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Three Thoughtful Poems

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PRAYER FOR HUNGER

Lord, let a hungriness that is divine
Descend upon this sated heart of mine:
A hunger for more spiritual foods
To end my soul's reluctant attitudes
Toward study of the Word and more of prayer,
Those vital proteins needed in my fare
To nourish me that I may never faint,
But overcome my leanings toward complaint.

SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ADEBNEGO

Oh, could our faith but equal theirs, who said,
"Our God is able to deliver us!"
As they watched fiery furnaces prepared,
They *knew* that God was powerful enough,
If he saw fit to save his servants' lives.
His children need like faith today to stand,
While flames of infidelity surround
And hide the gleam of heavenly portals fair,
But may not even taint their garments pure,
Washed white in fireproof fluid, Christ's own
blood,
That marvelous, effective, potent stream,
The only substance that can souls redeem.

PRESENT TRUTHS

Christ said this most tremendous task is ours,
To warn the world his coming nears, as powers
Of earth are shaken in its final hours.

We sense the quaking . . . fear fills manly hearts . . .
The Spirit moves. Haste, memorize his charts.
Are we alert to take our varied parts?

The many at his birth were not aware.
Before he comes again, in clouds, midair,
These warning sounds are heard: "Beware; pre-
pare!"

Earth's ripened harvest stands. How great the
need
That able laborers arise and plead,
Lest seed once sown, now ripe, accedes to greed.

The evil one will pleasure lures devise
And try our hearts so to demoralize
That we the trumpet notes learn to despise.

But thank the Lord whose coming we espy,
We'll trim our lamps and watch; our weather-eye
So trained, this great event we shall descry,
Then dwell with him the livelong by-and-by.

BEHIND THE SCENES IN SACRAMENTO

Preparations for the 34th General Conference in Sacramento, Calif., July 13 to 19, were the most elaborate and colorful that had ever been made in our history. Newspaper coverage was tremendous, and the welcome of the city of Sacramento to North American Baptists was thrilling.

The SEPT. 10, 1964 issues of the "Baptist Herald" will be largely devoted to the marvelous story of the 34th General Conference in Sacramento. An array of pictures, a detailed report of the sessions, and the full slate of newly elected officers will be published.

General Conference Highlights

CONFERENCE STATISTICS. The 34th General Conference at Sacramento, Calif., July 13 to 19, was one of the BEST in NAB history. More than 2500 people attended some of the sessions. A total of 1650 people registered and were delighted with the Conference Packet which they received. The Conference Banquet on Saturday night was attended by 850 people.

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM. The spacious, air conditioned Memorial Auditorium was made available without charge for our General Conference sessions. Its wide, breezy halls and rooms provided space for a thrilling Conference and Mission Exhibit and for the Book Room of the Roger Williams Press.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS. More than 25 NAB missionaries and missionary-appointees attended the Sacramento Conference sessions and made many contributions to the inspirational highlights of these days. The play, "So Send I You," presented on Sunday afternoon left an indelible impression in the hearts of the many people who saw it. This was a great Missionary Conference in Sacramento!

THRILLING CLIMAX. The Sept. 10 issue of the "Baptist Herald" will tell the colorful story of the General Conference in detail. All of the 2500 people present for the week end will never forget the evangelistic fervor and blessing of the Friday night service, the exciting Conference Banquet on Saturday night in the Empire Room of the Senator Hotel, and the Sunday sessions climaxed by the Communion Service that evening and the largest crowd ever held by us for such a service around the Lord's Table.

SEPT. 10 ISSUE. In order to select the best pictures taken by Mr. Don Bohnet of Anaheim, Calif., who served as Conference photographer, and to gather all the detailed facts and human interest stories about the Conference, the Sept. 10 number of the "Baptist Herald" has been chosen for this wonderful account. Watch for this issue!

NEXT ISSUE

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS
FOR 1964 - 1965

Story of 12 Young People

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Editorial

Our Wasted Prayers

Many of our prayers are wasted on thin air between our "secret place" and the Throne of God. This may seem to be a strange statement for a Christian periodical to make, but it is so often true of Christian people. The devotional quarterly, "Our Daily Bread," began one of its meditations by asserting: "Useless, senseless prayer is one of the greatest dangers in the life of the Christian." This should not be! As Christians we must discipline ourselves to pray more frequently and habitually, even constantly, in the words of the Apostle Paul. But our prayers should also be meaningful, intelligent and Scriptural. There should be no waste effort in the words we utter or the petitions we send to God's Throne of power.

Many Christian people have learned the highest joy of praying by emphasizing their thankfulness to God for the promises of his Word which they confidently expect to be fulfilled in their lives. The trouble with some is that they keep asking for things that God has already promised to give. God's promises are like a blank check. You are to fill in by faith, believe the promise, and then thank him for the answer you know is on the way.

Dr. M. R. DeHaan has said: "Don't you ever ask God to keep his promises! That is an insult to his integrity!" Our prayers are wasted if we cajole and press God for the fulfillment of his promises as though we did not believe his Word. Approach the Bible in this way, and your prayers will become more praise and less petition.

Often we offer our prayer petitions and have no intention of meeting their conditions. Like the Christians praying for Peter's release from prison in Jerusalem, we are taken completely by surprise when these prayers are answered miraculously. The prayer that can move mountains with God's responding blessing and power is always accompanied by a condition that calls for your right attitude, your repentance, your willingness to do God's will, your obedience to God and your fullest effort. Our failure to meet these divine conditions makes a shamble of our prayers. They are then only a wasted and meaningless recital of words.

This is God's pattern of answered prayers: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; *then will I hear from heaven*, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

How often we pray and expect nothing extraordinary to happen. Sincere, earnest prayers by God's people must always be accompanied by high expectations. It is God who gives the increase, who brings wondrous things to pass, who shows forth his glory. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering" (James 1:5-6). God's Word gives us an unconditional pledge concerning the mighty acts of his Spirit working through us. His Word "shall not return void." We too need to hear the word of Jesus addressed to Martha: "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?" (John 11:40).

Every Christian must humbly ask, "Lord, teach us to pray!" for a meaningful and blessed prayer life in the Presence of his God.

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It Is NOT Too Late!

Thoughtful reflections by the author on today's world following a trip of almost a year to Africa, including West Cameroon, and other continents. Dr. Henry has been the editor of "Christianity Today" since 1956 and has authored 14 books and edited seven. His hopeful conclusion is that "the Light of the world remains undimmed."

By Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, Editor of "Christianity Today."

SOME YEARS AGO, upon my return from a five-week tour of Europe and the Holy Land, a seminary colleague facetiously invited me to lecture on "Lands I Have Flown Over." Although my recent tour of Africa, the Holy Land and Europe stretched over seven months, the verbal sally still holds its point: the high tides of history are nowhere easily discernible and whoever charts them swiftly should make only modest claims.

One who believes, moreover, that the tempo of events is both contingent on human decision and inevitably rests in God's hands ought not to venture a hurried verdict on the spirit of the age.

SHAKE OFF ALL DOUBT

In the past few years we have all heard numerous prophecies and even proclamations of the end of the Christian era. The curtain of time has been lowered over Christianity's contribution to the world scene, and the influence of the Protestant Reformation sealed off from the remainder of the twentieth century.

Not for a moment, indeed, dare we ignore those warning voices whose message is "evangelize or die." That watchword of the evangelical vanguard reminds us that every generation inevitably wins or loses its hold on biblical realities in its own time and place. If tomorrow is really to signal the daybreak of a virile Christian witness and work it will be so only if we arise from our present night of uncertainty, shake off the paralyzing doubts, and exhibit a passionate concern for the lost souls of two billion fellow men.

But those grim warnings of an impending post-Christian era devoid of all spiritual sensitivity, whose sky retains no last trace of a Creator's handiwork, whose creatures lack any reminder whatever of an eternal Judge, and whose earthly lust has obliterated all sense of need of a Redeemer—those dire warnings are so exaggerated that they cannot really portray tomorrow's world.

WORDS THAT CHILL

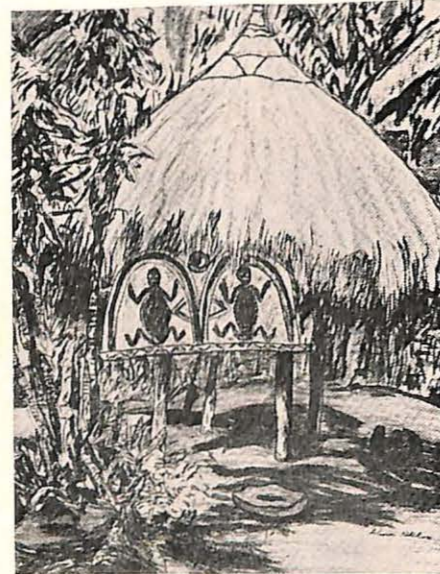
One sometimes detects in these drab portraits of the future a pessimism which seems unwittingly to empty history of every remainder of divine providence and to concede the course of coming events to those naturalistic inevitabilities that secular theorists so

readily espouse. Hence they chill more than challenge the Christian sense of mission.

We hear of a globe wholly in the grip of Communist tyrants; or of a few lone survivors of atomic holocaust pitching nomadic tents on a scorched earth; or of burgeoning populations that will automatically reduce the Christian community to a negligible remnant; or of resurgent pagan religions sweeping Christianity into one tiny corner of the map; or of secularism's rampant spirit robbing men everywhere of any vision of the eternal; or of scientific preoccupation with the realm of space and time until spiritual realities are shunned as diversionary myths.

Thank God our times—and the remainder of our century—rest firmly in his hands, not in the fingers of the prophets of doom or the peddlers of utopia. Prediction of spiritual fortunes is always a risky business, and every miscalculation may be costly.

We stand indeed at destiny's crossroads in our time, with momentous issues and staggering consequences directly dependent upon what Christian believers do in and with the here and now. But not yet has God wholly given up our wicked world, not yet has



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his Spirit ceased to strive with men, not yet has the Lord's trumpet sounded an end to the age of grace. Not yet! This remains decision-time, rescue-time.

GLIMPSE AT A REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Without pretense of infallibility, but with hopeful confidence, let me relay a few impressions and reflections in the aftermath of travel on three continents during a sabbatical leave:

1. *Christianity's real challenge to communism may well emerge in the next generation.* If the fact that communism is a surface philosophy superimposed on the realities of history is now becoming obvious, it will also become clearer that biblical religion strikes to the true depths of the human situation. Despite its fateful grip on Soviet life, communism's weakness lies in the fact that an elite cadre of nine million party members forces its program on 200 million people; that its naturalistic ideology is indoctrinated rather than established; that the Christian alternative to dialectical materialism is debunked rather than debated, let alone refuted; and that human beings even in Russia cannot wholly submerge and eradicate those ties to the spiritual world which Christianity revives and illumines.

Much depends, therefore, on whether Russian Orthodoxy presents a convincing case for supernatural religion in principle and practice, or whether it casts itself mainly in a political role, catering to the reigning scientific prejudices and disposed to "demythologize" the biblical miraculous.

Much depends on what freedom of opportunity evangelical believers have in Russia to proclaim the Gospel of new birth and new life in Christ Jesus. If the U.S.S.R. should shelter a firm discovery of the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the premise of state absolutism must inevitably be placed on the defensive, and battle will be joined on the alternative of God or the State as the source, sanction and stipulator of human rights.

AN EVANGELICAL BREAKTHROUGH

2. *Lands where religious liberty has long been repressed may now become significant spheres of evangelical breakthrough.* The growing sensitivity over minority rights is focusing world attention and adverse public opinion

on nations still identified with religious persecution and intolerance. The notion that the twentieth century marks a new era of religious tolerance needs to be tested by the facts. That may be the case.

Yet, strangely enough, although the mentality of the Middle Ages has evaporated from many areas of contemporary life, some medieval repressions of religious freedom still remain. The first article of the Greek Constitution confers legal status on Greek Orthodoxy alone; the Spanish Concordat recognizes Roman Catholicism as the only public manifestation of religion; much of the Moslem world is intolerant of any religious alternative; and while Israel is formally committed to religious freedom, its public policy deprives Christians of missionary and evangelistic opportunities; and so on. Church history confirms that no religion long retains virility when it relies upon government support and compulsion for its continuance and extension.

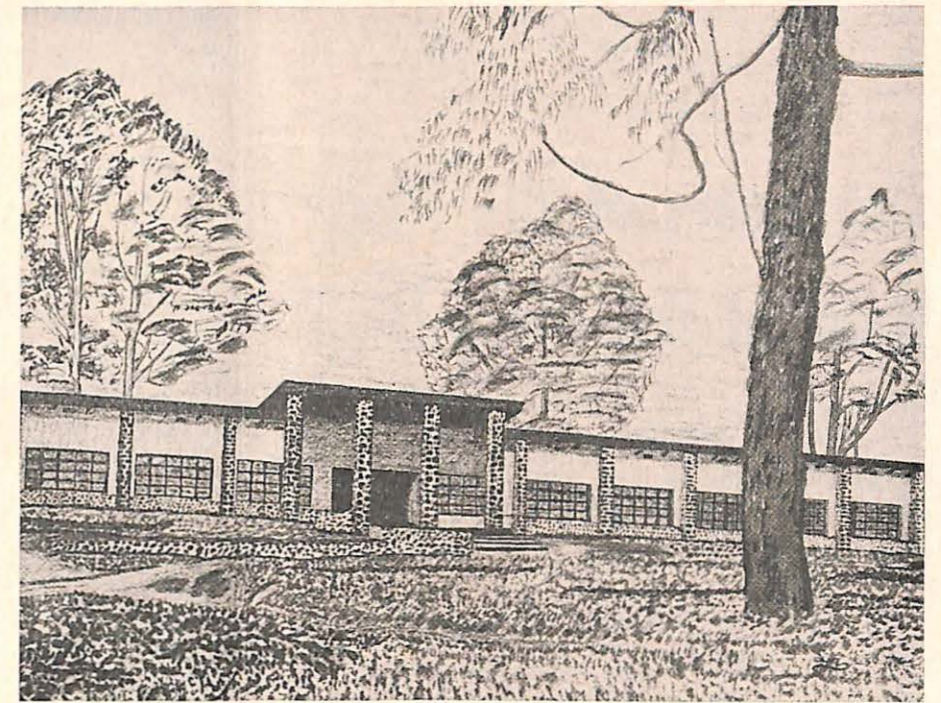
When such a preferred position terminates, religious faith that relies instead upon evangelical decision will make swift gains in the life of the people. If the new ecumenical spirit fulfills its preliminary promise of a relaxation of intolerance, and all religious options truly become competitive, great changes will result in the spiritual destinies of the masses. Unless ecclesiastical spokesmen who profess a new ecumenical tolerance contrive to take away with one hand what they seem to offer by the other, any development conferring equality of privilege and opportunity on all religions could signal immense gains for evangelical Christianity in Southern Europe and in South America.

RELEVANCE OF CHRISTIANITY

3. *The argument that Christianity is the "white man's religion"—and therefore irrelevant to Asia and Africa—is now being challenged as special pleading* by which both Communist agents and proponents of non-Christian religions (particularly Moslemism) seek to advance their alternatives. The least familiarity with the historic backgrounds of the Bible will discover the horizontal roots of the Hebrew-Christian religion in the Near East, and a minimal understanding of biblical religion will grasp its message for the entire human race.

It is true that Africa in the main remains in the grip of non-Christian religions, including the lowest forms of animism and tribal superstition, and that political Moslemism is offering itself as a unifying force for the continent. The restrictions on Christianity in the Sudan and Egypt, for example, reflect a national temperament that lags far behind the democratic traditions of the modern world.

But Christianity has one great advantage over Moslemism; its beliefs not only helped to shape but have survived the scientific era, while Moslem



BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING CENTRE AT NDU

An exciting charcoal drawing of the Baptist Bible Training Centre at Ndu, Cameroon by Solomon Ndikvu, a Cameroonian who is now studying in the United States.

dogmas still must face a Renaissance. And one can readily find national leaders in Africa—as in Liberia and Congo-Brazzaville—who unapologetically locate that continent's future hope in Christian principles. Not the white missionary alone but prominent black Africans as well recognize in the religion of the Bible the one sure source of moral power and spiritual reality adequate to shape the Africa of tomorrow.

EMPHASIS ON BIBLICAL RELIGION

Whether one asks an educator like E. K. Martin of the Cameroon, a physician like Professor Ishaya Audu of the University of Lagos Medical School, a scientist like Dr. Levy Makane of the School of Higher Studies in Brazzaville, an administrator like John Mpaanyi in Kenya, one will get from nationalists of this calibre a sure emphasis on biblical religion and evangelical experience as the deepest need on the African scene. When Livingstone crossed the African continent less than a century ago, in an age before the airplane, automobile, and highways, he trekked on foot, despite such obstacles as snakes, lions, malaria, sleeping sickness, and a hot climate, to plant the seed of the Gospel.

Today Africa is erupting headlong into the modern world. But as Aston King, editor of *Liberian Age*, puts it, "The Continent is a ship without a rudder and compass. If it aspires only to material gains and is not guided by Christian principles, it will be headed swiftly for the fate that overtook the Roman Empire. . . . It is not too late for the churches."

4. *The judgment that light is vanishing in the Western world needs to be modified.* There are troublesome signs indeed, and many lamps are flickering uncertainly. The drive for ecumenical unity seems at the same time productive of a great deal of theological confusion. Some evangelical works undertaken by earlier generations moved by profound spiritual concern now lag for funds. Inhabitants of almost all the big cities support the enterprises of sport and leisure, sex and shame, above the enterprises of faith and good works. So it is still true that unregenerate men prefer darkness to light.

But the Light of the world remains undimmed. God's eternal power and divinity are daily manifested by the created universe (Rom. 1:20); if twentieth century men do not glorify him as God, that in no way extinguishes the Light. The Light still illumines every man coming into the world (John 1:9); if men spurn truth and right, that does not finally destroy the Light. The sacred Scriptures are now available in more languages and dialects than ever before. And there are few major cities on the face of the earth where one cannot find disciples of Jesus Christ and advocates of "the Way."

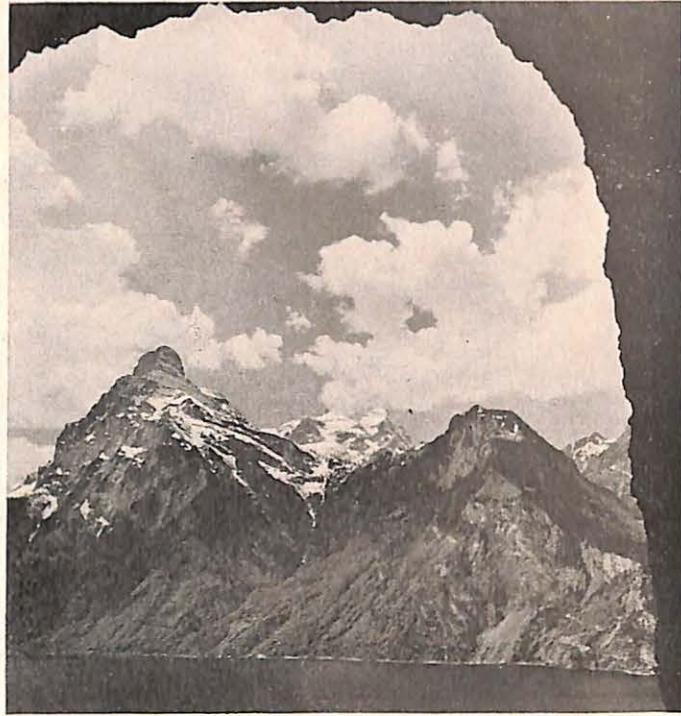
Evangelists like Billy Graham have held a lost world to their hearts and made the message clear and plan. The predicament of the twentieth century is not that the Light is going out; it is rather that multitudes ignore the lamplighters, and remain fascinated by fireflies that merely add an intriguing glow to the darkness.

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The Years of the Right Hand of the Most High

The Moderator's address at the 34th General Conference in Sacramento, California on Tuesday, July 14, 1964.

By Mr. Edwin H. Marklein
of Hempstead, New York



The Bible has much to say about "remembering" when it concerns the acts of God. We are never to forget God's mercies and designs.

IT IS BOTH A great honor and a high responsibility to address this General Conference session on this occasion of our Centenary Observance. I congratulate you on being heirs of an inspiring past. We are a Christ-centered people. Our Lord is in the center of our faith.

OUR WITNESS FOR CHRIST

Christ came to earth from the Father to accomplish the salvation of mankind. By our Savior's blood shed on Calvary for our sins, we are justified before God. By his resurrection from the dead, we are given a new life in him. By the infilling of his Holy Spirit, we are not only sanctified for service unto our Lord, but we are also endowed with means with which his Gospel may be advanced among all nations.

As a body of believers, the North American Baptist General Conference is a young member among various great bodies of Christ's followers. We are but 100 years old. Our witness for Christ must be borne among denominations which have existed for hundreds of years. But it is evident from our history that our Lord Jesus Christ had a specific mission for our people to accomplish. At the beginning, we were given a distinctively evangelical testimony. This has been our responsibility. It remains such to this day!

We are thoroughly conscious of the powerful sweep of ecumenism among Christian churches of our day. We are not blind to or opponents of the ecumenical movement. At present it seems to us, however, mainly an effort aimed at interdenominational cooperation in ecclesiastical organizations. It

has not revealed itself as a great compassionate movement whose chief concern is the winning of the lost to Christ. Our evangelical witness is still a vital need within both the church at large and in the world.

I have chosen for my Scripture a portion of the 77th Psalm. The title of my message is taken from the tenth verse. A few verses (11-14) shed light which guides us in our understanding.

First, we are to "remember the years of the right hand of the Most High."

Second, we shall also look at the present status of our Conference development.

Third, we shall look at the future in the light of our past.

CONFERENCE BEGINNINGS

I. REMEMBER the years of the right hand of the Most High. Let us renew in our memory the simple beginning of our Conference. Let us look at the rock out of which we were hewn. The Bible has much to say about "remembering" when it concerns the acts of God. Israel was commanded to remember their deliverance out of Egypt (Exodus 13:3). They were to remember Moses and the Word God spoke through him. (Joshua 1:13). They were to remember God's works of old and David wrote a song or psalm to this effect (I Chronicles 16:12-36).

Our Lord Jesus gave us his Supper that we might always remember him and the great sacrifice he made for our sins on the cross and his resurrection from the dead (Luke 22:19). All Christian achievement is the extension of his mighty arm, the

reaching forth of his great compassion for the redemption of men.

The origin of the evangelical movement among our German forefathers is clear evidence of this.

One hundred and thirty years ago, on April 22, 1834, Johann Gerhard Oncken and six others were baptized by immersion in the River Elbe, near Hamburg, Germany. The ordinance was performed by Dr. Barnas Sears of Hamilton College in New York State, who had learned that Oncken was interested in baptism and religious freedom. The hour of the baptism was set for midnight to avoid trouble with ecclesiastical authorities. Thus, these seven newly baptized formed the First Baptist Church in Germany. Oncken was recognized by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society as their missionary in 1835.

BAPTISTS AS MISSIONARIES

At first, the small group of believers could not call themselves a church, but referred to themselves as "Oncken's Associates." But God is not limited in his ministrations of mercy to mankind. As they have been found necessary across the Christian age, God has given new Pentecosts to his Church, where they will be received. This was reaffirmed in the Oncken baptism. We know from the New Testament that the promise of the Pentecostal Spirit was made to a little company of depressed men in Galilee, whose cause, seemingly, was doomed to fail. But in God's power, humble men filled with his Spirit become giants. And there were giants in those days!

That baptism in the Elbe River was the forerunner of more baptisms in

the rivers and some of the many lakes in Germany. As Oncken and his fellow Baptists stood on the banks of the Elbe in their wet clothes, Oncken said: "We are so few, and the need is so great, that we all shall have to be missionaries." Then was coined the slogan, "Every Baptist a missionary." From this small beginning, there flowed streams of grace from God, through the Holy Spirit, so that such an evangelical cause developed which is almost unbelievable. Thousands of souls were won to Christ. In 25 years there were 65 churches with 750 preaching stations. All were formed on the pattern of Oncken's church in Hamburg: "Every Baptist a missionary."

The movement spread throughout Scandinavia. Oncken formed a training institute for soul-winners in Hamburg. His men went throughout Germany, as far South as to reach Bulgaria. Some entered Russia. Seldom in all Christian history since New Testament times has the Redeemer's cause been carried forward with such speed. Dr. A. T. Pierson wrote: "Give us 250 churches like Oncken's at Hamburg, and in 25 years, we can secure the preaching of the Gospel to every human soul."

It was in the mid-nineteenth century that a wave of German immigrants moved out to the far places of the earth. A stream of Baptist immigrants seeking religious and social freedom went West. They founded the German-American Baptist work.

Here, again, we remind ourselves of what consecrated followers of Christ are able to do. Konrad Anton Fleishmann, born in Nuremberg, Bavaria in 1812, was converted at nineteen years of age, joined a Separatist Church and was immersed as a believer in Christ at Basel. After serving a brief pastorate, he was inspired to seek a larger field of service. He went to take counsel of George Mueller of Bristol, (England) himself a German Baptist immigrant, who advised him to go to North America. He became pastor of a small Protestant church in Newark, New Jersey in 1839, but resigned when his principles were rejected. Fleishmann believed in the church being wholly missionary according to the pattern set by the New Testament.

GOD GAVE THE INCREASE

The work increased under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Owing to the great distances, Eastern and Western Conferences operated from 1859 to 1864. Since their interests and problems were identical, they became one. The first General Conference was held in Wilmot, Ontario, Canada in 1865. There were reported then 57 organized churches with 3,637 active members. A Publication Society was organized in that same year.

The need for a trained ministry was self-evident. Under the urging of Rev. Enos Freeman, a training school was established at the Rochester Theologi-

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CLAY WITCH POTS

A striking representation of one of these Cameroon pots used in West Africa. This charcoal drawing is by Solomon Ndikvu, a Christian national.

cal Seminary which later attained seminary status. The story of this development is filled with outstanding names. All Christendom has heard the name of Walter Rauschenbusch, the author of CHRISTIANITY AND THE SOCIAL CRISIS.

A procession of noble missionaries has carried the Gospel far and wide. Their sufferings and labors remind us of the heroes of the faith recorded in Hebrews 11. The General Missionary Society was organized in 1883. Signally, God has set his approval upon churches with a missionary passion.

The denomination's General Council, representing all of our affiliated Societies came into being in 1934. All this has led to other extensive ministries in an ever-enlarging program in the service of our Lord. We must remind ourselves that those who preceded us were always planning, under God's guidance, for the future. They truly give us a record of the years of the right hand of the Most High.

OUR PRESENT MINISTRY

II. Having reviewed "the Years of the Right Hand of the Most High," we are ready to take stock of the General Conference's present ministry. It is my privilege to review certain outstanding trends. These will illustrate the steady development of our ever-expanding ministry and the basis of our denominational solidarity.

First, there is our steadfast loyalty to the Bible as the inspired Word of God. During the past forty years, churches of many denominations have been greatly disturbed over the authority of the Bible. The General Conference has been and is signally blessed by not being afflicted with this controversy. Our people have had to live close to the Bible and they have found it the best thing to do. They have tried

it under periods of trial and success, in times of suffering, in hard labors, in all sorts of difficulties. God has blessed this faithfulness, this vital trust, this earnest and challenging obedience. We have sown the seed of the Word of God. We have seen it grow, by the power of the Holy Spirit, "some thirty, some sixty, some one hundred fold." God has blessed us most as we have kept true to his Word.

Our steady growth continues because, to a more or less degree, we have held true to the fundamental principle of J. G. Oncken: "Every Baptist a missionary" and "Every Baptist church an apostolic missionary church." To the extent that we have accepted this principle, we have grown greatly, and, when it has not been followed, the work has stagnated and declined.

Provision for the education of our ministry took a forward step with the removal of our Seminary from Rochester, N. Y. to Sioux Falls, S. Dak. While still a comparatively small school, it is a perfectly integrated institution. Its situation is more central to the Conference constituency. Its new library is becoming increasingly stocked with good books. We have an institution which commands respect and is turning out well trained pastors for our churches.

We must add to this our Christian Training Institute located at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, a strategically located and promising school.

Our gifts to missions in the 1963-64 year totalled \$996,000, representing a per capita giving of \$18.93, which is an increase of \$5.23, in the last six years. God is blessing our work and our century of experience surely teaches us that every Baptist should be a missionary.

OUR FUTURE OUTLOOK

III. We turn now to our outlook for the future. It is surely the hope and prayer of our Conference churches that we should be ready to follow wherever and as our Lord may lead. Every work must wait for workmen, trained to fitness in their work. Each of us must dedicate ourselves to becoming the best workman the Holy Spirit can use.

The evangelical witness to our Lord is needed more today than ever. From our beginning, we have held aloft the standard which Christianity raised at its beginning. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Under this banner in the past, we have gathered increasing hosts of believers. In the crucible of time, the pure metal of the Baptist idea has been separated from the dross of ecclesiastical inventions.

Our soul-winning ministry is essential to our increase. We have our commission from Christ to seek out the lost and to bring them to Jesus. We may be fragile earthen vessels but we can become strong in the Lord and

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Emergency Nurse on Duty

Introducing Miss Rosemarie Hackmann of Maywood, Illinois as the Nurse on Duty at the New Hope Settlement in Cameroon.

By Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

THE EMERGENCY CALL is quite a familiar call in a hospital situation. Usually an emergency room is set aside to which patients are admitted who need immediate treatment. Either the nurse or the doctor on duty is then called to give the necessary attention to the one so admitted. The call to the emergency room is always an urgent call for one does not know in advance how serious the situation with the patient may be and what type of an immediate treatment must be administered. There is thus an air of uncertainty and urgency in the emergency room until the situation is brought under control.

AN EMERGENCY AT MBINGO

At our Bamenda New Hope Settlement at Mbingo in West Cameroon, there existed an emergency situation this past year. It was not an emergency brought about by an incoming patient but rather by the shortage of staff adequately to cope with the situation in general. The furlough year of both missionary nurses, Miss Laura E. Reddig and Miss Barbara Kieper, came due about the same time at the summer of 1964.

Miss Kieper had not been physically well this past year and at times could only carry a half working load. She needed rest and medication for it was assumed on the field that she might have the beginning of tuberculosis and that she actually should be hospitalized for complete rest and treatment. Miss Kieper has now come home and her physical examinations have revealed that she does not have tuberculosis but rather a protracted inflammation of the lung due to virus or bacteria. For this better news we are indeed happy.

However, on the field this situation created a real emergency as to help needed. A missionary nurse from another station could not be spared without seriously affecting the work on that station.

THE MACEDONIAN CALL

The call for help was thus sounded. It meant the appointment of an additional nurse, if not permanent, then at least for a year to fill in the furlough year of those stationed at Mbingo. Usually such a call comes directly to our mission office. This time it also went directly to someone who possibly might hear it and consider it.

Miss Minnie Kuhn, stationed as missionary nurse at Belo, some six miles from Mbingo, and Miss Rosemarie Hackmann, an Instructor at the School of Nursing at West Suburban

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Hospital in Oak Park, Illinois and a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church, had been friends for years. Miss Kuhn knew of the interest which Miss Hackmann had in mission service, and so she wrote to her and challenged her with the emergency need at Mbingo. At the same time Miss Kuhn also wrote to the Home Office and informed us about the possible availability of Miss Hackmann. This brought about several interviews between the writer and Miss Hackmann.

REPORTING FOR DUTY

Miss Rosemarie Hackmann was born on May 10, 1931 at Clermont, Iowa as the second child to Mr. and Mrs. Gustav H. Hackmann. She has an older brother David who is in the ministry. In 1943 her parents moved to the greater Chicago area and became members of the Forest Park Baptist Church, where for the past years Mr. Hackmann has served as a deacon. Here also Rosemarie accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. C. B. Nordland in December 1943, and joined the church. She has been very active in church work throughout these years such as



FULANI WOMAN

This is one of several fine charcoal drawings of life and people in West Cameroon, Africa by Solomon Ndikvu, a personal friend of Rev. Gilbert D. Schneider.

young people's work, Sunday school, choir and doing limited secretarial work for the church.

Miss Hackmann attended the Proviso High School in Maywood, Ill., and graduated in 1949. The following year she attended Moody Bible Institute. She then began her nurses training at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park in 1953 and received her R.N. Diploma in 1956. For the two following years she attended Wheaton College and received her B.Sc. degree in Nursing. Since 1958 she has been in the employ of West Suburban Hospital where after two months of general nursing she became Instructor in their School of Nursing.

The emergency situation at Mbingo brought a response from Miss Hackmann to report for duty. This seemed to be an opportunity for her for which she had been waiting. Though she had a great interest in missionary service, she did not feel called for full time service as a missionary. However, she was willing to give a year of service and so bridge the emergency situation.

A VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Miss Hackmann volunteered for a year of service without the missionary salary for that year. A small stipend would be adequate for her since she was not financially set to render a full year of service without any remuneration toward living expenses. On that basis her offer was gladly accepted and she was appointed for a period of one year.

Though she hoped to be able to get a year of leave of absence from her position at West Suburban, she found that this was not granted her. Consequently she resigned from that position, realizing that God had a specific task for her during this next year and she desired to obey the inner call of God. Her action brought her great peace of mind and soul, concerning which she spoke in her testimony which she gave before the Board of Missions in April.

The Forest Park Baptist Church gave her a farewell on April 26. The following day she left by Air France for Cameroon. God gave her travelling mercies and she arrived safely at her destination. Within a week she had reported for duty at Mbingo and is now busily engaged in filling the many tasks required of a missionary nurse on the mission field. May her voluntary service bring her rich blessings throughout this year and may she feel that she is really filling the emergency for which she so readily volunteered!

Consider Teaching Missionary Children

Introducing Miss Ingrid C. Bergatt of Chicago, Illinois as teacher to the missionary children in Cameroon, West Africa.

By Dr. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS have brought into sharper focus the ever increasing problem of an adequate school for the children of our missionaries in Cameroon, West Africa. For a good number of years we had our own one room school with one of our missionaries acting as teacher and others as house parents. This seemed to work out fairly well as long as the number of children was small, definitely below nine.

Miss Esther Schultz was that teacher for the greater number of years with Miss Berneice Westerman filling in during furlough years and as the need otherwise arose. Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider acted as house parents along with their other missionary duties for a greater number of years than any other missionary couple.

Eventually this small school proved inadequate. Its smallness in size provided no challenge and competition on the part of the children. The missionary was needed elsewhere and the school was left without a teacher. The house parents were overloaded with many other missionary duties. For some years the Junior High children had already been sent to Hope School at Elat near Ebolowa, East Cameroon where the Presbyterians had a fine school for missionary children. Why not send the other children beginning with Grade 3 also to this school? This was a very vital question for our missionary parents who felt a God-given responsibility to the children God had given them.

A MUCH NEEDED SERVICE

Thus in 1961, the year we were left without a teacher, some of the children were sent to Hope School at Elat. Others were taught at home by the Calvert Course system. Since then a decision has been reached that with Grade 3 (if parents so agree) all children are to be sent to East Cameroon for their education. This trend soon raised the question of a cooperative work in such a venture with the Presbyterian school. There is presently a move on foot to relocate the school to Yaounde, the capital of East Cameroon. It is hoped that an American School might be built by our U. S. government at Yaounde and that the various Missions and others, making use of its facilities, would then form an organization which would be responsible for the operational cost and dormitory facilities of the school.

It is recognized by our missionaries that this boarding school would be of greater advantage than our own boarding school for several reasons.



MISS INGRID C. BERGATT
of Chicago, Illinois, teacher of the missionaries' children in Cameroon, Africa.

Dormitory facilities could be jointly built and houseparents jointly shared. The distance would not involve more problems, perhaps a few less, than having our own boarding school since the road conditions from the coast and the grasslands to Yaounde are better all year around than what they are between the coast and the grassland area of West Cameroon. The children would also get better training in a more specialized, larger school which naturally would be more adequately staffed. If such an arrangement could be brought about, a great burden would be lifted from the parents of these children.

THE NEED FOR A TEACHER

It was also felt that our Mission should supply a teacher. This would give us a greater share and bring about a more adequate cooperative venture. The furlough year of one of the Presbyterian teachers at Hope School brought about a vacancy and made the need for a teacher quite urgent. We were officially asked to provide a teacher by the fall of 1964 in order to fill this vacancy. The details of such an appointment had not yet been worked out. For instance, it was not known whether the cost of providing a teacher would be provided in the school budget or whether it would have to be fully provided by the respective Mission. The latter is more

likely for the coming year during which the school will most likely still remain at Ebolowa.

This definite need for a teacher was taken to the Lord in prayer. A number of written contacts were made with no apparent results. Then the writer was reminded of a young lady, a member of our Foster Avenue Baptist Church in Chicago, Ill., who about two years ago while at the Baptist Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin expressed a desire for some type of missionary service, particularly in the field of teaching children. Later she informed him of a change of plans and so he dismissed her for the time being. Perhaps a letter to her at this time, presenting the definite need, might bring a different response.

CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGE

Miss Ingrid G. Bergatt received that letter and saw in it a definite challenge from the Lord. In fact, it seemed an answer to her prayers. She was just then considering changing jobs and wondered just for what and where she was to apply for the coming year. Here was God's answer to her for this coming year.

Miss Bergatt was born on Sept. 16, 1938 at Chicago, Ill., to Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Bergatt. She has one younger sister. Her parents have been very active in the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago for many years. Early in her life Ingrid accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. Robert Schreiber in 1950 and so became a member of the church of her parents. Throughout these years she has faithfully witnessed concerning her faith and was active as Sunday school teacher, assistant and superintendent of the Vacation Bible School, and primary church leader.

Her high school education was received at the Lake View High School of Chicago, where she graduated in 1957. The same fall she enrolled at the National College of Education in Evanston, Ill., from where she graduated in 1961 with a B.Ed. degree in Elementary Education. She has been teaching for the past three years and in addition enrolled at the Moody Bible Institute Evening School.

Miss Bergatt is not certain at this time whether God is calling her into full time Christian service as a teacher to missionary children though she does not rule out such a possibility, or the possibility of other type of missionary service. To the question: "How long have you considered it?"

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For a Better Midwifery Ministry in Africa

"We as missionary-nurses try not to get by with as little training as possible but to give our best in service to those with whom God has privileged us to work."

By Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Cameroon Missionary-nurse

ABOUT HALF an hour from central London by car, in a little suburb called Kingston Hill, there is a large, old house called High Coombe. The surrounding area is a rather exclusive one with large residences and golf courses. There is very little traffic and no noise of business places or industries. High Coombe has a lovely big garden with greenery and flowers the year round and a small wooded place that seems to invite one for wiener roasts.

The house was built in 1902, was the residence of a Minister of Government at one time and in 1950 became the residence of the Midwife Teachers College. The rooms used as dormitory for the students are of varying shapes and sizes but are very comfortable with lovely views of the gardens. Each room is named after an artist and the name plate on the door is a painting by that artist. The name serves as a means of identification for dinner napkins in the dining room and for personal laundry boxes.

MIDWIFE TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE

As you enter the building of the Midwife Teachers Training College, you see a large wooden plaque with these words: "This college opened on 15th June, 1950, for the encouragement of sound teaching in the profession of Midwifery at home and overseas—." Every six months a new set of 17 students has entered this house for a very intensive course of training to return to their places of service better equipped to be teachers and leaders in the midwifery profession.

On the second floor you can examine class pictures of 27 sets of students. All of them have been taught by the same principal and vice-principal. We had not attended classes many days when we all said, "Aren't we fortunate that we got in now?" The next set of pupils will be under a new administration.

In a line with the class pictures is a world map with pins indicating places where High Coombeites are working. Six pins are in the U. S. A. and five in Canada. The map and the pictures together impress one with the fact that the influence of High Coombe has reached right around the world. In our present class we have students from different parts of England, Scotland and Wales, one each from the West Indies, New Zealand and U. S. A. One student is an English girl who has been working at the Frontier Nursing Service in Kentucky where most of our Cameroon missionary

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nurses receive their midwifery training. She will return to Kentucky to help train more missionaries at the completion of her course.

DEVOTIONAL LIFE AT SCHOOL

I was very pleasantly surprised when on our first night here we were invited to attend morning prayers before breakfast. After we had been here a few weeks, students were asked to take over the devotions. As we have prayed and read God's Word together, we have been more closely drawn together. When we were invited



MISS ELEANOR WEISENBURGER recently completed her special studies at the Midwife Teachers Training College, London, England and has returned to Cameroon, Africa to continue her ministry as missionary-nurse.

to present a program at the Nurses' Christian Fellowship at Kingston Hospital, 13 students took time off from a very busy schedule to rehearse songs and make preparations. Even though we represented many denominations, we were able to unite our hearts and voices in praise of our Savior.

Students here come from varying racial and religious backgrounds, but we also vary greatly in our midwifery experience. Many have been working or teaching at very large, modern Maternity Hospitals and training schools. A few of us have had very limited experience in backward countries. Here at High Coombe we live, work and study together and part of our learning is obtained from fellow students. We are divided into groups for our practical work of teaching and every eight weeks groups are changed so that we can gain the fullest benefit from the teaching of fellow students.

INESTIMABLE BENEFITS

Formal lectures on all phases of Midwifery, Pediatrics, Public Health and Pathology are brought by specialists from well-established training centers such as the University College Hospital in London. Some of our lecturers are examiners for doctors who wish to become obstetricians, and we sometimes feel that they forget that we are only trying to become teachers of midwives. The studies are stimulating, challenging and thought-provoking. Any statement that you make may be challenged with a "Why?", and you soon learn not to back up your answer with "I saw it in such and such a book."

Of what benefit will such a course be to my work in Cameroon, Africa? Two years ago we were given permission to train Grade I midwives at Ban-so Hospital. This is a higher grade of training than we had been giving before. In most countries a Midwife Teacher's Diploma is required for teachers of such a course. Since we have no one with that qualification it would be well for someone to have it should the requirements in Cameroon ever be raised. Also midwifery, like medicine, changes constantly and therefore to be able to do a refresher course in a country, whose midwifery profession is recognized throughout the world, is a real opportunity.

As in all of our North American Baptist missionary work, we try not to get by with as little training as possible, but to try to give our best in service to those with whom God has privileged us to work—for HIS honor and glory.



A Japanese curio shop in Kobe with an imposing Buddha statue at the right.

FOR EIGHT months recently my daughter, Caroline, and I visited with my missionary son, Rev. Edwin Kern, in Japan, with his wife Meraleen, and their son Timothy. They were at the airport in Tokyo to meet us. After the usual customs formalities, we met in a most hearty and loving way after over 2½ years of absence from one another.

OUR DEVOTED MISSIONARIES

The next day was our first real look at Tokyo with its 10 million people. The first thought that came to me was this: in Hawaii the tour guides always use the words "miles and miles of paradise," because Hawaii is very beautiful, but in Japan one could use the words, "miles and miles of people." Students, office workers, ordinary laborers hurrying to and fro, everyone seemed to know where they wanted to go. Tokyo and most of Japan is engaged in a gigantic building and clean-up program because of the 1964 Sports Olympics to be held in Tokyo in October 1964.

From Tokyo we went by train to Tsu, where Edwin and Meraleen live and are one of our North American Baptist mission couples. What a joy it was for me for the first time after their years of married life as father of Edwin to enter their home, to stay with them for eight months, and for the first time to spend Christmas with them. It was a worthwhile experience to be in close contact for so long a time with a missionary family and

with all of our North American Baptist missionaries. It was a privilege to be in their homes, to eat with them of their well prepared Japanese food, to be in some of their meetings, sitting quietly, listening to them talking about their fields of labor, and discussing how expansions could be made.

There is usually a hunger and a searching for something secure to which to hold, especially among the youth of Japan. Many of the Japanese see that a good education is not enough. Very often when education is a failure, the future is a failure and life ends in a tragedy. I must not forget the words of a well educated young man who is a automobile designing engineer and a Christian: "You do not know how glad I am that you are sending missionaries over here to tell us about Jesus."

I was also at a baptismal service when four young people were baptized in a river. We had wonderful Christian fellowship! I also met the two native pastors and their families. Above all, I have learned to know and admire that very talented and brave young woman, Mrs. Hisashi Murakami, who after only a few months of married life stayed in Japan while her husband studied at our Sioux Falls Seminary. She has now rejoined her husband in the United States.

It is my honest opinion that our missionaries are a wonderful group. I admire their steadfastness and consistency, and their fidelity to their calling in Christ.

PRAY FOR JAPAN!

The author and his daughter, Caroline, spent eight months visiting his son and family, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, in Japan and was deeply touched by "the miles and miles of people" and the challenge of mission opportunities there.

By Mr. H. Kern of
Edmonton, Alberta

Another very inspiring and first time experience for me was at Karizawa, a mountain resort about 250 miles northwest of Tokyo. This is where many people, including missionaries from many Protestant denominations of Japan, spend their two or three weeks of vacation. Karizawa itself is only a small city, with quite high mountains on two sides, including Mount Assama, a live volcano. Here in the center of this city is a non-denominational church, the Karizawa Union Church. In this church missionary conferences and deeper life meetings are held once a year lasting nearly two weeks, with as many as 500 missionaries attending from the 85 year old grey haired pioneer missionaries down to the young couples or single missionaries.

What a plain yet colorful sight of God's Ambassadors as one looks over the mixture of elderly white heads to young dark heads. As the grey haired missionaries pass on to their heavenly reward, the others take their places in the ranks.

VISIT TO NAGASAKI

I also visited many cities in Japan, including Nagasaki, one of the atomic bombed cities of World War II. The damaged section which was an industrial center has been rebuilt with residential homes. A park called "The Peace Park" contains the remains of a wall of a bombed Catholic Church. There is also a six story cultural
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Preparing Boldly for Learning Situations

Planning for Vacation Bible Schools over the years should consider the over-arching educational objective and provide exciting learning experiences.

By Miss Ruth Bathauer, Director of Children's Work in the Department of Christian Education

"GO NOW, PAY LATER," challenged the words on an attractive, colorful travel folder. Other folders indicated every mode of travel to fit the varied moods of the world traveler. Modern modes of travel have made it possible for people all over the world to be on the go. In the midst of this speed for going, it would be well for us to pause and ask, "Where are we going?"

Where are we going in our Christian education programs in our churches? The over-arching objective, as established by the Curriculum Committee, presents our main goal as: "Our over-arching objective shall be: Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to introduce persons to God through Jesus Christ so that they, by faith, may enter into a personal, enduring relationship with God, and to lead them into such an undivided loyalty to Christ as the Lord so that they will earnestly desire to know God's will and, in the strength of the Triune God, determine to do it."

EDUCATION OBJECTIVES

As we set our sights toward this goal, we realize that to accomplish it, training must be emphasized in every department from the Cradle Roll through the Senior Adult Department. In the younger departments this goal will be our objective as foundations are laid in preparation to accomplish this goal.

Where are we going in our Sunday school? The Sunday school is the teaching arm of the church and makes a continuous distinctive contribution to the total program of Christian education in the local church. Out of the 168 hours per week, the Sunday school is given one hour to carry on its teaching ministry. More time is needed.

Where are we going in solving the problem of additional time? Your summer Christian education program should include a ten-day Vacation Bible School. With two and one-half to three hours daily for ten days of exciting and challenging Bible study, there will be 25 to 30 hours of teaching time. This is equivalent to one-half year of Sunday school!

The Vacation Bible School was born as a result of a two-fold concern: first, to reach unreached children for Christ and the church and, secondly, to find additional time for teaching and learning for children who regularly attend Sunday school.

Learning takes time. Christian attitudes and behaviour patterns develop gradually. In spite of this fact, children learn all the time and they learn many things at the same time. The child learns from everything he sees,

hears and does. He not only learns from his teacher, but he learns from the other children in his group. The informal structure of the Vacation Bible School is an excellent situation for Christian learning to take place.

PROJECT IN LORRAINE, KANSAS

Learning experiences in Vacation Bible School can be rich. By request, Mrs. R. C. (Vada) Rolfs, from the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, shared a report of an experience which her primary children had in their Vacation Bible School. Notice that the children were able to learn by using their senses of hearing, seeing, and touching.

"For our Vacation Bible School we had planned a miniature church for our worship time. Our kind janitor built a small pulpit for us. We placed our chairs in rows like the pews, with a choir in front. Our ushers used two of the collection plates from the sanctuary. After our worship time together, which included a mission story and the gathering of the 'love gift' for others, we took a trip to one special place in the church. Each day was a different center of interest. Some of the areas which we visited were: the cornerstone, the belfry, the sanctuary, the organ chambers, the pastor's study, the library, etc. We visited ten areas in our church and could have found twice that many. We so often forget that children haven't seen and heard about these things.

"I'll tell you about one trip; for space permits the sharing of only one. I scarcely know which to choose, the belfry and our bell are so interesting, but I believe I'll tell about the organ. The organist was at the console. (Note: new word for the children to learn.) She played softly for us as we quietly went into the loft where the choir sits and sings. We could look down on the pews and see what the pastor and choir see every Sunday.

"The organist showed the children about the manuals, the stops, the foot pedals, the swells, the chimes, and as she showed and told, she demonstrated the instrument. Then, one of the organ chambers was unlocked and the organist showed the children how she could play from either chamber, or from both. Each little person was taken into the chamber and THERE WE SAW! What did we see? There were pipes that are square, pipes that are round, some made from metal, some made from wood. There were pipes eight feet long and others only three inches long. Some of the large pipes are ten inches across and some of the small ones are about the size of a lead pencil.

"The organist showed how some of the different stops work and what the different sounds resembled. She played loudly, then softly. One little one said when he heard the full organ, 'I hear her muchly.' The children learned why the organ desk is kept locked. We were told that the next Sunday she was going to play a special piece during the worship hour for the children. And she did. How thrilling it was when they heard the offertory number and recognized it to be JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN. What a wonderfully enriched time we had!"

UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES

This is just one example of many exciting learning experiences which take place in Vacation Bible School. The opportunities open to a church through Vacation Bible School are unlimited. Just a few of the opportunities are: first, there is more time for teaching. Longer sessions on consecutive days provide opportunity for cumulative learning so essential for growth. Second, through a well-planned program, a child receives a complete program of worship, instruction and expression. Third, the Vacation Bible School uses time during the summer months for spiritual development. Fourth, it provides time for evangelism in school and community as the church uses this means to reach into the community for new prospects. Fifth, it provides opportunity for children to apply the Christian principles they have learned as they study, work, and play together in the school.

Effort is made by the Department of Christian Education to assist local churches in their program of Christian education by making certain resource materials available. The Vacation Bible School Handbook is a booklet which may be very helpful in completing your plans for your school. Some of the areas which are dealt with are: duties of the staff, suggestions for effective planning, grading the school, the pupil, and training workers. There are exciting mission stories to help you promote the missionary task God has entrusted into the hands of North American Baptists. Copies of the handbook and additional copies of the stories may be secured from the Department of Christian Education, Forest Park. The price is ten cents.

We urge planning staff and school personnel to consider the over-arching objective prayerfully in the light of Vacation Bible Schools to be conducted in the years to come in their church. Where are we going in accomplishing this objective and in making the most use of our time and opportunities?

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Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-17

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Our faith in God must be accompanied by faithfulness to his word and obedience to his will.

INTRODUCTION: The title of the last book of Moses signifies the second law or the law repeated. But it is not a mere repetition. The addresses of Moses were required to be read publicly by the priests at the Feast of Tabernacles each Sabbath year.

The time covered by Deuteronomy is very brief. In some respects it could be looked upon as Moses' farewell address. It is also evidence of what God can do with someone who is willing to surrender to his will and dedicate himself to the service of the Lord. Remember the excuses of Moses when he was first called: "Lord, I am not eloquent... but I am slow of speech and of a slow tongue" (Ex. 4:10). But God said: "Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say" (Ex. 4:12). Nothing is too hard for the Lord if he has the cooperation of his saints.

I. THE CALL TO LOVE. Exodus 6:4-5.

The Israelites were facing a major adjustment as they prepared to enter the Promised Land. They would need spiritual strength and guidance when they settled in their new homeland. It was important at this time that they should be reminded of their responsibility to God and to each other. Temptations, which they had never before encountered, would overwhelm them unless they were thoroughly indoctrinated with the law and the covenant.

Love was of primary importance—toward God and toward each other. The three areas of love are emphasized: with all thy heart, the emotions; with all thy soul, the spiritual life; with all thy might, the physical expression.

II. THE CALL TO TEACH. Exodus 6:6-9.

Before the parents are to attempt the process of teaching their offspring, there is one important requirement: "These words which I commanded thee this day shall be in thine heart." It is difficult to teach what you do not feel and believe and obey. Faith and works must go together.

Because the written word was at a

minimum, the memory had to be trained and developed. This was done by continually making the law a topic of conversation and all kinds of outward manifestations had to be employed in order to remember the commandments of God.

III. THE CALL TO FAITHFULNESS IN THE FUTURE. Exodus 6:10-17.

In the midst of all their earthly possessions it may be that God will be forgotten in the future. The material things may interfere with spiritual values. In the wilderness they were not used to prosperity. They had no homes, no property, no country. Paganism may also influence them. The gods of the Canaanites and other inhabitants appealed to the lusts of the flesh. Then is the time to lift up their hearts to Jehovah, the living God who brought them out of bondage.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Does simply learning the commandments and memorizing them make us stronger Christians?

2. Do the little gold crosses on our lapels and around our necks and the religious pictures on our walls help us to remember God?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 30, 1964

Theme: POSSESSING THE PROMISED LAND

Scripture: Joshua 1:10-11; 23:1-9; 24:14, 16

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: We as Christians can look forward to possession of a Promised Land because we possess the promised Savior.

INTRODUCTION: Not since the exodus from Egypt forty years earlier were the people in such a state of excitement and expectation. Their long delayed entrance into the Promised Land was being realized and, after the allotted thirty days of mourning for the death of Moses, the people were anxious to move.

Joshua already showed signs of generalship when he was put in charge of the battle against the Amalekites shortly after leaving Egypt. Now he and Caleb were the only two left of the original Hebrews over twenty years old who had left Egypt.

We sometimes wonder why God had to punish Moses by not permitting him to enter the Promised Land simply because he was disobedient in only one instance (Num. 20:10-12). Would not confession and forgiveness

have been enough to reestablish a right relationship with God so that Moses, who led the people through the first forty years, could have had the privilege of entering the Land of Promise?

I. PREPARATION FOR ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND. Joshua 1:10-11.

It was not an easy task to follow a great leader like Moses, and God gave Joshua every encouragement as we see in the first chapter of the Book of Joshua. He had to assume a great unfinished task, and this was especially difficult when a strong, competent leader like Moses passes from the scene. But he was able, with the help of God, to make adequate preparation before crossing over Jordan. It was a dramatic experience which gave Israel courage and strength for future conquests. The story of the walls of Jericho which came tumbling down is still one of the outstanding stories in the Bible.

II. SETTLEMENT IN THE PROMISED LAND. Joshua 23:1.

This was as far as they were able to go at this time. They had at least rest from their enemies temporarily so that they were able to settle all the tribes. It was not until many years later when David became king that many more enemies were driven out and the borders of their land were extended. But because they never fully subjugated all the people of Canaan, they proved to be a stumbling block. A few became followers of Jehovah, and at the time of Jesus we find that he chose one of them to be his disciple—Simon the Canaanite (Matt. 10:4).

III. DIRECTION FOR FURTHER CONQUEST OF THE PROMISED LAND. Joshua 23:2-9; 24:15, 16.

Joshua was 85 years old. For 25 years he led the Israelites from one conquest to another until he reached the age of 110 when he too passed on. Like Moses before him, he made a very inspiring farewell speech. The keynote of the message was faith and courage. Not necessarily courage in time of physical combat, but moral courage which demands even greater strength to stand up for the laws and principles of God. His outstanding point was an appeal for a great choice: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve!"

Questions for Discussion:

1. Do you believe that God per-
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● Rev. and Mrs. G. Ben Lawrence of Victoria, West Cameroon, Africa, have announced the birth of a son on June 7th who has been named Kees Edward. This is their fifth child. Mr. Lawrence is serving as one of our Cameroon missionaries.

● The First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana, has called Mr. William Neuman of Brookings, S. Dak., a 1963 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Sidney Church about Sept. 1, succeeding Rev. Arnold M. Friez.

● The German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, Ontario has called Rev. John Goetze of Milwaukee, Wis., as its pastor and will hold induction service for the new minister on Sunday, Aug. 23. Dr. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., will serve as guest speaker at the Hamilton Church on this Sunday. Mr. Goetze has succeeded Rev. John Wahl, now of Saskatoon, Sask.

● The Cypress Baptist Church of North Seattle, Wash., a Church Extension project, held its first Vacation Bible School from June 8 to 12 with a registration of more than 125. Rev. R. E. Grabke, Church Extension pastor, was exceedingly enthusiastic about the results of the school and he reports encouraging evidences of God's blessings on this new mission field and church.

● The Vacation Bible School of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, climaxed its two week work with a closing program on Sunday evening, June 14, attended by 163 children, parents, teachers and friends. Three young people accepted Christ during this year's Bible School which saw a total of 63 children enrolled. The Bible School staff of 15 was headed by the pastor, Rev. Melvin L. Warrentin.

● Rev. Leslie Zilkie of Winnipeg, Manitoba, formerly pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River, Manitoba, will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg on Aug. 21. He will be available as the pastor of an NAB church after Sept. 1. During the past year of his studies, Mr. Zilkie has often supplied the pulpit of the Grant Park Baptist Church of Winnipeg, of which he and his wife are members.

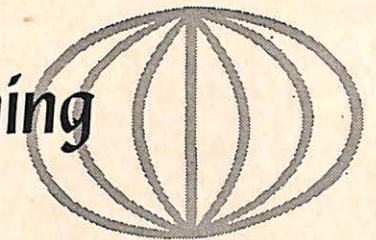
● The Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Ore., held special services in July prior to the General Conference sessions. On Thursday evening, July 2, Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroon missionary, brought a missionary message and showed Cameroon pictures. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman and their sons presented a program in the church on Thursday evening, July 9. On a Sunday morning in June, Rev. Clarence H. Walth, pastor, preached on "The Least Understood Christian Legacy—Peace."

● Rev. Peter Pfeifer of Fulton, Missouri, a former NAB pastor in Waco, Texas; Burlington, Iowa; Milwaukee, Wis.; and Erie, Pa., has been appointed as the Protestant Chaplain at the Hollidaysburg State Hospital located at Hollidaysburg, Pa., a town of 6700 population four miles south of Altoona, Pa., in the beautiful Pennsylvania mountains. He will begin his ministry there on Sept. 5 after com-

edifice is estimated at about \$40,000. The pastor, Rev. Gordon Huisinga, has stated that there are about 450 one family homes in the community "that will wrap themselves around the Parsippany church." At present the church is meeting in a school building for the small rental fee of \$16 a week.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., through its pastor, Rev.

what's happening



pleting his Clinical Pastoral Training on Aug. 31.

● The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, has announced that its pastor, Rev. L. B. Hinz, has presented his resignation to the church. He will continue to supply the pulpit of the church, even beyond the effective date of his resignation, until a successor has been secured. It is understood that Rev. L. B. Hinz will devote his entire time to the ministry of the chaplaincy in the Veterans Administration. He had served the Central Church of Waco since 1957.

● On Sunday evening, June 7, the three choirs of the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn., presented an unusual musical program under the direction of Mrs. Barrett Seeley, Director of Music. The Chapel Choir presented the play, "A Saturday Evening at the Parsonage," with 10 brief musical selections. The Angel Chorus sang three numbers and the Chancel Choir rendered four selections, closing with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Rev. Harold E. Weiss is the pastor.

● The Littleton Baptist Church of Parsippany, N. J., has begun work on a first educational unit that will include a chapel seating 200 persons, classrooms for Sunday school and a fellowship hall. The old building in which the congregation used to meet has been sold. The cost of the new

William H. Jeschke, welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Cameroon missionaries, and their son, Larry, into the church's membership on June 21. This was done "by long range" since the Goodmans are in Cameroon, Africa, at the present time. The presence of Dr. Kenneth Jones and Mrs. Myrtle Weeldreyer Schaub, former Cameroon missionaries, in the congregation added to the inspiration of this service. The Goodmans were formerly members of the Berean Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

● On July 4 Rev. Fred Trautner of Bismarck, N. Dak., passed away quite suddenly. He had faithfully served numerous churches in our Conference, especially in the Dakotas. The memorial service was held at the Bismarck Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 7. Rev. Allan Strohschein, pastor, prepared the memorial tribute which appears on page 23 of this issue. On June 30 Mrs. Bertha Mihm of River Forest, Ill., the widow of the late Rev. A. P. Mihm, general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union and the first editor of the "Baptist Herald" from 1922 to 1934, went home to be with the Lord. Mrs. Mihm was 91 years of age. The memorial tribute which was read at the service on July 2 also appears on page 23.

● The West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., convened an ordination council on June 25 to consider the ordination of Mr. George Arthur Black, a 1964 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary. Delegates from 11 sister churches and representatives of the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., heard the lucid and sincere statement of Mr. Black regarding his conversion, call to the min-
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Plans are being made for a complete and colorful report with many pictures of the General Conference in Sacramento, Calif., to appear on Sept. 10, 1964. Additional copies will be available for your friends.

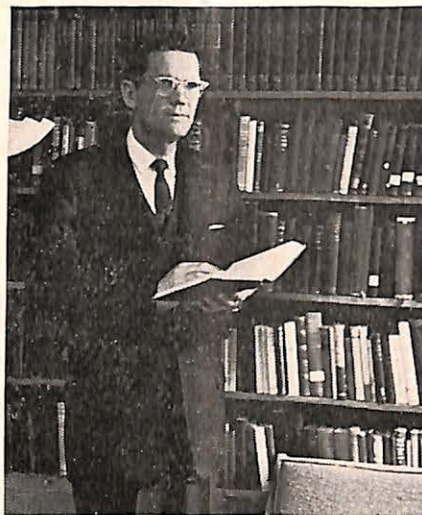
Centennial Celebration, St. Clair Shores

Report of the 100th Anniversary Services of the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Michigan

ON JUNE 23, Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., celebrated 100 years of service in the Detroit community. This historic occasion was highlighted by a banquet at the church with Dr. Charles W. Koller, past president of Northern Baptist Seminary, as speaker, and "The Singing Men" of the North American Baptist Seminary and our church choir providing the music.

"The love of Christ constrained him to tell others of Jesus—and God blessed his testimony." This sentence was written 50 years ago of Karl Bock, the first and founding member of Bethel. On June 23, 1864, F. J. Thoms, then a recent graduate of the seminary at Rochester, N. Y., was selected as pastor by a small group of nine believers. This group included Karl Bock and his wife who had recently migrated from Germany to Detroit. Their zeal led to the gathering of this group and the beginning of Bethel Church.

Bethel has relocated four times during its 100-year history in response to the need and growth of Detroit. The first church home was at Joseph Campau and Arndt, second at St. Aubin and Mullet, third at Mack and Iroquois, while the present location has been occupied for four years. The church has been active in foreign missions as well as the communities in which it has been located. In tracing the history of Bethel, it is interesting to note that four other area churches originated with groups from Bethel forming the nucleus of a new work.



REV. H. H. RIFFEL
pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, St. Clair Shores, Mich., in his study and library at the church.

These churches are now known as Grosse Pointe Baptist, Ebenezer Baptist, Linden Avenue Baptist and Colonial Baptist, Lansing.

Rev. Herman Riffel, in addition to being pastor, presently serves as president of the St. Clair Shores Ministerial Association and on the General Council of the North American Baptist Conference. Former pastors include Rev. Paul Wengel, now in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. Owen Miller of Riverside, Calif.; Dr. Lester Harnish, newly

elected president of the American Baptist Convention; and Rev. Stanley Sommerschild of Elmhurst, Ill.

Reports of Association Sessions

MANITOBA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AT MORRIS

The annual Manitoba Baptist Association meetings were held from June 12 to 14 with the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man. The Association had as its theme "Evangelism—Our Task," taken from II Tim. 4:5. The guest speakers: Dr. B. Schalm of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton; Rev. W. Sturhahn, District Secretary; and Rev. W. Rentz, missionary from Cameroon, shared their views on evangelism.

On Saturday evening, June 13, a special "Jubilee Service" was held marking the 60th anniversary of our Manitoba Association. Rev. D. Richter, pastor of the Grant Park Baptist Church in Winnipeg, wrote an excellent play portraying the early times of our Association. The young people of the Manitoba churches took the various rolls and made the past become alive again. On the Lord's Day our people met to study and worship together in Spirit and in truth.

The business meetings welcomed two new pastors to the Association, Rev. D. Richter and Mr. L. Wilkes. The delegates elected Rev. J. Wollenberg as moderator, Rev. B. Voss as vice-moderator, and Rev. H. A. Pohl as secretary-treasurer for this coming year. (L. Wilkes, Reporter).

SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION AT NOKOMIS

The annual session of the Saskatchewan Association was held at Nokomis, Sask. June 5 to 7, with representatives from 15 churches attending. The very timely theme, "Fishers of Men," was based on Mark 1:17. Our guest speakers were Dr. G. L. Borchert, professor at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, and Mr. Hisashi Murakami, Japanese student at the Seminary.

The business sessions were presided over by the moderator, Rev. E. Hohn. There was keen participation by all the delegates and this Association has gone down in the books as one of the most successful as far as capacity crowds and representation were concerned. The Association climaxed its session with a Songfest on Sunday afternoon under the leadership of Rev. W. Kerber.

The officers elected for the 1964-1965 year are: moderator, Rev. E. Hohn; vice-moderator, Rev. J. Neudorf; treasurer, Mr. Benno Bonney; secretary, Rev. P. Schroeder; Sunday school director, Rev. R. A. Kliever; music director, Rev. W. Kerber; youth director, Rev. W. Dickau. Officers were also elected in the mission and camp offices. (F. W. Pahl, Reporter).

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istry and doctrinal beliefs. Prof. Gerald L. Borchert of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought the ordination sermon on "The Nature of Discipleship." The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Peter Wiens of Avon, S. Dak. Prof. George A. Dunger delivered the charge to the candidate; Prof. Donald H. Madvig the charge to the church; Rev. Lorimer H. Potratz the welcome into the ministry; and Mr. Graydon Rohrer made the presentation of the ordination certificate. Rev. J. G. Benke of Madison, S. Dak., served as moderator of the council and as chairman of the ordination service. The Rev. George A. Black, an appointee to the Cameroon mission field, pronounced the benediction.

PRAY FOR JAPAN

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building and a large and beautifully constructed human image facing and pointing heavenward in search of peace. Nagasaki because of its mountainous and valleyed location at night with its colorfully lighted streets, is to me the most charming city I visited in Japan.

Now a few more words about the Japanese people. When thinking of the Japanese people, it reminds me of my boyhood days finding an ant house. Sometimes we used to give it a kick with our foot, and what a hurrying and scurrying about took place. So also are the active, lively and industrious Japanese people! But also among them is sin and our need is also their need, the Lord Jesus Christ. I have learned to love the Japanese people. So let us pray for them and send laborers to them! The need is great, and now is the time!

TEACHING MISSIONARY CHILDREN

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she replied: "It seems that I have grown up considering it." Thus God has been dealing with her for a long time.

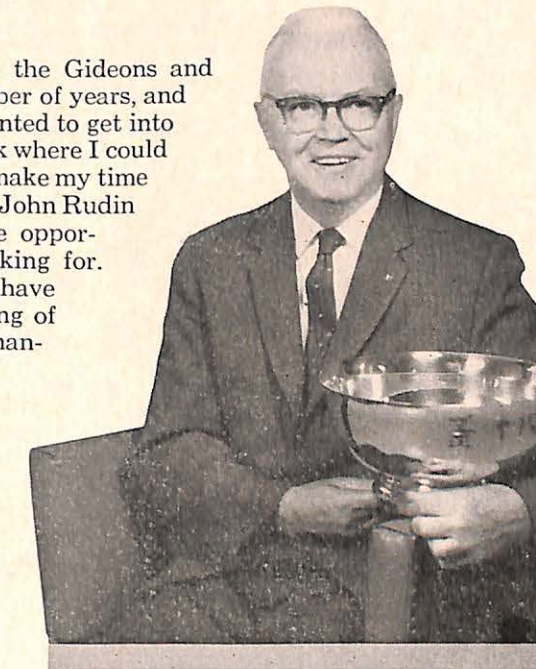
The challenge to her was for one year to fill the immediate need, and she responded with one year of service. In view of the situation as stated above, she volunteered for one year without salary. This time she desires to give wholly unto the Lord without material remuneration. The Board of Missions accepted this offer with deep gratitude and stated that in the event that the school budget should include salaries, that a small stipend be then given her toward living cost.

Plans have been made for Miss Bergatt to leave for Africa by Air France on August 16. May God richly bless her in her voluntary service and may she be richly rewarded with an inner peace and blessing for having done what she believes to be the will of God for her!

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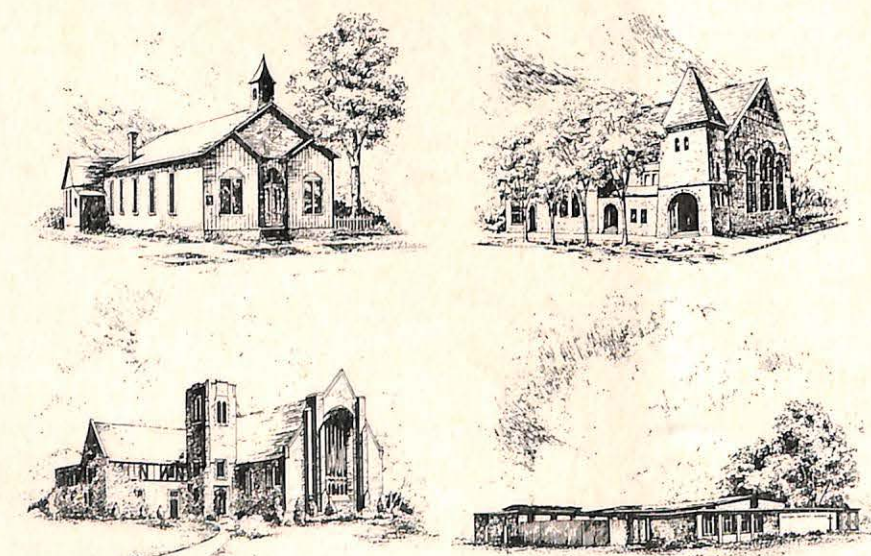
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BETHEL CHURCH DURING THE PAST CENTURY

Upper-left—1st location, St. Aubin and Mullet; Upper right—2nd location, Joseph Campau and Arndt; Lower left—3rd location, Mack and Iroquois; Lower right—present location, Little Mack in St. Clair Shores, Mich.

OUR denomination in action

special events

SIDNEY, MONTANA. The First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana has given a call to Mr. William Neuman of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. Mr. Neuman is a 1963 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary and will begin his ministry in Sidney on Sept. 1. Mr. Victor Gunst of Minneapolis, a student at Mankato State College, Mankato, Minn., is serving the church as interim pastor during the summer months. Rev. Robert Klempel, a son of the church, served as interim pastor during the months of April and May. A Mother and Daughter Banquet was held on Mother's Day with 47 mothers and daughters present. Recently the exterior of the church was repaired and painted by way of a special fund raised by the congregation. Special work nights were also assigned to brighten up the Sunday school facilities in the church basement. (Mrs. Earl Backhaus, Reporter).

ZION, EDMONTON, ALTA. On April 19th it was the privilege of the German Zion Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta to move into the new sanctuary which had been completed recently. A special program was presented by the four choirs of the church. From April 20 to May 3, we were blessed through the evangelistic services with Rev. Paul Goetze of Kitchener, Ontario. Thanks be to God for the many decisions for Christ. June 7th was another highlight of blessing for the members and friends of the church when 21 converts were baptized by the pastor, Rev. N. Laudon. Two others were received into the fellowship of the church at the communion service which followed immediately. (N. Laudon, Pastor).



Rev. N. W. Laudon, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta and 21 persons whom he baptized in the beautiful new sanctuary of the church.



Rev. and Mrs. James Hominuke of Saskatoon, Sask., at the ordination service for Mr. Hominuke held by the Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church.

HUDSON BAY PARK, SASKATOON, SASK. The Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church, Saskatoon, Sask., had the joyous occasion of ordaining one of its own members, Mr. James Hominuke, to the Gospel ministry. He is a graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill. He has earned an M.A. degree from Loyola, and B.Sc. in Ed. from Northwestern University. For 20 years he has carried on a religious radio broadcast for the Ukrainian people. Furthermore, he has been sending Christian literature to these people in various places and countries. He has been a faithful member of the Hudson Bay Park Baptist Church. The Ordination Council met in the afternoon in the church edifice and heard the conversion testimony, the call and preparation to the ministry, as well as the doctrinal statement of Mr. Hominuke. The ordination was held that same evening. Rev. W. Sturhahn presented the ordination sermon, basing his message on Jonah 1. We wish Rev. James Hominuke God's richest blessing to carry

on God's work among his own people as well as in his labors as one of the members of the Hudson Bay Park Church. (Arthur Kliever, Reporter).

CBY (youth) fellowship

ELK GROVE, CALIF. Young people of the N.A.B. First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., gathered with friends at Fullertown Swim Club in Sacramento for their annual Graduation Party. The recently graduated elementary students were initiated and will be taken into the group after they have met membership requirements. New officers are Richard Veit, president; Grace Rauser, first vice-president; Hans Stumpf, second vice-president; Beverly Ranger, secretary; Carolyn Ranger, treasurer; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ehnisz, advisors; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hepperle, co-advisors.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

GRAND FORKS, N. DAK. May 1st proved to be a highlight for the ladies of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., as 120 mothers and daughters gathered for the Mother and Daughter Banquet. The program on "Sugar 'N' Spice" was presented in pantomime scenes. Appropriate music was used for each scene. Mrs. Willis Potratz was at the piano with Shirley Were, Mrs. Martin Edinger and Mrs. Allen Montgomery as soloists. Mrs. Harold Nelson assisted on the violin, and Mrs. Fred Kranzler was the narrator. The toast to the daughters was given by Mrs. John Stroh and the toast to the mothers by her daughter, Jacqueline Stroh. The Woman's Mission Society held its annual tea on July 2 with 30 women in attendance. Mrs. Peter Fehr was our guest speaker and Mrs. Allen Montgomery the soloist. Mrs. Fehr spoke on the mission work in Cameroon, Africa. (Mrs. Charles Balogh, Reporter).

WOMEN'S SESSIONS, DAKOTA CONFERENCE. Friday, June 12, was "Ladies' Day" at the Dakota Conference. About 200 women attended the noon luncheon which was followed by the business meeting. Mrs. Henry Lang, Bismarck, N. Dak., the acting president, very ably presided. In keeping with the conference theme, Mrs. I. Fazer, Ashley, N. Dak., spoke on "Walk in Love" for the devotions. We were happy to welcome a new society, The King's Daughters, of our church in Bismarck, N. Dak., into the Union.

A new mission goal of \$2100 was adopted for the new year. At the evening program Miss Laura Reddig challenged her audience using the theme, "Walk in Obedience." Her life and

testimony are an inspiration to all who hear her. An offering of over \$300 was received which was designated for the Union project. (Mrs. Richard Grenz, Reporter).

evangelistic services & baptisms

SHEBOYGAN, WIS. Members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of 5 young people on Sunday morning, July 5, by Rev. A. J. Fischer, pastor. Those who accepted Christ as their Savior were Brenda Bartlett, Julie Ann Paul, Gary Thurston, Karen Wyatt and JoLynn Wyatt. After the baptismal service, they were welcomed into the membership of the church at the Communion Service. (Mrs. Jerome Grade, Church Clerk).

RANDOLPH, MINN. The Randolph Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., held a dedication service on Sunday night, June 17, for its new piano and new "North American Hymnals." The piano is a gift from the Arthur Miller family in memory of the late Arthur Miller. On Sunday evening, June 28, the pastor, Rev. Eleon L. Sandau, had the privilege of baptizing two young people, Norma Jean Guildner and the pastor's son, John. The church met in a joint service with the Riverview Baptist Church in West St. Paul, Minn., for this joyous occasion.

FOREST PARK, ILL. On Sunday evening, July 5, Rev. H. J. Freeman, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., had the pleasure of baptizing one young man on confession of his faith in Christ. The Forest Park Church is continuing to experience the blessing and movement of the Holy Spirit in its midst. During the months of May and June, Dr. Charles W. Koller, interim pastor, baptized a total of 15 candidates and received them into the fellowship of the church. (Erna Redlich, Reporter).

RAPID CITY, S. DAK. On Mother's Day afternoon, May 10, the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., held a baptismal service at the Bethel Baptist Church. Three candidates followed the Lord in baptism after giving their personal testimony. They are (left to right in picture): Mrs. William Ellerman, Lila Rhodes

and Mr. William Ellerman. Rev. W. D. Dachtler, pastor, led the impressive service. Our Vacation Bible School was held for one week starting June 1st. There was a total enrollment of 88. The Bible School program was brought on June 7 at a Sunday evening service. On Saturday there was a Sunday school picnic with all Bible School students invited.—(Mrs. Dale Saunders, Reporter).



On Mother's Day these three persons were baptized and received into the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak.

STEAMBOAT ROCK, IOWA. On Sunday evening, May 24, the Cedarloo Baptist Church of Cedar Falls, Iowa joined the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa in a joint baptismal service. The churches witnessed a most impressive service when three persons from the Cedarloo church were baptized by their pastor, Rev. Bernard Fritzke, and seven were baptized from the Steamboat church by their pastor, Rev. Elton Kirstein. Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of God's Volunteers, brought the messages of the

Several reports could not be published in this issue, due to lack of space. They will appear in the August 27 number.



Rev. Clarence Walth (right), pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon and 11 converts whom he recently baptized on confession of their faith.



Rev. Bernard Fritzke (left) pastor of the Cedarloo Baptist Church, Cedar Falls, Ia., and the three converts whom he baptized. On the right (back row) is Rev. Elton Kirstein with seven converts who were baptized in a joint baptismal service at the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

day, which also climaxed several days of blessing when the Senior Young People of the Steamboat Rock Church enjoyed a Bible School camp with Mr. Hoffman as the main speaker and Pastor Kirstein teaching the classes. (Gladys Schuneman, Reporter).

BETHANY, PORTLAND, ORE. A Vacation Bible School was held from June 15 to 26 at the Bethany Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. Grace Jenne was director over the many willing teachers and assistants. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur K. Schulz were in charge of the evening Teen-Time Bible Study. About 150 were enrolled and there were 14 conversions. Rev. A. Schulz had the privilege of baptizing 5 converts on Sunday, May 3, and 5 new members were received by letter on June 7. On Sunday, June 28, Mr. Schulz baptized 4 converts and on Sunday, July 5, the hand of fellowship was given to 7 new members. (Mrs. Evelyn Keehn, Reporter).

SALT CREEK, OREGON. At the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon, activities were enlivened by three events during June. Redd Harper, cowboy evangelist from Hollywood, appeared at a special community service on June 9, bringing his new film, "Peter Collins." He had also appeared here earlier while traveling with Irvin Draper, a representative of the Baptist Life Association of Buffalo, N. Y. This was also the week of our Vacation Bible School. Total enrollment reached 179, with 57 staff members. As a result of the school, eight conversions were made public. The following Sunday evening, June 21, baptismal services were held during which 11 persons were baptized by Rev. C. H. Walth, pastor. Those who were baptized are: Michael Buhler, Marvin Johnson, Richard May, Steven May, Michael Walth, Mark Wiensz, Ted Gruver, Evelyn Gruver, Katherine Kolb, Iona Atkins and Virginia Giesbrecht. (Mrs. Delbert Tilgner, Reporter).

Flavius Martin at Victoria, Africa

Report of his induction as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Victoria, Cameroon, by Miss Tina Schmidt, missionary

WAITING AT the Tiko Airport in Africa on Thursday, May 28th, were Flavius Martin's mother, relatives and friends from his home church and Mizpah Church. The women's choir sang their expression of welcome. At 4:30 p.m. friends gathered in the Ebenezer Church for a welcome service. The various organizations sang songs as well as the Baptist girls from Saker College. The acting Field Secretary, Rev. Ben Lawrence, spoke on behalf of the Mission. Ebenezer church presented him with a monetary gift. Then on Sunday the induction service of Flavius Martin as pastor of the Church was held.

In his sermon Flavius pointed out the fact that Alfred Saker who founded and named Victoria town over 100 years ago had also set up some laws for it. One was that Sunday was a day of rest and worship and another was that there should be no rum, gin or liquor consumed. Flavius challenged the congregation by asking how far the church had carried out these laws. Was it going forward or backward? He referred to Hebrews 10:38 to remind the congregation that God hates those who shrink back. He expressed confidence that God through Ebenezer Church would reach out beyond its immediate borders and send missionaries to other lands also.

University of the Seven Seas

Catalogues are available at the North American Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Academic catalogues of the *University of the Seven Seas*, a sea-going university offering full college curriculum on undergraduate and graduate levels, are available at North American Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society, 303 McIntyre Block, 416 Main Street, Winnipeg 2, Manitoba, Canada. The university has scheduled two around-the-world semesters for the 1964-65 school year.

The Fall semester sails aboard its floating campus, the MS SEVEN SEAS, from New York Oct. 19, 1964, giving approximately 500 students a chance to learn their way around the world. The Spring term is scheduled to leave San Diego Feb. 11, 1965.

Chartered by the State of California to issue transcripts and award degrees, the University has applied for accreditation to all major regional academic associations. Credits from the 1963 Fall semester are being accepted by many colleges and universities in

the United States and Canada. The curriculum for the Fall semester will emphasize Mediterranean and South East Asian studies.

The MS SEVEN SEAS, for which Holland-America Line is general agent, is especially equipped for its role as a floating university. It has a completely stocked library, classroom facilities, a gymnasium, complete air conditioning in most public areas, and laboratories, including an oceanography laboratory equipped with the most sophisticated scientific equipment. Besides actual classroom facilities, the 482-foot ship is equipped with swimming pools and other recreational facilities, darkrooms and projectors, and a hospital with full medical staff.

Additional information on the University is available from Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, North American Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society, 303 McIntyre Block, 416 Main Street, Winnipeg 2, Manitoba, Canada.

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

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in the power of his might.

Our missionary undertakings must make new advances. Difficulties and obstacles have always been in our way. Both Oncken and many of his men knew persecution and imprisonment for proclaiming the New Testament faith. Fleishmann faced many depressing and uncertain conditions. But their sufferings only proved to be a purifying power. When God is with us, there is nothing to fear. Therefore, that witness which is ours to bear must be carried forward at home and abroad.

We shall face the future with high hopes and devout determination as we present plans for a *Long Range Development Committee*. Under the Holy Spirit's guidance we cherish the hope of rendering much greater service to God in pressing forward the Conference's evangelical aims.

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The General Conference reports and pictures will be featured in the Sept. 10, 1964 issue of the "Baptist Herald."

Whether the United States, Germany or any other country should belong to Christ or not will not be decided by the United Nations, NATO or any international aid. The eternal destiny of this country does not depend upon a Supreme Court decision nor an act of Congress. That decision has already been made. God has given Christ total power over this and every nation. "All authority is given unto me in heaven and on earth," said Jesus. The important thing is whether we will acknowledge and serve our Lord in the purpose in which he has called us into his service.

GOD'S GUIDING HAND

The true church will always be invincible. It is the untrue church and individual that suffer defeat. We stand both at the bar of God and the gate of heaven as we hear Jesus again say: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." "The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Granting this, we shall know the experience of this promise: "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We have briefly scanned the past, reviewed the present and projected into the future. I trust that throughout these many years of our history you have seen God's hand guiding and directing every phase of our denominational life from its early beginning to the present time. Surely we can say, "REMEMBER THE YEARS OF THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MOST HIGH" who is and ever shall be "OUR EVERLASTING GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST, OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME."

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TWO SEMESTER SAILINGS:

Fall semester, New York, Oct. 19, 1964
Spring semester, San Diego, Feb. 11, 1965

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