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At each of the ten Baptist World Congresses there has been an "official Congress sermon." The first one was delivered at the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London in 1905, by Dr. Augustus H. Strong of Rochester, USA, and was based on Acts 22:8-10. These are quotations from his introduction.

The Greatness of Christ

GOD is in events, and the whole Godhead is in the least of them. . . . Some events are unique exertions of his power. . . . Such events were the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the conversion of Saul.

These three events had intimate connection with one another. Christ's resurrection was the virtual resurrection, both spiritually and physically, of the whole Church of God throughout the ages. Pentecost was the opening of the windows of heaven to endow the Church with power from on high. Saul's conversion was the breaking up of the fountains of the great deep and flowing in of a flood that swept away the narrow boundaries of Judaism, and bore the Church on its bosom to world-wide evangelism. . . .

With God a thousand years are as one day. But it is also true that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years. Ages of prejudice and enmity rolled away, as Providence took that one forward step in the conversion of Saul. The two questions of my text mark the turning-point in Saul's life, namely, the point at which Saul was transformed into Paul. They do more. They mark the turning-point in the life of the Church; for, with the transformation of Saul into Paul, the Church itself was transformed from a merely national institution into an institution inclusive of all mankind.

We come from India and from China, from Germany and from Britain, from America and from the islands of the sea, to take counsel of one another with regard to our common work. We are bound together by our allegiance to a common Redeemer, our belief in his authoritative Word, and our sense of obligation to preach his Gospel. In minor matters of faith and practice we may differ. But we have one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

It is in the hope that God will lift us out of all narrowness and isolation, and will show us the grandeur and universality of our mission as Baptists, that I venture to interpret to you the vision of Saul. Only an inward realization of what Saul saw on that day can weld the Baptists of the world together, and fit them to conquer the world for their Master. I propose, therefore, that we ask those same questions which Saul asked: "Who art thou, Lord?" and "What shall I do, Lord?"

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FRONT COVER

The cover picture shows a familiar preaching scene in the Seminary Chapel, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Dr. George A. Lang, Professor of Homiletics, is observing Mr. Edward Pritzkau, senior student, in a preaching assignment. In this way, the students are trained for their important ministry of preaching the "unsearchable riches of the Gospel" in the churches of our denomination. But your prayer support and personal concern also affect the life of your Seminary in Sioux Falls. Be faithful in this ministry of yours!

SPECIAL ISSUE

In this number of the "Baptist Herald" you will become acquainted with the 12 members of the Senior Class of the Seminary. You will find the personal testimonies of Flavius Martin and Hisashi Murakami both inspiring and informative. You will feel the forceful impact of the two feature articles on "The Preaching Ministry of the Church" and "The Church that Proclaims the Good News." In other words, the real work of witnessing and preaching belongs to the church members as well.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

SEMINARY LIBRARY BOOK FUND. This special Seminary Issue of the "Baptist Herald" presents the Senior students and features several important articles on theological training. By Jan. 31, 1963 the contributions toward the Library Book Fund totalled \$13,649.19 with additional gifts still coming from individuals and churches. Remember to pray for the Seminary Convocation, March 26-27, or, better still, join the hundreds of interested friends who will be in attendance at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE. Rev. David Draewell has emphasized the fact that "Denominational Advance" funds come only from your basic budget contributions in excess of \$805,000 for the fiscal year, ending March 31st. If you wish to make possible this kind of advance, you must give your contributions to the General Missionary and Benevolent Fund. Seven needed areas for advance, described in the February 28 issue, will be considered by the General Council at its annual meeting in May.

BAPTIST TEACHER TRAINING CENTER. On Nov. 26 the Baptist Teacher Training Centre at Great Soppo, Cameroon, held its graduation exercises for 75 students who graduated. Twenty-five of these students have completed five years of training. The remarkable fact was that this is the first such class to graduate from any college in Cameroon, West Africa. The other fifty students completed only a three year course. After a few years of teaching, many of them will return to college to complete the other two years, as reported by Miss Alma Zimmerman.

E. ARDICE ZIOLKOWSKI REPORTS. "At Christmas our 3H Girls Club went carolling in various compounds in the village. The people were pleased to think we came to sing and to speak to them, especially the chiefs' wives. On Christmas morning we sang for the patients in each of the wards and Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee told the Christmas story. In the middle of the day we served tea (with lots of sugar and milk) to all the patients; also a large slice of plain bread. To me the joy on their faces was a blessing to behold!"

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Easter Sermons and Pictures,
Color Cover, 28 Pages and
Mission Highlights

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Editorial

"Is Jesus Making Good?"

Guest Editorial by Rev. Hans J. Wilcke of St. Paul, Minnesota,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees, North American Baptist Seminary

This is almost a repelling theme. Do we doubt the strength and all-sufficiency of him who said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18)? Yet this question is asked daily by a multitude of men of those who supposedly are his witnesses.

This issue of the BAPTIST HERALD introduces you to a number of men who will soon be finding their place as pastors of a number of our churches. Somewhere in the recent past they made a commitment to their Lord. "I do in this holy moment and by this act of worship consecrate myself, my life, all that I am and have and all that I ever hope to be unto thee and thy service." Perhaps you heard their testimony at a camp fire, a youth meeting or a Sunday worship service. Jesus has made good in their lives. He called them—they followed!

In the various areas of our North American Baptist General Conference fellowship regional Missionary Conferences have been and will be held. A medical missionary, an educator, and an evangelist speak of the challenge of a work to which the Lord has called them. The thrill in retelling the daily experiences of people "who have seen a great light" rings into your own spiritual life. Again you say, "Certainly, the Lord has made good. These missionaries are proof of his success."

There are other areas where we can truly see that the Lord is making good. Yet there is another side. There is the simple fact that many whom the Lord calls fails to answer. The world sees this. Even though missionary work has reached every continent, the population increase is greater by far than the figure of those who are led to Christ. This the world also knows. Puny, impotent, careless Christians are seen wherever one goes. The world sees these too.

Who can really tell whether Jesus is making good or not? This is more than an academic question. It is a question of the heart, the soul, the entire being. Is Jesus making good in your life today? He has an answer for you in the blessings of the Christian life. You have an answer for him in the dedication of your life to his work. The success of the Lord's work today does depend on you.

"God calling yet; I cannot stay;
My heart I yield without delay;
Vain world, farewell! From thee I part;
The voice of God hath reached my heart!"

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Every minister of Jesus Christ
must effect a meeting of God
and man in the realm of grace . . .

The Preaching Ministry of the Church

By President Frank Veninga, North American Baptist Seminary

"IT WAS PREACHING that founded the Church, and it is preaching which again and again, in its periods of flatness and failure, has renewed and restored it," so says George Jackson, in a book entitled, *A Parson's Log*. Paul, the immortal preacher of the early church, stated, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Corinthians 1:21).

THE ART OF PREACHING

Preaching! But what is preaching? It is the messenger's divinely appointed task. According to Andrew D. Blackwood, *The Fine Art of Preaching*, it is "Divine truth voiced by a chosen personality to meet human needs." God has a special stake in having the Word preached. To insure preaching as the primary emphasis in the ministry, Jesus established it from the beginning of his own preaching to the end of time in this divine proclamation: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).

From the reading of the Scriptures, it is crystal clear that the Gospel needs to be preached as the offer of God to man. God uses man to be the proclaimer of the Good News. In this respect the preacher must be an expert craftsman. His is the responsibility to feed the Church of Christ with the Word of Christ.

What has happened to the "art" of preaching? Some of our contemporary preaching doesn't reveal a devout heart, willing to hear and learn, and a hard-working mind willing to dig and dig for the fulness of God's truth. It frequently parrots and mimics. Perhaps the modern minister is too busy with administration, counseling, running to and fro, speaking here, there, and everywhere. The demands of the pastoral ministry are reflected in a weakened pulpit ministry. Matters of stewardship, counseling, administration are of essential importance, but the main responsibility of a minister is to preach. "He must," according to Dr. Donald Macleod, Professor of Homiletics, Princeton Theological Seminary, "effect a meeting of God and man in the realm of grace."

According to a report, many pastors feel swamped by "day-to-day" triviality—a round of fund drives, luncheons, dinners, speeches, committee



President Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary speaking from the Chapel pulpit.

meetings, etc. "In a way," the report states, "many ministers are worried about the heavy-packed schedule, lest the secondary function becloud the primary ones."

"MINORS" OF CHURCH LIFE

A letter from Henry D. Coe appearing in *The Watchman-Examiner* reads, "I feel preaching has lost its place and power during the century. It has been crowded out by ritual. Its importance nevertheless is just as great today as ever."

Dr. Clarence Macartney, *The Making Of A Minister*, gives sound advice when he states, "It is a great thing for the preacher if he likes to preach in his own pulpit more than anywhere else. I have learned by experience to say No to nearly all the invitations which come to speak and preach in different places over the country, and, except in the summer vacation, I am rarely away from my own pulpit."

Let us unshackle our gifted and dedicated pastors of the "minors" of the church life and activity and thus enable them to "major" in the art of preaching. Something departs when the preacher is forced to give up solitude and reflection. He needs time to "be still and know," to reflect for the purpose of reaching conclusions,

to exercise the mind and to feed the soul.

In a series of stimulating lectures, Dr. Lloyd Perry, formerly with Gordon Divinity School, stressed that "preaching today should be biblical, logical, varied and persuasive." The preacher must never fail to articulate God's good news of redemption through Christ. Whatever else is said in a sermon, this note of good news for a lost, bewildering, and confused world should always be dominant.

The appearance of recent books indicates the emergence of a "new preaching" or perhaps a return to "true preaching." From both European and American authors have come titles as: *Doctrinal Preaching for Today*; *The Art of Biblical Preaching*; *Expository Preaching*; *The Pulpit Rediscovers Theology*; *Biblical Authority for Modern Preaching*; *A Theology of Proclamation*; *The Way to Biblical Preaching*. This certainly indicates the direction of current preaching.

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

What is calling for a change in preaching? There is a demand made upon the preacher to "quit playing around with petty platitudes" and to begin preaching some "biblical theology." Bishop Hans Lilje, speaking in Sioux Falls said, "It is the minister's task to help people look ahead; to help them through an age of turmoil and confusion." This calls for a revision of faith, a realization of universal problems, and a sense of Christian responsibility. Said Lilje, "Let's accept this age and unheard of opportunities."

There are other reasons for a return to "true preaching" which challenge the minister's creative ability. It is no secret that man's moral and spiritual development has not kept pace with his scientific and technological progress. Although church membership is at an all-time high, ministers admit readily that many in their congregations lack genuine spiritual rebirth and a saving faith. When I asked a "successful" minister about the rapid growth of his church he stated, "It's easily explained. They attend three consecutive Sundays and apply for membership." Then he added, "This is dangerous."

In this age of the hydrogen bomb, intercontinental ballistic missiles, space satellites, the emergence of aggressive nationalism, ruthless Com-

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The preacher is the entire
church, a company of witnesses, called
of God, to Christ's saving power . . .

The Church That Proclaims the Good News

By Dr. Ralph E. Powell, North American Baptist Seminary

IN THE NEW Testament perspective, it is not only the ordained ministers and missionaries who are called to proclaim the redemptive message of the Gospel to the lost world. The whole church is viewed as a called company of witnesses to Christ's saving power. *The preacher is the entire church.*

If the church will fulfill its ordained function in the world, it will create a holy ferment. It will be a counter-revolutionary force that will offset the rising tide of materialistic secularism, atheistic Communism, and the moral-spiritual depravity of our day. Such a witnessing community of believers can be that needed leaven of righteousness which alone can permeate the entire earth with the transforming proclamation of the living Lord, who is the Head of his body and the victorious Captain of his invincible army.

HIGH COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

In order to be such a proclaiming host in this agitated decade of world history, individual Christians will have to count the high cost of genuine discipleship. No easy religion and no small experiences will make it the church that proclaims meaningfully and effectively in this "world which has come of age." Christian discipleship may be simple, but it is demanding. It is easy to understand what our Lord meant when he said, "Follow me," but it is hard to obey to the utmost.

Soren Kierkegaard asserted that the most difficult task imaginable is to be a Christian in this world; that is, a genuine, authentic Christian who knows by actual experience the Lordship of Christ.

Joseph Thayer, the prodigious Greek scholar of the last generation, reminds us that if we call Christ Lord, everything we are and have will be at his sovereign disposal—nothing less. Only such people will be those who really proclaim a vital message and who are actually heard by contemporary people who are looking for absolute reality. No sham or pretense will get a hearing by this generation.

The church that proclaims will be responsive to our Lord's demanding test: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose

it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged if he gain the whole world and lose himself, or be cast away? Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed when he shall come in his own glory and in his Father's and of the holy angels" (Luke 9:23-26).

LOYALTY TO CHRIST

This is a demanding call of self-denial, to the death of personal self-centered ambition, self-gratification, self-seeking and status seeking. It is the exacting call to the crucifixion of pride and the unreserved, unquestionable dedication to the will of God. The church that proclaims has given up trying to make something of itself for itself. It not only sings but acts out the vibrating commission of Horatius Bonar's missionary chant:

"Go, labor on; spend and be spent,
Thy joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went,
Should not the servant tread it still?"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, that great German spiritual leader who was martyred by Adolf Hitler because of his vigorous Christian life and ministry, affirmed: "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." If we



Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Professor of Theology and Philosophy of Religion at the North American Baptist Seminary.

may not have to lay down our lives physically because of our faithful proclamation of the full-orbed gospel of Christ (and let us hope that we may not have to), we certainly *must* lay down our lives in total submission and obedience to our divine Sovereign (death unto self) if we would constitute the church that fruitfully and powerfully proclaims Jesus Christ. Otherwise we likely will not be heard at all by today's tough-minded people, who nevertheless are a people that will respond to dynamic reality, if only they could see it placarded before them in undeniable authenticity and hear it in terms that are relevant to their real concerns and needs.

If very soon there is not such a proclaiming church, the time may be near when we would be forced to choose between loyalty to Christ or to contemporary culture; between our faith or our life. "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die."

The church that proclaims may be a persecuted church (II Timothy 5:12), but it will be a blessed church (Matthew 5:10-12). This may be what it will take for Christ to purify unto himself a people zealous of good works, whose confession will become a revolutionary, life-producing ferment in the earth. At any rate, it apparently will have to cost a lot—the high cost of real discipleship—if our lives and words will do *any* changing of the space-age world.

COURAGE OF A PROPHET

In our tumultuous day, the church that proclaims will have to possess the courage and concern of a prophet. Nothing else will suffice. The message of God must *burn* and roar within like a seething volcano that cannot keep its molten lava within itself, but must erupt and give vent to its hot flowing mass. It may be desirable for that inner fire usually to pour out gently and under steady, controlled force, but at times it may have to gush with irrepressible strength and unrestrained power. Only make sure that this is a divine fire and an unmistakably spiritual force at work!

Most of us are impressed with the fact that today's need is not essentially for new and better mechanics, organization or equipment; it is for new and better Christians with the burning passion, genuine concern, zealous burden and convicting message of a

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1963 Seniors Prepared to Preach

Twelve young men, like the disciples of old, at the North American Baptist Seminary, are ready to cast the seed of divine truth upon fruitful soil.

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

"AND HE ORDAINED twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach . . ." (Mark 3:14). They were qualified and authorized by their Lord. It is of interest to note the great variety in temperament and varied native ability. In the life of these men, we see a striking illustration of the fact that the Lord makes use of different types of men for his work. They were ordinary men, chosen from the common pursuits in life. We learn, however, that those whom the Lord uses, must be cast upon him in dependence, that he may work in and through them by the Holy Spirit.

It is with genuine delight and satisfaction that we present the twelve seniors of the 1963 graduating class at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Each senior has been divinely called, academically prepared, and is awaiting the Lord's leading to areas of Christian service. While the men come from different backgrounds and possess varied talents, they have common interest to give to their day a faithful account of our Lord's words and deeds, a just image of his character, and a true reflection of his spirit. It is their concern to cast the seed of divine truth upon fruitful soil resulting in a great multitude of believing souls.

These men enter the Christian ministry as a result of both wanting to and having to. A command hovers over them, and a desire wells forth within them. We send them forth as good ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are prepared to preach!

DONALD DECKER

Donald Decker is a native of Emery, S. Dak., and a member of the Plum Creek Baptist Church. He is married to the former Alice Itterman of Edmonton, Alberta. They have three children.

Mr. Decker attended Sioux Falls College and graduated with a B. S. degree. He served in the military during the Berlin Crisis and was the Operations Sergeant for the 147th Artillery stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

During his student days in addition to pulpit supply in the larger Sioux Falls area, he has served as interim pastor at the Plum Creek Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., and the First Baptist Church, Appleton, Minn. He served at the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls as student worker during the summer of 1961.

KENNETH C. FENNER

Kenneth Fenner was born in 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio. Church membership is held in the Parma Heights Baptist Church.

Both he and his wife graduated from the Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He majored in the area of Pastoral Training and graduated with a B. A. degree. At the Seminary he majored in the field of theology. He held several offices in the Bender Fellowship, a missionary organization, and served as its president in 1960. Practical experience included the directing of choir at the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls and pulpit supply and assistant pastor at the Parma Heights Baptist Church during the summer of 1960. He is presently serving as student pastor of the Valley Springs Congregational Church, Valley Springs, S. Dak.

His immediate plans are to enter the pastorate as the Lord may guide and direct.

RICHARD HOHENSEE

Richard Hohensee, who is 29 years of age, immigrated to Canada in 1951. Both he and his wife, Inge, are members of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Their son, Hartmuth, is three months old.

After receiving the call to the ministry, Mr. Hohensee enrolled at the University of Manitoba, where he graduated with a B. A. degree. The New Testament was his field of concentration in Seminary.

During his student years, he was actively engaged in youth work and gained practical experiences while

serving two summer pastorates in Winnipeg and Edmonton.

He has accepted the call of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to serve as associate pastor, effective June 15, 1963.

LEROY KIEMELE

LeRoy Kiemele is a native of Linton, N. Dak. At the age of twelve he was converted, baptized, and affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Linton.

Ever since his conversion, he has had a desire to become a minister. It was not until the summer of 1954, however, that he definitely sensed the call of God to enter full-time Christian service. This truth was revealed at a youth camp. That same fall he enrolled at Sioux Falls College where he attended for two years. He then transferred to Augustana College in Sioux Falls, graduating with a B. A. degree in 1959.

During the summer of 1957 he served under the Student Service Plan as student pastor in Gackle, N. Dak. That same fall he joined "God's Volunteers" for one year. In the summer of 1960 he travelled extensively as a member of the Gospel Jubilaires Quartet, presenting sacred concerts in our denominational churches.

For the past two years he has been serving a student pastorate at the Sioux Valley Baptist Church, Dell Rapids, S. Dak. He is married to the former Joanne Heckman of St. Paul, Minn.

WALDEMAR KROGULETZ

Waldemar Kroguletz, who is 26 years of age, came to the Seminary from the German Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario. He and his wife, Lydia, have one daughter, Ingrid Susan.

Mr. Kroguletz, a former technical draftsman, completed his first year of theological training at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. Then, after a year of studies at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, he entered our Seminary where he majored in New Testament studies. He will graduate with the Th.B. degree.

During the summer of 1962, he served as student pastor in Lemmon, S. Dak. Following graduation he will serve as student worker in the German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, Ontario. In the fall he will go to Germany as next year's exchange student to the Seminary in Hamburg.

RONALD MAYFORTH

Ronald Mayforth, who is 24, is a member of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich. His wife, Sharon is a member of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church.

After receiving his B. A. degree in Social Studies from the Fort Wayne Bible College, he continued his preparation at the Seminary with a major emphasis in Christian Education. His field work opportunities have included a three-year pastorate, music director, and summer camp work. He is presently the president of the Seminary Student Body.

His future plans include a ministry in Christian Education and further education in the same.

WILLIAM W. NEUMAN

William Neuman is 27 years old, He came to the Seminary from Carrington, N. Dak. He became a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Carrington, when he was 13 years old. His church membership was later transferred to the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Mr. Neuman received the B. A. degree from Sioux Falls College in 1959. He majored in Christian Education in his Seminary studies. Practical experience has included pulpit supply, teaching and camp work. He was closely associated with the building program of the Northside Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. In its fellowship he assumed varied church administrative duties. Mr. Neuman plans to enter the field of Christian Education after graduation in May.

RAY NIEDERER

Ray Niederer was born in Waco, Texas in 1938. He became a member of the Central Baptist Church where he attended until he came to the North American Baptist Seminary in 1960. Mr. Niederer attended Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he earned a B. A. degree. Here he met Ann Waters to whom he was married after completing his college training. Mrs. Niederer is also a graduate of Baylor University.

Before coming to the Seminary, he was president of the young people of the Southern Conference for three years. In the Seminary he majored in New Testament studies. During this time he had the opportunity to teach Sunday school and do pulpit supply work. This year he is president of the Senior Class. After graduation from Seminary he looks forward to the pastorate with the possibility of doing graduate work in the future.

RICHARD PAETZEL

Richard Paetzel is from Cleveland, Ohio where he is a member of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church. He is 24 years old, married, and has a son, 2 years old. Mr. Paetzel earned a B. A. degree from the King's College in Briarcliff Manor, New York.

While pursuing his college and Seminary training, he has served as stu-



1963 CLASS, NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY

ROW 1: (left to right): James Schacher, Donald Decker, Ronald Mayforth.
ROW 2: Etan Pelzer, Kenneth C. Fenner, Waldemar Kroguletz, Richard Hohensee, Richard Paetzel, William Neuman.
ROW 3: Edward Pritzkau, Ray Niederer, LeRoy Kiemele.

dent pastor of four churches; Ansvil Union Church of Peekskill, N. Y.; First Baptist Church of Chamberlain, S. Dak.; Eastfriesland Presbyterian Church of Rushmore, Minn.; and the First Presbyterian Church of Beaver Creek, Minn., where he is presently pastoring.

His field of concentration in Seminary has been in New Testament. His primary interest is in the pastoral ministry.

ETAN PELZER

Ever since his conversion in 1952, Mr. Pelzer has been a member of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich. While in high school, he felt that God was calling him into full-time Christian service. In 1962, after graduating from Fort Wayne Bible College with a B. A. degree, he entered the North American Baptist Seminary.

He is married and has one daughter. His wife is presently teaching school. For the last two years they have been serving a church near Sioux Falls, S. Dak. After graduation in May, they hope to serve the Lord in a church that is located near a university where, on a part-time basis, he can continue his education.

EDWARD PRITZKAU

Edward J. Pritzkau, age 28, came to the United States in 1951 from

COMMENCEMENT SUNDAY

The Commencement Exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 19, 1963. The Seminary Banquet is planned for the previous Saturday night. The Baccalaureate Service will be on Sunday morning.

Germany and became a member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church in Chicago, Ill. He and his wife, Anneliese, have a one and a half year old son and expect another child in May.

Mr. Pritzkau began his training at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, and graduated from the Northern Illinois University in 1960 with a B. A. degree.

At the Seminary he concentrated in the field of New Testament. He gathered practical experience by serving through the Student Service Plan as a student-pastor at Burstall, Sask., in the summer of 1957, and at Junction City, Kansas, summer of 1961. While at the Seminary he served as pulpit supply, in Sunday school and youth work, and in his senior year as student-pastor at a Presbyterian Church, Rushmore, Minn. He also had some clinical pastoral training in Chicago during the summer of 1962.

JAMES SCHACHER

James Schacher comes from Underwood, N. Dak., where his home church is the First Baptist Church. He and his wife, the former Shirley Cox, have one son, Kenneth. Mr. Schacher graduated from Sioux Falls College with a B. A. degree in 1959. At the Seminary he has majored in the area of theology.

Mr. Schacher is serving as student pastor of the South Sioux Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. His student service experience includes a summer on our home mission field in Colorado and a summer in Church Extension work at our Holiday Park Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

After graduation in May, he plans to enter the pastorate.

Effective Gospel Preaching in Africa

Engaging people in a personal dialogue, as they are sitting in palm booths in the warm sunshine, these servants of God become the messengers of the divine revelation in Christ.

By Flavius Martin of Cameroon, Africa, a Student at the North American Baptist Seminary

MY EARLIEST encounter with Christ came through the preaching of the Word, I shall never forget the simple but earnest preachers who made a lasting impression on my boyhood. It all happened in our old church in Victoria, Africa.

Of all the preachers we have had, perhaps the one who has made the greatest claim on my life was Rev. George Henderson, a missionary to Victoria, who served our church for one year, in addition to his field responsibilities. We were in need of an African pastor then, and things were in a bad shape. He pressed for commitment among our young people, stressing that the responsibility of service must come from within the church.

AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS

He left, probably a disappointed man, but what he did lighted a spark in my heart that has never been dimmed ever since. My being here, twelve years afterwards, is an answer to that silent and unacknowledged challenge of Christ.

Later, we were served by two outstanding African pastors, Pastor Ndichafah and Pastor Nfomi. Their faithful services added to my challenge

and strengthened my commitment to serve. The latter made "the biggest splash" among our peoples. He would let nothing daunt him from his calling, no criticism, no hardship. Instead of complaining about his meager earnings, he worked with his own hands to raise enough food for his family. He always wore a ready smile which became a part of his radiant witness.

What impresses me most about them was the sincerity of their communication and the graphic illustrations characteristic of most African preachers. I can still recall them now vividly drawn on the stage of several of our Cameroon churches. I can see them in dramatic action before large outdoor crowds during the festive occasions of the church: Christmas, baptism, Harvest and Easter. In the absence of auditoriums, the people sit in palm-booths in the warm sunshine, listening to the "Servants of the Word." I shall never forget the contributions of those moments to my spiritual growth.

The casual visitor to our Cameroon churches will find a galaxy of fine preachers. No two are alike; they are all different, but all are equally effective. One old time missionary stirred the hearts of our people for a long

time with his brief dramatic utterances. Another one is popular among the common people for his peculiar brand of Pidgin English and his effusive local narratives. Teachers who may delight in something erudite love to listen to their Education Secretary. Perhaps one of our finest lay-preachers is a tutor in the Teachers College at Soppo, who is stolid and deliberate in his delivery.

I have watched all of them with keen interest and, looking back now on the past, I can now understand the reasons for their success. I recall that they always based their messages on the Bible. Each of them had tried to present as best he could the good news of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. What they said was not their own views of life. It was a witness to the historic fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to earth, and died for Cameroon sinners. As such, they were the messengers of a divine revelation, not the mere entertainers of a passing moment.

A PERSONAL DIALOGUE

Looking back now, I recall that each of them had a way of engaging the crowd in a personal dialogue. Those who were appreciated did not come to us with an air of condescension. They were no authoritarians; they were our friends. They sympathized with our problems and created an atmosphere for us to feel back. Their aim was to show how the Gospel of Jesus Christ met our needs "now" in our cultural and contemporary setting. And yet, a note of authority was not lacking in their preaching.

Looking back, I recall that the effective preachers were those whose lives were one with their content. They were consistent in their teaching and living. Our most successful African pastors have been those whose lives were known to be true and sincere. This is so important in our African setting where cultural standards openly conflict with Christian mores. Preaching then, to be powerful, is righteous living.

The effectiveness of preaching can best be judged by the claim it makes on people's lives. That the Word of God has not been proclaimed in vain is evidenced by the number of Cameroon people who call themselves Christians. I believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only means of changing the lives of our people, of bringing peace and brotherhood among men. But the Word of God will be effective only as it is proclaimed by these who practice what they preach.



THE SEMINARY'S LINK WITH MISSION FIELDS

President Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary has an important conference with Flavius Martin (right), student from the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, and with Hisashi Murakami (center), student from Japan.

The Word of the Cross Is God's Power

In Japan the effectiveness of Gospel preaching will depend largely upon Japanese Christians, whose transformed lives will become the real power of the proclamation of the Good News

By Hisashi Murakami of Japan, a Student at the North American Baptist Seminary

PAUL IN I Corinthians 1:18 describes the two worlds in which people are living: the world where the Word of the Cross is folly, and the world where the Word of the Cross is the power of God. Not only Paul, but I also experienced these two views of the Gospel. For I once lived in the world where the Word of the Cross was folly, but now it has become the power of God.

IMPACT ON MY LIFE

Thinking of the world in which I lived without any knowledge of the Word of the Cross, I am led to see at least three major factors which made an impact upon my life.

First of all, they were the writings of Dr. Teiyu Amano. He wrote many books in which he stressed the idea that each was responsible for the determination of the course of life and thus the kind of life he would live. Being a student of a university in Kyoto, I was so influenced by him that I decided to devote myself to the cause of my people and the rehabilitation of Japan. He awakened in me a searching heart to find a meaning to life and a sense of responsibility for what I was, in spite of the tendency which this gave me.

During this time I met the missionary, Rev. Clemence Auch. This encounter with him was the second factor. When he invited me to his Bible Class, my sole motive was my interest in English. As time went on, however, I read the Sermon on the Mount in my own language. I was amazed at the teachings of Jesus, for being confronted with the unique words, I had to admit that they were superior to and surpassed what I had previously found. Though Dr. Teiyu prepared and a missionary provided the opportunity for my conversion, the determining factor was the work of the Holy Spirit.

GOD AT THE CENTER

Then I found myself in the world where the Word of the Cross was the power of God. During the process of Christian maturity, I found that the resource to carry out the purpose of my life was not in me but in God. I began to think and act in terms of his will. It was a drastic change, for God was taking the central place in my thinking despite some failures to sense his presence and will. Many factors worked together to lead me into full-time Christian service.

There were three major elements. One of them was my recognition of the needs in the church and the com-



Dr. George A. Dunger (left) of the Seminary faculty points out important items in a textbook to Hisashi Murakami, student from Japan.

munity. I knew that someone had to answer them. The devoted lives of the missionaries challenged and encouraged me to meet the needs.

Secondly, there arose in me a question of the sincerity of my faith in and confession to God. I believed Jesus to be the only Savior; at the same time I saw people living and dying without the knowledge of Christ.

Thirdly, it was the love of God. It was the self-giving love of Jesus that constrained me.

My personal understanding of faith in Christ is trust in him. I am saved, not because of my merits, but because of faith which is a gift of God. The real power of Christian life is due to faith and its natural consequence for where there is faith in Christ, there

is commitment to him. Faith is not the commitment, but there is no faith in Christ without commitment.

MY CONFESSION OF FAITH

Personally speaking, I believe this is the unique characteristic of Christianity. I understand Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world, and the full revelation of God's love and truth. He is the One who, being equal with God, humbled himself to redeem the world through his death and resurrection in order that we might see God.

His person and work are the object of our proclamation throughout the world. The Gospel is proclaimed faithfully by the missionaries in Japan. Despite the difficulty of the language, the lives of the missionaries have been the vital power of the preaching, for they have lived that which they have proclaimed.

However, many of the needs we have today in Japan are not so much a great number of missionaries as that of national Christian workers. It is essential to build up the Osaka Biblical Seminary where the young people can get their proper education for their fruitful ministry. They will witness the power of preaching that brings changes in the lives of people.

The effectiveness of the Word of the Cross depends largely upon Japanese Christians, whose transformed lives themselves will become the real power of the proclamation and testify to the reality of the Word of the Cross which is the power of God.

THE CHURCH THAT PROCLAIMS THE GOOD NEWS

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prophet who can say with demonstrable authority and unobtrusive humility: "Thus saith the Lord!" It will require nothing less than this to show an existential generation that the God-man's good news is relevant. Needed are latter-twentieth century John Knoxes who cry, "Give me Scotland (American, Chicago, Anytown), or I die!"

Let the entire church know that it is a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a peculiar people, that it may unitedly and individually show forth the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light (I Peter 2:9). God make us the church that proclaims a saving, healing, irresistible message to today's troubled, lost broken humanity!

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THE PREACHING MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

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munism, and the revival of anti-Christian religions, there must be a return to "biblical theology." The twentieth century minister needs to be biblically saturated. His specialty is not news, nor finance, nor politics, nor the latest novel. He should be familiar with the interpretations which have been placed upon Scripture in the past and with the interpretations current at the present day. He should resolve as did Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, *In His Steps*, "to make it my business to know the Bible better than any man in my congregation."

STUDENT OF THE BIBLE

Dr. Raymond Calkins, *The Romance of the Ministry*, offers this advice, "The preacher will be a continuous and profound student of the Bible. To the neglect of the Bible may be traced many of the shortcomings of the pulpit. Too much modern preaching has lost touch with the Bible. Bible preaching never runs dry or grows thin." Paul wrote to the Christians at Colosse, "Whereof I am made a minister . . . to fulfill the Word of God."

F. W. Robertson, although floundering before coming to Brighton, England, became a most influential and persuasive preacher because he "established himself as a strong pulpit interpreter of the Bible." Robertson's son said of his father concerning his power as a preacher: he was what he preached; he was entirely in earnest; he was essentially courageous.

The Scripturally saturated minister will joyously and enthusiastically proclaim the mighty acts of God. He will be fully aware of such statements as "In the beginning God"; "Thus saith the Lord"; "Bless the Lord, O my soul"; "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." In his preaching he will seek to counsel, to convince, to convert; to bring men into immediate vital touch with God. As preacher he will reveal the way, the will, and the mind of God.

THE TOUCHSTONE OF PREACHING

Perhaps no explanation can better convey the meaning of a minister's completely dedicated preaching life than the reference of the Apostle Paul about his own preaching: "For as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." This statement constitutes the touchstone for all preaching. A minister preaches what is in him, nothing more and nothing less. If he doesn't have much in him, it is a foregone conclusion that he doesn't have much to preach. If he is filled with the fulness of God, then he will enrich the earth with the gospel of salvation. The results are beautifully expressed in the prayer of St. Richard of Chichester: ". . . that we may know thee more clearly; love thee more

dearly; and follow thee more nearly day by day."

While primary emphasis has been placed upon the Bible, we must not overlook other sources of knowledge and inspiration. Paul also referred to sources other than Scriptures: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and the unwise." The minister has at his disposal history, philosophy, science, art, music, comparative religions, architecture, etc.

The minister of this day would do well to emulate the dedication of the apostles who said, "We will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word." It is a minister's opportunity and responsibility to pray, to preach, to produce persons who, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, may witness effectively in the church, in the local community, and in the world. May the Word of God increase, and may the number of disciples multiply in our North American Baptist churches through the preaching and pastoral ministry of our devoted servants of God!

While I consider preaching to be the minister's primary task, it is by no means his whole task. His responsibility is to direct all the aspects of the church's ministry, and his opportunity is to guide the growth of the congregation so that increasing numbers of individuals will give witness, share, and lead others to God and into his way of life. (Roy A. Burkhardt.)

Those who are called to engage in the church's preaching ministry today will find a blessing and challenge in the prayer of Phillips Brooks, "Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for power equal to your tasks."

BOOK REVIEWS

SCIENCE RETURNS TO GOD by James H. Jauncey, Zondervan Publishing House—1961—120 pages—\$1.95.

Science is somewhat like a religious stock market for many Christians. Their faith rises or falls, depending on which way the scientific pendulum swings. They are constantly pitting the Bible against science, not quite sure whether they want the Bible to support science or science to support the Bible.

Because many have this conflict within them, it is well to keep informed. The minister too, must know what is going on outside of his study and parish. He must be able, when the occasion arises, to present the Gospel in such a way that it can capture the imagination and conviction of the scientist.

In a comparatively few pages, James

H. Jauncey has shed much light on the supernatural, the creation and the origin of man. A great deal of damage has been done, according to the author, by well meaning people who tend to suppress scientific views because of their possible danger to the Christian religion. Christianity has nothing to be afraid of. Let science examine where it will. The answer will ultimately vindicate the Word of God.

The scientific advances at the present time have created a tremendous resurgence in religious interest. Perhaps God is giving us this opportunity so that we can do something about the factor of human sin in human lives, which is the basic threat to human survival. There may be a little danger on the part of some Christians to rely too heavily on the revelation of science and scientists rather than on the revelation of Christ and his Word.

CALLED UNTO HOLINESS by Timothy L. Smith, Nazarene Publishing House—1962—413 pages—\$4.95.

Although the Church of the Nazarene was organized in Pilot Point, Texas in 1908, and is so stated in the *Yearbook of American Churches*, the holiness movement out of which it emerged goes back almost another 50 years. In the pursuit of holiness the Methodists waged a long campaign to restore the Wesleyan experience to its central place in that denomination. The doctrine became an embattled creed until the eventual union at Pilot Point.

In the introduction, the *Church History Commission* points to the fact that none of these parent bodies had originated simply as secessions from the Methodist church. But it is difficult to deny that they came out of Methodism. The author states that in the beginning the holiness groups conducted their conventions and revivals in full loyalty to Methodism. He also stated that the reaction of the Methodists was surprisingly mild when the new church was organized. The *Advocate* was pained to learn of their withdrawal and deemed the movement unwise.

On the whole, the book gives an interesting (though somewhat detailed) and, at times, an inspiring account of the history of the holiness and Pentecostal movements, and the final emergence of the Church of the Nazarene. The character sketches of the men with their dramatic emotional and spiritual experiences, are intermingled with their personality, conflicts and clashes, and the imperfection of their perfect sanctification sometimes becomes all too evident.

The present day church is somewhat "toned down" but is still in general accord with the early doctrines of Methodism, and their *Manual* contains many rules borrowed from the *Methodist Book of Discipline*. That God had, and still has, a providential hand in the affairs of the Church of the Nazarene is not to be denied.

Palm Chop and Omochi With Soy Sauce

Twenty-two missionaries, gathered in a Tacoma, Wash., home, eat heaping plates of African palm chop and sweet Japanese rice cakes and renew their dedication for the lost souls of the world.

By Mrs. Lois Ahrens of Tacoma, Washington

THE WONDERFUL aroma of palm chop permeated the house as missionary guests arrived at the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom in Tacoma, Wash., from as far as Tigard, Oregon. For several weeks we had planned and waited for this event. Missionaries away from their fields often feel like square pegs in the homeland, and, even if resettled at home, they grasp every opportunity to fellowship with other missionaries to recapture sights, sounds, smell and tastes of their adopted country by all means possible.

TWENTY-TWO FOR DINNER

So it was that on December 28, twenty-two of us were invited to the Ganstrom home. These included the Fred Moore family from Japan, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel representing Austria and (presently) Church Extension work, June, Larry, and Kenneth Goodman, the Ganstrom family, and the Ahrens family. The Gebauers were not able to come due to speaking engagements.

The dinner which this group ate is called palm chop, and, while not a truly native Cameroonian meal, it utilizes much of the food and the essential method of cooking of the Cameroonians. The Ahrens had brought no less than four gallons of palm oil home to be used for just this purpose.

The red palm oil is put into a frying pan. When it smokes, the chicken pieces are added and browned in it. (Engaging in this part of the preparation for the dinner gave me amused memories of our first adventure in smell in Africa. "What a ghastly smell," I said then, as compared to today's mouth-watering reaction to the same smell.)

After the chicken is browned, it is placed in a large heavy pan and covered with water. Then a tablespoon of peanut butter (freshly made from "groundnuts" in the Cameroons) is put into the same skillet, and is blended with a tablespoon or two more of palm oil and some hot water. When this is blended and bubbly, it is poured into the stewing pan and one onion is added to the whole.

AFRICAN PALM OIL

While the mixture is simmering, let us digress to comment on the palm oil. It is derived from the palm kernel which grows in large clusters on what is commonly called the "oil palm" (*elaeis guineensis*, scientifically.) The oil is one of the chief exports of the Cameroons, being used by Britain, the

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United States and some other countries for soap-making and to some extent for the making of margarine.

It has a very strong flavor and smell when fresh, delightful to those who have been accustomed to it but often nauseating to the novice. It is a red-orange color when fresh, but loses both some of its color and its rich vitamin A color with much cooking. It is used daily in all Cameroonian homes for both cooking and frying. This amounts to quite a bit in the average household.

Most families have two major meals a day, consisting of a starchy staple food such as corn fufu (most common in the grasslands), yams cooked in one of many ways, or the more economical koko yam. Rice, beans, or whole-kernel corn may be used for variation. Any of these staple foods is eaten with a very popular palm oil soup. The soup (more like a stew to us) may have some kind of meat or fish, but it is often made with greens in a palm-oil base. Whatever the meal consists of, it's usually delicious. (This



Japanese food is always artistically arranged. At this setting a Japanese woman is eating with chop sticks.

is the author's biased opinion!)

Now let's return to our palm chop in Tacoma, now almost ready to eat. While Lois was cooking the stew, June Goodman was busy cutting or chopping the following, to be used in smaller dishes, as condiments: green peper, pineapple—used fresh, uncooked in the Cameroons; peanuts, onion, orange, tomato, coconut, and quite a bit of banana. Since the stew is supposed to be eaten as hot with pepper as one can take it, the banana is a most welcome "fire quencher."

HEAPING PLATES OF PALM CHOP

June Goodman had also scoured specialty shops until she had found some dried cray-fish, such as we use for this meal in the Cameroons. They have a strong odor and taste, but we learn to love them. As all this was being done, Verna Ganstrom cooked mountains of rice, and we were now ready for a truly delicious palm chop.

Heaping our plates first with rice, we added a bit of each of the condiments, then a piece of the chicken, and covered the whole mound with the hot palm-oil gravy.

Following the dinner, there was a most precious time of prayer and praise fellowship, when we shared burdens and blessings from Austria, Japan, Church Extension work in the Pacific Northwest, and the Cameroons. Both old and new Cameroons pictures were shown to remind us vividly of the great changes which have taken place in the Cameroons over the past decade and a half.

JAPANESE RICE CAKES

The Moores, not to be outdone, had told us tales of New Year's holiday eating in Japan, and they seemed to get hungry for it with the telling (and right after that heavy palm chop meal, too). Someone knew of a Japanese store nearby. So off they went and, would you believe it—just two hours after eating palm chop, Pat Moore was serving us Omochi (rice cakes) with a sweet soy sauce.

While the Japanese prepare this delicacy over a charcoal broiler, Pat Moore had to use the oven broiler. Obviously it must have been much like what they had in Japan, because you should have seen the little Moores clean it up!

The whole day was wonderful, and we were keenly aware of God's declaration that "he hath made of one blood all nations," as they accept the Savior we proclaim! All of us left with a renewed burden for the souls of the unsaved world.

A Rising Tide of Missionary Concern

Round Robin Mission Conferences are touching our North American Baptist churches with a new glow of missionary fervor.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

WORLD MISSIONS, presented in vivid word pictures with all of its pressing, burdensome needs, is sweeping like a tidal wave during 1963 over most of our churches from coast to coast. From January 13 to December 8, 1963 almost 300 North American Baptist churches will be visited by some 17 missionaries from Africa, Japan, the Indian reserves and Spanish American fields, besides ten general workers, graphically portraying the mission fields that are white unto harvest.

This tremendous schedule of Round Robin Mission Conferences, worked out by Dr. R. Schilke, is our denomination's share in the cooperative program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance with 19 million other Baptists on the continent. "Evangelism Through World Missions" is the challenging theme for this united missionary program to make all Baptists keenly aware of Christ's commission to them. Four thousand "Mission Packets" are being distributed in our churches and at these conferences, each of which is a library of missionary information with 23 pieces of literature, describing our own mission tasks, the Baptist mission fields of the world, and the Scriptural summons to "go into all the world."

MISSIONARY CHRISTIANITY

"Nothing is more urgently needed today than the awakening of the church to its missionary task." These

startling words were penned by George A. Young, president of the Baptist Union of Scotland and pastor of the Adelaide Place Church at Glasgow. As a former missionary in China for 28 years, he declared: "I am convinced that Communism can only be overcome by a more spiritual, sacrificial and missionary Christianity, which exceeds it in daring evangelism, disciplined personal dedication, and kingdom-of-God community living."

Your attendance at one or several of these Missionary Conferences in your area should result in your acquiring worldwide missionary information and in your disciplined personal dedication to Christ. Prepare for your participation by reading the "1963 Mission Packet" and by knowing something about the missionaries whom you will hear. (See publication, "Now We Are 82.") You will be greatly blessed if you can attend all of the discussion groups, special meetings for men or women, missionary panels, and rallies besides the service in your church.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES

On Sunday, Jan. 13, the series of missionary conferences began in the midst of the rice fields at Mowata, Louisiana, the waving palms at Rio Grande City, Texas, and the cotton fields of Greenvine and Kyle, Texas. The caravan of missionary speakers trekked northward from there to our Oklahoma, Kansas and Minnesota

churches. It continued in February and March to Wisconsin, Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania, including also many of the churches of the Atlantic and Eastern Conference areas.

From the east, the missionary caravan moved westward to Iowa, South Dakota, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. It will come to an unusual climax in May at the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve in Saskatchewan.

After the summer camps and conferences, the missionary services will resume in September with the meetings to be held in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio; and Indianapolis, Indiana; before going out to North Dakota, Washington, Oregon, California, British Columbia, Alberta and Nebraska.

These missionary conferences are much more than a special service at which a missionary speaks and shows pictures. Panel discussions are held during the day hours at which the missionaries deal with many problems of the field and answer questions.

Missionary teas are arranged for the women, and group meetings are scheduled for the men. There is ample opportunity for personal fellowship with the missionaries at the dinner tables. Mission exhibits are on display and the latest literature is distributed. In some places, rallies are held at which the larger impact of the missions on the world is felt. You will have the unusual privilege during these days of living with the missionaries and sharing personally in their joys and problems.

MISSIONARY SPEAKERS

During the week of Missionary Conferences in Kansas, Dr. Peter E. Fehr, missionary doctor, dared our people in Christ's Name to go "all out" for missions in this day of Christian challenge. Rev. Elmer C. Strauss candidly and graphically portrayed the needs on the field in Cameroon, Africa. "So much more can be done and needs to be met if you will be faithful at home!" Miss Ida Forsch described the new Africa, especially in educational circles, and called for a new appreciation of the African and of his possibilities in leading his church and country. Miss Florence Miller laid a heavy burden for the Japanese people upon the hearts of her hearers.

This kind of inspirational program will continue throughout the year at all of the missionary conferences. These missionaries are sharing with us the wisdom of the years in a Christian radiance that will warm your heart and fill your mind with the latest news and expert information

Advance, the Harvest Is Great!

In a setting of mountains and waterfalls, the annual Cameroons Missionary Conference was attended by 62 people who experienced rich blessings in fellowship and instruction.

By Miss Alma Zimmerman of Soppo, Federal Republic of Cameroon

THE BEAUTIFUL grasslands of Bamenda, West Cameroon, with its mountains, waterfalls and cool, refreshing climate, was the setting for the Cameroons Missionary Conference, Jan. 4-10, 1963. It was here God provided the missionary family of 62 people with rich experiences. The conference met the missionaries' need of getting together with fellow missionaries for inspiration, encouragement, fellowship, instruction in God's Word and prayer.

From the very beginning to the last "Goodbye," the Spirit of Christ prevailed. Under the able leadership of Rev. George W. Lang as conference chairman, and with the theme of the conference, "Advance, the Harvest is Great!" (Luke 10:2), we truly experienced a blessed time together. Each missionary was challenged to a greater dedication to the Master and the work which he has given us to do in this land.

GREAT THINGS GOD HAS DONE

The morning devotions and prayer groups provided the opportunity of worship. We were drawn closer to God to seek his will for the day's activities. The specific prayer requests encompassed the needs of the field and the burden for others. At the close of the conference, these prayer requests were printed and distributed to each one so that they will serve as a reminder to "continue in prayer," even as Paul reminds us to do in Colossians 4:2, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." The daily Bible study in the Book of Acts, brought by Milton Quiggle, was provocative, strengthening and soul nourishing.

Our denomination's 1963 Baptist

Jubilee Advance program was presented to us by our field secretary, Rev. Fred Folkerts. This gave us all an overall picture of the work of evangelism and our part in it. Reports of the progress and the latest developments in education, medicine, leprosy and evangelism were given for our information, evaluation and challenge. As these reports and statistics were given, we could thank God for what has been done. This also served as a motivation to do "greater things for Christ."

Our attention was called to the new "Education for Christian Living" materials to be used in the religious classes in our Mission Day Schools, the chaplaincy program at Banso Hospital, Personal Work at Bali in the college there, Spiritual Emphasis Days at the Teacher Training Center at Soppo, soul winning at Mbingo and the clinics, our Bible School at Ndu, the Girls' School at Victoria, and the work at Kumba, Mbem and Belo. The women's work, Girls Club, Boys Brigade, and the men's work and its effectiveness and program were given much discussion and consideration.

Such a conference would not be complete without a business meeting. In our business session we sought God's will and experienced his guiding Spirit in the deliberations and election of the various committee chairman and in the many other items of business.

No group of Baptists could get together and not sing. Sing we did—morning, noon and night—as a group, smaller groups, with special vocal as well as instrumental numbers. By means of a tape recording, we were able to hear the Christmas concert presented by the Saker College students of Victoria. It was a joy to lift

our hearts and voices in praise to our wonderful God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. The theme song, "True Hearted, Whole Hearted," took on new meaning and expression during this conference.

The children were well taken care of by Mrs. Ernest Zimbelman as chairwoman assisted by various mothers. The children had regular meetings carrying out a program similar to a Vacation Bible School. The children thrilled the hearts of the adults as they presented a program on Thursday evening. They also enjoyed seeing Gospel films during the early evening hours.

Food and fun were not omitted. Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger were in charge of the food. And what delicious meals they provided for us! Fun night and the banquet provided laughter and amusement. Afternoon sports made provisions for our physical exercise, which was a welcome change from the conference sessions.

IMPRESSIVE COMMUNION SERVICE

As all good things must come to an end, even so did the Cameroons Missionary Conference. It was only proper that such a conference should close with an impressive, sincere and memorable Communion Service. As we assembled around the Lord's Table, the spirit of Oneness in Christ, his love, and the bond of fellowship permeated the entire group. Before the closing prayer was given, all missionaries scheduled for furlough during the coming year stood in a group while the others joined hands about them, praying for God's blessing, enabling strength and guidance upon them wherever his place of service may be.



"AND YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME"

The Commission of Jesus Christ recorded in Acts 1:8 is colorfully depicted in this missionary poster prepared by one of the Junior Hi girls of the Glenbard Church, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

on missions. Other missionaries who will serve throughout the year are Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, Rev. Fred C. Folkerts, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, and Mr. Ernest A. Zimbelman of Africa; Rev. and Mrs. Fred G. Moore and Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut of Japan; Rev. David C. Keiry and Rev. R. Neuman of the home missions fields. Flavius Martin and Hisashi Murakami of our Seminary will also take part in several conferences.

Certain far reaching lessons will make a profound impact on you at these missionary conferences. Every missionary presents his or her unique portrayal of their God-given task.

There is always a great deal more to learn about our mission fields. My contact with these missionaries in Kansas gave me a new insight into the life of the people and the challenge of these mission fields. Even after 30 years of editorial reporting about our missionary program, I learned many new, important lessons from these Kansas conferences.

A second lesson is especially important. As you see and hear these missionaries and become acquainted with the full scope of their work, you are bound to say to yourself: "Why, every missionary dollar I give to God's program of missions and world evangelization is vitally needed. This is the most important project that demands

my complete support. Without these gifts and prayers, God's work will fail." This is every Christian's faithful stewardship in systematic giving to the entire denominational missionary program which is far more important in God's sight than the spasmodic giving to special projects and to a few spectacular things over and above the missionary budget.

You will also learn the lesson of the great importance of intercessory prayer for our missionaries, the national Christians and mission fields. You will open your eyes to the new day in these mission fields and of the emerging new nations and new leadership of these people in their indigenous

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MARCH OF EVENTS



● **CHRISTIAN LAYMEN IN ORIENT.** Coincident with the Billy Graham Crusades in the Orient next spring, a group of laymen known as "Overseas Ambassadors" left on February 23 for a tour of the Orient. Their executive director is Sven Jensen of Overseas Crusades Inc., in Palo Alto. "The Ambassadors," according to Mr. Jensen, "will not only attend the Graham meetings in Manila, Hong Kong, Formosa and Tokyo, but will have opportunity to invite their key contacts to attend the Billy Graham Crusades with them."

● **EVANGELISM AMONG STUDENTS.** At Washington State University, Pullman, Wash., students have a special Friday night visitation to those who might be interested in talking about Jesus Christ. Because of state law, the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship group is not permitted to meet on campus, although they are recognized as an official group. There are approximately 35 Christian faculty members interested in witness and fellowship at the University of Washington, Seattle.

● **GRAHAM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CRUSADE.** Recruiting of more than 15,000 counselors will begin next month in preparation for the Billy Graham Southern California Crusade in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, August 16 through September 8. Counselor-training classes under supervision of Charles Riggs, director of counseling for the Crusade, will begin May 6 and continue through June 8. Counselors accompany inquirers who respond to Dr. Graham's invitation to the counseling room and, with open Bible, attempt to show the solution of their problems.

● **UNITED STATES CONGRESS.** Methodists will have the largest group of members in the 88th Congress which has convened. There will be 102 Methodists. Roman Catholics will be second with 99. Interestingly, there are 4 ministers' sons in the Senate this year, and all are children of Methodist ministers. Methodists also claim the most governors, with 11, while Catholics are second with 9. There are 13 Baptists in the Senate and 50 in the house.

—The Watchman-Examiner

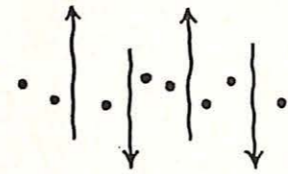
● **CHURCH SERVICES IN RUSSIA.** Overflow congregations attended midnight services in Moscow, Russia, as the Russian Orthodox Church observed Christmas according to the old Julian calendar, or 13 days after the feast is commemorated in the western church. Worshipers also flocked to Moscow's only Baptist church, where Christmas is observed on the same date, January 7. The Russian press

and radio had kept up a steady barrage of anti-religious attacks in an apparent attempt to dampen the enthusiasm of believers, but apparently with little or no effect.

● **INTER-RACIAL HOME VISIT DAY.** Sunday, Jan. 6 was the first Interracial Home Visit Day in hundreds of Chicago, Ill., area homes. Friendship House, a Roman Catholic interracial center, the Greater Chicago church federation's welfare department and the Chicago federation of the Union

of American Hebrew Congregations sponsored the event. The purpose of the visits in Negro homes was to give white families the opportunity to ask about problems Negro families face in urban and suburban areas. More than 500 Negro families opened their doors to 3,000 white visitors. Chicago newspapers gave this good-neighbor project wide coverage and the overall reaction was one of deep appreciation on the part of Negroes and whites alike.

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Judson College, Elgin, Illinois.** Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, president of Northern Seminary, has announced that plans are being made to establish Judson College, a new 4-year liberal arts school, at a campus in Elgin, Ill. The college is expected to open in September with about 100 students. Judson College will replace Northern Baptist College, which has been associated with Northern Seminary. Next summer the seminary will move to its new campus.

● **American Baptist Convention.** Dr. Ralph J. Bunche of the United Nations, New York City, Dr. Joao F. Soren, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, of Chicago, Ill., president of the American Convention, will be among the featured speakers at the 56th annual meeting of the American Convention, to be held May 15-19, 1963, in Cobo Hall, Detroit. An estimated 10,000 American Baptist delegates and visitors are expected to attend the meetings.

● **William Carey's Grave.** William Carey, pioneer British missionary to India, is buried on the grounds of Serampore College at Serampore, West Bengal. Carey, the shoe cobbler who awoke England to the mission challenge and led in the founding of the Baptist Missionary Society in 1792, died in India in 1834. William Stewart, principal of Serampore College, states that though an offering was made at the Baptist World Congress in London in 1955 for putting the cemetery in repair, it was insufficient to pay the total cost, and a deficit of about \$450 has been carried by the college. The college also appropriates 900 rupees (\$180) per year for upkeep of the cemetery.

● **Baptist Growth in Philippines.** Membership of churches related to Southern Baptist mission work in the Philippines shows an increase of nearly 500 per cent during the eight years, Dr. Winston Crawley recently reported to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (USA). Rapid growth has been evident in the work among Filipinos of various dialects and among English-speaking people, while work among the Chinese population has grown slowly.

● **Dr. Newton Is Honored.** Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills church, Atlanta, Ga., had at least two great distinctions in 1962. First, he entered the 34th year of his pastorate and attained the age of 70. On this occasion he was paid a grand tribute by Dr. J. C. Mabee, Second, the Hon. James C. Davis, of Georgia, in the House of Representatives inserted in the *Congressional Record* an unusually warm statement of the value of Dr. Newton's life and work. Mrs. Newton deservedly shared in these tributes. Both are in good health and in full-time service.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● **Dr. Wilfred L. Jarvis, Australia.** The Central church, Sydney, Australia, was the first Baptist church organized in that country, 126 years ago. Dr. Wilfred L. Jarvis was pastor of this church for 18 years, and is now pastor emeritus. Rev. Harry Rowe is the current pastor, and is doing a great work. Dr. Jarvis is serving in general work in Australia among our Baptist churches there. He won many friends during his previous visits to this country (including North American Baptist churches). His friends might like to know his address. It is: Dr. Wilfred L. Jarvis, 2 Margaret Street, Dulwich Hill, N. S. W., Australia.

● **The Folsomdale Baptist Church** Cowlesville, N. Y., has called Rev. George Kendall of Stykersville, N. Y., to serve as its pastor, as reported by Mr. James Ewert, church clerk. He has succeeded the late Rev. Lester N. Schoen in the pastorate of the Folsomdale Baptist Church.

● **Rev. and Mrs. H. Bushkowsky** of Ochre River, Manitoba have announced the birth of a daughter on Feb. 8th who has been named Naomi Ruth. The Bushkowskys have three other children: Eunice, Aaron and Miriam. Mr. Bushkowsky is pastor of the Grace Church of Ochre River.

● **Rev. Erwin Radant** presented his resignation to the Mission Baptist (German) Church of Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, Feb. 24. He has been the pastor of the church for about a year, having been ordained by the church in June 1962. He will serve as the supply pastor for the church until a new minister has been successfully called.

● **The information about the 1963 Directory** that appeared in the Jan. 17, 1963 issue of the "Baptist Herald" should have read Manfred Taubensee of Winnipeg, Manitoba (and not Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies of Paul, Idaho). Mr. Taubensee's name in the 1963 Directory, page 78, should have an asterisk, designated "Not Ordained," in front of it. Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies was ordained in 1959.

● **The Minnetrista Baptist Church** of St. Bonifacius, Minn., has asked Mr. Charles Voelker, a student at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., to serve as the interim pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Voelker have been the young people's counselors and Sunday school workers in the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul. Rev. Thomas Harfst, the former pastor at the Minnetrista church, is now serving the Calvary Church of Hoisington, Kansas.

● **At the annual business meeting** of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., in January, a budget of \$44,000 was adopted for all phases of the Lord's work, representing about \$104 per capita giving. It was also voted to appoint a building committee to work on plans for a second story on the east side of the Education Wing. These plans are to be ready to be presented to the 1964 business meeting. Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom is the pastor.

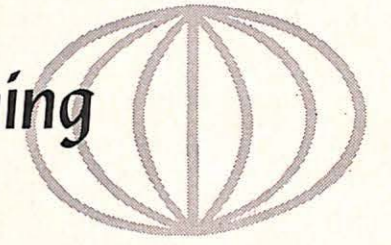
● **The North American Baptist Seminary**, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has announced that Mr. Waldemar Kroguletz of Toronto, Ontario, will be the exchange student for 1963-1964 at the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany. He will assist the Rev. Otto Ertis in the German Baptist Church of Toronto during the summer months and then leave for Hamburg for his studies in the fall. Mr. David Priestley is the exchange student for 1962-1963.

● **The return of Miss Florence Miller**, missionary and teacher at the Osaka

Biblical Seminary, Osaka, Japan, has been delayed by several months, as reported by Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary. She will return to Japan with Rev. and Mrs. Fred G. Moore and their family in June. Miss Miller has been very active in participating in recent Round Robin Missionary Conferences throughout the Middle West.

● **"Church Management" in its January 1963 issue** featured the illustrated

what's happening



story of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill. The story of the \$300,000 building emphasized the fact that "the church's 20,650 square feet of floor area in a functional and esthetic U-shaped building provides a full program of church services to a membership of some 500." Dr. Louis R. Johnson was pastor of the church when this article was prepared. Rev. Robert Schreiber is the present minister.

● **A 135 pound brass bell** was dedicated on the Indian Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta in January 1963 with Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, offering the dedicatory prayer. The bell was donated by the Carbon Baptist Sunday school of Carbon, Alberta for the purpose of calling the Indians to the Benke Memorial Chapel for worship and to hear the Gospel. Mr. Vern Ohlhauser is the superintendent of the Carbon Baptist Church Sunday school.

● **The Central Baptist Church** of Edmonton, Alta., has extended a call to Mr. Richard Hohensee of Winnipeg, Man., a Senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary, to serve as assistant pastor, assisting Rev. Herbert Hiller and serving at the mission of the Central Church located in the Killarney section of Edmonton. Mr. Hohensee has accepted the call and announced that he and his family will begin their ministry there on June 1st, following graduation from the Seminary.

● **The Westbrook Baptist Church** near Santa Ana, Calif., has extended a call to Rev. Richard Grauer of Scottsdale, Arizona, to which he has given a favorable reply. He is a graduate of the California Baptist Seminary, Covina, Calif. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Grauer, are members of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif. Mr. Grauer will begin his ministry at the Westbrook Church on March 24, succeeding Rev. V. Donald Buell.

● **The Board of Directors of the Bismarck Home**, Bismarck, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Henry Lang of Harvey, N. Dak., to serve as chaplain and assistant administrator at the Home. He has presented his resignation to the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., which he has served since 1961, and announced that he would begin his ministry at the Home on April 1st. He will be the assistant to the Rev. B. W. Krentz, the adminis-

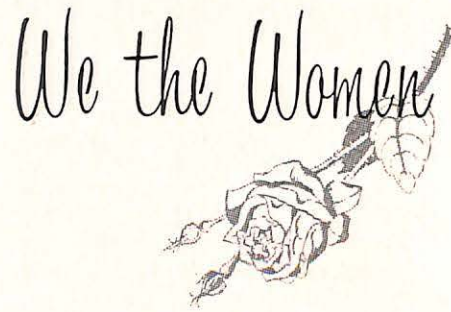
trator of the Home. Mr. Lang's family will remain in Harvey until the end of the school year.

● **The Tyndall and Danzig Baptist churches** of Tyndall, S. Dak., held a study course for a week in January with the concluding session on Thursday evening, Jan. 31. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of the Department of Christian Education, taught the course, "A Look at Baptists," the textbook prepared by Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon. Twenty-nine members fulfilled the requirements of the course and will receive the certificates of credit in the near future. Rev. David Zimmerman is the pastor.

● **On Friday evening, Feb. 8, at the Temple Church**, Lodi, Calif., the five North American Baptist churches of Lodi, Stockton, Elk Grove and Sacramento (Willow Rancho Church) held a reception for Rev. William Acton, the new Church Extension pastor in Sacramento, and his family who began their ministry in the Lincoln Village area on Feb. 1st. Food commodities for a pantry shower for the Actons were also brought. Mr. Acton was the guest speaker at the First Baptist Church of Lodi on Sunday evening, Feb. 10.

● **The Calvary Baptist Church**, Bethlehem, Pa., has extended a call to Rev. Frank J. Kolk to serve as its pastor. He accepted the call and began his ministry in the church on Feb. 17, succeeding Rev. Robert Cook, now pastor of visitation at the Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Kolk was ordained by the Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, N. J., which used to belong to the NAB General Conference. The installation service for Rev. and Mrs. Frank J. Kolk and family was held on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 24, with Rev. Ruben Kern, newly appointed Eastern District secretary, bringing a message of greeting.

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

ROUND ROBIN MISSIONARY CONFERENCES

In recent years the Round-Robin Letter idea has become increasingly popular among various groups, such as teachers, friends, and relatives. Individuals who have participated in such an idea found it interesting and less time consuming. Instead of writing six or eight letters, only one letter is written by each person, and all the letters together make the "round" of the group.

The new idea of *Round-Robin Missionary Conferences* likewise promises to be interesting and uplifting. These are now in session in our denomination and have been designed to be held on an area level where several churches can combine together, use the missionaries to the best advantage of their time at the least expense in travel, and for the benefit of as many churches as possible in order to widen missionary interest. In this plan the small church is not overlooked, but has the opportunity of benefitting from it.

Dr. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, in the pamphlet, "Round Robin Missionary Conference," writes that the purpose of the conference is "create missionary interest, to enlist young people to give themselves to Christian service, and to provide funds for the expansion of the missionary at home and abroad."

We, as women, are members of the National Women's MISSIONARY Union. That means we are a very vital part of our denominational missionary program, and we will want to participate in any and every way we can. A banquet, luncheon, or tea sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Societies to open the conference will help create interest. Or, either of these events may close the conference and climax these meetings. Think of the Christian fellowship, listening to the challenging messages by our missionaries! What a spiritual feast awaits us by participating in these Round Robin Conferences!

Dr. Schilke suggests in his pamphlet that we pray much for these missionary conferences. Let us as women include them at our 8:30 morning prayer time. May we also do what we can to reach the financial goals in this denominational endeavor to stimulate a more active interest in missions!

Christian Day School in Michigan

The Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., is co-owner of this fine institution in Lansing for Christian education.

ABOUT 13 YEARS AGO a number of parents, clergymen and dedicated Christian laymen in the Central Michigan area took steps to organize a Christian School. Among the leaders of the movement was Rev. H. H. Riffel of Lansing, Mich., at that time pastor of the Holmes Street Baptist congregation (now the Colonial Village Baptist Church), who became the first chairman of the Lansing Christian School Board.

POLICIES OF THE SCHOOL

Teachers were appointed and school began for Kindergarten II and the first six grades in the educational rooms of the Inter-City Bible Church where it continued for three years. The organization of the school has been of such a nature as to leave the control in the hands of the parents who, together with other interested contributors, constitute the Lansing Christian School Association, electing the school board members and determining the policies of the school.

Ten years ago the Lord enabled this

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

BY EDUCATION I mean that training in excellence from youth upward which makes a man passionately desire to be a perfect citizen, and teaches him to rule, and to obey, with justice. This is the only sort of education which deserves the name. That other sort of training which aims at acquiring wealth or bodily strength is not worthy to be called education at all.

—Plato, in *The Republic*

Association to construct a building of their own at 5509 South Penn. Ave. in Lansing, on a beautiful 18 acre plot of valuable land. The structure has seven classrooms, each with washing and rest room centers, two offices, a pleasant lobby with a lovely fireplace, plus halls and storage rooms.

With the passing of the years, other grades have been added, and this spring Lansing Christian School will graduate its first class of twelfth graders. Each graduate will have a major in Bible, English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science, a minor in Greek, plus credits in Physical Education, Music and other electives.

COLONIAL VILLAGE CHURCH

In the fall of 1962, the organization of the school was modified in such a way as to allow churches which support the school financially to have voting delegates in the governing body of the school proportionate to the amount of their investment. Colonial Village Baptist Church has both faithfully supported the school throughout its 13 year history, and has had many children from their congregation under instruction at the school.

Rev. Robert Penner, the pastor of Colonial Village Church, has shown a keen interest in the progress of the school, and is most pleased that his congregation, together with other evangelicals in the Lansing area, is co-owner of this fine institution for Christian education.

North American Baptist missionaries, home on furlough with their families, might want to take note that these facilities are available in Central Michigan.



The building of the Lansing Christian School, Lansing, Mich., of which the Colonial Village Baptist Church is one of the co-owners and in which Rev. Robert Penner, pastor, has shown a keen interest.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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● **The Christian Fellowship Club Male Chorus** of the Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill., presented a series of sacred concerts in the German Zion Church, Milwaukee, Wis., on Jan. 27; the First German Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., on Feb. 24; the Forest Park Baptist Church on March 1; and the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill., on March 10. The concerts were sponsored by the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and an offering for the Seminary Library Book Project was received at each concert. The choir of 26 voices is directed by Dr. Herbert R. Pankratz with Beatrice Pankratz serving as accompanist.

● **Rev. Elmer C. Strauss**, Cameroon missionary, riding on a Snelling Avenue bus in St. Paul, Minn., recognized the cloth in a Negro girl's dress as being identical to some he had seen in a market in Ndu, West Cameroon. It turned out that the girl is a third year student at Hamline University on a state department scholarship. Mr. Strauss and Rev. H. J. Wilcke of St. Paul, Minn., called on Miss Grace Broohm at the university and the story and picture of this unique encounter were featured in the "St. Paul Dispatch" on Jan. 31, 1963. "We had quite a chat 8,000 miles from home," Mr. Strauss stated. "We found we have many common friends, both African and missionary."

● **Robert Veninga of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.**, a senior psychology student at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., won the \$100 first prize in the university's annual Pillsbury Oratorical contest on Jan. 16 in Murphy hall auditorium. Robert Veninga's oration, "Operation Breakthrough," proposed greater commitment to the United States Peace Corps. In addition to competing for the prize money, made available by the Pillsbury Foundation, Minneapolis, the students were

JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Jan., 1963	Jan., 1962	Jan., 1961
Atlantic	\$ 4,821.97	\$ 4,772.74	\$ 4,951.61
Central	23,267.70	16,017.74	12,017.56
Dakota	12,206.73	9,225.02	10,337.08
Eastern	3,944.08	3,081.52	4,797.47
Northern	10,733.84	9,376.51	6,809.69
Northwestern	8,132.45	11,041.85	11,741.24
Pacific	25,511.27	23,480.30	14,896.72
Southern	1,304.56	2,083.55	1,163.34
Southwestern	5,401.49	3,075.65	3,285.27
Inter-Conference	3,549.30	4,434.85	
Total Contributions	\$ 98,873.39	\$ 86,589.73	\$ 69,999.98

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Contributions	Denominational Bldg. Advance	Total Contributions
For the month of Jan., 1963	\$ 89,861.66	\$ 8,468.55	\$ 543.18	\$ 98,873.39
For the month of Jan., 1962	66,696.51	14,975.22	4,918.00	86,589.73
For the month of Jan., 1961	59,981.40	1,753.33	8,265.25	69,999.98

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1962 to Jan. 31, 1963	\$694,474.26	\$ 85,413.72	\$ 15,520.54	\$795,408.52
April 1, 1961 to Jan. 31, 1962	571,125.46	74,849.48	56,461.68	702,437.62
April 1, 1960 to Jan. 31 1961	557,141.70	18,049.82	63,146.07	638,337.59

competing for the right to represent the university in the Northern Oratorical League contest. This is the oldest intercollegiate oratorical competition in the nation, according to Robert L. Scott, associate professor of speech and theater arts and university debate coach.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN?

By Hazel Lee

I held a moment in my hand,
Brilliant as a star,
Fragile as a flower,
A shiny silver out of one hour.
I dropped it carelessly.
O God! I knew not
I held opportunity.
—The Watchman Examiner

TIDE OF MISSION CONCERN

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Christian churches and in world affairs. Your heart will be cheered by the triumphant note sounded by the

missionaries that Christ is Lord indeed and that the sovereign God will prevail in the midst of the world's turmoil of today.

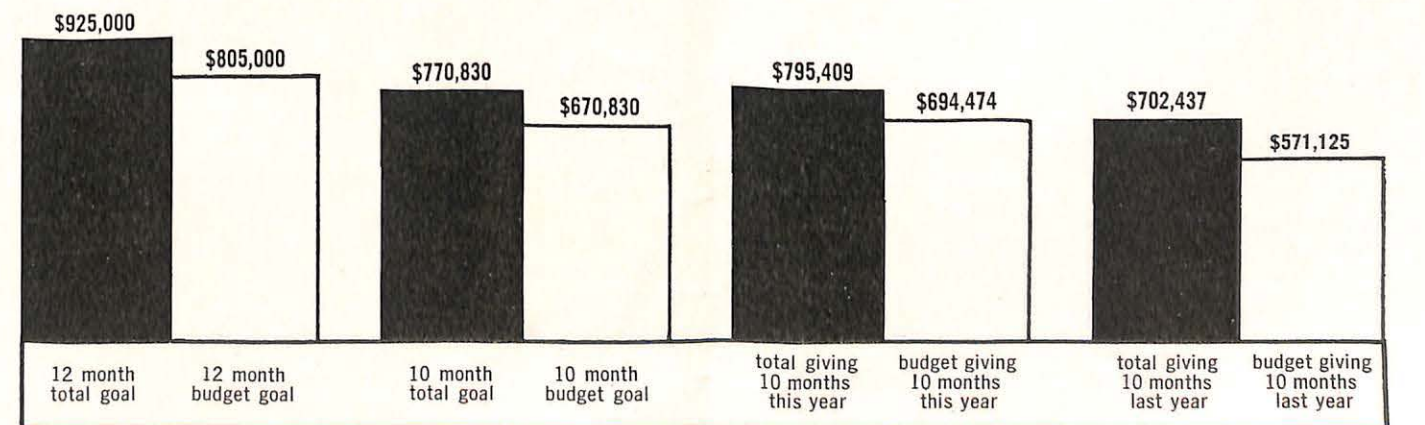
YOUR PART IS IMPORTANT

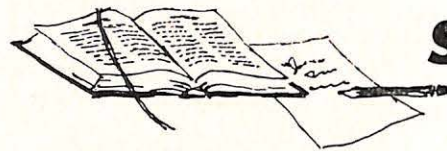
Forces of evil are massing formidably in today's world struggle. The powers of darkness and world communism and in the anti-Christian ideologies seem to be rampant in our day. Christian people have the answer to God's victory in awakening to their missionary task and in the demonstration of "a more spiritual, sacrificial and missionary Christianity."

You can be a part of this rising tide of missionary concern if you will conscientiously take part in these Round Robin Missionary Conferences, earnestly read the literature and follow the messages, and then act with boldness of faith and be a good missionary of Christ by the grace of God. "God helping me, I can do no other." You are bound to leave the missionary conference of your area with that testimony ringing in your heart!

GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH OUR STEWARDSHIP

N.A.B. Missionary and Service Program—Fiscal year: April 1, 1962 to March 31, 1963





sunday school lessons

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

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 24, 1963

Theme: JESUS ANSWERS HIS CRITICS

Scripture: Mark 12:13-17, 28-34

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Christians can be the best authorities on earth only if they submit to the authority of God and his Word.

INTRODUCTION: This week we continue and amplify the theme which was begun last Sunday. The time and setting of the lesson is also the same—Tuesday of the last week in the temple area of Jerusalem.

The Jews had strict rules and regulations concerning the temple, the ceremonial system and the Sabbath. Their attitude toward the Gentiles and the Roman taxation also conflicted with their religious principles. In all raised areas the Jewish leaders cleverly conceived questions, phrased in such a way as to lead Jesus into a trap, with a view to getting him to make a statement that could be used for their evil purposes. It was actually a battle of religious authority—the spiritual authority of Jesus as over against the authority of a religious system.

I. THE AUTHORITY OF CAESAR AND GOD. Mark 12:13-17.

This question is one which affects our attitude and our understanding of the principles of separation of church and state. At the time of Jesus, however, the Jews recognized no state but Israel, and in Israel there was no separation of church and state. Although their kings and leaders were often weak and selfishly ambitious, they tried to think of their government as a theocracy—the rule of God. To be under the rule of a pagan king and to pay tribute to him was utterly foreign and sacrilegious to the Jew.

Jesus' answer to the question of tribute reminded the Pharisees and Herodians of their inconsistency. They accepted all the benefits of the Roman government which gave them the temple, roads, sea lanes, protection and the prosperity which Rome brought to the world. They were even willing to use Roman money, but they did not want to give any to Rome.

Jesus' answer cut even deeper. Not only were they trying to evade paying tribute to Caesar but they were also trying to evade giving God what belonged to God.

II. THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S COMMANDMENT. Mark 12:28-31.

Before the question of the commandment came up, Jesus had already si-

lenced the Sadducees on their question of the resurrection. The third question came from a scribe who seemed to be a more honest and sincere seeker for the truth; although, according to Matthew, this lawyer was "tempting" Jesus.

Jesus' answer revealed to the Jews their emphasis on religion based on logic, reason and intellect. But it had no soul. Their intellect was in it, but not their heart. The basis of genuine religion was love, and they lacked this most important virtue in every area of their lives.

III. A DISCREET ANSWER. Mark 12:32-34.

The lawyer made a quiet and humble retreat. There was nothing left to do but give assent to what Jesus said. He must have felt within his heart that Jesus was right and found strength enough to agree with him verbally, but too weak to follow him with his life.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why do people resent paying taxes?
2. Do Christians resent tithing in the same way?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 31, 1963

Theme: PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S COMING

Scripture: Mark 13:24-37.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: If Christ has prepared such a wonderful event for us, we ought to be prepared to accept it.

INTRODUCTION: The week in which Jesus was so actively engaged in controversy with the Jewish leaders must have been the most difficult and strenuous time of his life. He was convinced that there was no hope of winning these leaders of Israel and he accepted the inevitable. According to Matthew 23, he pronounced one of his most severe judgments in all of the gospels. There is also a deep feeling of compassion and love in his condemnation when, with a heart that already was breaking, he said: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matt. 23:37).

After his condemnation of the scribes and Pharisees, he left the temple with his friends and went to the Mount of Olives where he gave his long discourse on the forthcoming destruction of Jerusalem, the second coming and the end of the world. It is sometimes a little difficult to know

where the one begins and the other ends. The three events are easily misinterpreted by the casual reader of the Bible.

I. THE SIGNS OF HIS COMING. Mark 13:24-27.

The average person may describe this portion of Scripture as "very scary language." And so it is for those who are unprepared. It is the language of judgment as well as the language of glory. Peter used the same language from Joel 2:30-31 in connection with the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. For the Christians, who received the gift of the Holy Spirit, the language was a glorious fulfillment, but for those who rejected Christ it was an experience of fear and judgment. So it will be when the Lord will appear again.

II. THE SIGN OF THE FIG TREE. Mark 13:28-31.

Jesus often used natural events in order to make clear spiritual truths. The student of nature can easily see the signs of nature, and the Christian, who is filled with the Spirit, can easily perceive spiritual truth. Jesus used the sign of the fig tree to emphasize the need for his followers to be alert and prepared. It was to give them hope, confidence and assurance of his coming.

No matter how dark things look in this age, the Christian has faith in God's plan and purpose for the world.

III. THE CERTAINTY OF HIS COMING. Mark 13:32-37.

Jesus indicated quite plainly that his followers will not know the hour or the day of his coming but they will know the time. The element of surprise is a pleasure because of the Christians' partial ignorance; but at the same time they are given the pleasure of anticipation because of their partial knowledge.

It is also a wonderful incentive to do our best till he comes. We are to watch and pray while we serve, not watch and pray while idly sitting in a rocking chair. While the Son of Man is on his far journey, "he gave to every man his work."

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why should the doctrine of the Second Coming be so important to Christians?
2. Are there any signs or evidences of his coming today? How are they different from other signs in the past?
3. Can you divide the Scripture passages that refer to the destruction of Jerusalem, the second coming and the end of the world?

Great Days of Dedication at Anaheim

The Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., dedicates its new sanctuary, seating 600 people, with an investment of \$235,000, and with a Sunday School capacity of 800 that has a present average attendance of 475.

By Mrs. Ellen Froslie, Church Secretary

WITH GREAT JOY and thanksgiving to God, the members and friends of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., held four days of dedication for the new sanctuary. On Sunday, Jan. 27, a Family Dedication Service was held during the morning worship service. The pastor, Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer, preached a sermon entitled, "A Glorious Church," using as his Scripture text, Ephesians 5:21-33.

FESTIVE SERVICES

At 3:00 P.M. a large crowd gathered for the public dedication service of the new facilities. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, challenged the hearts of all those who were present with a message on worship. Many members of other North American Baptist churches in Orange County and Los Angeles County attended the services. The emphasis for the evening service was on "Missions" and Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman spoke on the needs in the Cameroons.

Dedication services continued on Monday evening with the Mother Church, Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, in charge of the service. Rev. William Hoover, pastor, brought an inspiring message to all who attended. The Bethel Choir, under the direction of Mr. Herman Zachay, sang an anthem. Mr. Ed Bohnet brought historical highlights of the Magnolia Church.

On Tuesday evening Church Ex-

tension was the emphasis with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg again bringing the message, telling of the many wonderful opportunities of proclaiming the Gospel through Church Extension. On Wednesday evening the pastors of the church brought messages: Rev. Ken-

meetings, with the exception of Monday evening when the Bethel Choir sang. They were accompanied by Mrs. Marian Hartman at the new organ.

THE CHURCH AND ITS GROWTH

Just 6½ years ago, 33 people met in



The newly dedicated Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., of which Rev. Kenneth Fischer and his brother, Rev. Loren Fischer, are the pastors.

neth Fischer on "Prayer" and Rev. Loren Fischer on "Worship."

The chancel choir under the direction of Mr. Al Hartman sang at all the

a small building on Webster Street to start a small extension work which was sponsored by the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim. On Feb. 3, 1957, the ground breaking ceremonies were held on the permanent location at 720 South Magnolia Avenue in Anaheim. The land was donated in part by Mrs. Emma Leuschner and her son, Paul. An auditorium that seats 250 people and provides 12 Sunday school classrooms and a kitchen were built at that time. The Lord prospered the work and in April 1958, ground breaking services were held for another unit of Sunday school classrooms.

The third building program in six years constitutes a sanctuary which seats 600 people, a chapel for 60 people, 12 classrooms and church offices, a \$235,000 investment for the work of the Lord by the members of Magnolia Church. Three acres of land give ample parking space for 135 cars. The Sunday school capacity is 800.

PASTORS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth L. Fischer has pastored the church since its inception. He was the assistant pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church when plans
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The beautiful sanctuary of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., which was dedicated to the glory of God at impressive services in January.

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OUR denomination in action

Baptist men's programs

● **Herreid, S. Dak.** The Baptist Men's Brotherhood of Herreid, S. Dak., held its annual "pheasant dinner" on Jan. 15 with 62 people present for this joyous event. Rev. Herman Effa of Linton, S. Dak., was the guest speaker. Musical numbers by groups in the Herreid and Linton churches were rendered. Rev. Alfred Weisser of Herreid, S. Dak., closed the program with prayer, as reported by Howard Conway.

special events

● **Immanuel, Vancouver, B. C.** On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, the new parsonage of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., was dedicated with Rev. Gerhard P. Gebauer, pastor, speaking on Colossians 3:17. Mr. Stanzl, building contractor and a member of the church, turned over the keys to the new parsonage (pictured on this page) to the pastor. It was reported by Guenther Kohlhase with praise to God that no accident had occurred in the building project and that it was constructed without need of any denominational assistance.

Woman's missionary societies

● **Grand Forks, N. Dak.** On Sunday, Dec. 30, the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., heard its "home town son," Dr. Peter E. Fehr, bring an inspiring missionary message at the morning service. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Eilert Fehr of East Grand



Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Sterling, Kansas, at his 75th birthday celebration at the Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.

Forks, Minn., members of the Grace Church. On Thursday, Dec. 27, Mrs. Fehr spoke to the Woman's Missionary

Society with a challenging message. Mrs. D. H. Munro, reporter, expressed the hope that all who hear Dr. and Mrs. Fehr will "catch a new vision of the work that still is to be done for Christ out in the Cameroon."

● **Richmont, East Detroit, Mich.** The Woman's Missionary Society of the Ridgemont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich., celebrated its 25th anniversary on Nov. 11 with an appropriate program. Mrs. Manfred G. Neumann reported that "every Sunday our church is richly blessed by the forceful preaching of the Word by our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit. The Deeper Life Meetings of last fall, conducted by the pastor, have left profound spiritual blessings with the church." On New Year's Eve Rev. H. J. Waltereit had the joy of baptizing 14 converts.

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

● **Elgin, Iowa.** Rev. Henry R. Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn., recently served as interim pastor of the First Baptist Church at Elgin, Iowa while they were awaiting the arrival of Rev. George Breikreuz, the new pastor. The accompanying picture shows Mr. Schroeder as he gave the benediction at a service. Jan. 20, the last Sunday, proved to all the members how successful Mr. Schroeder's ministry had been. One of Iowa's worst winter storms raged that day. As Pastor Schroeder greeted the day, he said, "Well, there goes my last Sunday!" Cancellations of church services were all around. However, the auditorium of the Elgin Baptist Church was practically filled and the offering was just short of the \$1,000 goal.

● **Bethany, Vesper, Kansas.** On Dec. 3, 1962 the Bethany Church, Vesper,

Kansas observed the 75th birthday of Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Sterling, Kansas who had arranged for pulpit supplies since Sept. 1, 1962. Besides the birthday cake, shown in the accompanying picture, a pantry shower was held for Mr. and Mrs. Dons in appreciation of his faithful services. In April 1963 the Bethany Church will welcome its new pastor, Rev. Kenneth Schmuland, and his family of Creston, Nebraska.

● **Elgin, Iowa.** Sunday, Feb. 3, marked the beginning of the ministry of Rev. George W. Breikreuz at the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa. In the afternoon a welcoming reception was held with Mr. Abe Habeger serving as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Paul Zurbruggen conducted a devotional candle lighting service entitled, "A New Church Year." Church organizations were represented by the Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Ross James; music director, Mr. Harry Johnson; Tabitha Society president, Mrs. Lorance Muehlethaler; CBY president, Robert Zurbruggen; and chairman of deacons, Mr. Karl Miller. Musical selections were rendered by the Junior and Senior choirs and Primary Department of the Sunday school. Poems were read by Mrs. Leo Lehman and Mrs. Hugo Hackmann.

● **Ridgewood, New York.** The life span of the Christian Church is not limited to the three score and ten years allotted to man. Through times of sadness and times of joy, the Lord has guided the Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., for 108 years, commemorated on Jan. 20. At the German service an esteemed former pastor, Dr. A. E. Kannwischer, professor at Eastern

Baptist College, brought a message on God's wonderful leading of his people as related in the Bible and in our own individual and church experiences. Following Sunday school, many gathered in the Family Worship Hour to hear Mr. Kannwischer extol God's faithfulness. After the fellowship dinner and friendly get-together, Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor, presided over the session, at which the church organizations presented a lively picture of their activities during the year.

● **Rosenfeld, Anamoose, N. Dak.** Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Rauschenberger, members of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., since 1954, recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary. All of their 10 children and all but two of their 22 grandchildren and one great grandchild, besides 150 guests, were in attendance at this festive event. Rev. Arnold M. Friez, a former pastor, led the program and brought the message. Mr. Elvin Kanko, deacon, spoke for the church. The gift table held lovely gifts and cards from relatives and friends of the honored couple.



Mr. and Mrs. G. Rauschenberger of Anamoose, N. Dak., members of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

CBY (youth) fellowship

● **Alberta Tri Union Rally.** Blowing snow and freezing temperatures did not hinder the activities of the Alberta Baptist Tri Union Mid-Winter Rally held at Leduc, Alberta from Jan. 25 to 27. The Friday evening Sunday school, CBYF and Choir Workshops were well attended. The Saturday morning business meeting was highlighted by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn's devotional talk on "Doing God's Will." Recreational activities in the afternoon included basketball, volley ball, broomball and skating. Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, Cameroon missionary, addressed the Youth Banquet on Saturday evening in the Jubilee Auditorium of Edmonton and the Sunday School Rally and worship service on Sunday.

evangelistic services & baptisms

Braun, pastor, held special meetings in Lansing, Mich. At the Thanksgiving service last fall the church received an offering of over \$1,000 for the Community Baptist Church of St. Clair Shores, Mich., a new church under the guidance of Pastor Leslie Howell. The Redeemer Church had the largest number of young people attending the Christian Youth Winter Retreat at Lapeer, Mich., in January. Youth Week from Jan. 27 to Feb. 3 found a goodly number of youngsters on visitation despite the severe cold.

● **Bethel, Anaheim, Calif.** Sundays, January 20 and 27, will long be remembered by the members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., who were privileged to witness

two sacred and impressive services when 33 candidates followed their Lord in baptism. During the morning worship service, February 3, Rev. William Hoover, pastor, extended the right hand of fellowship to 45 new members, totalling 60 added to the church roll since Pastor Hoover's coming to Bethel church.

● **Linton, N. Dak.** Following the regular Sunday morning worship service on Feb. 3, Rev. Herman L. Effa, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak., was privileged to baptize 6 converts, including 2 young men who were saved during the evangelistic meetings held last fall with Rev. Robert Krueger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as evangelist, and 2 children who were saved recently during the Wednesday evening children's prayer meeting. During the evening, a communion service was held at which time Mr. Effa extended the hand of fellowship to these six new church members.



Rev. H. R. Schroeder, interim pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa behind the pulpit of the Elgin church.

● **Colfax, Wash.** The accompanying picture shows all of the new members received into the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash., during 1962. One of these came by letter, two on confession of faith or testimony, and all the others by baptism in two services. Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor, reported that the ministry of "God's Volunteers" in the Colfax church was a great blessing to all. "The Lord used them in a wonderful way to inspire and encourage our people, especially the young people. This is, indeed, a unique work of evangelism."

● **Redeemer, Warren, Mich.** Special meetings were held at the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., the first week of December with Rev. Paul Ague. Other recent Christian speakers included Rev. Hugh Farrell, converted monk; Dale Boggs who brought a message in music; Rev. O. Stucky who filled the pulpit while Rev. Adolph

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Twenty-three new members received into the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Washington in 1962 by Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor (right).



Dedication services for the new parsonage of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., are held late on Sunday afternoon with Rev. Gerhard P. Gebauer, pastor, in charge.

special seasonal programs

DEDICATION AT ANAHEIM

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were being formulated for the new Extension Church in West Anaheim. He was ordained October 7, 1956, at the Bethel Church. He is a graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the California Baptist Theological Seminary in 1956. Pastor Ken and his wife, Donna, have two children: Gwen, 6 years; and Dale, 3 years.

In the spring of 1962, the need was felt for a full time assistant pastor, and the pastor's brother, Rev. Loren R. Fischer, was called on June 1, 1962. He had served the church as assistant pastor for about a year in 1960 at which time he was ordained. His work is primarily in the field of Christian Education. He is a graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles as well as from the Dallas Theological Seminary of Dallas, Texas. Pastor Loren and his wife, Joyce, have two children: Lori, 4 years; and Brent, 6 months.

YOUTH OF THE CHURCH

A strong emphasis of the church is on youth, not only in winning them for Christ, but also concerning their growth and maturing in Christ. An active program which supplies them with inspiration for all areas of their lives — spiritual, mental, and physical — is carried on at the church. They are given ample opportunity for fellowship and fun with those of their age.

Mr. Murray McCulley is superintendent of the Sunday school, which has classes for all ages, using graded materials. The average attendance is 475.

Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Barnard are in charge of the Children's Church which has a program for all ages through sixth grade during the morning worship service. The attendance has been about 170 children.

Mr. Fred Jantz, student at Biola College, is the Youth Director. The youth groups meet at 5:45 on Sundays with programs for fourth grade through College age. Their attendance on a recent Sunday was 157. They also meet on Wednesday evening for a time of Bible study and prayer, at which time they have about 70 in attendance.

OUR FUTURE CHALLENGE

As Mr. Sonnenberg pointed out during the Dedication Services, now is a time of *Commencement* for the Magnolia Church. Now is a time of beginning to expand outward, to serve our community by pointing them to Christ, to go out and to bring in the lost, to serve by helping in the work of Church Extension in the area of Southern California where so many are unchurched, and to serve the world with our help with mission work.

It is our prayer that the Lord may continue to use us in every way that he desires.

EASTER OFFERING

Two Easter sermons, four articles by missionaries, a message by Rev. D. Fuchs and a great deal of important information about the purposes of the Easter Offering will be featured in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald." This year's Easter Offering should be one of our largest in view of many challenging missionary needs.

tant suggestions for the church program in 1963.

● **Buffalo Center, Iowa.** The First Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Iowa, held its 1963 Mission Conference from Jan. 20 to 25. Guest speakers were Rev. John Grygo, Forest Park, Ill.; Dr. and Mrs. Jerome C. Fluth of Cameroon, Africa; Rev. C. B. Nordland, Moody Bible Institute; Rev. Wesley Thiessen, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Amazon-Peru; Rev. Fred Zabel, Sudan Interior Mission, Ethiopia, Africa; and Miss Lavona Lee, Nigeria, Africa. Mr. Nordland spoke each evening from Titus 2:11-13. Mrs. Tony Geiken reported that "at the close of this conference we have received a wider vision of the mission fields."

● **Mt. Sterling, Mo.** The Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo., rejoices to report a full church program under the leadership of Rev. Frank Armbruster, pastor. The Christmas and Watch Night programs were very inspiring. The first quarterly Community Gospel Singspiration was held on Jan. 4. Many came to share with the musical selections. Sherah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armbruster, was home for the Christmas vacation and assisted with her musical talents. Mrs. Armbruster has started a Missionary Project each Friday afternoon with the children of the community. She is giving Bible lessons with the aid of flannelgraph material and object lessons.

● **Indian Bull Reserve.** A five day Bible School was held for the Christian Indians on the Bull Reserve of Alberta from Feb. 11 to 15 with many interested Indians participating. Classes were conducted by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn on "The Ten Commandments" and "The Parables of Jesus"; by Rev. Raymond Harsch on "Evangelism" and "Cults and Comparative Religions"; and by Missionary August Grymaloski on "Studies in Cree." Rev. R. Neuman, the Indian missionary, led the daily devotions. An evangelistic service in the Benke Memorial Chapel led by Rev. William Sibley of Wetiskwin, Alta., closed this series of eventful days.

● **St. Joseph, Mich.** At the annual business meeting of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., on Jan. 30, with Mr. David Johnson, moderator, in charge, some important recommendations were adopted. The focus of attention was centered on the purchase of property on Cleveland Avenue, south of St. Joseph, as the future site of the Lakeshore Baptist Church. This new church, an extension project of the First Baptist Church, has as yet actually not begun to meet. But with the purchase of the property, a start has been made. The next step in the extension program is the calling of a pastor for this work. The pastor, Rev. L. H. Broeker, jr. his annual report made some impor-

● **Indian Mission Fields, Alberta.** Dr. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, visited the Indian mission fields in Alberta in January, at which time he preached in both of the chapels. His visit to the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Bull Reserve was climaxed during the morning worship service when several of the leading Indians presented to Dr. Schilke the Birthday Bank money, together with the morning offering, to be used on the Japanese Mission field. Dr. Schilke's presence and messages were a real spiritual blessing and uplift, as reported by Missionary R. Neuman.

● **Portland Ave., Tacoma, Wash.** "The Portland Ave. Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., is situated in an area where you find mostly poor people. These people are supported by the County or Welfare. Many of these people are in the Armed Forces. It is difficult to get these people into church; however, most of the parents are willing to send their children. We appreciate these precious children and many of them become Christians, but with children you cannot build a strong independent church. By reason of this fact, our area is a unique work and remains a potential mission field. What we need now is a large Educational Unit for our growing Sunday school." Rev. C. T. Rempel, Pastor.

● **Hoisington, Kansas.** About 140 persons attended the Missionary Rally Tuesday evening, Jan. 22, at the Calvary Church, Hoisington, Kansas. The churches of Bison, Ellinwood, Lorraine and Stafford were represented. About 30 missionaries, national workers, and pastors with their families were present. Rev. Clemence Auch was in charge of the evening service. Mrs. Clemence Auch of Bison sang "Submission." Testimonies were given by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Miss Florence Miller of Japan, Miss Ida Forsch and Rev. Elmer Strauss of Cameroon. Dr. M. L. Leuschner brought greetings. Mrs. Douglas Gallagher from Lorraine sang "Only One Life." The message by Dr. Peter Fehr on the theme, "Go, Look, Pray," was based on Matthew 9:37-38. The closing hymn was "Send the Light." The missionary offering was \$284.61.