below zero temperatures, the meetings were faithfully attended every night. After a season of prayer, the study course, "Studies in Jeremiah," was presented by the pastor, Dr. Louis R. Johnson. This course on Jeremiah was completed during January at the midweek prayer services and at the 6:30 Training Union Hour on Sunday evenings. As a new church member of only two and one-half years, I find from the records that this same pattern has been followed since 1958. Previous courses during the Week of Prayer have included Studies in Mark, I Corinthians, and I Timothy.

ANNUAL STUDY COURSES

Study courses are by no means limited to the one week in January. The Keystone Union of the Training Union, comprised of young adults, began a series of study courses in September 1958. Mrs. Louis R. Johnson, wife of the pastor, has been the teacher. Some of the courses taught were: "Outlines of Bible History," three survey courses of the Old and New Testaments; "Solving Church School Problems"; "Every Christian's Job," a course in soul-winning; and "The Laws of Teaching."

An average of twelve persons received certificates of credit for each of these courses. Six members of this union have received Teacher Training Diplomas. Other Training Union groups have also taken study courses periodically.

Our aim is to conduct one study course per year in each Training Union group. Out of these groups have come many of our teachers and officers in both the Sunday school and the Training Union.

The Board of Christian Education, realizing the tremendous need for qualified teachers and officers, sponsored a week of study courses in September of 1961. There were four sessions in progress each night covering the Six-point Record System, Visual Aids, Teaching Techniques, and a Guide for Child Study. There were many people who, due to working conditions, attended only some of the classes, and who were therefore not able to receive certificates, but still

they were greatly blessed.

The group shown on this page have all completed courses during the year 1961. Many of the young people took courses during summer camp. In the past four years, a total of 132 certificates of

goal of the Board of Christian Education to have qualified teachers to take over the new classes. God has greatly blessed the work here at Immanuel Church, and as we continue to grow in his Word, we know that he will give the increase.



STUDY COURSE "GRADUATES," KANKAKEE, ILL.

Dr. Louis R. Johnson (center, behind pulpit), pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., is proud of the large group of his church members who completed Teacher Training Study Courses in 1961.

credit have been issued to our people by our Forest Park Headquarters office.

TRAINED, QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Although our new church building is less than two years old, our Sunday school departments are greatly overcrowded. The departments were planned for 40 pupils each, and some of them are now averaging almost 70 children. During the past year, our Sunday School has increased from an average attendance of 232 to 365. Our present enrollment is over 500, and our record attendance has been 491.

This means that further growth creates a need, not only for more classrooms but also for more teachers. With carefully selected study courses given throughout the year, it is the

THE TEACHER'S PRAYER

My Lord, I do not ask to stand
As king or prince of high degree;
I only pray that, hand in hand,
A child and I may come to thee.

Help me to share what thou dost give
And be a friend, a trusted guide;
As in thy sight, oh, let me live,
May selfishness be crucified.

Thou art the life, the truth, the way
That leads to God, that saves from
sin;

Oh, may my teaching, day by day,
Help those in need, thy life to win.

Oh, grant thy patience, Lord, to share
Thy holy purpose, life to bring;
May I the inexperience bear
Of those who need love's fostering.

—Norman E. Richardson

C.T.I. Prayer Day and Convocation

Report by Prof. A. Rapske of the Christian Training Institute Faculty, Edmonton, Alberta

PRAYER has always been central in the student life at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. Small groups meet every evening for half an hour of Bible study and prayer. On Saturday evening an hour is set aside for a united prayer session in which all students may participate.

For those who wish to be alone in prayer, a special room has been provided. Students, who have given their testimony after they have graduated, have repeatedly remarked about the deep impressions which the prayer life has made upon them.

DR. F. H. WOYKE

One of the climactic days for us at the school was Prayer Day on Monday, Jan. 15. No classes were conducted. From 9:00 a.m. until noon, and then from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. students and faculty shared in sessions of devotional addresses, private and group Bible study, and prayer. The evening, too, provided blessing in the public service held at the McKernan Baptist Church.

Dr. F. H. Woyke of Forest Park, Illinois, and Dr. A. Dale Ihrie of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, our guest speakers, made a significant contribution both to the Prayer Day and the week of convocation lectures. Dr. Woyke had been assigned topics relating to the work of our denomination. In his own unique, friendly and challenging way, he presented our work in such a manner that it created a deeper interest and a vital concern on the part of those who heard him.

In his address, "Christian Service Possibilities in Our Denomination," he made statements that are worth repeating and recording. The crying need



Dr. F. H. Woyke, guest speaker at the Mid-winter Convocation of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

expressed by pastors is the need for willing workers who are both trained and talented. He pointed out the dangerous tendency, manifesting itself in some centers, of getting paid help to do the work that ought to be done willingly and without pay.

SPECIALIZED WORKERS NEEDED

Dr. Woyke further pointed out that the demand for specialized workers, such as ministers and missionaries, far exceeds the supply. Taking into account the needed replacements and workers for Church Extension projects, there must be found annually 30 new ministers and missionaries. Both of our training institutions are

unable in their combined effort, at the present time, to supply the demand. There is definitely a dire need for young people to respond to God's demand for a life of service.

Dr. Woyke voiced the firm conviction that there will be a place of service for those who will respond to the call to full-time service. He said, "Never be afraid to enlist in the Lord's service because at the time of the beginning of the training there does not seem to be a need for such workers." In emphasis such as this one, Dr. Woyke made a timely contribution to the Christian Training Institute family.

DR. A. DALE IHRIE

Dr. Ihrie, too, in his warm, sincere and dramatic way, effectively voiced convictions of his own soul. Because of his diversified interests, he could shift from the moving presentation of the wonders of God's grace, to practical insights in the field of evangelism, to the subtleties of existentialism and neo-orthodox theology. He frequently voiced a preference for presenting a Bible study, and when it was his responsibility for such a presentation, it was gripping. All who attended the sessions in which Dr. Ihrie spoke were attentive listeners.

Dr. Ihrie and Dr. Woyke co-operated in a very fine spirit, each supplementing and undergirding the ministry of the other. The convocation lectures and the devotional messages during the day and the evening were all truly inspiring. It was a happy time of spiritual renewal and very satisfying fellowship.

FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

Faith and obedience are bound up in the same bundle. He that obeys God trusts God; and he that trusts God obeys God. He that is without faith is without works; and he that is without works is without faith. —Spurgeon

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Faculty members and guest speakers in prayer session at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. President A. S. Felberg is at right. (Photo by A. Rapske).



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

INTRODUCING OUR ENGLISH PROGRAM PACKET EDITOR

Mrs. Eric Pohl of Portland, Oregon, our English Program Packet Editor, was born in Concordia, Missouri, and is a pastor's daughter. She and her husband are in the photographic business. They have three children, two of whom are married.

Mrs. Pohl comes to us with rich experiences of service. In the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon,



Mrs. Eric Pohl of Portland, Oregon, the English Program Packet Editor for the Woman's Missionary Union.

where she is a member, she has served in various capacities. She taught an adult mixed class for many years, is past president of the Dorcas Guild, and is superintendent of the Junior High Department in the Sunday school.

Holding membership in the National Association of Parliamentarians, she is treasurer of the Barlow Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians. She is vice-president of the Portland Business and Professional Women's Club, and Northwest Regional Secretary of the International Toast-mistress Clubs.

When you receive the Packet that she has edited, you will be thrilled with

From the Professor's Desk

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

If it is desirable or even necessary to read literature with which one does not agree, as you state, what would be some concrete examples of such materials and the benefits which might come therefrom?

In attempting to answer this question and to illustrate the point, let us use some extreme examples. In his writings, Rudolf Bultmann, for all of his tendency to follow the existentialist philosopher Heidegger, and for all of his radical demythologizing, still is insisting on a personal decision concerning the Christ of the cross and the Christian message. This is essential for meaningful existence, Bultmann stresses. To be sure, he understands this in a non-evangelical way, but it is nevertheless a good emphasis which the evangelical can and should make the most of in our present day when, as always, men can be saved only through a genuine personal decision to receive Christ as Savior and Lord according to the New Testament witness. Decision-making and authentic existence is of the very essence of modern existentialism.

"MEANINGFUL EXISTENCE"

In our evangelistic witness to the world, we ought to capitalize on these contemporary emphases which are so close to the heart of the Christian Gospel. It is not as though we are indebted to modern existentialists for this emphasis, for zealous believers in Christ have always had this note, even with much urgency, but it does show how relevant is our emphasis on the need for decision, personal participation and involvement in the saving grace of the Lord Jesus. Nothing can make for "meaningful existence" like the salvation which God has provided for us in Christ.

Another illustration, again on the rather radical side, is that of Paul Tillich who has been writing much about God as man's "ultimate concern," requiring man's participation in the New Being manifest in Christ. We are not unmindful of the form criticism which underlies all of Tillich's

the materials that are available for your meetings. If you have not sent your order for the English Program Packet, do so without delay. The price is only \$1.50. Send your order to: WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

LIVING ABUNDANTLY IN THE CHURCH

By Mrs. Eric Pohl of Portland, Oregon

Painting a portrait of a person can sometimes produce different results.

thinking and of the fact that there is a great deal of symbolism in his system of thought. William W. Paul of Central College has recently stated, "What these men (especially Tillich) have been trying to do for communicating the Gospel must not be lost in discussions over what they may be doing to the Gospel." That is, there are positive as well as negative aspects of their existentialist theology, and certainly it is a praiseworthy endeavor to make the Word of God relevant to the needs of people in our nuclear age when the right kind of decisive decision is so urgently needed.

COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY

Listen now to Bultmann when he says that preaching must present Jesus Christ as Lord in such a manner that it places before the hearer "the decision whether he will remain the old man or become a new man" (*Religion and Culture: Essays in Honor of Paul Tillich*, ed. W. Leibrecht, p. 242). Hear Tillich say, "To communicate the Gospel means putting it before the people so that they are able to decide for or against it. . . . The Christian message is the message of a new Reality in which we can participate and which gives us the power to take anxiety and despair upon ourselves." (*Theology of Culture*, pp. 201, 208).

Whatever negative aspects there are in the theology of Bultmann and Tillich, and they are many and serious (the writer would in no way overlook or minimize them), we must admit that they are speaking a language in terms of the Gospel of Christ which does communicate with moderns who are gripped with a tragic sense of life engulfing so many in our age of crisis. And communicate effectively with people of our day we must!

Readers would do well to carefully pursue the current series of articles dealing with Bultmann's theology in *Christianity Today*, especially the article in the Dec. 8, 1961 issue entitled, "The Contemporary Scene: Bultmann, Tillich, and the American Response."

I had finished painting a portrait of my sister and had left it on the easel. My granddaughter was spending the day with me in the studio, and, as she looked at the picture, she said, "It doesn't really look like Aunt Hattie." I asked her why, and she said calmly, "Well, Aunt Hattie doesn't have eyelashes like that." Her statement was true. I had glamorized the portrait to such an extent that even a child could see it did not represent the real person.

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MARCH OF EVENTS



• Two new editions of *The New English Bible: New Testament* were issued March 14. One is a paperback and the other a pocket leather edition, and both will preserve the same text and page numbers as the original cloth copy.

The NEB New Testament, published jointly by Cambridge and Oxford University Presses, is now in its 18th printing in the American edition, with more than 750,000 copies already sold in the United States. Worldwide distribution of the Bible has been placed by the publishers at about 4,500,000. The appearance of the two editions March 14 marked the first anniversary of publication.

• Gideon International, an interdenominational Christian businessmen's association which fosters the reading and distribution of the Bible, presented 250 copies to Belfast prison in Ireland "because it is the Book prisoners want to read." The Bibles were donated through the Belfast branch of the Prison Officers' Christian Fellowship, whose president, William Morgan, described the gift as a "great boost for morale" and an aid in giving the men confidence in themselves again.

—The Watchman—Examiner

• Anglican Bishop Chandu Ray of Western Pakistan reports that China's Communists are turning to the Bible to increase their knowledge of Tibet, buying large quantities of the new Bible in Tibetan in order to learn the language of the country they have conquered. Bishop Ray was instrumental in publishing the Bible in Tibetan, as translated by the scholar Yoseb Gergan. Proofs of the translation were lithographed in Lahore and then carried 1,000 miles to Leh for correction by Tibetan scribes. He also reported that there are now 550,000 Christians in Pakistan and that, despite discrimination against Christians by Muslims, the number is growing rapidly.

• The Lutheran World Federation plans formal inauguration of its new 100,000-watt radio station in Ethiopia in February of 1963. The radio station facility is now under construction. It will cost more than \$1,000,000 and will be referred to as the "Voice of the Gospel." The studio and administration building will be located in the Ethiopian capital city of Addis Ababa. This facility is expected to be complete by May 1. The antenna and transmitter site are being built some 19 miles outside the city.

—Christianity Today

• The Church in Japan—Church membership among Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Orthodox in Japan reached a total of 727,445 last year.

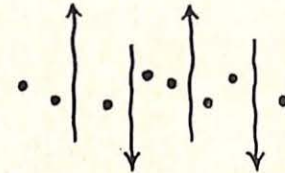
The figure represents about eight-tenths of one per cent of the entire Japanese population, now estimated at approximately 93,600,000. The figures represent a net increase of less than 25,000 over the previous year—the smallest annual gain since the end of World War II. The statistics were reported by the Japanese-language *Christian Year Book* published by the *Christian News*. Of last year's total, Protestants number 403,846; Roman Catholics, 287,943, and Orthodox, 35,656. In addition, there are thousands of persons who belong to the so-called "non-church Christianity movement."

—Christianity Today

• CLYDE H. DENNIS, NOTED TRACT WRITER DIES. Clyde H.

Dennis, founder and president of Good News Publishers located in Westchester, Ill., a Chicago suburb, died February 14 in Los Angeles, Calif. His death—at 48—was due to complications following a long illness with hepatitis. As a young printer, Mr. Dennis was deeply concerned about doing something to meet the need for well-written Gospel tracts which were attractively produced. As a result he started Good News Press with very limited funds in his own home and began publishing many tracts which he wrote himself. The demand for this colorfully produced Christian literature grew until its use became worldwide. Good News literature is now printed in 30 languages and in over 100 countries.

BAPTIST BRIEFS



• Five Baptist Churches in Ecuador. Ecuador got its fifth Baptist church and Guayaquil its third on January 7 when Calvary Church, in the city's La Tola suburb, was officially constituted with 21 charter members. Present for the organization were representatives from the other 4 churches. The new church immediately called Rev. Angel Mosquera as pastor. Prior to his ordination by Guayaquil's First church in December, there had been no ordained national Baptist minister in Ecuador for several years.

—The Watchman—Examiner

• Baptist Missionaries Leave Cuba. Twelve workers of the Southern Baptist Mission in Cuba have left the country because of political conditions. Six additional workers are preparing to leave the island, Rev. Herbert Caudill, superintendent of the mission, said. Southern Baptists have worked in Western Cuba, and American Baptists in Eastern Cuba. Six missionaries still engaged in Southern Baptist work in Cuba constitute the large Protestant group remaining, Mr. Caudill reported. One hundred and forty national workers serve in the mission.

• Five Year Goal in Guatemala. Doubling the number of Baptists in Guatemala is the five year goal set by the Guatemalan Baptist Convention during its recent annual meeting. Membership in the 22 churches now totals 1,700. The churches reported 269 baptisms during 1961. Messengers from 20 churches attended the sessions, held at Jerusalem Baptist Church in Santiago Atitlan, on the south shore of

Lake Atitlan. Rev. Francisco Melendez was elected executive secretary. He is pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Escuintla, and a professor in the Guatemalan Baptist Theological Institute.

• Dr. Charles W. Koller is Honored. Dr. Charles W. Koller brought his 24 year ministry as president of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., to a memorable close at the Seminary's Convocation held in the Judson Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., on Feb. 19. The Seminary honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity and recognized his illustrious ministry as "the longest tenure of service as president of a seminary in the American Baptist Convention's history." Dean Mosteller, in introducing Dr. Koller, stated that "he is known throughout the North and South for his devotion to Scripture, his pulpit power and his evangelistic thrust." Dr. Koller brought the Convocation address on "The Minister of Tomorrow." He is awaiting publication of his new book, which has been a life-long study of his, "Expository Preaching Without Notes."

• Doctors Accept Liberian Invitation. A team of American physicians, technicians, and medical students will move into Liberia this spring at the invitation of the Liberian government. They hope, during March, to inoculate a million Liberian nationalists against the prevalent diseases of West Africa and also set a pattern for similar medical service to other nations around

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• Rev. Loren A. Weber of Rapid City, S. Dak., submitted his resignation to the South Canyon Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 11. It became effective on March 12. Mr. Weber has been pastor of the church since his graduation from the North American Baptist Seminary in 1958. He is awaiting God's guidance at present and hoping for some church opening in the near future.

• The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana has extended a call to Rev. Herbert Vetter of Isabel, North Dakota to which he has given a favorable reply. He has served as pastor of the Baptist Church in Isabel since 1952. He will begin his ministry in the Missoula Church on April 15, succeeding Rev. C. T. Remple, now pastor of the Portland Ave. Church, Tacoma, Wash.

• Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Breitzkreuz, members of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 27, by inviting 65 of their friends to dinner. Mr. Ray Prillwitz, choir leader, led the spirited singing and Mr. Fred Burbach showed colored slides covering many phases of the 25 years, as reported by Rev. Reginald Shepley.

• Rev. and Mrs. Harold Weiss of Turtle Lake, N. D., have announced the birth of a son on Feb. 5th who has been named Daniel Harold. This is the third child in their family. Mr. Weiss is pastor of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Kerber of Yorkton, Sask., have announced the birth of a daughter on Feb. 8th who has been named Melodie Marie. Mr. Kerber is the pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Yorkton.

• The Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., held a Missionary Conference from Feb. 9 to 11 with Miss Esther Schultz, Cameroons missionary, and Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, serving as the guest speakers. Mrs. W. Dickson has been elected recently as the new president of the Woman's Missionary Society. The superintendent of the Bible School is Mr. W. Borden. Rev. Walter C. Damrau is the pastor of the church.

• The Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., held "Spiritual Life Meetings" from March 18 to 25 with Dr. Adrian Heaton, president of California Baptist Theological Seminary in Covina, Calif., as the guest speaker. Dr. Heaton formerly served the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., as the director of Christian Education. Rev. H. H. Riffel, pastor of the church, returned to the pulpit from his trip to South American countries and mission fields on March 4th.

• The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., has called Mr. Erwin Babbel, a student in the theological department of the Christian Training Institute, as its full time minister. He

began his pastorate officially on Feb. 4, 1962. He and his wife and their three children live in the parsonage at 11545-93rd Street, Edmonton, Alberta. The church which he now serves is also his home church. He has succeeded Rev. W. Wieschollek, now of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

• The Sunday morning service on Feb. 11 was set aside by the West Center Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., as

• Rev. John B. Wood presented his resignation to the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. Dak., on Sunday, Feb. 4, and announced that he had accepted the call of the Baptist Church of Sierra Vista, Arizona, a Conservative Baptist Church that is not affiliated with the North American Baptist General Conference. Sierra Vista is a new town, started five years ago, located 80 miles southeast of Tucson,

what's happening



Race Relations Sunday. Flavius Martin from Africa, Hisashi Murakami from Japan, and Reinhold Kerstan from Germany brought brief messages, sharing with the church some of their impressions and thoughts on race relations. The South Dakota Association Brotherhood Rally was held at the Madison Church on Tuesday evening, Feb. 27. Rev. J. G. Benke is the pastor of the church.

• The Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas experienced rich spiritual blessings through the ministry of "God's Volunteers," Jan. 11 to Jan. 21. The Gospel message, as the team presented it in music, story and sermon, was a constant challenge to all attending. Several persons rededicated their lives to the Lord. Many homes were visited which resulted in a closer relationship between the team and the people, as reported by Mrs. Walter Fritzemeier. Rev. Edgar Wesner is pastor of the church.

• A week of Deeper Life Meetings was held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, St. Catharines, Ont., in February with Rev. Otto Ertis of Toronto, Ont., serving as the evangelist. The attendance varied between 130 and 150 people each night. Mr. Ertis brought a series of messages on "Our Glorious Salvation" taken from Ephesians. Rev. A. Hart is pastor of the church. From March 5 to 11 Mr. Ertis conducted Deeper Life Meetings in the German Baptist Church of Hamilton, Ontario, of which Rev. John Wahl is the pastor.

• The Salem Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., has extended a call to its student pastor, Mr. Werner Waitkus, to be its full time minister. He is a student in the theological department of the Christian Training Institute and also at the University of Alberta. He was married on Dec. 22, 1961 to Miss Louise Giedt, a Bible School graduate of C. T. I. They are now living in the parsonage of the Salem Church at Edmonton. His home church originally was Kitimat, B. C.

Arizona. It is situated near the Fort Huachuca Air Base. Mr. Wood has served the Beulah church since 1957. His ministry in the new church in Arizona will begin on April 1st.

• A series of evangelistic meetings was held at the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Chilliwack, B. C., with Rev. E. H. Nikkel of the Trinity Church, Kelowna, B. C., serving as evangelist. The Lord richly blessed his people through the Christ-centered messages. The meetings were well attended and a number of persons made their decisions for Christ. On the following Sunday, three adult converts entered the baptismal waters. A new roof on the church has been completed. A large parking area has been set aside at the east end of the church. Rev. B. W. Tutschek is the pastor.

• Mr. Albert F. Johns of Oak Park, Illinois, was called to his heavenly home on Feb. 27 at the age of 88. He was the last surviving charter member of the Forest Park Baptist Church organized in 1891. He was a resident of the village of Oak Park for 84 years and a member of Baptist churches for more than 75 years. He served as a trustee and Finance Committee member of the Forest Park Church for many years. The memorial service on March 2 was conducted by Rev. Richard Schroeder, pastor. Surviving are two sons, Harold B., acting chairman of the denominational Publication Board, and Ralph S., and two sisters.

• The charter membership list of the Westbrook Baptist Church of Orange County, Calif., on Jan. 17 was closed with 85 members, including 23 young people under 18 years of age. Rev. V. Donald Buell was called as the full time pastor and his acceptance of the call has been announced. The church voted to align itself with the North American Baptist General Conference. A budget of \$9820.12 was adopted which includes an estimated sum of

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The Shattered Wall

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

By Sallie Lee Bell

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SYNOPSIS

Dr. Harlan Rawlins, a young physician, was praised for his skill in performing a difficult operation. He was so busy with his profession that he could not be serious about any girl. He started dating Helen Warren, a very pretty nurse, even though she was going rather steady with Roger Edwards. 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 they had several dates together. She was bringing sunshine into his gloomy existence. Deidre turned the conversation to his home town. "You were meant for better things," she said, "than working behind that counter on the ferry." "How do you know?" Harlan asked.

CHAPTER SEVEN

"I can't say. I just know. I know you'll never be satisfied spending the rest of your life in that menial position. You're capable of doing something worth while."

"Perhaps the desire has left me," he said with another sigh. "How about you?" he asked, anxious to turn the subject from himself. "Would you be content to spend the rest of your life being a waitress in the Sunset Cafe?"

"No, I wouldn't," she confessed. "At times I'm pretty blue, but there is always hope that things will change. There's the hope that some day Prince Charming may come along and take me away to some other place where I'll have no unhappy memories, just joy and peace."

"I hope he won't come for a long time yet," he said, while the look he gave her brought a quicker beating to her heart.

She felt that she could tell him that perhaps he had come at last, but she gave him a smile and said, "You're being an old meanie, but I forgive you,

for you have given me such a pleasant evening. I think I'd better be going, for it's getting late."

They rose and walked toward her rooming house.

"I'll be looking forward to that festival," he said. "In the meantime, I may get very hungry for one of those number three dinners. Thank you for a pleasant evening."

"I've enjoyed it more than you realize," she replied.

He wanted to kiss her, but he dared not. He didn't want to spoil the beginning of their friendship and he felt that she might resent it. He smiled to himself as he walked toward the ferry. How many careless kisses he had given in the past, not even wondering whether the girl would resent his kiss, assured rather, that she would be expecting it.

With this girl it was different, strangely and intriguingly different. His heart seemed less heavy as he boarded the ferry. He had forgotten for the moment all that he had left behind him and he was thinking only of the immediate future, that school festival which he would have scorned as a waste of time back at home, but which now stood out in prospect as something exciting and quite interesting.

That night, for the first time since he had run away, he slept without tossing and agonizing over the past.

Harlan left early on the night of the festival. He was eager to be there on time to meet Deidre. This affair had been planned by the parent-teacher organization to make money for their school library. The school grounds were already well filled with a noisy flock of youngsters and their parents when Harlan and Deidre arrived.

"I feel like a kid myself," he remarked as they handed in their tickets

and entered. "I've never been to one of these affairs since I left grammar school. I was always excited over the mystery boxes. I wonder if they still have them."

"Let's go and see," she suggested, so they made their way past booths where hawkers were crying out various articles for sale, toward the far end of the grounds. There they saw the boxes piled high upon a table and wrapped attractively. Harlan bought one for each of them. They began to open them with as much eagerness as if they really were children.

"I never did get anything worth while in any of them," Harlan remarked as he untied his box, "but I always had hopes of doing better next time. That's the way the gambler always thinks. This really is a refined sort of gambling, I suppose, but since it's for a worthy cause and one always gets something, I don't suppose there's any moral harm in it."

"Then you don't approve of gambling," she remarked.

"No, I don't. It has ruined countless lives. Once the gambling fever enters a person's blood, it's harder to eradicate than the liquor habit. It's robbery without the need of a gun."

"I never thought of it that way," she said. "I suppose it is, at that. If that's true, then gambling is wrong, no matter what the worthy cause might be."

"That's true. No man can win unless someone else loses and so often those who lose can't afford to lose. And no one, or very few, ever stay ahead of the game. They usually lose everything in the end."

"You talk like a preacher," she said as she untied her box.

"I'm far from that, but one doesn't have to be a preacher to see the evils of gambling. That has always been one

of my pet peeves, because I've seen the results in so many broken lives."

He opened his box and took out a small toy automobile.

"Now if some good fairy would come along and wave her wand over this and increase its size, I'd be sitting pretty," he said.

She had a tiny doll in her box. It was much battered and had evidently been cast aside by some child. He put the doll in the car and ran it across the table a few times.

"The young lady looks as if she'd already been in a wreck," he said, indicating the doll.

They wandered away toward some other booth. They ate popcorn and cotton candy and acted like two children. Harlan was enjoying himself to the fullest. For the present everything was forgotten but the lovely girl at his side and the fun they were having together.

"There's always a fortune teller at these affairs. Let's see if we can find one," she suggested.

They wandered around until they came to a small tent with the large sign over the front proclaiming READ YOUR FUTURE IN THE CRYSTAL BALL.

A giggling teen-age couple was coming out of the tent as they approached.

"They must have had some good news," Harlan said. "Wonder what's in store for us."

When they went inside they saw a young girl seated before a large globe, trying to look wise. She was dressed in a gypsy costume and wore many rings on her fingers and one arm was covered with bracelets.

She eyed them seriously and asked in sepulchral tones which of them wanted to be first. Harlan suggested that Deidre go first.

The girl gazed into the globe and waved her hands slowly across it while she muttered incantations in strange words which she had evidently memorized. Harlan thought that she was a pretty good actress and he watched the proceedings with interest.

"You're in love with a dark-haired man," the girl announced. "He is in love with you, but he doesn't know it yet. You will both know sooner than you expect. But there is a dangerous rival who will make trouble for you and there may be a killing before you find happiness."

Deidre felt embarrassed as she listened, for she knew that the girl was guessing about the dark-haired man, since Harlan was there with her. She hoped that he wouldn't get any wrong idea about her, even though they knew that the fortune was only a fake. She thanked the girl when she had finished, after a few more gruesome details of her future. Then Harlan took his place and wondered what would come forth.

"You are in love with a pretty blonde girl," the fortune teller announced. "You have great ambition for fame and some day you will be famous over the world, but before that time comes you will have much trouble. But you will come out of it all," she finished with

a hint of a smile, on a hopeful note.

"That's encouraging, at least," he remarked as he paid her and rose from the table.

The girl gave him a swift glance and forgot her role as she gave him a smile.

"According to our fortune teller," he said as they left the tent, "we must both be in love with each other, or with someone whom we don't know. Have you any ideas about it?"

"Only that if that dark-haired man is in love with me, he'll soon find out that he is and he'll let me know before too long."

"Perhaps he knows it already, but he's afraid to reveal himself," he said.

She turned her eyes away from his ardent gaze. It was the first hint of romance between them and it left them both with tingling hearts that beat faster.

"She said that there would be trouble for both of us," Harlan said. "I'm glad that she couldn't really read the future, for I wouldn't want trouble to come to you."

"Doesn't trouble come to all of us?" she said with a sad little note in her voice. "What does the poet say? 'Into each life some rain must fall, some days must be dark and dreary.'"

"I hope that your dark and dreary days are all in the past," he said. "I wish for you only happiness for the future and the realization of all your dreams."

"Thank you," and her eyes glowed. "That's just what I wish for you, that all of your troubles, whatever they might be, are all in the past. I hope that you'll become famous, just as the fortune teller said you would be. That really would be wonderful, wouldn't it?"

"Wonderful, but impossible," he replied and his voice was heavy with sadness. "It would take longer than my life, to climb over that snack bar counter and reach the top of the world."

"Maybe you're a faster climber than you think," she offered hopefully.

Some of the joy of the moment faded as he thought of the partial truth of the girl's prediction. True he had had ambition, but ambition was dead within him. There was no longer any desire to climb, for there was no hope.

They were silent for a while, each lost in his own thoughts. As they walked along toward the platform where an amateur vaudeville was soon to begin, they came face to face with a young man. He gave Deidre a surprised look and then uttered an exclamation.

"Well, of all things, to see you here!" he exclaimed.

"Hello, Harry," she replied. "I never dreamed of seeing you here. I haven't seen you lately. I thought perhaps you'd gone away."

"I have been away. Didn't you get my letter?" he asked.

"No, I didn't," she told him.

She turned to Harlan and introduced them. His name was Harry Hardy. Harry gave Harlan a sour look and a nod, then turned to Deidre.

"Where can I see you? I've got to make up for lost time."

"I don't know," she said. "I've been pretty busy. It's been nice seeing you again."

"I can see you've been busy," he said as he took the hint and left them, after giving Harlan a look that spoke volumes.

"Boy! There were daggers in those eyes," Harlan exclaimed. "If they had been real, I would have died twice. Is that your boy friend, the dark-haired man in your future?"

"No, he isn't," she denied. "He comes to the cafe often and he's worried me so for a date that I've gone out with him a few times, but that is all. He was taking too much for granted, and I wanted to drop him but he was too persistent. Then he disappeared and I was glad. I'm sorry that he has come back. I don't like that kind of pursuit."

"I'll try to remember," he said.

She laughed. "You know I don't mean you. You know the kind of boy he is and what I mean."

They found seats well up to the front near the platform and soon the performance began. It was unusually good, Harlan thought, for children, and he enjoyed it. There were solos, chorus numbers, dances, and a short skit that was very amateurish, but laughable, and the audience encouraged the youthful actors by their laughter.

"This has been a wonderful evening," he said when they were on their way home. "If anyone had told me not too long ago that I would even come to such an affair as this, much less enjoy it, I would have laughed at them. But I have enjoyed every moment of it. I know that it was because I was with you."

"I've had a good time too," she agreed. "It's the first time I've been to such an affair in years. Perhaps I can say that it was because I had such charming company," she said with a provocative smile.

When they reached her rooming house and stood in the doorway, he took her hand and said, "Thanks for giving me such a pleasant evening."

He drew her to him and this time he couldn't resist the desire to kiss her. He leaned over her but she drew away and uttered a very positive no.

"I'm sorry," he said as he released her. "I meant no offense."

"Neither do I," she told him. "But I don't want your kisses. Not that kind," she added.

He smiled down at her while his voice took on a tender note.

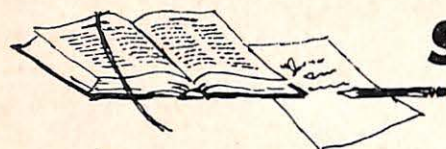
"How do you know what kind of a kiss I wanted to give you?"

"The usual careless kind, no doubt," she told him.

"I assure you it wasn't that at all. I don't want to pursue you too persistently, but will you go for a canoe ride with me on your next afternoon off?"

"I'll think about it," she conceded as she left him with a murmured good-night.

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 8, 1962

Theme: TOWARD A MATURE FAITH

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:3-7; 3:10-17.
THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Christianity is a faith with limitless possibilities.

INTRODUCTION: It is sometimes difficult to imagine that everything around us had a lowly beginning. A house does not suddenly appear in the twinkling of an eye. The flowers, the shrubs and the trees do not emerge instantly. Even the giant sequoia, most 4,000 years old, was a seed at the time. It is true that a gourd can sometimes spring up overnight and be fully mature, but the sad fact is that by evening it is already dead. The most beautiful and most enduring things mature very slowly. Jesus seemed to imply as much in the parable of the sower and the seed.

Many Christians have not matured in their faith because they never proceeded beyond the first emotional experience of their conversion. It was simply a sudden enthusiasm without a continuing and an enduring growth.

I. GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

2 Timothy 1:3-5.
Growth is part of God's great plan for every life. None of us is good enough or wise enough or Christ-like enough to stop where we are and become self-satisfied. But we do not always understand the grace of God which permits some of us to be born into a godly home while others, because of no fault or choice of their own, are born into an ungodly home. Paul gives credit to his forefathers for his religious foundation and training. If it did nothing else, it at least developed in him a sensitive conscience. The same gratefulness is expressed in Timothy's good fortune in having a mother and grandmother whose faith was instrumental in helping Timothy to develop a more mature faith.

II. GROWTH AND EFFORT. 2 Timothy 1:6-7.

We are not saved by the faith of our forefathers. Lois and Eunice were instrumental in teaching and molding Timothy. But the time came when he had to make a personal decision and accept a personal faith. He was not to look upon his faith as the gift of inheritance, but as a sacred stewardship which must be used and developed. He must make the effort to do what faith demands,

III. MATURE FAITH AND EXPERIENCE. 2 Timothy 3:10-13.

A strong faith cannot come merely by meditation and prayer. It must be tried in the hard and difficult places in the world. Every Christian must exercise his faith in the proving grounds of the Kingdom. Paul's proving grounds extended throughout all of Asia and Europe and his faith held up even though it was the toughest course over which any man ever traveled. In all humility, the apostle gives God the glory: "Out of them all the Lord delivered me."

IV. A MATURE FAITH AND SCRIPTURE. 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

The true guide to a mature faith is the Scriptures. God has revealed his nature, his will and his love through his Word. Much faith will come from much study.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How much influence does the Christian home have upon our Christian faith?
2. Can there be a mature faith without difficulties?
3. How do you apply faith and knowledge to the Scriptures?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 15, 1962

Theme: LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS

Scripture: Titus 2:11-3:8

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The grace of God was most clearly revealed in the Cross of Christ.

INTRODUCTION: The Cross of Christ was central in Paul's theology. It was also central in his life and experience. He literally lived in the light of the Cross. To the apostle, the Cross was the greatest redeeming event in history through which he saw the only meaningful forgiveness for men and women who had faith to accept it. The life, death and resurrection of Christ can have meaning only in and through the Cross, and our salvation would be meaningless without it.

The three most important areas in the life of a true Christian are involved where the Cross is taken

THE CHRISTIAN'S PRAYER

Prayer is the preface to the book of Christian living; the text of the new life sermon; the girding on of the armor for battle; the pilgrim's preparation for his journey. It must be supplemented by action or it amounts to nothing.—A. Phelps.

seriously. It involves self denial, discipline and sacrifice. Without taking these three virtues into consideration, we have a crossless salvation which, in effect, is no salvation at all. It is strange to think that a salvation which is free demands all that we have and all that we are. Yet there is abundant living in the light of the Cross.

I. THE REDEMPTION OF THE CROSS. Titus 2:11-14.

Notice the sequence of thought in these verses: the grace of God and his salvation through Christ which appeared in the world; the denial of all sin in the world; the glorious hope of the Savior's appearance again in the world; the reminder that all this is possible because Christ gave himself for us. God's redemption includes the past, present and future. It is complete and all-inclusive, and the Cross stands in the center of it all.

II. THE AUTHORITY OF THE CROSS. Titus 2:15.

The Kingdom of God has no gallery for spectators. Genuine Christians are active persons. They must so live and speak that both their words and their lives bear testimony to their faith. Like the first century Christians, they have the right to speak boldly in behalf of Christ. The timid followers of Jesus must be reminded that they have the power and authority of the Cross in back of them. They are not to apologize for their faith; they are to proclaim it! Rebuke and exhort with authority, says Paul, and never mind the scornful remarks from the sidelines.

III. NEW LIFE IN THE CROSS. Titus 3:1-8.

The Christian is not only a new citizen of the Kingdom of God, but also a new citizen in his country. He is a law-abiding as well as a love-abiding citizen, obedient to the authority of his government and helpful to his neighbor and fellowman.

There is a definite "before and after" effect in his life. He sees himself as he was in the lust, the envy and the hate all around him and is grateful for his contact with the loving kindness of his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, and does all he can to lead sinful men to the light of the Cross.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Read the memory verse and discuss what Paul meant when he said, "I have been crucified with Christ."
2. If salvation is the gift of God, why are good works so important?
3. Do you think that Christians today have lost some of the glory of the Cross?

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Eastern District

Farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Hoover, Benton Harbor

Sunday evening, Feb. 11th, closed the 15 year pastorate of Rev. William Hoover at the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich. It took the form of a farewell service at which representatives of the church expressed their appreciation to the Hoovers for their faithful services.



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Reich of the Victoria Ave. Church, Chilliwack, B. C., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

A reception followed the evening service with the large congregation completely filling the dining room of the church. Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., and Rev. W. W. Knauf, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., brought greetings. An electric typewriter and a love offering of money were presented the Hoovers by Mr. Ernest Barsuhn, chairman of the Board of Deacons. Rev. William Hoover assumed the pastorate of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., on March 15th.

Reginald Shepley, Reporter

Vital Events at Salem Church, Kitchener, Ontario

On Sunday Feb. 4, the Salem Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ontario, was gathered for a very impressive baptismal service at which time eight young people followed our Lord in baptism. Later the hand of fellowship was extended to them by the pastor, Rev. Waldemar Ertis, during the Lord's Supper. May "the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us."

During the past weeks we were able to negotiate the purchase of a select piece of property for our new church. It is centrally located—a large corner

lot overlooking a future park. We know you will rejoice with us since our present premises are very unsuitable and quite inadequate. We hope to raise the total price in special offerings by the date of possession, the beginning of March. Further, we plan to erect our sanctuary during this year. How this will be financially possible for us, since we are still a young church and few in number, is not yet a practical plan. But we trust that all things are possible by him to his glory. May God find us faithful, filled with his vision to fulfill the challenge in this expanding and industrial city.

Myrtle Ertis, Reporter

Western District

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reich

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3rd, the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Chilliwack, B. C., met to honor Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Reich on their golden wedding anniversary. The pastor, Rev. B. W. Tutschek, gave a short address based on Psalm 103:2 reminding us of the beauty and sacredness of the marriage vows. Mr. R. Schinkel, deacon, presented the honored couple with gifts from the church and Mrs. W. Schiwy, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, presented them with a ceramic vase. Mr. Reich served as deacon in the church for many years and Mrs. Reich is a charter and devoted member of our women's work.

Afterwards a time of fellowship was enjoyed in the beautifully decorated lower auditorium. Mr. H. Blessin, the choir director, served as master of ceremonies. About 200 people called to honor the couple and wish them God's blessing. Mr. and Mrs. Reich met in South Dakota and were married in 1911. They went to Schuler, Alberta and resided on a farm until 1928 when they moved to Medicine Hat. They came to Chilliwack, B. C., in 1947 where they are members of our church. The Lord blessed them with seven children.

Mrs. B. W. Tutschek, Reporter

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. A. Vilhauer

Mr. and Mrs. August Vilhauer of Rupert, Idaho observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Jan. 7, at an open house reception in the annex of the Congregational Church in Paul. At 12:30 p.m. that day the Vilhauer family, with around 60 persons present, enjoyed dinner together in the annex of the First Baptist Church. Rev. Myrl Thiesies served as master of ceremonies for the program which included a piano solo by Violet Vilhauer and readings by Gene Bossert, Janice Vilhauer, and Mrs. Lorene Pagni. The First Baptist Church choir sang accompanied by Linda Renz.

Mr. and Mrs. Vilhauer were married Jan. 4, 1912 in Bowdle, S. Dak., and

moved to McIntosh, S. Dak., in 1913. They came to the Minidoka project in 1937 and engaged in farming. Mr. Vilhauer retired from farming in 1952 and the family moved into Rupert. They are the parents of ten children with eight surviving. Six of the children, 32 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren were present for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Vilhauer are members of the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho. Mr. Vilhauer served as deacon for a number of years. May the Lord continue to bless in this home as they labor for him!

Mrs. Myrl E. Thiesies, Reporter

Women's and Youth Programs, Bethel Church, Anaheim

The Woman's Missionary Society luncheon of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., on January 16, was led by Mrs. Gertrude Urbigkeit, president. Guest speaker was Mr. Arthur McIntosh, a Missionary Aviation Fellowship appointee to Brazil. Mrs. Millie Remland's devotion theme was based on "Jesus . . . the Light of the World." A ladies' trio sang composed of Mrs. Martha Zachay, Mrs. Adeline Smith, and Mrs. Elsie Kwast accompanied by Mrs. Berniece Parque. An apron style show, Mrs. Viola Eggert directing, was held with each apron representing a reading publication used by circle members and included the Bible, Baptist Herald, WMS Broadcast, Secret Place, Family Devotions, Annual, Sendbote and Bible tracts.



Mr. and Mrs. August Vilhauer of Rupert, Idaho, at their golden wedding anniversary program. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho.

The Bethel Church has added an interesting feature to its youth program . . . the Young Teens Choir, composed of 4th, 5th and 6th graders and Junior Highs. Averaging 15-20 in attendance, it is directed by Miss Phyllis Boettcher with Mrs. Walter Goodin as pianist. It meets each Saturday for practice in the church. On regular youth night, the last Sunday of each month, the Young Teens are included in the program which is supervised by Rev. George Breikreuz, Bethel's Minister of Christian Education. "We are stressing," says Miss Boettcher, "the privilege of singing in a way that will glorify God and learning that the words have meaning and carry a spiritual message."

Mrs. Ruth Meller, Reporter

Women's Anniversary Program, Baptist Church, Chilliwack, B.C.

On a recent Tuesday evening the Woman's Missionary Society of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Chilliwack, B. C., met for its annual Candle Light Program. Our husbands and families were special guests. In the lower auditorium the tables were beautifully decorated with evergreen and flowers, and the candle lights captivated us with the charm of the season.

After a tasty and well prepared lunch, a program followed arranged by the president of the society, Mrs. W. Schiwy. Honor was given to our oldest member, Mrs. Fred Werk, and congratulations were expressed to her on her 84th birthday. A vocal trio followed by the Schulz Family and a piano solo by Mrs. W. Eichstaedt. A report was given concerning the progress of the society and acknowledgement was made of services towards our missionary hospitals in the Cameroons. Our hearts were thrilled as we heard how the Lord is blessing the missionary endeavor of our denomination. What a wonderful privilege it is to be partakers of the Gospel and in the winning of souls for Christ. The closing prayer was given by the pastor, Rev. B. W. Tutschek.

Mrs. B. W. Tutschek, Reporter

Mr. Wedel has been a member for many years of the Bethel Baptist Church and since 1960 as one of its deacons.

Extending congratulations were: Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hirsch, Rev. and Mrs. Willie Bendrat, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stabbert, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhart Riske, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Quast, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Urbigkeit, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klutow, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhart Kwast, Mr. and Mrs. Menno Thiesen, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Mabs, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. George Draper, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Isbell, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zachay, Mrs. Clarence Schneider and Mrs. G. E. Mellen.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

Northern District

Ministers' Retreat of Northern Conference, Edmonton, Alta.

The annual Ministers' Retreat of the Northern Conference was held at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, from Jan. 15-19. Our speakers at this conference were Dr. F. Woyke, executive secretary from Forest Park, Ill., and Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist



Pastors of the Northern Conference at their annual Ministers' Retreat held at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. The guests speakers, Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, are in the front row, 4th and 6th, respectively, from the left.

Wedding Reception for Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Wedel

Following evening services on Feb. 4 in the Bethel Baptist church, Anaheim, Calif., Rev. and Mrs. Herman Wedel of Orange, Calif., were honored guests at a reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stabbert by members of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses, their husbands and wives. The reception honored Rev. Herman Wedel and his bride, the former Mrs. Nina McAdow of Escondido, Calif., where they were united in marriage by Rev. William Wright, the bride's pastor, Jan. 14 in the Christian Church of that city.

Church, Detroit, Mich. These dedicated men of God greatly inspired and challenged the ministers at the Conference with the influence of contemporary theology, the importance of the pastoral, evangelistic, and missionary ministry in our times, and pointed out the churches' ministry in our denomination and its world-wide ministry.

The daily Bible studies led by professors at the C.T.I. and pastors and the prayer periods were soul-searching and inspiring. The well attended evening services were held at the McKernan Baptist Church. The C.T.I. choirs and a choir of pastors sang at these services. Our missionaries from

the Indian Reservations and Missionary Minnie Kuhn, on furlough from Cameroons, also attended this Conference. The blessings and the challenge of this retreat will long be remembered, and every pastor who attended will be able to do a greater service for his Lord because he has become richer spiritually.

R. Harsch, Reporter

Annual Church Loyalty Dinner At Regina, Saskatchewan

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." This verse of scripture, taken from Philippians 1:6, was the text used by Rev. Edward Link of Edmonton, Alberta, guest speaker for the annual church "Loyalty Dinner" held in the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., on Jan. 26. About 200 members and friends of the church were present for this event which climaxed "Stewardship Month." Rev. Lorimer Potratz, our pastor, was in charge.

A duet, "Forward for Christ," sung by Lloyd Kresier and Rev. Edward Link, expressed the theme of the message for the evening. The challenge was contained in these thoughts—God has begun this church and he will continue to supply its every need for advancement (Phil. 4:19) but he requires men and women who are alive and vibrant for Jesus Christ—those who are yielded to him so that his power and strength can be manifested through each life.

As we have reviewed the past year, we have seen God's hand of blessing upon the ministry of our church. His children have been faithful so we were able to meet last year's budget. Our prayer is that greater spiritual results may be evident during the coming days.

Dilys L. Browatzke, Reporter

Alberta Tri-Union Rally At Carbon Church

The Alberta Baptist Tri-Union experienced days of spiritual refreshment, challenge, and fellowship at the Mid-Winter Rally hosted by the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alta., Jan. 26-28. Friday evening consisted of workshops in Sunday school with Prof. A Rapske speaking on "The Keeping of Records in Sunday School"; in C. B. Y. F. with Mrs. Willy Muller discussing "Program Materials" and Rev. Dyck and Rev. Coop discussing "Training Effective Leadership"; in Music; "Conducting and Voice" was F. Berg's topic. Saturday activities included the business meeting, sports and a delicious banquet. Mr. Dyck challenged the youth with the fact that Christ can and does meet every need if his Kingdom is sought before anything else.

On Sunday, a crowd of over 500 listened attentively as Rev. R. Neuman, missionary to the Alberta Indians, spoke on "Mission Promotion in the Sunday School" and Missionary Minnie Kuhn discussed problems confronting the missionary and presented the need for more workers on the mission field. The closing Sunday afternoon service, the Festival of Songs, presented various musical numbers centered around the theme, "The Life of Christ." As a Tri-Union, we thank God for his unceasing blessings.

—Marlene Dojohn, Secretary

Ordination of Rev. Milton Falkenberg, Oakbank, Man.

January 31st was a day long to be remembered by the small Baptist church of Oakbank, Manitoba, with a membership of 25. It was the day of the ordination of their pastor, Mr. Milton Falkenberg, who has served them for almost two years. Mr. Dave Albrecht, deacon of the church, presented their pastor to the council delegates. Delegates were present from Morris, Whiteshell, the McDermot Ave., Mission, Third and Grant Park churches of Winnipeg. Rev. John Wollenberg and Rev. Richard Grabke were elected chairman and secretary of the council respectively. The candidate presented the story of his conversion, his call to the ministry and his doctrinal views with clarity and conviction. He took his training at the Winnipeg Bible Institute and the Briercrest Bible Institute.

The ordination service took place the same evening with Rev. John Wollenberg as chairman. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn brought the charge to the candidate. Rev. R. Grabke brought the charge to the church and Rev. H. J. Waltereit the ordination sermon. Rev. W. Laser presented the certificate of ordination and welcomed the candidate into the ranks of the ministry. The newly ordained pastor, the Rev. Milton Falkenberg, closed the impressive service in prayer. Following the service, Rev. Jacob Remple was called to the platform and honored on his 89th birthday.

R. Grabke, Reporter

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. F. Berkan

On Monday, Feb. 5, friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berkan of Southey, Sask., gathered in the basement of the Southey Church in honor of the Berkans' golden wedding anniversary. A turkey supper was served by the ladies of the church. An enjoyable program was also presented. The head table was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake.

Messages of congratulation were received from several dignitaries and government officials. Members of the family who were unable to be present for this happy occasion telephoned Mr. and Mrs. Berkan to convey their congratulations. Rev. Peter Schroeder, pastor, also took part in the program.

Doreen Hilsen, Clerk

Baptismal and Youth Services, McDermot Ave. Church

We of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, would like to report of recent blessings received as 23 candidates responded to the Lord's call and were baptized on Sunday, January 28. "Youth Week" was observed with various activities, the highlight being the banquet held on Saturday evening. The hall was beautifully decorated and more than 100 young people partook of the dinner prepared by the ladies of the King's Daughters Society. An interesting program was given and the guest speaker was Professor Roy Seibel from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

From Feb. 5 to 9 the Sunday school teachers and officers had the privilege of taking part in their annual course. This year the study was entitled, "The



SEMINARY GUILD PRESENTS "PARADE OF HEARTS."

Members of the Guild of the North American Baptist Seminary feted their husbands at a "Parade of Hearts." Some of the members modeling their wedding gowns are seen above. Seated is Mrs. Harvey Mehlhaff, Ashley, N. D., whose wedding was an event of June 19, 1959. From left to right are Mrs. Keith Fenner, Flint, Mich., July 30, 1960; Mrs. Alan Krenz, Sioux Falls, S. D., June 6, 1961; Mrs. Richard Paetzel, Macopin, N. J., August 22, 1959; and Mrs. Donald Richter, Sioux Falls, S. D., May 27, 1960.

Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School." Professor Roy Seibel was the able instructor. We are indeed grateful that our busy professors and leaders have given so much of their time to come to Winnipeg. We also appreciate the services of our own minister, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, who has instructed in several courses in the past.

Mrs. Alice Parr, Reporter

Central District

German Bethel Church, Milwaukee, Welcomes New Pastor

Sunday, Feb. 11, was a happy day for the German Bethel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. Their new pastor, Rev. W. G. Wieschollek, and his family were welcomed into the church's fellowship. During the well attended morning worship service, led by the church elder, Mr. Heinz Jaenchen, the choir rendered three appropriate selections. Mrs. H. Jaenchen played an organ solo and Mr. Willy Treu rendered a vocal solo. Rev. John Grygo, editor of "Der Sendbote," brought the message, "Pray for Me."

At the reception program in the afternoon, a host of friends from far and near joined the Bethel Church people. Musical selections were rendered by the church choir, a men's quartet, and a ladies' trio. Rev. W. G. Wieschollek brought the message "An Ambassador for Christ," which made a very favorable impression. Those were heart-warming moments when the neighboring pastors cordially welcomed their new colleague into the Milwaukee church life. Rev. John Goetze spoke

in behalf of the German Zion Church, Rev. J. J. Renz in behalf of the Immanuel Church, and Rev. Wilmer Quirring for the Bethany Church. Rev. John Grygo spoke in behalf of the brethren at Forest Park and the General Conference.

The Wiescholleks have come from Edmonton, Alberta. Bethel's new, attractive church promises to add greatly to the success of the ministry of the congregation.

John Grygo, Reporter

Reminiscences in Parade of Hearts, Seminary Guild

Members of the Guild of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., recently held "A Parade of Hearts." Husbands were guests and watched as each member modeled her own wedding gown and displayed her wedding album. The guild is composed of wives of faculty members and students and women seminary students.

Meetings are held monthly and cover a wide variety of subjects such as mental health of the family, gift wrapping and how to conduct a Bible study. Mrs. A. J. Harms, wife of a seminary professor, was a recent speaker. A series of classes is being taught by Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga concerning the role of a pastor's wife. Each year the guild schedules a project and its goal for this year is the completion of a silver service for the seminary dining room. The guild also plans an Easter cantata to be presented in several churches in the area.

Many of the guild members play an important part in the service of the community. Ten are schoolteachers, four are nurses and 10 are employed in offices.

Sioux Falls "Argus Leader"



Mr. and Mrs. John Meidinger of Wishek, North Dakota at their golden wedding anniversary celebration in the First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meidinger's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Meidinger of Wishek, N. Dak., were honored at their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 28, commemorating the actual wedding day of March 2, 1912. This early date was observed due to the fact that some of the children could not be here for the actual date.

The festivities of the day began with a dinner for the immediate family and relatives following the morning service. Open house was held from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church parlors. The children of the honored parents: Mrs. Wilbert Ammon, Wishek; Mrs. John Chaney, Corona, Calif.; and Ronald Meidinger, Jamestown, planned the occasion and welcomed the guests.

Tribute to Herman Paul Kayser

By Dr. Arthur A. Schade of Spearfish, South Dakota

THE DENOMINATIONAL publications render the North American Baptists a wide range of service, not the least of which is the documentation of the coming and the going of successive generations of ministers and lay members of our churches. Recently personal letters brought me the notice of the death of Rev. Herman Paul Kayser of Mt. Clemens, Mich., my friend of 57 years since we first met as "beginners" at the Rochester Seminary in the fall of 1904. I feel the impulse to break my long silence in order to pay my tribute to his memory.

He was not only a classmate for a period of six years but a fellow minister of mine since 1910. We had some personal relations which kept us from drifting apart. During the very first days in Rochester we had a clash of opinions. He was my senior by six years, and that kindled a sort of mutual interest in one another. It may now be said that we barely escaped a romantic

clash, something along the Enoch Arden line, back in 1907 and 1908. His interest embraced my family as mine did his. Moreover, we had a class letter every year since our graduation in the spring of 1910. Rev. Peter Geissler, Rev. H. R. Schroeder and Rev. Martin Heringer still remain in our class, come May fifty-two years! Rev. C. H. Edinger, Rev. Frederick Mindrup and Dr. John Leyboldt preceded us into the Home from which there will be no parting.

All the contacts with Brother Kayser throughout the years inspired a high regard for his person. He was a solid fellow, sound, sane and sober, and withal humble, a good fellow and a good follower when he approved the course. I feel a personal loss in his departure, but with his foreshore years and three, we must be grateful for having known him so long. He was tenderly cared for during his prolonged illness by his daughter, to whom we cannot but feel indebted.

At the brief program Mrs. Carl Weisser read the poem, "50 Years of Marriage." Rev. Carl Weisser brought congratulations from I Peter 3:7, "And being heirs together of the grace of life." During the reception hour Mrs. Ernest Herr played appropriate music on the piano. May God bless Mr. and Mrs. Meidinger for many useful years in his Kingdom work.

Carl R. Weisser, Pastor

Evangelistic and Dedication Services, Golden Prairie, Sask.

We of the First Baptist Church, Golden Prairie, Sask., were privileged to have Rev. Ervin Strauss of Hilda, Alberta as evangelist from Nov. 13 to 24. Through his soul stirring messages sinners were brought to the Lord and one family renewed their fellowship. The play, "Home For Christmas," was presented to a large audience. The Woman's Missionary Society has gained five new members, making a total of 26 active ladies in the society. For our project this year we made a book of personal recipes from all the women in our community, including spiritual quotations. They also presented a program with the play, "Learning to Give."

Dedication services were held Feb. 4 for the new study which we have built for our pastor, Rev. Ruben Gruenreich, starting the program with a pot luck supper. The male choir rendered the program for this occasion under our able director, Mr. Arnold Schroeder, who comes 30 miles to direct both mixed and male choirs for our worship services. Thus we "press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Mrs. Fred Kramer, Reporter

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5.

WANTED, HISTORICAL DATA, BRIDGELAND CHURCH, CALGARY, ALTA.

Persons having pictures and historical information concerning the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, that will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, kindly forward same to Rev. R. Herrmann, 229-8th Street, N. E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada immediately.

Obituary

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

MR. FRED SETTJE of Corona, South Dakota

Mr. Fred Settje of Corona, S. Dak., was born Feb. 20, 1888 and went to be with the Lord Jan. 16, 1962. He died at the home of his son Lawrence in Anaheim, Calif. On March 16, 1911 he was united in marriage to Antonia Meyes at Shell Creek, Neb. In 1930 they came to Corona, S. Dak., where they have resided. He was saved and baptized at the age of 24 years in the Creston Baptist Church.

A daughter and a son preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, 3 daughters and 6 sons, 32 grandchildren, 5 brothers and 2 sisters. Memorial services were held Jan. 22 at the First Baptist Church, Corona, S. Dak.

W. D. DACHTLER, Pastor

MR. DAVID L. GOETSCH of Watertown, Wisconsin

Mr. David L. Goetsch of Watertown, Wis., was born on Nov. 16, 1884 in the town of Ixonia, Wis. As a young man, he accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized upon confession of faith by Rev. Paul Menard in 1906. Thereupon, he united with the Lebanon Baptist Church, Lebanon, Wis. Later he joined the First Baptist Church in Watertown, where he served as a faithful member until his death on Jan. 8, 1962. Mr. Goetsch was a deacon in the church for 39 years and for more than ten years pastored the Bakertown Baptist Church. He is one who truly labored for the Master and talked "of all his wondrous love and care."

On June 11, 1916 he was married to Lillian Krueger and with her faithful support devoted his life to farming in Ixonia, until his retirement in 1946. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; one daughter, Erma; two sons, Edgar and Marvin; two brothers; nine grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin
DONALD N. MILLER, Pastor

MR. ARTHUR W. KRAUSE of Watertown, Wisconsin

Mr. Arthur W. Krause of Watertown, Wis., was born in Watertown on Oct. 27, 1887. On June 12, 1913, he was married to Louise Benedict. For a number of years he worked as a clerk in a grocery store in Watertown. Later, with his faithful helpmeet, he went into the grocery business himself.

Early in life he accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized on July 17, 1904 upon confession of faith by Rev. F. Reichle and united with the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis. Here he remained a faithful and active member until his sudden death on Jan. 9, 1962. Among other responsibilities which he assumed in the church, he was director of the choir for 35 years. He was also a past president of the Men's Fellowship and the present moderator of the congregation. Never did he assume a responsibility but that he gave himself to it heart and soul.

He is survived by his wife, Louise; two daughters: Ruth and Bernice; one sister; one brother; four grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin
DONALD N. MILLER, Pastor

MRS. ELIZABETH MARTIN of Lodi, California

Mrs. Elizabeth Martin of Lodi, Calif., was born on May 11, 1883 in Roumania and passed away in Lodi, Calif. on Feb. 2, 1962 at the age of 78. She came to the United States at the age of four with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bohnet, Sr., and settled in Germantown Township near Fessenden, N. Dak. She was united in marriage to

Samuel Martin in 1901. That union was blessed with six children: Emil of Lodi; Albert of Fessenden, N. Dak.; Harold of St. Peter, Minn.; Mrs. Albert (Lydia) Meth of Fessenden, N. Dak. Two sons: Walter and Herman, as well as her husband preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn six brothers and sisters. There are 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She received Christ as Savior and was baptized upon confession of her faith in the Germantown Baptist Church, Cathay, No. Dak. Upon moving to Lodi, Calif., together with her husband she joined the First Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Woman's Missionary Society and was attending a meeting of the society when she suffered a stroke and passed away. She loved the house of God and the fellowship of God's people.

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California
AARON BUHLER, Pastor

MR. JACOB KUCH of Yorkton, Saskatchewan

Mr. Jacob Kuch of Yorkton, Sask., was called to his eternal rest on Jan. 8, 1962, at the Yorkton Union Hospital. He was born on Feb. 28, 1894 in Constans, Romania. His death came after a long period of heart ailment and suffering. He was taken to the hospital on Jan. 7, and on Monday, Jan. 8, he went to be with his Lord.

Mr. Kuch was united in marriage with Matilda Aichele on April 29, 1917 in Fonehill, Sask. They settled in the Yorkton area, where they lived on a farm until Mr. and Mrs. Kuch retired in 1947 and moved to Yorkton. Mr. Kuch knew the Lord as his Savior, and was a firm believer in Jesus Christ. He repeatedly stated that he was ready to meet the Lord at all times.

Mr. Jacob Kuch leaves to mourn: his beloved wife, Matilda; 4 sisters: Mrs. Bill Reush, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Perry Campton, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. A. N. Robertson, Creston, B. C.; and Mrs. Victoria Craddock, Victoria, B. C.; 3 brothers: Mr. Bill Kuch, Langford, B.C.; Mr. Alex Kuch, Edmonton, Alberta; and Ted Kuch, Windsor, Ontario.

Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Saskatchewan
WALTER KERBER, Pastor

MRS. MARTHA STEINBACH of Calgary, Alberta

Mrs. Martha Steinbach of Calgary, Alberta, was born Dec. 28, 1909 in Ashley, N. Dak. She was born again by the Spirit in faith through Jesus Christ in 1930 at the age of 22 and baptized that year by Rev. Albert Itermann. She came to Canada in Nov. 1919 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kappes, who made their home in the Hesketh District of Alberta. She married Carl Steinbach on Dec. 31, 1931 at her home. The Lord blessed this union with four children.

Mrs. M. Steinbach leaves to mourn her sudden death, caused by a car collision, the following: her beloved husband, Carl; her mother, Mrs. Caroline Kappes; 3 sisters: Mrs. Bill Reinhardt, Mrs. Oscar Geek and Mrs. Lena Kappes; 3 daughters: Norma Steinbach, Mrs. Ruth Kerby with her husband, and Stella Steinbach; also 2 grandchildren: Dany and Diana Kerby.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steinbach had moved to Calgary, Alberta on May 1, 1961. They were on their way to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reinhardt when the fatal accident occurred. Rev. R. Milbrandt spoke comforting words in German and Rev. F. H. Ohlmann spoke on the requested text, Ps. 90.

Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alberta
FRED H. OHLMANN, Pastor

MRS. KATHERINA BERTSCH of Venturia, North Dakota

Mrs. Katherina Bertsch of Venturia, N. Dak., was born Aug. 12, 1871 in Johannesthal, South Russia and at the age of 16 came to the United States. On Jan. 1, 1889 she was married to Gottlieb Bertsch and they made their home on a farm northeast of Eureka, S. Dak., and retired to Venturia in 1928. Her husband died in 1940. Mrs. Bertsch accepted the Lord as her Savior while in Russia and was baptized in 1886. She became part of the early pioneer work of the Baptists where she lived and was loyal to her church throughout her long life.

She was in good health until the last 17 days which she spent in the hospital at Leola, S. Dak., where she passed away on Feb. 3, at 90 years, 5 months, 13 days. She leaves eleven children: Carl G., Mrs. Emelia Dohn, Adolph, and Mrs. Julius (Martha) Diede of Eureka, S. D.; John G. and Mrs. Magdalena Heupel of Ashley, N. D.; Julius of Isabel, S. D.; Gottlieb and Theodore of Greenway, S. D.; Mrs. Sophia Dohn and Otto of Venturia, N. D.; also two brothers: Andrew Schrenk, Jamestown, N. D., and

Henry Schrenk, Lodi, Calif.; 39 grandchildren, 78 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. D., assisted the pastor in the memorial service Feb. 6th.

Venturia, South Dakota
ORVILLE H. METH, Pastor

MRS. CHAUNCEY B. NORDLAND of Oak Park, Illinois

Mrs. Emily S. Nordland, 61, of Oak Park, Illinois went to her heavenly rest on Feb. 3, 1962. Death occurred at West Suburban Hospital where she had spent the previous months for treatment of a cancerous condition. Mrs. Nordland was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Nov. 7, 1900, the daughter of Joseph and Ida Deitsch. After marriage in June of 1927 and residence in New Jersey, she moved to Oak Park where she had been a resident for 27 years.

Much of Mrs. Nordland's married life was spent in the role of pastor's wife. Rev. C. B. Nordland was pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church for eight years. After her husband accepted a responsible position with the Moody Bible Institute, she continued to work actively in various church activities. Prior to her illness, she was president of the Women's Missionary Guild, and assisted frequently in the music program of the church. She is survived by her faithful husband; three daughters: Mrs. Emily Weteman, Mrs. Ida Mae Sweeney and Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Loux; and three brothers. Memorial services were held Feb. 6 at the Forest Park Baptist Church.

Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois
RICHARD SCHROEDER, Pastor

VIRGINIA RAE LINDAMAN of Aplington, Iowa

Virginia Rae Lindaman of Aplington, Iowa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Lindaman, was born March 2, 1947. At the age of nine, she accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and was baptized on April 3, 1955. She was extended the hand of fellowship into the Aplington Baptist Church. Her church activities, in addition to regularly attending the services with her family, included Junior and Senior CBYF, her Sunday school class and department, and the Junior and Intermediate choirs in earlier years.

Virginia was stricken suddenly on Friday evening, Feb. 16, and went to be with the Lord just before midnight. She attained the age of 14 years, 11 months, and 14 days. She leaves to mourn her passing her parents, two brothers, her paternal grandparents, her maternal grandfather, several aunts, uncles, and cousins, and many relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed in her home, her church, her school and the community. The service was conducted on Monday afternoon, Feb. 19, at the Aplington Baptist Church, with the pastor officiating. Members of the Senior CBYF served as pallbearers.

Aplington, Iowa
DONALD PATET, Pastor

WE THE WOMEN MRS. ERIC POHL

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Much of the work in our churches has been glamorized to the extent that it can hardly be recognized as a church activity. God, the Master Artist, has painted a picture of the church and each one of us working in the church. Sometimes we do not recognize this picture, for we have failed to view it through the lenses of the prophets.

Women have a great responsibility in the church, and it is perhaps more difficult today than in any period of history to sense real values. We try so hard to measure up to standards set by this world, and in doing so we lose the real emphasis of life. A recognition of God as the center of one's life leads to a willingness to subject our wills to the will of God.

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Dakota	9,225.02	10,337.08	9,014.52
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Northwestern	11,041.85	11,741.24	4,777.81
Pacific	23,480.30	14,896.72	9,075.93
Southern	2,083.55	1,163.34	1,688.63
Southwestern	3,075.65	3,285.27	3,526.55
Inter-Conference	4,434.85		

Total Contributions \$ 86,589.73 \$ 69,999.98 \$ 64,648.21

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of Jan., 1962	\$ 66,696.51	\$ 14,975.22	\$ 4,918.00	\$ 86,589.73
For the month of Jan., 1961	59,981.40	1,753.33	8,265.25	69,999.98
For the month of Jan., 1960	48,413.28	3,497.89	12,737.04	64,648.21

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1961 to Jan. 31, 1962	\$571,125.46	\$ 74,849.48	\$ 56,461.68	\$702,436.62
April 1, 1960 to Jan. 31, 1961	557,141.70	18,049.82	63,146.07	638,337.59
April 1, 1959 to Jan. 31, 1960	532,990.91	55,208.20	79,300.40	667,499.51

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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\$900 for N.A.B. missions. The beautiful new church building is located two blocks south of Westminster Ave. and two blocks west of Brookhurst Street in the Anaheim, Calif., area.

• On Sunday, Feb. 4, Dr. Louis R. Johnson presented his resignation to the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., and announced that he had accepted the joint call extended to him by the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas and of the denomination's Church Extension Committee to become the Church Extension pastor in Dallas in addition to serving as pastor of the Carroll Ave. Church. It is hoped that a Church Extension project can be started in a promising, new suburban area of Dallas. Dr. Johnson has been the pastor of Kankakee's Immanuel Church since 1958. He will begin his ministry in Dallas, Texas on July 5th. The interim pastor at the Carroll Ave. Church, in the meantime is Rev. Clemence Auch.

• A Recognition Council convened at Lemmon, S. Dak., on Feb. 19 to consider the recognition of the Temple Baptist Church of Lemmon, organized on Oct. 6, 1960. The church has 12 members and is being served at present by Rev. Jerry Vilhauer of Bison, S. Dak. The Council voted to recognize the church as a duly organized Baptist church and to recommend that it be accepted as a sister church in the North American Baptist General Conference. The recognition sermon at the public service held that evening was given by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary. The charge to the church was brought by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, and Rev. Alfred Weisser of Herreid, S. Dak., offered the recognition prayer.

• On Monday evening, Feb. 26, the Ministerial Association of Chicago, Ill., and vicinity met at the Foster Ave. Church of Chicago for a dinner meeting. About 30 pastors and denominational secretaries and their wives were dinner guests at the Foster Ave. Church. The dinner was prepared by Mrs. Walter Pankratz and Mrs. A. Wesch. Mrs. Connie Salios sang a vocal solo and Rev. Norman Miller of North Freedom, Wisconsin led the group in the singing of several hymns. Dr. Truman Esau, counselor at North Park College and Seminary, Chicago, Ill., was the guest speaker who led a provocative discussion on "Christian Confessions." Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, local pastor, made the arrangements for the inspiring evening and program.

• On Sunday morning, Feb. 11, at the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., Ricky Schorr of the Boy Scout Troop 51, received the cherished "God and Country Award" presented with a tribute by Rev. George Breitreuz, Bethel Church's Minister of Christian Education, who continually aided

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Ricky through the year toward this achievement. This award entailed several years of intensive study and research with completed requirements including memorizing of the Scriptures, research into Baptist mission work and making a world map of Baptist missions, a study of Baptist beliefs and polity, and leadership work in his church's youth program. Ricky, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schorr, his sister Susan and brother Robert are Bethel Church members.

• On Sunday evening, Jan. 28, almost 300 persons assembled in the Bethel Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., to honor Mr. Elmer Wengel on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as choir director. Herb Merrill, choir president served as master of ceremonies for the evening's program, which included piano selections by Bethel's "first lady of music," Mrs. Lillian Zannoth; a delightful "Ode to Elmer Wengel," written and read by Mrs. Audrey (Zannoth) Stimpert; a Negro Spiritual sung by the youth choir under the direction of Miss Mary Baske, assistant choir director; and words of appreciation from Dr. Dale Ihrle, pastor of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church; Mrs. Herman Riffel, chairman of the 1961 Music Committee; and Rev. H. H. Riffel, pastor. Letters of congratulation were read from Elmer's two brothers, Rev. Paul Wengel in New York City, and Mr. Helmuth Wengel, Milwaukee, Wis.

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the world. The project, headed by Dr. Robert A. Hingson, a Baptist deacon of Cleveland, Ohio, will be known as "Operation: Brother's Brother," in recollection of a round-the-world medical mission survey sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance in 1958. Dr. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of BWA and consultant on both Brother's Brother projects, said that the Liberian trip is being made at the invitation of Liberia's President William V. S. Tubman and Vice-President W. R. Tolbert. Mr. Tolbert is also a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Letters from Readers...

(We shall welcome any reactions or comments of readers to articles appearing in these pages.)

MOVING FORCES IN OUR LIVES

By Maxine L. Sullivan

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The publication of the Convocation Address delivered by Dr. A. J. Harms of the North American Baptist Seminary in your January 4, 1962 issue moved me to write this, my first expression of gratitude to an editor for the privilege of reading the printed word.

Not since Dr. Harms was pastor of the Woodlawn Baptist Church in Chicago have I heard him speak, but in reading his message, I could almost hear the delivery. The lives of family are but a minuscule portion of the multitude this man of God has touched and led to the knowledge of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. He and his wife, though unseen and rarely heard from, are yet moving forces in our lives. Thank you!

BLACK INK ON COVER

My Mr. William Schmidt of St.

Petersburg, Florida

Formerly of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

I have been receiving the "Baptist Herald" and must say it is greatly improved in every way. There is just one thing I do not like. Some weeks ago I received my copy, and before the wrapper was removed I saw the black ink used on the front cover and for a moment it frightened me. I thought some prominent personality of our denomination had passed on, but found this was not the case. I do think this black image could be changed to one that is more attractive and cheerful.

My thoughts have gone back to Philadelphia and the many good friends of yesteryear—Dr. William Kuhn, Mr. Ruebin Windisch, my own dear father, the Staubs and Theodore H. Sorg. I believe I'm about the last of the old guard. You may use the enclosed check where most needed.

INTERESTING THINGS IN HERALD

By Mrs. Carl C. Walluks

of Beloit, Wisconsin

I am glad to receive the "Baptist Herald." I enjoy all of the copies. In reading the Feb. 15 issue, I must say that the story is interesting and I like the Sunday School lessons very much, Cameroons mission fields. Rev. Carl J. Bender was a missionary in Africa for many years and then pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago for some time. Now I notice in the "1962 Annual" about Billy Sunday. I heard him once in Chicago, since I lived there. That was when I was about nine years of age. I read all of the "Baptist Herald" and don't want to be without it.

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