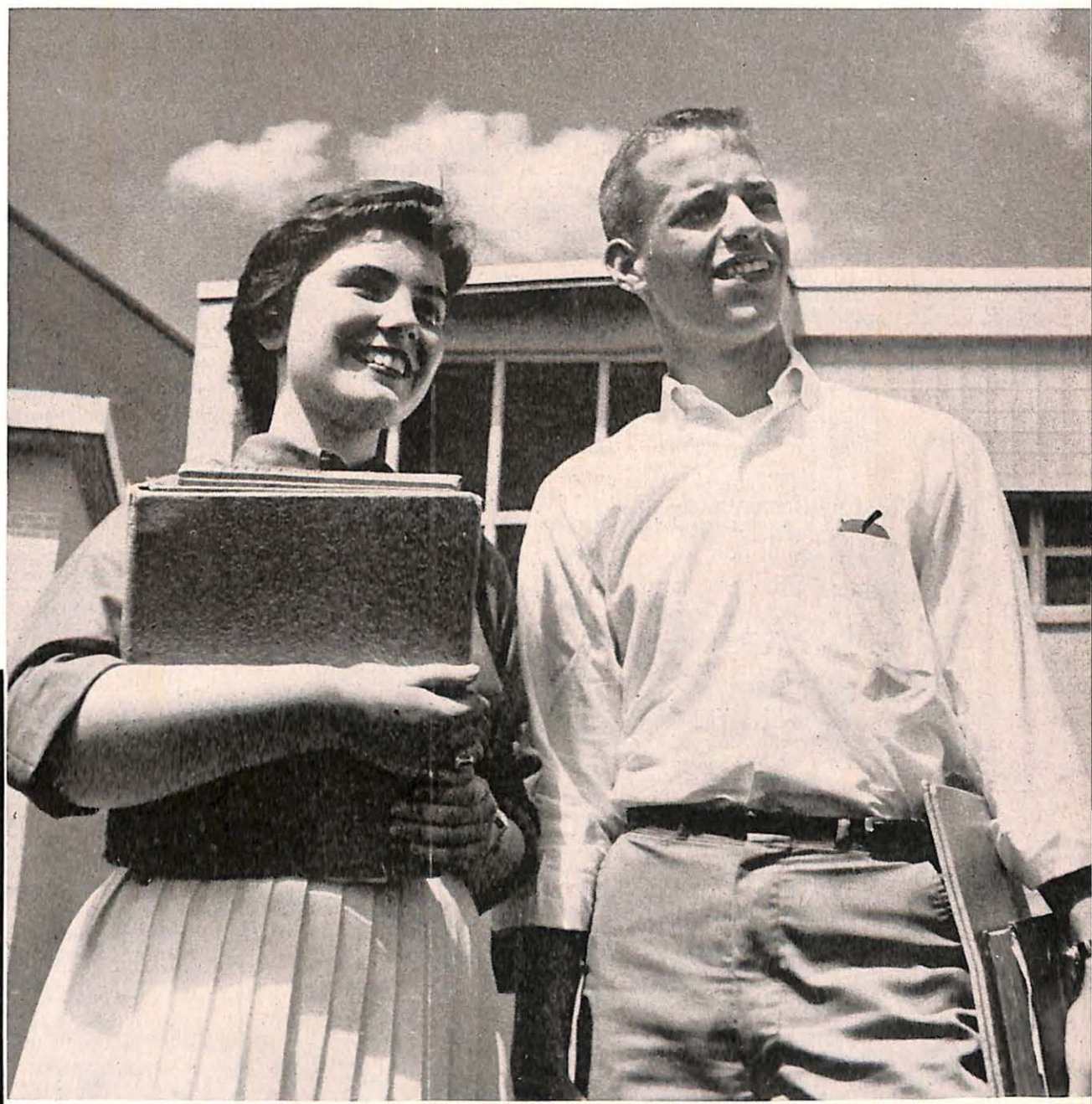


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Frightening Figures

At the time of Christ the world population total- ed between 200 and 300 million. By 1650 it had mounted to only 500 million. A century later, 700 million, reaching one billion by 1830. For several years the rate of increase averaged a mere .02 cent annually. However, a dramatic increase in the growth rate is noticeable from 1830 to 1930 when the world figure reached 2 billion. Today about 3 billion people are alive in the world. From 1650 to 1930 the increase rate averaged .5 per cent per year. From 1930 to 1940—1 per cent. And since World War II—1.6 per cent. At the present rate of in- crease, the world population will double in 40 years.

We might ask, "What is the church of Jesus Christ doing about it?" About 10,800 babies are born into the world each hour. Only half this num- ber of deaths occur hourly. Each hour the world population grows by 5,365. A study over the past five years indicates that the total hourly increase in all Protestant churches reaches 215. Assuming these figures to be correct, the world population this year is increasing twenty times as fast as Protestant church membership.

Another frightening aspect of world growth compared with church growth arises out of a study of the recruitment of ministers and missionaries. Most seminaries report decreasing enrollments. The shortage of ministers is acute. Foreign missionary candidates are lacking to fill agonizing world needs. Note a startling trend in the growth ratio between Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries.

In 1925 Protestants counted 29,000 missionaries on traditionally non-Christian fields. The Catholics reported 22,000. By 1960 Protestant missionaries numbered 38,000, an increase of 31 per cent. But Roman-Catholics had 51,000 on foreign fields, a gain of 132 per cent; or four times more rapid growth than Protestantism showed.

While there is no doubt that God will ultimately triumph, he holds each generation of Christians responsible for their witness to the world in their day. A sober look at these simple statistics should frighten us out of our spiritual indolence and smug self pride into the work of reaching the world's billions.

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YOUTH WEEK, JAN. 27 - FEB. 3, 1963

Theme: "Ready Thy Will to Do!"

THEME SONG

"Ready"

THEME VERSE

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (I John 2:17).

THEME POSTER

Look for it on the bulletin board of your church.

May youth learn to do the will of God in our day!

PROGRAM IDEAS

Study the "Youth Work Handbook" for 1962-1963, pages 28 to 42.

PROGRAM GOALS

- I. To help youth discover their mission and purpose in life and give them guidance in finding practical ways of fulfilling this mission and purpose.
- II. To challenge youth to respond to God's call into missions.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

MEDICAL AND TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR DR. FLUTH. All North American Baptists praise God for the miraculous recovery of Dr. Jerry Fluth from the severe burns suffered by him at the New Hope Settlement in West Cameroon last fall. The expenses for travel for the family and medical care for the medical missionary have totaled about \$5,000 to \$6,000. This has become a denominational budget item approved by the Finance Committee. Individuals and churches who desire to contribute toward this worthy cause may designate their gifts accordingly. It should be understood by all donors that anything over and above this de- signated sum of total expenses will be used for missions.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY. On Sunday, Feb. 3, 1963 most of our churches will receive the communion offering for the work of the Baptist World Alliance. This offer- ing will go partly toward the support of the Baptist World Alliance, partly for assistance to the persecuted Bap- tists in New Guinea, and partly for clothing and food for East German pastors and people. This relief minis- try in Christ's Name to harassed and needy fellow Baptists deserves our generous and sacrificial response.

ARTICLES BY STEWARDSHIP SECRETARY. Every month Rev. Dav- id J. Draewell, Secretary of Steward- ship and Higher Education, will pre- sent his challenging department in the "Baptist Herald" to be known as "The Story of Stewardship." You will find it on page 16 of this issue. An interest- ing graph showing the record of our denominational giving and the goals still to be reached which will be pre- pared by Mr. Draewell will also appear each month.

NEW PLACEMENT OF MISSION- ARIES. The Cameroons Field Commit- tee has made the following important placements: Miss Ruth Rabenhorst is now serving as a nurse at the Banso Hospital; Miss Minnie Kuhn has been placed at Belo where she is in charge of the maternity center; Miss Barbara Kieper will remain at the New Hope Settlement Hospital for leprosy pa- tients at Mbingo; and Dr. Eugene Stock-

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"DIMENSIONS OF MISSIONARY FAITH"

Story of Adoniram Judson
By Dr. George A. Dunger

Editorial

Ready Thy Will to Do!

Guest Editorial by Rev. John Binder,
Assistant General Secretary, Department of Christian Education

Life today for many young people has become confusing and pointless. They have sought to discover answers to their questions, "Who am I?," "What am I here for?," "Where am I going?," but have not found them. They have seen everything, experienced every- thing and sometimes thought they knew everything until they ended up bored stiff with it all. The purpose and happiness that they were looking for always seemed to vanish. Just when they thought they had reached it, it crumbled in their hands. There are masses of youth and adults today who are very unhappy because they try freely to satisfy every fleshly desire and refuse to follow in the way of Christ.

The inherent transiency of all human things is the message of past history and present experience. "And the world passeth away and the lust thereof . . ." (I John 2:17a). In so far as human life is char- acterized by lust of the flesh and of the eyes and by pride, the world passes away by self-destruction. It cannot be otherwise. In personal experience we are all involved in the decay and transiency of life.

Is there a way of escape or remedy? Yes, "he who does the will of God abides forever" (I John 2:17b). The will of God is the con- stituent principle of life and of the universe, and permanent value re- sides only in what is within God's purpose. Only in so far as we attach ourselves to God's will do we belong to the order of immortality. Everything not within God's will simply "passes away," or dies. He who does not do the will of God, but lives by the lusts of the world, is destroyed. "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction" (Matthew 7:13). To love the world is to lose every- thing, including the thing loved. To love God is to gain him and his Kingdom. The world is waning; it is God alone and those who do his will that shall abide.

Many of us have experienced the truth of I John 2:17, but how can we convince the unreached youth of its reality? The task is not easy! We are in the midst of a battle for the minds and hearts of youth. Many evil forces are penetrating increasingly deeper into the thinking of our youth. Clever deceptive plans are in operation to de- stroy the moral and spiritual conscience of youth while glorifying physical and material ambition. They are serious in touching the youth of the world. We, as youth leaders and adult workers in the church, must take new steps in helping our youth know what to be- lieve as truth and help them to demonstrate it. We must make a new and more concentrated effort to help youth realize that the Lord is the Lord of all their life and to discover their place in his great plan.

One of the best opportunities provided for this purpose is during YOUTH WEEK, Jan. 27-Feb. 3, 1963. What happens during this week will depend on your praying and planning. If we will do our part, God will honor it and grant meaning and purpose for multitudes of youth as they hear God's call and respond, "Ready Thy Will to Do!"

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The Challenge of Missionary Vocations

Why not come out to Africa, join in the work for the Lord, and spend your life for something worthwhile? This is a challenge to all Christian young people!

By Mr. W. Norman Haupt, Missionary-teacher at the Cameroons Protestant College, Bali, Federal Republic of Cameroon

TEEN-AGER, what are you going to do with your life? I'm sure that your counsellor in high school has given you plenty of advice on the jobs available and how to prepare for them. But I doubt that any of them has presented to you the possibility of preparing for a missionary career. Give it some thought . . . !

I suppose that to be an ideal missionary today you would have to be a mixture of Frank Buck, Tarzan, Einstein, and Jesus Christ. Your location in a foreign culture, your work, and the people you serve would challenge you in so many ways that you would soon find that you are becoming acquainted with a new person—the real YOU.

You'll find your limitations, your abilities which you had no idea you possessed, and your breaking point. One could say it is the type of work that separates the men from the boys—to use a Navy expression. The challenge would come in all parts of your make-up or personality—physical, mental and spiritual.

YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE

Although you read and see TV pictures about the modern Africa that is developing, there is still much rugged hiking, climbing, swimming and running to be done to carry the Lord's work into areas off the "main road," as we call it. It still takes strong, athletic young men to go out on trek to visit schools, churches and clinics, or to drive jeeps and trucks on roads that defy a muddy description.

Most of you reading this would not qualify physically for missionary service today. It is surprising to see so many flabby, pot-bellied, flat-chested teen-agers in our churches. I think most of my African high school boys in the Cameroons could put you to shame physically, even though their bodies are full of diseases and they have had a very poor diet all their lives. But I suppose, here in America, you don't need to keep yourself in physical shape because you have push-buttons and plenty of doctors and medicines.

The "living sacrifice" mentioned in Romans 12:1 would be a poor presentation to the Lord for most of you—yet this is your "reasonable service." Do you think you could hike and climb hills and mountains for half a day, swim a couple of swollen rivers, then stand up and preach or teach or settle

a burning issue with tact and grace, and still end the day without feeling beat and crushed? You got to be tough, man!

THE CHALLENGE OF THE BEST

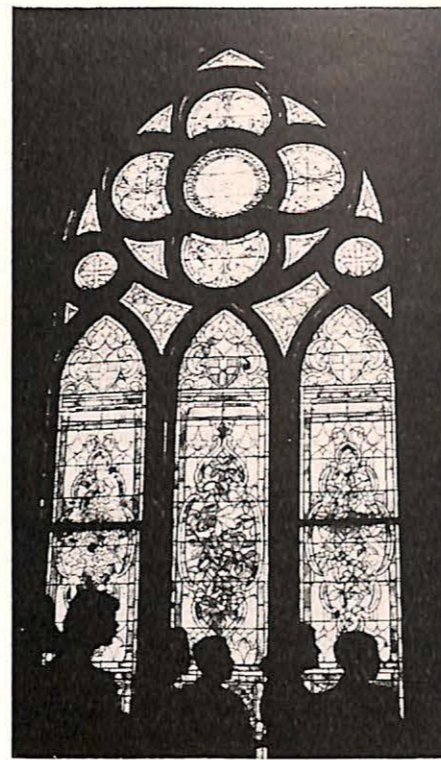
What about the mental side of it? In today's Africa with its growing educated population, the day is gone when the white man's ways and words are considered good. Today Africans challenge us, (and rightly so), asking reasons for the way we think, live, preach, act, etc. When this happens you've got to have your wits about you to give a good reason for the hope that is in you. (I Peter 3:15). African governments are not interested in admitting missionaries and teachers into their countries who are only mediocre. They want the best, for they want to improve their countries rapidly and bring about changes by using only the best.

We have a lot of mediocrity among us. We have good schools but nobody is interested in getting anything out of their education—just get it over with. Do just enough to get by . . . that's the spirit of the age here in America. America's intellectual poverty is known and talked about throughout the world. Even my African students know that boys and girls over here don't want to go to school, that they don't want to read or study, that they only want cars and money. They figure they can easily beat that, even if they do come from a preliterate society and from very rural surroundings! All they have to do is work hard, study, learn, and they'll end up ahead in the global race for supremacy.

Let's face it, high schooler, most foreign (including African) countries consider our colleges to be equal to their high schools and our B. A. degree equal to their high school graduation! So, if you're going to be a missionary today, you've got to show that you've got brains and know how to use them. Getting C's on report cards is not sufficient—that's only average. The Lord needs better than that!

A DARING, COMMITTED CHRISTIAN

Spiritually the same challenge stands before us that has stood before missionaries for the hundreds of years during which they have left home to serve the Lord abroad. It's the chal-



The courage, daring, loyalty and determination to be a missionary will come from HIM above who sends you out—if you are WILLING TO GO!—Photo by A. Devaney, Inc.

lenge to present Christ before people who live and think differently from you. The challenge to live Christ among people who are constantly watching you! The challenge to meet emergencies with the peace and calmness which the Holy Spirit brings into your heart and soul! The challenge to be a missionary—to obey God when others are going along another road! The challenge to be different from the rest of your friends and the world because you serve him! The challenge to live for the unseen things and not be carried away by the desires which others have to spend their lives for cars, clothes, houses, and cheap money which is soon gone.

Can you stand up to these challenges? No, probably not! And don't try to reach way down inside you somewhere to find the where-with-all to do these things. You won't find it. The courage, daring, loyalty and determination will come from him above Who sends you out—IF YOU ARE WILLING TO GO.

What about it? Have you got the guts to be a daring, committed Christian? Can you dare to be a Daniel (as the song puts it)? Are you rooted and grounded in the Lord? Do you know his Word? Have you experienced his Spirit in your life so that you can know his will and be obedient to it?

I've seen missionaries and young people crack-up serving in Africa. Why? Their aims, goals and purposes in life were not rooted in Christ. An outward, frivolous, sentimental Christianity will not be an anchor to your

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Standing With God in Matsusaka, Japan

The story of difficult missionary beginnings in the farming village of Matsusaka (population 100,000) where we need to stand with our missionaries in prayer.

By Miss Joyce Batek of Matsusaka, Japan

IT WAS A beautiful Sunday morning in Matsusaka, Japan. The deep blue sky was disturbed only occasionally by white, fleecy clouds. The birds were singing in the trees as though they had not a care in the world. The street outside was unusually quiet for a Sunday morning.

Inside the church, Miss Yamamoto, my Japanese co-worker, was reading her Bible and the tape recorder was playing a tape of beautiful organ music by Blanche Hill from the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Michigan. I was standing in the entrance of the church, looking out the window. It was time for the junior high Sunday school, but again for the fourth week in a row no one came. Why had they suddenly stopped coming? As I thought about this the song, "The Stranger of Galilee," began to play on the tape.

JAPANESE FIGHTER PLANES

Then suddenly a squadron of Japanese fighter planes broke the peacefulness of the atmosphere and made their way across the blue sky. For a moment fear clutched my heart. I wondered where they were going and why. With the unrest in the world today, is it possible that another war will shatter the seemingly peaceful atmosphere of this tropical island? Outside a few bicyclers passed slowly by without so much as a glance at the planes. Their unconcern was obvious as they continued on their way.

What about their concern for their own souls? This too is obvious, but perhaps it is due to the fact that they don't understand what it means to be a sinner lost without Christ. The Stranger of Galilee is still unknown to many in this land.

Since last April, we have begun to

concentrate on Matsusaka by placing a full-time worker and a missionary there. Matsusaka is a farming village with a population of about 100,000 people. There are three small churches in addition to ours, and they are all on one end of the village. In our area, there are no other churches and so we are responsible for a large territory.

Under the "Every Home Crusade" plan, each home has been visited. Tracts have been handed out and home visitation is done nearly every day during the week. A Sunday school was started for junior high schoolers in the morning and for grade school age in the afternoon. The afternoon class is fairly well attended, but the morning class has stopped attending although class has stopped attending.

This age seems to be difficult to reach, partly because they are busy studying for entrance examinations into high school. These exams are very difficult and very important to the Japanese. All outside activities are cut to a minimum so that time may be spent in extra study.

The adult meetings were formerly held in the afternoon, but since no one came it was discovered that this was a time of the day when it is not easy for the housewife to leave the home. The meeting was changed to evening, and the second week the Lord gave us eleven persons in attendance for which we praise him.

The third week, eight persons came and the fourth week six. We are beginning to see some results, but we need your prayers to support us in this work. Those who have attended have stated that they do not understand what it means to become a Christian. To them the Bible is a very difficult book to understand. Yet in their darkness and ignorance of the

things of Christ, there is an earnest desire to know more.

English conversation and Bible classes are held each week for junior high, high school and university students and for working people. Throughout the history of our work in Japan, it has been discovered that this type of class is most profitable in making contacts and gaining the confidence of the young people. In all of our stations, there are some who have come to know the Lord because they first attended our English Class and became interested in the things of the Lord. Pray for these classes that some might be drawn from this group into the fellowship of the church.

MAKING CONTACTS FOR CHRIST

At the present time, we are meeting in a hospital building which is no longer being used for a hospital. The owner is not a Christian, but she is very sympathetic with our work and has allowed us to use the building for a very small fee. There has been talk of reopening the hospital again, but thus far no definite plans have been made. Pray with us that we might be able to continue to use the building.

Evangelism is becoming more and more difficult in "The Land of the Rising Sun," but we stand as Jehoshaphat did with our eyes fixed upon the Lord. The battle between God's people and the forces of evil continues. However, God told Jehoshaphat to take his position, to stand still, and to see the victory of the Lord on his behalf. The position is one of prayer. Will you stand with us in prayer for Matsusaka that Christ's Name might be made known in that village, and that he might be exalted in the midst of unbelief and lack of knowledge of his glorious Word?



MISSIONARY BEGINNINGS IN MATSUSAKA, JAPAN

Miss Yamamoto and Miss Joyce Batek, (left), witness radiantly for Christ in the city of Matsusaka, Japan. The Sunday School has been growing as the picture at the right demonstrates, showing Grades 1 to 6 with their teachers.

January 17, 1963

Qualifications and Requirements for Becoming a North American Baptist Missionary

By Dr. R. Schilke,
General Missionary Secretary



Missionaries Barbara Kieper, (left to right), Laura E. Reddig and Mrs. Jerome Fluth in colorful African print skirts with the hills of the New Hope Settlement, Africa in the background.

THE TEST to meet the qualifications and requirements in almost any profession in the secular world of our day calls for years of intensive preparation. The requirements, valid for the past generation, can hardly be considered as valid for the present generation, especially with reference to professions related to the sciences of our modern world. Certain basic requirements probably change very little, but the specific requirements often change very drastically. This is not only true in the secular world; it must also be recognized as applicable in the religious world with reference to Christian service.

All Christian service requires the best of gifts and talents, the highest character, and a good, adequate training and preparation in order to meet the many and varied demands of today. This is just as true, if not more so, on the mission field where one finds an unlimited scope for the development of talents. Any inadequacy becomes accentuated on the mission field and sooner or later becomes a block in the progress and advancement of the cause of missions.

SPIRITUAL QUALIFICATIONS

This brief article in the "Baptist Herald" is by no means an exhaustive study of the qualifications and requirements of becoming a missionary. Space in one article would not permit such a study. The writer also does not consider himself capable to give such a study. The purpose of this article is merely to give some pointers, some advice, and some guidance to prospective candidates for the mission field, and particularly to such who desire to become North American Baptist mis-

sionaries.

A vital experience of salvation is a prerequisite. A Christian's major responsibility towards his fellow men is to help him become a follower of Jesus Christ, or in other words to become a Christian. The foreign missionary seeks to do this among people other than his own. But he can only do this if his own experience with Christ is a vital and living experience, if he knows that his own life has been transformed and changed as a result of his acceptance of the Son of God as personal Savior and Lord. Anyone who lacks this experience cannot be a living testimony of the wonderful grace of God.

He may speak of a better way of life, but he cannot point to him who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." He may spread knowledge which, in turn, may change conditions, but he cannot bear the message of him who can change a sinner into a saint. Yet this is exactly the missionary's task. To accomplish it, he must successfully meet this first test; he must be sure of his own salvation.

It is a requirement of our Board of Missions that all our missionaries be affiliated with a North American Baptist church. This means that they have already successfully met the requirements of membership in the local church, such as the Christian experience referred to above; baptism by immersion and on confession of faith; identification with the Baptist tenets of faith; acceptance of the importance of the church and its missionary program; a pledge of loyalty to Christ and his Church; and a pledge to its support. It is further expected that the candidate's testimony in his church

and community will be such that a letter of recommendation from his church and pastor can readily be obtained and be gladly given.

It is of utmost importance that close fellowship with God be maintained. The Christian habit of a devotional life must be firmly established before getting to the mission field. If not, the distractions, the pressure, and a thousand and one other reasons will tend to leave no time and room for this devotional life of the inner man. The result will inevitably be an empty life, a withered soul, a frustrated mind, failure and ruin. Growing in grace and knowledge through the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, by meditation on his divine and inspired Word, and through one's own inward and ever-deepening experience is of greater importance on the mission field, since many other challenges through other associations are often absent.

EVIDENCES OF SOUL WINNING

There must be evidence of witnessing, of service, and of soul winning. If one cannot win his roommate to Christ, will it be possible to induce strangers who speak a different language and follow different customs to become Christians? The future missionary must begin now to be a soul winner. In the activities and programs of his own local church, the candidate for the mission field must give ample proof of service and sacrifice acceptable to the Lord. His life must tell for Jesus among his acquaintances if it is ever to tell for Jesus among strangers in a different land.

There must be present a high sense of the call of God. A lure for adventure will become an unbearable

monotony in service when faced with the humdrum tasks on the field. The attraction to work with other people in other lands will lose its glitter when, in the practical experience, one finds that human, sinful nature is anything but attractive and all too often becomes repulsive. Even sympathy for the physical and spiritual condition of the heathen will not be sufficient for endurance when faced with the fact that too many do not want to change their lot and will resist the good with evil.

Repeatedly at the beginning of his letters the Apostle Paul, when speaking of his calling and apostleship, says, "by the will of God." This was his divine certainty. He was not in this missionary work because he chose it, but because God called him. The motives which kept him in the work and drove him ever onward were not his love for men nor any self-glory that might come from his service but the love of Christ which constrained him. (Read I Cor. 9:16 and II Cor. 5:14).

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The prospective missionary must possess a healthy and sound constitution. Physical fitness is as important as spiritual fitness. The rigors and hazards of missionary life, especially so in tropical areas, can tax the body to its utmost endurance. For this reason a thorough physical examination is a requirement of all candidates. If the physician cannot grant an acceptable health certificate, then it is a foregone conclusion that consideration for appointment cannot be given. Some mission boards require psychological tests for all candidates. Our Board of Missions has not made this mandatory except in cases where, as a result of the physical examination, this course deems wise.

To stay healthy is as important as to be healthy. We may have no complete control over our bodies, yet in a large measure we are responsible. Rules of health must be carefully observed. Habits relating to health must be firmly established. There is no excuse for ignorance with reference to measures of health, since there are a number of good and useful books on this subject. Dr. Paul E. Adolph of the Chicago Missionary Medical Office has written several books in which he gives advice to missionaries to stay healthy: "Health Shall Spring Forth" and "Missionary Health Manual."

Health problems often stem from an inability to adapt oneself to a given situation. An adaptable temperament is thus a tremendous asset. Idiosyncrasies in one's personality makeup become accentuated in strange surroundings and in tropical climates. A returned missionary writing in Congo Mission News said: "It is strange how little idiosyncrasies, which did not bother folk at home very much, turn out to be really mental quirks on the mission field. How do you rate socially, or are you just sort of queer? Believe me, the mission field has no



DR. R. SCHILKE

General Missionary Secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference.

place for queer ducks."

The matter of age must also be taken into consideration. This will depend on the mission field to some degree but generally speaking missionary candidates should be between the age of 24 and 30. Where the adaptation problems are not too great and where language study is not a requirement, (though very few places do not require it), exceptions to this rule can be made. Our missionaries in Cameroon have been very fortunate in the past in that a foreign language was not a requirement. The work in that country has been carried on in the English language. Now that West Cameroon is part of the Federation of Cameroon since 1961, French is being introduced and the study of the French language may soon become a necessity for our missionaries there and for all new candidates to that mission field.

INTELLECTUAL PREPARATION

The ability to learn and the possession of common sense are basic in any intellectual preparation. Formal education alone, no matter how many years are given to it, is hardly adequate. How to study, how to assimilate, and how to apply are the characteristics that will determine developments and progress. The mere ability to retain without the ability to impart may turn out to be a greater hindrance than an asset. The missionary must be able to present the message of the Gospel in a clear and understandable way to people whose background and whose ideas are so different than his own. Unless they understand the message, they will not be won for Christ. Jesus meant this very thing in the parable of the sower and the seed. (Matthew 13:19-23).

Formally the best basic training

should be sought. High School and Bible School training are not sufficient for the mission fields. Both for men and women, a college training leading to a college degree should be considered as basic general training. Following college, either Seminary or good Bible School training in order to be thoroughly grounded in the Word of God is not only recommended but, depending on the specific missionary task, may be a further requirement. The full course in seminary or Bible school may frequently be waived for candidates who enter the medical or educational missionary phase but it is still recommended where circumstances make it possible to secure it.

All candidates to our mission fields should have at least one year of training at our own seminary in Sioux Falls unless they are already in possession of a B. D. or M. R. E. degree. All candidates must have the necessary training required by the specific assignments of their missionary task. Missionary work in our day becomes more and more specialized. For instance, a medical missionary must have his or her medical credentials: an M. D. (or its equivalent) plus a year of internship and possibly additional practical experience in his particular field; an R. N. plus a midwifery diploma and where possible also a degree.

An educational missionary must meet the requirements laid down by the educational department of the country to which he will go. In the Cameroon, for instance, this may mean a M. A. degree, a teaching certificate, etc. Those engaged in general missionary work should not be satisfied unless they have attained a B. D. degree or as a minimum a B. Th. degree; for women, at least a B. R. E. or B. A. in Bible. The process of learning continues after formal training. The practical work on the field is often the best school but one must then have at least the necessary instruments.

VOLITIONAL COOPERATION

The dictionary defines the word "volition" as a word of scientific precision, denoting the determinative element of will. I find no better word to define the type of cooperation I have in mind, even though the phrase, "volitional cooperation," may sound a bit out of the ordinary. Cooperation in all phases of missionary work must be with full determination of one's will and spirit.

Patience and understanding must constantly be practised with respect to the people whom one serves and with respect to one's co-laborers on the mission field. Misunderstandings and jealousies are no strangers on the mission field. The missionary needs to be very much on guard against this very human disease of the heart and mind. These traits of patience and understanding should therefore be characteristics of the candidate and put to practice here at home in one's associa-

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Missionary Outreach from the Seminary Halls

The story of the missionary emphasis at the North American Baptist Seminary by William B. Keple of Grand Forks, North Dakota

HAVING recently graduated from the North American Baptist Seminary, I am of the opinion that there is a trend toward greater missionary emphasis at our "school of the prophets." I found that with each succeeding year spent at the Seminary, missions and missionary outreach gained significance and importance.

The students of the Seminary are there in direct response to the divine imperative of Matthew 28: 19-20. They will be greatly aided in "going, teaching and baptizing" as they become increasingly aware of missions. Our Seminary is keeping its family well-informed generally as to the worldwide needs in missions. This is being accomplished in several ways.

THE BENDER FELLOWSHIP

The Bender Fellowship of our Seminary has done much to stimulate the thinking of our Seminary students along the lines of missions and missionary outreach. During my first two years of Seminary, 1959-1961, the Bender Fellowship was a rather loosely-knit organization. It had an executive committee, but no real membership. Everyone at the Seminary was considered a member, but there seemed to be little tie-in between the Fellowship and the students.

In the school year of 1961-62, Bender Fellowship launched a membership drive among the faculty, students and their wives. A small fee was charged, in order to become a member, the

money being used to cover such incidental expenses as posters for advertisements, etc. This membership drive proved to be successful in that a very high percentage of the Seminary faculty and student body officially joined, creating a sense of belonging and obligation, which resulted in greater interest in the organization and faithful attendance of the fellowship meetings.

At the monthly meetings, the members of Bender Fellowship and friends are always challenged by some special guest who informs them concerning a particular area of missions. These guests are comprised of our denominational missionaries from the Cameroons, Japan, or home mission fields. Occasionally, one of our denominational leaders informs the Fellowship as to the total missionary outreach and goals of our denomination.

The time soon arrived when the Fellowship was not merely content to listen to inspiring missionary messages and reports, but they were challenged to the point where they desired to do something for missions. The result has been a missions project last year of over \$200 for the Indian Mission work in Canada, and the goal was reached. This year, the project goal is much higher, and I am sure that it will be reached, for the Fellowship is "a giving organization."

The Bender Fellowship makes a further impact on Seminary life through its monthly prayer chapel. At the Seminary, the chapel service on Friday

is prayer chapel. The Fellowship has charge of one such service each month. To this hour, the Fellowship brings specific missionary prayer requests. Then, those in chapel are divided into four small groups, which go to separate rooms, making intercession to the Lord on behalf of these special prayer requests. This is a heart-warming experience, knowing that everyone at the Seminary, on a given day, is upholding in special prayer our missionaries and their needs.

Further missionary emphasis at the Seminary is gained through the annual Bender Fellowship Missions Conference and Banquet. In one way, this annual highlight has been a success, in that almost everyone at the Seminary who can possibly attend the sessions and banquet does so. Therefore, the immediate Seminary family is greatly challenged and inspired along missionary lines.

In another way, the annual conference and banquet has been somewhat discouraging. It has been the desire of Bender Fellowship to reach out into the surrounding churches of the Dakotas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota in an attempt to challenge the youth of our churches, even as we at the Seminary were being challenged. So, the Fellowship sent out numerous letters, folders and follow-up material to our churches encouraging our youth to attend this annual Bender Fellowship Conference.

The response to these invitations has been practically nil, which is very unfortunate, for in the past several years our conference guests have been outstanding who have provided great impetus to the thinking of everyone in the area of missions. If the young people of our churches, who could possibly travel to Sioux Falls for this conference, would do so, our Lord would use this time to instill in our youth an awareness to the needs of missions and give them a real missionary vision.

MANY MISSION SPEAKERS

The Seminary provides missionary emphasis through the many chapel speakers who have an active part in missions, and in this respect the Chapel Committee has done well. Not only have numerous of our own denominational missionaries and leaders spoken in chapel about our own outreach and needs, but there have been those who have served in all parts of the world who have spoken in chapel, thus giving to the Seminary a more representative view of contemporary missions.

I would be quick to add that our Seminary professors believe in missions.

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AT GOD'S COMMAND—ARISE, GO!

These youth leaders at the Prairie Youth Conference, Regina, Saskatchewan give their testimony how God has led them in their lives to witness for him and to share in the Kingdom's work.

Bible School and My Mission

Today the spotlight of attention is upon young people. In this day of unusual opportunity, Christian young people need to find out what God would have them do!

By Professor Arnold Rapske of Louisville, Kentucky, Faculty Member on Leave of Absence of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.

OURS IS a day of opportunity in which the spotlight is upon young people. The competition for the most gifted and the most capable youth is extremely keen. Financial rewards to those selected are temptingly attractive. And it is usually education that becomes one of the major factors which makes selection for a responsible professional position possible and probable.

Young people who are making educational and vocational decisions need carefully to consider what their life work shall be. There needs to be a consideration of criteria other than the criterion of financial return for the Christian young person. God does not measure success by the same standards that are being used by man. To count in God's evaluation status does not require that a person be given an upper middle class social status rating. One of the distressing observations to be made of our day is that young people and their parents can become overly concerned about squeezing into the worldly mold termed "Success."

VOCATIONAL CHOICES

How can young people be assured that they are making decisions concerning their vocation that will allow them to practise a careful stewardship of their life? Is it right for a Christian young person to make such a choice apart from the will of his Lord, apart from the counsel of Christian parents, his pastor, and his church? Should the church concern itself more deeply about what vocational choices young people ought to make? The Scriptures make it abundantly clear that the Christian is not his own. He has been bought with a price.

He is the temple of the Holy Spirit. He is a member of the Body of Christ, and what he does vocationally will affect his relation to his fellow members. There is no provision for "lone wolfing" in the Christian fellowship. Young people need to establish an attitude of willingness to be disciplined in all their choices by the body of believers, of which they are a living part.

There are many areas that could be discussed pertaining to the direction a church ought to give in deciding the life work of its members, especially its young people. The main concern of this article is to discuss the help our Bible School training may be able to give to young people whose purpose in enrolling included the need to find out what God would have them do.

First of all, our Bible School in Edmonton, more popularly known as

C.T.I. (Christian Training Institute), invites its students to a study of the Scriptures. This is done in the classes, but it may be done just as effectively in the small prayer meeting groups, in the joint prayer meeting, in private study or in the chapel services. Our Baptist emphasis upon the Scriptures as our sole authority is the deciding factor in assigning major attention to its study.

My own choice of a life's work was based largely upon the admonition of

school teacher, this may be his most important Christian ministry. In this he finds an outlet for the expression of his concern to serve Jesus Christ.

In this area, too, our C.T.I. seeks to make a contribution. A major share of the course of studies attempts to prepare the students for a ministry in the local church. In an ideal setting, it would be highly desirable for every leader to have this type of a training. There have been students who were trained to be public school teachers but



IMPORTANT DECISIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

These young people registering for the Prairie Youth Conference at Regina, Saskatchewan, last summer realize the importance of decisions in their lives in determining what God's will for them can be.

Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness..." The testimony of other young people has included statements indicating that their vocational choice was influenced by the demands expressed in the Scriptures. Eventually any guidance in vocational choice will be related to the Scriptures. This study at Bible School then touches the heart of the concern of young people about their work.

In the second place, the Christian's obligations in response to the Scriptures, almost without exception, will be related to the ministry of the local church. It is assumed that a Christian can fulfill a part of his destiny in life in and through his work, but it may well be that his most significant contribution will be made through his ministry in the church or in relation to the church. If he becomes a Sunday

who came to C.T.I. because they felt the need to be more adequately prepared to teach in Sunday school. The same could be said of students preparing for a wide range of occupations.

COMMITMENT OF STUDENTS

There is a third way in which the C.T.I. can be of assistance to young people. This is in the area of counseling. Faculty members and deans are often called upon to help students struggle with problems related to their destiny. It has been gratifying to observe in how many cases young people came to C.T.I. in order to become more certain of what God's will for them was.

There has been a steady commitment of students to full-time service. Some have become pastors, some mis-

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The Hand of God in Missionaries' Lives

Testimonies by missionaries of God's call and leading in their lives.

HOW GOD CALLED ME TO THE INDIANS

A Testimony by Rev. R. Neuman, Missionary to the Cree Indians of Alberta

THE LATE Rev. F. W. Benke, a saint of God, at whose feet I had sat at the Christian Training Institute, who also was my mission teacher, was the instrument in God's hand to contact me for a peculiar ministry among the Indians of Canada.

There has always been a hunger in my heart to know and to please God. I knew that this could not be done without obedience to Jesus Christ. At the age of nine, my quest for God was realized in Christ, and the new birth qualified my personal entrance into the Family of God. The following year, my joy was heightened when I was accepted as a candidate for baptism. The constraining force within to be a witness and minister of the wonderful Gospel of Christ ever haunted my spirit. So, in the year 1948, I resigned from the carpentry shop to undertake a unique public ministry among the Indians of Canada.

I see it so clearly now, first of all, as the Hand of God in mercy to save. Secondly, it was the faithful and un-failing Spirit leading to the Christian Training Institute for training and preparation. Thirdly, there were the mission classes and emphasis; and, fourthly, God's contact man, Rev. F. W. Benke, driven by his zeal for the Lord and the lost, carefully but surely led us out of a busy life into a glorious ministry that God had chosen for us, and which he has richly blessed.

Jesus himself said it, and this was to his disciples, "As the Father hath sent Me, so send I you." We are gratified to have a share in the Kingdom's cause, working the works of him who has sent us, and doing it while it is day.

HOW GOD CALLED ME TO THE OSAKA BIBLICAL SEMINARY

A Testimony by Miss Florence Miller Missionary in Japan

WHEN I first arrived in Japan, I had no idea how the Lord would lead us in beginning and developing our mission work. However, it seemed

logical that we should begin by seeking to establish local churches that would not only become self-governing and self-supporting, but which would also become self-propagating as the faithful Holy Spirit called out Japanese Christians to the specialized task of evangelizing their own people. And so my first work consisted almost entirely of evangelistic work, helping to form the believers into a local church.

READY TO SERVE CHRIST

From this work I was led into student evangelism in the university city of Tsu. It was my great joy while there to see three of the young people respond to the call of God to full time service—a young woman who had graduated from high school and two young men who were soon to graduate from college. As young people from our churches presented themselves for Christian service, we felt an increasing sense of responsibility to train them to be evangelists, pastors and leaders in our churches.

As a mission we felt led to cooperate with the Mennonite Brethren Bible School in Osaka, Japan since it stands for the same faith which we hold and is located in the general area where we work. We felt that it would be an encouragement for our young people to attend this school if we had at least one teacher on the faculty, and at the same time it would enable us to have a part in their training.

Consequently, it was decided, after consultation with the Mennonite Brethren concerning the needs of the school, that I should become a full time teacher there. The need of the school at that time was for an additional teacher in the Christian Education Department. So I have been teaching subjects of that nature. My educational background has been in the field of Bible and Christian Education which has stood me in good stead for this responsibility in a way which I had not anticipated.

THE SEMINARY'S NEEDS

The course of study at the Bible School was lengthened to four years and the name changed to Osaka Biblical Seminary so that Baptist students might also feel at home there. The Baptist General Conference has also loaned two teachers to the school.

The present student body numbers twenty-one, three of whom are from our churches. There are five full time teachers, only one of whom is a Japanese. The missionaries are teaching in the Japanese language which is still very difficult for them.

Japanese teachers and permanent buildings to house the school are among our most urgent needs.

MISSIONARY VOCATIONS

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soul when troubles come—and they will come. Is your Christianity real enough to you so that you can help others to catch it? Do you know the Lord well enough to introduce others to him too?

Briefly these are the challenges which await any of you, who feels he or she might be willing to go abroad in the Lord's service. To be challenged daily in every part of your being is exciting, adventurous, stimulating and an atmosphere for real growth, personality-wise and spiritually, too. I feel sorry for you who stay at home and only hear about missionary work. For your excitement and interest you depend on TV for adventure. We have it for real. Why not come out, join in the work for the Lord, and spend your short life for something worthwhile? . . . Or dare you?

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

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They seek to emphasize the world wide outreach of the Gospel of Christ in almost every course offered at the Seminary. This is important to the student, for the student begins to see the relationship between all areas of theological training and missions.

The end result of all this missionary emphasis at our Seminary is that there is instilled in each person a growing consciousness of missions, but not only missions as such, but missions as regards its problems, outreach, needs and goals. This is evidenced by the fact that frequently missions becomes the center of small group discussions, and further evidenced by the fact that, regardless whether or not Bender Fellowship has the prayer chapel, our missionaries and those in positions of missionary leadership are upheld in prayer.

The Seminary prays that the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into the harvest. If the Lord of the harvest asks: "Who will go for Me?" there are those who will willingly reply: "Here am I, send me!"

MISSIONARY QUALIFICATIONS

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tions and circumstances. In it all, the spirit of humility which is the spirit of Christ should shine through all actions and expressions. Christ said: ". . . learn of me; for I am meek and lowly at heart . . ." (Matt. 11:29).

To adapt to teamwork with other missionaries and with natives and nationals must likewise become a determination. A lone operator is less liked on the mission field than at home. Briefly, we referred above to an adaptable temperament with reference to the problem of health. Let us add here that some of the greatest problems are

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a direct result of the lack or inability of cooperating together in a given task. The outcome is seen in personality clashes, in frustrations and finally in the termination of the missionary task.

To abide by policies and agreements is always a safe rule. Our Board of Missions has a guide which it calls "Agreement Re: Missionary Appointment." In it are set forth various policies with reference to appointment. There are likewise policies to guide on the field. Policies are an outgrowth of given situations and are set forth to give future guidance and help to avoid errors. They change from time to time as circumstances may require. But until they are changed, it is best to abide by them. In fact, candidates

to our mission fields agree to abide by these policies even before the appointment is given.

Perhaps it would be best to sum up what the Apostle Peter gave us in the list of Christian virtues and to add that, where these are present, there will be no lack of cooperation with determination. "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Peter 1:5-8).

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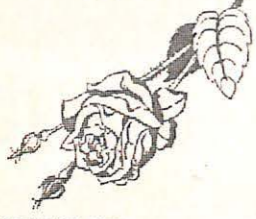
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BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN
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OUR NEW PROJECT

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Having faith and believing that we as women can again go "over the top" in our giving, the Executive Committee at our annual meeting in November 1962 decided to set a goal of \$5,000 for Church Extension. We, as women, have done unusually well in our giving thus far this triennium, but we are lagging a little behind on the Church Extension aspect of our \$65,000 Woman's Missionary Union Project.

Church Extension presents a real challenge to us. At present America is in a population boom. It has been estimated that by 1975 there will be 60,000,000 more people in the United States alone, and 100,000 more Bible preaching churches will be needed in the next few years.

In driving through our cities, how picturesque are the many rows of new homes springing up almost overnight as it were, gaily painted, evenly spaced, and with neatly-kept yards. But where are the churches? Have you ever thought what it would be like to live in an area where there were no churches? Yet many people are being faced with such a problem.

Rev. D. Fuchs, director of Evangelism and Church Extension has made this comment, "If North American Baptists are to help serve a growing America and help bring America's unchurched millions to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, we must continue to build for God. The need is urgent and the challenge tremendous."

Let us accept this challenge and have a share in building Gospel-preaching churches! Then, too, with good supply bases at home we will be able to reach out farther in our missionary efforts.

Letters with suggestions have been sent to the presidents and pastors' wives launching this new project of \$5,000 for Church Extension. October 1, 1963 has been set as the deadline for this project, so that means we must get started at once. Every nickel, dime, quarter and fifty-cent piece will count to help build North American Baptist churches throughout the United States and Canada.

From the Professor's Desk

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

Is the emphasis on sanctification something characteristic only of the holiness type of church?

It is true that the holiness type of church has had a strong emphasis upon sanctification, although not always in biblical balance, but this should not at all mean that the doctrine is not equally important for us. It is, in fact, one of the greatly needed emphases for our day of loose moral living, even among Christians. The remedy for carnality should not be sought in legalistic ways but in the full-orbed Scriptural teaching and practice of sanctification.

A SUPERNATURAL WORK

The word "sanctification" designates ethical and moral purity through separation from evil (the negative aspect) and separation unto good (the positive aspect). This is described in the Bible distinctly as a work of the Triune God, being particularly ascribed to the Holy Spirit. (I Thess. 5:23; II Thess. 2:13; Rom. 15:16). It is thus a supernatural work, a divine work in the soul of the believer. God is the one who sanctifies us; we do not sanctify ourselves. This is, however, a spiritual discipline which involves the Christian's cooperation. (II Cor. 7:1; Rom. 6:11-13; 12:1-2). We are exhorted to use the divinely appointed means of grace which God has provided for our spiritual victory and growth in moral character, especially the Word of God (II Tim. 3:16-17) and prayer. (Col. 1:9-11).

The Christian's part in the work of sanctification is in virtue of the work of the Holy Spirit in him. It should not

be conceived as something achieved by us as some works of self-improvement or human betterment. A fruit of the union of life with Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, it involves mortification of the old sinful man—a dying unto sin (Rom. 6:11-13), and a quickening of the new man—a living unto righteousness. (Rom. 6:4). This is never a once-for-all experience, but it is a continuous process. (Phil. 1:6; Col. 3:9, 10; II Tim. 2:21). We may once-for-all die unto the dominion or slavery of sin, but we daily need to die unto the enticements and attractions of sins which may easily defeat us if we do not constantly reckon ourselves to be dead to sin and alive to God. It is unrealistic to say, as some do, that as far as sin is concerned we have nothing to do with it at all and it is a closed issue with us.

Genuine sanctification should affect the whole man—body as well as soul. (I Thess. 5:23; I Cor. 6:20; II Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:12). The physical body is said to be "for the Lord"; it is spoken of as "a temple of the Holy Spirit," which then makes sensuality a terrible sacrilege because it is committed with respect to that which is the habitation of God.

PHASES OF SANCTIFICATION

There are three phases of sanctification. The initial phase (the past aspect) was affected in regeneration and conversion. (Eph. 2:1-6; Rom. 6:2-7). The very fact that in salvation a person is spiritually separated from the unbelieving mass of mankind and united to Christ, involving repentance and faith, indicates in a decisive sense the twofold separation already spoken of as the essential ingredients of sanctification.

But this initial phase must be complemented by the continuous (the present aspect), which is the characteristic phase, and is involved in most of the preceding description. (Eph. 2:6, 10; Rom. 6:11-13, 19; II Cor. 7:1). Then there is the final phase (the future aspect), which takes place in two stages: the soul at death (I John 3:2), and the body at the resurrection. (Phil. 3:21; I Cor. 15:42-44, 52-54).

Baptists have been accused of ignoring or neglecting the doctrine of sanctification. Let us make this accusation untrue, for this teaching and the personal experience of its reality and power is the only effective means to spiritual victory and fruitful productivity in the Christian life!

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Our grand business in life is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand."
—Carlyle.

● Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Fritzsche of Trochu, Alberta have announced the birth of a daughter on Dec. 3, 1962 who has been named Mardell Lu Ann. Mr. Fritzsche is pastor of the Trochu Baptist Church.

● On Sunday, Dec. 9, Rev. Edwin Michelson, pastor of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas, had the joy of baptizing four persons and receiving these and a young couple as new members of the church. The present membership has reached 50. The CBYF presented a Christmas play in the Wichita church on Sunday, Dec. 23, and rendered the same program at the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas on Dec. 31.

● Rev. Harold E. Weiss, pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., baptized six converts on Sunday Dec. 2, and received these and three others into the church's fellowship by letter. The choir presented its annual Christmas Musical, featuring the old familiar carols, on Sunday evening, Dec. 16. Rev. Ruben Herrmann of Calgary, Alberta, was the guest speaker at the Riverview Church on Sunday morning, Dec. 9.

● Rev. L. Bienert, business manager of the Publication Society and of the Roger Williams Press, received the Master of Arts degree from the University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., on Friday afternoon, Dec. 14. He had attended night classes and had pursued his graduate studies during the past five years without curtailing his duties as business manager. Congratulations, Brother Bienert, on a well deserved honor!

● Dr. Jerry Fluth, medical missionary at the New Hope Settlement, West Cameroon, Africa, who was seriously burned at the hospital in October 1962, spoke at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., on Dec. 9. He has made a miraculous recovery from these severe burns. At the Watch Night service on Dec. 31 the final mortgages on the church building were burned. This was followed by the communion service of praise led by the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Zimbleman.

● Professor Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is on sabbatical leave from the North American Baptist Seminary for the second semester in 1963. He is taking graduate studies at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., from January through August 1963, majoring in public address. Mrs. Seibel and their younger daughter are continuing to reside in Sioux Falls, since Professor Seibel can return to the city from Minneapolis quite frequently over weekends.

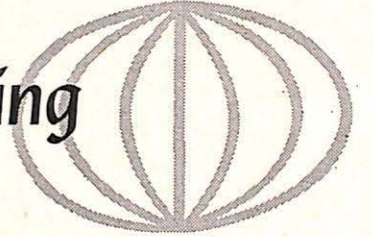
● The Bible Baptist Church, La Crosse, Wis., dedicated its two manual Hammond Organ at special services on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. This organ was purchased from a private owner at \$2000 with many contributors taking part in the "Memorial Project." The dedication service bulletin listed the names

of seven people in whose memory the organ was bought and also the names of all the contributors. Dr. C. E. Seecamp was in charge of the service with Mrs. Seecamp serving as the organist.

● Miss Faith Eichler brought her services at the denominational headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill., to a close on Dec. 21st. After a few weeks at home in Erie, Pa., she will begin her

Hospital and Education Center in St. Paul, Minn., on Dec. 2nd. He also attended the two day Institute on Pastoral Care that followed with Dr. Samuel Southard, associate professor of Psychology of Religion, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, as the guest lecturer. The provocative institute was also attended by six other NAB pastors of Minnesota.

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studies at Chowan College, Murfreesboro, North Carolina, a Baptist affiliated Junior College, on Jan. 30. Miss Eichler was a member of the 1960-1961 team of God's Volunteers. She served in the book store and the subscription department, at the varityping machine and in general secretarial work at the headquarters building.

● Landscaping around the Seminary Library building, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was completed in November by Mr. Sam Rich of the Rich and Sons Nursery, Hillsboro, Oregon. Mr. Rich brought 220 shrubbery plants and trees valued at \$1100 from Oregon and supervised the planting project. All of this was done at a large discount by Mr. Rich who is also a member of the Bethany Baptist Church of Oregon. He had also been responsible for the landscaping and planting of grass around the Seminary buildings soon after their completion.

● Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, brought greetings at the dedication of the new 3½ million dollar unit of Mounds-Midway Baptist

● Last fall the women from the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich.; the Round Lake Church, Gladwin, Mich.; and the Ripley Boulevard Church, Alpena, Mich., held a weekend retreat at the Good News Camp northwest of Gladwin. Miss Florence Miller, missionary in Japan, was the guest speaker. The Round Lake Church recently celebrated the 25th wedding anniversaries of two of its couples: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wegner and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Will. Members and friends of the church gathered in the social hall for fellowship and Rev. Leon Franck, pastor, extended the congratulations of the church to them.

● From Nov. 7 to 14 the Faith Baptist Church of Selby, S. Dak., held a most blessed "Crusade for Christ" with God's Volunteers Number II team and their director, Rev. W. Hoffman. The inspirational services were also attended by people from other denominations. Two children's rallies for pupils from the local public grade school were attended by 40 and 46 children, respectively, and resulted in several conversions. From Nov. 25 to Dec. 2nd Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dak. Mrs. Kraenzler served with object and flannelgraph stories.

● The four German speaking churches of Edmonton, Alberta held a German Christmas Concert at the Jubilee Auditorium of Edmonton, on Saturday evening, Dec. 15. The mass choir, male chorus, brass band and stringed orchestra presented a very inspiring program for the large audience. One of the numbers rendered was Mozart's "Gloria in Excelsis." Rev. Herbert Hiller of the Central Church brought a Christmas message. The churches taking part in the festivities were the Central, Immanuel, Zion and Salem Churches. Musical directors were Heinz Kleiber, Heinz Radal, Siegfried Gaida and Fritz Kirchhoff with Benno

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JANUARY 1963 MISSION FIELD

Each month a new mission field will be announced in keeping with the Baptist Jubilee Advance program and the "20 Imperatives" for our North American Baptist Churches

God's Volunteers TEAM ONE AND TWO Director Walter Hoffman

Remember them in prayer. Read about their ministry in the Jan. 3 and 31 issues of the "Baptist Herald." Encourage them in the work of the Lord.

STORY OF
STEWARDSHIP

THIS is the first of a series of monthly columns about the "Story of Stewardship." The column is edited by Rev. David J. Draewell, your denominational Secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education.

This column will confront you with scriptural teachings about stewardship, testimonies from tithers, information about denominational stewardship needs and accomplishments, reprints of significant stewardship articles appearing in other publications, and special recognition of churches in our fellowship which have made unusual progress in their stewardship programs. The aim of the column is to lead every North American Baptist to the place of faithfulness as a steward of God. The editor would appreciate receiving any resource material which you might possess on the theme of stewardship for possible use in a future issue.

In this first column, let us try to find out exactly what we mean by stewardship. The program of stewardship is not just a thinly veiled attempt by a church or denomination to separate people from their money. As a matter of fact, an emphasis on the stewardship of possessions is only a part of the call of the church to

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

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| Conferences | Nov., 1962 | Nov., 1961 | Nov., 1960 |
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| Atlantic | \$ 3,157.52 | \$ 3,086.40 | \$ 2,474.64 |
| Central | 20,099.67 | 30,121.67 | 11,847.07 |
| Dakota | 26,821.69 | 11,249.97 | 17,280.68 |
| Eastern | 3,038.10 | 2,411.94 | 3,740.85 |
| Northern | 17,177.22 | 16,943.02 | 21,480.25 |
| Northwestern | 11,160.23 | 9,595.94 | 8,328.95 |
| Pacific | 19,336.01 | 15,554.46 | 10,269.03 |
| Southern | 781.47 | 1,542.18 | 548.20 |
| Southwestern | 5,741.18 | 7,219.00 | 17,500.79 |
| Inter-Conference | 3,180.50 | 7,086.50 | |
| Total Contributions | \$110,493.60 | \$104,811.08 | \$ 93,470.46 |

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| For the month of Nov., 1962 | \$ 98,208.09 | \$ 9,604.00 | \$ 2,681.51 | \$110,493.60 |
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| April 1, 1960 to Nov. 30, 1960 | 398,574.86 | 12,281.33 | 40,731.53 | 451,587.72 |

stewardship of all of life. Holmes Rolston has written: "The basic idea involved in the word stewardship is adequate to describe the attitude which a man should take toward himself in his possessions as he realizes he must give an account to God. God is the owner. Man is the steward."

William L. Muncy, Jr., put his definition of a steward in these words: "A steward is a person who has been entrusted with the management of estates or affairs not his own. This trust includes much more than material things, for God owns persons as well as possessions. He has entrusted man not only with material things, but also with the use of time, personality, and opportunity." Earle V. Pierce concurs by saying: "A steward

is a servant in charge of property belonging to his master, and he is given charge of it in order that it may be kept secure and his master be enriched by his activity."

The Apostle Paul loved to refer to himself as a "bond slave" of Jesus Christ. Paul recognized that he was owned by another and, therefore, must give himself without reservation to the one who had become his Lord. Every Christian steward today, who takes seriously his position, personally recognizes and practically demonstrates the facts that God is the owner of all that he is and has, and Christ is Lord, indeed. This is the foundation for all New Testament truth about stewardship.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS

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dale and his family have been placed at the same Settlement at Mbingo.

SAKER BAPTIST COLLEGE. The opening date for the Saker Baptist College at Victoria, formerly called the Girls' Secondary School, is Jan. 17, 1963. The following missionaries are serving on the teaching staff of the Saker Baptist College: Geraldine Glasenapp, Ruby V. Salzman, Tina Schmidt, Margie Lou Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Don Witt. National teachers are Lydia Ngo Bimai, G. Bannister and P. Amoniba.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE, 1963. Remember the program of our Conference in promoting the Baptist Jubilee Advance objectives for 1963—"Evangelism Through World Missions." Follow the leaflet, "Go Ye—Twenty Imperatives." Plan to attend the mission conferences in your vicinity. Read the literature in the 1963 Mission Packet. Pray for our missionaries. Set challenging missionary goals before yourself and your church!

BAPTIST HERALD

Baptist World Alliance Sunday

A Message for BWA Sunday, February 3, 1963 by the Officers of the Alliance to Baptist Brethren Around the World

SOME ARE wondering if God is sufficient for this space age. Even some Christians seem near panic in the face of attacks by godless men. Many long for a quieter and less complex age.

Fear has reached new heights in this day of atomic power and swift transportation. War is a constant threat to the world. There is tension between the races. Basic freedoms are denied to multitudes of people. Hunger, nakedness, disease and accidents take their fearful toll among a rapidly growing world population. Scientific discoveries and technological advances have enabled man to probe into space, but the machines he has made threaten to undo him.

The remedy for our fears is faith in God and a new vision of his glory. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1). Christian faith is not rooted in the circumstances of the day, but in God's eternal redemptive purpose. The Gospel is not the product of our own efforts, but is based on the love of God. The grace of Christ is not a reward for our good works, it is the gift of God. The power to overcome evil does not spring from our own ingenuity but from the Holy Spirit.

God has matched us with this hour. Instead of complaining that the age is out of joint let us thank God that he entrusted us with living in this day. Let us reaffirm our faith in the God of glory from whose love nothing can separate us. He expects us to be more than conquerors, not merely survivors. (Romans 8:31-39).

How can the glory of God become evident? By Christ dwelling in us. This mystery is not easily grasped, but grasp it we must. If the world is to see evidence of the power of God, it must be revealed in the character of Christians transformed by the indwelling Christ. (Colossians 1:27). This is the essence of the fellowship of the



DR. JOSEF NORDENHAUG
of Washington, D. C.,
General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

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BIBLE SCHOOL

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sionaries, and some are the wives of pastors or of missionaries. Many are Sunday school teachers or others who have assumed leadership positions.

There are other areas of counseling available to the young people. Whenever students face problems or wrestle with concerns, members of the faculty make themselves available for counseling. Often it is in these intimate conversations that students begin to see more clearly what God would have them do.

As a member of the C.T.I. faculty, it has brought deep satisfaction to me to be a part of an institution that is helping our young people find their place in our Lord's plan for them. It is our sincere desire to help many more.

Community Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich.

Report of the Recognition Council Session by Rev. Eugene K. Stroh of Troy, Michigan

ON TUESDAY, Nov. 20, representatives of eight Detroit area churches met to consider the application of the Community Baptist Church of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, for membership in our North American Baptist General Conference. Rev. Herman Riffel of St. Clair Shores, Mich., served as council chairman and Rev. Eugene Stroh of Troy, Mich., served as secretary.

Rev. Leslie Howell, pastor of the Community Baptist Church, gave a very fine personal testimony of his love for the Lord and the work of God. He stated that for some time both he and his congregation have felt an urgent need for cooperation and fellowship with Baptist churches of likeminded convictions. A number of families within the congregation had either come from NAB churches or were well acquainted with our Conference. An intimate relationship was established with the Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren, Mich., in 1961.

The Community Baptist Church was organized in 1955 and church property was purchased in St. Clair Shores in

1958. A large, two story house on the property served as a meeting house for the congregation. In late 1961 a peak Sunday school attendance of 138 was reached. The present membership of the church numbers 24 adults and this includes individuals from ten families. A total of 44 families comprises the church constituency.

This small congregation has maintained a very excellent record of financial stewardship. In the first ten months of this year over \$10,000 have been received of which over \$1,000 have been designated for missions. Families of this congregation are willing to mortgage their homes in order to see that the Lord's work is established in this community. A lovely sanctuary with fine Sunday school facilities is now being completed. Church property, building, and parsonage are valued at over \$100,000.

The Council voted unanimously that the Community Baptist Church, Harper and Brookdale, St. Clair Shores, Michigan, be recommended for reception into the next Central Conference.

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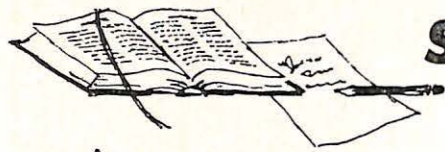
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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

Eastern District

Baptism, Napier Parkview Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Sixteen candidates were baptized on Sunday evening, Dec. 9th, in the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., by the interim pastor, Rev. R. Shepley. They were given the right hand of fellowship as members of the church at the communion service in January, when two others, in addition, were received on confession of faith.

The new pastor of the church, Rev. Norman H. Vernon, hoped to begin his pastorate with the church early in January. He comes to Benton Harbor, Mich., from Wayne, Mich., where he has completed a fifteen year pastorate.

R. Shepley, Reporter

Blessings at Bethel Church, Amherst (Buffalo), N. Y.

At the Bethel Baptist Church of Amherst (Buffalo), New York, response to the denominational "Share with Christ" stewardship emphasis has been gratifying, and has brought strength and courage. It has manifested itself in every phase of church life—attendance at services, Christian responsibilities, and responses spiritually and financially. For an entire month the pastor, Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, gave messages devoted to the theme, "Sharing with Christ."

Almost 100% of the Sunday school teachers were in attendance at the annual Buffalo-Niagara Sunday School Convention on Nov. 2-3. It was then revealed that the float entered by Bethel Church in the annual Sunday School Parade in downtown Buffalo on Oct. 6 had been chosen first prize winner because it most adequately conveyed the theme of the contest "The Bible—In Times Like These." A beautiful trophy was awarded. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kern designed the float. Mr. Charles Weber is the Sunday school superintendent.

The 3rd annual Thanksgiving Praise Service was held at 8:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The Bethel Choir rendered special music, and Rev. Paul Galambos, pastor of the Austin St. Baptist Church, was guest speaker. He challenged attendants to "Observe Thanksgiving—not to please ourselves, but in a manner to please God."

Mrs. Virginia Fadenrecht, Reporter

Fall Activities, Parma Heights Church, Cleveland, Ohio

We, at the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio have been greatly blessed in the past few months. We have been richly blessed in having Mr. and Mrs. Fred Penner with us, as they have been working with the young people of our church this past summer and fall. Also, during our interim period, God has answered our requests in sending LaVerna Mehlhaff to direct

the work of our Christian Education Department. Again, we are thankful to the Lord for sending Rev. Frank Friesen to fill our pulpit as interim pastor. Mrs. Friesen is with him.

Our Missionary Conference held from Sept. 23 to 30 was a rich and rewarding experience for us. We were privileged to have the following speakers: Rev. Dale Chaddock, Dr. Richard Schilke, Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Rev. Arthur McAsh, Rev. and Mrs. Norman Haupt, missionaries to the Cameroons; Miss Florence Miller, missionary to Japan; Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Strauss, missionaries to the Cameroons; and Mr. Hisashi Murakami, a Japanese Christian now studying at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Our hearts were challenged during this conference as we were reminded that mission work grows through *faith* and *concern*. The missionaries attending our conference left us with many prayer and other requests.

Carol Beike, Reporter

Western District

Ministers of Orange County, Calif., Organize a Fellowship

The ministers and directors of Christian education from the five North American Baptist churches in Orange County, California met informally for breakfast on Nov. 30th. The five churches have joined in observance of the Annual Week of Prayer services. Dr. J. Vernon McGee, pastor of the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles, was the speaker. These meetings were held from Jan. 7 to 11.

The fellowship of ministers of the

North American Baptist Churches in Orange County decided to organize themselves into a fellowship group which will meet regularly. Chosen to serve as president is Rev. William Hoover of the Bethel Church, Anaheim. Rev. Loren Fischer of Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim was chosen to serve as vice-president, and Rev. Robert Cahill of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, was elected to serve as secretary-treasurer. The group plans to meet once a month for mutual encouragement and fellowship.

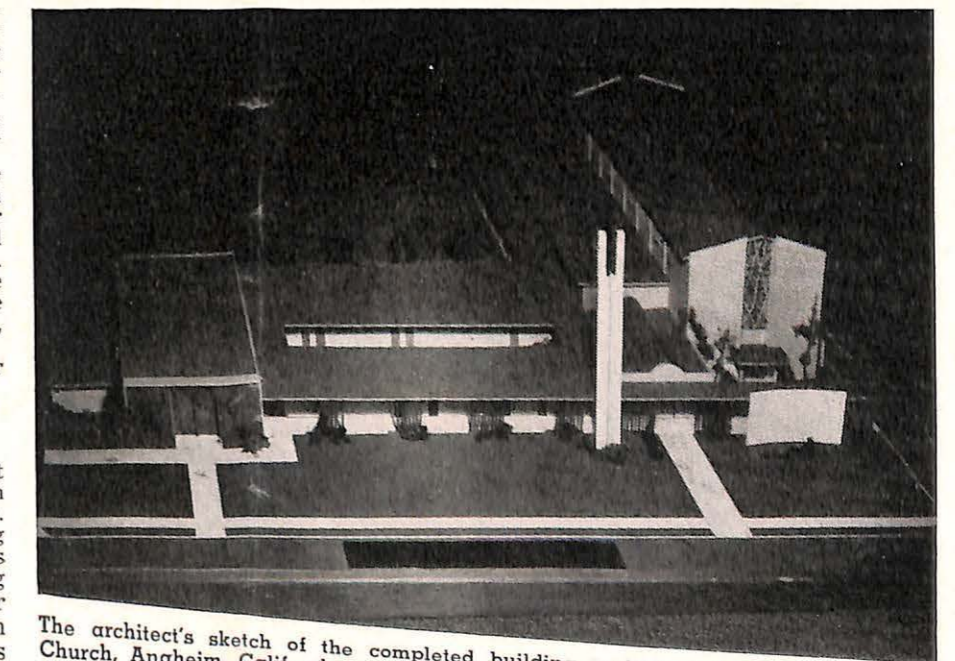
Robert D. Cahill, Secretary

Building Project Completed, Magnolia Church, Anaheim

"Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong and do it" (I Chronicles 28:10). This verse was chosen several months ago by the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., as the building program began. It was with great joy and thanksgiving to God that the congregation held its first meeting in the new sanctuary on Sunday morning, Nov. 25. Rev. Kenneth Fischer, pastor of the church, spoke on the topic, "Mission Accomplished," and the choir sang the beautiful anthem, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice." Over 500 people were in attendance.

The Magnolia Church originated with eight families just six years ago. They are now in their third building program, adding a sanctuary that will seat 600 people, 13 class and assembly rooms, and church offices. A small chapel is also a part of the new building.

The Sunday school at Magnolia Church will now accommodate 800 people, and classes are held for all age groups. Rev. Loren Fischer, assistant pastor and director of Christian education, is responsible for the Sunday school program as well as the very active youth program of the church. Fred Jantz serves as youth director. An average of 130 youth meet at 5:45 on Sunday evenings for group meetings at various grade levels. The youth meet again on Wednesday for prayer and



The architect's sketch of the completed building project of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., showing the new sanctuary (right) that will soon be dedicated with a seating capacity of 600 and costing about \$200,000.

planation. There was nothing mysterious or secretive about the story. We can imagine that even the disciples were quietly surprised at the simplicity. Basically, it should be thought of as the parable of the soils rather than of the sower.

III. THE TEACHER AND HIS DISCIPLES. Mark 4:33-34.

Much of Jesus' teaching was directed and reserved for his inner circle. These were the men who would be entrusted with the message of the Gospel. Jesus never tried to impress them with a display of knowledge. Rather, he gave them simple truths as they were able to understand them and continued with the next lesson as soon as the first was learned. Their lives had to be changed as well as their minds.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why is it so difficult to get the attention of people? Does it still go "in one ear and out the other"?
2. How were these people responsible if Jesus taught them in parables to keep them from perceiving the truth? (See verse 12.)
3. Try to think of an original parable about some truth in the Bible.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 3, 1963

Theme: MIGHTY DEEDS OF JESUS

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41; 5:38-42

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus' words were his deeds and his deeds were his words.

INTRODUCTION: Peter has a wonderful description of his Lord in Acts 10:38b: "...who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." Jesus' ministry was not only in talking, in teaching and in preaching. It was also a ministry of action. When he told his followers that they were blessed if they "do" these things, it was because he did them first. If Jesus had been known only by what he said, he would soon have been forgotten. But because he is also known for what he did, he will be with us through all eternity.

When we think of the deeds of Jesus, we think of the miracles. It is interesting to note that he performed no miracle for himself. They were performed to relieve human need and to confirm his message. He gave no magic formula, but faith, and the fact that "with God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27).

I. THE LORD OF CREATION. Mark 4:35-41.

The disciples did not yet realize that

Jesus Christ as the Son of God was not only the Lord of creation, but also the Lord over creation. He who created also has the power to control. The disciples continued to be full of amazement whenever Jesus performed a miracle. It was not until after the coming of the Holy Spirit into their lives that expectation took the place of amazement. After Peter and John healed the lame man at the temple gate, Peter said: "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this?" (Acts 3:12). They recognized Christ as the Lord of creation over life as well as over nature.

There were two important truths which the disciples overlooked during the height of the storm. They forgot that Jesus said, "Let us pass over unto the other side"—not half way over and drown. Secondly, how could they entertain the thought that their boat could sink with Jesus in it? Although he was asleep, Jesus was still the captain of the ship; he still had control over the natural elements; he was their Savior, both physically and spiritually. The ultimate lesson they had to learn was the fact that no one is able to save himself by his own efforts. There was a man on the other side who desperately needed Christ. (Mark 4:42).

II. THE LORD OF LIFE. Mark 5:38-42.

Going from one good deed to another, Jesus even had time to do good deeds in between. He did not keep a schedule or refer to his appointment book in the same way we do today. On his way to the home of Jairus, he took time to find out who touched him. He realized that power went out from him, and he interrupted his journey in order to give the sick woman the full benefit of his blessing, even though there was danger that he would arrive too late to save the daughter of Jairus. Of course, with Jesus there never was a question of being too late or too early. Time was not the important element that determined what he could or could not do. His power ascended above time. To many people in the house of the ruler of the synagogue it seemed that Jesus was too late. But Jesus was always aware of his power when his hour had come.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How are we conscious of God's control over nature in our present world?
2. Is it because of our lack of faith that God does not calm every storm that endangers our lives?
3. What part does the physician today play in the miracle of healing?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 27, 1963

Theme: WHY JESUS TAUGHT IN PARABLES

Scripture: Mark 4:10-20, 33-34

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus used common, ordinary experiences in order to make clear uncommon and extraordinary spiritual lessons.

INTRODUCTION: There were rare instances when prophets and teachers in the Old Testament used parables. The best known is the parable of the ewe lamb found in 2 Samuel 12.

Jesus used parables to gain the attention of the people. Outdoor meetings have various distractions. And since the common people were not very familiar with religious terminology, Jesus had to use a form of teaching which would be readily understood by them. Jesus' parables were also easy to remember. They stimulated inquiry and provoked people to think for themselves. At the same time, Jesus could also convey truth to his disciples and sincere followers and hide the real meaning from his enemies and superficial followers.

I. JESUS' REASON FOR TEACHING IN PARABLES. Mark 4:10-13.

The context is a little difficult to understand. On the one hand, Jesus seems to use parables in order to make spiritual truth as simple as possible, while on the other hand he seems to use parables in order to prevent people from understanding him. Even his own disciples did not know the meaning of the parable of the sower. But it seems that an explanation of this parable was a key to all the others: "Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?" According to the *New English Bible*, those on the outside will "look and hear, but see nothing; and hear and spiritually blind and deaf even the simplest truth is confusing."

II. THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER. Mark 4:14-20.

In order to interpret a parable, the teacher of the Bible ought to understand, first of all, the language of the parables, the proper setting or context, and the main point that Jesus tried to teach in using the parable. It becomes confusing when every little detail is given a major application. Jesus certainly did not put himself in the place of a burglar when he compared his coming to that of a thief entering a house.

When Jesus interpreted the parable of the sower to his disciples, he gave the simplest and most apparent ex-

Bible study with an average of 70 youth in attendance. The congregation of the Magnolia Baptist Church feels they have been richly blessed and prays that through these new facilities many may be reached for Christ.

Sara Borden, Reporter

Beehive of Activities, Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

The membership of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., has become a beehive of activities since the coming of our new pastor, Rev. William Hoover. A class on Personal Evangelism taught by the pastor for the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses over a number of weeks was climaxed on Sunday night, Oct. 28th, with a demonstration program of "How to Lead a Soul to Christ." This was witnessed by 125 people. A Calling Program on Thursday nights has been organized with very gratifying and tangible results. The Sunday school has increased in attendance from a low average of 314 to 394. Recently 10 new members were received into the church and presently there are over 50 prospective members in two membership classes taught by the pastor and Mrs. Hoover.

A seven-week course for our ushers was taught by the pastor. This was climaxed on Oct. 28th when the ushers and their families, 48 in all, met for a dinner at Stratford House. Laymen's Sunday was observed with laymen participating in the morning worship service. Mr. Herbert Stabbert, the denominational president for Baptist Men, gave a challenge. Mr. Bob Martin, our church moderator, gave an inspiring message.

The Communion Offering on Sunday, Nov. 4, totalled \$302 which was given for the support of aged ministers. This is believed to be the highest in the history of the church given for that purpose. New pulpit furniture and a grand piano will soon be gracing our auditorium. Sixty new chairs have also been purchased.

Mrs. Ruth Mellen, Reporter

Northern District

Evangelistic Meetings at Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask.

Nov. 16th marked the close of an inspiring and fruitful evangelistic campaign at the Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., with Rev. Wm. Sibley of Wetaskwin, Alberta as evangelist. Mr. Sibley is a dynamic speaker, capable teacher, and through his friendly disposition and Christian sincerity, he won a warm place in the hearts of the people. Many Christians dedicated or rededicated their lives to Christ, as witnessed one evening when board members, officers and Sunday school teachers along with many others responded to the invitation. Rev. W. Kerber of the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton led in a prayer of dedication.

Our pastor, Rev. W. Dickau, also reports that two young men accepted Christ as Savior. Special music was provided each evening by the various departments of the church and by visiting groups from neighboring churches. We are praying that the fires of revival which have been kindled may continue



Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Wolff of Eureka, S. Dak., at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration held by the Eureka Baptist Church.

to burn and glow more brightly in the days to come.

Mrs. Donald Neibrandt, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Erwin Babbel, Edmonton, Alta.

The ordination of Mr. Erwin Babbel of Edmonton, Alberta took place in the Immanuel Church of Edmonton, to which he was called after his graduation from the Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute. Eight pastors and teachers participated in the sacred procedure by laying their hands on Brother Babbel, while Dr. E. P. Wahl offered the prayer of ordination. Dr. A. S. Felberg, teacher and counsellor of these young theological students, brought the ordination message, in which he once more summarized the divine challenge before our young men who enter the ministry. Rev. H. Hiller requested Mrs. Babbel to take her place next to her husband, as he gave them the sacred charge of the Christian ministry. Dr. B. Schalm placed the duties and responsibilities of the flock of Jesus Christ toward the chosen man of God before the church. Rev. R. Jaster gave words of warm welcome into the fellowship of N.A.B. pastors, and Rev. R. Milbrandt, who had come from Calgary for this occasion, pointed out the joys and duties of a pastor within the great fellowship of North American Baptists.

William Sturhahn, Reporter

Central District

Notable Events, First Baptist Church, Goodrich, N. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., recently gathered for the joyful occasion of burning the parsonage mortgage. Walter Zoller, chairman of the Board of Trustees, participated in the ceremony with the pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, offering the prayer.

We also observed our Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, Nov. 18, with Rev. Jacob Ehman as speaker. He spoke on the topic, "Enter With Thanksgiving." The church was deco-

rated with vegetables and flowers for the occasion. The offerings amounted to \$1,477.82.

Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrated at Eureka, S. Dak.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Wolff of Eureka, S. Dak., were honored at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration by about 300 friends at the Eureka Baptist Church. A brief program was held and a history of the family was given. Mr. Wolff was born in a sod house in the Java, S. Dak., vicinity in 1890. In 1906 he believed in the Lord as his Savior and became a member of the Eureka Baptist Church. He served for 40 years as Sunday school superintendent and teacher, deacon and church clerk. Mrs. Wolff was born in 1894 in the Ashley vicinity.

On Nov. 7, 1912 they were married. God blessed them with 6 children. Mrs. Wolff has served as church pianist all her life. On June 21, 1958 Mr. Wolff was stricken and had to spend over 300 days in the hospital where he also lost a leg by amputation. But they are trying to serve the Lord in every way possible.

The Family

Klault Indian Singers at Buffalo Center, Iowa

We of the First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa were privileged to have the Klault Indian Singers with us from Nov. 4 to 11. They are a very talented family, singing, playing instruments and preaching. We were blessed with their music and hearing the Word of God. Our church was full every night and many had to go to the basement and that was full many nights.

Mr. Klault is a German and Mrs. Klault a full blooded Indian from a South Dakota reservation. They have five children, four sons and one daughter. They appeared in their native Indian costume during the Sunday school hour and at the Saturday evening service.

Mrs. Tony Geiken, Reporter

Missionary Speakers at Central Church, George, Iowa

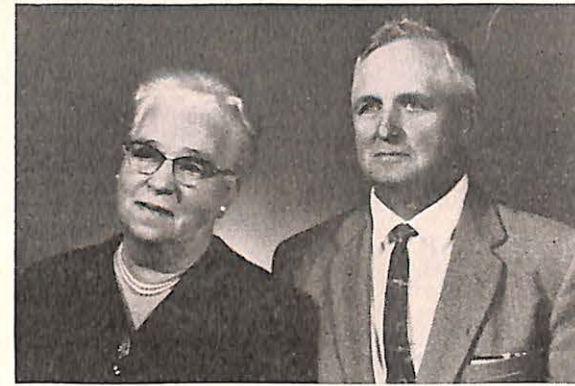
On Sunday, Nov. 4th, the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa had as their guest speakers, Berneice Westerman and Rev. Elmer Strauss, missionaries from West Cameroon, Africa. The former spoke to our adult Sunday school class and at the morning worship service. The latter had charge of our Sr. C.B.Y. and the evening service, at the close of which an offering of \$127 was received and designated for our N.A.B. mission work.

It was a privilege to have this "person to person" information from our missionaries regarding their experiences and those of the natives during their government's transitional period. When our missionaries were given their choice of leaving Africa or remaining during this crucial period, all our N.A.B. missionaries remained. We are truly proud and grateful for their faithfulness and steadfastness on the field. They gave us a new vision of mission work and "without a vision the people perish."

Julia Oltmann, Reporter

BAPTIST HERALD

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ihde of Tampa, Kansas who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas.



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

The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ihde was celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 14, with Open House at their home near Tampa, Kansas. Hosts for the occasion were their five children: Orville Ihde of Wichita, Kansas; Roscoe Ihde of El Cajon, Calif.; Mrs. Harvey Ihde of Hope, Kansas; Maurice Ihde of Santa Rosa, Calif.; and Raymond Ihde of the home. Mr. and Mrs. Ihde have lived on their farm north of Tampa since their marriage.

Previous to the Open House, the family attended the Harvest and Mission festival and basket dinner at the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County. After the dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Ihde reaffirmed their marriage vows in a ceremony before the fireplace in the church parlors with Rev. Edwin Walter officiating.

At the Ihde home, the serving table was covered with a gold cloth which was a gift from the Missionary Society, and was centered with a cake made like an open book. Mr. and Mrs. Ihde have been active members of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County for over 50 years.

Edwin F. Walter, Pastor

Great Men's Song Festival at Eureka, S. Dak.

Sunday, Nov. 18, was a great day for the BAPTIST MEN of the Central Dakota-Montana Association and their families. A MEN'S SINGFEST, under the leadership of Aaron Bertsch, president of Baptist Men, was held in the school auditorium at Eureka, S. Dak., with more than 500 persons attending. The program consisted of trio, quartet and Men's Chorus numbers, and a great Mass Choir of about 80 voices, directed by Rev. R. Hoffman of Napoleon, N. Dak. Rev. Frank Veninga of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest speaker and brought blessed and timely messages. The men of the Isabel, S. D., and Lehr, N. D., churches, and God's Volunteers Team No. 2 took part in the afternoon services. In the evening, men from the Ashley, Linton, Venturia and Wishek, N. D., and Eureka, S. D., as also the Plevna, Montana churches took part in the program.

This "singfest" was conceived by the late Rev. A. E. Reeh. After his passing, the work was carried on by Rev. R. Hoffman, who put in much time and effort to make such a fine program possible. The Eureka Church, (thanks to the ladies), did a remarkable job caring for so many guests. About 300 people were served at a supper in the

basement of the church. A much greater MEN'S SINGFEST is hoped for in the coming year by the BAPTIST MEN of the Association.

Julius Gall, Reporter

Burlington Church, Iowa Honors 90 Senior Members

The Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa had the unusual privilege on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18, of honoring 90 members who have been members of the church from 50 to 80 years at a reception. The program included a time of reminiscing by eight of the members: Mrs. Louise Mueller, a 75 year member; Mrs. Elizabeth Marquardt, 70 years; Julius Neilsen, 65 years; Gus Johnson and Arthur Schwerin, 60 years; Walter Siems, 55 years; and Ruth Lohman and Carl Orthner, 50 year members. Mrs. Paul Gerdes and Louis Schulze spoke words of appreciation in behalf of the church. The pastor, Rev. Howard Johnson, used the words of Paul, "all the saints salute you," found in Philippians 4:22.

Special music included a solo by Mrs. Harriet Merrill of Peoria, Ill., who is a daughter of Mrs. Mueller, a male quartet and a "choir of yesteryear" which sang two numbers, one of which

was a German hymn. The church moderator, James Hodges, presented a silver service to the church in honor of these 90 members and Mrs. Louis Schultze gave the response.

Refreshments, which featured a huge, decorated cake in the form of a Bible and baked by Mrs. Ernest Teager, a 50 year member, were served from a beautifully-appointed tea table. Mrs. Minnie Lohman who has held membership in the church the longest, (80 years) and William Lohman, (70 years) were not able to be present due to failing health. Mrs. Alvina Oberman, the oldest member of the church (97 years) was also unable to be present.

Mrs. Howard Johnson, Reporter

"Four Seasons" Program Presented by Gackle, N. D., Women

"The Four Seasons of Life" was the title of the program presented by the Gleaners Society at the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., on Sunday evening, Nov. 25, which was their annual program and church birthday party. The program was written by the pastor, Rev. Bernard Edinger, especially for the occasion. A unique coincidence was that the church bulletin for Nov. 29 provided by denominational headquarters had as its cover message the theme of four seasons.

Each Season was presented as a devotional by one of the Gleaners and was interspersed with appropriate songs such as "God of the Seasons," "This Is My Father's World," "Now Thank We All Our God," and others. Following the program, a time of fellowship was enjoyed by the large audience of about 150 in the lower auditorium where four long tables had been appropriately decorated featuring the four seasons. Persons with birthdays in the various seasons were seated at the table depicting their time of the year.

Mrs. Ervin Wolff, Secretary



"THIS PRECIOUS BIBLE OF MINE!"

Mrs. Louise Mueller (age 87), oldest active member of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, shows her worn old Bible to her pastor, Rev. Howard Johnson, and her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Wittkamp.

Farewell Service and Welcome Reception, Hoisington, Kansas

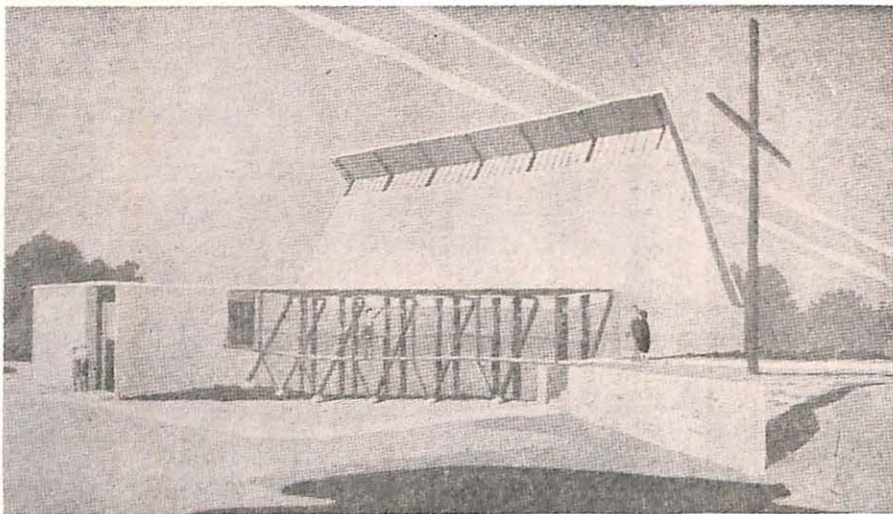
On Sunday, Oct. 28, a Fellowship Dinner followed by an afternoon service was held by the Calvary Baptist Church, Hoisington, Kansas in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Friesen. Churches from Bison, Ellinwood, Lorraine, and Stafford were invited. Rev. Frank Friesen served as interim pastor at the church for several months. We pray for God's richest blessings on them in their interim ministry in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Calvary Church of Hoisington extended a call to Rev. R. J. Harfst of St. Bonifacius, Minnesota, which he accepted. Mr. and Mrs. Harfst and their children, Paul and Calvin, arrived here Nov. 27. A surprise welcome reception for them was held on Dec. 14.

Mrs. Opal F. Schlegel, Reporter

Building Project, Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Construction has begun on the new edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., and the basement walls are about one third up. The building is of brick construction with end paneling and split-level design. A full basement includes a kitchen, rest rooms, a social room and classrooms. The upstairs, in addition to the main body of the church, will include a pastor's study, nursery and classrooms. It is designed to seat about 375 worshippers. Estimated cost of the structure is \$75,800. It is hoped to be completed by fall of 1963.



NEW CALVARY CHURCH, ABERDEEN, S. DAK.

Architect's sketch of the new edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak., now under construction, which will cost about \$75,000.

Our church members will do a lot of volunteer labor. This should bring the estimated cost down considerably. Right now we are experiencing quite cold weather which has slowed the work. We hope that the Lord will grant us good weather so that we might get the basement enclosed. The people have shown tremendous interest in the project.

Irvin H. Schmuland, Pastor

Memorable Events at Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak.

The Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., honored its pastor and family,

NOTICE, REPORTERS!

Changes will be made in the "Report Pages" beginning with the Feb. 14 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD, which will add greatly to the reading enjoyment for all subscribers. Letters of instruction have been prepared for all reporters.

All reports will be limited to brief, factual news items to be edited in keeping with the new BAPTIST HERALD policies. Several departments in the "Report Pages" will improve the appearance of the pages and add to your reading convenience.

EDITOR.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Christeleit and Betsy, at a farewell dinner on Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Martin School Cafeteria. The deacon of the church, president of the C.B.Y.F. and president of the Mission Circle spoke words of appreciation and presented them with gifts. Their new field of service is at the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Baptist Men's Brotherhood of Martin, N. Dak., served as hosts at a banquet for the Northern North Dakota Men's Brotherhood on Nov. 23 at the Martin Public School gymnasium. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. James, superintendent of the Gackle Public School. Approximately 120 laymen and pastors attended. Special music was rendered by a quartet from Goodrich and the Martin Men's Chorus.

Mrs. Royce Bender, Reporter

ferred his services to us as interim pastor. As a congregation we were richly blessed by his short ministry, and do pray that the Lord might reward him.

On Friday evening, Oct. 26, the Men's Fellowship were hosts to the entire church for a homemade sausage and pancake supper and an evening of fellowship. On Sunday, Dec. 2, we were most happy to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Edward Kopf, his wife and three children. Every organization and department of the church extended a warm welcome to them during the special afternoon service.

Ruth Sieler, Reporter

Ministry of Music, Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Music has always occupied a prominent place in the worship services of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis. Each Sunday, including most of the summer season, the choir sings at the morning and evening services. On special occasions, sacred concerts are given. Mr. Kenneth Miller is the able conductor, and Mrs. Fred Abitz serves faithfully and efficiently as church organist. Mrs. Myron Schrandt is assistant organist. Each Sunday morning, in addition to the choir anthem, the worship service is enhanced by a special musical number.

The first Monday of each month our beloved pastor, Rev. Wilmer Quiring, conducts the radio program, "Fountain of Life," sponsored by our Milwaukee N.A.B. churches. The choir assists on this program. Recently Bethany Church conducted the hour long television service held each Sunday morning by Milwaukee churches. Rev. Wilmer Quiring brought the message and the choir furnished the musical numbers. One night last summer a group of our Bethany folk boarded a Greyhound bus for a meeting of the Billy Graham Crusade in Chicago. After lights were out, both going and returning, one Gospel song after another was sung.

Laura Weihe, Reporter

● Please Send More Missionaries.

Mission secretary Asak Kristiansen visited Norwegian Baptist stations in the Congo a few years ago. His car was stopped in the jungle by nationals who stood in the road waving palm branches and holding Bibles to show that they were friendly. After Kristiansen had shaken hands all around, he saw a young woman sitting on a tree stump at the side of the road. Behind her there was a furrow in the dust where she had dragged herself along the ground. Her hands and feet had been eaten away by leprosy. The mission secretary bent down, gripped the stump of an arm and smiled. The woman smiled back and said, "I know who you are. You are the big chief of the missionaries. You have come to greet us and tell us about the one true God. I have prayed to God that I might see you. I will soon see the great God in his beautiful village. Please send us more missionaries, teachers and nurses. We want to learn. We need help. Tell the people in your villages that haste is necessary."

—John Allen Moore in "The Baptist World."

Obituary

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

MISS ERNESTINE HUBER of Linton, North Dakota

Miss Ernestine Huber of Linton, N. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Huber, was born in Temvik, N. Dak., on Feb. 21, 1909. She resided in Linton, N. Dak., with her mother, where she passed away on Nov. 6, 1962, having attained the age of 53 years, 8 months and 16 days. Miss Huber was confined to her home all her life, although her physical handicap did not limit her joy in Christ, her Savior, nor did it detract from her cheerful witness for her Lord.

She is survived by her mother; 2 brothers: George of Hazelton and Jacob of Temvik; 5 sisters: Martha of Bismarck; Alma (Mrs. Ben Burkhardt) of Temvik; Lydia (Mrs. Russell Hatch) of Columbus, Montana; Carolyn of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Edwyna (Mrs. McRaney) of Carlsbad, Calif. First Baptist Church, Linton, North Dakota.

HERMAN EFFA, Pastor

MR. ENGELKE KUIPER of St. Rose, Manitoba

Mr. Engelke Kuiper of St. Rose, Man., was born on April 26, 1906 in Holdhuser, Germany and died accidentally in his home, Oct. 5, 1962. The cause of his death was due to the inhaling of fumes from burning chemical fertilizer. He came to Canada in 1930 where he worked for various farmers in the district of St. Rose, Man. It was during that time that he accepted Christ as his Savior. He was baptized by Rev. F. A. Bloedow and became a member of the Grace Baptist Church, St. Rose, Man.

In the spring of 1935 he went to Alberta and then on to Vancouver, B. C. He went to Stony Plain, Alberta in 1946, later returning again to the district of St. Rose where he farmed and did stucco work until his death. He reached the age of 56 years, 5 months and 7 days. There remain to mourn his passing: his brother, Gerhard Kuiper of Germany; a brother-in-law, Henry Volkhusen, also of Germany; five nephews and nieces and one cousin, George Abbas of Abotsford, B. C.

Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River, Manitoba.
H. BUSHKOWSKY, Pastor

MR. RUDOLF H. DOERR of Lodi, California

Mr. Rudolf H. Doerr of Lodi, Calif., was born in Russia 82 years ago. After coming to America, he farmed for many years in North Dakota and came to Lodi in 1947. In 1960 his wife passed away following 60 years of marriage. As long as he was able, he was faithful in attending the house of God and he enjoyed the fellowship of God's people.

He is survived by five daughters: Mrs. Emma Kranzler, Mrs. Bertha Eisner and Mrs. Ruth Dobler, all of Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Martha Flicker of Martin, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Kathryn Avery of Kirkland, Wash.; two sons: Henry H. Doerr of Lodi and Rudolf E. Doerr of Stockton; 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He also leaves two brothers, August of Bismarck, N. Dak., and Jacob of Russia and a sister, Mrs. August Herr of Russia. Burial services were held in the East Pine Funeral Home of Lodi where the family has crypts in the mausoleum.

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California.
AARON BUHLER, Pastor

MRS. MARY FISCHER RINGERING of Ellinwood, Kansas

Mrs. Mary Fischer Ringering of Ellinwood, Kansas was born on Sept. 21, 1886 in a sod house at Bison, Kansas. In 1895 she moved with her parents to Ellinwood, Kansas where she married Herman J. Ringering on August 4, 1904. Three children were born to this union: Oliver, pastor of the Ebenezer

Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas; Stanley of Ellinwood, and Edna (Mrs. Milo Haynes), whose husband is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Newburg, Missouri. Other survivors include a brother, Herman Fischer of Ellinwood, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She was baptized by Rev. Eckhart Umbach in 1901 and united with the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood where she worshiped and served faithfully. Despite many hardships and much sickness and suffering, she was enabled to maintain a cheerful outlook and radiate a calm confidence in her Savior. Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood on Nov. 14. Burial was in the Ellinwood Lakin Cemetery.

Ellinwood, Kansas.
—MERLE E. BRENNER, Pastor

MRS. FREDERICKA BENDER of Aberdeen, South Dakota

Mrs. Fredericka Bender of Aberdeen, S. Dak., was born on Dec. 21, 1888, in South Russia. As an infant she came with her parents to America, settling in the Ventura, N. Dak., area. A month after major kidney surgery, she left her earthly tabernacle on Nov. 27, 1962 at the age of 73 years and 11 months.

At the age of 25 years in 1913, she committed her life to the Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. Knapp baptized her and she became a member of the Ventura Baptist Church. Since 1946 she lived in Aberdeen, and was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. Her radiant witness and fine singing are missed greatly.

In 1907 she was united in marriage to Martin Bender. She is survived by her husband; and 7 sons: Reine, Britton, S. Dak.; Alfred, Lodi, Calif.; Herman, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Reuben, Ipswich, S. Dak.; Jacob, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Gideon, Rapid City, S. Dak.; 3 daughters: Ada (Mrs. Ackerman), Artes, S. Dak.; Ella (Mrs. Saylor), Roscoe, S. Dak.; LaRue (Mrs. Opp), Britton, S. Dak. Emil, the youngest son, was killed in the Korean War.

Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota.
IRVIN H. SCHMULAND, Pastor

MRS. JACOB RAAF of Salem, Oregon

Mrs. Helen Raaf of Salem, Oregon entered into rest on August 2, 1962 at the age of 63 years and 13 days. She and her husband Jacob had been living at 1050 Harris Avenue, S. E., Salem, Oregon. Previously they had lived for several years in California, having moved there from their farm near Hebron, N. Dak.

Surviving is the sorrowing husband, Jacob, of Salem; 4 sons: Alvin of Richardton, N. Dak.; Henry of Portland; Richard of Roseburg; Theodore of Sylmar, Calif.; 5 daughters: Mrs. Edna Norman of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Esther Cinar of Norwalk, Calif.; Mrs. Florence Sherrill of San Diego, Calif.; Miss Marie Raaf of Van Nuys, Calif.; Mrs. Rose Dalke of Portland; 4 sisters; one brother; and 16 grandchildren. Services were held at the Barrick Funeral Home in Salem. Rev. Clarence H. Walth officiated. Sacred music was furnished by Mrs. Henry Neuman and Mrs. Clayton Wenger. Pallbearers were Raymond and Erwin Raaf, Benny and Harry Schneider, Al Smith and Orville Hatfield.

Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon.
CLARENCE H. WALTH, Officiating Minister

MRS. JOHN EBEL of Herreid, South Dakota

Mrs. John Ebel of Herreid, S. Dak., was born on Nov. 1, 1892 at Edgley, N. Dak., and grew up on a farm 14 miles north of Lehr, N. Dak. She was married to John G. Ebel on Nov. 20, 1913 at Napoleon, N. Dak. They moved to a farm five miles southwest of Artes, S. Dak., where they farmed until April 1951 when they moved to Herreid where they lived until her passing on Dec. 1st at the age of 70 years and one month.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband and six children: Arlin, Montevideo, Minn.; Leon, Artes, S. Dak.; Ewald, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Donald, Westminster, Colo.; Mrs. Ben (Emma) Berreth, Moberly, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Clara Stelling, Elk, Minn. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren: three brothers: Reinhold and Walter, Washington and Edward, Lehr, N. Dak.; four sisters: Mrs. John Reich, Hebron, N. Dak.; Mrs. Bill Reich, Cowiche, Wash.; Mrs. Henry Denrod, Bismarck, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Pauline Ebel, Wishek, N. Dak.

She accepted Christ as her personal Savior in early youth; was baptized by Rev. A. Alf and united with the Herreid Baptist Church on Nov. 29, 1930 where she remained a faithful member. Rev. E. S. Fenske, Lehr,

N. Dak., assisted in the funeral services in the German language.

The Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, South Dakota.
ALFRED WEISSER, Minister

MR. ANDEW WAGENAAR of Little Rock, Iowa

Mr. Andrew Wagenaar of Little Rock, Ia., was born on April 6, 1901 at Visquardt, Germany. He was one of a family of seven sons and four daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. John Wagenaar. In 1923, Mr. Wagenaar, as a single man, immigrated to the United States and lived with his brother, Hommo, for seven years. In his second year here, he made confession of faith in Christ and was baptized by Rev. Jacob Jordan. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa until his death.

In 1936 he was joined in marriage to Miss Lean Kruger. To this union five children were born. He entered the Sibley Hospital on Oct. 31, and passed away on Nov. 5, 1962. He reached the age of 61 years and 7 months. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Lena; his daughter, Adeline, (Mrs. Harm Winter); his three sons: John, Arlin and Gayle, and his daughter Lee Ann; as well as two grandsons.

First Baptist Church, George, Iowa
JOHN REIMER, Pastor

MRS. AMELIA FRANK of Lodi, California

Mrs. Amelia Frank of Lodi, Calif., was born near Odessa, Russia, on Feb. 14, 1885, and passed away on Nov. 25, 1962, at the Community Hospital, Lodi, after a two month period of illness, at the age of 77 years. She was married on Oct. 27, 1905, to John A. Frank. Together they came to this country in 1909 and settled in Mound City, S. Dak., before moving to Selfridge, N. Dak., in 1918. In 1936 they moved to Lodi.

She was baptized into the fellowship of a Baptist Church while still in Russia. Upon arriving in Lodi, she became a member of the First Baptist Church and later a charter member of the Temple Baptist Church and of the local Woman's Missionary Society. Here she served her Lord faithfully for many years and was known and loved by all.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 20, 1958. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Melitta Berndt of Lodi; Mrs. Olga Neitzel of Stockton, Calif.; and Mrs. Bertha Weigum of Lodi; two sons: Robert and Hugo Frank of Rancho Cordova, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California.
ELDON G. SCHROEDER, Pastor

MRS. EMMA VASEL of Anaheim, California

Mrs. Emma Vasel of Anaheim, Calif., was born in Memmingen, Germany, on March 7, 1874. She departed this life to be with Christ on Nov. 13, 1962. Her long life was one of devotion to the Lord and his service. She was the wife of Rev. Robert Vasel who was a preacher of the Gospel for over 60 years in several North American Baptist churches, one in the Chicago area; one in Kyle, Texas; the last in Bison, Kansas.

Mrs. Vasel came to know the Lord Jesus as her Savior early in life. She and Mr. Vasel were united in marriage in 1900. Her ministry was a quiet one, upholding her husband in prayer and with spiritual encouragement as well as moral support. Though quiet in demeanor, there was a heavenly radiance in her face, the result of being constantly in touch with the Lord through prayer and God's Word. The only contact which Mrs. Vasel had with the church services in the past years was through a prayer meeting held at her home in South Pasadena each Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Vasel is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lydia Leuschner. This daughter lovingly cared for her mother during the last years making the sunset portion of her life as pleasant as possible. There are two sisters still residing in Germany. The funeral services were held in Los Angeles with Rev. Harold Fischer and Rev. Henry F. K. Hengstler officiating.

HENRY F. K. HENGSTLER, Pastor

MRS. ARTHUR A. SCHADE of Spearfish, South Dakota

Mrs. Arthur A. Schade, nee Emma Schaefer, of Spearfish, S. Dak., was born on Dec. 5, 1885 in Lycoming County near Williamsport, Pa. Her father was Rev. Thomas J. Schaefer, a pioneer in the Hepburn community of Pennsylvania and later a Baptist missionary and minister in South Dakota. Following her studies at the Baptist

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Jeske and P. Laudon serving as the organists.

● On Friday evening, Dec. 21, the Sunday school of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., presented its annual Christmas program on the theme, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them." The Christmas offering was designated for the purchase of equipment for the Children's Nursery at the Bansa Missionary Hospital, West Cameroon and for the City Rescue Mission's children's work in Detroit. The choir rendered its annual Christmas concert, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," on Sunday evening, Dec. 23. Thirteen babies were dedicated on Nov. 18 at an impressive service led by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor. Among these was Kristin Andrea Haupt, the youngest child of the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haupt.

● On Sunday, Nov. 18, an organizational meeting was held at the Garcias Ranch Baptist Mission, Rio Grande City, Texas, with Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, serving as the moderator. The charter membership of the new Garcias Ranch Baptist Church was recognized with 45 charter members. Church officers were

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elected with Senora Adalinda A. Bazan serving as church clerk and financial secretary, and Seniorita Rosa Maria Saucedo as the treasurer. The church constitution was adopted. Rev. Raymond Castro, pastor and missionary at the time, spoke on "The Church Attacked But Still Victorious." The church will be received into the NAB General Conference fellowship at the 1963 sessions of the Southern Conference.

● The 75th birthday of Miss Gretchen Remmler of Forest Park, Ill., was celebrated by the headquarters staff in Forest Park on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Dr. Woyke, executive secretary, brought a tribute to Miss Remmler for the many years of faithful services as office secretary and for her ministry in the work of relief and White Cross supplies. Miss Remmler spoke with great feeling of her joy in serving the Lord Jesus Christ during these memorable years. The following Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 12, the headquarters staff honored Mr. Fred A. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., on his 81st birthday with Dr. Woyke bringing a message of tribute to him. Mr. Grosser was the denominational treasurer for many years. Mrs. Grosser was also present at this happy occasion.

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Christian Training Institute of Philadelphia, Pa., she and Arthur A. Schade, the assistant pastor at her home church, Hebburn Baptist Church of Blooming Grove, Penn., were married on August 4, 1910. She was a wonderful helpmeet to her husband and a greatly beloved pastor's wife in their 18 year ministry (1910-1928) in NAB churches in Cincinnati, Ohio; Kankakee, Ill.; and Pittsburgh, Pa. Her gracious spirit and radiant witness for Christ continued during the next 16 years (1928-1944) as her husband served as a denominational young people's secretary and professor at the NAB Seminary in Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Schade moved to South Dakota in 1946 where he served as executive secretary of the South Dakota Council of Churches and administrator of a Nursing Home. Mrs. Schade was the hostess and superintendent of this Home. Their dream of retirement homes was finally realized in the David M. Dorsett Home, the first of the Pioneer Memorial Manors in Spearfish, S. Dak. Mrs. Schade was the receptionist and "house mother" until her health necessitated her complete retirement. In 1962 she became a patient in the Nursing Home.

She was called home to glory on Nov. 24, 1962 at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 20 days. She is survived by her sorrowing husband; 3 sons: Arthur Thomas of Liverpool, N. Y.; Rev. Paul G., chaplain in the U. S. Air Force, Dayton, Ohio; Robert A. of Youngstown, Ohio; 2 daughters: Emma Clara (Mrs. Ernst E. Klein) of Cambridge, Mass.; and Sarah Margaret (Mrs. Alex Elssesser) of Manchester, Conn.; and 17 grandchildren.

The memorial services were held in the Congregational Church of Spearfish, S. Dak., and in the Spitzer Funeral Parlor of

Blooming Grove, Pa., with Rev. Arthur R. Weisser of Rochester, N. Y., officiating at the latter service. Interment was in the burial ground of the Dunkard log meeting house in Lycoming County, Pa., where Konrad Anton Fleischmann began his pioneer ministry as a Baptist missionary in 1839.

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