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By Dr. A. S. Felberg, President

THE CHRISTIAN Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta in its ministry over the past 24 years is truly a symbol of triumph, reflecting God's grace and goodness. Faithful witnesses have held high the banner of the cross by teaching, preaching, building, and serving in high and menial tasks.

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The entire Theological Department of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta with Dr. B. Schalm, Academic Dean, in back row, center.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

EASTER OFFERING. Because of Easter, we have eternal life, the gift of God through Christ, our risen Lord! Look at that sentence again, and then look at that Easter Offering that you are proposing to lay into his nail-scarred hands. All that he did for you. What will you do for him? Let your Easter Offering reflect your joy in the Lord, your dedication of life and possessions in his service, and your experience of the true glory of Easter!

\$1,050,000 GOAL. The February 19-64 gifts of our people and churches for the missionary and service program of the denomination did not reach our hopes for the month. As a result, we shall have to have a record breaking month in March if we are going to reach the budget objective of \$1,050,000. There's still time to make that exerted effort beyond our ordinary giving to achieve our objective. Redeem these last few days of March. Give as unto the Lord!

SOUTH AMERICA. The first of a series of three colorful articles about South America by Dr. R. Schilke appears in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." These three informative articles will be the basis of his report with recommendations to be presented to the Board of Missions convening from April 21 to 24 concerning a possible new mission field for North American Baptists in the needy continent of South America.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS. In a few weeks the 12 young people on the two teams of God's Volunteers will bring their eight month ministry of evangelistic and personal witnessing for Christ to a close. They have cheerfully given almost a year of their lives to this service. All that we at home have been asked to do has been to contribute \$5.00 or more to this fruitful ministry. Have you made your contribution to the work of God's Volunteers? Have you possibly forgotten or overlooked your part? Do it now and God will bless your thoughtful gift!

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"FROM COLOMBIA TO CHILE"

South America Experiences
by Dr. R. Schilke

Editorial

With Burning Hearts

Easter will be a meaningful experience for us if we will prolong its blessings in a continuous walk with the risen, living Christ. The glow of this vision should brighten into a burning fire. "We have seen the Lord risen from the dead!" The quest of our hearts should sound clearly as our strong Christian faith: "Did not our heart burn within us while he talked with us by the way?" In the weeks and months to come, we ought to know the power of his resurrection increasingly in our victories over sin and temptation.

The greatest truth of Easter is our experience of sharing with Christ in his resurrection power. The Apostle Peter rejoiced in the abundant mercy of God who "hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." This was the Apostle Paul's prayer that all believers in Christ might know what is "the exceeding greatness of his power" which God "wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead." This is worth more than anything else in the world "to know him and the power of his resurrection." For in Christ we share in his resurrection power and become more than conquerors through him who loved us and gave himself for us.

The test of the genuineness of our Easter experience can then be seen in our concern, that is like the compassion of Christ, for the lost, the needy, the mission tasks before us, and the world in spiritual darkness. The "Hallelujahs" of Easter should burn this question into our souls: "Lord, what wouldst thou have me to do?" What are the unfinished tasks to which he calls us? Where can our hands be put to service? How can we invest the things that God has entrusted to us in bringing the light of the Gospel into dark places of the world?

As North American Baptists, we find ourselves in the closing days of our fiscal year with the unfinished task of our \$1,050,000 budget objective confronting us. If Easter Sunday can intensify this concern for the needs of people in each one of us, then our goal can be reached as we lay our gifts upon God's altar and dedicate ourselves to the ministry of reconciliation to which the Risen Christ has called us.

Easter is experienced in its greatest glory when it awakens great anticipations within us. The Emmaus disciples told others "what things were done in the way" and they with the other disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy." With Christ there is so much to see of the heavenly glory and so much more that can be enjoyed in our Christian lives. Ethel Waters has said, "There is so much of God for me to love."

This can be our Easter mountaintop experience as we anticipate the fulness of his blessings, the inspirations of our General Conference to be held at Sacramento, California in July, the blessed fellowship of God's people in our churches and denomination, and the unspeakable joy in our daily walk with Christ, the Risen Lord. May God give us such hearts that burn within us while he talks with us by the way and opens to us the Scriptures!

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Adversaries of the Cross

Into the seething unrest of our times, Christianity sets the Cross of Jesus and says: In him you can find salvation from your sins—and peace!

By Rev. Lyle B. Wacker, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma

"FOR MANY WALK, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross" (Philippians 3:18).

Things were certainly in a mess at Jerusalem at that last Passover which Jesus attended. The eye of every Jew registered resentment at the presence of the Roman legions. Agitators against Roman rule and isolationists of every stripe kept the seething pot boiling. Besides this, the people fought, quarrelled, argued among themselves. Hatred, spite, trickery, brutality, cruelty, jealousy, vengeance made up the long roster of hostilities.

Into the center of this varicolored mass of people, who were filled with emotion, violence and defiance, God set that cross on Calvary. Immediately and with concerted accord, these evil forces united in their opposition to him who hung on that central, accursed tree. Why? we ask. What has he done? Why? He loved them, sympathized with them, lifted their sin-burdens and made life more hopeful for them. We say it does not make any sense that they crucified him for all of this.

But at the present moment, the world likewise is a world of dissensions. Hatred, sabotage, distrust, de-

ception sets man against man, nation against nation. Into this seething unrest of our times, Christianity sets the Cross of Jesus and says: In him you can find salvation from your sins—and peace! And yet, the multitude, who were at each others' throats, united in opposition to do away with his Gospel. These adversaries of the cross are found everywhere today, and some of us have been, or are perchance now, adversaries of the cross. Let us see!

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

The spiritual leaders of Jerusalem were enemies of the cross. Those forming the Sanhedrin, who were outwardly bent to destroy Christ, were responsible to lead and guide the city in all spiritual truth to uphold the Law and the prophets. Yet Jesus was doing this very thing. "Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill."

But it was these same religious leaders who mocked, ridiculed, jeered, spat upon him and demanded he be crucified. Why? Because Jesus had disappointed them when he refused to go along with their ideology. So Jesus did not fit into their scheme of things.

This is true today. With pet ideas and ideologies and man-made philosophies, men set aside the Word and di-

vide the church and oppose Christ. They will admit that Jesus is a great Reformer, a most remarkable man, but they revolt against being washed in the blood of the Lamb. Such are the adversaries of the cross who are religionists parading and often working in churches but who refuse his way of salvation.

THE INDIFFERENT

There is a certain enemy of the cross who does not necessarily have a grievance against the church but who goes along with the crowd, doing what the crowd wants, asking no questions and doing no thinking. Asked why they do this, they only say: "The crowd around us are doing the same things."

This is mob psychology. And yet are we not at times guilty of this very thing! We are indifferent to the Gospel of Christ; we have no interest in following Jesus nor in carrying out his commands. And when challenged about a greater commitment and dedication, we refuse saying, "Are not the rest of the people doing the same?"

Unless you and I totally surrender our lives to Christ's commands, "to come," "to go," and "to do," we are indifferent; we are adversaries of the cross of Christ.

SOME WITH HURT FEELINGS

We note that at the cross one of the thieves registered a complaint against Jesus. Jesus had not done a thing for him. "Save thyself and us," he says. Never before in his life had he given up a thing for this Jesus, but now he is in trouble and Jesus ought to get him out of his dilemma.

Instead of being sympathetic, he is rebellious. He feels that he has been slighted for he thinks there should have been greater consideration given by this one who claims to be God. He is being by-passed, neglected.

In the church of today, we often find people like this. Often they are you and I. Our services have not been recognized. We were not praised as others. We think others are pushed ahead at our expense. They get the offices and we do the work. They are appointed to important committees. We work just as hard but at no time is there any recognition from the leaders. So we become critical. We join the fault-finding club of the church. We become resentful and bitter about God's work. With this behavior we become the adversaries of the cross.

As we look at the mob on Calvary's hill, we soon discover that some are missing who we thought would be

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"Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end."

—Eva Luoma Photo.

Counseling for Church Vocations

An all-important question for you to ask is this: Am I in God's appointed place for me? Read this article and help someone find this place in life.

By Dr. A. S. Felberg, President of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta

THE SUPREME QUESTION in respect to life's service is, "Am I in God's appointed place for me?" Many a person has admitted later in life that he should have been in full time Christian service but for the lack of guidance never followed through.

In order to help young people succeed in choosing a church vocation, pastors, denominational leaders, youth directors, and parents must recognize their responsibility and seize every opportunity of guiding youth in the path of Christian service. The Bible gives us direction to pray that the Lord of the harvest might send labourers into his service. When Jesus counseled with the individual, he did so not only to point out a new way of life and relationship to God, but also he directed people into Christian service of one form or another. The early church singled out and commissioned qualified and Spirit-filled individuals for the ministry of the church.

THE CHURCH'S NEED

The Apostle Paul invited and charged his co-workers with the responsibility of Christian service. This call to the Christian ministry may not necessarily be a blinding flash of light as in Paul's experience, nor an emotional or spiritual ecstasy and visionary dream, but rather a reasonable acceptance of God's invitation to work in his harvest, calling people on Christ's behalf to be reconciled with God. It means to render obedience to God by carrying out his great commission. This sometimes requires the foregoing of self-interests and worldly ambitions by taking up spiritual responsibilities and following Jesus.

In order to fulfill our obligations and calling of the Lord today, we must keep an open eye for those whom God is calling; to assist, guide and enlist them. Hannah's prayers and dedication of her son helped Samuel to answer the call of God. The prayerful vocational guidance of the home can lead a young person in the direction of Christian service. Homes and churches where young people have been confronted with the awareness that God has need of them and is calling them to his service have supplied the churches with leadership through the years. Every church home should ask itself: Is our home, our church, such a supply house of God? Are we prayerful counselors for church vocations and the Kingdom's service?

THE COUNSELEE'S CONCERN

The question as to whether or not one is really called of God is pondered by many. It is the love for God, the love for people, an inner sensing of the fact that God has need of us to bring people from the path of unbelief, ignorance, sin's enslavement, to a real appreciation of life's values for which God needs us.

Youth in search of life's vocation is challenged by fields of service that are financially lucrative and rewarding. The Christian faith of today is being challenged on the intellectual level requiring the highest quality of intellectual and spiritual dedication to counteract and to meet the trends of

people for Christian vocations. The church needs to adjust its concept of ministerial evaluation by providing proper recognition for an acceptable livelihood. We need to take a second look and seek to understand youth in their struggle of vocational decisions, facing the criteria of demands for self-evaluation and clarity of divine calling. It is here that ministers, parents and Christian leaders need to give loving guidance.

THE COUNSELOR

It is the responsibility of every follower of Christ to discuss Christian vocations with all potential youth for Christian service. God needs our voice in the home, church, school, at camp,



AN ENCOUNTER OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Dr. A. S. Felberg (left), president of the Christian Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, counsels with a new student, Mr. K. Peter Dahnke, of Germany.

the day. The church needs ministers who are intellectually committed and well trained to present the eternal values to a fearful and materially inclined society. The secular world is strongly wooing and involving all talented youth for its purposes, while the church is in great need of competent and consecrated men with vision to present the cause of Christ to a new day in a new way, whatever the cost.

The church must awaken to its opportunities and adjust to its needs. As people prepare to give themselves, their skills, strength, and possessions to some business, industry, or profession, likewise the Church of Christ must do all she can to enlist her young

from the pulpit and in conversation with friends. We dare not fail the Lord here. If it is significant and worthwhile to counsel with youth to enter engineering, teaching, commerce, medicine, dentistry, and many other vocations and trades, why not seek the best minds and most promising lives for Christ and the ministry of the Gospel? The reward of the Gospel ministry is not only material but also spiritual and eternal.

Church vocational counseling is accomplished by example, encouragement, personal interest in the potential candidate, right use of the Scriptures, and guidance to a consistent devotional program. It is of great importance that

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Education in the Biblical Perspective

The decisive battle in the competing of the state and church for the soul of a child will be fought in the arena of higher education.

By Professor Bernard Schalm of the Christian Training Institute Faculty.

"FOR THE JEWISH people," says William Barclay, "the child was the most important person in the community." Educating the child was regarded of such importance that even the building of the temple could be interrupted, before education was interrupted. In the *Babylonian Shabbat*, for example, we read this bold statement made by a Jewish rabbi: "Perish the sanctuary, but let the children go to school."

According to tradition, there were 480 synagogues in Jerusalem and each of these had a school. It is generally agreed that Jewish education was a main factor in preserving the race and in fulfilling its destiny which was to be holy or different. A child instructed in these synagogues had not only received knowledge, but he had developed a way of life which distinguished him from the Gentile and set him apart for a unique divine mission.

EDUCATION IN BIBLICAL TIMES

In our day education is equally revered. A century ago only approximately 10% of all eligible young people received training on a secondary level. Today over 90% attend high schools. The red brick school house of a generation ago has been replaced by a palatial structure housing modern and expensive equipment. Teachers today are more adequately trained and

consequently demand more privileges and a better salary. Education costs are mounting, increasing the burden of the taxpayer who not infrequently fails to appreciate the liberal spending policy of the school board. There is no doubt that modern education is efficient.

However, the question which is of foremost concern to the church is whether modern education is biblical. It is indeed possible for an institution to be "successful" without being "Christian," unless our concept of success has been derived from biblical precepts. Education in biblical times had three outstanding features. Let us consider each of these briefly.

First, Jewish education received its impetus from the Word of God. The Old Testament Scriptures constituted the basic text. Primary education consisted of preparation for the reading of the Torah, and higher education consisted of reading and studying the Torah. The numerous references to the duty of educating the child (Deut. 4:9-10; 6:7; 20-25; 11:19; 32:46; Prov. 1:8; 4:1-4; 5:13; 6:20; 13:1; II Kings 10:1-5; etc.) are summarized best by the Mosaic injunction which reads: "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them, when thou sittest in the house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:7).

In other words, education was an uninterrupted activity. Family worship, religious feasts and the observance of sacred rites served to reinforce the educational process. The essence of education, as perceived by the Jewish mind in the Old Testament, was "growth toward God-likeness." This growth, however, was possible only because Jehovah had revealed himself to his chosen people in the Scriptures.

"THE PERFECT MAN" IN CHRIST

According to the New Testament, education has a similar purpose. Its ultimate goal is the "perfect man" (Eph. 4:13). Education thus is an inseparable part of Christian stewardship. Only if we have disciplined our intellects and harnessed our mental capacities can we truly give "all to God." The Great Commission makes teaching an integral part of the church's mission to the world. If education is to be the dominant force that helps a born-again believer achieve perfection in Christ and then relate himself in service to a world perforated with imperfections, it will need to be subservient to the authority of the Word of God and the directive leading of the Holy Spirit. "Preach the Word," (II Tim. 4:2), says Paul to his spiritual son Timothy who had learned the Scriptures from a child on (II Tim. 3:15).

Second, Jewish education was religious education from beginning to end. The first day of school was indelibly impressed upon the mind of every boy by means of extended ceremonies and ritual. Piety and education were inseparable. Whoever could not read was not regarded a true Jew. A. C. Boquet in describing everyday life in New Testament times says that it was an "age of the widest literacy for eighteen hundred years to come." All instruction in biblical times was given and received in a religious context.

Our modern arbitrary distinction between "religious" and "secular" education has given rise to a schizophrenic Christian personality which interprets life and its problems from two perspectives: the religious and the secular. The thought of committing the education of a Jewish child to a Gentile was never permitted to enter the mind of a loyal Jew. Yet this is what we have done in our day. Education has become the responsibility of the state which has succeeded in erasing all traces of religion from the curriculum. With the rise of nationalism, with its emphasis on economic self-determination, we have seen two forces vie for

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The Dilemma of Music in Our Churches

Great music should permeate the total program of our churches. And so also the warmth of God's grace in our hearts should inspire every song.

By Professor E. B. Link of the Christian Training Institute Faculty.

IT MAY SEEM strange that such a musically sounding word as "dilemma," having such a dissonant meaning, should have to be used to suggest the situation of song in our churches. Yet when we "face the music," or listen carefully to it, we sense the sounds of discord in the attitudes towards the usage of it by the Christian church. Many of our people, especially our youth, are confused about the question of what is good music for our churches.

TWO EXTREME OPINIONS

Our dilemma is posed by two poles of opinion, between which are many shades of emphasis. One pole we will classify as the great music school, oftentimes termed "long-hair." This group will insist that only the very best of music should be sanctioned for use in the worship service, and that if there be any allowance for lesser music it should be relegated to the lighter moments such as the evening service or Sunday school. An extreme example of this exclusive approach is the plight of the well-known 19th century hymn writer, Horatius Bonar. He wrote hymns, good ones, that he would not sing in his own church because of the very high standards imposed upon it by its Calvinistic background. There seemed to be a barrier against the natural and genuine expression of his faith.

Some people, reacting to this emphasis of musical exclusiveness, also feel that a barrier is built up against them and so form up at the opposite pole. Now they do not totally disagree with their opposite numbers; in fact, they will allow that although they do not understand it there is a certain standard of correctness in using higher class music in the worship service. So they tolerate it but they are really looking forward to the evening service when they can warm up their kind of music through a "rousing" song service and thrilling specials. Typically they are fond of choruses, often indiscriminately chosen, and the liveliest song leader available who can conjure up loud and fast singing. At the extreme, they are avid fans of rhythmic singing groups whose records they purchase almost as quickly as the world buys its hit parade discs.

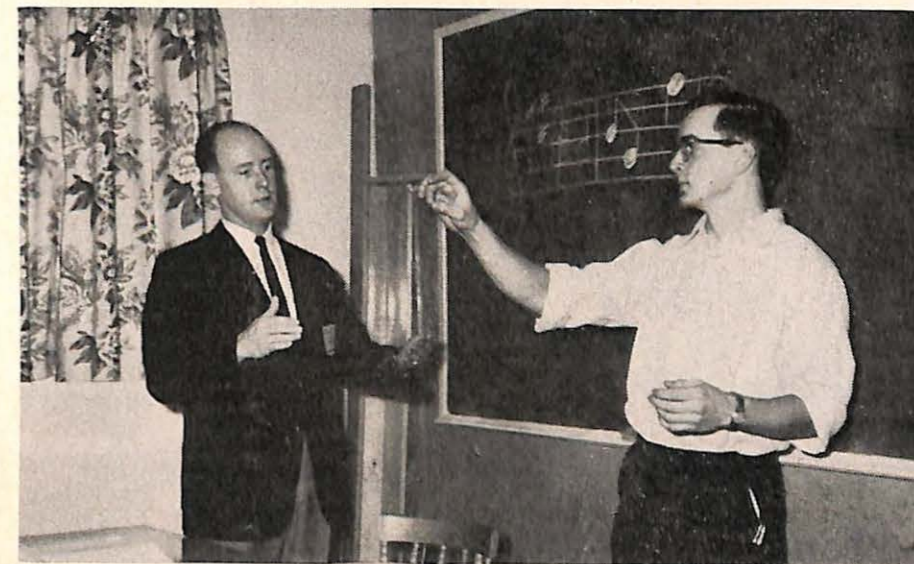
Between these two divergent poles of opinion most of the churchgoers are caught. There doesn't seem to be an answer as to which of the two is correct, or even most correct, so many conclude, "Let's color it grey and let it go at that." But this aversion to the dilemma isn't good enough. It doesn't answer the inquiring minds of

the growing generation nor does it tend to deepen the faith of the serious musicians. They are perplexed by the lack of conviction in music standards in our churches to the point of concluding that this might be the sum total of every aspect of faith in the church.

But where do we begin to meet this problem? How can we avoid the straight-jacket of the "long-hair" and the shallowness of the other? There is much that has been written and can be said as to the merit of either position. Instead of taking either ex-

dwelling in the center of the life of the believer. To the Corinthians Paul wrote, "Sing with understanding."

Proponents of liturgical jazz and the folk mass sincerely feel that they are trying to do this. With the use of legitimate jazz they claim to interpret the Gospel in the language the world understands today. The average churchgoer will be hard-pressed to distinguish this sanctified syncopation from the discordant strains of the beatnik hangouts. At this point we must check ourselves to see if we want to stay stooped at this "should



PROFESSOR LINK IN ACTION

Professor E. B. Link (left) teaches a class on choir directing by having a student, Dieter Gohl, perform in front of the class.

treme view, we would like to suggest that there is an approach that can be helpful in bringing down the barrier between the two, and can not only restore meaning to all our church music but aid us in an ever-increasing appreciation of it.

When Paul in Colossians 3:16 wrote, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord," he was alluding to two noteworthy goals in church music: the contribution of music to our faith, and the contribution of our faith to music.

WHAT MUSIC BRINGS TO FAITH

The Scripture tells us that music is to instruct and to encourage those in the faith. It must present the doctrines in the most effective way, so that the Word of Christ will more and more be understood and find

the devil have all the tunes" level. Certainly we should want to rise to the respectful heights.

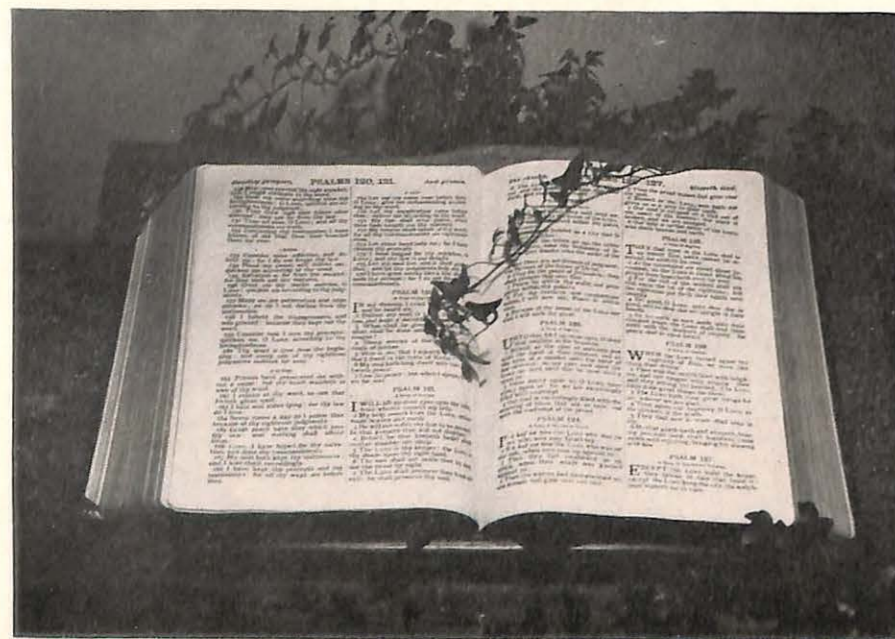
Just as the choir, the director and accompanist must practice to master the better anthem, so the hearer must work at the sensitizing of his soul to its message. Let our music leaders be dedicated to seek and select only the very best for the Master.

WHAT FAITH BRINGS TO MUSIC

If the church needs the best music, just as surely its music needs its faith. "Singing with grace in your hearts" declares the importance of a singing faith that originates within and then initiates the song to be heard without.

Singing with the power of the Spirit, Ira D. Sankey in Scotland with a simple Gospel song melted away the barrier between himself and the exclusive H. Bonar referred to earlier. After the service Bonar was moved to give Sankey the hand of fellowship

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If education is to be the dominant force in the life of the Christian it will have to be subservient to the authority of the Word of God and the directive leading of the Holy Spirit.

Vital Issues of Biblical Faith

Through all the changes in human history, God has made us possessors of the unseen realities of faith through the revelation of himself and his will in the Bible.

By Professor Wm. R. L. McLatchie of the Christian Training Institute Faculty.

WE CALL OURSELVES evangelical Christians and even "Bible-believing Christians," and we have good reason to esteem this identity, for it bespeaks a wonderful heritage. This heritage can be traced back through the ages of history to Jesus Christ and his apostles, not through the lines of ecclesiastical tradition

In the second place, we must recognize that the Bible demands a thoroughly *supernaturalistic* point of view. This is not to be confused with the "supernaturalism" of magic and spiritualism. Supernatural means "above nature." At the core of Biblical teaching is a Supernatural Being, who has made himself known in a supernatural

ed to the intellectual infancy of humanity, while the age of great philosophical systems and the age of science may be represented, respectively, as the youth and maturity of man. This attitude, conceived in the enthusiastic optimism of the 19th century, with its evolutionary confidence in man, has now come to some grief in the disillusionment and despair of the war-racked decades of the 20th century.

The Bible testifies to a needy and sin-cursed world that its stony bread and broken cisterns have been exhausted, that man does not stand alone, and that the meaning of nature cannot be found in nature. God is, and he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him. He has revealed himself in creation, in miracles, in the resurrection of the dead. And he will yet bring history to an end, to the everlasting bliss of those who believe. These supernatural realities are the foundation of a genuinely Biblical faith.

DOCTRINE AND LIFE

A third essential is the relationship of *belief* and *practice*. It has often been said, in effect, by "liberals" and those of kindred spirit that Christianity is a way of life with doctrine as its *changing* expression. But the idea that our beliefs are inconsequential is foreign to the Bible. "So we preached and so ye believed," writes Paul, and in his epistles sound doctrine is not a hindrance nor an incidental fact, but is actually fundamental to good works. We are to depart from evil and do good precisely because of the Gospel and its solution to the problem of sin. Hence the unchanging truth of God and his great redemptive work in Christ are relevant for the daily conduct of our lives as well as for our eternal destiny.

On the other hand, inconsistency between doctrine and life belies the genuineness of our faith. It is therefore important that the truth of God be illustrated and adorned with right living. The law of love is the guide of the life of purity. The value of the individual created in the image of God (not of an impersonal "society") is the surest criterion by which we can test our motives as professing believers.

"Do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." This is the mark that characterized the early Christians, for they took seriously the words of Jesus. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples."

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The Pastor Is an Educator, Too

The minister's major task as an educator is to ensure that the ministry of the church conform to the pattern laid down by Jesus Christ and his apostles.

By Professor A. Rapske of the Christian Training Institute Faculty

WHEN A CHURCH calls a man to be its pastor, what does it expect that man to do, and what does that pastor expect the church to do? The answer to these questions will reveal what that church and that pastor understand about the nature and mission of the church of Jesus Christ.

It is unfortunate that there has been a subordination of the church's teaching function. Stanley Glen, a Canadian Presbyterian, makes the observation that when it comes to teaching, there seems to be general agreement between pastor and congregation that this is a task in which a pastor may or may not be involved, depending upon his personal inclination. If he teaches, he will perhaps even be commended for his interest and concern. But if he chooses not to teach, no one will call him into question. When the pastor feels the pressure of many burdens and is pressed for time, he will usually drop his teaching duties first. He can exercise no such choice when it comes to preaching.

AN EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY

On the basis of what the New Testament teaches about the church, is it possible theologically to justify the present prevalent concept of the ministry? When a church calls a pastor, it expects him to preach, to conduct prayer meetings, to administer the ordinances, to visit the sick, to win the lost and to be a man of prayer. Why is it that there is almost a total lack of expectation that he also teach?

At its heart, this appears to be a matter of a defective concept of the nature of the church and the manner in which it ought to carry out its ministry. Some people seem to forget that the Reformation with all its emphasis upon preaching, was accompanied by an educational program so thorough that it led the Roman Catholic Church to adopt a thorough educational program in order to counteract Protestant gains. Evangelical groups have been very slow to awaken to the potential impact of a thoroughgoing educational ministry.

Except for the efforts of the largest Protestant denomination in America, there is a very weak educational effort being exerted by evangelical bodies. This is true on the level of the Sunday school as well as in the area of higher education. The late Dr. S. A. Witmer, in his study of the field of Christian education made this comment: "The popular image of Christian education lacks prestige. It tends to be identified with Sunday school contests, with children exclusively, with women teachers, and with substandard prac-

tics." Ought this to be so? Can we conscientiously say, in the light of the teachings of the New Testament, that this is what Jesus Christ, the Master Teacher, expects of his church?

THE MASTER TEACHER

It is a clearly established fact that Jesus' ministry included much teaching. In fact, it so dominated his ministry, that he was cast in the role of a teacher. He intended his disciples to employ teaching as a distinctive method in proclaiming the Gospel. The Great Commission, as recorded in Matthew 28:19, 20, is exclusively a *teaching* commission. James Smart has been a voice crying out for greater emphasis upon teaching in the local church. The following is a quotation from his book, *The Teaching Ministry of the Church*: "There is no hope for us until we re-define both church and ministry in the light of their origin in Jesus Christ. This fundamental assertion goes directly contrary to a widespread and popular idea, the idea that

his ministry these functions, "preaching the Kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ . . ." (Acts 28:30, 31).

PASTOR AS EDUCATOR

Perhaps the most definitive of statements concerning the pastor's educator role were made by Paul in his epistles. One of these statements is in Ephesians 4:11 "And he gave some . . . pastors and teachers." Some interpreters believe this should be a hyphenated term so that it would read "pastor-teachers." Again, Paul in writing to Timothy, describes a bishop as one who is "apt to teach" (II Tim. 2:24). In the same letter to Timothy, Paul revealed the concept of his own ministry: "Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of Gentiles" (II Tim. 1:11). We conclude, that our ministry is one that demands that pastors preach *and* teach. It is not one or the other. Nor is it one to the *exclusion* of the other. Nor does it appear that specialization



BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Students of the Bible School Department at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta with Prof. Wm. R. L. McLatchie, Advisor, in the front row, center.

and the succession of human authority, but through those of the ever-living power of the Word of God and of the working of his Holy Spirit manifested in the unquenchable life of New Testament Christianity.

AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

Through all the changes and decay of human history, God has made us possessors of the unseen realities of faith through the revelation of himself and his will in the Bible. It is in the light of the Bible, then, that we must appraise the vitality and worth of our kind of Christianity. We must ask ourselves, "What is basic to a truly Biblical faith?"

In answer, it should be said at the outset that *Biblical authority* is fundamental. This is so not only because we want to be Biblical in general, but also because of what the Bible says about its own authority, and because of what our Lord said concerning the authority of Scripture. To regard Scripture as less than the Word of God is to be neither Biblical nor Christian in view of what Jesus and the authors of the New Testament said and constantly implied about them. "It is written" was for them the end of controversy.

revelation, and who has redeemed a people by a majestic procession of supernatural acts. In these acts and in this revelation, he who is above nature and history has manifested himself in this world which he has created.

This cuts against the grain of modern man's whole way of thinking. Critical and scientific philosophy have relegated miracles, divine revelation, and the Biblical idea of God to the pre-scientific mentality. For example, Auguste Comte, father of the science of sociology, taught that theology belong-

Easter Morn

Timidly at dawning
They came to the garden tomb;
With love and wonder growing
They saw the empty room.

"He is not here," the angel said,
"Behold, he's risen from the dead;
Tell one, tell all that they shall see
And speak with him in Galilee."

Not timid now, their hearts aglow
With Easter joy that all may know
Death shall no more the conqueror be—
The risen Christ has set us free.

—Mary Ostling



THE C.T.I.'s THEOLOGICAL FACULTY

The Theological Faculty study Christian Training Institute improvement plans: (left to right): Prof. A. Rapske, Dr. B. Schalm, Prof. Wm. R. L. McLatchie, Prof. E. B. Link, Dr. A. S. Felberg, and Dr. E. P. Wahl.

we are free as Christian ministers to make of the ministry whatever we will in the light of the needs of our day . . . the ministry which we enter is the ministry of *Jesus Christ* . . . if we want to know what our ministry is, we must go to the Scriptures."

The record of the early church gives evidence that there was a faithfulness in adhering to a teaching ministry. In Acts 5:42 we note that preaching and teaching are mentioned together. So too did the Apostle Paul combine in

in one type alone is intended.

In the New Testament, the outcome of the ministry is also stated. Dr. F. B. Edge, in his book, *A Quest For Vitality in Religion*, points out that in Ephesians 4:12, "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry . . .", the comma after the word "saints" should be omitted. This would then make the task of the pastor that of preparing the saints, the church members for *their* ministry. To

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Theological Training in Other Lands

The Protestant Church of today is awakening to a greater need for intensive theological training.

By Dr. E. P. Wahl of the Christian Training Institute Faculty

"TRAINING!" WHAT A fascinating word! Through the centuries of time it has retained its force and arouses our keenest interest. Today its momentum is mightier than ever. Even the words of our Lord and Master, "teaching them" and "the Holy Ghost shall teach you," have taken on new vitality in the church of the 20th century.

Baptists have always believed education to be a vital factor in setting man free. It is important to note how the writers of the New Testament strongly stress the importance of "KNOWING."

We stand amazed as we ponder the advancements made by man in science, history and space. However, the theological field has not received its portion of exploring and searching out the truth. Our training in spiritual

education is sadly lacking. There are eleven million. Yet the Baptist Union of Australia has four theological colleges. This to no small degree explains the strong missionary emphasis we find among the Baptists in Australia. In 1960 the Australian Baptist Missionary Society had a staff of 94 missionaries working in four foreign countries. On all fields evangelistic work was being assisted by medical and educational work.

New Zealand with 15,642 Baptists has a Baptist Training Centre in Auckland. The brethren at the head of this theological institution are bringing tremendous sacrifices in laboring for low salaries, in somewhat primitive beginnings and developing a healthy training program. One is humbled by the labor and inspired by the sincerity of our brethren of this land.

Our Russian brethren have been an inspiration to many of God's people in the world's free countries. They love their country and its people. They love to preach the "gospel of peace." To attend the church services in Russia is uplifting. However, one's heart bleeds when observing how very little our Baptist brethren are permitted to do for youth, for their own children. From whence shall come the preachers and missionaries of tomorrow for the 224,000,000 people in that mighty land, the U. S. S. R.? Truly, God has not forgotten those millions. Christians everywhere need to pray for a "break through."

Spain is undergoing a change of "spiritual atmosphere." For centuries Roman Theology has dominated the thinking and action of the millions here. A Spaniard said to me in answer to my question how Spain was faring under the rulership of Generalissimo Franco: "It is not Franco ruling this country; the priesthood rules."

On June 16, 1963 I attended the Sunday evening service at the First Baptist Church of Madrid, Spain. I found the congregation and the pastor in a very jubilant mood, for on that very Sunday afternoon they had been permitted to open the Second Baptist Church in Madrid. It was somewhat difficult for me to locate the church for there was no sign of any kind indicating there was a church behind the double door entrance. I have now been informed that permission has been given to post a sign outside its chapel door giving the hours of its services.

SPAIN AND COLOMBIA

In 1963 no less than 13 Spanish Protestant churches have been permitted to reopen: 5 Baptist, 4 Evangelical, 3 Brethren and 1 Independent. The British Foreign Bible Society for the first time in its history has now been permitted to enter Spain and carry out its special ministry. I think we are correct in saying, the Roman Catholic Church is reading "the handwriting on the wall."

Spain today needs a much stronger program of theological training. How else will this people be led out of the darkness unto the marvelous light? At present, there are only about 3,800 Baptists in Spain. The evangelical church that will first bring a strong theological training to this country will be the leading spiritual force of tomorrow.

Often we have heard and read about the terrible persecution of all Protestant work in Colombia. Under all the trials and tribulations, the Christians in Colombia have placed much value

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Open Doors for God's Volunteers

Reports of Team No. I and II by Jean Berndt and Nancy Kaiser.

ALONG THE OREGON TRAIL WITH TEAM I

By Jean Berndt, Reporter

BEFORE LONG our covered station wagon was loaded, and once again we were making our way along the wet and muddy Oregon Trail. This trail led us from the village of Dallas and the Salt Creek Church into Salem, the capital of Oregon. There at the Brush College Chapel and Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, our "trail boss," Rev. Walter Hoffman, and our guide, Rev. Arthur Brust, helped us unload our gear and get settled for a two weeks' stay.

CAPITAL OF OREGON

Since the Brush College Chapel is a relatively new settlement, there were few young people of our ages there. We spent many happy moments discovering new things about our territory. We held singings around friendly fires, and the young people helped us get some needed exercise in roller skating and bowling after having been cramped up in our wagon. One Saturday we left the main trail and took a rougher, muddier trail which led to Oregon's rugged coast and the vast Pacific Ocean. It was wet and rainy but the sight of the breakers was breathtaking for us.

Along the trail in Salem we met with older people too, those who had been some of the first in the settlement and were now in convalescent homes. There we sang and shared our witness with them. Before we left Salem, we investigated the capital buildings and met Governor Mark Hatfield who spent a few minutes reviewing our work and discussing politics.

METROPOLIS OF PORTLAND

Then Richard Sturhahn got out his trail map, his compass, pointed our wagon northward and we followed the trail into the thriving metropolis of Portland. There ready and waiting to take us through the next two weeks were our new guides, Dr. John Wobig and Rev. Bruce Rich.

During these two weeks we were led down prospect calling drive and canvass crescent for our visitation work. We also covered Education Path when we held extra services in a Christian high school, a theological seminary and a Bible School. Other services were held at the Portland Baptist Home for the Aged.

Soon we were joined by our circuit guest evangelist, Rev. Kenneth Fischer from Anaheim, Calif. With him we were led down Valentine Lane and participated in a Sweetheart Banquet and in the Oregon Youth Sweetheart Social.

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As our time on the Oregon Trail grew shorter, we saw ten young people come forward in the Trinity Church to become the nucleus of a "Volunteer" group to do visitation work and to share their witness in Portland.

Our Oregon Trail was often wet from the rain but as we found our way into Washington, we couldn't forget the warm hearts and shining faces that had created sunshine for us along the trail.

ALONG THE WAY IN KANSAS, OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS

By Nancy Kaiser

Team II of God's Volunteers is really moving along at a rapid pace. We finally have our new station wagon, a 1964 Pontiac, which we call "Schought" (She ought to have more gas; she ought to have more room, etc.), and a trailer which we call "Sch-nookie." The two together have been moving us along from area to area such as Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas where we have been spreading the Gospel and witnessing for Christ.

SINGING IN SCHOOLS

Besides our regular Crusade for Christ campaigns and daily visitation, we had many other opportunities to witness for Christ. We have had programs at the schools, both grade schools and high schools. Since Christmas vacation we have been in the high school in every campaign except the larger city of Wichita. Our programs in the schools are of lighter variety, emphasizing the joy youth can have in serving Christ while presenting the Gospel in song. These areas of service are very enjoyable for us, and they enable us to reach many children and young people. The response that we have received in the many schools we have attended has been tremendous.

Another open door is at the hospitals, nursing homes, and Homes for the Aged. These programs not only prove to be a blessing to the "old folks" but encourage us and give us a "shot in the arm." The wonderful testimonies of these dear people certainly warm our hearts and inspire us to be more diligent in winning souls for Jesus.

In Wichita, Kansas we took part in the Wichita City-Wide Youth for Christ program where, despite the many spotlights, we were able to show the young people what other young people are doing for their Savior.

Then in Stafford, Kansas we attended a Community Life Breakfast in the early hours of the morning and were enabled to present the message to people throughout the community. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, our guest evangelist,

joined us and brought a message that was a blessing to all.

WONDERFUL PRAYER SUPPORT

Another enjoyable experience took place in Shattuck, Oklahoma when the team sang at a Women's Sorosis Club Meeting. Meeting these ladies aided us greatly in our visitation. Later in the week as we went door to door we would knock upon the doors of these ladies' homes and they would say, "Oh, I know you. Come on in."

These many opportunities have been a joy and a challenge to us and we hope that we are receiving your prayer support so that we can continue in our ministry of winning souls for Jesus.

We are happy to report that the absent member of our team, Ramona Buxa, is now a step further in her recovery. She left the Michael's Hospital in Grand Forks, N. Dak., on Feb. 8th and is recuperating at her home in Anamoose, N. Dak. This is another evidence of answered prayer and we are hoping that she will soon be able to join us in our Crusade for Christ.

ADVERSARIES OF THE CROSS

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there. We notice that Peter, who had assured Jesus a few hours earlier that he would go anywhere with him, was not there. But as we look we see only one who was willing to press close and say: "I belong!" In that crowd were undoubtedly some who had been healed by Christ, but we do not see them. They have hidden their identity; they are disciples in secret.

These find their counterparts in the church today. There are those who are unwilling to be identified with Christ; they too are disciples in secret. They don't tell the world of God's great redemptive work in Christ. They know that multitudes walk in darkness and yet they see no purpose of showing their lives to others as God's redeemed. How true it is that we are often unwilling to let the world know that "I belong to Christ." In this sense, we sometimes have been adversaries of the cross.

However, we dare not conclude without noting that Jesus is in the center of Calvary. There were those who opposed, hated and mocked him. He refused to come down from the cross at the crowd's jeering command. Instead he stayed there to die, that you and I might be forgiven. Paul has said that we all have sinned against this Greatheart of love. But today Jesus still hangs with outstretched hands and bleeding heart, pleading and pleading: "Come to me!" "And him that cometh, he will in no wise cast out."



The Latin American Seminary at San Jose, Costa Rica.

Front row (left to right): A Panamanian student; Francisco Castrillo of Colombia. South America now a student at the Christian Training Institute; student from Panama; and another from Colombia.

understanding has been somewhat neglected and has remained pathetically behind practically all other fields of learning. It is encouraging to observe signs in the Protestant Church of today of awakening people to a greater need of intensive training in matters pertaining to our belief in the one true God.

In traveling to various countries of the world, it always thrilled me to observe Baptists giving attention to this branch of religious science that treats of God.

AUSTRALIAN BAPTISTS

Australian Baptists, according to the latest statistics, number 40,624 in a country with a population of about

The Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany enjoys a healthy atmosphere under the able leadership of its president, Dr. Hans Luckey. Since 1960 this institution enjoys three departments—Theological Seminary, Bible and Mission School, and a Youth Seminary.

NEEDS IN RUSSIA

In the Eastern Zone of Germany, where the church faces real trials and many difficulties, the Baptists have a seminary at Buckow. Rev. Adolf Pohl is at the head of this school. At present the enrollment is 17 young men. How wonderful that, amidst all these discouragements, young men are ready to seek theological training and to hold the Gospel Banner high.

ON OUR WAY TO SOUTH AMERICA

The trip to South America that was prayerfully begun in Costa Rica almost ended in a wild riot at Panama. This is the first of a series of three articles by the General Missionary Secretary about his survey trip to South America.

By Dr. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Illinois

FOR ALMOST six years the question as to a possible new mission field in one of the countries of South America has been raised repeatedly. It was already raised on the General Conference floor in Edmonton, Alberta in 1958. In certain areas of our General Conference churches, this question became very much alive for various reasons: The response to the Gospel in some countries of South America seemed encouraging; a goodly number of missionaries coming from our churches are already serving in South America under various mission boards; a new mission field would create new mission interests.

The Board of Missions of the North American Baptist General Missionary Society, Inc., has likewise taken up this question in its annual sessions of the past few years. Studies have been made. Reports of visitors to South America have been heard. Already in 1960 the idea of a survey trip was proposed and found approval but for good reasons was not made at that time. At the last annual session of the Board of Missions a survey trip was again seriously proposed and approved. The writer as General Missionary Secretary was asked to undertake such a trip some time during this fiscal year and to report his findings to the Board at the next annual session.

THE "FEEL" OF LATIN AMERICA

The trip to South America was prayerfully planned. The month of January and the first half of February 1964 were set aside for such a trip. Contacts with leading missionaries of various mission boards and through those boards were made in each country and city which was scheduled for a visit. The time was to be used wisely and discreetly and a cross-section of missionary interests was sought. In order to have some companionship and to be able to discuss various aspects of findings, the writer invited Mr. Edmund Bohnet of Garden Grove, Calif., to join him. Mr. Bohnet is a leading lay-member of the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, California, a member of our denominational Stewardship Committee, and a friend of the writer since the days of his pastorate in Anaheim in 1950. Mr. Bohnet responded to the invitation and came along at his own expense.

The first few days of this trip to South America were to be spent in Latin America. This was done for several reasons. The stopovers in Latin America could be made at a minimum of expense since these places were en route. We wanted to get the feel in these Latin-American countries first in order to be better orientated for the survey in South America. A visit to San Jose, Costa Rica was a "must" since a good Spanish language school is located there. Most missionaries going to a Spanish-speaking country take one full year of language study at this school. We wanted to see it in operation and, if possible, make some valuable contacts for our survey to follow.

On January 3, 1964 the writer bade his family goodbye and left Chicago for Los Angeles via American Airlines. Certain denominational interests made it necessary to see some of our people in Anaheim and so this one day stop there was woven into this journey. This also made it possible for Mr. Edmund Bohnet to join the writer at Los Angeles. For the night the writer was guest in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Bohnet at Garden Grove. The following day Mr. Bohnet bade his family goodbye and together we left Los Angeles for Mexico City by Western Airlines.

A DAY IN MEXICO CITY

Modern day travel is nothing short of miraculous. The distance from Chicago to Los Angeles was covered in



Dr. R. Schilke (left) of Forest Park, Ill., and Mr. Ed Bohnet (right) of Garden Grove, Calif., are ready to leave the Los Angeles International Airport for Central and South America.



First Baptist Church in Mexico City, Mexico visited by Dr. R. Schilke and Mr. Ed. Bohnet.

less than 4 hours (over 2,000 miles). The distance from Los Angeles to Mexico City was covered in about 3 hours (over 1,500 miles). The surrounding area of Mexico City looks like a swamp area when looking down from the height of the plane, in spite of the fact that the elevation is about 7,800 feet above sea level. Actually the area is lake area in a burnt out crater. The city having a population of over five million is built on sections of this area which have been drained. There is no firm bedrock foundation and many buildings are leaning to one side or the other. Evidence of this shifting and sinking foundation can also be seen in streets and sidewalks, in floors and stairways of buildings. Mr. Walton Chambless, business manager of the Southern Baptist missionaries in Mexico City, met us on arrival at the airport and took us to Regis Hotel for our night lodgings. Through his kindness and efforts we were able to see a good part of Mexico City.

AT THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord's Day in Mexico City was a busy one for us. We had planned to take in as many services as possible and to get the spiritual feel and impulse of this large metropolis. One can catch the spirit even without understanding the language, but the day started out in the language we spoke. For the early morning service, we attended the Capital Baptist Church (English) and joined around the Table of the Lord on this first Sunday of the New Year. The pastor's name, Rev. Donald R. Davis, brought back to our mind the recent homegoing of one of our pastors, Dr. Donald G. Davis of Los Angeles. In commemorating the Lord's death we also thought of him and his bereaved family.

For the 11:30 A.M. service we were at the Primera Iglesia Bautista de Mexico. This is a large church of some 1,500 members and is a leading church in the National Mexican Baptist Convention. The senior elderly pastor brought an inspiring message which was blessed of God and resulted in bringing five persons forward. Here we had a most unique experience. After the benediction there was no hurrying and scurrying for the exit. Many people took additional time to walk forward and to kneel for moments of prayer and praise.

SMALLER BAPTIST CHURCHES

There are about 16 Baptist churches and about 30 missions in Mexico City alone. That afternoon we visited one of the smaller Baptist churches, the Devino Salvador Iglesia Bautista, which Mr. and Mrs. Chambless regularly attend. A seminary student brought the message at this service. God is raising up his servants among the nationals.

The evening was spent at the Wycliffe House. This weekend had brought in about 25 missionary couples who were going out to their jungle training camp for the next six months. It was an evening of testimonies as each was introduced. We could also add our testimony to those of the others. Rev. Ben Elson of Wycliffe Bible Translators gave us a bird's eye view of the work which Wycliffe is doing in Mexico through its 250 missionaries in this country. There is a specialized ministry in language and Bible translation.

The following day, Jan. 6, we were to leave Mexico City. But before doing so Mr. Chambless once more came for us. Among the sights he showed us were the Metropolitan Cathedral of Mexico, the Presidential Palace, and the Latin American Tower where from its 44th floor we could look down on the entire city. At the Metropolitan Cathedral we witnessed a special mass with the archbishop presiding. The outward pomp and glitter of the ceremony had so little inward warmth and glow that it became a mere show for tourists who watched for a while and walked on.

The magnificent altars and the six chapels (of relics, of the angels, of the Virgin of Sorrow, of the Virgin of Guadalupe, of the Virgin of Zapopan, and of the Holy Trinity and Apostles) are something for the eye to behold. But what message do they have for the misery and hunger of a destitute heart? In the midst of all this, our heart heard the lamentation of our Lord as given by the prophet Isaiah, 1:13-15, "Bring no more vain obligations; . . . I will hide mine eyes from you. . . . I will not hear."

GUATEMALAN HOSPITALITY

Our next stop was Guatemala City. Here we were met by Dr. Clarke Scanlon, director of the Institute Superior Teologico Bautista. This Bible Institute consists of a four year course

and had 25 students enrolled this past year. It is located on the edge of the beautiful city of Guatemala which has an elevation of 5,000 feet above sea level and a population of about 450,000. The Baptist work in Guatemala consists of about 25 churches and many missions having a total membership of close to 3,000. The Institute seeks to serve these churches and missions and their outreach into the communities by providing at least a well rounded Bible training. We saw a number of churches, one of which took on the name, "Light and Truth Baptist Church."

It was of interest to us to visit a



The beginning of a Baptist church (Damascus Church) in Guatemala City, Central America using a former home as the "new sanctuary."

home which has been the meeting place of a new church for the past year or more. When one room became too small, a wall was taken out and the family retreated in the remaining small room, and so on. A lot has now been purchased and this new church is ready to undertake a building program with the help of the Guatemalan Baptist Convention. Of course, other missions also work in Guatemala, but our one day stay did not permit us to see much else.

The city gives the impression of friendliness and hospitality. We sensed it at the Tourist Home where we stayed and which was managed by a German lady, and we sensed it in our dealings with people in shops. But we experienced it especially when we were invited to the home of Dr. and Mrs. Clarke Scanlon for a dinner engagement to observe the celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Scanlon. The next day, after seeing some of the countryside, the whole family saw us off at the airport.

BEAUTY TURNING TO ASHES

They say that San Jose in Costa Rica is one of the most beautiful cities in the Latin Americas. Our stop in this period as much as two pounds of this

city was not scheduled because of its beauty but because of the location of a Spanish language school in this city. Had it been for its beauty, then our disappointment would have been beyond words. The description defies words as it is. We cannot make a comparison of what San Jose is now and what it was before, since this was our first trip. Suffice it to say that, instead of beauty, we saw ashes everywhere. The Volcano Irasu has been active since March, 1963 and was still bellowing forth clouds of sand and ashes and blanketing these over the whole valley which is the site of the city. We were told that in a one 24-hour

ashlike dust fell on one square yard. It seeps through every crack and covers everything, everywhere. Your face feels gritty after walking only one or two blocks. People seek to cover their faces with cloth but still cannot prevent inhaling much of it. The city makes a valiant effort to sweep up the dust and haul it away and keep life as normal as possible. But who can fight against the forces of nature? We were reminded of the plagues of Egypt and have a better understanding of them, even through this one day experience.

On arrival in San Jose, we were met by Rev. and Mrs. Hill, Southern Baptist missionaries, who took us to the Europa Hotel. The following morning they introduced us to the Convention in session just then, and we were able to bring a word of greeting. From the outside only we saw one of the lovely Baptist churches built through funds from the Maxie Jarman Foundation. It was Mr. Jarman's desire to build a lovely church in every capital of the Latin Americas. We also drove by the Hospital and Clinica of the Central American Mission and were told about this work of mercy.

Rev. Sidney Goldfinch, another
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The Lincoln Village Church of Sacramento

The newest Church Extension project of the denomination with its new building which you will be able to see during the General Conference days in Sacramento, Calif., next July.

By Mrs. Linda Gunst, Lincoln Village Church Clerk

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, January 26, members and friends of neighboring North American Baptist churches met at the Lincoln Village Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., for the purpose of dedicating the new chapel. Pastors and representatives from the following churches were present: Willow Rancho, Sacramento; First Baptist, Elk Grove; First Baptist and Temple Baptist, Lodi; and Swain Oaks Baptist, Stockton. More than 300 people came to the service.

Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, brought an inspiring and challenging message. The Men's Quartet of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church sang a song which expressed the feelings of all, "To God be the Glory." A generous offering of \$898.00 was given by those present. The church also received beautiful plants and bouquets from sister churches and friends.

A WONDERFUL BUILDING

The new building has accommodations for both Sunday school and worship services. Folding doors make it possible to have Sunday School Departments and also to enlarge the chapel portion for worship as necessary. The kitchen area also serves as a Sunday School Department. There is a maximum seating capacity of 180. The plans were patterned after the new chapel and educational unit recently constructed by the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove.

Mr. O. J. McCoy was employed as construction supervisor. Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lodi, Rev. Eric Kuhn of Sacramento, and Mr. Frank Veninga of Elk Grove served on the building committee. Mr. John Wright of the Willow Rancho Church served as architect and surveyor for the project.

The building project progressed quickly because of their capable leadership.

The dedication service was a partial fulfillment of the prayers of men and women of faith and vision who started this project by purchasing the land almost three years ago. One year ago Rev. Wm. Acton, pastor, and family arrived to begin the work of the church. The Northern California

Village. Since the church had no nucleus of people to start with, it has been a glorious adventure with the Lord to see him "Build His Church." The attendance on Sunday, February 9, was 63 in Sunday school and 82 in the morning worship service, which was a new attendance record. The Charter Membership now consists of 22 with two more who have expressed



More than 300 people attended the Dedication Service at the Lincoln Village Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., a Church Extension project of the denomination.

Church Extension Committee, consisting of the pastor and one layman from each church, worked faithfully and diligently to begin and to complete the building program. Services were held in the pastor's home, beginning in April of 1963 until the new chapel was completed in October 1963.

The church is blessed with the loving fellowship of a number of wonderful families whom God has raised up to begin the church here in Lincoln

their desire to join the church. The Charter Membership will be closed on Easter Sunday, March 29, 1964.

We thank God for the joyful experience of working together with all of our North American Baptist people in Church Extension. We give thanks for our denominational Church Extension Committee and all the local committees and for all who have helped to extend the Church of Christ.—(Mrs. Linda Gunst, Church Clerk).



The first unit of the Lincoln Village Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., (left), on Dedication Sunday, and the North American Baptist pastors (right) who took part in the program. Rev. William Acton is 3rd from the right in the group picture.



● Mr. and Mrs. Albert Birkholz of Baileyville, Illinois recently were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a program and reception held at the Baileyville Baptist Church. A brief devotional by Rev. Lyman Erickson, pastor of the church, and special music by the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Birkholz preceded the time of refreshment.

● On Sunday morning, Feb. 16, Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., received 14 members into the church's fellowship. Among these were Rev. and Mrs. John Engel, who formerly served the Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak. The church held a Bible Conference and evangelistic meetings from Feb. 23 to March 8 with Dr. McGee, the minister of the Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles, Calif., bringing the messages.

● From Feb. 5 to 9 the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla., held a Leadership Training Course with Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., teaching the course, "Teaching That Makes a Difference." The attendance of Sunday school teachers and leaders was encouraging. On Feb. 14 the Women's Day of Prayer for the Oklahoma Association Churches was held at the Corn Church. Rev. Lyle Wacker is the pastor.

● Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, upon invitation attended the annual session of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn., on Feb. 19. He brought the address at a special luncheon honoring Dr. C. C. Warren, the first chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee that launched this inspiring cooperative Baptist program five years ago. About 200 distinguished guests were present for this occasion.

● Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Haas of Lemmon, S. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on Feb. 5 who has been named Brent Curtis. Mr. Haas is pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Lemmon, S. Dak. Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Schauer of Portland, Ore., have sent word that a son was born to them on Feb. 8 to whom the name Ashley Hamilton has been given. This is their 3rd son and 4th child. Mr. Schauer is pastor of the Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland.

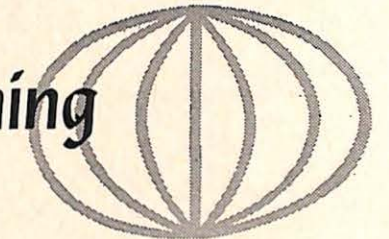
● On Friday, February 7, the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta held its annual Church Family Supper. Besides delicious food and Christian fellowship, the evening included special music, reports from various committees, a resume of the past year's activities and a look at future plans. All rejoiced in the goodness of God's leading and anticipate a closer fellowship with him as they unite their efforts in extending his cause. Rev. Paul Siewert is pastor of the church.

● Miss Joyce Batek, missionary stationed at Matsusaka, Japan, became quite ill early in February and, follow-

ing a series of attacks, was advised by her doctor to return to the United States to undergo medical tests. She left Tokyo, Japan, by plane on Feb. 14 and spent several days at the Forest Park Headquarters before returning to her parents' home in Kalamazoo, Mich. The prayers of God's people are requested in her behalf that her recovery might be speedy and complete.

ceived by baptism and four by transfer of letter. Fifteen people have united with the church in the past seven weeks, and there are ten applications for membership still to be considered. Due to the constant growth of the church, plans are being made for expansion in its facilities. It is hoped that a new church building can be erected and the old one re-modeled into an educational unit.

what's happening



● Spiritual Life Meetings stressing evangelism and the deepening of the spiritual life of church members were recently held in the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Nebr., with Rev. Harry Haas of Sumner, Iowa, bringing the messages as reported by Mrs. Milton Menke. Each evening the children enjoyed Mr. Haas' Gospel magic as well as the story and the attendance contest. Preceding these days the church held a group of special prayer meetings conducted by the pastor, Rev. Paul F. Zoschke.

● The Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., has extended a call to Rev. Herbert J. Freeman of Hamden, Conn., pastor of the Central Baptist Church since 1957. He has responded favorably to the call and announced that he will begin his ministry in the Forest Park Church on June 14, thus enabling their daughter to complete her studies in the Hamden area. Dr. Charles W. Koller of Chicago, Ill., president emeritus of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, will continue as interim pastor of the church.

● The Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, has extended a call to Rev. J. C. Schweitzer of Lodi, Calif., to serve the church as assistant pastor. He has given a favorable reply and began his ministry as assistant to Rev. Ernie Rogalski, pastor, on Feb. 23. This is his third term of service in Vancouver, B. C., having formerly served as the minister of the Ebenezer Church and Bethany Church of Vancouver. On Sunday evening, Feb. 16, the Temple Church of Lodi, Calif., recognized the faithfulness of service of Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer as members of that church in recent years.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta and its pastor, Rev. Wm. W. Sibley, had the privilege of receiving nine new members on Sunday, Feb. 16. Five of these were re-

● The West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., observed Youth Week with one of the Senior young people, Gary Fawbush, taking part in the morning worship service. In the evening Richard Rabenhorst showed slides and told of his trip to Beirut, Lebanon, last summer. A free will offering was taken for the CBYF mission project. The Senior young people held a time of fellowship after the service, as reported by Goldie Frautschy. On Feb. 14, teachers and workers in the Sunday school attended a Christian Education Workshop at Chancellor, S. Dak. The theme was "Teaching Methods in the Sunday School."

● Recently the Capilano Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., welcomed six new members into its fellowship, four by baptism and two by transfer of letter. The baptismal service was held on Sunday, Dec. 29. The annual Church Supper was held on Jan. 24. At this time the reports of the various organizations of the church were given. During the Watch Night service the young people of the church were in charge. During the first hour a Moody Science film was shown, followed by the fellowship hour. The last hour was a praise and prayer hour with testimonies and happenings of the past year remembered. Rev. Walter Goltz is pastor of the church.

● Even though 89 years of age, Rev. O. W. Brenner of Carlstadt, N. J., continues to serve as the active pastor of the Carlstadt Baptist Church. The annual report shows that this church of 143 members has successfully met a total budget of \$14,075. Mr. Brenner has served this church in Carlstadt, N. J., for the past 14 years since he and his wife moved to Carlstadt for "retirement" from George, Iowa. The church has an assistant minister, Mr. William Hartmann, and is proud of its large active youth group. Mr. Bren-

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BY MRS. HARM SHERMAN

FAITH IN ACTION

Someone has said, "The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of real faith is the end of anxiety." In her book, "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," Hannah Smith wrote: "Faith, like sight, is nothing apart from its object. You might as well shut your eyes and look inside, and see whether you have sight, as to look inside and discover whether you have faith. You see something, and thus know that you have sight; you believe something, and thus know that you have faith. For as sight is only seeing, so is faith only believing."

Faith is believing God explicitly for everything. Faith is not a matter of feeling; it is a matter of action. It is a treasure which is available to all of us. How tragic that so few appropriate its glorious results! If we really believe in Christ and his teachings, then all doubts should flee from our lives. Christ backs up what he promises. You will recall what he said to the Samaritan leper who with others received cleansing: "Arise, go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole." This same Lord urges us to have faith in God. Not one of his promises has ever failed!

In Luke 17:5 we read about the occasion when the disciples made this request of the Lord, "Increase our faith." They realized their weakness in the light of Christ's strength. When we pray, "Lord, increase our faith," it means we must keep our eyes fixed on him, his plan, his guidance, and in obedience to our Lord, exercise faith. Every day of our lives we exercise our faith in something. Should we not then take God at his word without any reservation? A vital lesson for every Christian is learning to live only one day at a time. Our Lord has never promised advance notice, but has told us that step by step he will lead us.

"I shall have faith though a mountain may stand,
Seeming impassable; at his command
I shall go forward expecting that he,
Who promised a pathway, will clear
one for me.

"I shall have faith though an ocean
may rise,
Hiding the opposite shore from my
eyes;
I shall not falter, for I have been
shown
That God never fails to take care
of his own."

COUNSELING FOR VOCATIONS

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future ministers get a clear concept of what the ministry involves in order that the Holy Spirit may create in them a willingness to dedicate their best to meet that need as God guides them.

A counselor may render invaluable service by acquainting those called of God with the many denominational opportunities for needed service. This will support the call of God and the challenge sought after. Guidance to seek the necessary education for the task in one of our two ministerial training centers will help to get the right preparation for our God-given denominational ministry.

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

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upon Christian training. Thus under the fierce opposition, four very active Bible Schools are found in Colombia today and two theological seminaries are flourishing. These institutions promise the Protestant church victory and glorious progress in Colombia.

It is with high interest and much gratification that we have read the reports in the "Baptist Herald" about the theological educational program on our Cameroon mission field and about the Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan. All this should bring to our wide attention our denominational educational program here at home. Our Seminary at Sioux Falls and our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton will be what we make them to be.

We can hold them on a "starvation level" or we can make them institutions of spiritual power and glorious denominational expansion. The school in Edmonton can have an enrollment of several hundred students just as soon as we are ready to develop an adequate training program. Two thousand Cubans spent 12 months in training in Russia and have just recently been sent back to Cuba. Do we realize what that means? The challenge is legion! Will we answer this challenge?

EDUCATION IN THE BIBLE

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the soul of the child: the state and the church. It may well be that the decisive battle will be fought in the arena of higher education.

Third, Jewish education was centered in the home. The existing educational institutions, such as the temple and the synagogue, were regarded as auxiliary homes. Similarly the teachers, such as prophets, priests, scribes and sages, fulfilled the role of substitute parents. Aligning modern education with biblical teaching will mean giving greater recognition to the centrality of the home in the molding of a child's personality. The family is a divine institution, the school is a product of society. Hence education,

which in our day is "institution-oriented," must once again become "home-oriented."

A questionnaire administered to a significant sample of North American Baptist young people drawn from students at the Christian Training Institute, the last CBYF Congress at Lake Geneva, and summer youth camps revealed some interesting facts about our constituency. Nearly two-thirds, for example, said that the Sunday school does not meet the needs of teenagers today. One-fourth came from homes where parents did not practice tithing, and only one-third indicated that their parents have regular Bible reading and prayer. Pastors would do well to spend less time in the committee room and more time in the homes of our members.

"Much learning doeth make thee mad," said King Agrippa to Paul in whom he detected exceptional reasoning powers (Acts 26:24). Let us pray that God will raise up young people in our day who will submit to the same mental discipline and achieve the same degree of spiritual dedication. God gave his servants earthly tools to complete a heavenly task. The effectiveness of the work done and the length of time used to complete it will depend largely on the sharpness of the tools.

DILEMMA OF MUSIC

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and word of commendation. Don Hustad, sometimes organist for the Billy Graham campaigns tells of the effectiveness of the song, "Love Lifted Me," when used in the London Crusade. Previously, he had objected to the limping rhythm accompanying the profound thought of God's love, but used sincerely it had warmed and changed the heart of a hardened father.

Eric Routley, famous hymnologist, tells of his low evaluation technically of the tune of the very first hymn in our North American Hymnal. But, he was deeply stirred when he heard of German people filled with faith singing it, "Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich," on the street before the very eyes of a threatening Hitler.

Through the years the Christian Training Institute Choristers have been privileged to sing many musical works of faith but none has been so unendingly uplifting as the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus." In this song of great music and greater faith, one soars on wings of song to the very portals of heaven. There is no barrier in it between great music and the desire to be strangely warmed by the Spirit of God.

The dilemma can be dissipated! With sincere desire, practice and consecration there need be no separation into music factions in our churches. The good and great music need not be reserved for the morning worship; it should permeate the total music program of the church. And so also the warmth of the grace in our hearts should inspire every song.



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 5, 1964

Theme: MAN'S PLACE IN GOD'S UNIVERSE

Scripture: Psalm 8

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Christian has a place in God's universe because he belongs to God—here and hereafter.

INTRODUCTION: Someone has said that man has learned how to fly through the air like birds and swim through the sea like fish. Now all he has to do is learn how to walk on earth like men. Man has the most difficult time finding his place in the universe. He is forever seeking and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (II Timothy 3:7).

Perhaps the most important reason that man cannot find his place in the universe is because he is attempting to take the place of God. He does not believe in the miracles of Jesus because science can perform greater miracles. His faith in science has replaced his faith in God. But he has not found something better, for he feels more desperately lost than ever before. He finds less meaning to life and is farther from its solution. Before man can find his place in God's universe he must first find his place in God.

I. GOD'S EXCELLENCE IN THE UNIVERSE. Psalm 8:1, 2.

The law was not a burden to all Jews as is evident in the many songs of adoration and praise to God found in many of the Psalms. Psalm 8 may be referred to as a Nature Psalm, but the Psalmist does not worship nature. He worships the God who created nature. When he uses the word "excellent" he sees how far the works of God surpass the works of man.

He cannot understand how it is possible for anyone not to recognize God's handiwork because even the youngest children can see his wonders in the universe. (See Matthew 11:25).

II. MAN'S INSIGNIFICANCE IN GOD'S UNIVERSE. Psalm 8:3, 4.

The thoughts of the Psalmist go all the way up and then suddenly they drop to earth. He considers the heavens and how they glorify God and on the other hand he sees man and how he fails to glorify God. Why should God still be mindful of man? But there is a reason for God's concern for man. He is the only creature in all creation with whom God can have fellowship. He is made in the image of God and was made for God, and for this reason he has the honor

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of his visitation. (See Luke 1:68).

III. MAN'S PURPOSE IN GOD'S UNIVERSE. Psalm 8:5-9.

Man looks insignificant when compared to the greatness of God, but he nevertheless has a high and noble purpose if he will only submit to God's plan. The Psalmist uses language reserved for kings and nobility when he says man is "crowned with glory and honor." We have an affinity to God such as no other creature. (See John 3:2). Man has fallen because of sin but he can rise because of Jesus Christ. He is still the object of God's love and care.

Questions for Discussion:

1. How much is man worth physically? How much is he worth spiritually?
2. Why would man rather dominate men than creatures?
3. Why was it so easy for man to fall into sin? Why should it not be just as easy to rise?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 12, 1964

Theme: THIS IS GOD'S UNIVERSE

Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-26

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It is impossible to understand creation unless you know the God of creation.

INTRODUCTION: The Christian is sometimes overwhelmed because he must live in a world that seems hostile and unfriendly. He does not always feel like singing: "This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres." The wrong often seems so strong that he doubts whether God is still the ruler.

The studies in this quarter are concerned about certain areas of living. We must face life as we find it, and the only way to find strength for living is through faith in God's Word. We may be burdened by handicaps, poverty, ill health and failure, but that need not hinder us from living a useful and trusting life if we are conscious of the presence of a heavenly Father.

Most of us have a mixture of success and failure. God promises us his support so that in success we shall be saved from pride and in failure we shall be saved from despair.

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I. GOD IN NATURE, HISTORY AND REVELATION. Isaiah 40:21, 22.

This is one of the outstanding chapters in Isaiah and it should be read in its entirety. It is addressed to the disconsolate exiles in Babylon in order to give them hope and courage. They were questioning God as creator and sustainer because in their despair it was difficult to believe in an all-wise and all-powerful Creator who cared for his children in distress.

The prophet reminds them of their short memory and is surprised that they should so soon forget everything they heard and were taught, and what was revealed to them from the beginning.

Isaiah is trying to convey to the Jewish people the truth of God's greatness. He knew nothing of space-ships and sputniks, but his faith led him to proclaim that wherever the universe is stretched, God sat above it.

II. THE REJECTION OF GOD AS CREATOR. Isaiah 40:23, 24.

There were always a few proud rulers who thought they could conquer the world, but they all eventually disappeared. They ranted and raved for a while until God disposed of them.

The cynics and unbelievers, who have no convictions, will also last only a short time. They can never take permanent root and the first strong wind or storm that comes along will blow them away. Psalm I says "they are like the chaff which the wind driveth away."

III. GOD'S EVIDENCE FOR HIS CREATION. Isaiah 40:25, 26.

The Jewish captives were well aware of the gods of Babylon. But the prophet had to remind them that they could not be compared to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Jehovah is an intelligent God who has a purpose, not only with the universe, but with every individual. He has a purpose with Israel. He is also a moral God. His laws give life, but only if they are obeyed. He is also a loving God. The captives had a difficult time believing this because they were being treated in such an unloving way by their enemies. The upward look is difficult in times of sorrow and discouragement.

The studies in this quarter are concerned about certain areas of living. We must face life as we find it, and the only way to find strength for living is through faith in God's Word. We may be burdened by handicaps, poverty, ill health and failure, but that need not hinder us from living a useful and trusting life if we are conscious of the presence of a heavenly Father.

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Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the function of science as compared to religion? Is there a conflict between the two?
2. Do we find God merely by looking at nature?
3. How did Job gain new spiritual insight by meditating on creation? (Job 38:1-11).

Heart of a Stranger

A Christian Novel With Breath-taking Suspense

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

SYNOPSIS

Tom Beacon came to the desert town of Quantacca to "set up" a robbery that would stir this quiet town to its very roots. On the edge of town, he stopped at the Food-nook Cafe and met Nancy, a sweet Christian waitress. But her brother, Brett, didn't like the looks of him. "Something about him bothers me," he said. Tom took Nancy on several dates but she talked constantly of her faith in Christ as her Savior. She helped Tom to meet Marianne Towers, the daughter of the town's banker. So one afternoon Tom found himself in the bank being introduced to the banker and with Marianne revealing everything to him about the burglar alarm, the big payroll on Wednesday morning, and the keys to a secret side door. She thought she was helping him to write his book about a bank robbery.

CHAPTER SEVEN

"I didn't say that. I said he was a good talker. I'm not sure I like him."

"Why?"

"Well, he seemed a bit personal. As if he knew I was there!"

"The Gospel does that," said Nancy. "It usually makes you think it's you!"

"Oh, it does, huh?"

"How else could the Gospel work?"

"How should I know?"

"It has to deal with everyone personally. Before it can deal with the world at large, I mean."

Tom slowly wagged his head.

Nancy added, "The Gospel has to deal with everyone personally because everyone needs it. Everyone has sinned."

Tom said, "Funny. I always thought of religion as a self-discipline, a living the good life."

"It means self-discipline. It means living the good life. But it means much more."

"What does that mean, more?"

"It's life. Eternal life."

Tom's head made another negative gesture. "Guess I'm still in the kindergarten in this business."

"But you are interested, aren't you?"

"Maybe. But please don't put me down as a convert yet."

"I won't. You'll go to church again?"

"That's possible. If you'll go with me!"

"I'll go."

After Tom had let Nancy from his car he went to his cabin. He walked about inside it, his mind full of what had happened.

"This is crazy!" he said aloud. "Getting tangled up with religion!"

But a suggestion of a smile crossed his face. Perhaps this wasn't so bad, after all. He was supposed to act like a certified citizen. That was the sort of game he was playing. How better could a writer show his good citizenship than by attending church?

Perhaps it was a good thing he had got slightly involved with Nancy and had gone to hear David Gregory preach.

The next day after Tom had gone to church with Nancy he met Marianne Towers coming out of a drug store in Quantacca.

Marianne flashed him a wide smile. "Why, hello, Mr. Beacon!"

"Have you forgotten my name?" Tom laughed. "I remember yours, Marianne."

Marianne was pleased. "Very well, Tom. How is the book coming?"

"Not too fast. I need inspiration, maybe." His blue eyes examined her darker ones. He must become friendly with her. This was one way to find out some things about the Quantacca National Bank.

She flushed slightly. "I saw you at church."

"How about a soda?"

"Why, I'd like that."

They went into the drug store and found a table. The young curly-haired fellow who came for their order went away with a set face.

"What's gouging him?" asked Tom.

"Oh, that Johnny Brogan. He's that way over me, I guess."

"Hmmm. And you're not that way over him, huh?"

"Certainly not. He's not in my—"

She stopped.

"Class?"

"You might put it that way!" She tossed her pony tail of dark hair.

"I imagine that there are a lot of young guys in this town who'd like to have you for a girl friend."

Her cheeks took on a fresh color. "There just might be."

Johnny Brogan brought their sodas, and he put a cold look on Tom before he left.

"These guys wouldn't all want you just because you're so attractive, I guess. But because you're Mr. Towers' daughter!"

"Anyway, thanks for thinking I'm attractive!"

He leaned toward her. "The fact is, Marianne, you're a very beautiful young woman!"

The color deepened in her cheeks. Her dark eyes held his a moment, then dropped. She sipped her soda, her long lashes lowered over her eyes. He sat gazing at her, aware that he had spoken the truth. She was lovely.

Abruptly his question broke through the romantic moment. "Are you going to be a banker, like your father?"

She seemed startled, but managed a smile. "You might not believe it, but I am interested in banking."

"You mean it?"

"My father can scarcely get over it. And he has been quite eager to explain it to me."

"That makes it nice for you."

"Are you interested in banking, Tom?"

"No, not really. But at the moment I am interested in banks."

"In banks?"

"I'll tell you about that, Marianne. As a writer a guy has to be practically an expert on anything he writes about. Else his readers will catch him up."

"I'm sure of that."

"Right now I'm in the midst of a bank holdup!"

"In the midst of a—holdup? Oh, in your book, you mean."

"Uh-huh. I've got these hoodlums at the bank door in fact. But I must confess that what I know about banks is almost nil. I'm not sure what I should have these hoods do!"

Marianne gazed at him, her eyes narrowing in thought.

"Well, you can't just leave them there at the bank door, can you?"

"You see where I am?"

"I see. I'm not an expert either—not on how a hood should conduct a bank robbery!"

"I suppose not." He laughed lightly.

"But I have an idea. Let's go to the bank and see Father. He can give us most any information we need, I think."

"Your father! Hey, he might think I was planning on sticking up the bank myself!"

She tossed her head back and laughed. "Silly! He saw you at church. He knows you're a writer."

"He knows—?"

"I told him. I told him all about you."

"Well, for heaven's sake!"

"Didn't you think I was at all interested in you?"

He shook his head. "It never crossed my mind. What did your father say when you told him all about me? By the way, you don't know anything about me!"

"He said he'd be glad to meet you."

"Isn't that something?"

"How about us going to the bank now?"

"Well—"

"Well, why not?"

Tom entered the door of the bank behind Marianne. This was the door through which Blacky McTone and his men would come in. A faint shudder ran through Tom. He was glad he would not be involved in the actual business of robbing the bank. McTone and his men were veterans in this sort of thing. Tom knew he'd never be that sort of veteran. After this one job he would be through with any sort of crime.

A sudden old hatred of banks struck him as he walked with Marianne past the rows of cashiers toward the offices in the back. He saw again his thin-faced father piling battered furniture into a truck, getting ready to leave the fruit farm that a bank was taking away from him. He found his fists knotted hard at his side.

I won't feel bad when McTone takes money away from these people!

In the office of the president Alfred Towers rose from behind a huge flat-topped desk.

"Hello, dear," he said to Marianne.

"Father, this is Tom Beacon, the writer I told you about," said Marianne.

Towers came around the desk, holding out his hand toward Tom.

"I'm pleased to meet you, Mr. Beacon." His eyes ran swiftly over Tom.

"Marianne tells me you write novels."

"Yes," said Tom.

"I hope you won't be offended, but I've never read a novel in my life. I

read quite a bit, but not novels."

Tom was glad that Towers knew nothing about novels. Those dark, prying eyes reflected stubbornness. If he had been a man who liked novels there might be some embarrassing questions.

Marianne said, "Tom is writing a novel now that has a bank holdup in it!"

Tom started. He saw Towers' eyes narrow on his daughter, then turn upon Tom.

"A holdup?"

Marianne laughed. "That's a naughty word in a bank, Tom!"

"I can imagine!" Tom said.

"You see Tom has his gang ready to stick up a bank," explained Marianne, "but he doesn't know how a bank stick-up comes off!"

Again Towers gazed at both his daughter and Tom. But Marianne cried, "Oh, Father! Don't worry! If Tom were going to stick up your bank he wouldn't have come to ask you how to do it!"

Towers pursed his lips, smiled. "I've heard of stranger things."

"But Tom's not that stupid!" Marianne smiled.

"Thanks," Tom said, feeling uncomfortable.

But Towers made him feel better when he said, "Don't be disturbed, Mr. Beacon. I'm quite sure you aren't planning to rob the bank!"

Tom tried to laugh. "I appreciate your confidence. But if this bank is ever robbed I'll begin to have something of a guilt-complex!"

"Let's look over the bank, Tom," said Marianne. "If Father doesn't mind."

"I'd be glad for you to show Mr. Beacon around," said Towers.

When Marianne and Tom were gone from the office the banker returned to his place behind the large desk.

"That's rather odd," he said aloud.

"Could it be possible—?" He shrugged.

"He wouldn't be that bold, if he had such an idea! Unless he's insane. And he's not insane." He shrugged a second time and went back to work.

He was busy a moment, then lifted his head, thinking, if they ever did hold up this bank he'd be in an embarrassing situation! Just as he said.

As for Tom as he went with Marianne he was angry because Marianne had brought up the subject of the hoodlums he was supposed to be writing about. In the first place he hadn't been writing about hoodlums! He had used the idea on the spur of the moment. He had intended, once he came to the bank, merely to ask a few casual questions, to feel his way around in the place. Later he could have got more material.

Marianne surprised him by saying, "If I were going to rob this bank I'd know when the time-vault was ready to open. Which is 9:30 in the morning. And, yes, I'd do it on a special day!"

"A special day?"

"Yes. I'd rob it on a Wednesday morning. You know why?"

"Why?"

"That's when they have the big payroll in for the Macon Mining Company. Miners like their pay in cash, you know. Or did you know it?"

"I've heard that somewhere." He felt a coldness along his spine. Marianne seemed trying to hand him all the chief details. Everything seemed too easy. Something must be wrong. But he couldn't decide what it was.

"Let's see now." Marianne puckered her brows. "Father is always the first one here in the morning. He's not the type to show up after all the help gets here. Not Father. He's a self-made man and he thinks it's wicked not to work hard. He comes in at a side door. He's the only one with a key to that door. The watchman, of course, is here, having been here all night. But you could handle him without too much trouble!"

Tom gulped. "I—I could handle him?"

"I'm helping you on your novel, remember?"

"Oh, Oh, yes. My novel."

Marianne caught his hand. "Come along. I want to show you something else."

She took him behind the teller cages. She smiled at the tellers and they smiled back. A couple of them cast lingering looks after her as she moved on.

She whispered to Tom presently, "Over there. That's the burglar alarm. That's the big thing!"

Tom stiffened. What on earth was Marianne thinking about?

Marianne said in another whisper, "It will have to be disconnected. But that will have to be an inside job, I'm afraid."

He swallowed hard. "I suppose so."

A little later they were on the street. Tom had an uneasy sensation spiraling through him.

It would be too dangerous to go through with this thing now!

He could envision himself facing the police trying to answer their questions. Telling them everything that had happened today. Rather having them tell him!

Then there was the burglar alarm! Why had she whispered to him about that? Oh, fine, you could put it in a novel. But who would you get to handle this inside job Marianne mentioned? He wasn't writing about a bank stick-up. He was supposed to be setting one up!

Blacky McTone was depending on him to set it up. And already he felt he had fouled the job utterly. He could practically see the look on Blacky's face if he should try to tell the gangster how things were.

Marianne spoke suddenly. "Listen, Tom. Meet me here tomorrow at about this time, will you? We'll go for a drive. I want to tell you more about this bank robbery."

She laughed quietly, and somehow the laugh disturbed Tom inwardly.

But he said, "Okay. Tomorrow."

(To Be Continued)



A chapel service in a Language School in Costa Rica where young Christians are learning how to communicate the Gospel to the people of Central and South America.

ON OUR WAY TO SOUTH AMERICA

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Southern Baptist missionary, took us to the Spanish Language Institute, for this was our main reason for a stop here. The Institute has presently over 200 missionary and other students busily engaged in language study. Dr. Aulden D. Coble, director of the Institute, gave us of his valuable time so that through this conference with him we were able to get a better understanding of the procedure for enrolling in this school. Should the Lord lead us into a Spanish-speaking country in our mission advance, then we will also be more closely connected with this Institute, for language study must take priority listing at the beginning of a missionary's career.

Rev. La Verne Gregory, accompanied by Mr. Goldfinch, took us back to the airport. Our fellowship with them was delightful. We were glad to get out of the volcano dust after 24 hours, but we do remember those who must continue there and pray with them that ashes might again give way to the beauty and bloom of this city and valley.

POWDER KEG IN PANAMA

We arrived in Panama by the evening of Jan. 8. Our main contact here in Panama was Rev. Aaron Juett of the Gospel Missionary Union. Panama City is located some 20 miles from the airport and the Juetts are located some 30 miles beyond the city. Nevertheless, Mr. and Mrs. Juett met us and took us to the International Hotel for our lodging. They spent the evening with us and we learned about their work, though we were not able to see any of it. According to their experiences, mission work in Panama is hard. The response of the people to the Gospel is meager. Their mission labors in about seven areas along the Latin American highway. Their par-

ticular ministry in the past several years has been in a small Bible Training Institute. A year ago they had 12 students enrolled.

The following day we had several interviews with several mission representatives. Rev. Ben Cummings of HOXO told us about the radio ministry. He had previously been in Quito for about eight years and was connected with HCJB there. HOXO is now a branch of HCJB and also comes under the World Radio Missionary Fellowship. Through him we learned something about Ecuador. Mr. Kenneth Basset of the Latin American Mission Bookstore related to us the value of mission outreach in Christian literature and the testimony which a Christian bookstore can have.

A prophetic interview was held in the afternoon with Dr. L. D. Wood, superintendent of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Baptist Building is located in the Canal Zone. Panama is a home mission of the Convention. Baptists in Panama number about 5,000 members in 30 churches and 69 missions. About one-half are English, the other half Panamanian. They have some work with the Choco Indians and some other tribes along the Atlantic coast. The prophetic part about our interview was a statement touching on the political situation in Panama. Dr. Wood said: "Panama is on a powder keg. Anything can happen any day, any time." It happened that very evening!

Had our plane left on time, we might not have known of the riot until we were to hear it later. Since our plane was delayed till midnight, we witnessed the riot on Jan. 9th from the window of the fifth story of our hotel. Later we learned that the incident of the raising of the American

flag at one of the high schools in the Canal Zone touched off the student riot which resulted in over 20 dead and over 60 wounded. The newspapers have written up this story and there is no purpose in stating it here except how it affected us.

GOD'S CONTINUED HELP

By early evening the riot had spread to the city, outside of the Canal Zone. Crowds of students filled the plaza outside of our hotel. All traffic on main thoroughfares was stopped. People were asked to leave cars and buses. A mob turned wild and violence was not easily controlled. To our question how we could get out, the hotel management suggested that we better stay in our room. We realized what this could mean to the continuation of our trip. Our survey of South America had not even begun; should it end before it began?

In further consultation with the hotel management and in reliance upon God, we were willing to risk getting out if a taxi driver was found willing to risk driving us. Such a one was found and through side streets we were able to get through without being stopped. The Lord was with us and his help assured us that our continued trip into South America for the purpose of the survey had his blessing and promise of continued help and guidance.

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

SPECIAL EVENTS

FIRST, LEDUC, ALBERTA. From November through February, the Sunday school teachers and workers of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta busily engaged in a study course. The course entitled, "The How of Effective Lesson Preparation," was taught by Rev. E. Hahn of the Wiesen-thal Baptist Church. The class participants felt that this was a most helpful and profitable time for them.

NORTH SEATTLE, WASH. One month has elapsed since we arrived and much has already happened. On Jan. 19th the Pacific Northwest Association held a welcome for us at the Sierra Heights Baptist Church at Renton. All the churches were represented, either in person or by letter. Their wonderful spirit and promise of support encouraged our hearts. We have found a place to meet in a hall (rent free). The American Sunday Union had been carrying on a Sunday school work here for years. We have had over 80 in Sunday school and 60 persons for morning worship services. We have already organized a C. B. Y. with about 20 teen-agers. Our future plans are the construction of a building, the starting of a choir and "a visitation blitz" through the area. We have seen God's wonderful hand and we thank him for his leadership and your prayers.—(R. E. Grabke, Church Extension Pastor).

NORTHWESTERN PASTORS' CONFERENCE. The Northwestern Conference Ministers' Fellowship met for a three day session at Parkersburg, Iowa Feb. 11-13. The program was highlighted by a series of five lectures by Prof. Hugo Lueck of our N. A. B.

Seminary on I Peter. These lectures were a great blessing to the many pastors present. Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, gave us a fine challenging report on Higher Education. One session that was very timely was led by Rev. Harold Weiss of West St. Paul, Minn., on "The Mid-Week Service." New officers for 1964-1965 are as follows: Rev. Adam Huber, president; Rev. Hans Wilcke, vice-president; and Rev. Eleon Sandau, secretary-treasurer. A tour of the Cedar-loo Church at Cedar Falls was included and we can say the building is a real witness for the Lord.—(Lyman F. Erickson, secretary-treasurer).

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

EBENEZER, VANCOUVER. It was by God's grace and joy, that the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C., presented its 35th annual program, with Dr. A. J. Harms as guest speaker who encouraged us. Our membership is 78 with three charter members: Margarete Herman, Elizabeth Pahl, and Adina Pohl. Mrs. Louise Eggert, our faithful president, wrote a monologue portraying the history of the society. The honored charter members sat on the platform, and as a certain period of years was recalled, the activities and work were mentioned. The women came to the platform in the order in which they became members, until the whole society had assembled. Among the activities of the years were missions, overseas relief, visiting the aged and sick, helping to build two new churches, aiding the Evergreen Baptist Home, and Church Extension.—(Gladys Patzia, Reporter).

CBY (youth) fellowship

TRINITY, PORTLAND, OREGON. Youth Week was introduced at the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon with Rev. Bruce Rich, our minister of Christian Education, bringing the morning sermon on "We Would See Jesus." After the evening service an Oregon Baptist Youth Singspiration was held. Other youth activities were a basketball game against Immanuel Church, a Popcorn Feed, and an Oregon Baptist Youth Sweetheart Party. The lively God's Volunteer Team No. 1 arrived in Portland to lead the Wednesday evening service. Rev. Kenneth Fischer, pastor of the Magnolia Church, Anaheim, Calif., preached on Feb. 2nd and at nightly meetings, Feb. 4-7, with God's Volunteers participating at each service. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, spoke on Sunday, Feb. 9, and an All Church Fireside was enjoyed with the God's Volunteer team.

FIRST, LEDUC, ALTA. Those entering the church vestibule of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta on Sunday, Jan. 26, found tables set up with a wonderful array of new books for all ages and a variety of subjects. These were placed there by the Gospel Supplies Store in Edmonton to promote our annual Church Library Day. Throughout the day people were free to look at these books and, if they desired to contribute a book to the library, all they needed to do was sign a card. In the evening the Library Committee presented a program which included a skit portraying the different



35th ANNIVERSARY, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, VANCOUVER, B. C.

The large group of women of the Missionary Society, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, at the festive program of the 35th anniversary.

phases of the Church Library. The Junior Choir supplied the special music. This new experiment drew an encouraging response. The Library was started two years ago and now contains approximately 500 books. Much credit goes to the Church Librarian, Mrs. Rudolf Ohlmann.

BILLINGS, MONTANA. The Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, held a Watch Night service on New Year's Eve. It was our happy privilege to have the Central District Secretary, Dr. J. C. Gunst, with us Jan. 18-19. On Saturday evening we held a banquet at the Starlight Terrace at which time we were encouraged by his message on "Stewardship." Mrs. C. Aldinger sang a solo and the girls' trio rendered special music. On Sunday Dr. Gunst further expounded on our great heritage in his message, "Our Faith and Our Witness."

Our CBYF observed a full week of activities during Youth Week. They participated in and had charge of the church services on Jan. 26 and Feb. 2. This included special music, reading scripture, offering prayer and holding a panel discussion, "Called Unto Liber-

ty." During the week they held a service at Christ's Rescue Mission and also had charge of our weekly prayer meeting and Bible Study. Saturday evening they enjoyed a fellowship progressive dinner. — (Mrs. Raymond Koch, Reporter).



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hiller of Edmonton, Alberta at the golden wedding anniversary celebration held in their honor. They have been members of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church of Alberta for many years.

berta and Prime Minister Pearson of Canada, and congratulations in the form of a telegram were read from her Majesty, the Queen of England.—(Eunice Kern, Reporter).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

NAPIER PARKVIEW, BENTON HARBOR. Neither blizzard nor cold could keep some 450 members and friends of the Napier Parkview Church, Benton, Harbor, Mich., from turning out Saturday evening, Jan. 25, for a co-operative supper to show their retiring associate pastor, Rev. Reginald Shepley, and his wife the love and esteem they have for them. Mr. Shepley served the local church for 12½ of his 45 years in the ministry, coming here from Warsaw, Ind., to take over the associate pastorate. Dr. John McDonald served as program emcee. Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor of St. Joseph's First Baptist Church, recalled how he and Mr. Shepley began their preaching careers at the same time Sept. 14, 1919, and how both were ordained Sept. 8, 1920, in Mendon, Ohio. Bill Achterberg, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Arthur C. Achterberg, played "Channels Only," one of Mr. Shepley's favorite numbers and Mrs. Irene Wesner sang one of his favorite songs, "My God and I." Well

loved Bible passages of the Rev. Shepley were used in decorating the social hall. Appropriate gifts were presented to Mr. Shepley upon his retirement.— ("The News-Palladium").

RABBIT HILL, ALTA. On Dec. 26, 1963, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hiller of Edmonton, Alberta were honored by their children and relatives on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Hiller presently live in Edmonton but have been members of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church for many years. Mr. Hiller came from Poland to the Edmonton community with his parents about 1890. Mrs. Hiller came from Poland with her parents to the Leduc community about 1893. The Hillers have 8 children, 28 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. A sister of Mr. Hiller expressed words of congratulations on behalf of the brothers and sisters present. Rev. E. P. Wahl congratulated the honored couple with a brief devotional message. Honor Scrolls were presented to the Hillers from the Government of Al-



Mr. Ray Prillwitz (left), moderator and choir director of the Napier Parkview Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., presents a check to Rev. and Mrs. Reginald Shepley at a dinner honoring the couple.

25 YEARS AGO MARCH-APRIL 1939

- On Sunday, March 26, the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., dedicated its remodeled auditorium with Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. Dorothy Abele sang "God Bless This House."
- On April 3rd, Miss Alethea Kose of the faculty of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., entertained 30 members of the Chicago Baptist Ministers' Association, including pastors' wives and the guest, Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa.
- Miss Minnie Gebhardt, missionary at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, for 37 years was honored by the church on her 75th birthday and retirement from active missionary service.

TRINITY, PORTLAND, OREGON. At the Sunday morning service on Jan. 26, the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon honored one of its faithful workers, David Billeter, who has served as church treasurer for 20 years. Victor Steinfeld, representing the church, presented him with a plaque, requesting that it be prominently placed at Mr. Billeter's place of business so that others will be inspired to similar service. The plaque is inscribed: "Presented to David Billeter in Sincere Appreciation of Twenty Years of Faithful and Loyal Service as Treasurer of Trinity Baptist Church, 1964."

CHILLIWACK, B. C. The Victoria Ave. Baptist Church held a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jaster on Sunday, Feb. 2. They had a pantry shower for us before we came. The house had been repainted on the in-

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side and everything was just wonderful. On Sunday morning, Feb. 2, I brought my inaugural message. In the afternoon a special program was planned for the pastor and family. The Vancouver churches were represented by the pastors, Rev. Ernie Rogalski, Rev. Ervin Strauss, Rev. G. Gebauer. Also Rev. I. G. Hind of the English Baptist Church of Chilliwack brought greetings. Rev. A. Milner from White Rock, B. C., was also on the platform and brought greetings. All the departments of the church organizations expressed their desire to work hand in hand with their new pastor and family in building the Church of Jesus Christ. The choir sang several numbers and a special duet sang. May the Lord bless and build his Church through the loyal support of his people!—(Robert Jaster, Pastor).

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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ner stated in his annual report: "All services were well attended and the blessed presence of the Holy Spirit continues to enrich these meetings."

● The Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., held a farewell service honoring Rev. and Mrs. Fred Sonnenberg and family on Sunday evening, Jan. 27. Mr. Sonnenberg brought his ministry of 4½ years to a close at that time. Musical selections were rendered by the choir, male chorus, the ladies' sextet and a violin soloist. Expressions of appreciation were voiced by representatives of church organizations and a gift was presented to them. It was stated that the church "remembers Pastor Sonnenberg for his sincerity and dedication, his analytical treatment of motives in the Christian life, and his insistence on genuineness and honesty in all of his actions." He is now the minister of the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE PASTOR AN EDUCATOR

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carry out this task would automatically require an intensive teaching and training program so that the church members could become effective ministers of the Gospel.

This type of concept of the work of the church would require that a pastor have the ability carefully to teach, to guide, to supervise church members to do the work of teaching others, of winning others, of indoctrinating others. His major task as educator would be to ensure that the ministry of the church conform to the pattern laid down by Jesus and his apostles.

Obituaries

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

TIMOTHY ADAM BERTSCH

of Drumheller, Alberta

Timothy Bertsch of Drumheller, Alberta, was born on Oct. 21, 1963 to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bertsch. He was their first and only child. On Dec. 23 he became very ill and was in the hospital for six weeks. He died suddenly on Feb. 3, 1964. He leaves to mourn his early death his loving parents; his great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Forsch of Carbon; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freitag and Mrs. Viola Bertsch; an uncle, Mr. Art Freitag; and an aunt, Mrs. Loretta Albright; besides a host of other relatives and friends who believe and know that Timothy is in the loving care of Jesus. It is our prayer that the Lord will comfort and bless his parents and all who were dearly attached to him. Services were conducted from the Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller.

Zion Baptist Church

Drumheller, Alberta

FRED OHLMANN, Pastor

MR. HENRY G. GLEWWE

of West St. Paul, Minnesota

Mr. Henry G. Glewwe was born in West St. Paul, Minn., on Oct. 1, 1897 and passed to his eternal reward after a lingering illness on Dec. 27, 1963. He served as a truck gardener for many years and in recent years was employed by the West St. Paul School District. On May 26, 1911 he was baptized on confession of his faith in Christ and received into the fellowship of the Riverview Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until his death. His daily life and conduct proved him to be a child of the King of kings. On Nov. 5, 1930 he was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Kramer with whom he lived for 33 years. He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife; a daughter, Virginia, (Mrs. Paul Linderman of Fordville, N. Dak.); a grandson, Jeffrey; a sister, Emma; five brothers: Emil, Frank, Otto, William, and Walter, all of St. Paul; besides many other relatives and friends. Rev. Henry P. Schroeder, a former pastor and friend of the family, shared with the pastor in the memorial service at the Riverview Baptist Church, West St. Paul, Minn.

HAROLD E. WEISS, Pastor

MRS. CAROLINA (WENTZ) STAIGER

of Jamestown, North Dakota

Mrs. Carolina (Wentz) Staiger of Jamestown, N. Dak., born Sept. 27, 1891 in Logan County, Napoleon, N. Dak., passed away at her home on Jan. 22, 1964. Upon confession of her faith in Christ, she was baptized by Rev. C. M. Knapp and received into the membership of the Wishek Baptist Church in June 1931. Ten years later she joined the Napoleon Baptist Church and since then was a member of the Streeter Baptist and Jamestown Baptist churches. In June 1911, she was joined in marriage to Mr. Andrew Zimmerman who preceded her in death in 1949. In 1950 she married Mr. William Stuckle and they lived in Streeter until Mr. Stuckle's death in 1955.

She is survived by her husband, Adam Staiger whom she married in 1957; four children: John Zimmerman, Mrs. Gideon Oldenburger (Ella), Mrs. Dale Schulz (Lorraine), all of Napoleon, and Mrs. Peter Delzer (Mary) of Bismarck; step-children, Wilbert Staiger, Jamestown; Benjamin Staiger, Moorhead, Minn.; Mrs. Violet Grenz, Bismarck; Mrs. Wilmer Wahl (Adele), Jamestown; several step-children by her second marriage; grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Rev. H. Walter Trim of Jamestown, Officiating; Rev. R. Hoffman of Napoleon, Assisting.

MR. ADAM GIENGER

of Hebron, North Dakota

Mr. Adam Gienger of Hebron, N. Dak., was born Feb. 12, 1923 at Anamoose, N. Dak. He was reared in the Lincoln Valley area and educated in the Rural McClusky Public School. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior in Nov. 1942. The following year he was baptized and joined the Lincoln Valley Baptist Church. After relocating to Hebron in 1949, where he worked as a mechanic, he transferred his membership to the First Baptist Church of Hebron. On June 15, 1952 he was united in marriage

with Dorothy Triber. Two children were born to this union.

He entered St. Joseph Hospital in Dickinson, N. Dak., for corrective surgery. From this he never regained consciousness, passing away Feb. 8, having reached the age of 41 years less than 41 years. Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; two children: Grant and Gala; his mother, Mrs. Gustav Gienger of Minot; two brothers: Jake of Goodrich, Jonathan of Garrison; and four sisters: Mrs. Adolf Heinle of Jamestown, Mrs. Alvin Heinle of Hebron, Mrs. Fred Helm of Zap, Mrs. Bernell Kummer of Minot.

First Baptist Church

Hebron, North Dakota

ERVIN J. FAUL, Pastor

MR. LAWRENCE L. KESSLER

of Anamoose, North Dakota

Mr. Lawrence L. Kessler of Anamoose, N. Dak., was born on Feb. 13, 1885 near Odessa, Russia. After a prolonged illness, he passed away on Dec. 14, 1963. At the age of two years he and his parents migrated to Parkston, S. Dak. In 1889 they moved to a farm 14 miles south of Anamoose where he grew to manhood. On Jan. 31, 1909, he was united in marriage to Christina Hirsch at the Baptist Church in Anamoose. In January 1909, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized and became a member of the Anamoose Baptist Church in July 1909. He was a member of this church the rest of his life and he served faithfully as a trustee and treasurer for many years.

Those surviving him are his wife, Christina; two sons: Robert and Lloyd; two daughters: Eleanore (Mrs. Kenneth Thuro) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Hilmer Michelson). A son and a daughter preceded him in death. Also surviving are 8 brothers and 3 sisters: Christ, Jacob, Fred, William, Gottlieb, George, Sam and Walter; Margaret (Mrs. Beck); Christina (Mrs. Conrad Michelson); Freda (Mrs. Bud C. Doble); also 8 grandchildren: Candice, Steven, Owne, Denise, Lynn, Dawn, Russell and Graige.

Anamoose Baptist Church

Anamoose, North Dakota

RONALD F. DERMAN,

Officiating Pastor

MR. CHRIS MAIER

of Missoula, Montana

Mr. Chris Maier of Missoula, Mont., was born Oct. 28, 1897 at Mound City, S. Dak., and passed away Jan. 27, at Missoula at the age of 66. On March 13, 1923 he was united in marriage to Pauline Rieger. They lived in Mound City, S. Dak., and later moved to Trail City. From there they came to Plevna, Montana and in 1934 moved to Polson. He and his family lived on a farm west of Missoula until he retired in 1954.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; 4 sons: Alvin, Leo, and Norman, of Missoula, Elmer of Long Beach, Calif.; and one daughter: Mrs. Lorene Knopf of Lincoln, Montana; 3 brothers; 6 sisters; 3 step-brothers; two half-sisters; one step-sister; 9 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Chris Maier accepted Christ as his Savior in later life. He was baptized and joined the Bethel Baptist Church in 1942. He was a faithful church attendant until the time of his illness. He will be greatly missed but "to be absent from the body and present with the Lord is far better."

Bethel Baptist Church

Missoula, Montana

HERBERT VETTER, Pastor

MR. BERT HOOGSTRAAT

of Chancellor, South Dakota

Mr. Bert Hoogstraat of Chancellor S. Dak. was born on Jan. 30, 1892 near Chancellor. He died at Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on January 31, 1964, at the age of 72 years. Early in his life he confessed his faith in Christ as Savior and was baptized in 1904 by the Rev. O. Olthoff, joining the First Baptist Church of Chancellor. Mr. Hoogstraat served as church treasurer for 12 years and also as trustee. In 1914 he was married to Ida De Neul. On April 7, 1950 she passed away. On Oct. 14, 1954, Mr. Hoogstraat was married to Caroline Pattison. Though Mr. Hoogstraat spent his life in farming, he was also active in community affairs, having served for many years on the school board and also on the township board.

Surviving him are: his wife, Caroline; and 3 sons: Dr. Marvin, of Parkersburg, Iowa; Lavern and Donald of Chancellor; 5 step-children: Marshall Hanft of Salem, Oregon; Oscar Hanft of Blackfoot, Idaho; Mrs. Robert Hodgson, Frazee, Minn.; Mrs. Earnest Feurherm, Valley City, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Edmond Motl, Fargo, N. Dak.; by one brother: Ed J. of Chancellor; 26 grandchildren.

Chancellor, South Dakota

NORMAN MILLER, Pastor



YOUTH CHOIR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LODI, CALIF.

"Night of Miracles" was sung by the Youth Choir of 70 voices of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., with Bob Sivell, Jr., (front, left) narrator, and with Rev. Harvey Mehlhaff, (next to Bob Sivell), directing.

FIRST, LODI, CALIF. On Sunday evening, Dec. 22, the 70 voice Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., under the direction of Rev. Harvey Mehlhaff, presented the musical cantata, "Night of Miracles." The narrator was Bob Sivell Jr. Mrs. Dorothy Buhler and Mrs. Janice Friedli accompanied the choir on the piano and organ, respectively. The high school and college young people responded immediately to the beautiful Christmas message as set to music by John W. Peterson. Mr. Peterson has put the everlasting incarnation story

into a modern musical setting with narrative transitions between the numbers. The choir practiced three times a week in preparation for this spiritual

highlight. A capacity congregation gathered to hear what such a newly organized group could do. Our hearts sensed the presence of the Spirit as once again, true to his Word, he made us sit together in heavenly places. It was an experience of spiritual impact for the choir as they sang, believed, and knew that the words of John 1:14 were real to them. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

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