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OUT OF THE DIARY OF A PASTOR

Notes on the Northern Conference Pastors' Institute, Jan. 13-17, Edmonton, Alberta by Rev. Reinhold Kerstan

Jan. 2nd

I pity the mail man. All he brought today was a pile of "Printed Matter" mail. One letter was an invitation to the Mid-Winter Convocation of the Christian Training Institute and Northern Conference Pastors' Fellowship, Jan. 13-17, in Edmonton, Alberta.

Jan. 6th

Had a talk with some fellow pastors. They think, it is going to be a great time in Edmonton. I guess, I should plan to go.

Jan. 13th

A night on the train makes you dizzy—but brings you closer to your destiny. Here we are in Alberta's modern capital. Friendly students of the C. T. I. waited for us at the station. Their watchful eyes picked us out of the crowd of people.

Jan. 14th

We had a wonderful opening of our Pastors' Fellowship last night. The McKernan Baptist Church was the host church. Prof. Wm. R. McLatchie is an excellent violinist and was at his best. Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the C. T. I., presided.

The highlight of last night was the illustrated lecture of Dr. A. S. Schultz. He took us deep into Russia of today. His pictures showed clearly the domination of atheism in Russia in all fields of life. Yet, Christians in the U. S. S. R. take their stand for Christ and really know what they stand for.

This morning, after a devotional period led by Rev. W. Sibley, Dr. Schultz lectured on "Mesopotamia." What a man! He is professor of Old Testament at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill. The field of his greatest interest is archeology. This interest was reflected in all of his slides. His archeological interest has almost become a passion; and laughingly he called himself a "psycho-ceramic," which he translated as "archeological crackpot."

OUR DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY

After a question and answer period Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., carried our hearts away with his persuasive enthusiasm. He spoke on "The Role of the Printed Page in Our Denominational Ministry."

FRONT COVER

Ministers and visitors to the Northern Conference Pastors' Institute and Mid-winter Convocation of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta were photographed on the front steps of the C.T.I. on a bright "sunny Alberta" day. We can praise God for faithful and dedicated ministers, such as these, in the service of Jesus Christ. The photo is by Studio Wagner.

SEMINARY NUMBER

The ministry of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is reviewed in this issue. You will be introduced to the Seminary's senior students. Inspirational and provocative articles by several members of the faculty are also featured. Remember our SEMINARY in your prayers as you read this interesting number of the "Baptist Herald."

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

SEMINARY LIBRARY FUND. The Library Book Fund of the Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dak., has reached the commendable sum of \$25,654.66. The encouraging reports about the Seminary and the inspiring articles by Seminary professors in this SEMINARY NUMBER of the "Baptist Herald" deserve your undivided attention. Pray for our Seminary!

BIBLE DAY, MARCH 8. This is an important day in the program of North American Baptist churches. Recitation materials to be used by children and bulletin inserts with a suggested Responsive Reading have been sent to all churches. Read the fascinating story, "A Book in His Hand" by Dr. Porter W. Routh, in the program page. Offerings will go toward the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature through our Publication Society.

THE LAST MONTH. Ahead of us is the last month (March) before the close of our fiscal year on March 31st. The denominational goal of its first million dollar budget (\$1,050,000) still looms before us, high and challenging, but with God's help and the generous giving of his consecrated people it is possible of attainment. All together, let's do our best this month to reach this objective!

EXTENSION BUILDERS, MARCH.

In the Pacific Northwest we have at least four promising church extension projects at the Rose of Sharon Church, Richmond, B. C.; Renton and North Seattle, Wash.; and the Portland Avenue Church, Tacoma, Wash. The Tacoma church and its pastor, Rev. C. T. Remple, minister to many needy families in a crowded residential area. Children and adults of Japanese, Negro, Indian and Polynesian families attend the Vacation School and some of the services of this church. Its building program needs our help. Church Extension Builders in March will contribute to the Portland Avenue Church in Tacoma.

NEW MISSIONARY APPOINTEE.

The Board of Missions through its general secretary, Dr. R. Schilke, has announced the appointment of Miss Rosemarie Hackmann of Maywood, Ill., as a missionary nurse for the New Hope Settlement Hospital, Mbingo,

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NEXT ISSUE

EASTER NUMBER

"The Glory of the New Life in Christ"

Editorial

Today's Watchword is Education

A new emphasis on education has emerged in the life of our North American Baptist General Conference during the past ten or twelve years. It is the watchword of a new day in our denominational life which has raised the standards of our leadership, broadened our outlook on our worldwide ministry, and thrust us into the stream of modern thought and relationships. It is bound to change our denominational picture for years to come.

Dr. Frank S. Morley in a recent newspaper article listed and described the seven wonders of the ancient world. Then he tried to name the greatest wonders of today on which we might agree. He concluded that such a list had to include *education* with its accomplishments and objectives. "Education is a modern marvel," Dr. Morley wrote. "The decrease in illiteracy is astounding. Nothing man has discovered or invented is more marvelous than man himself with his brain and heart, his courage and spiritual splendor. He remains mysterious—Man, the Unknown." Education thrusts man into an endless search as a creature of inestimable value and of tremendous potentialities to make his life count for good of others.

The evidences of this new educational emphasis are all around us in our denomination. Many more of our young people are now attending colleges, universities, junior colleges, professional schools and Bible schools. This is warmly encouraged by parents and churches. Forty years ago it was frowned upon in some of our circles. The entrance requirements of our Seminary now call for a college education and the educational standards of our Christian Training Institute are rising. Our new church buildings are providing modern facilities for Christian education in up to date educational units, and Sunday school training is being evaluated in the light of school practices and goals. Missionary applicants are acceptable only after they have met the higher educational requirements of this new day.

A new denominational committee, the Committee on Higher Education, is hard at work to present new objectives of an educational program to the General Council and the General Conference which will involve the entire denomination. The possibilities of establishing our own college or finding some practical working arrangement with an already established Christian school are being considered. The educational decisions to be made at the 34th General Conference will be epoch making for us.

The search after wisdom and this hunger for beauty, interpreted in the light of Christian revealed truth, should make an impact upon each one of us. No adult is too old to learn, to feel the blessing of this new emphasis on education, and to share with our denominational institutions their concern for higher educational standards and for a better output of trained, well qualified young people as our leaders.

This is the chief use of life to increase in wisdom and in favor with God and man. "Our soaring spirits seek a home in the stars. We are here to become something, for we are eternal, you and I, not meant for death at all, but meant to grow up to enter into new truths and new experiences, and to push back the horizons of life." Education with this Christian interpretation can be the stairway to such a richer life.

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The Freedom of the Christian

This liberty in Christ involves the committed believer in a new bondage, a bondage of love which he freely takes upon himself as a servant of his Lord.

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

IN HIS helpful little book, *Religious Liberty*, Giovanni Miegge affirms, "Liberty is a great blessing, perhaps the greatest blessing of all. A man may well choose to die than to live without it." If this is so, and the writer firmly believes that it is, what then do we mean by the freedom of the Christian?

The root idea of freedom is liberation, or the absence of restraints or repression. More significantly it is the ability to conform to one's highest nature—that for which one was made or created. It does not take much reflection to see that liberty or freedom is not to do just as one pleases; this can actually be self-destructive and an infringement upon other people's liberty.

MAN'S TRUE DESTINY

Man was made to be a free creature and can never be happy under external force, tyranny or compulsion. It is a part of man's constitution as created by God—it is involved in the image of God in man, and is thus a creation gift to all men. Originally this freedom involved a natural aspect, that is, free will or perfect voluntary faculty; and also a spiritual aspect, that is, the ability perfectly to do the will of God (righteousness and holiness).



THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL DOME, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Man was made to be a free creature and can never be happy under external force, tyranny or compulsion. It is a part of man's constitution as created by God. (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

ANNUAL SPRING CONVOCATION

March 17-18, 1964

North American Baptist Seminary
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Theme

"The Baptist Witness
in World Outreach"
Sub-topics

1. "What We Have Heard, and Seen, and Touched."
2. "The Troubled World Is Waiting."
3. "The Task of the Baptist World Fellowship."
4. "The Witness on Trial."
5. "The Revolutionary Way of Love."

Lecturer

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug,
General Secretary
Baptist World Alliance

Through the Fall, man lost the spiritual aspect of freedom, and the natural aspect was weakened, so that the tendency of his will was turned in a downward or sinful direction. Thus, the image of God was invaded or corrupted by an enslaving principle—man was in bondage due to sin and needed to be set free by a liberating act of God. The freedom left to man was the ability to choose, a voluntary agency.

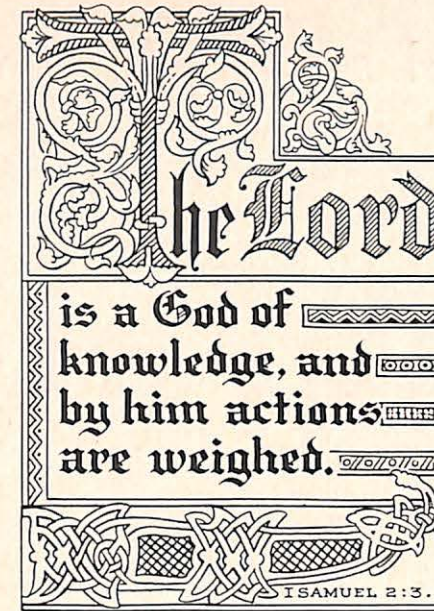
But this was far from that perfect freedom which God intended for man. By sending his Son into the world, God acted decisively in liberating men from the enslaving power of sin and in enabling them to do the will of God and thus fulfill the purpose for which they were created, man's true destiny. This is *real* freedom, the "glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom. 8:21); "the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free" (Gal. 5:1; cf. John 8:32, 36). And this distinctively Christian idea of freedom is much more than simply the moral freedom involved in the natural or secular idea. It is a new life in Christ Jesus (II Cor. 5:17) inaugurated by the liberating Holy Spirit (John 3:5-7, II Cor. 3:17). Only the Christian can be free in this high sense.

THE BONDAGE OF LOVE

Paradoxically, this liberty in Christ involves the committed believer in a new bondage, a bondage of love which he freely takes upon himself as a servant of his Lord. And this new bondage is his highest freedom, for this is exactly that for which he was created and redeemed—that he may be a love slave to his Savior, a servant of righteousness. Nothing could make him more free than this. Man's Liberator is his Lord to whom everything is subject. A seeming contradiction, the more free the individual is, the more bound (voluntarily) he is (to the perfect plan of God).

Augustine said that the Christian can do absolutely as he pleases, *if he loves first* (love to God and neighbor): "Love first, then do as you please." This is emphatically true, because love not only fulfills the law, it goes far beyond the requirements of the law—it "goes the second mile." Thus, all things are lawful which Christian love permits. This is the same as saying all things are demanded which Christian love requires, for love gives itself without restraint to that which is loved. In this sense love is "immoderate"; it knows no restraints or restrictions. And this is *real freedom*, for this is the perfect, liberating will of God in Christ Jesus, the *summum bonum* of life.

The exercise of one's liberty will always be subordinated by the dedicated Christian to the welfare of his neighbor. He will do nothing that will deliberately harm or hurt anyone else. As a servant of all men for the sake of the Gospel (I Cor. 9:19-23; II Cor. 4:5; Gal. 6:2), he will manifest sincere consideration for others. The Apostle Paul spells this out in his discussions



on the new law of love (I Cor. 8:1-13; 10:23-33; Romans 14:1-23). Liberty is subordinate to (limited by) charity: "all things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient (helpful)."

The Christian must use his liberty responsibly with tender regard for the weaker brother. In principle this is simple, but in practice it is the most difficult and demanding thing in the world. Out of love we cannot always do what we know we have a right to do, since we may thereby mislead those who are influenced by our example. "If meat will make my brother to stumble, I will eat no meat, lest I make my brother to offend."

Christian liberty is a freedom for love and service to God and man. God's will is perfect freedom, and this is a freedom which transcends all outward circumstances and restraints.

A FREEDOM IN TRUTH

Christian liberty is also a freedom *in truth*. Truth is a liberating force. Other things being equal, the greater access people have to the truth and the more they cherish the truth, the more free they are. The truth which Christ brought into the world is a sanctifying and an empowering truth; it is he himself, and is at the disposal of (available to) men by faith and obedience (John 1:14, 17; 8:32, 36; 14:6; 17:17, 19). This Truth sets man free from bondage, sin, fear, hostility, estrangement, frustration, debilitating servitudes, meaninglessness, despair, etc. It enables men to become what God intended them to be, the true sons of God, and this is real freedom.

So understood, freedom is not independence, but dependence, a dependence upon the liberating act of God in Jesus Christ. It is a gift which is received by faith and retained in its fullest dimensions through a continued trust and obedience. Christian liberty is precisely that perfect freedom for love and service to God and man. For this we were created and redeemed.

Our Expanding Seminary Library

The North American Baptist Seminary Library now has 17,000 well selected volumes in its stacks.

By Miss Joyce E. Ringer, Seminary Librarian

"Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits" (Psalm 68:19). This note of praise may well be sounded in the Library of the North American Baptist Seminary, for daily we rejoice in the progress being made.

Because of the success of the Library Book Project and now the Matching Gift program, our book collection has grown phenomenally. The total number of books in our library has doubled in the past five years, most of this growth having taken place in the last two years. We now have 17,000 well selected volumes in the Seminary library.

GIFT LIBRARIES FROM FRIENDS

A number of gift books are arriving in the library to help us increase our collection even more. Dr. John Bradbury, editor of *The Watchman Examiner*, has been sending us many volumes from his library. Dr. William Lippard, former editor of *Missions* magazine, is now making his library available to us. These two large gifts along with numerous smaller gifts will add several thousand more volumes to our library.

The library is expanding its holdings in the area of audio-visual materials as well. Many recordings, slides and filmstrips have been added recently to give us a basic collection of this type of material. A new listening center

provides facilities for listening to both tape and disc recordings. By means of headphones, up to four people may listen to a recording at one time. This is an important asset, especially for students in language and preaching classes.

1000 BOOKS A MONTH

We give thanks for each of these new additions, but another note for thanksgiving is that these materials are being used. Each year since moving into the new building, total circulation has increased greatly. Many times students and professors can hardly wait until a book is processed so that they can check it out. Many other books are used here in the library without being checked out. Yet approximately one thousand books have been checked out each month during this school year.

This progress brings us nearer to our goal of 30,000 to 40,000 volumes for the library, but we still have a ways to go. While we give thanks, we continue to work seeking to reach even higher and thus to provide better tools for our future pastors and leaders.

MISSION NEWS

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Cameroon, Africa, to replace Miss Barbara Kieper for a period of one year. Miss Kieper will have to return to the United States for medical treatment because of illness. Miss Hackmann has been an instructor in the school of nursing of the West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Ill., and has resigned her position to go to Africa. She will leave by plane for Cameroon, Africa, late in March or early in April.

SEMINARY FACES ITS TASK

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the Seminary in the training of men and women of God as future preachers, teachers and counsellors is frankly truncated.

The North American Baptist Seminary is seeking to combine instruction, study and worship together with practical experience in a creative fashion that will enable students under God to face the dilemmas of the second half of the twentieth century with the positive assurance that God has a solution to the problems of our era.

We ask you to pray with us that our Seminary will continue to provide the finest Christian education available to the young men and women who have given themselves to God as his spokesmen for the new generation.



MISS JOYCE RINGER

Seminary Librarian, prepares to catalogue some of the many new accessions to the Library.

Seminary Seniors of 1964

Eleven seniors — Americans, Canadians and one African — will be leaving the Seminary halls of learning in May 1964 to engage in the Christian ministry described by the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 4:11-12.

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

"AND HE GAVE some, apostles; and some, prophets, and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for edifying of the body of Christ."

Eleven seniors—Americans, Canadians, and one African—will be leaving the halls of learning of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on May 17, 1964, to engage in the ministry so adequately described by Paul in Ephesians 4:11-12. They will serve the Church of Jesus Christ at home and abroad. Several will continue in post B. D. studies.

BACHELOR OF DIVINITY DEGREE

Each graduate experienced a divine call which was followed with a sincere commitment and at least seven years of training beyond high school. The standard ministerial training in most denominations is a B.A. degree (four years of college) and a B.D. degree (three years of Seminary). This is considered the minimum necessary to prepare him for the very great responsibilities he will assume. The B.A. degree program is designed to give him a broad background of general knowledge.

The B.D. degree is built on the B.A. It is a graduate professional degree. In three short years the Seminary attempts to give the student a thorough background of Biblical studies, an understanding of Christian thought and Christian ethics, a knowledge of the history of religions, and of the Christian Church, as well as training in such skills as the preparation and delivery of sermons, religious education, pastoral counselling and pastoral care, church administration, etc. The Seminary's theological education carries the burden of preparing men for a high and holy calling.

We are pleased to introduce eleven men who individually and collectively express a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and evidence an eager desire to have others share that faith. They are quite familiar with Paul's great words, "The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." The Seminary sends them forth with a prayer that they will prove to be good ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

GEORGE BLACK

George Black was born in 1939 in Madison, S. Dak. In his early teens he accepted Christ as his Savior and be-

came a member of the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison.

After completing high school he enrolled at South Dakota State College where he received the B.S. degree in the area of Agriculture. Upon the completion of his college, he enrolled in the Seminary where his major field has been Missions. During the summer of 1963, in order to gain practical experience, Mr. Black served under the Student Service Plan as student pastor of the Sebastopol Baptist Church, near Eganville, Ontario, Canada.

After graduation from Seminary he plans further education in preparation for service on the foreign mission field.

BEN BREITKREUZ

Ben Breitkreuz came to the Seminary from Onoway, Alberta, Canada. At an early age he was converted, baptized, and affiliated with the Onoway Baptist Church.

While attending the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, he received a definite call into the ministry. In the fall of 1958 he enrolled at the University of Alberta, graduating in the spring of 1961 with a B.A. degree. During these years, he also served as student pastor at the Telfordville Baptist Mission, where he is still a member. In 1961 he was married to the former Gorgene Kern of Leduc, Alberta, Canada.

At the Seminary, Mr. Breitkreuz' major emphasis has been in Theology and Biblical studies. He has had a keen interest in student activities, serving as president of the Bender Fellowship last year, and this year as president of the Student Body Association. During the past summer, he served as student pastor at a local Presbyterian Church and has had numerous preaching assignments during his Seminary training. After graduation, his plans include graduate studies and the pastorate.

JOHN HISEL

John Hisel was born and raised in the city of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where he received his education from grade school through Seminary. His home church is the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls. In 1961 he graduated from Sioux Falls College with a B.A. degree. He is married to the former Wanda Coffield, who is teaching in a local grade school.

Mr. Hisel taught Sunday school at the Northside Baptist Church for several years, where he accepted Christ as Savior. During his college years he was active in Youth for Christ and served as city director for one year.

During the summer of 1962, Mr. and Mrs. Hisel spent two months under the denominational Student Service Plan directing a Bible School in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, as Bible teachers at the Nutimik Camp in Manitoba and finishing the summer serving as student pastor at the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, New Jersey.

Mr. Hisel has been serving as student pastor of the State Line Presbyterian Church, Ellsworth, Minn., since the spring of 1963.

RAYMOND HOFFMAN

Raymond Hoffman was born and raised near Eureka, S. Dak., where he also accepted the Lord as his Savior at the age of thirteen. Shortly after his conversion, he was baptized and affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Eureka. After moving from this vicinity, he became a member of the Ashley Baptist Church, N. Dak.

Mr. Hoffman attended Ellendale State Teachers College and graduated with a B. S. degree. Since July 1961, he has been pastoring the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak. His field of concentration during his Seminary training has been in the area of Practical Theology. He senses God's guidance into the pastoral ministry.

The Hoffmans have two children. Mrs. Hoffman is a graduate of Sioux Falls College and has been teaching in the Brandon, S. Dak., elementary school for the last three years.

ALLAN KRANZ

Allan Kranz is a native of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada, and was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe until 1962 when he transferred his membership to the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He is married to the former Donna Haas, formerly of Venturia, N. Dak. They have a daughter, Nancy.

Mr. Kranz attended Sioux Falls College from which he graduated in 1961 with a B.A. degree with a major in History. During his Seminary days, Theology was his field of concentration.

During his student days in Sioux Falls, Mr. Kranz participated in the Seminary program of pulpit supply in the larger Sioux Falls area. In addition he has held a student pastorate at Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church of Marion, S. Dak., and an interim pastorate at the Church of Christ (Disciples), Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. Kranz is looking forward to the pastorate upon graduation.

FLAVIUS MARTIN

Flavius Martin was born in Victoria, Cameroon, West Africa, in May 1933. He attended Victoria Baptist Church as a child. At the age of fourteen, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior, and simultaneously felt an inner call to serve his people as a pastor. After having attended secondary school and teacher training college in Cameroon, Brother Martin was sent to the United States in 1959 to study for the ministry, under the sponsorship of North American Baptist Mission.

In 1962, he received the B.A. degree in History from Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and he is now a senior student in the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls. Upon his return to Africa in the summer of 1964, he hopes to serve as pastor of one of the national churches.

ORYN MEINERTS

Oryn Meinerts is a native of Emery, S. Dak., and a member of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Meinerts attended Augustana College for one year. As a member of the Air National Guard of South Dakota, he left school for one semester to fulfill the basic training requirement. He completed his undergraduate work at Dakota Wesleyan University, in Mitchell, S. Dak., where he earned a B.A. degree.

While attending Seminary as a Theology major, he has been Middler Class president, youth counselor in his home church and recently more active in pulpit supply work in the greater Sioux Falls area. Last summer he served as a student worker in two of our Canadian churches, Central Baptist in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and Grant Park Baptist in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mr. Meinerts' future plans are to go on for further study, possibly at Northwestern University, and missionary service, as the Lord directs.

ERIC OHLMANN

Eric Ohlmann is from Leduc, Alberta, Canada, and is a member of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc. He is married to the former Eunice Stobee of Yorkton, Sask.

Mr. Ohlmann earned his B.A. degree at the University of Alberta in the field of History. At the Seminary he is majoring in Theology. Following graduation, he will study for a year at the Seminary in Hamburg, Germany, as exchange student. Thereafter, he plans to do further graduate work in Church History.

During student days his practical experience has consisted of pulpit supply opportunities in the larger Sioux Falls area and two interim pastorates, one at the Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., and the other in the First Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak.

JOHN SIEWERT

John Siewert came to the North American Baptist Seminary after receiving the B.S. degree from Georgia



SEMINARY SENIORS OF 1964

FIRST ROW (left to right): Allan Kranz, Chester Strobel, Ben Breitkreuz. SECOND ROW: Eric Ohlmann, Raymond Hoffman, John Hisel, Melvin Wipf. THIRD ROW: Flavius Martin, George Black, John Siewert, Oryn Meinerts.

Tech, Atlanta, Georgia. At the Seminary he concentrated his study in the area of Theology.

Mr. Siewert was born in 1937 in Benton Harbor, Michigan, where he attended the Napier Parkview Baptist Church. It was there that he became a Christian and was baptized under the ministry of Rev. William Hoover. Mrs. Siewert, the former Alberta Sandau, is from the Mound Prairie Baptist Church near La Crescent, Minn.

During the past summer, the Siewerts served at the Snowview Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was student assistant to Rev. Harold W. Lang.

CHESTER STROBEL

Chester Strobel was born on a farm near Venturia, N. Dak., on Oct. 18, 1934. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized at the age of about twelve and joined the Venturia Baptist Church. He received his college education at the Ellendale State Teachers College, Ellendale, N. Dak., and graduated with a B.S. degree in Education.

1963 CONFERENCE REPORTS

Copies of the "1963 Conference Reports" pertaining to our NAB churches and regional conferences along with denominational statistics have been sent to all churches. Several copies should be in the possession of every church and minister. These are exceedingly valuable volumes. The churches will be billed later.

Additional copies are available at \$1.50 each by ordering them from the Roger Williams Press, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

Mr. Strobel served two years in the Army and taught school for five years. He is married and has two children. During the years at the Seminary, he worked part time as a Home-School Counselor for the greater Sioux Falls School District. During this last year, he is serving as student pastor of a Presbyterian Church near Sioux Falls. He will graduate with a B.D. degree and hopes to continue studies in preparation for a teaching ministry.

During the summer of 1961, he travelled with "The Musical Messengers" presenting sacred concerts in many of our denominational churches. The summer of 1962 was spent in Monte Vista, Colorado, with the Spanish-American Mission work. Last summer he served as assistant pastor at Hettinger, N. Dak., and Bison, S. Dak.

MELVIN WIPF

Melvin Wipf graduated from Augustana College with a B.A. degree in 1950. After studying several quarters at Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., he worked in the Men's and Boys' Department of the Union Gospel Mission in St. Paul for five years. In the fall of 1957, he moved to Sarles, N. Dak., and for three years served the United Presbyterian Parish. While in North Dakota he took theology courses at the United College School of Theology in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Since the fall of 1960, he has been pastor of the United Presbyterian Churches at Canistota and Bridgewater, S. Dak. He enrolled in the North American Baptist Seminary in the fall of 1961.

Mr. Wipf married the former Janette Hurd of Sioux Falls during his college days. They and their four children live in Bridgewater and plan to stay in the Bridgewater-Canistota Parish following graduation.

The liberality or stinginess of each church reveals clearly its interest in the training of pastors and missionaries, so vital to the church and the world . . .

Who Will Catch the Vision?

By Professor Donald Madvig, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

WE DO NOT need to try to convince anyone that we live in a troubled world. The manner in which people snatch up a bit of news that seems to suggest a thaw in the cold war or anxiously read of some new threat from the Kremlin indicates deep concern. Facing international problems and national problems, personal problems and family problems, we seek remedies in every direction: medicine, psychiatry, education, peace corps, cultural exchange, armaments and talk of disarmaments. Multitudes are seeking help, but where is the answer?

all human history, and surrender to the Christ of the Cross as man's greatest need. Do we believe this?

Matthew portrays Jesus' response to human need as follows:

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into

tion of both temple and nation at the hands of the Romans.

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

The source of man's problem is his estrangement from God and his rebellion against God's will. If we accept this, then we are bound to agree that man's greatest need in this year of 1964 is the Gospel. Paul affirmed with confidence, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every-one that believeth" (Romans 1:16).

Since this is our conviction, we must do something about it. For judgment falls upon our professed faith in the words, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:20). What we do manifests most clearly just what we believe. Furthermore, the salvation which we have received through the sacrifice of God's Son makes our selves no longer our own and makes us debtor to all men. Our manner of living must confess this!

When these truths possess our hearts, they will burden us with an earnestness to publish the Gospel. In this way only can we answer the desperate need of our world. Jesus saw men in their need and, being moved with compassion, he said: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." The man of God proclaiming the Word of God is indispensable.

In Romans 10 it is put this way:

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

The individual and the church professing allegiance to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and asserting a concern for mankind must pray diligently that God will raise up men who have an inescapable sense of the call of God to preach the Gospel.

RECRUITMENT OF MEN

Where is the church today which after a season of prayer and fasting, by the direction of the Holy Spirit,

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Professor and Mrs. Donald H. Madvig of the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and their fine family of six children.

A simple Sunday school chorus declares,

"What the world needs is Jesus,
Just a glimpse of him.
He will bring joy and gladness,
Take away sin and sadness.
What the world needs is Jesus,
Just a glimpse of him."

THE CHRISTIAN'S COMMITMENT

This seems like a simple answer, and, perhaps, it strikes us as being naive. Maybe it is just too simple to be taken seriously. Yet, this is the position to which we as Christians are committed in our loyalty to the Word of God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Peter affirmed, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The Scriptures present the Cross as the great focal point of

his harvest" (Matt. 9:36-38).

Jesus was not thinking simply of some theoretical or emotional need unrelated to any vital and practical individual or national need. This we see more clearly in Matthew 23:37-39 where we read,

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

Here Jesus reveals that national disaster will follow the Jews' rejection of him as Messiah. This calamity fell upon them in 70 A.D. with the destruc-

The task of the Seminary in this generation is immense, preparing young men and women to be able interpreters of the message of God in this confused age . . .

The Seminary Faces Its 20th Century Task

By Professor Gerald L. Borchert, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

WHAT IS the place of the Seminary in the second half of the twentieth century? The twentieth century—this semester in scientific research when we have achieved the isolation of the neutrinos, this period of the pathetic Thalidomide scare, this age of the symbolic Berlin Wall, this epoch when Pope meets Patriarch, this moment in history when some scholars would have us believe that we have entered upon the post-Protestant era!

What is the place of a Seminary in this decade when advertisers bombard us with pseudo-scientific exactitudes such as we are getting, not 41 or 42 but 43 beans in every cup? What is the place of the Seminary in a decade when the labor unions are beginning to push for a four day week so that men might have more free time to be less creatively entertained? What is the place of a Seminary in a decade when the profit motive will dictate the closing of a great industry and leave men having 35 years of service and under without even the modicum of a severance pay? What has the Seminary to say in a decade when men are constantly calling for freedom and their very call is a growing bondage?

AN IMMENSE TASK

The task of the Seminary in this generation is immense. It must prepare young men and women in three short years to become spokesmen of God to this scientifically erratic generation. The Seminary is under no delusion as to the comprehensive nature of its task. It must take young men and women from every walk of life and every imaginable type of previous training and give to them, first of all, the tools so that they might become honest and adequate interpreters of the message of God. To short circuit a seminarian's training in the Bible generally results in nothing less than the distortion of the message of God. The Bible is and must be central!

But the seminarian must also become aware of the driving motivations of people so that he might understand how to communicate the message of God to living people in living situations. One of the great lessons the seminarian must learn is how to reach people who are so able to close their ears and their minds, yet appear to all the world very deeply involved.

Further, the seminarian must be-

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come aware of history, not as dead incidents from the past, but as guideposts to the future. Facts themselves are meaningless, but the lessons of history are especially important for the seminarian in this era when few nations and few people really care about history except to use the incidents of history for propaganda. The seminarian cannot afford to be ignorant of history, for God has used history as a means for unfolding his will.

Finally, the seminarian must combine what he knows of the Bible, of people and of history into a working theology for life relevant to the needs, not of yesterday but of today and tomorrow. In this life of constant fluctuation, the Bible does not change but the message of God must be made meaningful as it meets men and issues in this atomic-supersonic era.

A DYNAMIC CURRICULUM

The North American Baptist Seminary is developing a dynamic curriculum dedicated to the preparation of young men and women who will be God's messengers for today and tomorrow. The curriculum is constant-

ly under revision so that your future pastors will be ready to face the needs of the future.

The Seminary is developing a great library wherein students are confronted with the most recent trends in thought. In addition to the many volumed monographs which now are coming to line the shelves of the library, the Seminary is providing approximately 150 periodicals from Europe and Asia, from Africa and the Americas in order that our students might know what is taking place in the world and thereby become prepared to be relevant messengers of God.

Will you continue to help us establish for your future ministers the kind of a library which will place our men at the forefront of thought? The Church needs men in this era trained as the Apostle Paul with the finest educational opportunities available.

DEDICATED SPOKESMEN OF GOD

But the Seminary is anxious to provide more than just an education. At the heart of the Seminary is the worship of the God who became flesh in Christ Jesus. The trustees, the administration and the faculty are fully aware of the fact that unless the Spirit of God pulses through the arteries of the Seminary, the work of

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THE WOMEN'S GUILD OF THE NAB SEMINARY

The members of the Women's Guild take a very active part in the Seminary's activities and a deep interest in the affairs of the denomination. Mrs. Frank Veninga, the president's wife, is seated at the left. Mrs. Gerald L. Borchert is standing at the center.



We need Bible-reading and Bible-living people in this nation and in the world. (Luoma Photo).

THE BIBLE AND THE COLD WAR

Never before has there been such a great need to get the inspired Word of God to people all over the world in their native tongues.

By Luther W. Youngdahl,
Judge of the U. S. District Court in the
District of Columbia, Washington, D. C.

I FEEL very fortunate to have been reared in a family where the Bible was considered the most important book in one's life. In many situations in my public life, when I have been called upon to distinguish between right and wrong, the Bible has helped me, not only to make the right choice, but also to have the courage to carry through. The Bible is still helping me day by day in meeting the many difficult problems that arise in my judicial work.

Consequently, I feel that no matter what one's station in life or calling may be, no matter where on this earth one may live, he is mighty fortunate to have the help and inspiration of the Bible to assist him in facing his daily tasks.

THE BIBLE'S GREATNESS

Let us assume that one of the best-known publishers in our country asked the finest writer available to write a very special kind of book. The publisher explained: "I want you to write a book, whole sections of which will be translated into over one thousand languages and dialects; a book, the influence of which will be constructively felt in one hundred countries and territories on five continents and the islands of the seas; a book of which over thirteen-and-a-half million copies, whether in its entirety or in portions, will be distributed in the United States in one year and over nine-and-a-half million copies, either in its entirety or in portions, will be distributed overseas in one year; and a book, 2,600 parts of which will be distributed each hour of the day throughout the globe."

"Further," said the publisher, "I want you to write a book which will never be off the printing press for over four hundred years; a book which will be the best-seller year in and year out, not only in one nation, but in many. It must be a book in which men of every language and culture in every part of the world can find an accurate picture of the nature of God and of their proper relationship to him. In short, it must be a book in which men find Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord."

Even the most proficient writer would say, "I cannot write such a book. No man can write it. Only God could write such a book." How true! Only God could write such a book and the world has that book and its name is the Bible.

It is almost axiomatic to state that the Bible is the greatest book in the world. Further, the Bible is the greatest book because it occupies a unique place in all Christendom as the revelation of God. Then, again, it is the greatest book because it is the eternal Word of God. Our own Master, Jesus

JUDGE YOUNGDAHL

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Christ our Lord, made this profound statement: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Moreover, the Bible is the greatest book because it is about life, and though written centuries ago, is just as relevant to our life today.

Christianity has not been as effective as it should be because we have not always accepted what Christ has offered us. We have not been willing to pay the price for it. We have not been willing to follow him, and that is the reason why we have not been doing so well in the "cold war."

THE SPIRITUAL REALM

In our efforts to compete with the Communists in the cold war, we Americans have not been sufficiently interested in *ideas*. We have tended to place emphasis on *things*. We have stressed, for example, our free enterprise system and the American market. Now we certainly should not deprecate or depreciate the relevance of these things in keeping our economic system strong, but they do not reach the heart of the problem in the ideological warfare. It is necessary that we endeavor to inculcate the ideals of liberty, freedom, justice, equality and rule under law and faith in God.

The world is in revolution, and the Communists are making the most of it by spreading discontent, but we are not sufficiently using our opportunity to counteract this propaganda in the lives of millions of people who do not know which way to turn. In these groups are potential leaders who can spread the word that we are ready to join hands with all freedom-loving

people to secure justice for all.

We cannot afford to take a chance to win the struggle with the Soviets only in the economic, political or military fields. We still must press forward, of course, in these areas, and we have great faith that the Soviets will not be able to excel us economically, politically or militarily, but it is in the moral and spiritual realm that we have the real chance to remain free.

OUR CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

We have all been justifiably excited by John Glenn's triple orbit around the earth in a space ship. Important as this accomplishment has been, even more important than his tremendous achievement in making the orbits around the earth is the dedication of this man to the basic ideals which have made this nation great. In his moral achievements he rises above so much that is shabby and sordid in a day that has so largely lost its reverence. Because of the fundamental beliefs which mold his practices and his humble attitude toward his family, his neighbors, his co-workers, the leaders of his country, his daily reading of the Bible and his sturdy faith in God, he has brought into the spotlight of the public opinion of the world those old-fashioned virtues which lately some have come to regard with ridicule as out-moded.

In the presence of the thrilled representatives of the legislative, judicial and executive branches of the government, with the massed ambassadors from all the nations listening, Col. Glenn said, "I'm glad to see that pride in our country and its accomplishments is not a thing of the past. I still get a hard-to-define feeling when the flag goes by."

This is no empty, sentimental patriotism—here is an authentic American who senses that in its significance to the present world revolution, Old Glory stands for the dignity of man; for integrity in the home life; for faithfulness to one's vows in public office; for civic responsibility; for the recognition by every citizen that he has a part to play in this world revolution to bring dignity and freedom to people everywhere: for faith in God. A few more John Glenns in this nation and we will turn the tide in the "cold war."

The use of the Bible will determine what kind of Christian heritage will be passed on to this new age of rockets and astronauts. It will determine whether God will still remain God in our lives; whether this is still his world that we are learning more about; whether we are starting to think about our religion as deeply and profoundly as we are thinking about the new discoveries in space.

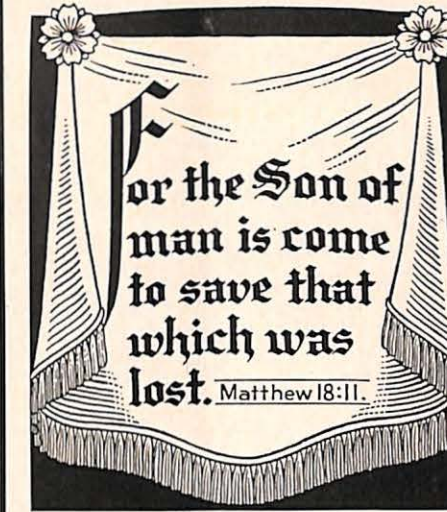
THE INDISPENSABLE BOOK

The Bible is of vital importance in teaching freedom. Never before has there been such a need to get the inspired Word of God to people all over

February 27, 1964

Bible Day Sunday, March 8 in all NAB Churches.

- Program by S. S. children.
- Bulletin inserts with responsive readings.
- Exhibits of Bibles and literature. Free leaflet by Bible Society: "Now in More Than 1200 Tongues."
- Sermon by the pastor



OFFERING OF BIBLE SUNDAY

This important offering is designated for the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature to people still in spiritual darkness to present Christ as Savior to them.

The offering will also go to help support the worldwide ministry of the American Bible Society with which we as North American Baptists are cooperating.

READ—A BOOK IN HIS HAND, a fascinating story, in the Bible Day leaflet.

the world in their native tongues. The good news contained in the Bible will bring wonderful changes to these people. Millions of people will eagerly read this good news and be strengthened and fortified to join hands with us to perpetuate freedom. We cannot, we dare not let them down.

This book is indispensable for millions to learn the redemptive power of God. Without this book our labors will be in vain to reach the great, unhappy, striving multitude of the world for the redemption of their life.

If we are to win the cold war, we must get back to God; and to get back to God, we must get back to the Bible. For it is from the inspired Word of God that the Holy Spirit will direct us in the way we should go.

Most church people say that they believe in the Bible and agree that it is the greatest book in the world. But in the lives of many, these words are superficial and mere shibboleths. Some do not read it at all—others do not read it intelligently and prayerfully and do not put it into practice in their lives. We need Bible-reading and Bible-living people in this nation and in the world.

THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH

We have failed in our propaganda efforts to convince particularly the uncommitted nations of the world that we really believe in the lessons of the Bible which, if practiced, bring dignity to and reverence for every human life. The world knows that we build skyscrapers and manufacture automobiles, airplanes and bathtubs in abundance,

but we have failed to prove that we love our democracy more deeply than we hate communism. The long-term, overriding demand to which each generation of Americans must respond is that we fulfill, under God, at home and abroad, the injunction of our Constitution to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. How we fulfill this pledge is of great importance, of course, to each of our own citizens, but today, with the world watching us, our response is vital to our image in the eyes of people everywhere.

Our country began with and has prospered on faith in God. The Bible has been and is the foundation of this faith; because of this, enlightenment, purpose, hope, mutual trust and cooperation have been evidenced all across America on every level of society.

With world chaos just a failure away, we dare not be a Christian nation in name only. The peace and security of the nation, the hope of millions of people around the globe, is in the balance. We must accept the responsibility of leadership in giving them the strength they need, which will come from the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they study the inspired Word of God.

Implicit in the ideological struggle today is the issue of love versus hate. The atheistic philosophy of the dictators is based on hate. Our philosophy is based on love from the inspired Word of God. To win this struggle short of war, we must spread this Gospel more aggressively than ever.

There's Joy in Serving Jesus

Reports of God's Volunteers Teams No. I and II in winning "Souls for Jesus"

SOWING THE SEED

Report of God's Volunteer Team No. I
by Jean Berndt

"SOWERS OF THE SEED"
—this is how we of God's Volunteers Team No. I like to think of ourselves as we go about our daily visitation ministry. Jesus was the sower of the seed in the parable recorded in Luke's gospel, and we believe that he has also commanded us to carry on with the work which he initiated many years ago.

Our visitation program begins each day with an orientation session at 1:30 P.M. when we receive our instructions as to where to go and what to expect. At 2:00 P.M. the "sowers of the seed" go out two by two carrying information to acquaint the people with the church, an invitation to our evening meetings, a tract called, "A Simple Outline of God's Way of Salvation," and "the seed"—the living Word of God.

The type of visitation work in which we sow the seed varies from campaign to campaign. While in Carbon, Alberta, Rev. Arthur Patzia, pastor, wanted us to do prospect calling. He had a list of people whom he wanted us especially to visit. As we went around the countryside, we sowed the seed in many homes, witnessing to them, discussing their spiritual life and encouraging them to join the fellowship of the people in the Carbon Baptist Church.

After two months of campaigns in our Canadian churches, we entered the United States again and found our way to Sidney, Montana. There Rev. Arnold Friez had us sow the seed in door to door visitation and in some prospect calling. We seek children who attend no Sunday school. We invite people to come to our "Crusade for Christ," and then we leave our tracts and, if they seem to have a spiritual need, we discuss salvation with them, again sowing the seed. During a two week campaign, the first week is devoted entirely to visitation.

On Dec. 15 "the sowers of the seed" left each other for two weeks of rest and fellowship in our own homes and churches. Even during this time, team members had an opportunity to present the living Word of God to others, not only in participating in the church program but in visitation work.

It was back to work on the first day of the New Year when seven of us piled into the car "Schmicht" for a four day trip which took us 1800 miles from Minneapolis, Minn., through Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho and into Oregon.

Our first opportunity to sow the seed in the new year was at the Salt Creek Church near Dallas, Ore. As we called



GOD'S VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Blanche Bieber (left) and Lena Engel of God's Volunteers Team No. I seem to enjoy the intensive door to door visitation work.

on the prospects whom Rev. Clarence Walth had for us, we presented the seed and in some places found results for our labor.

We know, as the parable says, that some seed has fallen by the wayside, some on the rock, and some among the thorns, and nothing will come of it. Yet we know also that through our work some seed has fallen on good ground and will bear forth fruit.

Even as Jesus has called us to be sowers of the seed, we realize that we must be faithful in this task of presenting the living Word of God hoping that some does fall on good soil.

SOULS FOR JESUS

Report of God's Volunteers Team II
by Nancy Kaiser

Here's the airport, and here's Nancy Kaiser from Rochester, New York. Here's the train depot and look who's waiting: Beth Blackburn from Buffalo

MARCH GIFTS CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS

will be designated for the missionary outreach and the greatly enlarged facilities of the

**PORTLAND AVENUE CHAPEL
TACOMA, WASHINGTON
Rev. C. T. Remple, Pastor**

Center, Iowa. Here comes a bus! Jordis Schamuhn and Harry Hiller have just arrived from Leduc and Edmonton, Alberta. Where's Oliver Bender? Here he comes driving around the corner in his father's Oldsmobile. Confusion? No! Just excitement as the members of God's Volunteers Team II met in the Twin Cities on Dec. 31st following the Christmas vacation. Everyone was happy and excited, but we noticed a special sparkle in Beth's eyes. We are sure that it's due to the diamond on her finger. Congratulations, Beth Blackburn and Dick Rabenhorst!

We participated in the New Year's Eve service at the Riverview Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minn. Everyone had so much to talk about, but we can talk as we ride. So on New Year's Day we traveled with Rev. Walter Hoffman, director, and Team I in "Schmicht" and in Mr. Hoffman's red "Tomcat" (Cadillac) to Buffalo Center, Iowa, the home of the Blackburns. Both teams arrived in time for a late New Year's Day dinner. Team I left after dinner, but we stayed for a service that evening.

On Jan. 2nd we were on our way to Parkston, S. Dak., our first campaign in 1964. These days were filled with many activities. Besides daily visitation we presented a program in the High School, Home for the Aged, and also held a Children's Rally. We enjoyed the fellowship of the pastor and his family, the Buennings, and of Rev. Adam Huber, our guest evangelist.

Early Saturday morning, Jan. 11th, we headed for Lorraine, Kansas. We were still without our wagon, so one of the members from Parkston drove us. The car and trailer were filled to the brim—too full—so that the trunk "popped" open, unnoticed by the sleepy passengers, and out fell our vitamin pills. We lost time again when we developed trailer trouble, but we finally made it to Lorraine that evening.

We enjoyed the campaign in Lorraine and also Rev. Herman Palfenier, our guest evangelist. Rev. Everett Barker and his family were as new as we were, so we all became acquainted together. Here, too, we presented programs at the High School, grade school, and Home for the Aged, plus having a Children's Rally and Youth Fellowship.

The Lord has blessed each one of us and our ministry together as a team. We can truly say, "There's joy in serving Jesus," but there's an empty feeling in each of our hearts and that's because there is an absent member on our team. Ramona Buxa is still a patient in the hospital at Grand Forks, N. Dak. Her progress has been good and she has been a real testimony there. This truly is a sign of answered prayer.

Continue to pray for us in our ministry of winning "Souls for Jesus"!

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Reports of God's guidance in experiences of joy and of sorrow.

TEMPLE CHURCH YOUTH, LODI, CALIF., DEDICATE A MEMORIAL TO THE DEARMIN FAMILY

On Oct. 30, 1963, members of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., were shocked and grieved by the tragic news of the sudden accidental death of John and Kathy Dearmin, and their children, Robyn and David, in an automobile accident near Santa Barbara, Calif. John Dearmin served nearly four years as Director of Christian Education at Temple Church.

On Sunday, Dec. 1, 1963 the youth of Temple Church held a tree dedication service in memory of John and Kathy Dearmin and their two children, at which time an evergreen tree



Youth Council, Temple Church, Lodi, Calif., and Memorial Tree in memory of the Dearmin family.

Back row: Rev. Eldon Schroeder and Russ Scott.

Second Row: Olen Jones, Youth Council Director; Byron Levey, Don Rostomily, Terry Wetter and Rhonda Wetter.

Front Row: Diane Rostomily and John Lippert.

was planted in the lawn patio of the church. Psalm 1:1-6 and Jeremiah 17:7-8 were read by Larry Howen. Pastor Schroeder spoke briefly using this Scripture as his text. Rhonda Wetter read the poem, "Things Just Don't Happen," followed by a song entitled, "Trees" sung by Sharon Sawatsky, Sharron Fischer, Pat Kandt, Marilyn Howen, Helen Hammer and Sally Spenker, accompanied on the piano by Sandy Schroeder. Russ Scott, Training Hour Supervisor, closed in prayer.

The church has voted to establish a Dearmin Memorial Fund for worthy students who desire to further their education particularly in fields of Christian work. A previous scholarship fund had been established, and this money, together with monies which have been received marked especially for the Dearmin Memorial Fund, and

monies which the church has now added to this fund in memory of John and Kathy Dearmin, make a total of approximately \$2,000. The memory of their faithfulness to Christ will live long in the hearts and lives of many of us here at Temple Church and elsewhere.—(Thelma Fischer, Reporter).

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GERMAN BAPTIST MISSION CHURCH WINNIPEG.

SUNDAY, Jan. 12th, was a festive day for the Mission Church in Winnipeg, Man., as a large congregation commemorated the 15th anniversary of the church. Our brass band played before the beginning of the service. A mass mixed choir, accompanied by the brass band, opened the service with the hymn: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." We were privileged to have Dr. Martin Leuschner as our guest speaker. He spoke on the theme: "The Glory of the Church."

In continuance of this day of rejoicing the church gathered in the evening. This time the instrumental choir served, followed by the male choir. Bringing greetings in person were Rev. R. Zinser, a former pastor of the church, and Mr. J. Herms from the St. Vital Baptist Church, a daughter church of the Mission Church. A congratulatory letter was received from Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary.

Fifteen years—just a short period—and yet how meaningful to the church. In 1949 when seven brethren decided to organize the church, this was a small beginning. But God acknowledged this undertaking and gave an open door. The main purpose of the church was to offer a spiritual home to the many German immigrants and to serve them. Their past was much misery and tribulation. Many were saved and accepted into the church. Thus the work has been growing. The present membership of our church is 440.

The following pastors have served: Rev. E. Hein, Rev. R. Zinser, Mr. W. Glesmann as temporary pastor and a long time elder of the church, and since 1954 its present pastor, Rev. W. Laser. Dr. M. Leuschner brought the closing message with Ps. 33:18. It is our sincere prayer that the Lord, the Head of the church, will give us guidance and may find us faithful as a church in the ministry to lost people.—(Siegfried Hoppe, Reporter).

EVENTS OF GREAT REJOICING SUNDAY SCHOOL CENTENNIAL, NEWARK, N. J.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., celebrated its 100th an-

25 YEARS AGO MARCH 1939

- From Feb. 26 to March 5, 1939, the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., observed its 40th anniversary with Rev. W. C. Damrau as pastor and with Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. Other speakers were the former pastors: Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, Rev. G. Eichler and Rev. R. A. Blandau.
- Prof. Otto Koenig of New Haven, Conn., was called Home to glory on March 10, 1939, at 72 years of age. He served on the Seminary faculty in Rochester, N. Y., for eleven years (1921-1932). Prof. A. Bretschneider and Rev. Julius Kaaz brought memorial tributes to Prof. Koenig.
- The Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., experienced a glorious God-sent revival with Rev. Pieter Smit of Lorraine, Kansas as evangelist. The attendance goal of 315 was reached. Ten persons followed the Lord in baptism on March 5, 1939. Rev. Charles Wagner, pastor, reported that it was "a joy to gather in the sheaves for the Lord."

niversary at a fellowship dinner and program on Sunday evening, Nov. 17. Invitations had been sent to former pastors and school superintendents to attend a buffet supper in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. Many former students also attended.

The Sunday school had its beginning a century ago when several of the brethren of First German Baptist Church saw the opportunity for a mission field on the east side of Newark, now known as the Ironbound Section.

The work grew so rapidly that by September, 1866, a mission chapel was built and continued in use for 29 years. The growth continued and the chapel was replaced by a brick building and the church dedicated in Dec. 1895.

However, this property later was sold for business purposes and a site was purchased on Walnut Street where the present church building was erected at 367, and dedicated on March 1, 1908.

Today all services in the church and school are conducted in the English language but the school enrollment includes children of many different nationalities. Letters from former pastors were read and personal greetings were extended by Rev. J. P. Kuehl of Hamburg, N. J., and Rev. Richard Mercer of Trenton, N. J., former pastors. Mrs. Harry Williams of Union is the present school superintendent. Mrs. Rita Serdakowski was in charge of the supper arrangements.

MARCH OF EVENTS



● **DAG HAMMARSKJOLD.** Dag Hammarskjöld's diary, *Road Markers*, reveals depths of religious feeling unknown to some of his friends. The late UN General Secretary donned "the mantle of Jesus" one reviewer said. During the height of vitriolic Russian attacks, he wrote that he imagined himself to be in Gethsemane. Now published in Swedish, the diary is scheduled for publication in English next spring.—*Sunday School Times*.

● **ANTISMOKING CAMPAIGN.** Canada is planning a national anti-smoking campaign. Main target of the educational program will be children and teen-agers. The decision to launch the campaign came at the opening of a National Conference on Smoking and Health, sponsored by the federal government. The Canadian Medical Association has also declared that there is a health hazard in smoking. Several European nations, including England and Italy, have launched governmental campaigns to steer children away from smoking, as well as to curb tobacco advertising.

● **RELIGIOUS EXHIBITS WORLD'S FAIR.** Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc., announces that it will erect a structure to be called the "WBT 2,000 Tribes" Building at the New York World's Fair. Six other religious pavilions at the fair previously have been announced: the Protestant and Orthodox Center, the Vatican Pavilion, the Mormon Pavilion, the Christian Science Pavilion, the Billy Graham Pavilion and the Sermons from Science Pavilion. The 1939-40 New York World's Fair had only a single Temple of Religion, a non-denominational structure for meditation.

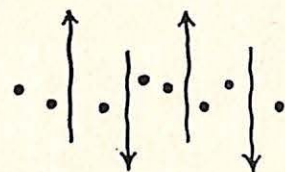
● **CHAIR OF CATHOLIC STUDIES.** Yale University has announced establishment of a chair of Roman Catholic studies, said to be the first permanent one of its kind in a nonsectarian university in the United States. There is a chair of Catholic studies in Harvard University divinity school, but it is occupied by visiting professors. Occupant of the Yale chair is to be Stephan G. Kuttner, now a professor of canon law at Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C.—*The Christian Century*.

● **NSSA ACTING ADMINISTRATOR NAMED.** Rev. Richard W. Cooke has been named acting administrator of the National Sunday School Association, effective January 1, 1964, following the resignation of Dr. Clate A. Risley, NSSA Executive Secretary. Mr. Cooke will supervise the program of NSSA, and will oversee the editing and production of LINK, the associ-

ation's monthly publication. He joined the staff last May as director of promotion after completing several years of pastoral and business experience in Portland, Ore.

● **EVANGELICALS FIND FAVOR IN COLOMBIA.** Since 1958 the Wycliffe Institute of Linguistics has sought permission to carry on its work in this predominantly Roman Catholic nation. A recent agreement with the Colombian ministry of interior empowers the institute to study the area's Indian

BAPTIST BRIEFS



● **Tanga, Tanganyika.** Christians, Muslims, and Hindus packed the new, 135-seat building of Kisorora Baptist Church in Tanga, Tanganyika, for its formal dedication in September. That afternoon three persons were baptized in the Indian Ocean, bringing the membership to 19. The building is the first of any denomination in Kisorora, one of the larger African residential areas of Tanga.

● **Thirteen Arabs Baptized.** Thirteen Arabs from the village of Ramah, Israel, were baptized recently in a quiet cove along the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum, with Rev. Fuad Sakhnini, pastor of the Nazareth Baptist Church, and Southern Baptist Missionary James W. Smith conducting the service. The new believers are now working toward constituting a Baptist church and purchasing property on which to construct a building.

● **Yugoslav Baptist Union.** Dr. Josip Horak, lay pastor of the Baptist church in Zagreb, was reelected president of the Yugoslav Baptist Union at its convention in Backi Petrovac November 29-30. Rev. Stjepan Orcic of Novi Sad was chosen general secretary. He succeeds Rev. A. Lehotsky, director of the Baptist Theological School in Novi Sad, who resigned the secretaryship due in part to reasons of health. Mr. Lehotsky continues as director of the theological school.

● **North East India Field.** One of the 3 American Baptist mission fields in India, known for 127 years as Assam, officially will be known as North East India effective January 1, 1964, it is announced by Rev. Alfred F. Merrill, representative for Southern Asia for the ABFMS. Mission work is carried

languages, to translate into those languages laws and materials of high moral value, to engage in anthropological study, to record folk music and to serve the aboriginal mountain peoples in the areas of agriculture and health. Estimates on the number of Indian tribes in Colombia range from 60 to 135, each with a membership of about 2,500. The institute plans to allot at least two workers to each tribe, to reduce their languages to writing and to translate the Bible into those tongues.—*Christian Century*

on in the states of Manipur and Nagaland, as well as Assam, and Indian Baptists have been calling their coordinating organization in these 3 states "The Council of Baptist Churches of North East India" for several years. Baptists from America have been active in North East India since 1836 resulting in 180,000 members in more than 2,500 churches.

—*The Watchman-Examiner*

● **Second Memorial Church, Burma.** The Kutkai, Burma, Baptist church has formerly voted to rename its edifice for its missionary builder, Dr. Gustaf A. Sword, who died in Springfield, Ill., April 22, 1962. It will be known as the Sword Memorial Baptist Church. Dr. Sword served in Burma under the ABFMS from 1921 to 1952. The building was badly damaged during World War II after having been completed in April, 1939. It was rebuilt and rededicated in April, 1950. It houses an active congregation as well as the classes of the Kachin Bible School. The school's principal, Rev. L. Zau Yaw, is acting pastor.

● **Baptist Churches in Indonesia.** A Baptist church has sprung into being at Sukabumi, a mountain city in West Java, without the coaching or pushing of any missionary and without a penny from any outside source. Instead, it resulted from the efforts of Kang Sioe Hoi, a young man who has a "remarkable ability to witness for Christ and to organize self-supporting churches." Forty-eight baptized believers form the charter membership of the new church, and 15 more believers are in an inquirers' class awaiting baptism. This gives Indonesia 14 Baptist churches and 31 chapels, with a total membership of about 2,900.

● **Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Rich of the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Ore.,** missionaries to the Arabela Indian tribe in Lima, Peru, are being congratulated upon the arrival of a son, Gary Glen, on Dec. 11. He has joined a brother, Marty, and a sister, Brenda. Mrs. Eleanor Rich of Portland, Ore., who is in Lima, Peru, at the present time, is the grandmother.

● **On Sunday evening, Dec. 29, the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.,** held a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Robert Zimbelman and their family. He has served the church since 1959. On Sunday, Jan. 5, Rev. Herman Palfenier, acting denominational evangelist, supplied the pulpit. From Feb. 2-9 Dr. A. J. Harms, denominational Missionary Bible Teacher, conducted a special week of Bible studies and services at the Faith Church.

● **Rev. Arthur Zeller of Raymore, Sask.,** recently presented his resignation to the Raymore Baptist Church which he has served as pastor since 1961. He also announced that he would bring his ministry at the Raymore Church to a close on Feb. 24. He and his family will then move to Medicine Hat, Alberta, where for the time being he will be engaged in secular work.

● **Recently the Whiteshell Baptist Church of River Hills, Manitoba,** welcomed its new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Bruno Voss, and their children, Darlene and Randy. In Nov. evangelistic services were conducted by Mr. Voss in the church with God's blessings on all who attended. Vacation Bible school last summer had an average attendance of 50 children. It was directed by Mr. Art Wardrop.

● **On Sunday evening, Dec. 29, Rev. Arthur Gellert, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Terrace, B. C.,** baptized five persons and received them into the church at the Communion Service that followed. The men of the church were in charge of the Watch Night Service. Mr. Ben Redekopp spoke on "God's Hand in My Life" and Daniel Westeroth on "The Best of the Old Year."

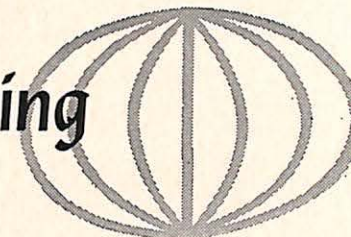
● **At its recent annual business meeting the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta,** voted to launch out with plans for a new sanctuary to be constructed adjoining the present edifice. The new church will cost approximately \$125,000 and will have a seating capacity of 500. The enthusiasm of the congregation for this new building project is especially encouraging to the pastor, Rev. Charles Littman.

● **The First German Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Sask.,** has extended a call to Rev. John Wahl of Hamilton, Ont., pastor of the German Baptist Mission Church since 1954. He has announced that he will begin his ministry in the Saskatoon church on April 19, succeeding Rev. Eduard Hornbacher, who will be retiring from the active pastorate. Mr. Wahl's last Sunday at the Hamil-

ton church will be on April 12.

● **Mr. Glenn Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wis.,** a member of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, was named Watertown's outstanding farmer of 1963. On Sunday morning, Jan. 19, Rev. Donald N. Miller of the Watertown church and Rev. Milton Zeeb, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., exchanged pulpits. On a recent Sunday, Mr. Miller of Watertown, Wis. preached

what's happening



on the timely topic: "Cigarettes—A Second Look."

● **The Baptist Church of Startup, Wash.,** has extended a call to Rev. Robert R. Hoffman of Napoleon, N. Dak., to which a favorable answer has been given. He has announced that he hopes to begin his ministry in the Startup Baptist Church about March 8. He has served as the minister of the Napoleon Baptist Church since 1961. In Startup he will succeed Rev. Herbert Schauer, now pastor of the Glencullen Church of Portland, Ore.

● **Miss Mary Leypoldt, comptroller of the denomination,** has announced the appointment of Miss Sylvia Falkowsky of Ebenezer, Sask., as a new bookkeeper at the headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill. She has been a member of the Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask. She studied for one year at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. She began her services at the headquarters office on January 20.

● **On Sunday, Jan. 5, Rev. John Wahl,** pastor of the German Baptist Mission Church, Hamilton, Ont., baptized seven

converts and received them into the fellowship of the church. These were in addition to six others who were baptized last June. The first Vacation Bible school conducted by the Hamilton church was held with more than 100 children in attendance. The church is making intensive plans to celebrate its tenth anniversary on Sunday, March 22. The present membership of the church is considerably above the 200 mark.

● **On Nov. 3, 1963, Rev. Leon Franck,** pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., had the joy of baptizing a radiant convert, Sherry Valentine, and extending the right hand of fellowship to her before the Communion Service. On Jan. 12, another young convert, Ed Dubois, stepped into the baptismal waters to make known his faith in Christ. This greatly added to the joy of Rev. Leon Franck before leaving Gladwin to go to his new field of service at La Crosse, Wis., as reported by Augusta Will.

● **The First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif.,** has adopted a missionary budget for 1964 totaling \$36,000. All of this, except for \$3,350 designated for non-conference mission projects, will go toward the support of North American Baptist mission fields. Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor, has also reported that the total budget adopted by the church for current expenses and mission fields amounts to \$106,000. From Feb. 23 to 28, Dr. Vernon McGee, pastor of the Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles, Calif., will be conducting a Bible Conference at the First Church of Lodi.

● **Sundays, Dec. 8 and 15, were two "red letter" days of special interest in the program of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif.** On Dec. 8, the morning and evening services were devoted to baptism, at which time Rev. William Hoover, pastor, baptized 19 candidates before an appreciative audience. At a special Communion Service on Dec. 15, 27 people were welcomed into the fellowship of the church. This brings the total number of members received to 115 since Rev. William Hoover began his ministry at the Anaheim church.

● **The Bethel Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta,** is holding its services and Sunday school classes in the attractive basement of its new edifice. The work

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1964 ANNUAL SOLD OUT!

The entire edition of 4,000 copies of the 1964 ANNUAL has been completely sold out. Churches having any unsold copies on hand should announce this fact to its members. The 1964 ANNUAL will be quite valuable for years to come.

Thank You

readers and friends, for your enthusiastic interest in this colorful publication. Watch for next year's edition and don't be disappointed by not securing your copy.

—M. L. Leuschner, Editor.

We the Women

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

"THUS IT IS WRITTEN"

By Mrs. Eric Pohl of Portland, Oregon
English Program Packet Editor

For many years the Woman's Missionary Union has provided the societies with a Program Packet, and this year, too, we have a wide variety of helpful programs. To the churches who have or are thinking about uniting their women's organizations into one large society for greater strength, and then dividing into circles for a closer fellowship, the Woman's Missionary Union has provided a "CIRCLE LEADERS' GUIDE." This booklet is free; just write to Headquarters for your copy. The information and direction will help you form circles and also enlighten those who are already formed into circles.

"THUS IT IS WRITTEN" is the devotional theme for this year as we live abundantly for Christ in our homes, churches, community, and world outreach. In your societies and in your own private devotions, may you realize the importance of "Thus It Is Written."

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What God Has Done!

Observations by a denominational interim pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck



DR. M. VANDERBECK
interim pastor of the denomination.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in our ministry, we had the experience of being a circuit rider in the Dakotas. It was a great experience. We did not start out in that manner. We accepted a call to become the interim pastor of the Temple Baptist Church at Lemmon, S. Dak. Soon we found it expedient also to serve the Grace Baptist Churches of Hettinger, N. Dak., and Bison, S. Dak. This meant preaching three times on Sunday and traveling over a hundred miles. But it was great! We also were privileged to work with the Dakota Conference Mission

WHO'LL CATCH THE VISION?

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will send young men into Christian service in the way the early church sent forth Paul and Barnabas? (Acts 13).

It seems that few of our churches feel any great responsibility to have a part in the call, encouragement, and training of young men for the Gospel ministry. Oh, yes, when their pulpit is empty, they expect that God has someone ready for them—and they are looking for the best. They are concerned to send missionaries to foreign

Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois, or use the order provided for either Packet.

It has been a pleasure to prepare these Packets so that they will be a help to you and your society. As we are reminded of the great challenge to live abundantly for Christ, may we come to know better our Lord and Master through prayerful programming.

Committee and were asked by them to evaluate the work in the West River Section. This brought about a TOGETHERNESS in the churches of that area that made an impact on all of the churches of that district.

The churches at Hettinger and Bison became self-supporting. Two united with the church at Hettinger. Together they called a pastor in the person of Rev. Milton Vietz. We wish for him and the churches a blessed time to the glory of our Lord.

It was also worked out that the Temple Baptist Church of Lemmon should be given a chance by having a full time pastor. We vividly remember the first Sunday when we had 10 persons in Sunday school and in the morning worship service and 7 in the evening service. But gradually the attendance and interest grew. The Sunday school now has 26 children and 12 adults, the morning worship service has an attendance of more than 50 and around 30 in the evening. Six members were added to the church, three by letter and three by baptism. The auditorium of the church as well as the entry way and the back room were redecorated. This is what God has done and we know that he will do much more. The church in Lemmon called Rev. Curtis Haas and he also started his ministry there in December 1963.

We left the field after ministering there 10 months, thankful for what God has done. He has proven again that the promise is true: "As thy day is so shall thy strength be." May the Lord's rich and choicest blessing be on these churches as they labor to do and dare for the Lord.

lands, but are they involved in the preparation of these missionaries? Jesus said, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest."

Our denomination is feeling the shortage of pastors which is affecting the entire Church of Jesus Christ. The trend of decreased enrollment in theological seminaries remains unchecked. It is true that churches do show their sense of responsibility in the financial support of seminaries, and yet, are they placing the complete responsibility for recruitment upon the seminaries and the Holy Spirit? Jesus said, "Pray YE!"

Though praying that God will send out workers is the best and most important thing churches can do to meet this situation, it is not all. We can once again elevate the Man of God to the place of honor that he deserves. "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you; and to esteem them very

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 8, 1964

Theme: THE MAN BORN BLIND

Scripture: John 9:13-17, 24-25, 33-38

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: No one is so blind as he who is unable to see his own sin.

INTRODUCTION: As Jesus passed by he saw a man who was blind since birth. He looked upon him in a much different light than the disciples. They too were partly blind because the first thing the disciples thought of was the fact that either this man or his parents had sinned. Blindness in this instance was thought of as punishment from God.

Jesus, however, made it very clear that sin had nothing to do with the man's blindness. His condition was merely an opportunity to make the works of God manifest. This was a clear demonstration of the power of week Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life"; this week he says, "I am the light of the world."

Physical blindness is difficult to imagine for someone who has normal eyes for a few hours in order to discover how difficult it is to go about life's business. This is merely an experiment that can be brought to an end anytime. To the blind person it is an experience that seldom has a happy ending.

I. BLIND RELIGION. John 9:13-17.

While reading this story, we get the impression that everybody is running around in circles trying to find some logical explanation to the miracle of the man born blind. When people do not see God, they are unable to see any of his works. Spiritual blindness is a very dangerous disease for it keeps a person from seeing his own sin and it keeps him from seeing the good in others. Their religion is not realistic because it is legalistic. They are interested in the keeping of rules and regulations and not in changing life and upholding the Sabbath and upholding man, they choose to uphold the Sabbath. To Jesus the man is always the most important. The Pharisees focused their religious magnifying glass on Jesus in order to find fault with him. They should have looked upon themselves in the light of Christ in order to see how sinful they were.

II. BLESSED ASSURANCE. John 9:24-25.

From this story it is not difficult to imagine the great dilemma in which the

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Pharisees found themselves. They tried to clear up the confusion by repeatedly asking the blind man how it all happened, hoping to find a discrepancy in his story. But he repeated the facts truthfully time after time. They could not shake this man's faith, neither could they get him to alter the facts. He knew what it was like to be blind and now he knows what it is like to see. Even though they reviled him (verse 28), he had no fear of them. This one thing he knew and they could not change him.

III. CAST OUT BY MEN; SAVED BY CHRIST. John 9:33-38.

"And they cast him out." What a contrast these words are to those uttered by Jesus, "He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). Often our salvation came to us because we were cast out of a place where God did not want us and we found ourselves cast upon him. See also Psalm 55:22; I Peter 5:7.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Why was the Sabbath so important to the Jews and especially to the scribes and Pharisees?
2. Did the parents act in a cowardly manner when they refused to take responsibility for their son's testimony?
3. Must one be healed spiritually before physical healing can take effect?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 15, 1964

Theme: PILATE JUDGED BY JESUS

Scripture: John 18:28-38a

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus was born to bear witness to the truth. Let us proclaim the truth.

INTRODUCTION: According to Roman law the records would show that Jesus was judged by Pilate. But according to the higher law of the Spirit, the theme of our lesson is correct when it reminds us that Pilate was judged by Jesus.

There is a continual conflict between the temporal authority and the spiritual authority and in many cases it seems as if the temporal authority is in power. But it is good to remember that the temporal authority is also temporary while the spiritual authority is eternal.

In this lesson we are reminded of the last days of Jesus' life on earth. It is appropriately named the "Passion Week." The events of this week were so exciting and dramatic that the writers of the gospels gave a more detailed account of this final week than of any other part of his three year ministry.

The religious and political atmosphere was charged with emotional power until it finally exploded in the sentence of death for Jesus.

I. JESUS JUDGED BY PILATE. John 18:28-32.

It is strange that Jesus should have some of the world's best friends around him and that he should also have the world's worst enemies. The one who came to give life was given death.

Because their administration of justice was limited, the Jews led Jesus to the Roman judgment hall where they hoped he would receive the death sentence.

Notice how "mixed up" the Jews were in their religious principles. They were planning the murder of Jesus but at the same time they would not enter the judgment hall because they would be defiled and unable to take part in the Passover. When Pilate demanded an accusation against Jesus, they actually accused themselves by their own evasion and deceit. In their attempt to accuse Jesus of sin, their own sin was revealed.

II. PILATE JUDGED BY JESUS. John 18:33-38a.

Throughout the trial Pilate had a very uneasy feeling that he was actually being judged by Jesus. From no other prisoner did he ever receive such mysterious answers. When he asked Jesus whether he was the King of the Jews, Jesus replied, "Are you asking an honest question of your own, or are you repeating what the Jews told you to say?" When Jesus further explained that his Kingdom was not of this world he was puzzled even more. Jesus was so far beyond and above Pilate that there was no real communication between them. The power to overthrow Pilate and the whole Roman Empire was there but Jesus did not yield to this temptation. The temptation was overcome in the beginning of his ministry. In the wilderness the Devil offered him the kingdoms of the world but he refused to win them on his terms.

III. THE JUDGMENT. John 18:38b; 19:22.

Pilate's judgment was based on fear rather than on reason. The actual judgment was, "I find in him no fault at all." He washed his hands of the entire responsibility and let Christ be crucified. As a last gesture of his judgment he had a public acknowledgment of his kingship inscribed on the cross.

Pilate actually gave an honest and fair judgment but he lacked the cour-

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Heart of a Stranger

A Christian Novel With Breath-taking Suspense

by Lon Woodrum

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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. But her brother didn't like the looks of him. "Something about him bothers me," he said. In the restaurant the next morning Tom Beacon met the minister of King Street Church, Rev. David Gregory, who talked to him about spiritual things. But Tom Beacon was a writer, not interested in religion, as he told Nancy one evening on a ride with her in his Buick car. He thought to himself: "I'll write the best book in the world. All I need is a house—some flowers—a boat—and a typewriter." His reverie continued.

CHAPTER FIVE

That's all I'll need—well, except a wife, perhaps! A man needs a wife.

He had never had much time for women when he had been where women were, and he had spent too much time in a place where there weren't any women.

Nancy broke into his reverie. "I hope you'll be a famous author some day, Tom."

"Thanks. I don't ask for fame. I just want to say what is in me. I've been reading books as far back as I can remember. I love books. I remember Saroyan, in his *Human Comedy*, having that kid hold that big book in his hand. The kid couldn't read, but he was wondering what the author was trying to tell the world. I'd like to be a small part of that group that has something to tell the world, and tells it. I'd like to tell it well, too."

"I know you will, Tom. I feel it."
"Do you really, Nancy? It sounds so good to hear you say that."

They came to a small cross-trail. He turned the Buick around. He drove back toward Quantacca.

"Funny how far you can see across this desert," Tom mused. "Especially at night. You see a town ahead, and it seems close, and you drive miles before you reach it."

"I've noticed that, too. I've even thought that life is something like the desert at night. You're crossing it,

looking toward the lights of the City."

"The City?"

"God's City."

"Oh?"

The question in the one word caused her to turn toward him, her eyes finding his face.

"What do you believe about God, Tom?"

Tom eased the car over to the side of the highway and stopped. He sighed deeply.

"That's a big question, Nancy."

"It's an important question."

"God? I won't try to kid you. I've never met Him. He never even said 'Hi' to me! We're utter strangers."

Nancy took in a quick breath. But she said, "He is a Stranger!"

"Huh?"

"Job said, 'God is great, and we know Him not.' How could we know Him? We can't even understand His world, His universe. He's beyond us. He's a Mystery. He causes us to ask a thousand questions that are never answered."

"Look! Are you a philosopher or something?"

She shook her head. "I'm afraid I'm giving you something I heard David Gregory say once."

"This Doctor Gregory. He must be something."

"He is."

"But, see here. You asked me what I thought about God. I said we were strangers. You tell me He is a Stranger to everyone. Now where are we?"

She smiled. "I didn't finish. Job was right. The God of creation, the God of force, is beyond our knowledge. We can never know Him in that sphere. But John, in the New Testament, says, 'We know that we know Him.' We can know Him, after all! We know Him, not as a mysterious Creator, but as a Father."

"More from Doctor Gregory?"

"Mostly."

"So God is like a parent?"

"Yes. That's what Jesus taught. A child may not know just what his parents are doing in life, or what all their goings-on mean. But the parent picks the child up, pets him, feeds him, tucks him in bed at night, or even disciplines him—the child can understand that!"

"I take it for granted we are still hearing Mr. Gregory, second-hand."

"Partly, at least."

"Well, I guess he must be okay to make you remember so well what he preached. I went to church twice, I think, as a kid, and I don't remember a word the preachers said."

"You mean you've only been to church twice in your life?"

"Sounds funny, huh? To a girl who's been there most every Sunday of her life."

"I can't imagine how it would be never to have attended church. One of the first things I remember is going to Sunday school. I became a Christian when I was young."

"I notice you speak of going to church, and of being a Christian, as if they were two different things."

"They are, of course. Surely you know that!"

"Sorry, lady. I'm an outsider."

"But you're an intelligent man!"

"Thanks!"

"You're a writer. You've read books. You must know that attending church doesn't make one a Christian!"

"Let me be frank. And honest. I just never gave it much thought. Religion has always been a world far removed from me. I'm afraid it still is."

"I wish you'd go hear Mr. Gregory speak. As he told you he's holding special evangelistic services in his church."

"Evangelistic. Now there's a word."

"Look, the word 'gospel' and the word 'evangel' mean the same thing. Good news. When we speak of evangelism we refer to teaching the Gospel to those who do not have it."

"Have it?"

"Tom, Christianity isn't just a creed you take up, or a code of ethics. It's not just a rule-book to go by. It's something you *have*, in your heart. Something happens to you, something that God does, by His grace. Then you can say you *have* the Gospel."

"I think I got lost somewhere along the way. I don't quite follow you."

"It's really simple. It's so simple that people miss it! You believe in Christ, and you have eternal life."

"The road gets more and more unfamiliar."

"Oh, it's not that hard!"

"I doubt if I can take any more religious instructions right now. It'd be a waste of nice teaching. But believe me, it's not because the teacher isn't attractive—"

He saw her face reflect sadness. He touched her arm. "Don't worry about it, please. You can tell me more some time. Okay?"

Her face took on a smile. "I didn't mean to bore you with religion. It's just that I wish you could understand it as I do."

"I think I get how you feel. You just believe it so much you wish everyone did."

"Will you go hear Doctor Gregory speak?"

"Well—I'd feel funny in church. What do you do in church, anyhow?"

"You just walk in and take a seat. Think you could manage it?"

"It's possible, I guess."

"You'll go, then?"

"If you'll go with me!"

"All right. We'll all go together."

"All?"

"Mom and Pop, Freddie, Brett, and myself."

"The whole family? Can't you and I go together and let the rest of the family take care of itself?"

"We could drive to church, just you and I, together. But at church we all sit together. It's an old family custom."

He rubbed his hand over his chin. "That's something. A whole family, all in one bunch, at church every Sunday. You really like to stick together."

"Not just at church. We like to stick together in everything. And one of the main reasons we do this is that we stick together at church, and in our faith in God."

"Quite interesting. Seems a bit odd, in this day and time."

"We all believe alike. We have the same goal—to serve God and humanity. Our faith gives us unity in everything."

"And you're not quoting Doctor Gregory now, are you?"

"No, Tom, not now. You see, when a group of people are dedicated to the same thing it makes it easier for them to be one. And the only dedication that could really work is dedication to God, and to His church. If we were dedicated to different things there'd be disunity. See?"

He nodded slowly, his eyes fixed on her face.

"It sounds nice. Real nice. Sort of makes an outsider feel homesick, or something!"

"We all feel deeply about our family. We argue, of course. Even Mom and Pop. And little Freddie thinks I'm a bossy tyrant sometimes! The other day he said, 'If any country ever wants to be run by a female dictator I'll know where they can get one!' Brett sometimes tries to over-protect me. But, all in all, we're a good family, if I have to say so myself!"

"You don't have to say so yourself, Nancy. I'd say it for you. I haven't known you long, but I'd say it anyhow. I wish—"

He stopped and Nancy sensed a strong feeling running through him.

"You wish what?"

"I wish I'd had a family like yours."

Mom was always sick and always fussing at Pop. She was sick in her mind, mostly. Pop was a hammered-down character who never got much out of life but trouble. I was their only kid. And they probably never had any need of even one kid. They never really taught me anything about how to live. Pop was a failure. He died in jail."

"Oh, how terrible, Tom!" There were tears in Nancy's voice.

"Pop wasn't really to blame for being in jail. He smacked a big fat banker that probably needed smacking. He wasn't a bad man. Pop wasn't. He just wasn't much good, if you know what I mean."

Nancy's hand fell on his arm, resting there a moment.

"I'm awfully sorry, Tom."

He gazed out across the desert. "It's all in the past now. I'm not bidding for sympathy."

"It's not all in the past. It never is. That's why I sense a bitterness in you, though you do cover it up pretty well."

"Thanks." There was an irony in his tone.

"Nothing that ever happens to a boy is over in his life. Good or bad."

"You're a child psychologist also?" He shrugged.

"I've read. And I've watched people."

"I've read the books, too. I have never swallowed all this psychological dope. About kids being forced into being something because of their parents and upbringing, I mean. A man still stands on his own feet—at least when he gets to where he knows what he's supposed to do. A man can drop the past fairly well, I think. He can forget much of what happened to him when he was a tike."

"Not always in his inner mind, Tom. In his soul. It affects him through the years. But the case is never hopeless. There's a way out."

"That's good news!"

"That's exactly what it is—Good News! There's a lot of wonderful help to bring recovery. There's God!"

"Here we go again."

"I won't preach to you. But what I said is still the truth."

Silence came down upon them. The desert seemed deathstill. Not even a slight wind stirred. The sky was brass

above them, the heat becoming terrific.

Tom said, "Some day I hope I can have a family, like yours, maybe. A nice little bit of humanity, always sticking together, whatever happens. Arguing, disagreeing, even yakking at one another, one trying to boss the other—but always one!"

Her eyes were very blue in the hot sunlight. "I hope so, too, Tom!"

"Maybe I will. After I get through—" He stopped. She said, "After you do what, Tom?"

"After I do what I have to do. Write a famous book, for one thing."

"But there's something else? Besides writing a book, I mean?"

He whipped a look at her. "Why do you ask?"

"I don't know. I just felt you left something unsaid."

If you only knew what I left unsaid!

Aloud he said, "We usually leave a lot unsaid, if we're smart, don't we?"

She did not reply to this. They sat in silence again for a while.

Then he asked abruptly, "How come a girl like you never got married?"

Her mouth made a half-smile. "There has to be a man when a girl gets married. So far there hasn't been one. But what about you? Which reminds me, here I am out riding with you without asking if you have a wife! I must be slipping!"

"You didn't see a wife, so you figured there wasn't one. Most women are apt to figure that way, I think. But you figured right. I haven't a wife. I never had one."

"Well! I'm glad I found that out! I was worried for a minute. Imagine Brett Fitzgerald discovering his sister had gone out with a married man!"

"You took a bigger chance than that!"

"A bigger chance?"

"You don't know me. Maybe I'm a sadistic maniac!"

For a quick instant her face reflected fear. But the fear faded at his laugh.

"Oh!" she cried. "Don't frighten me like that!"

"But you still don't know who or what I am."

"No. Not for sure. But you're not a criminal."

Dear, good girl! If you could see the inside of that stinking bighouse where I rotted through those everlasting days and nights!

As from a distance he heard Nancy saying. "You're not a criminal, Tom, but there's something troubling you greatly. I am going to pray for you."

He almost said, "Never mind!" But instead he said, "It can't hurt anything, I guess."

He reached for the starter. "About time I took you home, I think."

She nodded. "Brett may shoot you as it is!"

At his look she laughed. "Brett's a Christian. Don't worry."

The Buick glided toward Quantacca. The wind wrought by the thrust of the

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

SPECIAL EVENTS

PAUL, IDAHO. On Nov. 15th we of the First Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho, were privileged to have Rev. Fred Folkerts, Cameroon missionary, with us, in keeping with the scheduled missionary conferences. He presented a challenging message and showed slides of the work in Cameroon. Our Watch Night service of Dec. 31st was a great blessing to each of us as we enjoyed a message by the Cameroon missionary teacher, Mr. Ernest Zimbelman. A fellowship hour followed at the parsonage. The remaining time in the old year 1963 was spent in praise and prayer to the Lord for his bountiful blessings to us. We were thankful that Mr. Ernest Zimbelman, Kirk and Joel were able to be with us for this service, even though Mrs. Zimbelman and Peter had to remain in North Dakota due to illness.—(Mrs. Myrl E. Thiesies, Reporter).

RIDGEMONT, DETROIT, MICH. The Ridgemont Baptist Church of East Detroit, Mich., has adopted the missionary couples, Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Lang and Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Schroeder, serving in Cameroon, Africa, and is now contributing to their partial support on the mission field. Their pictures in our homes are a constant reminder to us to pray for them. Other recent highlights in our church's program was the concert presented by the CFC Men's Chorus of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. An offering of \$586.86 for the Seminary Library Fund was received at this concert. Evangelistic meetings were held in Oct. 1963 with Rev. W. Wieschollek of Milwaukee, Wis., as evangelist. Our church is prospering spiritually under the leadership of Rev. H. J. Waltereit, our beloved pastor, with well attended services, active organizations and a fervency in the hearts of our people for the things of God.—(Manfred Neumann, Reporter).

TRINITY, WARREN, MICH. Sunday, Dec. 15, was a happy day for the congregation of the Trinity Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan. Following the morning worship service, at which Rev. Ruben Kern spoke, a groundbreaking service was held. Mr. Vance Crane, minister of music, led the congregation in hymns of praise. Our pastor, Rev. Jack Fullard, welcomed the City of Warren's mayor, Mayor William A. Shaw, who spoke to us. Also on hand was our builder, Mr. Amos Roe. Mr. Kern closed the service in prayer. The plans are for the educational unit, in which we have been meeting, to be completed as well as

the sanctuary to be constructed. The sanctuary will seat 450 persons. Work has already commenced on the new structure and it is hoped it will be completed by June, 1964.—(Mrs. Clarence Wheeler, Reporter).

APPLETON, MINN. Families and friends of the First Baptist Church of Appleton, Minn., 92 in number, enjoyed an "All-Church Birthday Party" presented by the Mission Society, Jan. 2nd. The twelve tables in the lower auditorium were decorated appropriately, one for each month of the year. The people present were all seated at the table of the month of their birth. A casserole lunch was served early in the evening. The program consisted of musical numbers, readings, object lessons, slides and various other touches to carry out the theme of each month. A poster calendar, with drawings by Richard Friedrich, had the name of the month and an appropriate picture. These posters were changed as the program for each month was completed. At the close of the program cupcakes with candles were passed to everyone. The candles were lit, and all joined in our birthday song. The offering for the evening was for the benefit of the annual project of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Minnesota-La Crosse Association.—(Mrs. Elenor Boettcher, Secretary).

ZION, OKEENE, OKLA. The Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., was privileged to have as its guests for the worship service on Sunday evening, Jan. 5, the choir of the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla. A presentation of the cantata, "The Greatest



Groundbreaking exercises for the new edifice of the Trinity Baptist Church, Warren, Mich.

Left to right: Builder Amos Roe, Allen Shaw, Mayor William A. Shaw, and Rev. Jack Fullard, pastor.

Story Yet Untold," was beautifully rendered by the choir of the Corn Church. The membership of the Loyal Church was also in attendance. A blessing was received by all who were able to attend. On Jan. 12 we were again privileged to have the Loyal C. B. Y. present the play, "The Unbroken Circle," at the evening service. The blessings of hearing the young people as they rendered their services for the cause of Christ were most rewarding. A social time was enjoyed by the group at the close of the service.—(Mrs. Walter Weber, Reporter).

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. On Jan. 5th a beautiful communion service was dedicated in a special ceremony in the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church, Inglewood, Calif. The set was given by the Stabbert family in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stabbert, loyal workers in our church for many years during their lifetime. Mr. Herbert Stabbert of the Bethel Church in Anaheim, Calif., made the presentation with a fitting tribute to his Christian parents. To many of us who were privileged to know Mr. and Mrs. Stabbert, their exemplary Christian lives will always be remembered. Mr. Henry Wetzler, vice moderator, accepted the gift in behalf of the church.

Our pastor, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, led the congregation in the act and prayer of dedication, after which the communion service was used for the first time. The members and friends of the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church are grateful to the Stabbert family for this beautiful gift which will be a monument to their dear parents for many years to come.—(Esther Johnston, Reporter).

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE YOUTH RETREAT. With the theme, "Know The Truth," and key verse of John 8:32, the 21st annual Youth RETREAT of the Southern Conference CBY was held Dec. 30 and Jan. 1 at the Mowata Church, Branch, La. Rev. John Binder, denominational Youth Secretary, brought the four main sermons based on the RETREAT theme. Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, led the New Year's service and directed a panel discussion on the aspects of "Truth." The theme was also presented through the classes. Rev. Alex Sootzman led the adults; Dr. Louis Johnson, the college young people; Fred Miller, High School group; Rev. L. B. Hinz, Intermediates; Mrs. Vernon Ekert, Juniors. Stewardship was the theme of a skit presented by the Mowata CBYF. The Waco CBY also presented the play, "Soup, Sand, and Sagebrush," on the needs of the mission fields. The Youth RETREAT was privileged to view slides of the Beirut Conference.—(Carole Will, Reporter).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

GLADWIN, MICH. Rev. Leon Franck brought to a close his faithful service of four years and four months at the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., on Sunday, Jan. 12. In the evening a farewell program was given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. L. Franck. Harmon Palmer, deacon of the church, was in charge. The K. Y. B. (Know Your Bible) group rendered a song led by Jean Kleiss. Officers from the following organizations spoke briefly, each presenting the pastor and his wife with a gift: Sunday school supt., Stanley Wolfe; CBY group, Ila Whittle; Baptist Men's Fellowship, Arthur Schindler; Ladies' Missionary Society, A da Schultz. A solo was sung by Mrs. Dorothy Allen. Rev. Emanuel Wolff of Auburn, Mich., spoke briefly on II Thess. 3:1 and II Cor. 13:11. (Augusta Will, Reporter).



Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Jan. 1, 1964.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MR. AND MRS. R. H. MULDER

On Jan. 1, 1964, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mulder of Parkersburg, Iowa celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Calvary Baptist Church. A program in their honor was held at the church in the afternoon with a capacity crowd in attendance.

The honored couple was ushered to their places on the platform by Mr. Leonard Linn to the strains of the traditional wedding march. Their attendants, Mr. and Mrs. August Wallbaum, were present, and they were also ushered to the platform by Mr. Mark Schoneman. The program consisted of a solo by Mrs. Matilda Goldhorn, a song by two grand-nieces of Mrs. Mulder, Diane and Debbie Schoneman, a mixed quartet by Mr.

and Mrs. Leonard Linn and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schoneman, and a duet by Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Dickau. Rev. H. Lohr and the pastor spoke briefly.

The Mulders received telegrams, letters and cards of congratulations from Holland, Germany, Canada, and from all over the United States. These came from denominational personnel, business associates, relatives and friends, who hold them in high esteem for their integrity, devotion to God and their personal witness. Mr. Mulder has been on every board of the denomination. The many floral pieces that graced the occasion were beautiful to behold.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulder responded graciously. Open House at the church followed, where a tasty lunch was served to almost 400 guests. Miss Cathy Linn of St. Paul poured punch. Mrs. LeRoy Eggeston of Iowa Falls was in charge of the guest book. Mrs. Mark Schoneman and Mrs. Leonard Linn poured. Mrs. Dickau and Mrs. Dale Van Eman cut the five tiered wedding cake.—(Raymond F. Dickau, Pastor).

TRINITY, PORTLAND, ORE. On Sunday evening, Dec. 15, under the direction of Mrs. Connie Wobig, the church choir of the Trinity Church, Portland, Ore., presented excerpts from Handel's "Messiah" to the appreciation of a large audience. Our annual Sunday school Christmas program was given on Sunday evening, Dec. 22. The first part, "God's Gift to Us," included the birth of Jesus, adoration of shepherds, homage of the kings, with suitable Christmas carols sung by the various Bible School departments. Part 2, "Our Gifts to God," included the presentation of the play, "The Perfect Gift," narrated by Mrs. Ruby Steinfeld. The church choir rendered Christmas songs at appropriate times during the program. Following the service, 50 young people of the youth groups and their adult leaders went Christmas caroling to sick and shut-in members of the church. After the caroling, Dr. and Mrs. John Wobig entertained the group with a Christmas supper in the parsonage.—(Mrs. Miriam Krueger, Reporter).

GERMANTOWN CHURCH, N. DAK. The Germantown Baptist Church of Cathay, N. Dak., held its annual Christmas program on Dec. 24. A cantata, "Wonderful," was given in connection with the program and was under the direction of Mr. Clarence Seidel. On Dec. 26, the cantata was given at the Home of the Good Shepherd at New Rockford, N. Dak. Watch Night services were held Dec. 31. The first hour was spent in hymn singing and a film, "The Rim of the Wheel," was shown. Following this enjoyable hour was a time for refreshments and fellowship. During the last hour we heard testimonies and brief talks by some of the deacons, Sunday school teachers, and college students.—(Mrs. Calvin Edinger, Reporter).

BETHANY, PORTLAND, ORE. The combined Junior and Senior choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Ernest

SPECIAL SEASONAL PROGRAMS

YORKTON, SASK. The choir of the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Sask., with Rev. W. Kerber as pastor, presented the Christmas program, "The Great Light," in cantata form on Sunday, Dec. 22, with Alvin Reddekopp as director. This was a candlelight service. Music between readings and the showing of slides consisted of choir anthems. Six people of various ages and vocations portrayed how each one can be useful in the Lord's service. The closing number was a new arrangement of "Joy to the World." The choir also had part in a carol service, in which each of 20 church and school choirs from the city sang two Christmas selections. The film, "The Tony Fontane Story," was shown during the first part of the Watch Night service. The last hour of the old year was spent in singing, bringing testimonies, and in thanksgiving for all the Lord has done for us in the past.—(Hertha Rowden, Reporter).



The choir of the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Sask., with Rev. W. Kerber, pastor (left, center, front row), and Mr. Alvin Reddekopp (right, center), the choir director.

Schaer, presented a choir concert at the Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon on Dec. 15th with carols from many lands. Sharon Mattson was accompanist at the organ for the Senior Choir, and Sandra Schultz was accompanist at the piano for the Junior Choir. The Sunday school program was given on Sunday evening, Dec. 22. "The First Christmas Carol" was the theme. The young people had charge of the Christmas Eve program, presenting the play, "The Rose of Sharon." Stephanie Ruby is president of the Senior C.B.Y. A special treat was enjoyed on Sunday evening, December 29, when Miss Marge Collier, a converted Catholic nun, shared her experiences with us. The Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve was a real blessing. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rich showed slides and commented on their travels through Europe this past summer. The film, "Flight Plan," was shown during the second service.—(Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter).

WESTBROOK, SANTA ANA, CALIF. The people of the Westbrook Baptist Church of Santa Ana, Calif., at Christmas time started what it hopes will become an annual event. Rev. Dick Grauer, pastor, asked the congregation to give gifts to Christ this Christmas through his church. The list of needs and contributing groups included: Primary class, flag stand; Middler classes, educational toys; Jr.'s 5, choice of church; Jr.'s 6, flag stand; Jr. High girls, communion and hymn book racks; Jr. High boys, basketball and net; High School class, volleyball and net; Adult church school class, film strip projector. Substantial contributions were made by the Keene family, the Dick Grauer family, the Elvin Grauer family, the Spencer family, the Cummins family, Gloria Ignasiak, Russ Boss and Faye Cordell. Pastor Dick Grauer hopes that this will be an incentive for other churches to follow and for Christians to feel the real meaning of Christmas.—(Betty Spencer, Reporter).

transportation for visitation work, a new tire, and a \$400 love offering.—(Mrs. Delbert Tilgner, Reporter).

LAKESHORE, STEVENSVILLE, MICH. The new Lakeshore Baptist Extension Project, which began in September at Stevensville, Mich., had another "first" on New Year's Eve. Rev. B. A. Itterman, pastor, had the privilege of administering the ordinance of baptism to three young married men from the newly established group. The fast fleeting hours of the old year, and the approach of the new, gave added meaning to this important act of "putting away the old" and "walking in newness of life" with Christ. The facilities of the sponsoring church, the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, were used. Following the baptism, Rev. L. H. Broeker of the "mother church" officiated at an impressive communion service for the combined congregations as the old year gave way to the new.—(Mrs. Larry Holben, Reporter).

HEART OF A STRANGER

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car tossed Nancy's hair. She gazed across the desert, her clean-cut profile toward Tom.

You're sweet, he thought. Sweet, and you live simply and good. I wish your world wasn't so many million miles away from mine!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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age to put it into effect. He judged Jesus to be innocent and passed on him the death sentence.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How did the death sentence of the Romans differ from that of the Jews?
2. Can you find a purpose for the birth of every person in the world? How can each one fulfill that purpose?

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Obituaries

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

MRS. HELEN L. WOLFF

Mrs. Helen L. Wolff of Chicago, Ill., was born in Stettin, Germany, May 5, 1879, and went to her eternal home on Dec. 31, 1963, after a lingering illness. On Nov. 6, 1907, she was married to the Rev. Valentine Wolff, who until his death in 1945 served as pastor of a number of our NAB churches in both Canada and the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Wolff served as missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa. Mrs. Wolff will be remembered as a gentle spirit who gave herself unselfishly to the work of Christ as a missionary and minister's wife.

At the age of 26, Mrs. Wolff declared her faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized. At the time of her death, Mrs. Wolff was a member of the Norridge Baptist Church in Chicago and resided at the Western Baptist Home for the Aged.

She leaves to mourn one daughter, Mrs. Jay Caldwell of Whitewater, Calif.; two sons, Walter G. of Exonia and Harold G. of Watertown; eight grandchildren; one sister; and a host of other relatives and friends. Watertown, Wisconsin

DONALD N. MILLER,
Officiating Minister.

DALE WESLEY FREDERICK

Dale Wesley Frederick of Leduc, Alta., was born Oct. 30, 1960 and was called to be a jewel in God's Kingdom on Jan. 3, 1964. Though Dale had reached only the age of three, he was a fruitful pupil in Sunday school and responded to the teachings about God, the Bible and prayer, taught to him not only in Sunday school but in the home as well. In August 1963 it was discovered that Dale had an incurable disease. Hospitalized during most of this time lapse, desperate attempts were made to combat this disease but to no avail.

Dale leaves to mourn his passing, his loving parents, Ardon and Gertie Fredrick; his brother, Brian; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller; and his paternal grandparents, Mrs. Frieda Frederick. Though young, Dale leaves behind many friends and fond memories. May cherished memories undergirded by God's comfort give solace to the bereaved. May this untimely death cause all of us to think soberly about the brevity of life and the possible imminence of death.

First Baptist Church
Leduc, Alberta
PAUL SIEWERT, Pastor

LEONARD CARL ERDMAN

Leonard Carl Erdman of Monroe, Washington was born Feb. 4, 1943 at Portland, Oregon and died Dec. 5, 1963 as the result of a car-train accident near Barstow, Calif. He had been stationed at Fort Irwin, Calif., as a member of the U. S. Army. When he was four years old, his family and he moved from Portland to this community. He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior at an early age, and when he was 13 he was baptized and united with the Startup Baptist Church.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Erdman; two brothers, Ernest and Danny; his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Mehrer, all of Monroe, Wash.; and his fiancée, Miss Audine Cook, of Monmouth, Oregon. Rev. Herbert Schauer of Portland, Oregon, a former pastor of the church, conducted the funeral services on Dec. 10, 1963 at the Startup Baptist Church with military services at the cemetery conducted by the U. S. Army.

Startup, Washington THE FAMILY

MRS. ESTHER PINSON DOBRINSKI

Mrs. Esther Pinson Dobrinski of Lorraine, Kansas was born in Wichita, Kansas, Oct. 18, 1916. She graduated from Ottawa University in 1939. She taught English for two years. On Oct. 5, 1941 she was married to Carl R. Dobrinski. To this union were born four children: one daughter, Marcia; and three sons: Glen, Dale and Kenneth, all at home.

She accepted Christ as her Savior at the

age of nine, and was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine. She taught the young people's class, was a deaconess and a member of the Pulpit Committee and served in various other capacities in the church. She passed to her heavenly reward at the Ellinwood District Hospital on Dec. 30, 1963 where she had been a patient for one month.

Surviving her besides her husband and children are her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Wayne Pinson of Frederick, Kansas; a sister, Mrs. Lola Moran, of Eunice, New Mexico; and a brother, Wayne Pinson of McPherson. Also mourning her passing is Mildred Schindler Janzen, who lived with the family while she attended High School. Officiating at her funeral services were Rev. Merle Brenner of Ellinwood and Walter Schmidt of Lorraine.

Lorraine, Kansas

THE FAMILY

MRS. ELIZABETH BERRETH

Mrs. Elizabeth Rauser Berreth of Bismarck, North Dakota was born Sept. 6, 1900 in Romania. She passed away Jan. 2, 1964 at the St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck at the age of 63. She came to this country in 1902, settling in the Mercer area. She attended the Devils Lake School for the Deaf. On Nov. 4, 1925 she married Jacob Berreth at Goodrich, where they lived until 1956 when her husband passed away. To this union was born one son, Arnold and one daughter, Bernice. Recently Mrs. Berreth made her home in Bismarck and had been employed in the laundry of the St. Alexius Hospital until she retired last year. She accepted Christ as Savior and followed him in baptism in her younger years. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Bismarck, where a funeral service was held for her Sunday evening, Jan. 5. She leaves to mourn her departure; her mother, Mrs. Ed Rauser, Elk Grove, Calif.; her son, Arnold, Goodrich; her daughter, Mrs. James (Bernice) Ressler, Bismarck, N. D.; eight brothers and sisters: William and Henry Rauser, Elk Grove, Calif.; Mrs. Frank Mantz, Mrs. Emil Meyer, and Martin Rauser, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Jake Presser, Fresno, Calif.; Rev. Gustave Rauser, Stockton, Calif.; Edward Rauser, Turtle Lake, N. D.; and five grandchildren. The officiating pastor was Rev. Jacob Ehman with Rev. Gustave Rauser assisting.

Goodrich, North Dakota
JACOB EHMAN, Correspondent

MR. KARL K. SCHNEIDER

Mr. Karl K. Schneider of Goodrich, N. Dak., was born July 16, 1898, in South Russia. He passed away Jan. 11, 1964, at the Bismarck Hospital at the age of 65 years. As a child, he came to the United States with his parents, settling at Goodrich, where his parents purchased a farm. On Dec. 17, 1925, he married Martha Weber of Wing, N. Dak., to which union were born five sons and two daughters. They farmed in the Goodrich community until the spring of 1963 at which time he retired and moved into Goodrich. Karl had been in poor health for the past few months and was hospitalized for a major operation the last two weeks, after becoming seriously ill on Christmas Day. Mr. Karl Schneider was a member of the First Baptist Church of Goodrich, where in years past he served as Sunday school teacher and as a deacon.

He leaves to mourn his departure; his wife; two sons, Vernon and Irvin Schneider of Goodrich; two daughters, Karen and Kerrine Schneider at home; two brothers, Emil Schneider, Bremerton, Wash.; and Raymond Schneider, Lodi, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Dave Helm, Gazelle, Calif.; Mrs. Wm. Knowles, Stockton, Calif.; and Mrs. Rose Berreth, Vida, Mont.; his step-mother, Mrs. Katherine Schneider, Lodi, Calif.; and 7 grandchildren.

Goodrich, North Dakota

JACOB EHMAN, Pastor

MR. RICHARD FORD

Mr. Richard Ford of Lodi, Calif., was born on Feb. 14, 1889 in Lincoln, Nebraska and passed away on Dec. 10, 1963, at his home in Lodi after a long period of illness at the age of 74 years. He had been a resident of Lodi since 1919. For a time he was employed by Western Harvester. However, most of his life he was a rancher and carpenter. He was a lover of the open spaces of the countryside with a great interest in trees. The simple natural things that God had created were a constant enjoyment to him. On Dec. 25, 1916, he was married to Mabel Fritts in Dallas, Texas, and to this marriage were born 3 children. As a young person he professed faith in Christ and had been a member of several Swedish

Baptist churches before coming to California. He had been a member of Temple Baptist Church since 1950.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel, on Oct. 7, 1956. He is survived by three children: Virginia (Mrs. Charles Ebert) of Downieville, Calif.; Robert Ford of Stockton, Calif.; and Betty Jo (Mrs. Odell Davis) of Lodi; two sisters: Mrs. Frances Ford, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Effie Ludington, Sexsmith, Alberta; and 8 grandchildren.

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

MRS. MARIE PERMAN

Mrs. Marie Perman, nee Goehring, of Lodi, Calif., was born in Neudorf, South Russia, on August 8, 1903. In May 1911 she came with her parents to the United States where they made their home in South Dakota until moving to Idaho in 1913. In her own words she relates the important experience of Jan. 30, 1916. "It was a very happy day for me when I gave my heart to Jesus, and I promised to live and serve him all the days of my life. Though at times I was not as faithful as I should have been, Jesus never failed me. He was always near and ready to help whenever I called."

In 1917 she came to Lodi, Calif. During Feb. 1922 she was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Lodi. She later became a charter member of Temple Baptist Church, Lodi. She served her Lord faithfully and with much joy by singing in the choir, serving as a Sunday school teacher, Cradle Roll superintendent, officer of the W.M.S.—General White Cross Chairman and Circle Leader—and as a deaconess of her beloved church. On Sept. 21, 1963, at the annual Appreciation Dinner held for Sunday school teachers and workers, the program was dedicated to her honor.

On Dec. 25, 1923, she was united in marriage to Jacob Perman. After a lingering illness, during which she was a great inspiration to all who visited her, she went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 1, 1963, at the age of 60 years. She is survived by her son, Donald Perman; one grandson, Donald Jacob; and two brothers, Jacob Goehring and Phillip Goehring of Lodi; and four sisters: Lydia Perman and Christine Wageman of Lodi; Martha Knittel and Pauline Rossman of Gustine, California.

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JOHN DEARMIN FAMILY

A Memorial Service for the John Dearmin family was held at the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., Wednesday evening, Nov. 6, 1963. John Dearmin, age 28, and his wife, Kathryn, age 25, together with their two children, Robyn, age 3, and David, age 20 months, were suddenly ushered into the presence of God as the result of a car-truck accident near Buelton, Calif., on Oct. 30, 1963.

John Dearmin was born in Denver, Colorado, and lived most of his life in nearby Westminster, Colorado. He was a graduate of Moody Bible Institute. He served nearly four years as Director of Christian Education at Temple Church, Lodi, Calif. He was a member of the Christian Education Committee for the California Association and the Pacific Conference. Kathryn Dearmin was born in Clinton, Oklahoma; however, she lived most of her life in California. She attended Westmont College for two years. At Temple Church she served as secretary for the W. M. S., principal in Children's Church and as a church pianist.

A capacity attendance filled the sanctuary to pay tribute to their ministry in the church and community. Organ music was provided by Aimee Sawatzky. Marjorie Jones of Stockton sang, "Their Task." A ladies trio, composed of Elvera Bullington, Lee Hemenway and Claire Kundert, sang "Our Praise." Calvin Lohr directed the church choir in their musical tribute with the anthem, "Saved by Grace." Selected Scriptures were read by Rev. Harvey Mehaff, Director of Christian Education, First Baptist Church, Lodi. Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of First Baptist Church, spoke on behalf of the Lodi Association of Evangelicals and the Northern California Ministers' Fellowship of Northern American Baptists. The denomination presented a communication to the church and family through Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, who was present for the memorial service. Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, pastor of Temple Church, delivered the memorial service message.

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evangelistic services & baptisms



Rev. Ernie Rogalski (center, holding Bible), pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., and nine young people whom he baptized on their confession of faith in Christ.

BETHANY, VANCOUVER, B. C. We of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, rejoice for "gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful" (Psalm 116: 5). After a busy year for our pastor, Rev. Ernie Rogalski, and church, we were able to witness the baptism of nine candidates at the Watch Night service. What a blessed way to end the year, and with prayer and in the fellowship of believers to start the new year. On Dec. 22, the mixed and male choirs, under the direction of Mr. Herb Sturhahn, presented a Choral and Carol Concert, which was enjoyed by all present.—(Mrs. Agnes Hillier, Reporter).

people of the Salt Creek Baptist Church in Dallas, Oregon, and Rev. C. H. Walth are thankful that six youths and Rev. Walter Hoffman did just that. They call themselves God's Volunteers, Team No. 1, sponsored by the North American Baptist Conference. During Jan. 5 to 12 God's Volunteers conducted an inspiring crusade at the Salt Creek Baptist Church. Besides having evangelistic meetings each evening, the team visited Dallas High School, Dallas Junior High School, Salem Academy, and the Governor's Mansion in Salem. Each afternoon except Wednesday, the team members carried on personal visitation work in surrounding communities. On Wednesday they toured a local sawmill and plywood plant. The church people received them very well, furnishing lodging, meals, gas,

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is progressing on the completion of the church sanctuary which will have a capacity of about 450 persons when finished. For about two years the Bethel Church has been served by Mr. Arthur Bettig as student pastor. He is studying at present at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. He is a candidate for the mission field. The present membership of the Bethel Church is 45. It was received into the NAB fellowship at the 1963 sessions of the Northern Conference.

● **The Oak Street Baptist Church** of Burlington, Iowa joined four other Baptist churches of the city in the Week of Prayer services from Jan. 6-10. The service on Friday evening, Jan. 10, was held in the Oak Street Church, and Rev. Howard Johnson of this church spoke in the service held in the Walnut Street Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, Jan. 7. This is an annual series of services in the city of Burlington that meets with a good response. On Sunday evening, Jan. 19, the Moody Institute of Science film, "City of the Bees," was shown in the Oak Street Church.

REMEMBER!

Your gifts laid on God's altar in March 1964 for our missionary service program will determine whether we reach our denominational goal of \$1,050,000.

● **On Jan. 4th relatives and friends** assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kraus of Paul, Idaho to celebrate with them their 25th wedding anniversary. Presiding as master of ceremonies was Rev. Myrl E. Thiesies, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Special musical numbers were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. August Martsch and Rev. and Mrs. Myrl Thiesies. Words of congratulation were conveyed by everyone present and a time of refreshment and fellowship followed. Although three of their five girls are married and living long distances from home, they were all able to be present for the occasion.

● At the 109th anniversary of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Jan. 12 the pastor, Rev. A. Lamprecht, read greetings from Rev. Paul Wengel and Rev. Rubin Kern, former pastors, and from Mrs. Marie Krause, now of Elmhurst, Ill. The church was privileged to have the president of the NAB Seminary, Rev. Frank Veninga, as special guest and he presented a stirring challenge at the worship service and the afternoon meeting following the fellowship dinner. Dr. William J. Appel, who is making a survey for the Evergreen congregation, also participated. The annual reports of the various organizations of the church were presented and the hearers departed with thankfulness for the year just past and for this happy occasion, as reported by Miss Marion von Ahnen.

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by showing and telling us about "the Christian Life in U. S. S. R. Today." Rev. William Sturhahn, District Secretary of the Northern Conference, told us about "Our Denominational Expansion Program."

DEAD SEA SCROLLS

This morning our hearts were moved by the gripping testimony of our missionary to the Canadian Indians Rev. R. Neuman. He is a great chief, great in the opinion of the Indians and great in our esteem. The two last picture-lectures of Dr. Schultz gave us an idea of the true significance of the "Dead Sea Scrolls" and the contemporary world of Paul.

Since our hearts were filled with the thrill of God's dealings with his people throughout the centuries, the "dealings" in our annual business meeting were short and harmonious. The new executives are: president, Rev. R. Herrmann; vice-president, Rev. W. Kerber; secretary-treasurer, Rev. D. Richter; music director, Rev. P. Schroeder.

Tonight we had a very special treat. The evening service was preceded by string music of the Edmonton Inter-Church Orchestra conducted by Prof. Wm. McLatchie. After such a wonderful musical experience, it was not difficult for Dr. M. L. Leuschner to reach our hearts with his message, "The Minister's Robe," in which he pointed out—on the scriptural basis of Col. 3: 12ff—that a minister's robe is made out of sympathy, empathy, and teleology. The choir of the Central Baptist Church sang several selections.

Jan. 17th

On the train via south again. I am tired, but happy, happy, happy! Even this last day had some uplifting experiences in store for us. The day started with a Bible Study by Dr. B. Schalm on I Peter 4:1-11. After this Dr. Leuschner gave us his last "shot of persuasive miracle-medicine for tired ministers" in his lecture on "The Challenge Before Us." The last hour of our Pastors' Fellowship was given to Dr. Schultz, in which he presented a Bible Study on Hebrew 12:26-28. In the midst of an endangered and shaking world, we as Christians are called on to proclaim Jesus Christ as the truly indestructible Lord of Life.

What has this Fellowship brought to us? To my fellow pastors from Manitoba? To all participants? I am sure of one fact: none of us has received less of hospitality, of fellowship, of inspiration and information than he had anticipated. On the contrary: the rich and interesting programs surpassed by far our expectations. And now on my way home, I have to think of J. M. Clark's words: "Knowledge is the only instrument of production that is not subject to diminishing returns;" knowledge and what our souls have gained at this Mid-Winter Conference.

WHO'LL CATCH THE VISION?

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highly in love for their works sake" (I Thess. 5:12, 13).

In a misunderstanding of the priesthood of believers we have failed to hold the pastor in a position of honor, and in trying to make him equal have discredited his office. Every pastor and missionary is a person with a high and holy calling. God's hand has been placed upon him to lead him into the greatest of all vocations. If we hallow this sacred office, men will not thoughtlessly choose it in the quest for vain glory nor will they despise it or seek to flee from it.

Yes, it is true that God has a plan for every individual life and everyone should seek God's call regardless of vocation. Nevertheless, the call to the ministry remains the highest. Paul reflected, "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel" (I Thess. 2:4). And it is just that, a solemn trust. The preacher is not honored for his own person, but for the precious treasure which he carries.

OUR INCREASED SUPPORT

In addition to this we can enter more vigorously into the support of theological education. The liberality or stinginess of each church reveals clearly its interest in this endeavor so vital to the church and the world. The North American Baptist Seminary is truly dependent upon your gifts. This is good! May it never be otherwise! This fact guarantees a close tie between the school and the churches by which and for which it was first created. Just consider this: to prepare more and better trained Christian workers your seminary needs your continued and increased support.

But more than this, there is an almost forgotten and unexplored area of financial need. That is for the assistance of students and their families. Many excellent students are seriously handicapped by money worries. It is a shame that time and talent which might have been invested in preparation for life service are consumed in very poorly paying employment. There are unlimited possibilities to share in the way of scholarships and student aid funds. We have made a small beginning, but only a beginning in the establishment of a student loan fund. It is my conviction that churches ought not only to encourage their finest young men to consider the ministry, but also to assist them throughout the years of training.

We as the churches of Jesus Christ possess in the Gospel that which the world needs so urgently. Some day we will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Will we be able to testify there that we did not love in word or in tongue alone, but in deed and in truth? Will you and your church do all that is in your power to do? Your decision can mean life—yes, eternal life!