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Citation to Dr. George A. Lang

presented to the former president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., at the 34th General Conference in Sacramento, California.

THE FACULTY and the Board of Trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary deem it an honor to recognize the significant contributions REV. GEORGE ADAM LANG, B.A., B.D., D.D.

has made to the Seminary as its President from the year 1944 to 1959 and as a Teacher from the year 1944 to the present, the year 1964, covering a span of fifteen and twenty years respectively.

The North American Baptist Seminary, under his capable direction, advanced from an undergraduate institution to a graduate school of higher education, evidenced in the appointment of an appropriately qualified faculty, in higher standards for student admission and academic policies, together with the granting of academically and professionally recognized degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Religious Education, and through his tireless and devoted work in achieving associate memberships in the American Association of Theological Schools and the American Association of Schools of Religious Education.

Dr. George A. Lang's administrative capacity was paired with teaching skill in fields of study essential for the Christian ministry, such as Practical Theology and Biblical subjects by which his students gained both functional knowledge of the Church and deeper insights into Scriptural truth.

The North American Baptist Seminary, as the official graduate theological school of the North American Baptist General Conference, hereby gratefully acknowledges his administrative and instructional ministries as well as his denominational contributions and prayerfully covets for him the joy of the Lord for his faithful servant.

By evidence of the facts stated and in witness of the foregoing, we have affixed our signatures and the Seal of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Presented at the 34th General Conference convened in Sacramento, California, July 14, in the year of our Lord 1964.

FRANK VENINGA,
President.

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CALIFORNIA'S BEAUTIFUL, SERENE GARDENS

The front cover picture shows the Oriental Garden Bridge at the Huntington Library grounds near Pasadena, Calif. This was one of many such Oriental Gardens and scenic places visited by North American Baptists after the General Conference sessions in Sacramento, Calif.

Hundreds of our people found relaxation and spiritual inspiration in the William Land Park and Capitol Grounds in Sacramento. Those on the tour and many others as well were thrilled to see the beauty of

Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, especially the Oriental Garden.

Yosemite National Park is like a garden of God, awe inspiring and uplifting. The grounds of the Forest Lawn Memorial Park spread out before one like an amazing garden. Anaheim is noted for its beautiful parks.

Our experiences become golden memories and treasured thoughts as we "think on those things" that God has enabled us to see and to know. May this be the afterglow of our 34th General Conference in Sacramento, Calif.!

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

NEW MISSION BOOKS. Our mission fields and opportunities in Japan are vividly described in the 127 page book, *OPENING DOORS IN JAPAN*. This volume of 9 chapters written by the missionaries, printed in Japan and featuring a unique Japanese front cover design by a Christian national costs only \$1.00. (Read the editorial in this issue). A revised edition of the mission book about our missionaries is now available. NOW WE ARE 88 tells the story of our latest appointees and of God's unfolding blessings upon our world-wide mission fields. This paper bound book of 68 pages costs only 75c.

MISSION VOLUNTEERS. The General Missionary Society supported by the General Council has inaugurated *God's Volunteers Program for Cameroon*. All young people who are university or college graduates with a minimum B.A. degree or an M.A. degree, if possible, can volunteer for a teaching ministry in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa for at least 21 months. All expenses will be paid plus \$100 for monthly living expenses. This self-support program will be initiated by September 1965, but several applicants are already being considered beginning with Sept. 1964. If interested, write to Dr. R. Schilke, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

NEW MISSION FIELDS. In this issue you will see the story of the reception of the Indian Church, called the Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church, on the Bull Reserve in Alberta that was received into the fellowship of North American Baptists by the Northern Conference. Plans are being made for our missionary entrance into South America into the Santa Catarina area of southern Brazil. Approval of this action has been given by the General Council with the program of new missionaries to be sent out and initiated in 1965-1966.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS. The names of the 1964-1965 members of God's Volunteers Teams No. I and II appear in this issue. As they begin their training period in September 1964 at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, we in our churches will want to pray for them and undergird their work and witness with our gifts. Of the 35 young people who volunteered, only 12 could be appointed because of the limited available funds. Your gifts are needed of the Lord!

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Reports, Pictures, Statistics
and Human Interest Accounts

Editorial

Opening Doors In Japan

You will be delighted and amazed by the missionary book, *OPENING DOORS IN JAPAN*, about our North American Baptist mission and missionaries in "The Land of the Rising Sun." This book of 128 pages is now available for \$1.00 or less (70c per copy when orders total 10 copies or more), so that it is easily within reach of every North American Baptist family. But its message and challenge will ring in your heart like freedom bells, and the book will be prized by you as one of the most interesting mission books in your library.

You will be attracted by the unique Japanese "touch" of this book. It looks and feels different from the common run of books in America as you will see in the Japanese cover design prepared by Mr. Takahira Kitada, a student at the Osaka Biblical Seminary. The book was printed by the Word of Life Press in Tokyo so that the paper and type give evidence of the Japanese imprint. It was written and prepared by our Japanese missionaries who felt strongly that the book should be the product of the Japan Mission Field.

You will be surprised at the storehouse of information about Japan to be found within the pages of this book. How much we Americans need to learn about Japan, its history and people, its religions and culture, in order to be intelligently informed concerning the Orient! Did you know that, as early as 1492, when America was discovered, Japan was already a strong group of feudal states with a long history of civil wars and ruling war lords? Did you know that Tokyo is the largest city in the world? Did you know that the Japanese language is not written with an alphabet but with a syllabary of 92 characters? These are a few of the myriad of fascinating facts about Japan, about these islands thought to be a special creation of the gods, and about these people with the highest literacy in the world!

But "Opening Doors in Japan" will be an even more interesting book to you because of its lucid presentation of our mission fields in Japan and of the scope of the task entrusted to us. In less than 15 years, our mission has grown to 5 fields, 12 missionaries, 5 national workers, and a cooperative seminary training program. The eight missionary pictures in the book, the full page map, the accounts of missionaries' joys and difficulties, and the story of the witness for Christ by each of our churches and fields will be your open gateway to a better understanding of this work of ours.

The entire book, but especially the closing chapter, will open your eyes to a new vision of God's open doors for us in Japan. You will feel the throbbing concern of our missionaries: "When doors are open, let us ADVANCE!" You will keenly feel the needs of the field today for more literature, radio programs, better training for the Christian nationals. You will share with the missionaries this responsibility to evangelize the Japanese and to strengthen the national churches.

This book, introduced at the General Conference in Sacramento, is now available from the Roger Williams Press. Get it now and read it with haste. It will be a fascinating and profitable reading adventure for you.

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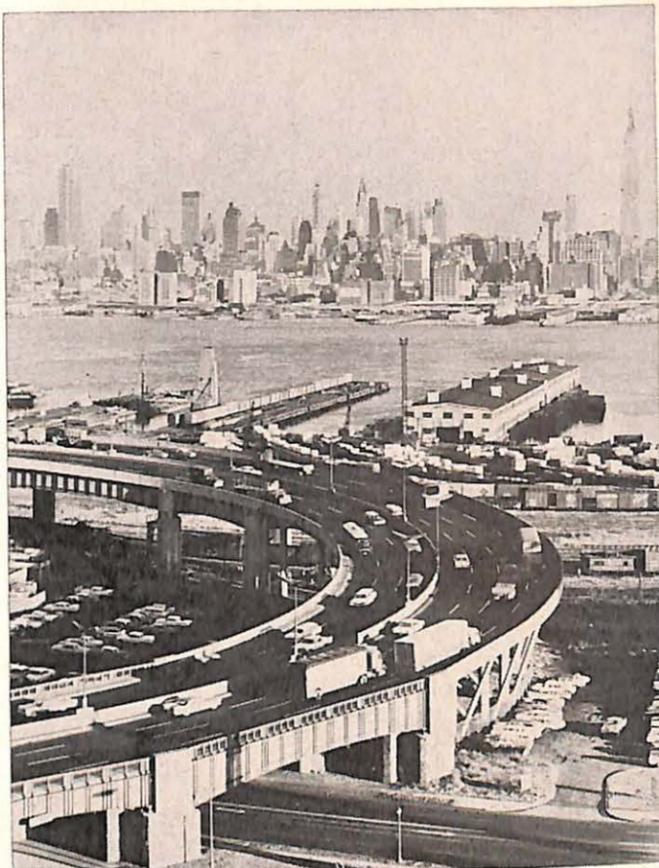
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The Divine Presence and the Gathered Church

The Presence of God is where the soul comes to rest. It is there that the divine fountains of life heal the people.

By Dr. John W. Bradbury,

Bible teacher and former editor of "The Watchman-Examiner," in one of his messages at the General Conference in Sacramento, Calif.



Wherever we go in our crowded cities and centers, and no matter how strangely people act, there is this yearning everywhere—this longing for God. (Photo by Eastern Photo Service).

THE GREATEST tragedy in the history of the human spirit is the agony it suffers through having lost God. It is described by poets as the cry of a child in the night. Dramatists have exploited it as the reason of excessive sinfulness. In religion, it is the reason for idolatry. The Apostle Paul reminds the Galatian Christians how "when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods" (Gal. 4:6). And when he would contrast the Ephesian Christians' pre-conversion state with their new life in Christ, he says:

"That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and living without God in the world."

There is no greater loss in this world than to be without God. What we call the natural religions of the world are but mystical systems in search of God.

LONGING FOR GOD

Many years ago, I heard Fred B. Smith, a YMCA evangelist of that time, relate that, when he was in China, he came across an Indian fakir, a so-called "holy man," who had crawled on his hands and knees thousands of miles in his soul's search for God. The man appeared to be muttering something. Smith got down to hear what he was saying. Through an interpreter he

asked the man what he was seeking. Lifting his head, the seeker cried out, "Nirvana, Nirvana," the dwelling place of God.

This sense of need can be observed anywhere. Seekers are to be found all over the world.

I have knelt beside the Italian and heard him cry "Meo Dio!" I have knelt beside the German and heard him say "Mein Gott!" I have knelt beside the Frenchman and heard him cry "Mon Dieu!" And is it not common among English-speaking people to utter in their distress the plea, "My God!" Wherever we go and no matter how strangely people live, there is this yearning—sometimes articulate, but mostly silent and confused—this longing for God. When disaster or death, sorrow or shame strike at the human heart, in its brokenness, it will cry out to God.

Therefore, we can understand the constantly affirmed promise of God that he will be with us in response to our faith in him. The example is set before us in Moses. He was called out of his desert retirement into public leadership in Egypt. He was settled down, as we say. He did not like the idea of God coming to him, stirring him up. He protested his inabilities.

God gave the answer to them all when he said, "Certainly, I will be with thee" (Exodus 3:12). God said again, later, that he would be with his mouth when he spoke, and with his hands

when he ministered, with his rod when it was brought into action.

Out of it all Moses wrote his song which carried the refrain:

"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

It became the theme for all Israel, at all times, and in all generations. This aspiration and realization was written into their great hymnody, *The Psalms*. That has made these psalms so precious to all New Testament believers, for when they have the New Testament, they insist upon including the Psalms from the Old Testament.

THE 84th PSALM

For this reason, we fix our attention upon the 84th Psalm. It is the song of the weary pilgrim. He has learned that God, in Person, once dwelt in a Shekinah Glory, above the Mercy Seat, in the temple. It had been the apex of Israel's glory. It made the children of Israel the object of envy in all the world.

True, they had been scattered in a great exile. But though generations might lapse, they could not forget the glory of God's Presence. They wished to see it again. Thus, countless thousands, on foot, or riding in camel caravans, made the pilgrimage to the beloved city. Jerusalem might be in ruins, trodden under foot by aliens. But not

even that could kill the memory of the Presence, the Shekinah Glory.

To this day it lingers in Juda's soul. It is reported that, when the Jews were driven to killers' ovens in the late war, they went chanting, "Messiah! Messiah! Messiah!" The glory has not been forgotten.

It remains, my dear friends, for us to see this secret of Divine Revelation. Its purpose is to bring us to God. The aim and end of the Bible is that we shall come to God, to be possessed by God, to dwell in his Presence for evermore. We shall see it in two aspects:

I. First, WHAT DOES GOD INTEND US TO UNDERSTAND BY THE PRESENCE.

II. Second, WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE IN THE GATHERED CHURCH.

I. First, then, man's lostness means that he has lost God. The struggles of millenniums consist in men seeking God by alien means, while God is seeking men in revealing himself through redemption.

REJECTIONS OF MEN

Men never tire of trespassing upon the holy will of God by seeking to determine for themselves how they may come to him. These despise the *Lamb of God* idea. They reject the cross as so much foolishness. They refuse the resurrection unto eternal life for apparently no other reason than that they fail to understand it. Therefore, they achieve religions without the Presence of God. They have religious forms, magic and philosophies. But the one thing they never obtain is the Presence. They seek a form of godliness but, by the way they do it, they deny the power thereof.

In reality it is the Presence of God that is the most misunderstood part of it all. Many religious services or exercises are held without this revelation.

Theologians, philosophers, preachers, teachers, historians and ecclesiastics may miss the glory of this truth while trying to rationalize an approach to it. They should remember that they have much more to do than to confuse God's Christian pilgrims. Thank God, some do! But much of our present-day Christian confusion is due to a refusal to accept revelation from God.

It was a similar condition which called for Soren Kierkegaard in the last century. He stripped off the cultural veneer which hid the soul and also which prevented it from reaching God. In an agony of research, Kierkegaard pleaded for man's soul in naked confrontation with God.

THE MOMENT BEFORE GOD

In his book, *The Moment Before God*, Martin J. Heineken struggles to achieve Christian realism when he writes:

"There is no simple God idea in the Bible. There is only the picture of this . . . in his dealing with men."

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Never at any time does anyone discern that it is God acting except the one who discerns it inwardly through an inner transformation of his entire being. One man sees only the shining of the sun, the other drops to his knees before the God to whom he owes all life and light. One man actually worships the sun itself; the other sees even the sun as but the creature of him who is the source of all light and life itself. One man sees only a bush diffused with the red rays of the setting desert sun; the other sees the presence of a God who is not afar away . . . mindful of the captivity of his people and both willing and able to deliver them. One man sees a carpenter from Nazareth, whose mother and brothers were familiar to all . . . the other sees "Immanuel," the Dayspring from on high come to visit men in their darkness."
(*The Moment Before God*, M. J. Heineken, P. 68.)

This is the emphasis we, as New Testament believers called Baptists, have made the *essence* of our witness. We believe in the Presence of Christ in the human heart as God, revealed by God, the Spirit. We understand the pilgrim's song. The 84th Psalm sings a language we comprehend: "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!" A tabernacle is a dwelling place. The pilgrim is saying, "Tell me where God is, for that is where my heart says I ought to be." The courts of the Lord are heaven's mansions. Heaven and earth are joined together in the pilgrim's aspiration. Life on earth is happier when this is true.

It is such a man who is blessed. There are highways in his heart. They all lead his soul to God. The way is often weary. The desert saps his strength. But his joy is refreshed all along the way. The parched ground of Baca becomes a well. Where he goes, the rains nourish and refresh the thorn-cursed ground. His prayers rise to God of the Hosts. Beneath his canopy, the blazing sun can never scorch him. He endures all. Why? Because, sings the pilgrim, "A day in thy courts is better than a thousand." The Presence of God is where the soul comes to rest. It is there that the fountains of life heal the people.

AN INCOMPLETED SALVATION

Now we may say that the best of all Christian groups or denominations believe this. Would to God that were true. The liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church embodies the Presence in a wafer, transubstantiated into the Body of Christ, which rests upon an altar and which never takes away sins, but is a constant reminder that there is no final absolution. The worshipper is thus led to face a God who does not enter his heart. He confronts a form of the Holy One, who is external to himself. And he lives in fear of the judgment that hangs over his sins. Sacerdotalism creates religious fear.

What gave the Baptist movement new life in Reformation times was that

some of the Reformation church bodies revealed a like failure to remove all obstacles in the way of souls that seek God. By liturgical forms and priestly controls, the spiritual was not fully revealed. It was in reality obscured. Emphasis was placed on liturgical forms. They left salvation incomplete. It was supposed that the Presence of God came with the forms. They did not lift the believer into the priesthood of God. Neither was the worshipper conscious that salvation was fully achieved. An incomplete salvation leaves the sinner in danger of the second death.

While many believers have broken through these liturgical barriers, the religious systems remained intact. Reform bodies have been formed in revolt against these systems. Individuals like Kierkegaard wrote their charges against religious forms which failed to bring the people to God. The struggle has continued over centuries of time. Today the challenge can be leveled against many churches as to whether they really bring people to God in a completed salvation.

Nor are our Baptist churches immune. How many of them fail to give the people the confrontation of God in the finished work of Christ? Where do we need revival, if it is not just here? Is it not right to ask, "Is thy God with thee?" We may be as religious as John Wesley before his enduement by the Spirit of God. The Moravian brother who confronted him asked, "John Wesley, hast thee Christ in thine heart?" Wesley was peeved at the question, but it unsettled him that he had no answer to it.

In the little meeting house in Aldersgate Street, London, Christ came to him. It was then, like Isaiah the prophet, as though he had seen God. His life answered, "Here am I, send me." Thus Methodism's revolt against formality in the Anglican church began.

Form is the enemy of grace when grace is smothered by form. A statue is a wonderful work of art, but it has no life. It is life we Christians are concerned with—eternal, holy, glorious life!

THE GATHERED CHURCH

II. We are now ready to ask ourselves: WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE IN THE GATHERED CHURCH?

We began with the Israelitish pilgrim of the Dispersion remembering Zion, the Shekinah Glory overshadowing the Mercy Seat, the courts of the Lord, the golden altar which was before God.

It is the revelation that God by his Spirit through the Redeemer will make the earthly bodies of believers his Temple. In *them* he will reveal the Shekinah Glory. His altar is in their hearts. His mercy is the peace of soul he bestows.

A flood of Scriptural documentation supports all of this. The new temple of God is the gathered Church. We must not make the mistake that so

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Sounds of the Cameroons

In Cameroon, Africa the missionary often hears sounds that are unique, sounds that are full of meaning, sounds that can stir your heart to prayer for the Cameroon people and to praise of God.

By Missionaries Harold F. and Marjorie Lang, Great Soppo, Cameroon

HERE in Africa we have found that days fly by just as quickly as they did back in America. We are just completing our eighth month in the Cameroons. The time has gone by quickly, and as the days pass we feel less bewildered and increasingly a part of the work here.

Impressions of this land are many, but none are more vivid in our minds than the "sounds of the Cameroons." Many of the sounds we hear are familiar sounds—car motors straining to climb the hilly main road, crickets chirping their melody in the night air, roosters crowing their welcome to a new day. But there are other sounds—sounds that are unique, sounds full of meaning. I would like to take time to describe three such sounds.

SOUND OF DRUMS

Almost two months ago, drifting up from the village a half mile below us, came the first of these sounds: the sound of drums. For over a month it continued, regularly each night like clockwork. The drums beat out their message for the world. "The village chief had died!" And each night as I

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM FOR CAMEROON

See "Mission News" on page 2 of this issue for more information. Dr. R. Schilke is preparing an article with more detailed information.

heard the sound of the drums, I thought of our visit to the village the night after he had died and of the burial the following day. As we entered the village that night, it was alive with people and movement—drumming, dancing, drinking.

That night I realized the grip which paganism and spirit worship had on many of the people. All night long it continued. The next day, at the funeral, we saw the men of the village portraying a mock battle representing the good and evil spirits fighting over the soul of the dead man. We saw men dancing about a tethered goat with drawn cutlasses. Then there was the quick slash of a cutlass, and the head of the goat was severed in sacrifice. But it was not cleanly severed by the first blow. Then what frenzied anger there was as the goat was slashed into a hundred pieces! It was a bad sign—

the head had not been severed cleanly. Another goat must be found, led about the body of the dead man, and sacrificed for him.

The drums at night remind us of people walking in darkness, needing the light of Christ.

SOUND OF CIVILIZATION

A second sound, quite different, has also made its mark. It is a new sound here, a sound of "civilization." It is the sound of a loud speaker mounted on a car, crusing slowly up and down the main road. The announcement goes like this: "Be sure to buy your lottery tickets today. You may win much money. Buy your tickets for the National Lottery. You may be the lucky winner." Those who earn so little, who live in so much poverty, are enticed to gamble away the little they have for a chance to "strike it rich." The desire for quick and easy money, this is one of the results of a continent becoming "civilized." We of America and the western world have bequeathed this to them. It is a paganism just as truly as the first sound, "Civilized Paganism."

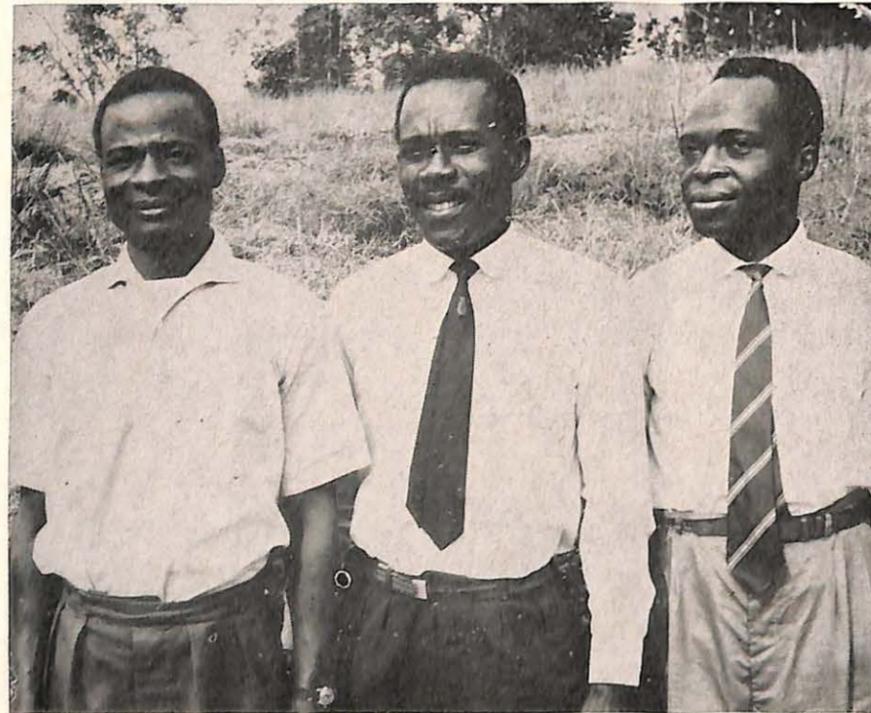
SOUND OF MUSIC

But there is still a third sound far different from the others mentioned. It is a thrilling sound, a magnificent sound, a soul-stirring sound. It is the sound of singing, a mighty choir of over 240 students of our Baptist Teachers Training College. On our first night in Africa, we heard it at the Student Sunday Evening Service, and it made us know even then that here we would feel at home.

How I wish you could hear this sound! There are no instruments,—just the solid, harmonious, exuberant sound of voices bringing honor to our Lord and Savior. "Praise the Saviour, ye who know him; who can tell how much we owe him?" As we hear these mighty hymns being sung, we see the challenge.

Only through the lives of devoted Christian young people, singing from the hearts as well as the lips, can the other sounds be changed. What a responsibility—the spiritual and educational training of 242 young men and women, men and women in whose hands rests much of the future of this nation! Please pray with us for these and all the young people who attend our various Christian schools in West Cameroon.

"Jesus" is the name that charms us; He for conflicts fits and arms us; Nothing moves and nothing harms us, When we trust in him."



MEMBERS OF THE CAMEROONS FIELD COUNCIL

These three Christian nationals represent the Cameroon Baptist Convention on the Cameroon Field Council along with the NAB missionaries.

Left to right: Pastor John Nfor, executive secretary of Cameroon Baptist Convention; Mr. Martin Ikome, treasurer of Cameroon Baptist Convention; and Pastor Stephen Nteff, president of the Cameroon Baptist Convention (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

Pastor Philip at Work

The story of Philip Nshing in Cameroon, Africa with "a strong heart" and a zeal for Christ, his Lord, to plant new bush churches and win converts for Christ.

By Miss Laura E. Reddig, Missionary

THERE ARE still villages which have no churches." This fact spurs Pastor Philip Nshing on and on, as he takes Christ's great commission as God's marching orders for himself. His field is Wum Division, with headquarters at our mission station at Belo. From there he has trekked over dusty roads, through swollen rivers, through heat and driving rain.

Philip tries to plan ahead, and quietly visits different villages to determine the interest of even a few to hear the good news of Jesus. Outdoor services are gradually moved indoors when someone wants to link himself definitely with the "new church" which is beginning in that village. Village visits can be extremely exhilarating or rather depressing. But Pastor Philip has a strong heart, and doesn't mind waiting. Usually the one left in charge of services in a new village will be the nearest Baptist Church teacher. Possibly twice a week he will follow up Pastor Philip's entry into a village, and conduct services and teach.

PLANTING NEW CHURCHES

There is definite opposition from villagers where a Roman Catholic Church is already located, though these people feel free to enter any other village where there may be a Baptist church. At times Pastor Philip will be told bluntly that he is not wanted in that village. Time and patience usually help open the doors for Philip at another time. Faithfully he continues to plant the seed.

What blessings God is pouring out on these plantings! In 1962 the new churches of Bafameng and Obang and Mbokong were organized. They were tiny bush churches to begin with, but already some of the people are putting up sun dried brick houses of worship. In 1963 Philip was able to get little groups of interested people in the villages of Wih, Buh and Weh to gather for services.

At the annual Belo Field Bible Conference at the end of 1963, one of these little churches brought 1000 francs (about \$4.00). Though these last three churches are not yet organized or recognized by the Belo Field Association, there were 42 converts baptized from these new groups during 1963. Philip can tell many interesting tales about the keen interest shown by some at the baptismal services.

PRAY FOR PHILIP

The need for trained church teachers for these new churches is great. These new converts must be trained

Christian maturity. Pastor Philip believes several more churches will be opened this year. Will you support this faithful travelling pastor on his missionary journeyings?

Will you pray much that God will continue to give Philip a "strong heart" and strong legs as he continues his travels to make Christ known in Wum Division? Will you do everything possible to help in our own Baptist Bible Training Center at Ndu where young Cameroonian men and their wives are trained? Will you support a student there who may some day take and "fed" that they may grow to full

Pidgin English Translation of Mark

The story of Pastor Nyanganji of Cameroon, Africa who has translated the Gospel of Mark into Pidgin English for The International Bible Society for a printing of 20,000 copies.

By Pastor Nyanganji and Submitted by Rev. Ben Lawrence, Acting Field Secretary

ABOUT ten years ago when I was young in the Gospel Ministry, a thought flashed through my mind thus: the preaching of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is carried on in all of our Baptist churches (in the then Southern Cameroons) in Pidgin English. Why can't you begin secretly translating the Bible beginning with Genesis into Pidgin English? The answer was that if I did, Great Britain would accuse me of tampering with her "mother's tongue." Thereupon, I gave up.

Ten years later, in January 1964, letters came to me from the Cameroon Baptist Convention and Cameroon Baptist Mission offices thus: "A PIDGIN TRANSLATOR NEEDED." The thought of ten years ago came back to me. I said within me: Now we have Cameroon, no more British Cameroon, and the commonest spoken language in the Cameroon is Pidgin English, ("Cameroon Times" of 11th April, 1964 supports it). This was a shock to me. I was convinced that the Lord had called me to do the work.

After prayer and consultation with my church (Mbem Baptist), I moved to Bamenda (C.B.C./C.B.M.) Headquarters. On the 17th of February 1964, I started work on the translation of the Book of Mark. At first, I took the work to be too simple. I took three weeks to finish the whole translation. In reading over it, I found out that what I had translated was nothing.

GOSPEL OF MARK

In sending the manuscript by Pastor Nyanganji for the "Baptist Herald," Rev. Ben Lawrence, Acting Field Secretary, added these words:

I quote from a letter just received from the representative of the Bible Society. "The Gospel of Mark in Pidgin English will be published by the Netherlands Bible Society in at least 20,000 copies, large type printing with illustrations, preferably with red edges. There will be no subtitles and references to quotations between the brackets in text."

Pastor Philip's place when he lays down his mantle?

God has blessings and joys in store for you as your eyes and heart go across the ocean to share in the labors of someone like Philip. Don't fail your God!

With the checking of Rev. Ben Lawrence (Missionary Pioneer of the translation), Mr. Jan Voorhoeve (An international linguist residing in the East Cameroon), the reading of many books, the help of many friends, and, above all the Holy Spirit, the draft of the first chapter was produced. Copies of the first draft were distributed all over West Cameroon to Baptist missionaries, pastors, some personnel people, and it was also flashed over the "Cameroon Times." Comments and criticisms were welcomed. Since then, comments and criticisms have been coming in.

While my own life has been blessed and full of overwhelming joy, nevertheless, I have found difficult times in the translation. Many times, I translated a chapter up to six times, and not less than four times. Sometimes, I spent a whole day to translate two or three verses only.

Having been separated from my family, church, and home land, as the Apostle Paul in Arabia and John in Patmos, for four months, the work is now done. There have been constructive and destructive criticisms. Nevertheless, like Nehemiah rebuilding the Jerusalem walls, the translation has continued. It goes into print, and as it makes its journey into the world, it is our prayer that it may win many a soul for Christ, for "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise" (I Cor. 1:27).

God's Volunteers for 1964 - 1965

Twelve young people of our churches have received their appointment to serve as God's Volunteers for the year 1964-1965.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS with their youthful enthusiasm and evangelistic fervor have stormed the citadel of heaven and opened many windows of blessing for our North American Baptist churches. During the past ten years 72 dedicated young people from our churches have served their Lord and Savior for almost an entire year without salary to make the Gospel of Christ known to others. They have canvassed communities, rung tens of thousands of doorbells, spoken to thousands of people about their salvation, sung their way into the hearts of people and shown our churches the importance and technique of soul winning.

2,185 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

The record of their ministry as God's Volunteers over the ten year period is imposing. Almost 54,000 personal contacts for Christ were made. They visited 192 churches. The number of decisions that were registered for Christ totalled 2,185. Try to evaluate these statistics in the light of eternity! In addition, 4,783 church or Sunday school prospects were contacted.

The director, Rev. Walter Hoffman, underscored the importance of this evangelistic ministry in his annual report. "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. These are words that speak the truth as I look back on another year of witnessing for Christ as director of God's Volunteers. I have traveled about 20,500 miles, serving in 30 different churches and affiliated institutions. God has seen fit to use and to honor his Word. It's been a year of blessing and challenge."

The quickening response by our young people has been heartening. Something is happening to these promising young people of our churches who are responding to the call for God's Volunteers in ever larger numbers. Thirty-five young people said to their Lord a few months ago: "Here am I; send me; use me!" It was discouraging for the denominational committee to answer in your behalf that only 12 out of this group of 35 could be appointed because of the limited funds and facilities now available.

But we are moving forward in enlarging our vision and program for God's Volunteers. You can also assist by becoming a God's Volunteer Prayer Partner, by making your gift of \$5 or more to this ministry, or by writing to Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of evangelism, and asking him what you can do in some special way. A second di-

rector of God's Volunteers has been appointed, and Rev. E. W. Klatt of Edmonton, Alberta, will begin his ministry on Sept. 1, 1964. A third team is under serious consideration for the year 1965-1966.

TWELVE TEAM MEMBERS

The following twelve young people have received their appointment to serve as God's Volunteers for the year 1964-1965:

- Janice Bertsch—Ashley Baptist, Ashley, N. Dak.
- Ruby Buxa—Crestview Baptist, Minot, N. Dak.
- Kathy Crilly—First Baptist, Minot, N. Dak.
- Carol Koch—New Leipzig Baptist, New Leipzig, N. Dak.
- Janet Krause—First Baptist, Watertown, Wis.
- Alice Roorck—Trinity Baptist, Portland, Ore.
- Sandra Scheffler—Creston Baptist, Creston, Nebr.
- Anita Schlehner—Strassburg Baptist, Marion, Kansas.
- Ron Norman—First Baptist, Watertown, Wis.
- Allen Watson—Salt Creek Baptist, Dallas, Ore.
- Robert Wilcke—Dayton's Bluff Baptist, St. Paul, Minn.
- Larry Ohlhauser—Carbon Baptist, Carbon, Alberta.

The training program, beginning with Sept. 8, 1964 and continuing through the rest of the month, will be



REV. WALTER HOFFMAN
director of God's Volunteers in the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Illinois (Photo by Herman Siemund).

conducted at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. In addition to professors from the North American Baptist Seminary and CTI, the teaching staff will also consist of Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of evangelism; Rev. John Binder, youth director in the Department of Christian Education; and the two directors of God's Volunteers, Rev. Walter Hoffman and Rev. E. W. Klatt.

It has also been gratifying to learn that about 50 churches have requested the services of God's Volunteers for the 1964-1965 season. The schedule has now been set up for the busy season ahead of these young people.

These young people with their dynamic testimony as to what Christ has done for them and with their evangelistic zeal are setting many hearts on fire for the Lord. A greater spiritual warmth has come into the churches which they have visited. Young people who have been contacted have caught a new vision how their lives might count more meaningfully for Christ. May this ever widening circle of transforming influence by them also touch your life! Pray for these young people and follow their ministry across the land of America in forthcoming issues of the "Baptist Herald."

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C B Y F REPORT

EASTERN CONFERENCE YOUTH RALLY. The Eastern Conference Youth Rally was held at the NAB Camp at Round Lake Ontario from June 26 to 28. Young people from Rochester, Neustadt, Killaloe and Arnprior attended this rally. Miss Jean Berndt of Rochester, N. Y., a member of God's Volunteers team, presented the inspiring message on "Personal Witness" which was followed by discussion. Two films were shown, "Teenage Challenge" and "Teenage Loyalty." Mr. Jim Hennebury of Ottawa, Ontario, one of the counselors closed the services with a challenging message on Sunday morning. The new officers for the coming year are: president, Jean Berndt; vice-president, Marvin Mashner; secretary, Doris Kaiser; treasurer, Klaus Hohensee; and advisor, Rev. Eldon Janzen. (Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter).

Church Extension in Parsippany, N.J.

The Littleton Baptist Church of Parsippany, N. J., needs the help of Church Extension Builders in September 1964 to build its \$40,000 Fellowship Hall and to reach their growing community of 40,000 people for Jesus Christ.

By Rev. Gordon C. Huisinga, Church Extension Pastor of Parsippany, New Jersey

"THERE IS AN excellent opportunity for a Church Extension project in Parsippany, New Jersey." These were the words of Rev. Frank Kolk at the 1963 Atlantic Conference sessions, which began a series of events which led to the establishment of such a work in Parsippany, New Jersey.

In the fall of 1963 the Church Extension Committee called Dr. W. J. Appel to come to the Littleton Baptist Church of Parsippany, N. J., to conduct a survey of the community and to make further recommendations to the Church Extension Committee. It was recommended that a call be given to Rev. Gordon Huisinga to serve as Church Extension pastor of the Littleton Baptist Church. Pastor Huisinga accepted the call and began his ministry at the Littleton Church in December, 1963.

COMMUNITY SURVEYS

During the three months that Dr. Appel was on the field, the church moved its morning services from the small and inadequate chapel to the Littleton Public School. The church membership increased from ten to twenty-seven during the past six months. Nine were added by baptism in May 1964. Several surveys of the community have been made and continual follow-up visitation has resulted in the increase of church attendance from 35 in September 1963 to 55 in June 1964.

The church is in the process of selling the small chapel which has served as a meeting place for the local farm families in the past. Within the last five years the entire area of Parsippany has changed from a dairy farming community to a residential community. It is expected that Parsippany Township will double its present population of 40,000 in the next five years. New housing developments are being built rapidly. The Littleton Baptist Church has purchased a building site of 3¼ acres in the center of a new 450 home development. Thirty of these homes will be occupied in September 1964.

\$40,000 FELLOWSHIP HALL

The architect's plan for the first unit of the new church building has been approved by the Church Extension Committee. The first unit, a \$40,000 Fellowship Hall, will serve as the church school, worship sanctuary and fellowship hall until the educational units and the sanctuary can be built.

The Littleton Baptist Church was received into the fellowship of the Atlan-

tic Conference during the 1964 Atlantic Conference sessions in the month of April. The fellowship of the pastors and members of the Atlantic Conference churches has been greatly appreciated by the Littleton Baptist Church. Recently a five day Vacation Bible

Story of Stewardship

By Rev. David J. Draewell,
Secretary of Stewardship
and Higher Education

WOULDNT it be wonderful if churches could function without money? We would not have to speak about giving, preach about giving, or teach giving. We would not have to interrupt our worship services with offerings. It would be wonderful . . . or would it? Would we be in danger of missing the blessings God showers upon faithful stewards? Would we be more tempted to covetousness than ever before? Would we begin to divorce life from belief in Christian experience?

Below is an interesting little article which explores some of these questions. It is reprinted from a tract entitled, "Our Church Needs No Money!", printed by the Faith, Prayer and Tract League of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"OUR CHURCH NEEDS NO MONEY!"

We have discovered a way for a church to function without money. Will you cooperate?

Each member will come to church during the week with a broom and mop to keep his part of the building presentable. Then a paid janitor will not be necessary.

Each member will take his turn playing the organ and directing the choir. No organist or choir director will be needed.

Each member will bring materials and tools to repair and remodel the building. Here we can really save money.

Each one must agree to spend at least a year as a missionary at his own expense on some foreign field. This will dispense with missionary offerings.

Each member will go to school for the required years and fulfill all the qualifications to become a pastor. Then he will take his turn preaching, leading

School was held with an average daily attendance of 63 pupils and workers.

The Littleton Baptist Church joins hands with all North American Baptists in claiming the community of Parsippany, New Jersey for the Lord Jesus Christ.

the service, conducting the funerals, performing marriages, calling on members and prospects, visiting the sick, and guiding the administration of the church. This will save the expense of a pastor.

Each member will spend some time working in the church office. And, of course, each member will bring his own hymn book and a candle to light the building for the evening meetings.

Isn't it a great idea? A new day is dawning for our church! Would you really want it this way?

If not, give God ten per cent of your income, and the church can operate in the scriptural manner.

But actually—your church needs no money! You are the one who uses the heat, light, water, and music; you are the one who calls on the pastor when you are in need; you enjoy the services of the janitor and the office staff. You are the one commanded to go to the ends of the world to bring the Gospel to every creature. Your missionaries go for you.

So, which will it be? The weekly candles and mops, or the weekly envelope containing the tithe?

BAPTISM AT FORT DIX, N. J.

Ministry rendered by Chaplain
(Lt. Col.) Leslie P. Albus,
Regimental Chaplain

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Leslie P. Albus had the privilege of baptizing four young people on profession of their faith recently. On February 10 he baptized Pvt. Thurman Rogers of Erie, Pa., and on Palm Sunday he baptized Pvt. Jesse Carroll, James Austin, Jr., and Susan Austin of Fort Dix, N. J.

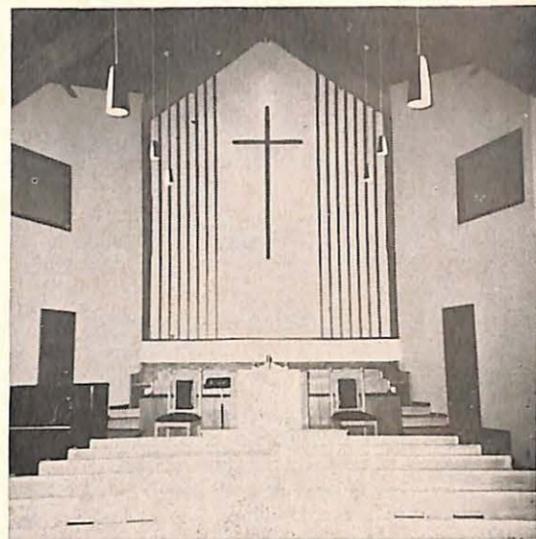
These baptisms were performed at the First Baptist Church of Mount Holly, New Jersey. This church is a member of the American Baptist Convention. Rev. William Hackler is the pastor. Baptisms are usually arranged at a time when the church also has one. Chaplain Albus baptized his candidates first, and then Rev. Mr. Hackler baptized his.

Fort Dix will not have a baptistry until completion of the new post chapel. The old baptistry at Chapel No. 3 is no longer used because of poor condition.

Namao Park Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta

This is the story of a new missionary outreach by the
Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

By Mr. Eugene E. Land of Edmonton, Alberta



Sanctuary of the Namao Park Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta representing a new outreach for the Central Baptist Church of the city.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL facilities at the Central Baptist church, Edmonton, Alberta were taxed to capacity. The thought of relocating was voiced and our trustees were authorized to look for a suitable building site. They located a building site in a new area consisting of nine lots. One of our church members was willing to advance the total price of \$20,000 at a reasonable repayment plan. This offer was accepted by the church and it was voted to start a new work but not to relocate.

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

In November 1960 the Central Baptist Sunday School started a new Sunday school in the public school auditorium, in the area where the land had been purchased, with 67 pupils and 10 teachers. The Lauderdale Church was only a few blocks away from the new church site. The two churches discussed this situation and it was agreed upon that the Lauderdale Church should amalgamate with the Central Church and with a united effort erect a new sanctuary. At a later date the church decided to enlarge the building site by purchasing an additional 24 feet by 390 feet from the city of Edmonton, making the building site 390 feet by 134 feet plus two lots for a parsonage, if required.

A Building Committee was elected and authorized to plan for an edifice costing between 50 to 60 thousand dollars. Architects were contacted, plans were made and presented to the church May 16, 1962 for approval. The church accepted the plans as submitted. The name for our new work is

"NAMAOPARK BAPTIST CHURCH"

It is affiliated with the Central Baptist Church. On March 24, 1963 the ground breaking service was held under the leadership of Rev. Herbert Hiller with approximately 350 people present on a cold Sunday afternoon including

the ministers from our sister city churches and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, the Northern District Secretary, as guest speaker. On April 7, 1963 the construction was started to erect a church building 48 feet by 71 feet and was completed and dedicated on Oct. 27, 1963.

FACILITIES OF BUILDING

The building is equipped with a P. A. system and a sound proof baby room, ten Sunday school class rooms, and pastor's study. It has a seating capacity in the main auditorium of 250.

Details of the dedication program

were published in the "Baptist Herald" issue, January 2, 1964. The offering on this Sunday of \$1321.78 was designated for the building fund.

November 6, 1963 climaxed our building program with a fellowship hour and a detailed report of this work was presented. Our guest speakers were Rev. Wm. Sturhahn and Rev. R. Schilke.

Rev. Richard Hohensee, who accepted the church's call to become associate pastor for Central Church, began his ministry in Namao Park area June 16, 1963. Our prayer and aim are to win souls for Christ.

Dedication of Whiteshell Church

Report of dedication festivities at the Whiteshell Baptist Church, River Hills, Manitoba by Mrs. Walter Kretchmer.

SUNDAY, June 28, was a memorable day for the members and



WHITESHELL BAPTIST CHURCH of River Hills, Manitoba which was dedicated to God's glory on June 28.

friends of the Whiteshell Baptist Church, River Hills, Manitoba. It marked the fulfillment of our prayers and hopes as our new sanctuary was dedicated to the glory of God.

The official dedication on Sunday afternoon got under way with several renditions by a brass band from the Third Mission Church of Winnipeg. The choir under the direction of Rev. Bruno Voss sang two numbers, "The Church in the Wildwood" and "Let Mount Zion Rejoice." Congratulatory messages were brought by pastors and laymen from neighboring churches. Letters of congratulations from pastors and friends were also read. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, delivered the dedicatory message. Rev. R. Kerstan of the McDermot Baptist Church, Winnipeg, offered the dedication prayer followed by the dedicatory response. A mission offering, designated for our Indian Mission field in Alberta, amounted to \$88.14.

The construction of the Whiteshell Baptist Church was begun in 1960
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Step In Anywhere For Christ!

One of the three North American Baptist U. S. Army Chaplains, stationed in Germany, shows how "youth can stay true to Christ"

By Chaplain (Captain) Clinton E. Grenz, Headquarters, 3rd Missile Battalion, 7th Artillery, Schweinfurt, Germany

ASOLDIER in the Civil War had lost his place in his company, and rather timidly said to General Sherman as he came up behind the line: "Where shall I step in?" "Step in?" said the General. "Step in? Step in anywhere. There is fighting all along the line."

This is precisely true of the great battlefield to which Christian young people belong. Christian young people will stay true to Christ if they will step in anywhere and work for him.

VICTORIES TO BE WON

An admiral in command of a British Fleet once wrote: "Our ships are rotten and our men are sick, but I have a God to lean upon." Just after writing that, Admiral Blake obtained a great victory.

But no matter whether it be a soldier, a sailor or a young person, each one, sometime in his life, must either seek God to know him, or turn his back upon him by disregarding him.

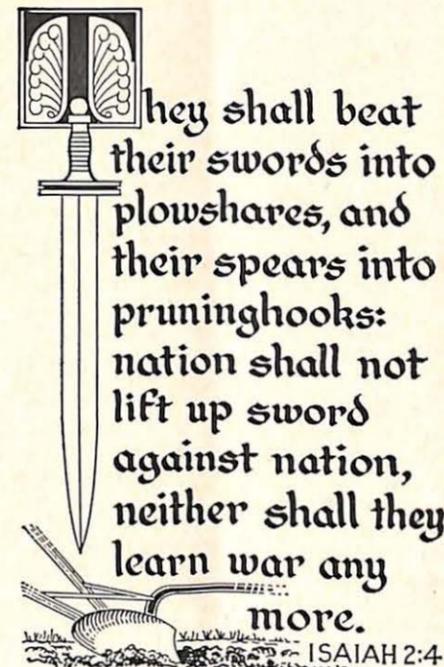
How can a young person stay true to Christ? I suggest three courses of action: (a) learn of him from the Scriptures, (b) pray to him as a son may talk with his father; (c) obey his commands and thus test his promises.

LEARN OF HIM

"All Scripture is given for our learning." So wrote the Apostle Paul. Christian education must be a continuous process in the lives of young people if they want to stay true to Christ. Where else but in Scripture can we find how Christ lived, what he taught, why he came and how he died and rose again? For the young person who seeks, the Scripture will point the way; for the believer, the Scriptures will increase his knowledge and be a means of lighting his path. Continue to read your Bible on a daily basis. Take an active part in your total church ministry. Take the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit and step in anywhere to be used in the great battlefield.

PRAY TO HIM

This sounds easy but, as any father and son will know, normal conversation and response are only possible when their relationship is right and while there are no barriers of deceit or sin between them. So with our Heavenly Father; we cannot come into his presence deliberately in real prayer while we have some sin unconfessed or



while we make mental reservations in our belief in him.

If we want to stay true to Christ we must come daily to the cross and there confess our sins unto our Advocate. My experiences in dealing with young military men indicates a real need for individual confession of sins by young people to God. The doctrine of confession of sins is essential if youth are to stay true to Christ.

OBEY AND TRUST

Jesus Christ said: "The man who has received my commands and obeys them, he it is who loves me . . . and I will disclose myself to him" (John 14: 21; N.E.B.) The Christian faith is active and has power. The Holy Spirit is promised to those who believe and obey, and it is with his help and in his power that young people are enabled to be witnesses for him.

In living a life of obedience and trust, youth can stay true to Christ thus proving his faithfulness to us and to others that his promises are real and effective.

As I look at the world with all its troubles, failures and sin, and at the present post-war peace that has been punctuated by bloody conflicts in Korea, and Congo, Vietnam, Hungary, Cuba, British Guinea, Panama and Cyprus, I can conceive no explanation for our existence unless it be found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ who came

to save us and to give us eternal life in this world and for eternity.

I write these things because I believe if youth will learn of him, pray to him, and obey and trust him, youth can stay true to Christ.

WHITESHELL CHURCH

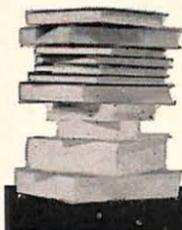
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under the leadership of Rev. A. Gellert, the former pastor of this church. His unwavering zeal, coupled with his constant capacity for hard work, proved to be an incentive to the entire congregation. Thus with cooperation and with hundreds of hours of volunteer labor on the part of the pastor and his congregation, the main edifice of the church was completed in 1962. However, much of the interior finishing was not completed until this year.

The approximate cost of the entire structure is slightly more than \$20,000, not to mention the numerous donations and free will labor. It is also quite noteworthy that no debts were incurred in the construction of this sanctuary. Mr. H. Schulz of Winnipeg was the chief architect and Mr. A. Hill of Whiteshell was the main contractor. The impressive hanging lights in the main auditorium were donated by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the church. Two families combined to purchase a 35 Watt Public Address system donated by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Henschell and Robin, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kretchmer.

The major cost of 100 new North American Hymnals has been contributed by the choir. The young people and home builders are donating the outside church sign. The work of constructing and installing the sign was done by Mr. O. Lueck and Mr. N. Knopf. Folding tables for the basement were made by Mr. H. Baber and Mr. R. Kreig, with the material donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tiede, and Mr. and Mrs. N. Knopf. Another gift to the church for the lower auditorium is a large painting portraying the beauties of God's creation in a serene and tranquil setting painted and presented by Mr. A. Sigurdson. A beautiful Gulbransen electric organ donated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grabke and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Grabke adds greatly to the joy of singing "the hymns of faith."

Many others whose names are not mentioned here have also contributed much to the completion of the church building. We have reason to say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.



BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

SERMONS PREACHED WITHOUT NOTES by Charles W. Koller. Baker Book House—1964—145 pages—\$2.50.

Dr. Koller is actively retired. His many special engagements, his interim ministries and the writing of books are an indication that he enjoys the abundant life, both spiritually and physically. His services are also highly appreciated by those who benefit from his ministry.

There are numerous books of sermons written by ministers and the average reader of Christian literature may feel that this category is already overcrowded. However, as in everything else, intelligent selection must be the guiding principle.

Some of the obvious missing ingredients in the written sermon are the spirit, the personality and the enthusiasm of the preacher. What he writes may be important and interesting, but how he says it in the pulpit often adds more power to the truth of the Word.

The sermons in this volume are drastically condensed. It takes the average reader about seven minutes to read one, but Dr. Koller, as this reviewer knows from experience, needs thirty minutes to preach one of them. Since many of these sermons were preached in the Forest Park Baptist Church, there are a host of friends to vouch for their spiritual help and inspiration.

Although the title states that they were "preached without notes," the author does suggest taking a one-page outline into the pulpit "in case of emergency." Laymen will discover much that is inspirational and spiritually helpful and pastors will find additional help in sermon structure and development.

THE HOPE OF GLORY by Dale Moody. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1964—300 pages—\$4.95.

Many pastors and laymen know Dr. Moody or have heard of him as Professor of Systematic Theology at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. His wide experience and studies, both at home and abroad, have made him one of the outstanding theologians in the United States.

The book is by no means "light reading." A work of this kind cannot be accomplished without a great deal of scholarly research. A glance at the contents, which appears in outline

form, will give the reader an insight into the extensiveness of the author's exhaustive investigation.

Although there are many notes and quotations from scholarly works, one cannot help but be impressed by the copious Scriptural references. Passages from almost every book in the Bible are used as a basis for the main theme of the book. After a short but clearly defined historical survey, the book is divided into three main parts: The Hope of Man, The Hope of History and The Hope of Creation.

The serious student may have the impression that this is merely another study in systematic theology within the framework of eschatology. But he will soon discover, as he reads, that the cut and dried textbook flavor is missing and a genuine pastoral concern is evident on every page. Redemption comes alive in all its fullness.

THE SPEAKER'S TREASURY OF 400 QUOTABLE POEMS by Croft M. Pentz. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—159 pages—\$2.95.

These poems are primarily of the devotional and homespun variety with a touch of humor here and there. They are, as the author indicates, quotable and easily readable and can be used for any and all occasions. The literary poets are conspicuous by their absence.

One wonders why so many "authorless" poems are included. "The Preacher's Prayer" on page 105, to this reviewer's knowledge, is attributed to the Methodist Bishop, Ralph Spaulding Cushman. It is so indicated in his "Pocket Prayer Book."

For those who prefer light reading in poetry and for those who look for an easily understood poetic illustration, this volume should have a considerable appeal.

THE WORK OF THE DEACON by Harold Nichols. The Judson Press—1964—118 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

There have been a few books written in the past on the work of the deacon by pastors, perhaps with too much of an idealistic flavor. In this little volume a deacon talks to deacons. Since the work and office of a deacon varies, depending on the size of the church, its scope of service and its variety of needs, it is difficult to record a complete catalogue of deacon responsibilities. However, as spiritual lay leaders in the

church, the deacon ought to know that more is expected of him than simply assisting the pastor in the communion service.

Mr. Nichols has excellent qualifications on this subject. Having served as a deacon for 40 years and promoted and conducted leadership training conferences for deacons, it must be evident that he is to be considered an authority on the subject. Every church ought to have a number of these books available in order to present each deacon with his own personal copy.

GOD'S DISCIPLINE by Donald Grey Barnhouse. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1964—230 pages—\$4.50.

Dr. Barnhouse was one of God's saints who, being dead, yet speaks. He was known as an outstanding preacher, teacher and editor. Through his ministry on the radio and as editor of "Eternity Magazine," he was widely known in the United States and Canada.

The present exposition Volume IX is based on the Book of Romans, chapters 12:1-14:12. The series is probably the most exhaustive exposition on Romans available at the present time.

Although the Book of Romans is considered the most "theological" book in the New Testament, Dr. Barnhouse gives the contents a practical interpretation which helps and inspires the readers to apply it to everyday Christian living. Theological belief and practice make Paul's letter to the Romans meaningful to pastor, teacher and layman. The word, the verse, the paragraph and chapter are seen both in their context and in the light of the entire Bible. While giving thorough exegesis to the Word of God, he reminds the Christian of his responsibility of application.

DEVOTIONS FROM A GRATEFUL HEART by Sybil Leonard Armes, Fleming H. Revell Company—1964—127 pages—\$2.50.

The photo of the author on the jacket can easily put Hollywood glamor in the shadow. It reveals a beauty of heart and spirit which only adds to her written word. Her spiritual feeling is particularly evident in her poetry. Even her prose has a poetic flavor.

Devotions such as these can come only from a grateful heart. They will appeal to both men and women alike.

IN TOUCH WITH HEAVEN by Inez Kemper. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.—1964—252 pages—\$3.50.

Miss Kemper's 25 years as a nurse gave her some deep insights as to the spiritual needs of people everywhere. The anthology of poetry and Christian wisdom and inspiration cover every human hunger and thirst. The distressed and discouraged will find a rapport with countless other souls.

DAILY MEDITATIONS by R. A. Torrey. Baker Book House—1963—160 pages—\$2.50.

Anything that this great Bible teacher and preacher said or wrote is worthwhile quoting and reading. The 365 daily meditations are short but stimulating for further thought and inspiration.

THE SECOND COMING compiled by H. Leo Eddleman, Broadman Press—1963—112 pages—\$2.75.

Carl F. H. Henry, Herschel H. Hobbs, H. Leo Eddleman and six other recognized pastors and authors present their views on the return of Christ. It is interesting to note that one of the messages is that of a layman. This seems to be indicative of the interest shown in that subject by many laymen in general. Because proof-text methods and isolated passages are often used regarding the Lord's return, it would be profitable for laymen in particular to familiarize themselves more fully with the whole scope of prophecy in this area of eschatology.

SERMONS ON CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT by Murray W. Downey. Baker Book House—1963—100 pages—\$1.95.

PREACHING AND TEACHING FROM EPHESIANS by Fred D. Howard. Baker Book House—1963—98 pages—\$1.95.

PREACHING FROM HOSEA by Ed. F. Vallowe. Baker Book House—1963—98 pages—\$1.95.

All three books are part of the *Ministers' Handbook Series*, which thus far includes 30 or more volumes. The expositions are limited in so far as exegesis and content are concerned, yet helpful enough to give the pastor inspiration for deeper study and more meaningful preaching. Teachers will find them valuable as a guide for Bible study courses.

CHRIST ABOVE ALL by Robert G. Lee. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—154 pages—\$2.50.

EXPOSITORY SERMONS ON REVELATION by W. A. Criswell. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—184 pages—\$2.95.

SIMPLE SERMONS FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW by W. Herschel Ford—1963—241 pages—\$3.95.

These three volumes could be entitled "Southern Baptist Preaching at its Best." Those who have seen and heard these men in the pulpit will understand that their sermons naturally lack the force and power of the spoken word. Nevertheless, they are helpful, inspirational, warmhearted and devotional and, as is typical of most Southern Baptist preaching, they are also evangelistic.

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THE DIVINE PRESENCE AND THE GATHERED CHURCH

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many do. While it is true that the bodies of individual Christians are temples of God, yet they are only such by being members of the Body of Christ. There is no such thing as a church with only an individual in it.

Nothing is more heavenly, more wonderful, more full of life and praises to God, therefore, than the gathered church. The gathered church is:

GATHERED for prayer;
GATHERED to make the written word living truth;

GATHERED to be a witness to the everlasting Kingdom of God;

GATHERED to reveal our Lord Jesus Christ, as Savior and Lord;

GATHERED to glorify God in works that fulfil his holy will.

Every local church is to be and should be a replica of the "general assembly and church of the firstborn." It is only a minute portion of the whole. But if it consists of those who have yielded before the confrontation of God in Christ, through the Holy Spirit, its unity and love is proof of God's indwelling. Whether it meets in a home, a hall, or a cathedral, it is the special manifestation of God. It is a people of "one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

ORDAINED A WITNESS OF CHRIST

In one of my pastorates I recall seeing a man converted who was a drunkard and a wasted life. An incident happened which illustrates the truth I am endeavoring to make plain. One evening, in the late fall, I was returning home from my pastoral calling. I had to pass by the church. As I came up the hill, through a misty, light rain, in the semi-darkness, I saw a man sitting on the steps of the church. I thought it might be a drunk. The figure grew plainer as I drew nearer. Then I saw it was one of my members, the former drunkard.

I said, "What are you doing here, my brother, sitting in the rain?" "Oh, I don't mind it, pastor. I often come here and just sit, praying and giving thanks to God. But the church is locked up.

You see, pastor, it was inside there that the Lord entered my heart and saved me, while you preached. This little bit of rain doesn't bother me."

Then turning to me he said, "Pastor, isn't there something such a man as I can do for the Lord?" I answered, "There certainly is, brother; you can join our open-air band of Christian witnesses and witness to your faith in Christ on the Center Square, in the open air meeting, next Friday." At that moment I ordained him a witness of Christ.

There ought to be no difficulty understanding that. The sinner had been confronted with God in Christ. That moment, we call conversion, was like the sweet disclosure when two young people discover their love for each other, like the sudden beauty of a newly opened flower, which both try in the after years to recapture—certainly never to forget.

So this man found the love of Christ in the church. It was a dear spot to him, where it happened. So when he could not get in, he sat upon the steps until he found that what happened inside the church was but the beginning—the starting point of what was to happen later.

GOD'S DOORKEEPER

That is what the 84th Psalm says: "I'd rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord" (which in the Hebrew really is, "I had rather sit on the steps of the temple") "than dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Indeed! Is it not true as the hymn sings it:

Light of the world, thy beauty,
Steals into every heart
And glorifies with duty,
Life's purest, humblest part;
Thou robest in thy splendor
The simplest ways of men
And helpst them to render
Light back to thee again.

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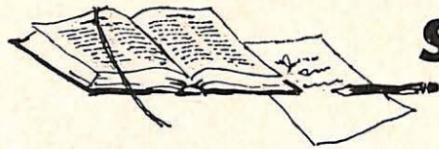


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A TEACHING GUIDE
Date: Sept. 6, 1964

Theme: **LEADERS FOR TROUBLED TIMES**

Scripture: Judges 2:11, 14:23

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God uses human instruments to bring us out of trouble, but we must never forget that it is God who does the using.

INTRODUCTION: Leadership is important in the life of a nation. As long as Joshua and Caleb were alive, there was little difficulty in keeping the people faithful to God. The first chapter of Judges is a continuation of the conquest of Palestine. But in the second chapter the trouble begins. After the death of Joshua, we read these tragic words: "There arose another generation which knew not the Lord, nor yet el" (Judges 2:10). What Joshua feared came upon them. They became a nation of backsliders.

This generation inherited the land of their fathers but they did not inherit their religion. Each individual and each generation must find God personally. Someone else's faith will do you no good. The faith of our fathers will die with our fathers unless we choose to keep it alive in our own hearts and souls. This does not mean that we are to have faith in our fathers but faith in God who is the Father of us all.

I. THE SOURCE OF TROUBLE.
Judges 2:11

The phrase, "the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord," refers to the pagan religious practices and all the sin and immorality that goes with it. These same words are repeated at least seven times in Judges and is continued during the kingdom when so many kings did evil in the sight of the Lord. It was always the people who deserted God; never was it said that God deserted the people. He is and he will never leave us nor forsake us.

II. THE RESULT OF SIN. Judges 2:14-15.

When the Israelites forsook God, and they were literally asking for trouble and they got it. Since they did not worship the Lord, they were left to themselves and discovered how helpless and powerless they really were. All the warnings of their great leaders did them little or no good. They seemed to be blind to the truth that when they served God they prospered and when they departed from him they suffered. Their troubles were the direct result of

their disobedience and yet they continued to follow their evil instincts.

III. GOD'S MERCY IN TROUBLE.
Judges 2:16-18.

Only a loving and patient God would continue being concerned about people who indulged in such repeated backsliding. God does not keep us from the consequences of sin, but when we turn to him in repentance and faith, with a broken and contrite heart, he delivers us in love and mercy.

IV. ISRAEL'S STUBBORN SINFULNESS. Judges 2:19-23.

Instead of rising a little higher after each experience they sank a little lower. If you do not really wish to get rid of your sin and make no effort to do so, then God cannot take away your sin of his own accord. The last words are a pitiful picture of the sad state of their political and religious life: "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).

Questions for Discussion

1. Do many Christians still pray only when they are in trouble or need something?
2. Why was not one generation among the Hebrews able to train the following generation to be faithful to the Lord?
3. How can we give our children a good and meaningful Christian education?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 13, 1964

Theme: **A SPOKESMAN FOR GOD**

Scripture: I Samuel 3:19-20;

7:5-6, 10-17

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Before God can find a spokesman for him, he must first find someone who will listen to him.

INTRODUCTION: With the advent of Samuel, Israel was led into a brighter day. He is often classed as the last of the judges and the first of the prophets. His valuable service to his nation ranks him as the greatest leader between Moses and David. Israel finally came to a more spiritual and national maturity with the coming of Samuel. In his character we see what one man can do if he is fully dedicated to the Lord.

Israel was still in a sad plight. The little good that Eli the priest was able to do was outweighed by his evil sons. Their lives ended tragically in battle with the Philistines. The sacred ark of the covenant was also taken. No better description of these times is given than

that expressed by Eli's daughter-in-law who gave birth to a child and called him Ichabod—the glory is departed from Israel (I Sam. 4:21, 22).

The time was ripe for a leader to appear in Israel and God had his chosen one ready. Samuel was being prepared to lead the children of Israel into a closer relationship with God and with one another.

I. SAMUEL LISTENING TO GOD.
I Samuel 3:19-20.

The story of Samuel is still one of the favorite Bible stories for both young and old. Hannah prayed earnestly for a son and promised she would dedicate him to the Lord if he answered her prayer. When he was still a little boy she brought him to the sanctuary to help Eli the priest. Strange that Eli, who could do nothing about his own wayward sons, nevertheless had a favorable influence over Samuel.

It was in his early childhood that Samuel heard God speak to him. His request is still an ideal prayer for all Christians: "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." The reason we miss the voice of God today is because too often we twist the prayer to suit our fancy and say: "Listen Lord, for thy servant speaketh."

II. SAMUEL SPEAKING FOR GOD.
I Samuel 7:5-6.

The greatest authority on earth is he who can say, "Thus saith the Lord!" Speaking for God and praying to God are the two greatest powers given to man. When a man can say from his heart, "I will pray for you unto the Lord," it inspires confidence and there is an expectation that something will happen. Samuel's strength as a leader in Israel lay in the power of his intercessory prayers. But his prayer would do little good, no matter how sincere, unless there is confession on the part of those for whom he was praying. "We have sinned against the Lord" was a necessary admission because their sin was their weakness.

III. SAMUEL WORKING FOR GOD.
I Samuel 7:10-17.

After listening and speaking and praying, there comes a time for action. There must be a willingness on our part for sacrifice and offering. God wants to know how much we are willing to do before he begins to do something for us. Complete surrender on our part brings complete deliverance from God.

Samuel became a hard worker for the Lord who never tired going up and down the land to help his people, always giving credit to God. His motto

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BAPTIST HERALD

● **Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Goltz of Edmonton, Alberta** have announced the birth of a son on July 10 who has been named Stephen Rockford Walter. Rev. J. W. Goltz is the pastor of the Capilano Baptist Church of Edmonton.

● **Dr. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta**, president emeritus of the Christian Training Institute, is serving as the interim pastor of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church near Leduc and South Edmonton, Alberta. He began this ministry on the first Sunday in August. Rev. C. I. Wiebe, former pastor, is now in Nokomis, Sask.

● **The Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak.**, has extended a call to Rev. Roy Thomas Harfst of Hoisington, Kansas, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Hoisington since 1962. He has accepted the call and began his ministry in the Napoleon Church in August, succeeding Rev. Robert R. Hoffman, now of Startup, Wash.

● **Rev. Herbert W. Berndt, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis.**, baptized 11 young people at an impressive baptismal service held recently. On the following Sunday they were received into the fellowship of the church. Mr. Berndt and several members of the Racine Church were in attendance at the General Conference sessions in Sacramento in July.

● **Miss Dorothy Dobrinski of Geneseo, Kansas** and Mr. Ronald Rolfs of Lorraine, Kansas were married on August 1st at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, with Rev. Everett Barker, pastor officiating. Miss Dobrinski was the assistant organist at the General Conference sessions in Sacramento, Calif., July 13 to 19. Both of the young people are members of the Lorraine Church.

● **The Westbrook Baptist Church, Santa Ana, Calif.**, enjoyed a successful Vacation Bible School June 14 to 24 with a total enrollment of 136. Rev. Richard Grauer, pastor, is leading the church in a house to house visitation campaign and many people from the area are showing an interest in the Westbrook Church. On July 12 there were 95 persons in the morning worship service, as reported by Mrs. Shela Tesdall.

● **The First Baptist and the Calvary Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario** have extended a call to Rev. Paul T. Hunsicker of Medicine Hat, Alberta to become their pastor. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Killaloe Churches on September 6th, succeeding Rev. Norman A. Berkan, now of Gladwin, Mich. Mr. Hunsicker has served as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat since 1959.

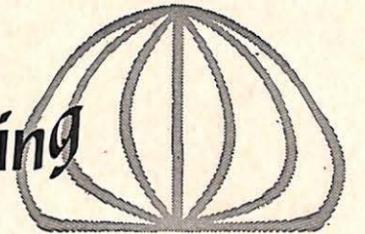
● **Mr. Richard Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa** received a special Guest Pass to the sessions of the Republican Convention at San Francisco, Calif., for July 15 while taking part in the General Conference sessions in Sacramento, Calif. For this one day he attended the

GOP Convention and heard Senator Everett Dirksen nominate Senator Barry Goldwater as the nominee for the Republican Party and had an interview with United States Senator Hick-enlooper of Iowa.

● **Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary**, sailed from New York for Europe on July 30 on the "SS United States" to attend the sessions of the European Baptist Federation at Am-

all NAB pastors who attended the Seminary at 246 Alexander Street. The building was purchased by the Redemptorist Fathers of the Roman Catholic Church and used for some years as a retreat. It has now been announced that Notre Dame Retreat Center will be relocated to a hilltop site overlooking Canandaigua Lake. Rev. Michael Downing, spiritual center rector, indicated that church officials feel

what's happening



sterdam, Holland early in August and the important meetings of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance held at the Baptist Seminary buildings in Hamburg, Germany from August 15 to 20. Dr. Woyke is a member of the BWA executive committee, chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, and a very active member of the BWA Relief Committee.

● **The Immanuel Baptist Church of St. Catharines, Ontario** has extended a call to Rev. Daniel Kolke of Maspeth, Long Island, N. Y., pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of New York City, as its minister. He has accepted the call with the understanding that he can continue his studies in the area during his pastorate at the Toronto Graduate Schools of Theology this fall. He has been accepted as a Th.D. candidate at Emmanuel College in Toronto, Ontario. He is beginning his ministry in the St. Catharines Church in August.

● **The following news item appearing in the "Democrat and Chronicle" of Rochester, N. Y.** will be of interest to

that it is no longer prudent to put maintenance money into the Alexander Street building which has "outlived its usefulness."

● **Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner of Bismarck, N. Dak.**, observed their 44th wedding anniversary on Sunday, May 31. This was only a month before Mr. Trautner's sudden homegoing on July 4, as reported in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald." For the occasion of the "Baptist House" was held for them afternoon at the Bismarck Baptist Church. Two of the sons and the pastor, Rev. Allan Stroschein, spoke words of tribute to the Trautners for the untiring services which they have rendered. Rev. E. Broeckel, who officiated at the marriage 44 years ago, was also present to reminisce. The Trautners have nine children with two of their sons serving as pastors. Three of the sons: Paul, Theophil and Charles, were present for the anniversary celebration.

● **Mrs. Harm Sherman of Adlington, Iowa**, former president of the Woman's Missionary Union of North American Baptists, has been appointed as secretary to the president of the NAB Seminary, Rev. Frank Veninga, and Seminary bookkeeper effective August 15, 1964. For several years she was employed in the commercial Bell department of the Northwestern Telephone Company, Des Moines, Iowa and taught commercial subjects in various high schools in Iowa. She has held very important positions in the denomination, especially in the past nine years. In accepting the position, Mrs. Sherman stated: "With God at my side and with a will to execute my tasks to the best of my ability, I am looking forward to serving my Lord in this new avenue of service."

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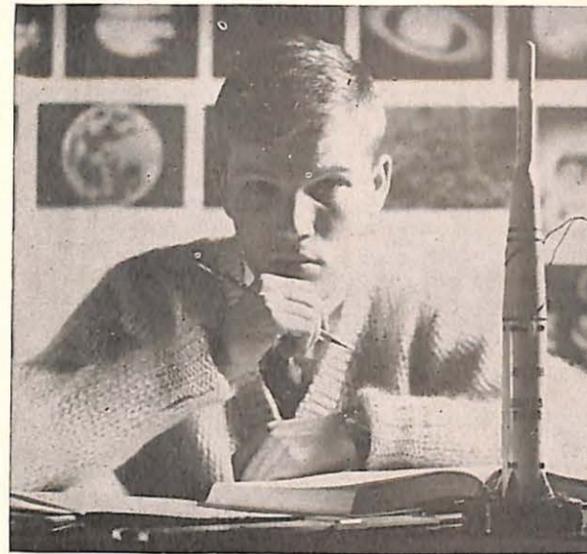
Heart of a Stranger

A Christian Novel With Breath-taking Suspense

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Tom Beacon somehow felt that the world owed him a living after convicting him of a crime he had never committed. (A. Devaney Photo).

SYNOPSIS

Tom Beacon came to the desert town of Quantacca to "set up" a robbery that would stir this quiet town to its very roots. On the edge of town, he stopped at the Foodnook Cafe and met Nancy, a sweet Christian waitress. He took her on several dates but she talked constantly of her faith in Christ as her Savior. She helped Tom to meet Marianne Towers, the daughter of the town's banker. Marianne learned about the plans for the robbery and wanted to help the gang. One dark night at an abandoned mine shaft in the desert, Tom Beacon met one of his gang, Blacky McTone, where they made final plans for the robbery. Things were getting very complicated. But Marianne insisted that "the job" be pulled off on Wednesday as planned. Then they could be married. With an inner agony filling the heart of Tom, he went early the next morning to the Foodnook Cafe and talked to Nancy. She prayed with him and he gave his heart to Christ. Tom told Brett, Nancy's brother, about this and revealed the plans for the robbery. Just then Blacky McTone and his men recognized them, slugged them and dragged both of them into the boss' car. After the robbery, McTone's men took Tom and Brett in their get away car down the highway. At Dustville while getting gas, Brett jumped out of the trunk of the car and Tom threw himself against McTone. In the wild scuffle that followed, the robbers shot Tom Beacon high in the chest. He struck the earth rolling.

CHAPTER 17

Robin Fitzgerald and his family were huddled about the radio. The newscaster had just finished.

It was some story, the newsman had said. Quantacca was all agog. A bank robbery, and an abducted deputy sheriff.

The bank hold-up had been done by men in a cream-colored Buick. Doubtless, Tom Beacon's car. Though nobody had got the license.

Another thing. The bandits had not really gone west; they had doubled back east for some reason. Sheriff Havers had notified all highway patrols to the north and the south. His posse was scattered out, scouring the desert around Quantacca for miles, seeking some sign of the robbers.

Fitzgerald snapped off the radio. "Brett! Brett!" cried Mrs. Fitzgerald. "What have they done to you?"

Robin put his hand on his wife's

shoulder.

"Don't, honey. You must have faith. God will look after him."

Nancy was full of grief and gloom. She sat, unspeaking and unstirring, on the davenport. Her love for both her brother and Tom was a cause of torment to her.

Freddie said, "If anything happens to Brett—" He finished with a sob.

His heart said, *Tom! Why did you let us down like this?*

There was a knock at the door and David Gregory came in.

The minister's face told that his spirits were none too high. He took a seat and said, "Nothing new."

"No," said Fitzgerald.

Gregory put his fingers through his gray hair. "Human nature is unpredictable."

"Yeah."

"I'm clinging to one possibility," said Gregory.

"What's that?"

"Tom's conscience may bother him."

"Conscience?" said Nancy.

"There was a thief on the cross once."

"What about him?" asked Nancy.

"He cracked, remember."

Silence replied to his word. He added, "I feel Tom may not have been bluffing. The more I think about it the less reason I see for such an act. If God got him he'll have to do something about it—"

"What can he do?" said Nancy. She went into the cafe, hearing someone come in. She began waiting on the patrons, her face reflecting the fight to keep her poise. She wanted a corner to cry in.

Freddie came in and edged up to her.

"You still love him, don't you?" he said.

"Please, Freddie! Please!"

"Don't be like that, Sis. I loved him, too!"

She sighed, touched his hair. "All

right, Freddie. We've all had a tough time."

She pulled him closer to her and she wept. Freddie wept too.

Freddie went back into the living room. Fitzgerald had turned the radio back on, waiting for more news. Gregory was getting ready to go. Freddie went outside. A guy had to stir around. You felt better if you stirred around, moved on your feet, somehow.

He saw Alee at a distance but did not holler to him. He wondered where Brett was. Was he hurt? Or dying? Or—dead? Ice formed inside Freddie. And Tom, where was he? Headed for somewhere, with the loot, laughing up his sleeve at the hicks in Quantacca?

Then he heard it. It was far off, but approaching fast. The sound of a police siren. It grew in volume swiftly, until it was screaming out in front of the cafe.

Freddie ran like the wind around the cafe to the front. He saw the highway patrol car.

And he saw Brett getting out.

Brett Fitzgerald had dropped out of the window of the old mining shack, aware that death was very close to both him and Tom Beacon.

He heard the gangsters getting out of their car. He saw the small opening that gave him room to crawl under the floor of the shack. He went in, feeling ancient cobwebs sweeping over his face. He inched forward.

He could hear the bandits enter the shack. Their feet pounded the floor above him. Then he heard their voices. They were going to make a search for him. They already had Tom. He evidently had walked out to them, giving Brett time for a break.

The gangsters went out of the shack. Their footsteps faded. They would be going down to the old mine shafts to look for him. When they didn't find him there they'd return. Someone would think of looking under

the shack. And he would be trapped.

He edged forward to the other side of the building. A rotting board hung in front of him. He pulled it away. He thrust his head out and looked toward the mine shafts. He could see no one. They were probably in the shafts seeking him.

He glanced toward the Dodge and a quick idea hit him. He and Tom had ridden in the trunk. Was it still locked?

It was a poor chance; but he'd try it.

He bent double and ran to the car. He whipped a look about him. Still the men weren't in sight. He grabbed the trunk lid and lifted. It was unlocked!

He sprang in and brought the lid down, using a jack handle to keep it from fastening.

After an interminable length of time he heard the men getting into the car. He could make out some of the things they were saying. They were taking Tom for a ride! They would leave his body in the desert.

They drove over a little-used road. He wondered what Sheriff Havers was doing. Surely some of his posse would run over this road. But would they do it in time?

Then he heard George say they needed gas. McTone said there was a town ahead. They'd get gas there.

This will be it, he thought. When they stop, I'll make a break from the trunk. Maybe I can get to some sort of lawman in the town, or get a gun. And phone the highway patrol.

Tom? Tom was in a terrible spot. He'd have small chance of living. But there was no use delaying his death! Brett shut his eyes, breathed a prayer for Tom. Tom had given him his break. He owed him so much.

When the car stopped Brett flung back the trunk lid and hurled himself from his hiding place.

He struck on his feet, running faster than he had ever run in his life. Behind him he heard the gun roar, and was surprised not to feel the impact of the bullet, or even not hear it sing close by. Something had made the gunman miss. But Brett had no time to investigate that! He ran wildly. He swept around a corner, bent low, gasping for breath. He heard other guns crash, heard the whining of bullets. He charged ahead, saw an alley, flung himself down it. He saw steps and plunged up them, kicked open a door. A woman screamed.

"I'm a deputy sheriff, lady!" cried Brett. "I'm running from gangsters. Have you a gun here?"

"Gun?" The woman was terrified.

Brett shot through the door into another room. He saw the shotgun over the fireplace. He yanked it down, broke it open. It was a double-barreled gun. But it was empty.

He wheeled back into the room where the woman was.

"Shells!" he cried. "Have you shells for this gun?"

"Shells? Oh, I don't know—" She began to sob.

Brett heard footsteps coming up outside. The gangsters had located him!

He spun about and rushed back into the other room. He jerked open a drawer. He rummaged a moment, then opened another drawer. He almost cried out as he saw the shells. He grabbed a handful and retreated into an alcove that evidently led down to the basement. He heard the men raging at the frightened woman, demanding to know where he was. She was hysterical now.

Brett jammed the shells into the gun-breach, breathing hard. The hammers clicked. The gun felt good in his hands. He was no killer. But he was a deputy-sheriff!

Because he was not a killer he said to the gunman as he came into the room, "Drop it!"

But the gunman swung toward him, the gun lifted. He fired low and the man screamed, pitching forward, his revolver going off, the sound terrific in the room. The revolver clattered to the floor from the man's limp hand. He writhed on the floor, still screaming.

Brett held the shotgun-muzzle against the doorway; but no one came through it. He listened and heard footsteps retreating. He snapped another cartridge into the gun after snapping out the still-warm one. He ran to the outside door, and he saw the man dashing down the alley.

"Halt!" shouted Brett. "Hold it right there!"

Rags came around, his gun in his hand. But he saw the shotgun covering him. He flung his revolver to the ground, raised his hands.

Brett moved in on him. He prodded him with the shotgun.

"Straight ahead!" he said.

He came to the corner with the man and still he saw nothing of McTone. At the corner, as he came around it, he saw McTone's car streaking out of town.

Brett also saw a man running toward him, a gun in his hand.

"I'm the constable—" the man said. "Take care of this guy. Watch him, he's a bad one."

Brett ran to the filling station. He saw Tom lying in a spreading pool of blood. People gaped down at him.

"Call a doctor!" cried Brett.

"I called one," said a man.

Brett dashed for the phone. A few moments later the highway patrol was alerted.

Brett went back to Tom. A doctor knelt by him. The doctor looked up at Brett.

"Bad," he muttered. "Too bad, I'd say."

"Is there an ambulance? A hospital—?"

"Nearest hospital is Quantacca. It's north of here—"

"I know where it is. Listen, who's got a car that can really run?"

"I have!" said the station attendant. "I'll drive you myself."

They lifted Tom into the man's car. The man took the wheel. He drove toward the highway that led to Quan-

tacca. He had just reached the highway when they sighted the highway patrol car. It stopped at the honking of the man's horn. They put Tom in.

"Let's see what you guys can do getting to Quantacca," said Brett. "I'm Sheriff Haver's deputy—"

The highway patrol did very well. The car fled like a wailing demon toward Quantacca.

With Tom ensconced in the hospital Brett asked the patrol officers to drive him to the Foodnook Cafe.

When Brett got out of the patrol car he saw Freddie running to him. Freddie was laughing and crying both. Then Nancy came out. Brett had never realized before how much he could be missed by his family.

They were hugging and kissing him and overwhelming him with questions when Robin Fitzgerald came out. Fitzgerald hugged him and hard, tears in his eyes.

When Brett had been freed from his family's caresses one of the highway patrolmen said, "Good news, fellow. They nailed McTone. Just heard it on the radio. The highway patrol got him!" he added proudly.

"You're a good outfit." Brett grinned. "They had to shoot him. He wouldn't quit."

"He was a toughie," said Brett. "A real toughie."

"By the way, you'd better get yourself patched up, man," said the officer. "And get some rest. You look like you'd been through a threshing machine."

The patrolman went to his car and the two drove away.

Nancy clung to Brett's arm. "But what about Tom, Brett?"

He put a gentle grin on her. "Get me a few cups of black coffee. And I'll tell you all about him."

Time became a meaningless thing to Tom Beacon. There were moments when he was aware of its existence; but mostly it ceased to be.

Agony burst through him like countless tiny rockets exploding. The rockets drove him underground into unconsciousness. But he returned to awareness, and to pain. So alternating between agony and nothingness he stayed alive. But finally he returned to complete awareness.

He heard voices. He tried to open his eyes but they seemed locked shut.

"How is he, Doctor?"

The voice was Nancy's, he was certain. The doctor said, "He's coming through, I think. But I don't know how. He was really shot up. He must be a very tough guy."

"I've been praying for him, Doctor." "You must have. He must have got help from somewhere. One bullet went through his chest, barely missing his heart. And oddly enough it did but small damage to his lung. Something of a miracle—"

A miracle, thought Tom. He recalled dimly having told the Lord he felt he had work to do, if the Lord should let him live.

Slowly he opened his eyes.

Nancy saw him and dropped on her knees by the bed.

"Oh, Tom, darling! Thank God!"

He tried to smile at her, but failed. He tried to speak, and failed in that, too.

He closed his eyes again. Exhaustion nagged him; he felt darkness capturing him once more.

He never knew how long he slept this time. But when he returned to consciousness he felt stronger. The physician looked him over and said, "Tough guy. You're going to live. Imagine that!"

"What kind of living, Doctor?" asked Tom.

"Oh, quite normal. After a few weeks of lolling around, taking it easy. You'll be about as good as ever. You may limp a little from that hip wound. Outside of that you'll be okay."

A few days later Tom had several visitors at once.

David Gregory patted his hand. "The possibility I was hanging on to came through! I knew if you really meant business with God you'd show up on the right side of things."

"Thanks, Reverend."

Brett said, "That was quite an experience, huh? But I'm glad you came through okay."

Tom tried to grin. "Do I look okay to you? I'm glad you got out in one piece. Looked for a while like neither of us had a chance."

"Things are always hopeful, when the Lord is riding with you. Right, Doctor Gregory?"

"That's my faith, Brett," said the minister.

"I'm sorry you got so busted up, Tom," said Brett.

"Tell me what happened to you," said Tom.

Brett told him.

Tom drew a long breath. "What about Marianne?"

"Her pop won't prosecute her, of course. He's got the money back. He's real happy about that."

"What will her pop do about me?" Tom asked. "How will I come out, Brett?"

Brett pursed his lips. "Well, of course plotting to knock off a bank is no little thing—"

"I'm not asking to get off!" Tom said quickly. "I deserve whatever I get."

Brett shrugged. "You also deserve something for coming through like a real man in a tight spot, fellow."

Tom did not speak, and Brett added, "Tell me, Tom. Have you pulled anything with Blacky McTone—any crime? Be honest with me."

Tom stirred his head. "Nothing, Brett. I met him in prison. We planned this job in Quantacca. There's nothing else."

Brett nodded, rubbing his chin. "It looks pretty good, Tom. Real good, in fact."

"What—?"

"I've been gabbing considerably to the sheriff. Also I've had a big session with the District Attorney. The D.A. admits you can't jail a man for a crime

he didn't do. The law, my friend, can act only *after* it has been violated. Whatever you planned to do, you didn't do it. In fact you tried to stop the other guys from doing it. You've got me in your corner, talking big and loud. I told the D.A. that. He hasn't a case. He knows it."

"God bless you, Brett—"

"You've got most everyone on your side. Including the preacher here. How can you lose?" said Brett.

Tears glimmered in Tom's eyes.

"You're a swell gang of people," he said softly. "I never knew there were people in the world like you. People like the Fitzgerald family. Or a preacher like you, sir!" He looked at Gregory.

"Thanks," said Gregory. "I hope you stick around this community. We always can use a few new members in the church, you know."

"That's another thing," murmured Tom. "I never knew before what the church meant. I wonder how many men have been kept from going to the pit because of the church! The church takes guys like me—the worst guys on earth—and helps them to become men. And people stand outside the church, criticizing it, never really knowing what a great institution it is!"

"I think you'll make a first-rate member of the church, Tom," said the minister.

Brett and Gregory left. Tom closed his eyes, a prayer of thanksgiving going out of him to God. He opened his eyes and saw Nancy standing by his bed. He lay still, gazing up at her.

He said, "I was praying. And I looked up and thought I saw an angel."

She dropped down beside the bed. "Only a woman, Tom."

"What a woman! I never met a woman like you before."

She half-smiled. "Not even Marianne Towers?"

He groaned. "Oh, please!"

She took his hand. "Tom, I'm so glad you became a Christian. And that you came through like one. Do you know my heart was awfully broken for a few days—"

"Nancy, dearest." He caught her hand to his lips, holding it there a moment. "I always want to come through for God. And I want to come through for you, too."

"Oh, Tom—"

"I'm free from the law, Brett tells me. God is very good."

She nodded. "Yes—"

"There's a big question I need to ask you."

"I hope it's the right one!"

"It is, darling. Will you say 'yes'?"

"I don't know any other word, Tom! Yes, oh, yes!"

She kissed him.

Freddie stuck his head in the door. Nancy wheeled. "Freddie!"

Freddie grinned broadly at her. He waved a hand toward Tom.

"Hi, brother-in-law!" he said.

He backed away, closing the door softly.

THE END

SPECIAL REPORT

THE CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE GUILD

Often through the year we have heard the cry from the theological students at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta: "Are we ever busy." Well, so are their wives. Our husbands are gaining knowledge and so are we. The wives of the theological students as well as the professors' wives of the Christian Training Institute have organized a training group called "The Christian Training Institute Guild." We have been an enthusiastic group of women with many questions and problems.

On Dec. 3, 1963 we commenced our series of ten meetings. At this first meeting we organized with Mrs. A. S. Felberg as president, Mrs. E. Link as vice president, Mrs. E. Hees as secretary, and Mrs. H. Haut as treasurer.

Various qualified speakers were contacted for our bi-monthly meetings. We were privileged to have Professor A. Rapske present "The Role of a Pastor's Wife in the Field of Counselling"; Professor E. Link revived our love for history with "The History of Our Own Baptist Denomination," as well as Mrs. H. Hiller who led an interesting discussion of "The Ladies' Work in the Church." Further meetings were enriched by a medical doctor's view on the "Pastor's Wife in Relation to the Sick," and the Edmonton Youth For Christ Director's helpful hints regarding the "Teen-age Problem." In addition to these learning experiences, a police woman as well as a hospital chaplain presented challenging ideas.

Our term of meetings was closed on April 27, 1964 at which time we had an informal discussion regarding hobbies or outside interests for a pastor's wife. With anticipation the women are awaiting the fall term when again we shall attempt to gain more knowledge in order to be better equipped for God's ministry with our husbands. Our prayer will continue to be, "Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths" (Psalm 25:4).—Mrs. Eberhard Hees, Reporter.

NOTICE, REPORTERS!

By regulation of the Publication Board, all reports should be kept brief to approximately 150 words. A few exceptions will be made in the case of reports of church dedications and anniversaries after consultation with the editor. These accounts must be sent within six weeks after the events to be reported.

No annual reports of church organizations can be accepted. Only reports of 50th wedding anniversaries or higher will be published. Pictures of Vacation Bible Schools cannot be printed. All other pictures should be quite clear and should be sent in black and white glossy prints. EDITOR.

OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

SPECIAL EVENTS

SOUTH HILLS, ERIE, PA. The South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., has a new outside lighted bulletin board. It is encased in stone to match the pattern of stone work in our church. It was given in memory of the late Mrs. Emma Argow by members of her family. Dedication service was held June 14 with Rev. W. S. Argow and three of his daughters present. The bulletin board adds beauty to our church grounds. (Mrs. Eugene Heiple, Reporter).



The attractive stone bulletin board of the South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., given as a memorial to Mrs. W. S. Argow by her husband and daughters.

TRINITY, PORTLAND, ORE. Jack Wobig, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Wobig of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Oregon Medical School on June 12. Sharing the congratulations are Jack's wife, Connie, and daughter Susan. Jack is serving his internship at Emanuel Hospital in Portland. During the Sunday school hour of Trinity Church on June 28, 35 youngsters of the Bible School received recognition for completing their Scripture Memory work this year. Six youngsters received extra honors for additional memory work, and seven finished more than one year's verses. At the morning church service, three women: Mrs. Jerald

Schmunk, Mrs. Emmett Shriver, and Mrs. Vernon Fanshier followed their Lord's example in baptism. (Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter).

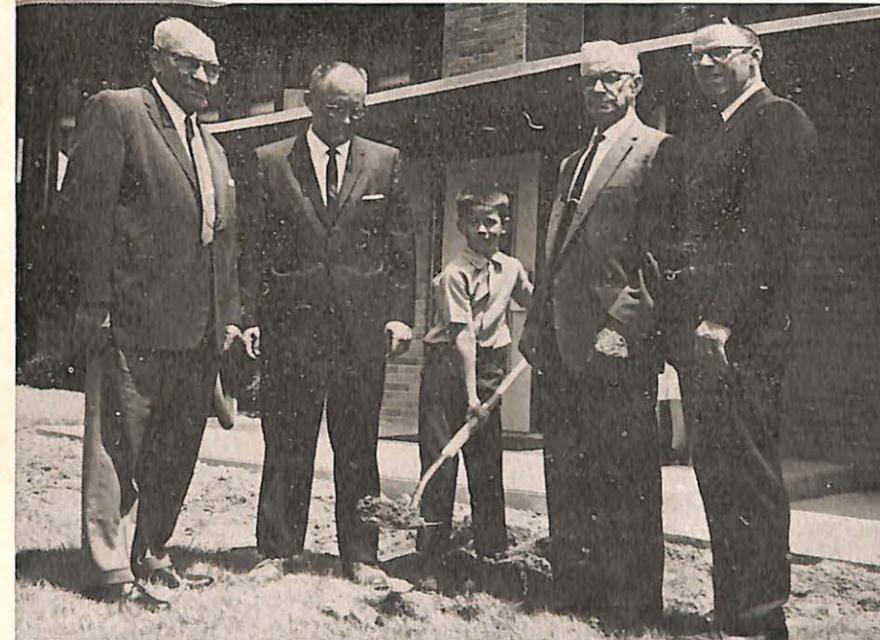
EDENWOLD, SASK. God's people at Edenwold, Sask., were challenged during the evangelistic services held May 15-24 with Rev. S. Downey of the Canadian Bible College, Regina, Sask., as our evangelist. Sunday, June 21, saw the dedication of the pulpit Bible which was presented in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam Lindembach by their children. Mr. Chalmers Wirth, a former pastor, offered the dedication

prayer. Mr. Dave Kramer, deacon, and Rev. A. Kliever, pastor, also took part. On June 28 we had the privilege of having Rev. and Mrs. Stan Hoffman, missionaries to Tanganyika, Africa, with us. On display were items of African culture. (Mrs. R. Kurtz, Reporter).

WANTED AT BAPTIST HOME BISMARCK, N. DAK.

The Baptist Home for the Aged of Bismarck, North Dakota is accepting applications for the position of Chaplain of the Home. Letters of application, accompanied by statement of experience, preparation, and qualifications, should be sent to Rev. Bernard Edinger, Secretary, Gackle, North Dakota.

AUBURN, MICH. Sunday morning, June 28, was a memorable day for the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Michigan. This was ground breaking day for the new educational wing! Rev. G. K. Zimmerman represented our denomination and brought a challenging message. Following the morning service, we went outdoors where Mr. Serenus Johnson, the contractor, gave his testimony and challenged the people to build for Christ. Three of the oldest men in the church turned a shovel of earth and three young boys also broke ground; these youths represented the need for our new educational wing. The Building Committee and the pastor, Rev. M. D. Wolff, also participated in the ceremony and Mr. Zimmerman led the congregation in a dedicatory prayer. Later we gathered in the lower auditorium of the church for our Sunday dinner and then we met in the sanctuary for a "Praise and Prayer Service" during which people testified to the influence this church had on them and others recounted how they had found the Lord here and still others prayed God's blessing on our building program. (Mrs. Joe Franko, Reporter).



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, AUBURN, MICHIGAN

Ground was broken on June 28 for the new educational unit of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich.

Left to right: Mr. Serenus Johnson, Building Contractor; Mr. Bert Braun, Chairman of the Building Committee; Chuck Franko, representing the youth; Mr. Otto Braun, oldest male member; and the pastor, Rev. M. D. Wolff.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES & BAPTISMS

NORRIDGE, ILL. The First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., recently welcomed God's Volunteers, Team II, with much joy and expectation. From April 26 to Sunday, May 3, we felt the Holy Spirit at work in our midst. Attendance grew daily, both in the pre-prayer session and in the services. On the last night of the crusade our church was filled to capacity. "Souls for Jesus" was their theme chorus and that's exactly what they won, as two of our young people came forward and accepted Christ as their Savior. These two young people, namely, Paul Schmidt, son of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt, and Jean Fanter, a Sunday School scholar, were baptized along with both of Jean's parents and her brother, James, on Sunday, June 28. (Miss Ruth Hess, Reporter).

PILGRIM, PHILADELPHIA, PA. On Sunday, June 7, Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist church, Philadelphia, Pa., baptized several persons on confession of their faith in Christ and received these and others by letter and by experience into the church on Sunday, June 14. (Two of the baptized persons were not able to be present for the accompanying picture). On June 14 the Sunday school held a Children's Day program with the superintendent, Mr. Ted Malloch, in charge. The Vacation Bible School convened from June 29 to July 10 with Miss Margaret Hargreaves, director of Christian education, serving as the school's director.

GREENVINE, BURTON, TEXAS. Jeremiah 33:3 was the theme for the evangelistic meetings held at the Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas from June 21 to 28. Rev. John Morgan who is attending the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Ft. Worth, Texas delivered the in-

spiring messages. From July 6 to 10, our Vacation Bible School was held. Ruth Poerschke, Marilyn and Fay Kramer, Ann Fry, Mrs. Jack Gummelt, and Rev. D. Fry did a splendid job of teaching the children. Average attendance was 26. On Sunday evening, July 12, the Bible School children presented a program. That same evening two persons were baptized upon the confession of their faith in Christ. Our pastor, Rev. D. Fry, spoke on "Following the Lord in Baptism." After this service all persons present went to view the handwork on display in the Educational Building. (Mrs. F. Effenberger, Reporter).



Rev. Walter Schmidt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Illinois and five persons whom he baptized following the evangelistic services held by God's Volunteers Team No. 2.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

RAPID CITY, S. DAK. The South Canyon Baptist Missionary Society, Rapid City, S. Dak., celebrated its 10th anniversary on July 14 with 15 members and 10 visitors present. Mrs. John

Kwyzla and Mrs. Lloyd Sherman were in charge of the program. Special guests were Mrs. Lawrence Weeldreyer, the first president of the group, and Miss Beulah Carpenter, a missionary to the Chad, Africa. Poems were read and special numbers were sung. Miss Carpenter gave a very challenging message on "Jesus the Good Shepherd" and showed slides on the medical work in Chad. The evening was climaxed with a delicious lunch served by Mrs. Herman Walker and Mrs. Theresa Johnson. The table decorations carried out the 10th anniversary theme. (Mrs. Dale Saunders, Reporter).

MEN'S GROUPS
GRAND FORKS, N. DAK. The Men's Brotherhood of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak.,

made history when they held their first Father's and Son's Banquet on June 18. This perhaps came about from the great encouragement by the ladies and, most of all, by the work of our pastor, Rev. Willis Potratz. Harold Carlson was master of ceremonies and Lt. Col. Phillips from G. F. A. F. Base was the guest speaker. Bob Walters is president of the Brotherhood. Several greetings were brought by Tim Keple and Keith Carlson. May God bless the men, not only in Grace Baptist Church, but wherever they work for the Lord.

WETASKIWIN, ALTA. A special Father's Day service was held at the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta on June 21. The men of the church were well represented by the various speakers and in the special music. Mr. Walter Riehl, Mr. Cliff Zilke, Mr. Gus Littman and Mr. A. W. Strohschein spoke on the father's responsibility in the home and to his country. Mr. Strohschein is a member of the legislature of Alberta, and he spoke on the participation of Christians in politics. Special music was given by two male duets, and Mr. Herb Bricker, a converted Jew, sang two numbers. The church was filled and hearts were thrilled by this presentation by Calvary Baptist Men. (Wm. W. Sibley, Pastor).



Rev. Fred Sonnenberg (left), pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and 10 new members recently received into the church's fellowship.

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fischer of Bismarck, N. Dak., observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 28. For the occasion an Open House was held for them at the Bismarck Baptist Church on the afternoon of that day. Rev. E. Broeckel, who officiated at the marriage of the Fischers 50 years ago, brought words of congratulation. The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A. Strohschein, also paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Fischer. Andrew Fischer and Katharin Hochhalter were married on June 28, 1914 at Regan, N. Dak. They lived in the Regan community until 1947 and have made their home in Bismarck since that time. Mr. Fischer has served as church deacon and treasurer. Presently he is a member of the board of trustees and of the building committee. Mrs. Fischer continues to be an active member in the Woman's Missionary Society. (Rev. Allen Strohschein, Pastor).



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fischer of Bismarck, N. Dak., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration held at the Bismarck Baptist Church.

FOREST PARK, ILL. On Sunday, June 28, Rev. Herbert J. Freeman and family began their ministry at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., in an auspicious way. The installation service was held during the evening service. The various organizations welcoming our new pastor and family were represented as follows: Mrs. B. C. Schreiber, women; G. H. Hackmann, Board of Deacons; B. A. Purdom, Sunday school; W. Burghoff, men; Rev. H. G. Dymmel, German Bible Class; G. C. Koch, C.B.Y.; Dr. F. H. Woyke, North American Baptist General Conference; Rev. R. Kern, Eastern District secretary; Rev. Homer K. Shafer, Oak Park-River Forest Council of Churches; in addition, the pastors of the Chicago area NAB churches also extended their welcome. Dr. Charles W.

Koller, who had served the church on an interim basis for the past six months, gave the charge to the church. Mr. Freeman responded by giving his testimony, based on I Cor. 9:16. He also expressed the appreciation of his family for the pantry shower given them by the church. (Erna Redlich, Reporter).

TEMPLE, CALGARY, ALTA. On Sunday afternoon, June 14, Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta. It was a privilege for the church to have Mr. and Mrs. G. Schroeder at this special occasion. A program was held for the honored couple. Mr. M. Derman and Mr. Biemann brought a few fitting words. Congratulations and gifts from the church and different groups in the church were presented. During the celebration they received a telephone call from their children in Lodi, Calif. After the program, about 400 people partook of the lunch which had been prepared by the church. Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Schroeder were blessed with 7 children and 21 grandchildren, with only one daughter and her family able to attend. The couple was married June 9, 1914 in Russia. (Mrs. B. Kerber, Reporter).

PARKSTON, S. DAK. On Friday evening, July 10, the Parkston and Tripp Baptist Churches of South Dakota held a welcome service and reception for their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. John Hisel. Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Gerald L. Borchert, Seminary professor of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Words of welcome were given by representatives of the various organizations of the church. The charge of dedication and consecration for the church and the pastor was given by Dr. Borchert. The parsonage has been completely redecorated and new kitchen cupboards, built-in stove and oven, and new bathroom facilities have been added before the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Hisel. (Mrs. Leland Koth, Reporter).



Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Schroeder at their golden wedding anniversary celebration held for them by the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta.

FIRST GERMAN, BENTON HARBOR, MICH. Sunday, June 14, marked a special day for the First German Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., when we were able to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Henry D. Smith, and his family. In the morning service Mr. Smith brought his first sermon on Matt. 27:46. At the afternoon reception many of the visiting pastors from the surrounding area extended their welcome to the Smiths. Dr. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., brought the message on Romans 1:16-17. After the fellowship hour, representatives of the various organizations brought their words of welcome to our new pastor. (Mrs. Hilda Schwartz, Reporter).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

VENTURIA, N. DAK. The Vacation Bible School of the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., was held June 1 to 5 with an enrollment of 34 pupils and 6 teachers. An offering was brought daily by the children and designated for Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, our missionaries in Japan. A closing program was presented on Friday evening with the parents and friends in attendance. Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Falkenberg served as directors and



Grace Heupel (left) of Venturia, N. Dak., is presented with the Grand Award in Scripture memorization by Mrs. M. W. Falkenberg, church sponsor for the Scripture Memorization Course.

also took care of the music and recreation. At the close of the program, Mrs. Falkenberg, sponsor for the Scripture Memory Course, gave pins to 20 pupils. The Grand Award prize was also given to Grace Heupel who was the first to receive the award in the Ventura Baptist Church. She finished the nine year course memorizing 455 verses. (Mrs. Howard Breitling, Reporter).

RIDGEMONT, EAST DETROIT, MICH. On Sunday evening, June 28, the Ridgemont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich., held its Vacation Bible School's closing program. With joyful hearts we listened to what each department had prepared. It was our privilege to hear the children sing the chorus, "Rolled Away," in Japanese. The offering was designated for the schooling of our missionary children. The average attendance was 131. We pray that many young lives have been brought closer to the Lord. (Mrs. Ruth Gottschling, Reporter).

GLADWIN, MICH. From June 15 to 26 the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., conducted its Vacation Bible School on the theme, "Jesus, the Promised Savior." The seed which is the Word of God was prayerfully and carefully sown each day into the hearts of the 76 pupils by the teachers and helpers. The Bible School ended with a program given on Friday night. A fine display of the pupils' handwork and craft was viewed by all who attended the program. (Augusta Will, Reporter).

GOODRICH, N. DAK. "Life With God" was the theme of the Community Vacation Bible School held from June 1 to 5 at the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak. A total of 64 children were enrolled with 14 teachers and helpers. Each day the children brought an offering, which went to the American Bible Society. Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor, was in charge of the school. The Vacation Bible School was climaxed with a program and demonstration on Friday evening. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter).

MADISON, S. DAK. A total of 55 pupils were enrolled in the Vacation Church School held at the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., June 1-5, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Classes were held for Beginners, Primary, Juniors and Young Teens. Each class studied about "God's Time" and did handcraft appropriate to the theme. A very impressive service was held in the West Center Street Church on June 25, 1964, when George Black, one of its members was ordained into the ministry. Rev. George Black will leave soon for missionary work in Cameroon, West Africa. (Goldie Frautschy, Reporter).

ELK GROVE, CALIF. The First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., had an average attendance of 126 pu-



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pils with a staff of 38 in its week-long Vacation Bible School program. The school was held early this year so it would not conflict with the General Conference in July. The daily offerings, totalling \$57.10 were designated for the work with the Indian people in Alberta and Saskatchewan. There were five departments in the school which used Scripture Press material, "Living by God's Time."

BILLINGS, MONTANA. A Vacation Bible School was held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana June 8-12. Blessings were received as children from the ages of 4 to 12 participated in the theme, "Around the World With Christ." Staff members who served were: director, Mrs. R. Seidel; teachers: Miss Joanne Koppie, Mrs. J. Ehresman, Mrs. A. Hruska, Sandra Hruska, Mrs. Ed Wolff, Mrs. A. Junkert, Miss Vickie Seidel, Mrs. E. Opp, Mrs. R. Koch and Mrs. M. Frosh. Fifty-seven children enrolled with an average attendance of 53. The offering for our Japanese Mission Field amounted to \$21.52.

GRAND FORKS, N. DAK. A one week Vacation Bible School with all day sessions was held at the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., from June 1 to 5. The program was given the following Sunday evening. Samples of the handcraft were put on a display table in the church parlor to be viewed after the program. We also had our coffee fellowship in connection with this. There were 95 children enrolled with an average attendance of 83½ per cent. The pastor, Rev. Willis Potratz, was in charge of the Junior and Teen recreation. Fifteen members of the church served as teachers, assistants and workers. Mrs. Charles Balogh was the director.

FOREST PARK, ILL. The Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., took an average of 112 children "Around the World With Christ" during their Vacation Bible School held June 15-26. Mr. Gordon Loux, Youth Director of the church, conducted this exciting trip with the help of 24 teachers. The total enrollment reached 139. The children ranged in age from four years through Junior High. Their adventuresome day began every morning promptly at 9 o'clock. Friday evening, June 26, was Demonstration Night when the work was displayed to parents and interested friends. It was clear to see that the boys and girls had enjoyed and benefitted from their successful adventure. (Erna Redlich, Reporter).

SOUTH HILLS, ERIE, PA. The South Hills Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., held a successful Vacation Bible School June 15 to 26. We had an enrollment of 59 students and a staff of 13. There were 5 children who made decisions to accept Christ as Savior. South Hills Sunday School won "The Grand Award" for most outstanding achievements during "March to Sunday School in March" campaign in Erie County. The award was presented June 12 at the Erie County Sunday School Convention. (Mrs. Eugene Heiple, Reporter).

CENTRAL, GEORGE, IOWA. On Sunday, June 14, the Vacation Bible School of the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, rendered its program. They reviewed for us what had been accomplished during the ten days of the school. Mr. David Samf, student from the N.A.B. Seminary and also our supply pastor, had charge of the school. Each student received a certificate for studies completed and those who finished all the memory work received, in addition to a certificate, a Kennedy half dollar. Following the close of the program, we went to the lower auditorium to view the handwork on display. The offerings contributed by the school during the week and that of the Sunday evening offering, amounting to \$85, were designated for our N. A. B. foreign mission work. (Julia Oltmann, Reporter).

OPEN BIBLE TABERNACLE, ERIE. The Baptist Open Bible Tabernacle of Erie, Penna., held its Vacation Bible School each evening from June 15 to 26. We had an enrolment of 94, with an average attendance of 77. Our theme for the school was centered around making our time and talents count for Christ. There were 17 teachers and co-workers. The highlight of the school came when 4 children accepted Christ as Savior. For the closing program on Sunday evening, June 28, the children brought to their parents and guests songs, Scripture and incidents relating to the lessons. Then they took their parents on a tour of the classrooms to show their handwork. God richly blessed us in all this. Mrs. Maureen Stirsman was superintendent. Rev. R. A. Mikolon is our pastor. (Mrs. Arthur Harrison, Pastor).

NEUSTADT, ONTARIO. From July 6-10 five teachers and three helpers led 37 pupils "Around the World with Christ," the theme for the Vacation Church School at the Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario. The Bible School was conducted at the church each morning from 9 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. with Miss Eunice Derbecker as worship director and the pastor, Rev. Henry Ramus, as the music director. The school had three divisional classes: Kindergarten with Mrs. Henry Ramus as teacher and Janis Hammer and the pastor as helpers; Primary with Mrs. Arthur Yenssen as teacher (who also

led in the arrangements for holding a Bible School) and Pauline Helwig as helper; Junior with Mrs. John Hammer as teacher and Susan Helwig as helper and also the school's pianist. The enrollment consisted of 15 pupils in the Kindergarten class, 15 pupils in the Primary class and 7 pupils in the Junior class. Every morning at recess time a number of ladies from the Dr. Dorothy Timpany Mission Circle took turns in providing refreshments.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

WISCONSIN CBY CAMP. The Wisconsin C.B.Y. Youth Camp was held at Northland Mission Camp, Dunbar, Wis., with 240 campers and staff members in attendance, June 20 to 27. The theme of the camp was "God's Faithful Stewards" and the denominational representative, Dr. Richard Schilke, focused the campers' attention on our efforts in missionary ventures. The Junior Camp for fourth, fifth and sixth graders was headed by the Rev. Don Miller with the Rev. L. Kiemele as their camp pastor. Dean of the Senior Camp was the Rev. Herbert Berndt, with guest leaders Rev. and Mrs. John Binder teaching "Baptist Beliefs" and "Creative Activities," respectively. Classes were also held for nature study and handcraft, directed by Mrs. Joyce Sutton and Miss Bonnie Faiver. To keep this large camp extra happy, the cooks, in charge of Mrs. Harold Kopf, were really kept very busy furnishing delicious meals. The very fine waterfront at Northland Mission Camp was again a very popular place, and directing the activities at this point was Mrs. Karen Carlson.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE SESSIONS. The 61st annual sessions of the NORTHERN CONFERENCE were held July 7-9 in the IRRIGATION CAPITAL OF CANADA. It was the privilege of the Conference to meet in the beautiful sanctuary of the Bethany Church in Lethbridge, Alberta. Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the C.T.I., brought the opening message on the theme, "DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY." The messages by other pastors stimulated the thinking of the conference delegates and guests as to the need for effective, consistent and dedicated ministry of the Body of Christ. A very impressive closing service was held with the new officers being installed. Testimonies were given by three young people as to their joys and victories as they have sought to be witnesses for their Master. The highlights of the Conference was the reception and recognition of two new churches into the Northern Conference, that of the Meadowlark Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta and the BENKE MEMORIAL INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH. This was another milestone for our Indian missionary work and hearts were touched as the report was given and a unanimous decision of acceptance was made. (Rev. John Wollenberg, Reporter).

August 27, 1964

Obituary



Sister Jaeckle was a true Christian serving her Lord and performing her daily duties praising the Lord in song. She was always ready to lend a helping hand where help was needed. After a lingering illness she passed from this earth to her heavenly Home on June 19, 1964. She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters: Mrs. Ed Foster of Waco; Mr. Walter Dreyer of Gatesville; and Mrs. Storey Burns of Waco; 3 brothers; one sister; and 5 grandchildren.
Central Baptist Church
Waco, Texas

L. B. HINZ, Pastor

MRS. ALBERT BOLLINGER of Sealy, Texas

Mrs. Albert Bollinger, nee Maria Loewer, of Sealy, Texas was born March 20, 1874 in Luetzowig, Hessen, Germany. She died June 29, 1964 in the Burton Nursing Home, Burton, Texas, at the age of 90 years, 3 months and 9 days. At the age of 16 she accepted Christ as her Savior and became a member of the local Baptist Church. She was united in marriage with Karl Virnau in 1897 and this union was blessed with three children: Walter, Karl and Lydia (who died in her childhood). Her husband died in 1903. In 1904 she came to America. In 1910 she remarried and became the wife of Albert Bollinger. This union was blessed with three sons: Werner, Ralph and Johannes. For the last 20 years the Bollingers lived in Sealy, Texas. She is survived by her husband, her sons, 17 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Mrs. Bollinger was always an active and faithful member in the churches she attended and above that a true mother in her intercession for her loved ones and others. The Mowata Baptist Church was her home church in America for many years. The deceased expressed her desire that interment be in the cemetery of the Mowata Baptist Church. Undersigned conducted the funeral service and was assisted by Rev. J. Hayes of Brookshire, Texas.

Mowata Baptist Church
Branch, Louisiana

ALEX SOOTZMAN, Pastor

MR. ALBERT STOBERT of Lansing, Michigan

Mr. Albert Stobert of Lansing, Michigan was born Sept. 17, 1892 in Volovnia, Russia. He went to be with the Lord on June 24, 1964 at Lansing where he had been a resident for 51 years. He was a charter member of Colonial Village Baptist Church, having joined when it was organized and known as the Holmes Street Baptist Church. He received Christ as his Savior at the early age of 14 years and was most faithful in his church attendance. Although stricken with a serious illness a few years ago, he continued to be in the House of God until he was confined to his bed completely. He leaves to mourn his passing: his faithful wife, Esther (Kranich), who gave devoted care; 3 daughters: Mrs. Clare Havens (Margaret) of Wacousta, Mich.; Mrs. McVeain Sweazey (Marion) of Royal Oak, Mich.; and Mrs. Stanley Saylor (Dorothy) of Denver, Colo.; 3 sons: Arthur and Herbert, both of Lansing; and Richard of Lakeside, Calif.; and 19 grandchildren.

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MR. EMIL A. DACHTLER of Lansing, Michigan

Mr. Emil A. Dachtler of Lansing, Mich., was born Oct. 30, 1902, in Hazen, N. Dak. His death on June 19, 1964 took from the Colonial Village Baptist Church one of its most outstanding servants. He was a dedicated and faithful man of God. He loved the Lord and the church and served them both with his whole heart. Stricken with Parkinson Disease and suffering intensely for over three years, nevertheless he was in constant attendance at every church service. He served Colonial Village Church as its Sunday School superintendent for fifteen years. He was a member of the Deacon Board for equally as many years, serving a number of times as its chairman, as a member of the Building Committee in 1954 when the church erected a new building. Brother Dachtler was also a member of the Board of the City Rescue Mission of Lansing. Mourning their loss but rejoicing in his gain are: his wife, Emma (Hildenbrand); 4 daughters: Miss Anne Dachtler and Mrs. Ruby Hopp of Lansing; Mrs. Ernice Friesen of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. Jeannette Wuebben of Dayton, Ohio; and one son, Rev. W. D. Dachtler of Rapid City, S. Dak.; 8 grandchildren; 3 brothers; and one sister.

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REV. FRED TRAUTNER MEMORIAL

The children and friends of the late Rev. Fred Trautner of Bismarck, N. Dak., have established a memorial in his honor in behalf of needy students at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Such gifts by interested friends for this Trautner Memorial can be sent to Mr. Charles William Trautner, 535 North Michigan Avenue, Apt. 2211, Chicago, Illinois 60611, or to the Seminary, 1608 South Euclid Avenue, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE SESSIONS. The 70th Annual Session of the Pacific Conference met briefly on the first day of the General Conference in Sacramento, July 13, 1964. The Moderator, Rev. Henry Barnet, led in the singing of "I Would Be Like Jesus." Appreciation was expressed to the Willow Rancho Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. Eric Kuhn, for hosting the delegates to this brief conference session.

With joy the right hand of fellowship of the Pacific Conference was extended to the Westbrook Baptist Church of Santa Ana, Calif., pastored by Rev. Richard Grauer and the Lincoln Village Baptist Church of Sacramento, pastored by Rev. William Acton. Only a few items of each church letter were noted due to the shortness of time, and yet we praise the Lord for his blessing evidenced in these reports. The Mission Secretary, Rev. Kenneth Fischer; the Christian Education representative, Rev. Bruce Rich; the Pacific Conference Stewardship chairman, Mr. Ed Bohnet, shared their inspiring reports of progress and plans.

The 1965 Pacific Conference sessions will be held June 16-20 at the Riviera Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon in cooperation with the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Dallas, Oregon. The newly-elected moderator is Rev. Clarence Walth, pastor of the Salt Creek Church. (Rev. Loren Fischer, Reporter)

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BRADLEY BEACH MINISTERS' RETREAT. "Now come along to some quiet place by yourselves and rest for a little while." These words of our Lord became fact for the pastors of the Atlantic Conference as we assembled for our yearly retreat at the Baptist Cottage at Bradley Beach, N. J., June 22 to 26. During these days we were enriched by devotional thoughts and group prayer each morning. These moments of meditation were followed by a time of instruction and guidance under the able leadership of Rev. Gideon Zimmerman of our Christian Education Department in Forest Park, Ill. A helpful period of discussion gave opportunity to deal with mutual areas of concern.

Since some of the churches in the

Atlantic Conference are in dominant Roman Catholic area, the evening presentations were of special benefit. These services were conducted by Mr. Alex Dunlap, a realtor from Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Dunlap, besides his real estate business, has founded and conducts the "Conversion Center" in Philadelphia which is designed to help Roman Catholic priests and nuns who come to faith in Christ. Our speaker was well informed and qualified to bring to our attention effective means of bringing Christ to many who do not know him as Savior. With a sense of new strength and challenged by new thoughts, we returned to our separate areas of service knowing that we were united in one cause of service for Christ the Lord. (Arthur Boymook, Reporter).

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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was Ebenezer, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Questions for Discussion:

1. Do you think Samuel was too young to leave home and become the responsibility of an old priest? Would it be advisable for our children?
2. Every time Israel lost a battle it was blamed on sin. Does this mean we will always win if we keep faithful to God?
3. How was Samuel different from former judges in Israel?



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