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Mother's Day

By the late Dr. H. Theodore Sorg

IT is a splendid custom that, at least once a year, we set apart a day especially in honor of our mothers. To be sure, there are those who contend that Mother's Day has been commercialized. But that should not detract from its celebration. The same contention might be made with equal force concerning others of our most cherished days. Actually, one cannot ever say too much, or enough, in appreciation of true mother love.

However, occasionally there are some who would use that mother love as an escape for their own shortcomings, or ascribe to it powers and responsibilities which do not necessarily exist. Many know or recall, and doubtless have sung, the hymn, the chorus of which reads:

"I'm coming home, I'm coming home
To live my wasted life anew,
For mother's prayers have followed me,
Have followed me the whole world through"

Obviously, anyone who has wasted his life and finally determines to start anew is to be encouraged, regardless of how late the start. But to rely upon or to wait for a mother's prayers to bring that about is not particularly to be commended. Nor does experience demonstrate that many start anew after a wasted life, regardless of mother's prayers.

Actually, it is a demonstrable fact that by far the great majority of those who turn to God do so during their early years. Frequently that happens, and it should occur, as the result of a mother's prayers. How much finer that is than to come only after a misspent life.

In my youth, I studied at night, and school hours did not permit going home for dinner. Consequently, I sometimes telephoned my mother for a brief chat during dinner hour. Years later, after she was gone, a friend told me that during those past years my mother, who was quite deaf, had made it a daily practice to wait near the telephone during the dinner hour for that hoped-for call. Of course, had I known, she would never have waited in vain.

Well, God does even more than that. He not only awaits our call, but through the Holy Spirit he moves us to call him and accept him. If, as children, we do not heed his call, the likelihood is that as we grow older we will not respond, and even mother's prayers will not avail.

MOTHER

A Poem by Grace Noll Crowell

It is a beautiful word, it, and its meaning;	The simplicities of life are in its keeping;
It holds the feeling of warm arms in its sound,	The old sweet fragrances of milk and bread;
And the comfort of a dear hand's soft caressing,	The scent of clean sheets through a dreamless sleeping;
And through it old lost lullabies are found.	The rustle of soft garments by a bed.
It is a tender word; it is the answer	There is one word, my sister and my brother,
To every helpless child's small desperate needs;	That God has written underneath his own,
It is a holy word—a white fulfillment,	One word: his intermediary—"Mother;"
With something of Christ within its selfless deeds.	Who shares the tasks he could not do alone.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

GOOD AND BAD NEWS! For the first time in our denominational history, our churches gave more than \$800,000 in one year to the Lord's work through our denominational enterprise. The actual sum amounted on March 31, 1962 to \$850,472.79. But this included \$61,482.82 for Church Extension projects and Builders not listed in the budget and almost \$100,000 for special projects and the Denominational Advance Building Fund. The budget contributions for the past year were \$693,372.41, representing a budget deficit of about \$50,000. Actually, this deficit is a little larger than that of last year. If we are to advance and to do greater things for Christ and his Kingdom, each North American Baptist will have to assume a larger share of responsibility toward the common task.

Read the financial table on page 23 with the complete story of "March Contributions" and of the past fiscal year.

CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE. The Commencement exercises of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta will be held from May 11 to 13, 1962. This year's total enrollment has been 82, divided into three departments as follows: 30 in the High School Summer Matriculation Department, 30 in the Bible School Department, and 22 in the Theological Department, 9 of whom constitute the graduating class. Of these, all but two have already been placed in churches. Read the six pages devoted to the story of the C. T. I. in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

JUDSONLAND TOUR. On Tuesday, March 27, more than 250 Baptist leaders and pastors of several Baptist conventions went on a 16 hour tour in Massachusetts to places and churches associated with Adoniram Judson and four other young missionaries and their brides and with the 150th anniversary of their ordination and sailing for India as the first Christian missionaries from North America. The group visited Judson's birthplace in Malden, schools where he and Ann Hasseltine attended in Bradford and Andover, and the church where he was ordained and the wharf from which he sailed in Salem, Mass. An illustrated article about this memorable tour will appear in the next issue.

NEXT ISSUE

A BAPTIST CARAVAN TO JUDSONLAND

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

Women Who Make History

There is a MOTHER behind or ahead of every man who is blessing the world. She stands in the background of such a life with regal splendor exerting her influence and bestowing her blessing upon her children. This universal truth led Ralph Waldo Emerson to say many years ago: "Men are what their mothers make them."

Christian mothers especially lay the foundation stones in every unfolding great life that achieves renown in the Church of Jesus Christ. Timothy was ruled by a hand that was stilled and guided by a voice that was silent in the grave. The Apostle Paul was vividly reminded of "a faith that was alive in Lois your grandmother and Eunice your mother before you" (2 Tim. 1:5). The pages of the Bible and of Christian history call our attention to many mothers—handmaidens of the Lord—who left their indelible stamp on the lives of their children and on great events of the passing years.

The traits of a mother's greatness are often incarnate in her children's lives. The mother's courage, her understanding discipline and her encouragement of her children's creative abilities are the steps to greatness on which some of her children walk. In his book, "Women Who Made Bible History," Dr. Harold J. Ockenga of the Park Street Church, Boston, Mass., devotes a chapter to the story of Hannah, the mother of Samuel. He goes on to say: "Back of this story is a most important truth which needs re-emphasis, namely, that the kind of men we have depends upon the mothers in a nation."

I, too, have stood above the grave of Susanna Wesley in Bunhill Field, London, and with bowed head, hat in hand, have breathed a prayer of thanksgiving for this mother to whom the world owes more than to her sons, John and Charles Wesley, themselves. Susanna, the mother of 19 children, believed that they were called of God for mighty purposes and convinced that her sons must dedicate all their powers to God. Her traits of Christian virtue were embodied in later years in the lives of her children.

We must not overlook the enduring power of a mother's love. Many things in our lives change with the ongoing years and they pass away. But a mother's love is like a diamond that seems to be more lustrous than ever through all the decades of time. This is the true, abiding beauty of every Christian mother. A Quaker mother was asked what kind of cosmetics she used. Her answer is interesting: "For my lips, truth; for my eyes, pity; for my hands, charity; for my figure, uprightness; and for my heart, love."

On Mother's Day we are also reminded of the monumental blessing of a mother's prayers. That is the heartfelt testimony that all of us, who read these pages, can give until tears well up in our eyes. Madame Chiang Kai-shek has paid a beautiful tribute to her Christian mother in stating that her mother's influence on her and on her husband, the Generalissimo, was tremendous. But this was all-important: "As long as mother lived, I had a feeling that whatever I did, or failed to do, Mother would pray me through." She was a prayer warrior!

Like Lydia of old, a women's stamp is on her family and home and even on the pages of history. Here is living evidence of what an open heart and a dedicated life can do in the service of Jesus Christ.

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"The Mother's heart is
the child's schoolroom." . . .

Tribute to Mother

A Mother's Day Sermon by Rev. Milton W. Zeeb,
Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church,
Kenosha, Wisconsin



The greatest tribute that can be given to Mother this Mother's Day is the tribute to her sincere faith which is evident and alive in her children. (Luoma Photo).

"I am reminded of the sincerity of your faith, a faith which was alive in Lois your grandmother and Eunice your mother before you, and which, I am confident, lives in you also" (II Timothy 1:5; New English Bible).

THE MOST difficult task for the human mind is to express adequately in verbal tones the feeling of love and respect one possesses in his heart for another person. The Lord gave us a source of guidance in this task of life when he said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments." This is the most expressive way of showing our love and respect for Christ, in obeying his command because we love him. Transferred to human relationships, this is the only way we can sincerely express our love and respect for Mother.

SPIRITUAL INSTRUCTION

The Apostle Paul saw in the life of Timothy a faith that was identical to the faith of his mother and grandmother. That sincere faith in God was developed in Timothy's life because he was obedient to the instruction which he had received from his mother. "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned . . . knowing of whom thou hast learned them." His mother and grandmother were instrumental in leading him to an understanding and acceptance of the Christian faith. Timothy respectfully revealed his love and respect.

We note that the sincere faith of Timothy included three generations of

Christians. We owe it to our spiritual obligation to lead our children to an understanding of our faith in Christ. This is the greatest tribute I can pay to my mother. In her sincere faith, she not only instructed me, but what is vitally more important, she lived her faith before me.

Shortly after the death of my natural mother, my father remarried and I believe that God, in his providence, provided a mother whom I could never recognize other than "my mother." Her sincere love and devotion in raising me as her very own developed within me a love and respect that led me to accept the faith she possessed in Christ. This should be the response of every child to the mother with whom God has blessed us.

Oh, the immeasurable greatness of responsibility that falls to every mother and father to influence their children to a personal faith in Christ.

FRONT COVER

The front cover picture in honor of MOTHER'S DAY shows Mrs. Harvey Mehlhaff of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., the wife of Mr. Harvey Mehlhaff, a 1962 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, with their son, Mark, who was born on April 16, 1961. She is the former Carol Bertsch of Ashley, N. Dak. In 1959-1960 both Mr. and Mrs. Mehlhaff were in Germany where Harvey was an exchange student at the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg. The photograph on the front cover was taken by Professor Roy Seibel of the Seminary faculty.—EDITOR.

God gave Israel the commandment that they were to teach their children diligently the words he had given them in their hearts. They were to talk of these words in the home from sunrise to sunset and to talk of them in all of life's way.

The great tragedy of our so-called "Modern Age" is that a large number of our homes are without spiritual instruction. Parents need to be awakened to the spiritual powers of their forefathers who instilled in them a faith that seeks to live. If our children are to be the spiritual leaders in tomorrow's church, then they desperately need all the teaching we can give them of in the things of God.

As Paul gazed upon Timothy's life, he was reminded of a faith that wasn't deceptive or illusory, but sincere in every aspect. It was in fact alive. A mother's love for her child is vitally hidden in the life of a mother. God implants this in her soul, and a fear of the Lord directs her energies and very life to be dedicated to her family. If we as children fail, she does not love us less, but more.

A PRAYING MOTHER

Should we be forsaken of every friend in this life, mother will faithfully stand at our side. How marvelous it is when that mother is a Christian and her heart is burdened to her last breath on earth for the spiritual welfare of her children!

Through spiritual training and a sincere practice of the faith, we can influence future generations. A parent cannot believe for his child, but that

child can be surrounded with prayer, the Word of God and loyalty to Christ and his cause. These will create a tremendous power for Christ in their lives.

I shall never forget the fact that I have a praying mother. Once as a young boy I recall disobeying a request that my mother had made, a few moments later I noticed she had slipped away to be alone and there I overheard her pray for me. Moments such as these are never forgotten. They are in reality that which lifts our hearts up in thanksgiving to God for his gift of Mother.

Many can give testimony to the fact that their faith is real and alive because they had a mother or grandmother of faith. As Paul stated, it is a "faith which lives in you also."

A CHRISTIAN HOME

A very important consideration for all young people to make, who are anticipating marriage, is to pray that the Lord will direct them to someone who possesses the same faith they do in Christ. A united marriage in the Lord, whose objectives and desires are centered in him, will indeed be able to establish a home that puts faith in Christ foremost. Then, and only then, can this sincere faith continue to live from generation to generation. It is through our knowledge of the Scriptures that we are made "wise unto salvation" and our children become subjects of this faith and salvation through our guidance.

The age in which we now live, with all its rocketry and orbiting satellites and astronauts, is in dire need of more mothers who give no mere appearance of piety, but a faith and conviction in the Lord that is alive. We have at our fingertips advanced knowledge of all scientific technology, and we carefully plan and save that our children will be able to avail themselves of every opportunity to learn. What then is our plan in guiding our children to know and to learn of spiritual matters? This should be uppermost in our minds and in our homes.

Jesus said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). What is it that we are seeking first for our children? That which is primary in our lives will be transmitted consciously and unconsciously. As parents, do we possess a faith that is linked with the risen Christ which will endure hardships and suffer loss for his sake?

HONOR AND RESPECT!

God's Word admonishes: "Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise" (Ephesians 6:2). Very evident in our society today is a prevailing concept among young people to refer to their mother as "the old lady." Where is the respect and honor which God commands us to have for our parents?

MOTHER'S LOVE

Her love is like an island
In life's ocean, vast and wide;
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the wind, and rain, and tide.

'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
By Patience on the west,
By tender Counsel on the south,
And on the east by Rest.

Above it, like a beacon light,
Shine faith, and truth, and prayer;
And through the changing scenes of life,
I find a haven there.

THE WATCHER—MOTHER

She always leaned to watch for us,
Anxious if we were late,
In winter by the window,
In summer by the gate.
And though we mocked her tenderly,
Who had such foolish care,
The long way home would seem more safe
Because she waited there.

Her thoughts were all so full of us—
She never could forget!

And so I think that where she is
She must be watching yet.
Waiting till we come home to her,
Anxious if we are late—
Watching from heaven's window,
Leaning from heaven's gate.

—Margaret Widdemer

MOTHER FOREVER

If I could live ten thousand years,
I still would think of Mother,
Remembering her smiles and tears,
And how we loved each other.

Years cannot dim that vision bright,
I count my dearest treasure;
They only seem to shed more light
Upon her worth and measure.

The Christian faith that through her
shone
Is still my inspiration;
The wisdom of her ways I own
With more appreciation.

If I could live ten thousand years,
How think you, friend and brother,
Could I forget that dream that cheers
And oft brings back my Mother?

—Ralph T. Nordlund



A CHRISTIAN FAMILY HONORS GOD

Rev. and Mrs. Milton W. Zeeb of Kenosha, Wisconsin with their daughters, Faith and Joy. (Photo by Jack Tracy).

This lack of respect has carried over to the spiritual realm.

God is now brought down from his throne of holiness and referred to as "the man upstairs" or someone who is just a "good Joe." Not until we are cognizant of the loss of respect and honor in the home will we be able to teach our children to love and respect God in all his holiness. Indeed, God is a "very present help" and seeks to be our Friend, but a Friend with respect and honor.

Henry Ward Beecher once said: "The

Mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." This is so true for the Christian mother whose heart is filled with the love and wisdom of God. When this is instilled in a child's life, then others will say as they look at that young life: "I am reminded of the sincerity of your faith, a faith which was alive in your mother . . . and which, I am confident, lives in you also."

The greatest tribute that can be given to Mother this Mother's Day is the tribute to her sincere faith which is evident and alive in her children.

The objectives and program of
your Christian training center at
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada . . .

The Christian Training Institute

By Dr. A. S. Felberg, President of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta

THE COMING of a new faculty member, graduation of the first class from the Theological Department, the experience of conducting a self-examination program and the re-evaluation of the school objectives were some of the highlights of this past year at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. In this article we shall explain what these things represent in the program of your Christian training center at Edmonton.

The past year brought several changes and improvements to the institute. We experienced an addition to the faculty in the person of Professor William R. L. McLatchie, who came to us from Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is making a vital contribution to the ministry of the school. The Christian Training Institute enjoys the ministry of a spiritually dedicated, academically strong and well-qualified faculty, for which we are grateful to God.

PROMISING GRADUATES

Nine young people, eight men and one young woman, have successfully completed the pastoral course of studies and are being recommended for graduation on May 13th. Most of these men have been called to the pastorate and are looking forward to a fruitful ministry for the Lord and our denomination.

In addition to these pastoral students, there are nine graduates of the Bible School and twelve in the High School Department. While the school has graduated young people from these last two departments for many years, this is the first class to be graduated from the pastoral training department of this school. We are grateful that God has given us these fine young people who are good potential pastors, called of God, equipped and trained for service in his Kingdom.

The school has come through an intensive effort of self-evaluation, including every phase of the Christian Training Institute and its program. This effort is being made in seeking accreditation with the Accrediting Association of Bible Schools and Bible Colleges. We strive to serve Christ in preparing youth of his calling for their designated ministry to the best of our ability. This self-evaluation has brought about changes in curriculum,

program and extension of service.

Recent opportunities for an enlarged ministry have laid upon us additional responsibilities to guard closely against a stalemate and earnestly to strive to meet the existing educational needs of our fellowship. Our chief concern is that by the grace of God we may be able to maintain and even to raise the spiritual and educational standard of our school to stem the tide of materialism, worldliness, and spiritual indifference.

THE SCHOOL'S OBJECTIVES

In the reevaluation of our objectives, the following statement has been incorporated in our school program:

The Institute, as a co-operating organization of the General Conference, wholeheartedly subscribes to the statement of faith adhered to by members of the Conference as announced in the preamble of the Conference Constitution.

The Institute seeks in each of its departments to achieve the following general objectives:

1. The development of Christlike characteristics that manifest themselves in personal and social living.
2. The instilling of a deep concern for the lost which will issue in evangelistic endeavor, including both home and foreign missions.
3. The fostering of a personal de-



Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute, behind the pulpit of the C.T.I. Chapel.

votional life in which the individual finds his source of strength in meditation on God's Word and in communion with God in prayer.

4. The deepening of insight into God's Truth through concentrated biblical studies. This emphasis arises out of the conviction that the Christian worker must achieve a certain degree of mastery of the Scriptures to strengthen his own convictions, to teach others effectively, and to stand up to the false teachings of our day.

5. The educating of students in Christian standards of behavior and conduct. Students are guided in social behavior, and emphasis is placed upon proper care of the body in matters of health.

6. Promoting an awareness of the history and distinctives of North American Baptists.

THREE DEPARTMENTS

The Institution seeks to attain these specific departmental objectives:

I. Theological Department.

The Institute offers undergraduate terminal training to students who are looking forward to a pastoral ministry. Provision is also made for the training of those students who are anticipating missionary service. Classroom preparation, supplemented by preaching experiences in chapel services and by Christian work assignments in the surrounding area, are arranged so that students may become proficient in communication skills and become familiar with the tasks of a pastor. Courses in the German language are included in the curriculum for prospective pastors of bilingual churches.

II. Bible School Department.

The objective of the department is to provide leadership training for lay workers in the local church. This two year course is intended to give training in the biblical and practical fields to students whose services will be rendered in the local church. Young people wrestling with doubts are encouraged to evaluate their convictions in the light of Christian belief founded on the Bible. They are encouraged to consider God's call for service.

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With the Psalmist we can share
a glimpse of God's Anointed breaking
upon the horizon of history

The Messiah in the Psalms

By Professor William R. L. McLatchie of the Christian Training Institute Faculty

TO RECOGNIZE and to understand the Messianic predictions of the Old Testament, we must bear in mind the concept of divinely appointed kingship. The term "Messiah" means "anointed" and it is thus translated, most commonly in the English versions (e.g. in Psalms 2:2). The New Testament equivalent is "Christ" and has the same meaning.

In ancient Israel, anointing, or the pouring of oil on the head, was the sign of the induction into office of a priest, a prophet, or especially a king. It seems to have signified divine endowment for these offices, since it was uniformly administered by a prophet of the Lord.

The term "Messiah" or "anointed one" usually refers to a divinely endowed king, and is frequently applied by David to the then present king of Israel (such as Saul). It is also appropriately used for the Messiah who is to come as king and heir to the throne of David. This is especially so when David himself is speaking.

Since the coming Messiah is pre-eminently seen in the Psalter as a king, the question then arises how we can distinguish between him and David, or between him and any other king of David's line. We will here review some of the outstanding marks which distinguish the Messiah from other kings.

THE TRANSCENDENT ELEMENTS

First of all, the coming Messiah is envisioned in the Psalms as one who will attain to victory and dominion which are universal in scope, and not merely confined to the general area of David's own kingdom. In the second Psalm, the kings and rulers of the earth are warned to submit to the Messiah, and the Messiah is promised by God the uttermost parts of the earth as his possession.

Psalm 72 is headed "for Solomon," but it can hardly be considered to be about Solomon in its description of a future king who will be feared "as long as the sun and the moon endure, throughout all generations," (v. 5), and who "shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth." A universal and eternal reign is clearly in view.

Secondly, the Messiah's deliverance from death is anticipated in Psalm 16. In verse 9 we read, "Therefore my



Professor William R. L. McLatchie of the Christian Training Institute faculty.

heart is glad and my liver rejoices." ("Glory" was not the original sense; in the ancient world the liver was often used, like the heart, as symbolic of the seat of the affections). At first sight, "Therefore my flesh shall rest in hope" might appear to be a repetition of the same thought in different words, but "flesh" is not usually used in a sense similar to "heart." The reason why the speaker's flesh will rest in hope is found in the following verse, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in Sheol," etc.

Verse 10 in itself could refer to deliverance from either possible or actual death, but the last clause of verse 9 favors the latter (deliverance from actual death which will have taken place, i.e. physical resurrection). Peter is quite correct in interpreting the verse in this way when he quotes it in his sermon. (Acts 2:27). This accords also with the latter part of v. 10, "neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." (There are two identical words in Hebrew which mean "corruption" and "pit," respectively. The Revised Standard Version translates "the pit," but "corruption" fits the context better, and this is the way in which the Jews seem to have understood the word in this verse from pre-Christian times. David might have foreseen his own physical resurrection, but not the preservation of his body from decomposi-

tion. He is certainly speaking of the resurrection of Christ.

In the third place, the Messiah is addressed with the terms, "Son" (of God) and "priest" (a king-priest in the context) in a sense which is too high to apply to David. The term "son" is possible with reference to the relationship of any king of Israel with God, and it is so used in the case of Solomon (II Samuel 7:14), but a Son of God to whom all the kings of the earth must ultimately submit or be destroyed, such as we find in Psalm 2:7 and 12, is not any king of Israel, but only refers to Christ.

The one addressed in the second person in Psalm 110 is a king in his military and political function, but in verse 4 we learn that he is "a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." Such a title cannot apply to any ordinary priest or king. In Israel the invasion of the priestly office by the king was normally forbidden, and the priests could not take upon themselves the kingship, but here is one whose inherent right to both offices is assured, and who will remain a priest forever.

Most unmistakable of all characterizations of the Messiah which occur in the Psalms is the frank ascription of deity to him in Psalm 45. Although he is a king, and though a personal distinction between him and God is recognized (v. 6), the Psalmist at the same time is able to address him thus: "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." The deity of Jesus Christ and its revelation in the Old Testament are stumbling-blocks to modern criticism in an unbelieving world, but attempts to explain this statement away have not succeeded. It is simply true that David believed that the coming Messiah King was God.

THE COMING KING

The Messiah is therefore set forth in the Psalter as a coming King, but not merely as the ideal of what the son of David should be. Rather he is one who will bear the titles of "Son" and "Priest" in a very special sense which marks him as a being of higher order than mere men. His dominion is to be complete and final like that of no earthly king. His supernatural character is to be demonstrated in a miraculous deliverance from the power

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Testimonies of nine graduates —

"How inexhaustible God's resources,
wisdom, and knowledge are!" . . .

1962 Graduates of the Christian Training Institute

By Professor A. Rapske
of the C.T.I. Faculty



The 1962 Graduating Class of the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute. Dr. B. Schalm, faculty advisor, is in the back row, center. Rev. Peter Schroeder of Southey, Sask., does not appear in the picture.

GRADUATION DAY on May 13 at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta will be a highlight in the lives of eight men and one woman. They will then be able to look back with thanksgiving to those experiences in which God has been leading them step by step to their places of service in his Kingdom. Below they relate some of these experiences that were and are so meaningful in their lives.

ERWIN BABEL

One writer says: "To enter the ministry, one must hear the call ringing in his ears as clear as a bell in Swiss valleys." Two years after my conversion (at the age of 32) and during my experiences in the Immanuel Church of Edmonton, the call of God became definitely clear to me. I responded by enrolling in the Theological Department. The Institute has helped me to an understanding of pastoral work and responsibilities. Presently, I am pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Edmonton, the same church in which I experienced my peace with God.

LLOYD KRESIER

"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" This important question demanded an answer when I became a Christian. God led me from the farm in Saskatchewan to the Christian Training Institute in preparation for his service. The years spent here will always be remembered as a spiritual highlight of my life. The inspiration and challenge received through the devotional life of the school and the efficient leadership of our dedicated faculty have contributed to the establishing and building up of my life in the faith. For this I am grateful to God. As to the future, I anticipate further academic training.

HERBERT HOEHNE

The need of the world as described in Scripture pressed like a weight upon my conscience for a long time. It was in 1958 that I submitted to God's call to the ministry. I am thankful for the choice that I made with Christ's help. It is hard for me to believe that I am a senior. My education has been rather limited. However, I want to take further education before going into full-time service. The six years of training at the Institute in the Bible School, the High School, and now the Theological department have been very happy years.

KARL (DRAGUTIN) JAVONOVICH

The past four years spent at the Christian Training Institute have been a great blessing to me. I am thankful to God for the dedicated faculty and staff of our school, as well as for the many friends whom I have met these past four years in Edmonton. When I recall that very soon I will have to leave the Institute, I am greatly disturbed for here I am at home. I do not know what I shall be doing in the future, but I am calm and confident in God. I know that all things work for good to them who love God.

IRMGARD KUTRIEB

My call to service became definite at the Baptist World Youth Conference in Toronto, Ontario in 1958. Prior to that, I had made plans to return to Germany, but in the fall of 1958 I was enrolled as a student at the Christian Training Institute. I thank God for directing me to this school and I am indebted to faculty, staff and students for the insight into spiritual things which they helped me to receive. Summer work in churches has deepened the conviction that my place is in full-time service. I am trusting God to direct me to a place of service.

FRED MERKE

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." My intentions had been to be a better church worker when I first came to the Bible School. By 1958 the conviction became definite that I must go into full-time service. I am grateful for the years spent at the Institute, for they have provided many new experiences, blessings and a wonderful fellowship with our beloved teaching staff and student body. God willing, I shall begin my ministry in June at the Bethany Church in Lethbridge, Alberta.

ERNIE ROGALSKI

As early as ten years ago, I felt a definite call to the Christian ministry and therefore engaged in a program of studies that were intended to culminate in seminary training. Difficulties, academic as well as financial, made my plan difficult to achieve. With the institution of the theological courses at the Christian Training Institute in 1959, the door opened to me for the fulfillment of my plans. During the time we have been here, God has blessed us richly in granting us the privilege of serving as the school's parents besides taking the prescribed courses of studies. We are now looking forward to the Lord's guidance as we begin our ministry in the Bethany Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

PETER SCHROEDER

God's call brought great joy at the opportunity and privilege of service, but also awe and fear at the sacredness and responsibility of the task. My own human weakness and the thought of failure caused me to procrastinate for many years, unwilling to believe that the One who called would also provide the strength for the task. He has wonderfully pro-

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These students face many open doors for a
vital, effective service in Christ's Name . . .

Student Activities at Our Edmonton School

By Professor E. W. Klatt
of the Christian Training Institute Faculty



The 1962 Student Council and Dean Counsellor of the Christian Training Institute. Prof. E. W. Klatt, Dean, is in the front row, center. Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg are at the left, front row.

THE STUDENTS of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta have many opportunities to render vital Christian service. The field of service is largely within the confines of our North American Baptist churches in and surrounding the city of Edmonton, but occasionally it crosses denominational and non-denominational borders. Interest is added by virtue of the variety of opportunities, where the student may apply himself according to his talent and training.

OUR THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

All of the theological students are given opportunity to put their training in homiletics into practice. Four of the students are serving churches on a part-time basis. All are called upon to preach. All, except two, have received and accepted calls to churches, and will assume full pastoral responsibilities after graduation. Plans are now under way to place the students who have not accepted calls. We deeply regret that we do not have more graduates, although there are nine, to man all of the churches which desire their services on a permanent basis.

We are grateful to God for the many open doors leading to effective service.

ON WINGS OF WORD AND SONG

The Christian Training Institute is continuing to render effective service through the radio ministry. The broadcast is made over the radio station in Camrose and reaches a constituency of many thousand homes. It is hoped that in the not too distant future this ministry will be extended to a greater area.

Every Sunday evening for one-half hour, the broadcast is sent forth on wings of word and song. The president, Dr. A. S. Felberg, brings a brief message, and Professor E. Link, director of music, is in charge of the music.

This ministry is especially effective in bringing the Word of God to the shut-ins. It also serves to advertise our beloved school.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUTH WORK

Many of our students serve as teachers in various Sunday Schools, and as leaders and participants in youth activities. Our Bible School students and theological students receive special training in the classes of Religious Education.

Aside from this, the students are also active in another type of youth program.

Each year a representative of "The Happy Hour Club" is given an opportunity to present the work pertaining to this organization and to make an appeal to our students to become actively engaged in the program. An average of about fifteen students generally respond. This ministry is carried on in cooperation with some of our churches.

HAPPY HOUR CLUB

Our students solicit children of approximately 6 to 12 years of age from homes in the vicinity of the cooperating churches. These are children from both Christian and non-Christian homes. Once a week they gather for instruction in the Word of God. The meeting place is either a church building or a home.

Some of our students have reported gratifying results in connection with their ministry to the children. A number of children have accepted Christ as Savior. Through "The Happy Hour Club" some rewarding contacts have also been made with parents of the children attending. The parents are directed toward the church, and the pastor of the church is notified about

these contacts and may continue his ministry with them.

Some of our churches carry on a special visitation program and call upon our students to assist them. Each year a number of our students respond to the call. The workers are sent out in groups of two's into the homes in order to develop church contacts with "non-church goers." The follow-up work is done by the pastor and the church sponsoring the program.

THE HOPE MISSION

An interesting phase of student activities is in connection with the Hope Mission in Edmonton. Once a month several of our students attend Hope Mission, where they preach, present special music, and participate in leading the services when opportunity is given. This Christian service gives our students an opportunity to broaden their ministry as they endeavor to reach men whose status in life is generally considered below par. Frequently, they are the "down and outers."

In connection with this monthly service, our students spend an hour before the meeting distributing tracts and inviting people to the service. The almost immediate result is a good attendance, and frequently a good service.

WITH A SONG

One type of activities deserving special mention is singing. More space to this ministry of music is given in the article by Prof. E. Link. We think of music as a way to a man's heart. Each year our school endeavors to let its influence reach and warm the hearts of the people of many of our North American Baptist churches, both in Canada and the United States. It is the endeavor of the Christian Training Institute to instill within the student the Christian spirit so that, whatever the spiritual service he performs, he will do it with a song in his heart.

C.T.I. COMMENCEMENT
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The gift of communication is the fruit
of discipline and hard work

Training for the Ministry at C.T.I.

By Professor Bernard Schalm of the Christian Training Institute Faculty

EVERY CHRISTIAN minister entering a field of service must meet three basic requirements. He must have a message; he must have an audience; and he must have the ability to present the message to the audience. How does the Christian Training Institute aid the prospective minister in achieving these objectives?

First, the school assists the student in gaining a thorough understanding of the meaning, nature and purpose of the divine message. Education at the Christian Training Institute is Bible-centered. This claim, however, must be scrutinized and defined in the light of similar claims made by other Christian institutes for higher learning.

BIBLE CENTERED EDUCATION

Not all Bible-centered curricula cultivate Christian life and experience and prepare the student adequately for his divinely appointed mission. It is possible to gain a complete mastery of everything pertaining to the language, history and heritage of Judaism without becoming a proselyte to that faith. In like manner, a curriculum may succeed in introducing the student to the Bible but fail to introduce him to the Christ of the Bible.

The test that determines whether education is truly Bible-centered or not may be reduced to a simple question: "Is the Bible curriculum existen-

tially substantiated in the lives of students?" or "Does the Word become flesh in the teaching situation?" Whether or not this objective is reached depends not only on the subject matter but also on the method of instruction.

The Bible may be approached, first of all, critically. Textual and historical criticism are indeed valuable tools in the hands of the skilled student, but they have also proven to be destructive weapons. Some Bible curricula emphasize the informational aspect. Knowledge is divorced from experience, contrary to the explicit teaching of the New Testament. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17). Bible-centered education may also have inspiration as its ultimate goal. The devotional value of holy Scripture is stressed at the exclusion of all other values.

KNOWLEDGE OF MAN

Instruction at the Christian Training Institute tries to avoid the pitfalls of emphasizing one particular area of study to the neglect of another. It seeks to impart to every student a knowledge of the Bible that is existentially founded. Of necessity, this will include the critical, the informational, and the inspirational or devotional.

Secondly, a minister must have an audience. It takes two to make a

speech. Church history has borne out the fact that a man who has a message and has the ability to present the message will also have an attentive audience. What are the qualities in a servant of the Word that spell success in his pastoral and preaching ministry?

First to be mentioned is a knowledge of man. Human personality is a complex entity, the product of spiritual, psychological, sociological and physiological interactions. The minister must also speak the language of the people. Again, he must speak to the needs of his people. This, in turn, is only possible if the prophet of God "sits where the people sit." Through specialized courses and practical experience, the student at the Christian Training Institute is introduced to his congregation.

Finally, a minister must have the ability to present the divine message to the audience. He must be "apt to teach." It is a tragedy to stand before an expectant audience and have nothing to say. It is a greater tragedy to stand before an expectant audience, have something to say, and lack the ability to say it.

COMMUNICATING TO PEOPLE

The story is told of a colored man who had returned to his village after an unsuccessful gold expedition. The reason for his failure was soon whispered from ear to ear: "Black Jim failed because he had de gold fever, but he did not have de diggin principle." The gift of communication, to a large extent is the fruit of discipline and work.

There are few theological schools that provide as many preaching opportunities for ministerial candidates as does C. T. I. Besides chapel services in which theological students participate, there are seven North American Baptist churches and several mission stations in the city that welcome the services of students. Weekly calls from churches of other denominational fellowships provide further opportunities of service. Many members of the student body have charge of student pastorates.

Genius is born; success is earned. It is the endeavor of the Christian Training Institute to prepare ministers who will go forth with a divine message, who will have an ultimate acquaintance with the needs and problems of the people whom they are to serve, and who will be equipped to present the message forcefully as ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

Testimony of the students: "Let everything that
hath breath praise the Lord."

C.T.I.'s Singing Students

By Professor E. B. Link of the Christian Training Institute Faculty.

THE BIRTH of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, was accompanied by song. Even in the "pre-natal" years, when short term Bible schools were held in local church areas, the students sang or played instruments and music courses were taught. These pioneer Bible schools of Western Canada from the first in 1929 until C. T. I. convened its first courses in 1940 were singing Bible Schools, long remembered by the generation of youth of that era now providing leadership in so many of our churches.

VITAL ROLE OF MUSIC

In its first year on permanent location in Edmonton, Alberta, the Christian Training Institute was enthusiastically led in song by the Rev. H. Schatz, well known pastor and director of music in our Northern Conference churches. From this beginning, music has played a vital role in the practical training of the students and in the promotion of the school.

Choirs, sundry smaller singing groups, Gospel teams and instrumentalists have all ministered on musical tours, radio and television broadcasting, special invitation to revival or youth services, through recordings and in formal concert. Our Edmonton school takes the Psalmist's advice seriously when he suggests, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

Actually, the important musical mission of C. T. I. to our denominational churches is carried on by students who have come to the school for studies not primarily centered on music. The theological, high school and Bible school sections of C. T. I. are aimed at training pastors and lay leaders, not musicians. As a result, the singing students of the school are those who are willing to work hard at music over and above their regular study load. Every year there have proven to be enough of these willing and talented young people eager to do their best in musical Christian service.

FELLOWSHIP OF SONG

The heaviest and most exacting work in music has been done by the select group known as "The Choristers." Constituted of the best talent available, about one student in three makes "The Choristers." This choir trains the hardest and performs as

often as forty times during the school year, including the concerts of the extended spring tour made annually. In addition, some of the Chorister members are aligned in quartets or trios, and, as such smaller groups, they must practice even more in order to be of service in answer to the many calls of our churches.

These groups often form Gospel Teams which also take on extended tours over the Christmas or summer holiday seasons. It must be made clear

in British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and Montana.

Thus, the song of C. T. I.'s singing students has not died down, nor does it appear that it will through the years. The singing of the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus" at the conclusion of this year's Sacred Chorus not only by students but with the large group of alumni shows that the songs learned at C. T. I. live on in the lives of the young men and women who once were C. T. I.'s singing students.



THE JUBILEE CHORISTERS OF 1962

"The Choristers" of the Christian Training Institute have sung in most of the Alberta churches, performed in the Annual Sacred Concert at Edmonton's Jubilee Auditorium, and have gone on a tour to British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and Montana.

that "The Choristers" and smaller musical groups are not the only singing students. All students, regardless of talent and training, are invited to sing in the school's massed chorus. Thus a singing outlet and a fellowship of song tends to help bind C. T. I.'s three departments into a clearer family relationship.

The present school year has again been an active year of singing at C. T. I. The Gospel team took a Christmas tour to our Saskatchewan and Alberta churches. "The Choristers," featuring ladies and male chorus sections, have sung in most of our Alberta churches, have performed in the Annual Sacred Concert at Edmonton's Jubilee Auditorium, and have undertaken a tour of some of our churches

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of death. In at least one instance, the fact of his deity, so often implied, is openly stated.

Thus, in spirit we can share with the Psalmist a glimpse of the glory of God's Anointed breaking upon the horizon of history. We can also look back upon that fulfillment which was realized when "the Word became flesh" and when men "beheld his glory, as of the glory of the only begotten of the Father." But the matchless lyrics of the Psalter are still a reminder of the future glory of the Son of Man, when he will return to establish his perfect and eternal Kingdom.



THE LIBRARY, CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

Young, eager students seek knowledge in this crowded library of the C.T.I., Edmonton, Alberta as they strive to be good ministers and teachers of the Word of God.

Appointment of New Seminary Professor

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

PRESIDENT Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has announced the appointment of the Rev. Gerald Leo Borchert of Princeton, New Jersey as Associate Professor of New Testament, effective September 1, 1963.

Mr. Borchert is a native of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He was baptized, licensed to preach, and ordained to the Christian ministry in the First Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. On May 23, 1959 he was married to Doris Ann Cox of Philadelphia, Penn. Mrs. Borchert is a graduate of Eastern Baptist College (B. A.—Cum Laude) and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (M. R. E.).

The newly appointed professor comes to his position well qualified having earned the following degrees: B. A. and LL. B., University of Alberta; B. D. (Summa Cum Laude), Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Th.M., Princeton Theological Seminary. The doctoral dissertation will be completed next year at Princeton Theological Seminary prior to assuming

responsibilities at the North American Baptist Seminary.

Varied academic honors have come to Mr. Borchert in high school, university and seminary. He is presently a Research Assistant and a New Testament Teaching Fellow at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis.

In the area of ministerial service he was engaged as an assistant in Christian Education for two years at Christ West Hope Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Penn. He has spoken in various Baptist churches in Western Canada, New Jersey and in Pennsylvania.

Publications have appeared in *The Seminary*, and *Christianity Today*. Forthcoming issues of *Foundations*, *The Watchman-Examiner*, and *Baptist Herald* will publish book reviews and other writings of Mr. Borchert.

It is with genuine pleasure that the North American Baptist Seminary announces the appointment of the Rev. Gerald Leo Borchert as Associate Professor of New Testament, effective September 1, 1963.

Seminary Board of Trustees

Annual session of the North American Baptist Seminary Board reported by President Frank Veninga, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

"THE MOST optimistic sessions in recent years," was a statement made by several members of the Seminary Board of Trustees as the annual meeting came to a close, March 15-17, 1962. Eleven concerned men, six laymen and five pastors plus two ex officio members, spent two days in prayerful deliberation reviewing the work of the past year and planning for continued progress in the future. Space permits only the mention of the more important decisions.

1. The Administration, Faculty and Board expressed sincere appreciation for the excellent service rendered by Dr. A. J. Harms, Visiting Professor in the area of Biblical Literature. It was unanimously and enthusiastically voted to retain Dr. Harms on the faculty for the coming year. We are grateful for his favorable response.

2. The Board voted to extend a unanimous call to Rev. Gerald L. Borchert of Princeton, New Jersey to become Associate Professor of New Testament, effective Sept. 1, 1963. A favorable reply has been received. (See accompanying article).

3. The President's Blueprint for Accreditation was approved. An important phase of the Blueprint is the

appointment of a Seminary Development Council. The function is to be as follows:

a. To recommend a program so as to obtain the specific standards required by the AATS for accreditation.

b. To stimulate the recruitment program.

c. To promote the acceptance of the Seminary and its program by our constituency.

d. To encourage financial contributions to the Seminary within the approved program.

4. Since nearly every denomination is giving priority to Higher Education, it was recommended that we as North American Baptists set aside a year for such a thrust. In conjunction with this it is recommended that prominence be given to Higher Education at the 1964 General Conference. We shall thus seek to alert our entire constituency to the educational needs and opportunities of our educational institutions.

5. It was voted that a Dean or Acting Dean be appointed at the semi-annual meeting in December. Such an appointment is in accordance with the AATS recommendation.

6. It was recommended that we seek

NEW FILM AVAILABLE

The new, 16 minute, colored film about the 6th Baptist World Youth Congress to be held in Beirut, Lebanon from July 15 to 21, 1963 is available from our Forest Park, Illinois office. It is entitled "Gateway to the Holy Land." It describes the things to be seen in Lebanon and the Holy Land by those who will attend the Congress. A special rental fee of \$3.00 will be charged for the film. Please give several choices in dates in requesting the film of Visual Aids, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

the approval by the General Council for an additional faculty appointment in the area of Old Testament. "A full-time professor in the Old Testament field is urgently needed. A first-class Seminary should normally have, at least, three full-time men in the biblical field"—AATS report.

7. Words of deep gratitude were expressed to Mr. Herman Bleeker who completed a decade of service as chairman of the Seminary Board. Although he chose not to continue to serve as chairman, he will remain a member of the Board of Trustees. The following were elected to office: Rev. H. J. Wilcke, chairman; Mr. Bert Braun, vice-chairman; Rev. Raymand Dickau, secretary; Mr. E. J. Dirksen, treasurer; Rev. H. J. Wilcke, chairman of the Executive Committee; and Mr. Walter Pankratz, chairman of the Educational Committee.

CHILDREN'S DAY

JUNE 10, 1962

The Children's Day program will be observed by most of our Sunday schools and churches on Sunday, June 10. Recitation materials in English and German and program leaflets have been sent to all churches. The Children's Day Offering will go towards the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination. The story and picture of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas, a Church Extension project, are featured in the program leaflet.

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total loss substantially as compared with a much higher loss in past years.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS

The new and attractive features of the "Church Family Subscription Plan" will soon be announced. Literature of various kinds for new church members will be prepared. Book displays will be provided at conferences. Our churches will be assisted in preparing church libraries. Publication Sunday will be observed on Nov. 11, 1962. Bible Sunday will be promoted with new and unique features. Your Roger Williams Press is launching out with a more aggressive and helpful program for your blessing and spiritual enrichment.



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

A MOTHER'S DAY MEDITATION

May is a wonderful month with its flowers, buds and warm, balmy days. We associate the month of May with Mother's Day, the day set aside when we pay special tribute to mothers. The observance of this day goes back half a century. It is customary to wear a carnation on Mother's Day to show love, respect and honor for all mothers. Because the carnation symbolizes purity, endurance and sweetness, it was chosen for this purpose.

This day of days for mothers means that she will receive many gaily wrapped gifts, flowers and tributes. Thoughtful as these actions are, have you ever stopped to think how inadequate an expression of love this actually is? Think of the many gifts that mothers daily bestow upon their families! These gifts are not boxed and ribboned, but they are virtues and qualities exemplified and taught in the home. Countless men and women have attributed their own greatness to the guidance, devotions and loving care of a Christian mother.

How grateful we should be for mothers who are endeavoring by precept and example to make their homes a haven where God has first place! Some of the sweetest memories of childhood days are centered around the bedtime prayer and mother reading favorite Bible stories.

The need for Christian mothers is apparent today. It was Lord Shaftesbury who said, "Give me a generation of Christian mothers, and I will undertake to change the whole face of society in twelve months."

To those of us whose mothers have gone to be with the Lord, sweet memories will stand for countless years to come. Neither time nor death can still the message of love from a mother to her children nor the training received in a Christian home.

Nearly 4,000 years ago God said, "Honor thy . . . mother." God did not require the setting aside of one day a year on which we should pay special tribute to mother. He required then and still requires us to honor her every day of the year. As Christian mothers have blessed others by their gracious love, sacrifice and unselfishness, may God bless their lives with gladness and happiness not only on Mother's Day but through the year.

Recognition Service, Cedarloo Church, Iowa

Report of the Recognition of the Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedarloo, Iowa, by Rev. Raymond F. Dickau, Parkersburg, Iowa.

FRIDAY, March 23, 1962 was a red letter day for the Cedarloo Baptist Church of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Upon invitation from the church, nine of our North American Baptist churches met with the Cedarloo Church at the YMCA, where they are currently holding their meetings. A council was called to examine their statement of faith and the reasons for establishing a new church in this area.

RECOGNITION COUNCIL

The delegates and friends had been invited to a fellowship supper at 6:00 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. the host pastor, Rev. Bernard Fritzke, called the meeting to order. A ladies' trio blessed our hearts with a song.

Rev. K. Marquardt was elected chairman of the council and Rev. R. Dickau as clerk. Mrs. Herbert Kniep, the church clerk, was called to read the letter of invitation to the churches.

The following churches responded to the roll call: Aplington, First Baptist; Buffalo Center; Oak Street Church, Burlington; Elgin, First Baptist; Calvary Church, Parkersburg; Grace Church, Sheffield; Steamboat Rock, First Baptist; Sumner, First Baptist; and Victor, Iowa. The clerk read the statements of why the church was organized, the statements of faith, and projected aims in witnessing in the community. To date, 18 members will form the charter membership of the

newly organized church.

After a brief discussion, the council was unanimously agreed that we recommend that the Cedarloo Baptist Church be recognized as a duly organized Baptist church.

RECOGNITION SERVICE

An inspirational recognition service followed. Rev. Ralph E. Cooke led the singing, Rev. Donald Patet read the Scripture passage, 1 Corinthians 3:9-23, and Rev. Herman Lohr led in prayer. Mr. Arthur Schwerin spoke briefly on our denominational giving for Church Extension work. A building fund offering was received in the amount of \$221. A duet by Rachael Hachmann and Clarissa Miller was sung. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, spoke on the theme, "The Church—Subject Unto Christ." Rev. Raymond F. Dickau led in the dedicatory prayer. All hearts joined in singing the Doxology. Mr. Herbert Kniep responded with words of gratitude to all who had a part in getting the work started and for all help received in every way. Rev. Kurt Marquardt thanked the local church for their wonderful hospitality and the blessed time of fellowship.

It was evident to all present that this is the Lord's doing, and that marvellous are his ways. Rev. Bernard Fritzke closed the inspirational service with a prayer of thanksgiving and the benediction.

"Optimistic Outlook" by Publication Board

Report of the Annual Meeting of the Roger Williams Press
by Dr. M. L. Leuschner

THE PUBLICATION BOARD of the denomination held one of its finest annual sessions on Friday, March 30, at Forest Park, Ill. Every member of the Board was present. The Roger Williams Press through its business manager, Rev. L. Bienert, presented an encouraging report showing decided gains that had been made the past year. Both editors, Rev. John E. Grygo and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, were optimistic about their publications. Far reaching decisions were made by the Board in the launching of a new subscription plan, the publishing of several study course books, and an enlarged ministry to our churches. Your Roger Williams Press is very much alive and going forward!

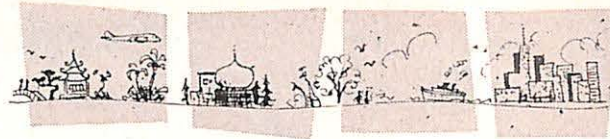
Mr. Harold B. Johns, elected as the Board's chairman, presided over the busy sessions that lasted until 10:30 P.M. Rev. Edward Kary of Cleveland, Ohio is the vice-chairman,

and Mrs. Fred Paul of St. Paul, Minn., the secretary. The representatives to the General Council for the Publication Board will be Rev. L. Bienert and Mr. Myron Dudek of Milwaukee, Wis. Appointments were made to the Literary and Executive Committees.

The net expense for operating the Roger Williams Press last year was REDUCED from \$40,566.87 to \$27,187.13. Profits on sales of all kinds increased from \$1,198.17 during the past year to \$4,250.08. All of this meant that after receiving the subsidy from the denomination, the Roger Williams Press could report a net loss of \$1,937.05 rather than a net loss of \$22,566.87 as reported last year. Book sales are brisk and on the increase. Many of the Sunday schools are ordering their literature through the Roger Williams Press. Advertising in the "Baptist Herald" helped to reduce its

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MARCH OF EVENTS



● Gideon International, an interdenominational association which fosters reading and distribution of the Bible, presented 200 copies of the Bible to personnel of the U. S. Navy's "Operation Deep Freeze," headquarters at Christchurch Airport, Christchurch, New Zealand. A spokesman for the Gideons said the organization plans to distribute Bibles to all men attached to the operation, which is exploring the Antarctic.

● Biola College, which is one of the oldest and largest Bible colleges on the West Coast has just begun a new \$600,000 building program on its new La Mirada campus in suburban Los Angeles, California. The construction of Myers Hall, the first unit of this new campus development, has already begun. This new building contains classrooms and faculty offices for Talbot Theological Seminary, the graduate division of Biola. Three other units in this program include two dormitories and a music-classroom building.

● FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, in a message for National Sunday School Week, April 9-15, stressed that the religious education of youths is a prerequisite to meeting the challenges of crime and communism. Observing that America's future "depends on the preparedness of her youth—our leaders of tomorrow," he said that "only by seeking God's guidance can they find the way." "The Sunday school is the vital link between child and God," he said, adding that children who are taught "to respect the laws of God will have little difficulty respecting the laws of man."

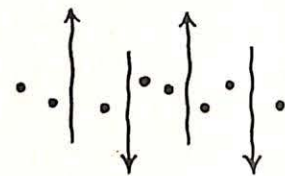
—The Watchman-Examiner

● KANO, NIGERIA—The number of American missionary workers in Sudan Interior Mission leprosy treatment centers in Nigeria is being decreased as fast as national workers are trained, reports Dr. John C. Wiebe, supervisor of the Sudan Interior Mission Leprosy Service. The SIM, which directs the work of seven provincial leprosaria and more than a hundred village clinics and dispensaries, has one of the largest of all mission staffs in full time leprosy work. A total of 35 doctors, nurses, industrial overseers, welfare supervisors, nursery directors and teachers care for some 5,000 resident patients and more than 25,000 outpatients. More than 50 Nigerian Christians, many of whom are former leprosy patients have already been graduated from a leprosy training course at the Kano Leprosarium and have been placed in various clinics and hospitals throughout northern Nigeria.

● German Mission Society Marks 125 years.—The Gossner Mission Society, with headquarters in West Berlin, has just celebrated its 125th anniversary. It is one of Germany's oldest and most important Protestant missionary organizations. The society's main effort has been concentrated in India, where it established an evangelical Lutheran denomination that now numbers about 250,000 members. After World War II the group had sent mobile churches and tents into the Soviet zone of Germany. This activity was stopped by the Communist closing of the border. The society was established in 1836 by Pastor Johann Evangelist Gossner.

● British Catholic Schools Grow, Episcopalians Decrease.—While Roman Catholic schools in England are growing rapidly, Church of England schools are losing ground. Pupils in Church of England schools numbered 1,750,000 in 1911; there are only 400,000 today. Roman Catholics had less than 300,000 in 1911, have 550,000 today, and plan to have more than a million by 1970. This means that by 1970 they will have more than a fifth of England's children in their schools, which are state aided. An expert summary says, "Roman Catholics, as a matter of principle, put their schools before everything." —Sunday School Times

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● Seventy Baptized in Kenya City. Forty people were baptized by Baptist churches in Kisumu, Kenya, during January, and 30 more were baptized during February, according to Eric H. Clark, Southern Baptist missionary. In addition to his work in the Lake Victoria port, Clark goes with helpers every Sunday to preach in Kaloka, fishing village 40 minutes away by boat. "Week by week we continue to be requested to open new work," Clark says.

● New Hymnal for British Baptists. A new "Baptist Hymn Book" with 777 hymns was published officially by the Baptist Union Council of Great Britain on March 13. So heavy have been the demands for the new book that a second printing of the large and small words editions have been ordered to ensure a continuous supply to meet orders pouring in to the Carey Kingsgate Press. This is the first completely new hymn book for Baptists of England for over 60 years. In the song book, 24 hymns are classified "For Younger Children," 300 as suitable for young people, 90 hymns for evangelistic services, and 69 Canticles and Psalms. It has been called "a treasury of praise equal to, if not surpassing, any other hymn book in Great Britain today!"

● B. W. A. Assures Church Completion in Poland. The Administrative Committee of the Baptist World Alliance has guaranteed funds up to \$20,000 for completion of a Baptist church center at Warsaw, Poland. Holding its semi-annual meeting in Washington, the group heard a telephoned report from Erik Ruden, its

associate secretary in Europe, that money was needed for early completion of the building in the heart of the Polish capital. The committee instructed Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, to seek gifts for the required amount, and assured Alexander Kircun, president of the Polish Baptist Convention, that the money will be made available. The Baptist World, Alliance magazine, now circulates to Baptists in 91 countries of the world, editor C. E. Bryant reported. There has been substantial circulation increase in recent months as the magazine's editorial content has been revitalized, he said.

● Baptists Plan Research and Idea Exchange. Plans for international study conferences in which Baptist leaders of many countries can exchange findings and make cooperative plans on a world scale have been given added impetus by the Baptist World Alliance. Representatives of the Alliance's four study commissions met in Washington, D. C., for week-end discussions planning agenda for commission sessions at Oslo, Norway next August 23-24. The Commissions deal with Baptist doctrine, religious liberty and human rights, Bible study and membership training, and evangelism and missions. Those present at a meeting called "preliminary consultation on the work of the study commissions" were Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va.; Clifton J. Allen of Nashville, Tenn.; E. M. Darroll of Johannesburg, South Africa; V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia; John Skoglund of Rochester, N. Y.; Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., and three members of the Alliance staff, Josef Nordenhaug, Robert S. Denny and C. E. Bryant.

● The South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., has extended a call to Rev. Fred W. Mashner of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, pastor of the Bethel Church since 1956. He has replied favorably and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Sheboygan church on July 1st, succeeding Rev. Eugene Stroh of Warren, Mich., presently the minister of the Bible Baptist Church of Detroit.

● On Easter Sunday, Rev. John Woltenberg, pastor of the Emmanuel Church, Morris, Man., baptized 22 converts on confession of their faith in Christ. The Woman's Missionary Society held its annual program on Sunday evening, March 25, with Rev. R. Neuman of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Indian missionary, as the guest speaker. On Sunday evening, April 8, the young people of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man., presented a special program in German.

● The Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., is presenting a religious radio broadcast each Sunday evening from 5:30 to 6:00 P.M., over KSJB in Red Wing, Minnesota. The program of "Melodies and Meditations" is entitled GRACE NOTES and is conducted by Rev. Bernard Edinger, pastor. KSJB has a large coverage of five states and parts of Canada which "makes this a challenge to preach the Gospel by means of this broadcast," as stated by Mr. Edinger. He has been serving KSJB in an advisory capacity in recent years. The program is being conducted on a trial basis for several months.

● The Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., held "Deeper Life Meetings" from March 26 to 30 with Rev. Herman Effa of Chancellor, S. Dak., as the guest evangelist. He dealt with several provocative questions such as "How Much Does God Mean to You?" "What Should Happen to Me in Church?" and "How Long Will You Live?" On Friday evening Mr. Effa brought a special children's story entitled "Snowball." Rev. Lyle W. Wacker is the pastor of this church of which many faculty members and students of the NAB Seminary are members.

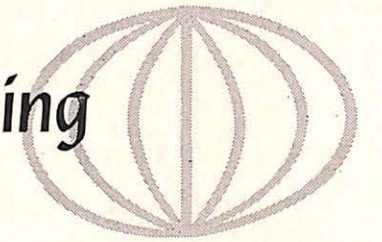
● The congregation of the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., is meeting for its services of worship in the building of the Second German Baptist Church of New York City at 407 West 43rd Street. This arrangement will continue until the church basement of the Immanuel Church is ready for occupancy. The new church is now being constructed in East Elmhurst, Long Island. Rev. Assaf Husmann is the pastor. The fourth anniversary of the Men's Brotherhood was held on Sunday evening, March 25, with Dr. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., as the guest speaker. The anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society was held on Sunday evening, April 15.

● The Baptist Church of New Leipzig,

N. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Allan Gerber, a senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He has accepted the call and will begin his ministry in New Leipzig on July 1st, succeeding Rev. Allan Strohschein, now of Bismarck, N. Dak. Mr. Gerber's home town is Camrose, Alberta where he is a member of the Fellowship Baptist

● The Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., celebrated its second anniversary on April 1, 1962. It was founded in Hickory Grove School as an extension project of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church in 1960. In its splendid, new colonial, first unit the attendance at Sunday school on Sunday, April 1st, was 116, with 130 persons present in the morning

what's happening



Church. For the past 1½ years he has been serving as the student pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Beaver Creek, Minn. He is receiving the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the North American Baptist Seminary in May 1962.

● Mr. Flavius Martin of the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, will complete his work toward the Bachelor of Arts degree at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in June 1962. He is hoping to continue his studies this summer at Princeton Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey. He will major in Greek in his summer studies. Mr. Martin has appeared on the program of the General Conference sessions and at numerous churches with great blessing. Eventually he will finish his studies toward the Bachelor of Divinity degree at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls.

● Pre-Easter services were held at the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, from April 8 to 15 with Rev. Robert Schreiber of Lodi, Calif., pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, as the guest speaker. It was hoped that the church might use the facilities of the beautiful new building during these days. The Woman's Missionary Union presented its annual program on Sunday evening, March 25. Members of the Bethel Baptist Woman's Society of Salem, Oregon, presented the play, "The Old Man." On March 18 a baptismal service was held, the last baptism in the old sanctuary, at which Rev. Clarence H. Walth, pastor, officiated.

HOME GOING OF REV. FRED J. KNALSON

Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Bismarck, N. Dak., was called to his heavenly Home on Sunday night, April 15, 1962. He had just completed two weeks of service as chaplain at the Home for the Aged in Bismarck. The memorial service was held on Thursday, April 19. He leaves to mourn his homegoing his wife and a son. He was 46 years of age. EDITOR

worship service and 99 at the evening service. Ruby Salzman, missionary, spoke and showed slides of the mission fields in the Federal Republic of Cameroon on Feb. 18, the day before her departure by plane for Africa. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor, has announced that the dedication services for the new church have been set tentatively for Sunday, June 10, 1962.

● The Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, has set up a "Memorial Student Loan Fund" of about \$2000 to help worthy young church members secure a desired education. A special committee in the church is making all arrangements for the loans. On Sunday evening, April 15, twenty-two persons were baptized by Rev. Howard Johnson, pastor, on confession of their faith in Christ. Approximately 150 fathers and sons attended a banquet on March 20 to enjoy the dinner and to hear Dr. Warren Filkin of Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago as magician and speaker. The Senior Youth Group presented a Spring Musical on Sunday evening, April 29, which revealed the many talents of the church's young people.

● On Wednesday evening, April 25, during the sessions of the Board of Missions in Forest Park, Illinois, guest speakers and missionaries spoke in various churches of the Chicago area as follows: Dr. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons missionary, in the East Side Church, Chicago; Rev. Fred W. Moore, Japan missionary, in the First Baptist Church, Bellwood; Rev. F. Kenneth Goodman, Cameroons missionary, in the Forest Park Church; Rev. H. H. Riffel, with the story of his South America trip, Foster Avenue Church of Chicago; Rev. Clarence H. Walth, Dallas, Oregon, in the Glenbard Church, Glen Ellyn; Rev. Willy R. Muller, Carbon, Alberta, in the Norridge Church; Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, in the German Mission Church of Chicago.

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The Shattered Wall

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

By Sallie Lee Bell

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SYNOPSIS

Dr. Harlan Rawlins, a young physician, was praised for his skill in performing a difficult operation. He was so busy with his profession that he could not be serious about any girl. He started dating Helen Warren, a very pretty nurse, even though she was going rather steady with Roger Edwards. The two men got into a fight over the girl. Mr. Edwards was struck down and left unconscious. Dr. Rawlins decided to leave town. He abandoned his car and took a bus to the strange sounding town, "River's End." He took an assumed name, Howard Ramsey, and got a job in a snack bar on the ferry boat. There he met a girl, Deidre Fleming, who lived in Westwego, across the river, and worked in the Sunset Cafe. He struck up a friendship with her and they had several dates together. She was bringing sunshine into his gloomy existence. One afternoon Harlan witnessed an accident in which a little girl was critically injured. He went to the girl's aid, thus saving her life. Later he called on the girl, Margie, at the hospital. But a stranger on the ferry boat thought he recognized him as "the doctor" at Harpersville. He now felt that he might have to leave town and Deidre. The burden of his secret was weighing him down. Fear was also there and there was no way of escape.

CHAPTER TEN

HARLAN'S WORK palled upon him more heavily after the incident of the child's accident. He had had a little taste of what his life had been and what a joy it had been and what it still might have been if he had not ruined his life. Regret weighed more heavily upon him, but there was no real repentance for having struck and killed a fellow man in anger. It was true, as he thought over what had happened, that Roger had given him cause to be angry and that he had tried to strike him first, but the only regret he had was that he had wrecked his life, not that he had killed a man.

He went back to the hospital a few days later. He was delighted to see that Marjie was sitting up. Her mother told him that the doctor had given them permission to take her home at the end of the week.

"We want you to come to see us when she gets home," she said. "We want to become better acquainted."

"That's very kind of you," Harlan replied. "I shall look forward to coming to see you. I know so few people here and it does get lonely at times."

"We've talked to Marjie so much about you and what you did for her, that I think you're her hero," she told him.

Harlan turned to the child and gave her a smile.

"It's nice to be somebody's hero," he said. "Shall we be pals? That's what I'd like to be."

She nodded and he leaned over and kissed her on the forehead.

A few minutes later Mr. Barton came in with a stranger whom Mrs. Barton greeted cordially. Then she turned to Harlan.

"This is our pastor, Rev. Marvin Jacobs," she said. "This is Mr. Ramsey," she explained to the pastor, "the young man who saved Marjie's life."

Rev. Jacobs extended his hand and gave Harlan a firm clasp.

"You did a wonderful thing," he said. "God used you to bring blessing to these friends of mine and to save them from heartbreak. Little Marjie is dear to my own heart also."

"I only did what anyone else would have done, if they could have," Harlan told him. He hadn't thought that God had anything to do with it.

"That's what makes it so wonderful and proves that God had a hand in it," the minister said. "Anyone might have been willing and eager to do what you did, but you were the only one who could have done it. It was no accident that you were there, Mr. Ramsey."

"I hadn't thought of it that way," Harlan admitted.

He liked the young preacher. He was good looking, with dark serious

eyes, a firm chin and a face that would attract attention anywhere, for there was a winning personality that seemed to beam from it when one looked at him. It affected Harlan that way even before he had been introduced.

"You are a comparative stranger here, I believe," the pastor remarked.

"Yes, I come from the middle west," he said.

"I'd be glad for you to have dinner with me sometime, so that we can become better acquainted," the pastor offered.

"That would be fine," Harlan said without too much enthusiasm.

Though he liked the preacher, he didn't anticipate having dinner with him with any eagerness. He felt that in the presence of this man's simple faith in God and the religion which he professed, his own life would bear down upon him and he would be uncomfortable in the man's company. He would be a living lie in the presence of truth. He would be afraid that in some way, the man's intuition might reveal a hint of the lie that he was living.

When Harlan was ready to leave, Mr. Barton walked with him to the door.

"Come and have dinner with us one day next week," he said. "What day would suit you best?"

"I have next Thursday off," Harlan told him.

"Then come on Thursday. We'll be expecting you."

As Harlan walked toward the ferry, he thought of what the preacher had said. Was it really God? Did He really have anything to do with his being there when that child was hurt? The preacher had said that it was no accident. It was true that if he had not been there at that very time when the child had been knocked down, he wouldn't have known about the accident. The child would have been taken

somewhere while they waited for the ambulance and she would have died. He was the only one who had the knowledge and the skill to stem that flow of blood and to save her life.

He recalled what his mother had said, something that he hadn't thought of in all these years. She had said that there are no accidents with God, that He knows the end from the beginning and that He rules over the affairs of men. She had also told him that God takes care of His own. Then, he argued, if that was true, why did He let that child get hurt? Her parents seemed religious, so why didn't He take care of them? He wondered what the answer was. He didn't know that the child's accident would be the pivot upon which his whole life would revolve and change. He didn't know that perhaps this was also in the plan of God.

He told Deidre of his meeting with the pastor. He remembered seeing his name on the sign in front of the brick church.

"Have you ever been to his church?" he asked.

"No, I never have, but I've served him at the cafe. He comes there occasionally. He's so friendly and everyone seems to like him and to respect him. He surely is good looking."

"It's not his good looks, but his personality that attracts people. He doesn't seem like a preacher and he doesn't have that pious attitude that so many of the preachers I've met seem to assume. He's just a young man with a simple faith and something that emanates from him that makes people like him and makes you want him to like you."

"Maybe we should go to hear him preach sometime," she suggested.

"I'm not too keen about that," he objected. "Church is not in my line."

"It isn't in mine either. Sometimes I think I should go, but I just keep putting it off. I sometimes wonder what will happen to me when I die and I get frightened when I think about it. Do you suppose there really is a life after this one?"

"Of course there is," he replied in surprise. "What makes you wonder whether there is or not? Haven't you ever been to church or heard anyone preach about it?"

"I can't remember ever going," she admitted. "When my father put me in an orphanage, they didn't bother about our spiritual teaching. They were so crowded that all they were concerned about was to feed and clothe us and they didn't do that too well."

"When I got out and was on my own, I was too busy trying to find a job to think about church or about God. Only lately have I begun to wonder and to worry and to be afraid."

"Then why not go and listen to Rev. Jacobs and get the thing settled?" he suggested.

Her eyes grew dark and a look of sadness spread across her face.

"I'm afraid that wouldn't help. There are too many complications in my life.

I'm afraid that going to church would only upset me more."

"Then you really are in the middle of a bad fix. Why not forget all those fears and take what happiness you find in life and leave the future to itself?"

"Is that what you're doing?" she asked. "Is that why you don't want to go to church?"

"Perhaps, though I'll confess that there is very little joy in my life just now. The only time I have a little is when I'm with you."

"Thank you for saying that," and she gave him a wan smile. "But tell me, aren't you afraid of what comes after this life? Don't you ever wonder what will happen to you when you die?"

"I'm not wondering about anything," he told her and his voice was heavy with sadness. "I'm just existing from day to day without letting my mind linger upon such thoughts. If I did, I suppose I'd be afraid. But I won't let myself think of eternity. I have enough trouble with living."

"There's something from your past that makes you unhappy," she remarked solicitously. "I see it in your eyes when you're not aware that it's showing. Was there someone you loved who didn't love you?"

That was the question that was uppermost in her mind, for she longed to see some indication that he loved her and she was afraid that the image of some other love might still be with him and that it would keep him from ever falling in love with her.

"No. Nothing like that," he told her. "I've never really loved any girl. I've gone with many girls who interested me, but I never fell in love with one of them."

"I wish that I could help you bear your sorrow, whatever it is," she said tenderly.

He took her hand and kissed it.

"Bless you, if anyone could, it would be you," he said fervently. "Whatever sorrow I have had, must be forgotten, but sometimes forgetting isn't easy. Let's both try to forget our problems and fears and try to think of something more cheerful."

"All right, what shall it be?" she wanted to know.

"There's something I forgot," he told her. "I'm invited to the Bartons on my next day off. They want me to come to dinner. I hate to miss our date, but I couldn't refuse them when they seemed so anxious to have me."

"Do you call that something more cheerful?" she asked. "I call it more bad news."

He laughed and caught her to him suddenly, but she pulled away from him.

"I'm sorry," he apologized. "I forgot that you're little Miss Touch-me-not."

"Only until the right man comes with the right to change that name," she countered.

"I hope he never comes, if he would take you away from me," he said seriously. "You can't know what having you for a friend means to me. It keeps me going when there is no desire to go

on. The thought of you brightens the day which would otherwise be drenched in gloom. Just keep on being my friend and if Mr. Right comes along, I'll go out and shoot myself."

"Don't talk like that," she chided. "You're trying to be funny but you're not funny at all. Don't forget that you have brought something into my life that I never had before. I shall cling to your friendship and I'm going to enjoy it so much that I don't care if Mr. Right never comes along. He might spoil it all."

He longed to take her in his arms and tell her that he loved her and that he wanted to be that Mr. Right, that he wanted to keep her in his arms and near him for the rest of his life, but he knew that he shouldn't. He dared not. If she loved him, he had nothing to offer her. Marriage to him would be a farce, with his life so mixed up. If she didn't love him, then their friendship might end, or at least it would never be the same and he couldn't risk that. He would have to go on as they were, but he wondered how long it would last. As he had told her, he refused to think of the future. He would exist from day to day in the present, but life was becoming more and more complicated. He wondered what the end would be.

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CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

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III. High School Department.

The High School Department provides a program of academic preparation for prospective theological students. In this department the students may complete senior matriculation which is necessary for university entrance. While the High School Department provides this program primarily for pre-theological students, it is also open to others.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The Christian Training Institute of the North American Baptist General Conference offers High School, Bible School, and Pastoral Training. Besides offering excellent educational opportunities, the school gives its students spiritual guidance, missionary vision and numerous opportunities for Christian service.

The following contributions by faculty members in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" further depict the events of this year's activities in our school, the highlights of student activities, the description of the graduates, a presentation of the music department, and a personal introduction to the Christ as seen in the Old Testament, whom we place as the very center of our teaching.

Our prayer is that the Lord may have his way with and through us so that greater victories may be attained by growth and experience.



sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 20, 1962

Theme: **THE DAY OF THE LORD**

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:3-13; Jude 24-25
THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: If we truly return unto God, then we can joyfully look forward to the Lord's return.

INTRODUCTION: There has always been much speculation among Christians about the second coming of the Lord. Well-meaning interpreters have seen definite signs in current events, have studied Biblical numbers and symbols and accordingly have set definite dates for Christ's return. The words of Jesus are very clear on this point, although they are often ignored: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matt. 24:36). Christians should not be overly concerned about such speculation. If the words of Jesus are read with the proper emphasis, then it would be easier to see that his primary concern is related to two areas—expectation and preparation. John emphasizes this: "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself as he is pure" (I John 3:2, 3).

I. THE RELIGIOUS SCOFFER. 2 Peter 3:3, 4.

The inference in these verses of Scripture seem to indicate that the scoffers are Christians who look upon the doctrine of the advent of the Lord with derision. Like the cynic of Ecclesiastes, they claim "there is no new thing under the sun" (Eccl. 1:9). In our present day, we are often aware of the fact that the enemy within the church is much more dangerous than the enemy without. There is more cause for fearing the mocker in the pew than the mocker on the street.

II. GOD'S WORD IN CREATION. 2 Peter 3:5-9.

Peter strengthens his argument for the Lord's coming by reminding them of the fulfillment of God's Word in demonstration of God's power, and the flood was a severe and drastic judgment upon those who refused to heed God's warning. Present day scoffers are in as grave a danger as those in Noah's time. The only reason nothing happened so far is because God's calendar is permeated with mercy.

III. GOD'S WORD IN DESTRUCTION. 2 Peter 3:10.

If creation is in God's hand, then

destruction is also. He does not say when it will come, only that it will come. God's timetable is not based on man's finite calendar. In his own time and in his own way his Word will come to pass.

IV. GOD'S WORD IN RE-CREATION. 2 Peter 3:11-13.

There must be a spiritual re-creation before there can be a physical re-creation. The instability of this world ought to spur us to greater efforts of holiness and godliness, for we have a new heaven and a new earth to which we look forward. This is one of God's special precious promises. To have a dwelling place in a world of righteousness is the privilege of those who sincerely and honestly look forward to his coming.

V. GOD'S FINAL BENEDICTION. Jude 24, 25.

There are numerous benedictions in the Bible. It is a solemn act of blessing and gives the recipient a feeling of peace and assurance. It is certainly in order at the close of this Bible lesson. In spite of all the dangers prevalent in the world, it is good to know that there is a God who can keep us from falling.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Compare 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 with today's lesson. Were these early Christians disappointed because some of their loved ones died before the Lord returned?
2. Compare 1 Thessalonians 5:20 with 1 Corinthians 13:9. What should our attitude be toward prophecy?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 27, 1962

Theme: **TESTS OF FAITH**

Scripture: I John 1: 5-2:6

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A faithful life, dedicated to God, is the best test of our faith.

INTRODUCTION: The early Christians often had their faith disturbed by pagan and Jewish influences. Their error and doctrine spread among the followers of Christ and had a serious effect upon their spiritual lives so that they were unable to have any meaningful fellowship with God as revealed in Jesus Christ. One of these sects or philosophies with which they had to contend was the Gnostics, who claimed to have positive proof of spiritual matters through knowledge. They denied the reality of Jesus'

earthly life altogether and claimed to know only a spiritual world free of matter.

It is difficult for us as Christians in the twentieth century to understand how this should affect the first century Christians, but it must have been important enough for John to write this letter of warning and of explanation in order to establish and strengthen them in faith and fellowship.

I. FAITH AND LIGHT. I John 1:5.

Faith is often associated with the unknown but never with darkness. Since God is light, then it is self-evident that he will reveal himself to men of faith. Light illuminates, and the greater the faith the greater the light will be.

II. FAITH AND TRUTH. I John 1:6.

Faith cannot be exercised where there is falsehood. You must be honest with God and with your fellowmen—and with yourself. Simply saying you are in accord with God will not make it so. You are simply trying to give an impression of truth rather than living the truth.

III. FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP. I John 1:7-10.

There must be a common faith if there is to be a common bond of fellowship. It must be free of deception. There must be a continual cleansing from sin, and there must be an awareness of personal sin by confession. Only in this way can God bestow upon us a continual forgiveness and cleansing. Sin disturbs fellowship with God as well as with men.

IV. FAITH AND JESUS CHRIST. I John 2:1, 2.

The test of our faith depends most often upon our attitude toward Jesus Christ. He is the only sure remedy for sin. When once we lose faith in him, as our advocate or as our propitiation, then we are lost. He is the Righteous One who can do something about our unrighteousness.

V. FAITH AND OBEDIENCE. I John 2:3-6.

The final test of faith is based on obedience. Our Christian conduct must be living evidence of our Christian belief. We must be a walking example as well as a talking example.

Jesus admonished his hearers with these words: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17). If we meet the spiritual conditions which are laid down for us by God's

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BAPTIST HERALD

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Northern District

Farewell Service at McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg

The ministry of 7½ years of Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit in the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, was brought to a close on Sunday, March 4th. The morning service was concluded on a high note with acceptance of new members and the observance of the Lord's Supper. Commencing at 5:00 P.M., a farewell program took place. The meeting was opened by the assistant pastor, Rev. A. Kliever, and was under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Patzia. Every organization had a representative speaker who expressed gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Waltereit for their leadership during the past years. The minister was faced with many problems when he first came to our bilingual church. Mr. Waltereit gave of his best to please all. He will long be remembered for his exceptional sermons, understood by young and old.

Rev. R. Grabke of Grant Park Church and Rev. M. Falkenberg of Oak Bank, our daughter churches, also spoke, as did Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, District Secretary. A Westminster chime clock was presented to the Waltereits on behalf of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Waltereit responded suitably, as well as their sons, David and Jimmie. Ruth Waltereit our able organist, is remaining until the end of June.

Mrs. Alice Parr, Reporter

Wedding Anniversaries, Emmanuel Church, Morris

Saturday, March 10th, was a very special day for two couples of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba, as well as their friends. On this occasion Mr. and Mrs. R. Bayer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Schulz, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. A dinner in honor of the two couples was held in the lower church auditorium. A short program followed with Mr. R. J. Stober acting as master of ceremonies. The pastor, Rev. J. Wollenberg, also spoke briefly to the couples.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayer were married in Russia in 1912. They emigrated to Canada in 1948 and made their home in Morris, where they are faithful members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Their children, who were present at the 50th wedding anniversary celebration, are: Mrs. W. Keck (Tamura); Mrs. R. Schulz (Lena), and Leonard. Besides these, one daughter, Lea, is still living in Russia. A point of interest on the occasion of this 50th anniversary was that Mrs. Bayer's bridemaid, Mrs. Adina Bergstresser, was able to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Schulz were married

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Bayer (left) and Mr. and Mrs. R. Schulz (right) of Morris, Man., who celebrated their 50th and 25th wedding anniversaries on March 10.

in Russia in 1937, and emigrated to Morris, Canada in 1948. All of their children were able to be present at their anniversary, namely, Mrs. A. Herms, (Lilli); Mrs. A. Maltzahn (Irma); Arthur; Freda; Erica; and Erwin.

Irma Bergstresser, Reporter

Eastern District

Cherub Choir, Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia

"This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine." Thus "The Cherubs" sing at the morning church services of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa. The children of this



CHERUB CHOIR of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., which sings regularly at the Sunday morning worship services of the church.

choir really "shine" for Jesus as they sing so enthusiastically. The message in song that they present is a great blessing to all who attend our church.

These children, ranging in age from 5½ years to about 10 years, are very faithful in rehearsing and serving under the leadership of Mrs. Alma Ziegenthaler. Mrs. Peg Nowell and Mrs. Mary Jane Muller are Mrs. Ziegenthaler's able assistants. Mrs. Ann Brennan also assists in dressing these youngsters in their robes.

The Fleischmann Memorial Church also has a Youth Choir that is doing excellent singing in two-part harmony. We pray that God will richly bless these children and young people as they continue to "sing praises unto his name."

Jeannette MacMeekin, Reporter

Ridgewood Woman's Missionary Society Celebrates Birthday

March 28 is the nearest date to the founding of the Ridgewood Church's Missionary Society, Ridgewood, N. Y., 94 years ago. The vice president, Mrs. Rubin Kern, conducted the meeting in a warm and gracious way and welcomed guests from the Evergreen Church. Mrs. Kern mentioned that Mrs. Gus Beck, the president, was again in our midst following the untimely passing of her husband. Rev. Rubin Kern remarked that many NAB churches, including our own, are fortunate in having two women's societies, with their prayers, missionary zeal and contributions.

Displayed on the platform were articles suggesting an African background. A hand-drawn map of Cameroon mission stations and signs marking Medical, Evangelism and Education Exhibits were the work of Mrs. Gus Beck's grandson, Kenneth. Her son, Gus, Jr., painted two suitable African scenes. Around the map were photos of our Cameroon missionaries pointed out during the narration by Margaret Kern. The secretary, Mrs. Walter Keller, acted as narrator. The audience joined in singing appropriate

hymns at intervals during the narration. Brief interviews were held at the stations and various phases of the work were dramatized. Vocal duets were rendered by Norma Neithardt and Charlene Kris and Mrs. Rubin Kern and Mrs. William Freihoff sang "Gott ist die Liebe" in German and in an African dialect.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter

40th Anniversary, Women's Soc., Chicago's East Side Church

On March 9, the Women's Missionary Society of the East Side Baptist Church Chicago, Ill., celebrated its 40th anniversary with a banquet held in the lower auditorium of the church. In March 1922, the Young Women's Guild of the South Chicago Baptist Church was organized. The late Rev. C. Fred Lehr, pastor, was responsible for the organization of this group. Only three members of this group are living at this time: Mrs. August Kaleck, Mrs. William Sauer and Mrs. Walter Vander Hoogt. Mrs. Vander Hoogt attends our meetings whenever possible and is a blessing to all. The Young Women's Guild was organized for the purpose of fostering the spirit of Christian fellowship and to provide a channel whereby these Christian young women could serve the cause of the Church and their God.

All of our past presidents were given a special invitation. Twelve were present and were given corsages by our program chairman, Mrs. John Allfree. Our program consisted of vocal quartet numbers by Mrs. Ralph Schauer, Mrs. William Harris, Mrs. Otto Saupe and Mrs. Harold Freiwald. Our own pastor, Rev. Carl Palfenier, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Herbert Gnass who was the soloist at our 1st anniversary sang "Bless This House." Mrs. Otto Saffran was our first president. Today's president is Mrs. Millard Hunt serving her third term. During these



WOMAN'S SOCIETY, EAST SIDE CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILL.

Seated, left to right: Mrs. Edward Engbrecht, Mrs. Otto Saffran and Mrs. Millard Hunt. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Albert Cload, Mrs. George Riddle, Mrs. Raymond Manthe, Mrs. Eugene Diezi, Mrs. Harold Freiwald, Mrs. William Harris, Mrs. Carl Klein, Mrs. Ralph Schauer, and Mrs. Vernon Wolff.



Future site of the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia.

Left to right: Rev. E. H. Nikkel, pastor; Dr. R. Schilke, guest speaker.

past 40 years we have had many loyal officers and members. Our past treasurer, Mrs. Emil Badtke, is ill and could not be with us. For her untiring service of 18 years we are truly thankful.

Olga W. Engbrecht, Reporter

Rev. Jack Dundas' Ministry at Detroit's Ridgemont Church

After a period of eight months Ridgemont Baptist Church of East Detroit once again has its own minister, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, who began his service here on Sunday, March 18. We shall report separately on his first hours with his new church and on the welcoming services. During the interim, God did not leave us without spiritual leadership. He supplied our needs through the faithful ministry of Rev. Ernst Sakowski in German and

Rev. Jack Dundas in the English language.

Mr. Dundas is 25 years old; he is married and has one child. After attending the Detroit Bible Institute for two years, he enrolled in Trinity College, Clearwater, Florida, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree. While in Florida, he ministered to the Traylor Park Church in Clearwater. He has been very active in the Youth for Christ movement. Upon his return to Michigan, he served the Hope Baptist Church in Ferndale as assistant pastor for one year. During the past eight months, Mr. Dundas conducted our Sunday evening services, and God blessed us richly through his ministry. He has the ability to "reach" people. His messages are clear and concise yet at the same time powerful and moving; they are serene and meaningful, yet easily understood. Now that Rev. H. J. Waltereit has arrived, our present plans do not include an assistant pastor, and Rev. Jack Dundas would be free to serve wherever God calls him.

Mr. G. E. Salter, Reporter

Western District

Ground Breaking Ceremony for Trinity Church, Kelowna, B. C.

Since we of the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., had the pleasure of the unexpected visit of Dr. R. Schilke on Sunday, Feb. 25th, our pastor, Rev. E. H. Nikkel arranged the ground breaking exercises for our new church a week earlier than originally planned. After the opening devotional, a short history of the church was given by the chairman of the deacons, Mr. A. Bredin. Further reports were given by the chairman of the Building Committee and also Sunday School superintendent, Mr. B. Badke; chairman of the Finance Committee and also church treasurer, Mr. Bob Spletzer; Woman's Missionary Guild president, Mrs. Elsie Hait; male choir president, Mr. Al Hait; and the young people were represented by Miss Margo Busch.

For the ground breaking, Dr. Schilke took the spade and drew the form of a cross on the ground and so turned the first sod in behalf of the North American Baptist denomination. Rev. E. H. Nikkel followed the form in behalf of the Trinity Church. The former representatives also pledged their loyalty as they in turn participated in the exercises. Dr. Schilke brought a challenging and encouraging message from Neh. 2:17-18, centering his thoughts around the exhortation, "Let us rise up and build." After the dedicatory prayer by Dr. Schilke, the closing hymn was sung with a renewed vision of the place of worship that will be standing there in a few months for "The people had a mind to work."

Rose Leschert, Reporter

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Hoover, Anaheim

The Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, welcomed its new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. William Hoover and Gloria, on Sunday, March 18, with capacity congregations

at the morning worship service, buffet supper fellowship hours and evening reception program. Mr. Hoover's morning message was "Giving Jesus Christ the Pre-eminence." Mr. Robert Martin, moderator, introduced Pastor Hoover and Mr. Herbert Stabbert, Deacons' Board chairman, brought a welcome from that group.

Following refreshments served by the church social committee with Mrs. William Denny, chairman, the reception program was held in the sanctuary. Mr. Herman Zachay, director, led the choir in the glorious anthem, "Almighty God of Our Fathers" by James. Pat Abernathy and Mr. Zachay sang the duet, "Be Glad, O Ye Righteous," accompanied by Janice Lamb, organist. The mayor of Anaheim, Mr. A. J. Schutte, brought a welcome from the city. Mr. Robert Shanks, president of the Anaheim Association of Christian Churches, and Rev. Al Casebeer, president of the Anaheim Ministerial Association, brought greetings from their organizations. Rev. Kenneth Fischer, pastor, of the Magnolia Baptist Church, represented our NAB district churches and warmly assured the Hoovers a wonderful fellowship with Bethel Church members. Mr. Robert Martin again welcomed the pastor's family to the church. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and Gloria graciously responded.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

Young Teens' Choir and Accordion Band, Anaheim

The Young Teen's Choir of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., practice Saturday mornings and sing at the Youth Night service on the last Sunday of each month. Miss Phyllis Boettcher is director and Mrs. Walter Gooden has helped as pianist. They are front row, left to right: Susan Abernathy, librarian; Georgeanne Eggert, Garnet Swanson, Terry Warner, Martha Madar, Phyllis Boettcher; second row: Lorraine Hartford, secretary; Joann Draper, Kathy Vanderbeck, Cathy Eggert, Becky Burt, Sandra Ash; third row: Rod Schoor, Terry Smith, Gail Boettcher, president; Dan Bentley and Rick Schoor. Absent, Rudy Motley.

The Accordion Band of the Bethel Church practices Saturday mornings and plays at the Youth Night services the last Sunday of each month. By



The Accordion Band of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., which plays at the Youth Night services each month. (Bob Ulrich, Photographer).

request they played April 8 during the Adult Sunday School Assembly. Mrs. Arthur Domries is director, Mrs. David Eggert, business manager, and Donald Domries, assistant manager. They are: front row, left to right: Georgeanne Eggert, treasurer; Judy Mims, vice president; John Cool, president; Cathy Eggert, Mrs. Eggert, chaplain. second row: Sandrad Klopfenstein, social chairman; Sandra Perkins, secretary; Susan Cool, social chairman; Donald Domries, assistant manager, and Mrs. Domries.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

Central District

Annual Program, Ladies' Mission Circle, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

The Ladies' Mission Circle of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., presented its annual program in February with a large congregation in attendance.

The program consisted of the song service and the viewing of slides on mission work in South America by Mr. and Mrs. Franz Amelinckx, missionaries. Then the play, "The Heroine of Ava" was presented by the women with special group singing. A mission offering was received, after which a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

William Tesky, Reporter



The Young Teens' Choir of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., which frequently sings in Sunday evening services of the church. (Bob Ulrich, Photographer).

Dedication of Church Educational Wing at Hutchinson, Minn.

Sunday, March 18, was a day of rejoicing in the Lord for the Bethany Church, Hutchinson, Minn., as the new Sunday school wing was dedicated for the sole purpose of winning and enlisting young lives for the Master's use. The guest speaker for the dedication services was Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill., with several out of town pastors participating in the program. A fellowship supper was served in the church parlors by the ladies of the church.

This history of the church dates back to 1899 when the first building was constructed in the north part of Hutchinson, then known as the North-side Baptist Church. When the new church was built in 1957 at its present location, under the direction of its pastor, Rev. Elmo Tahran, the church name was changed to Bethany. Although the congregation has been small, their faith has been steadfast in moving forward in the building program. In 1959 a parsonage was built and dedicated and now in 1962 the present new structure has been completed under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Bert Itterman.

Mrs. Henry Schott, Reporter

Bison's Farewell for Rev. and Mrs. O. K. Ringering

Sunday, March 4, closed the six year pastorate of Rev. and Mrs. Oliver K. Ringering at the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas. A farewell dinner was given in their honor. In the afternoon, a farewell service was also held.

Representatives of the church expressed their appreciation for their faithful ministry. Those who participated were Mr. Fred Beahm, senior deacon; Mr. Elmer Thielenhaus, Sunday school; Mr. Arthur Witt, Men's Brotherhood; Mr. Carl Thielenhaus, C. B. Y.; Mrs. Elmer Thielenhaus, Loyal Daughters; and Mrs. Arthur Witt, Woman's Missionary Society. Mr. Clarence Hanhardt, deacon, presented a gift in money to Mr. and Mrs. Ringering. The Men's Chorus rendered several musical numbers.

May God bless Rev. and Mrs. Oliver K. Ringering as they serve him in their new field at the Ebenezer Church near Elmo, Kansas.

Clara L. Niedenthal, Reporter

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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• Mr. Erhard Knull of Milwaukee, Wis., a 1961 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, has been studying at the University of Tuebingen, Germany during the past winter semester, where he was enrolled in the Department of Theology. He is continuing his studies there for another semester. Thereafter he will visit a few Baptist churches in the northern part of Germany, Switzerland and Austria, and return with his family to the United States in August or September 1962, at which time he would be willing to accept a call from one of our churches. He writes: "Since my graduation from our beloved Seminary in Sioux Falls, I am more aware than ever that some truths concerning the Good News can be acquired at no place but at the Seminary. Thank God for our dedicated Seminary faculty and staff!"

REPORTS FROM FIELD

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Ministry of "God's Volunteers" at Marion, Kansas

We of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas considered it a real privilege to have had "God's Volunteers" in our church and community for two weeks. The "Volunteers" came to us Monday afternoon, Feb. 19, and the meeting of the team was first enjoyed by the King's Daughters as they observed their yearly dinner meeting at a local restaurant. Forty-five ladies enjoyed meeting the individual team members. The Team presented the program for the evening. The first week of their ministry in our community was spent in calling on friends of the church and on shut-in members. In all 160 contacts were made by the team accompanied by our deacons or their wives.

"God's Volunteers" were well received in our community and were guests of the local Kiwanis Club for a luncheon program. There were four children's rallies which were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the children. On Saturday evening the local CBYF entertained the young people of the Eastern Kansas Association, consisting of 7 churches, at an informal time of fellowship at the City Auditorium.

Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of "God's Volunteers," joined the group for the morning services. There were nine church services in all and the attendance was excellent. At most of the evening services every available seat was taken. As a result of much hard work, prayer and the wonderful message of music and the Gospel, there were seven decisions to accept Christ as Savior. There were also ten rededications of life and many more decisions that were not made public. We thank God for the wonderful working of his power and grace and for the lives of the "Volunteers" as they continue proclaiming the Gospel in Song, Story and Sermon.

Mrs. Harry Koslowsky, Reporter

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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Word then we can be sure that spiritual results will follow.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What other tests of our faith are essential to our Christian life?
2. Are the tests of faith different for us than they were for the early Christians? Compare our modern day problems with those of the early church.
3. Discuss the terms "advocate" and "propitiation" and how they affect our faith.

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vided through the years of preparation and now in the pastoral service. (Southey, Saskatchewan). I am challenged by the words of Peter. "Accept the responsibility of looking after them (the flock of God) willingly . . . because you are really concerned about their well-being" (I Peter 5:2-Philips).

MANFRED TAUBENSEE

"How inexhaustible God's resources, wisdom, and knowledge are! How unfathomable his decisions are, and how untraceable his ways!" (Romans 11:33-Goodspeed). It all began with the intention of attending Bible School for just one year at the Christian Training Institute. While at Bible School, God spoke to me concerning full-time Christian service. Now I have spent

five blessed years here, and upon graduating, God willing, I shall enter the pastoral service this summer. Among the many experiences during the years at the Institute, the intimate Christian fellowship among students and faculty has been most precious to me.

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