

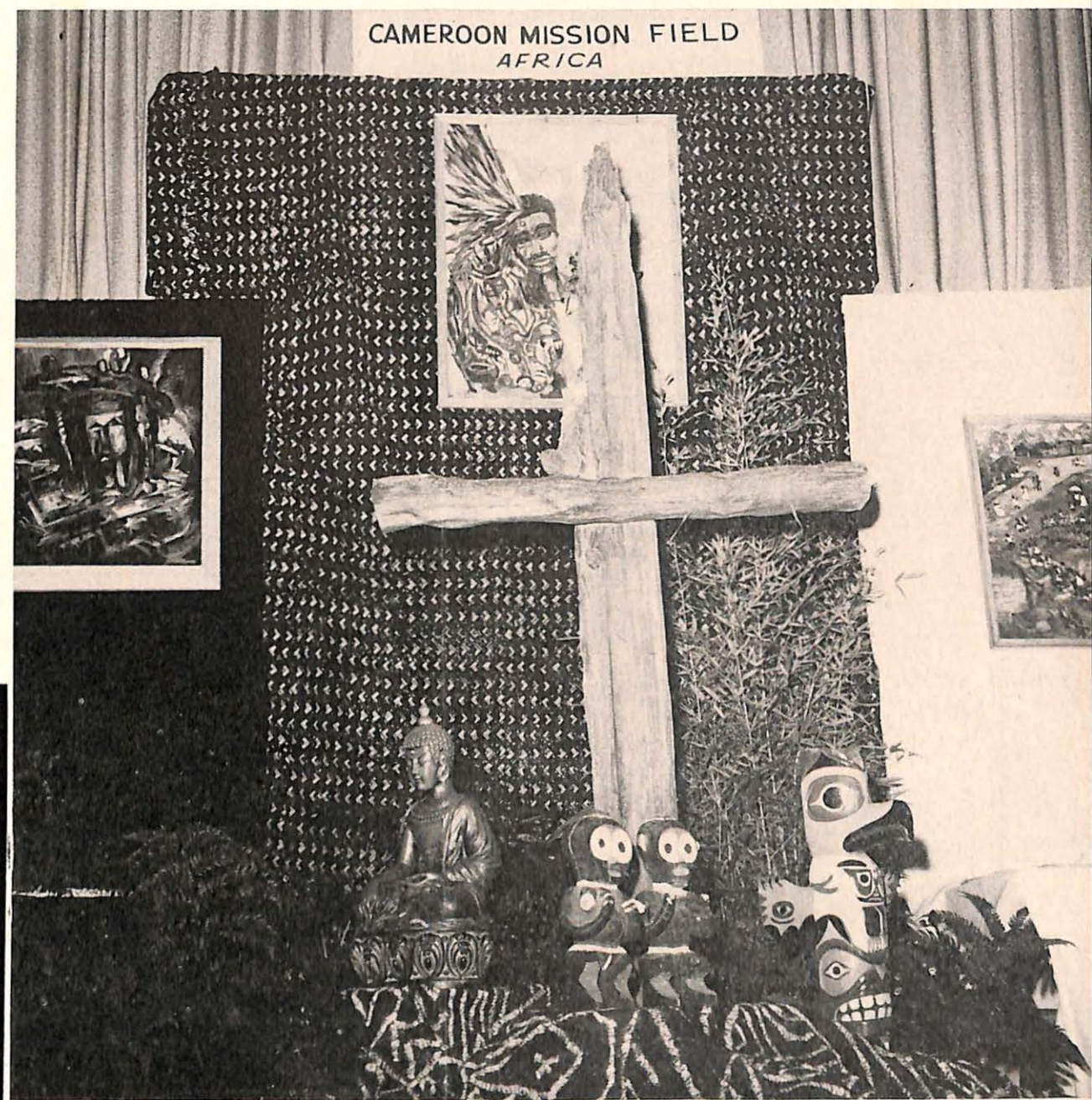
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# A Student's Prayer

Written by Professor Elmer J. Moeller of Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, at the close of the first session of summer school on July 13, 1962.

Psalm 19:14

O GOD of book and printer's ink,  
Of pen and paper, scholar's toil,  
Of clause and phrase and substantive,  
Of term paper and midnight oil,  
Thou who alone canst give to learn,  
Help me to learn!

O God of Truth, O God of Grace,  
O Word Made Flesh, O Holy Dove,  
Thou Wisdom, Glory, Righteousness,  
Peace, Mercy, Patience, Hope, and Love,  
Thou who alone canst give to know,  
Help me to know!

O God of Moses, Samuel,  
Of Jeremiah, Daniel,  
Of Peter, James, and John, and Paul,  
Of Michael and of Gabriel,  
Thou dost for thy work servants choose;  
Do thou me choose!

For sloth and petty prejudice,  
For pride and willful ignorance,  
For lack of zeal and will, and prayer,  
For self-imposed incompetence,  
For shirking at thy work, O Lord,  
Thy mercy, Lord!

My brain and hands dare bring to thee,  
Because thy blood pays all my guilt,  
This votive offering of my work,  
Small thanks for precious ransom spilt.  
Accept my thoughts and words, O Lord,  
Accept, O Lord!

## HIGHER EDUCATION

This is the first "Baptist Herald" special issue on Higher Education. Now that we have a general secretary and Committee on Higher Education with challenging objectives before us, it behooves every North American Baptist to become acquainted with the program calling for a "Higher Education Emphasis" in 1964-65.

A good start in perusing this issue will be the reading of the editorial by Rev. David J. Draewell, secretary for "Higher Education." You will want to read about the objectives and the latest developments at the Seminary and Christian Training Institute. Our ministry to the college and university students is a new program that merits your attention. There are many higher education opportunities in Cameroon, Africa and in Japan. The inspiring address on "Dedicated Discipleship" by Dr. Douglas A. Gallagher delivered at the General Conference fits into this number.

Read again "A Student's Prayer" (above on this page). Then turn to Psalm 19:14 and read that prayerfully.

## FRONT COVER

The front cover picture depicts the Conference missionary exhibit at Sacramento, California. The Cross of Christ as seen in the center of the exhibit displays casts a pre-eminent shadow over the figures which symbolize worship and sacrifice in the countries where we carry on missionary work.

Out of ignorance of the true and living God, the Indians from fear of their ancestral fathers and the great spirits of the world surrounding them brought worship and sacrifice by their totem poles. Out of that same ignorance of the true and living God the people of Japan have fashioned great images of an immobile Buddha.

In their darkness, the Africans of Cameroon have also carved their masks and made their incantations and sacrifices in an effort to frighten or appease the spirits of mountain, or cloud, or beast, or man.

Jesus Christ came to remove their fear of death and to make cleansing from sin by the blood of his Cross. This is the enlightening hope which our North American Baptists are offering to these people of the world.

# MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

## CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED.

During the past three summer months we have just about kept up with the record of giving for the past three years. By the end of August our churches had contributed for all purposes the sum of \$275,617.90 which is far behind our objective of about \$90,000 a month. In order to reach our budget goal of \$1,100,000 by March 31, 1965, we should have made contributions of \$550,000 by the end of September, 1964, the half way mark.

## DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

The official membership statistics for our North American Baptist churches have been completed. With the addition of six new churches that have been recognized, the net total of NAB churches at the present is 327. Four churches (Gillett, Wis.; Dighton, Kan.; Gotebo, Okla.; and Berean, Los Angeles, Calif.) were dropped officially from our records by their respective Conferences. The number of baptisms in our churches during the past year was 1,974, thus bringing the total number of members in our Conference to 53,346.

**C.T.I. FACULTY.** In the article about the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta that appears in this issue, you will be interested in reading the names of three new faculty members: Rev. Willy R. Muller who resigned as pastor of the Meadowlark Baptist Church of Jasper Place, Alberta to become professor in the Theological Department (half time for this year); Mr. Edward Klatt of Minitonas, Manitoba in the Academic Department; and Miss Elsa Eichstadt of Chicago, Illinois, the new dean of women.

**HIGHER EDUCATION.** On the mission fields in Africa and Japan, the educational needs and standards are rising rapidly. Our educational institutions are emphasizing the importance of the best possible education in order to cope with the modern problems of our world. We as a Conference are beginning to see the need of more intensive work with our young people who go to colleges and universities and are often lost to our churches thereafter. Pray for these young people that as they gain knowledge for their vocational services, they may also lay hold on that wisdom of God's Word and truths that are eternal.

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# Editorial

## You Ought To Be Teachers

Guest Editorial by Rev. David J. Draewell  
Secretary of Higher Education and Stewardship

I never cease to be amazed at the pointed way in which the Word of God emphasizes the importance of teaching. Biblical writers have used more than 40 different forms of Hebrew and Greek words in their more than 300 references to teaching, studying, and learning in the Old and New Testaments.

One of the clear statements of the Christian's responsibility to teach is found in Hebrews 5:12: "For indeed, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the ABC of God's oracles over again" (NEB). We see here a direct link between spiritual maturity and the task of education. A mature believer takes seriously his responsibility to teach others. He "ought" to be a teacher.

In my opinion, the truth of Hebrew 5:12 applies not only to individual Christians but also to church congregations and denominational fellowships. Spiritual immaturity is evidenced when a local church or a denomination reveals little interest in Kingdom advancement through educational programs. Educational concerns formed an essential part of the business decisions of our first General Conference held in 1865, and the creation of a ministerial training program over a century ago was deemed of great significance by our early churches. Later history of our North American Baptist General Conference, however, has revealed that a serious measure of indifference to the ministry of teaching exists in some quarters.

In a world constantly raising its educational standards, can believers be content with providing mediocre training for Christian leadership? In a world which increasingly desires to give its citizens the highest kind of stimulating teaching possible, can Christians offer to their youth second-rate learning opportunities?

Jesus, the Master Teacher, gave his disciples an educational responsibility. He said: "Go ye therefore, and *teach* all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: *teaching* them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The Great Commission of Jesus Christ thus begins and concludes with the command to teach.

The General Council, understanding present needs and opportunities, has designated the year 1964-65 for a special Higher Education Emphasis in all North American Baptist General Conference churches. It has adopted as a theme for this twelve-month period the phrase: "Our Mission in Higher Education." The theme Scripture for the year is: "Study to show thyself approved . . . and teach others also" (II Timothy 2:15, 2). This Scripture encourages Christian young people to make the most of every educational opportunity that comes their way. It reminds the rest of us that we are to share personally and cooperatively in the great ministry of teaching and training others in God's truth.

In this year of Higher Education Emphasis, let us covenant together as North American Baptists to engage in programs of special prayer, Bible study, Christian service recruitment, and financial support of denominational higher education efforts to show a willing acceptance of our God-given mission in higher education.

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Dr. Douglas A. Gallagher of Parma, Ohio brings the General Conference Banquet message on "Dedicated Discipleship" at Sacramento Calif. (Photo by Don Bohnet).

# DEDICATED DISCIPLESHIP

In this great venture with Christ, we need to follow him, fellowship with him, learn our guidebook and go forth to reach others for him.

The General Conference Banquet Message by  
Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher  
of Parma (Cleveland), Ohio

"HOW SAD," we say, "that a man could lose sight of his obligation to his country." But does not our reaction to the responsibility God has laid upon us as his children fall within the same category? We walk amid a labyrinth of voices which are constantly calling upon our time, our talents, our thoughts, our affections, our energies, and our physical resources. The call of daily occupation is constant; the call of the home is imperative; the call of pleasure is attractive; and the call of association is imposing. But there is another call—one which excels all others in importance. It is this call, "Follow me," saith the Lord. This is the call to a dedicated discipleship.

## YOUR VENTURE WITH CHRIST

But what is a disciple? He is a pupil, a learner, a follower. How many Christians act as if all responsibility ceased once they have accepted the Lord. But this is just the beginning of a great venture with Christ. Now there is that need of following him, fellowshiping with him, learning our guidebook, and going forth to reach others.

But discipleship prescribed is one thing; discipleship practiced is quite another. There is nothing wanting in the way of clear cut propositions prescribed, but there is much to be desired in the way of wholehearted application. Nor is there a dual standard. Too long have Christians sought to design their own course. This always meets with failure.

In Luke 14:25-35 the Lord Jesus faced a great crowd of people who apparently were deeply interested in him and in his message. Among them were scores, perhaps hundreds, who wistfully looked in his direction, half persuaded to cast their lot in with him and become disciples or followers.

But Jesus did not give them a forceful sales talk, as we might do today to break down their remaining resistance. He did not high pressure them in the least, in fact, he seems to have done just the opposite. He proceeded to douse them with cold water and urged them to count the cost of dedicated discipleship. Very forcefully he laid down the basic involvements for being a follower of his. But what were and are the involvements for discipleship?

## DISCIPLESHIP INVOLVES SEPARATION

In no uncertain terms the Lord laid down the bargain for discipleship. (Verses 25-27). First, it means a *separation*. "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple" This means a voluntary quitclaim to all that one may have held dear, with a wholehearted desire to be identified with Christ.

On another occasion the Lord spelled out this separation. He said to one man, "Follow me." To paraphrase, the man replied, "Lord, I will come, but I have many earthly ties to which I am very devoted. We have a fine, happy family circle, and I love them so dearly that I will follow thee when they are dead." How often we bargain with the Lord like that! "When it is more convenient, or when a particular situation is worked out, then . . ." This man didn't want to be separated from the family circle.

To another man the Lord gave the same command, "Follow me." He was attracted to Christ, and intended to go after him, but he showed his heart when he said, "Lord, I will follow thee, but . . ." Here is his reservation. "Let me first go bid them farewell

which are at home at my house." To go home and say "Goodbye" to loved ones seems like the reasonable and kind thing to do, but is that what it means? No! The whole custom of that day would involve a long delay, and a great deal of revelry and fun. This man just didn't want to be separated from his earthly amusements and pleasures. He did not want to cut off those ties with the world.

The Lord's response to the one man was, "I demand a separation and a detachment from every earthly entanglement that would prevent your walk with Me and hinder your being my dedicated disciple." To the second man Jesus said, "I expect you to abandon every earthly tie where that tie is in conflict with My will for your life."

With this the Savior concludes that "no man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). He is saying that everything in terms of harvest depends upon the man's response to ploughing, sowing, and reaping at the correct times. There can be no delays. The business demands haste.

So in this matter of discipleship, haste in obeying the requirements is a *must* and this first requirement is *separation*.

## THE SACRIFICE OF SELF

Second, there is a *sacrifice*. "Whosoever doth not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (v. 27). The only thing general about this statement is the salutation. Discipleship, like the salvation which makes it possible, is open to the "whosoever." Two things identify the *whosoever* who has become a follower of the Lord, namely, his denial and his direction. He is bearing his cross and following Christ.

To come after, to cast one's lot

with and to fellowship in service and suffering—these are the marks of a true disciple. To fellowship is to stand on common ground, to think similar thoughts, to have common interest, to be interested in like matters of importance. This is why there must be a denial of self. Christ was willing to quit the ivory palaces and put aside his royal wardrobe. He denied himself and became obedient unto death. Can we be otherwise minded?

This denial is not accomplished, however, by a moratorium or a Lenten letup of some cherished pleasure. It is rather a subjugation of self in the interest of others. Oh, how many there are who boast of victory over the subtle allurements of the world, over the deceptfulness of the evil one, and over the treacheries of the flesh nature but, while they boast of so-called separation, the application of the cross to the self-life has obviously been ignored. Paul could well testify, "I have been crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). Friends, dedicated discipleship necessitates a sacrifice—the sacrifice of self. This is followed by a departure for service.

Third, there is a *sufficiency*. Our sufficiency for these things is found in the One who came our way to be our Savior that we might go his way to be his disciple. But the point of it all is that his commandments are his enablings. So don't be occupied with your weakness but with him who said, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9).

## COUNT THE COST

Dedicated discipleship involves a building (Luke 14:28-30). Having given the requirements for discipleship, our Lord proceeds to amplify this with two illustrations: a short-sighted builder and a warring nation. There are three things that a builder must consider as he sits down to plan and build. The dedicated disciple must do likewise in the spiritual realm.

First, there is the *cost*. "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it" (v. 28). Here we have the importance of figuring, while in verse 29 there is the cost of failure. What Jesus is driving at in this parable is common sense in culturing a wise outlook. Building involves desire or need, intention, planning, promotion, and capital.

I am sure that many of you have been a part of a building program. Perhaps you've sat on the planning committee or on the building committee. We're in those planning stages right now ourselves. A number of weeks ago in one of our Building Committee meetings with the architect we all let loose and talked about great and wonderful plans. There was our big new sanctuary, more educa-

tional facilities, facilities for our growing youth work, more administrative offices, a big social hall, etc., etc. How good it all sounded! Then the architect brought us all back to earth with one simple question: "How much money do you want to spend on this next phase of building?" With this question we were brought back home.

No one is wise who does not figure the cost of construction and ascertain the source of capital. Thus in verse 29 we see the folly of poor vision and sad judgment—a building only partially complete. It is a spectacle which mocks the one responsible. It becomes a monument to foolishness.

Need we conjecture an application here? Jesus has been dealing with the matter of discipleship. How many has he sadly seen who, having put their hands on the plough, turned back. How many ministers have decided that they failed to count the cost and left the ministry. How many missionaries, after a short time on the field, have returned home disillusioned because they failed to count the cost of such discipleship. With John Mark the road was too long. With Demas it was too hard. With Ananias and Sapphira it was too much. Only the love of Jesus Christ can constrain regardless of the cost. Only his grace can sustain, however difficult the trials. What is needed is a superceding force—a love that excels maternal, paternal and filial affection. This is what makes discipleship possible and successful.

## ADEQUATE RESOURCES

Second, there is the *confidence*. An assurance that the resources are adequate to see the project to its successful conclusion makes for confidence. This is true in the building of a church. This is true in discipleship. But what resources do we have for this life? Friends, all the resources of the Triune God are ours! Are these sufficient? Yes!

There are the many promises of God the Father. For instance, there is I Corinthians 10:13 which states that "there hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it." There is the provision of God the Son. "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted" (Heb. 2:18).

There is the power of God, the Holy Spirit. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2). Look at these mighty resources, ponder them carefully, think on them prayerfully. These are present for dedicated discipleship.

Third, there is the *completion*. What rejoicing there is on the actual day of the dedication of the new building when hearts and voices are raised to sing forth the praises of him who hath wrought the victory. How much greater is the rejoicing both here and in

glory when one who is called obeys and follows the Lord in dedicated discipleship.

## READY FOR BATTLE

Dedicated discipleship involves a *Battle* (Verses 31-33). Discipleship is here likened to the general who is preparing to take his forces into battle.

First, there is the *consultation* (Verse 31). The general sits down to study his own resources and then the strength and weakness of the enemy. Need we be reminded that we do have a powerful enemy? No one knows how many forces are militating against the dedicated disciple of Jesus Christ. These forces are as subtle as the sound of a cricket and as elusive as an hart on a woodland terrace. They can strike with the sting of an adder.

The first of these is Satan. He, the arch-enemy of the soul, is a treacherous trickster. He would block the course that leads the sinner to the Savior. He seeks to blind the eyes of the disciple, to baffle his mind, and to blight his testimony. Friend, if you would be a wise follower of the Lord, you must know and recognize the personality, the reality, and the might of the Evil One.

Another of these enemies is the flesh nature. Don't underestimate the treachery of the old nature. Then there are the subtle allurements of the world which militate against dedication to him.

To underestimate the might of Satan, the treachery of the flesh nature, or the subtle allurements of the world is to expose ourselves to the greatest peril possible. To be an effective disciple of Jesus Christ we, like the wise general, must know our enemy.

Then, there is the possibility of *compromise* (Verse 32). This may be true of the general who sets forth into battle, but this is not to be found with the follower of Jesus Christ. An armistice is impossible and a compromise is unthinkable. The foe, though intensely aggressive, has been thoroughly defeated at Calvary. Faith, laying hold on the Word of God, must accept Satan's defeat. The writer to the Hebrews says that "forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same that through death he might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil" (2:24).

Faith must also accept the world's condemnation. The world is under the judgment of God, and it now awaits its execution day. Faith also accepts the death of the flesh. Paul said, "I have been crucified with Christ" (Gal. 2:20). Consequently, in recognizing all that the enemy is, we see all that the enemy is not—all because of Calvary.

Finally, there is the *conclusion* (Verses 33-35). For the third time in these important verses the Lord tells that it is impossible to be his disciple

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# Seminary Training for Excellence

Convictions concerning the high and holy calling of the Christian ministry have determined the program of training at the North American Baptist Seminary.

By Professor Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**E**XCELLENCE is found in a legion of forms. The individual task and the system of values attached to each determine the boundaries of what is accepted as excellent. We have one standard for the ditch digger and another for the surgeon.

Because the mission confronting the Christian worker is of the greatest importance, there is necessarily a very high standard required of him. As an ambassador of the Most High God, he must minister to all peoples on a level of excellence in keeping with his commission.

## GOD-HONORED INSTRUMENT

The Apostle Paul is aware of this as he sketches out the role of the Christian minister with bold sweeping strokes in his first letter to Timothy. In his admonition to the young pastor he advises, "Devote your attention to public reading of the scriptures, to exhortation, and to teaching. Do not neglect the spiritual endowment you possess. . . . Make these matters your business and your absorbing interest. . . . Persevere in them. . . ." (I Timothy 4:13-15, New English Bible)

The Seminary is one of the God-honored instruments employed to help Christian workmen reach an acceptable standard of excellence. Although the process of achieving excellence is a lifelong process, seminary training is one of the most crucial ingredients. It is during these years that the future pastor and missionary develop needed skills and redefine values which will serve as guiding principles through life.

The North American Baptist Seminary takes the approach that the definition of excellence for the Christian worker applies equally well to the Seminary. The standards of the Christian worker and the Seminary are cast in the same mold. The pastor, missionary, and youth worker find it difficult to reach beyond the stature of the Seminary. For this reason the Seminary cannot relax its drive for continued excellence until the limits of its potential have been exhausted.

## CONCEPT OF EXCELLENCE

The educational purposes and program of our Seminary must be viewed in this light. Our convictions concerning the high and holy calling of the Christian ministry serve as the best interpreter of our program.

This concept of excellence was the moving force in selecting the Seminary faculty. Of the eight faculty members involved in teaching, four have doctorates and three recently completed

residential work leading to the doctor's degree. Above all, each faculty member has a sense of divine commission and a spirit of dedication to his task which he considers a sacred trust. The element of concreteness is introduced into the theoretical framework of the teaching program as a result of the wide experience the faculty members have had in the practical field of Christian service.

The high concept of the ministry makes its impact upon the Seminary student body. Operating as a graduate school, the Seminary accepts only those students who have graduated from college or university. This same standard of excellence has led the Seminary to adopt the principle recommended by the American Association of Theological Schools in accepting no more than approximately fifteen percent of the student body from non-accredited schools. The Seminary urges all prospective seminary students to secure the best preparation possible by attending fully accredited liberal arts colleges or universities prior to coming to the Seminary.

## PROGRAM OF TRAINING

The Seminary offers two basic programs of training to those students who have caught the vision of excellence. The Bachelor of Divinity degree is offered the students who are preparing for the pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, evangelism, or foreign missions. This program is based upon a three-year training program with a wide selection of fields of concentration suited to the needs of the individual.

The Master of Religious Education program of study is offered to young people who are planning to serve as directors of Christian education or age group specialists. The two-year study program combines the classroom lecture and discussion with observation and participation in local church programs.

Certain kinds of excellence involve

## HIGHER EDUCATION SUNDAY

Sunday, Oct. 25, has been designated as *Higher Education Sunday* in NAB churches. Suggestions for programs and services are being sent to the pastors by Rev. David J. Draewell. Literature about the Seminary and Christian Training Institute can be secured from the institutions. Pray for our schools, the faculties and the students. Pray that the pressing educational needs might be supplied and that God's Name might be glorified.

performing of a task while other kinds involve being a certain type of an individual. In some roles people can be accepted in one area or the other, but this is not true for the Christian worker. He must excel not only in doing but in being. For this reason emphasis is placed on the spiritual ministry to the students through chapel services, prayer meetings, personal contacts and retreats.

## BENDER FELLOWSHIP

The Bender Fellowship endeavors to foster a deepening concern for missionary outreach. Evidence of the world-wide concept of the Christian commission is seen in the fact that four members of last year's graduating class are now on the missionary field. Five students in the present student body also have expressed desire to enter missionary service.

The Seminary Guild ministers to the wives of the faculty and students by providing opportunity for study and Christian fellowship.

## SEMINARY LIBRARY

The rapidly expanding Seminary library places at the command of the faculty and students the necessary tools for study and research in keeping with the highest standards of excellence. In just ten years the library book holdings have leaped from 5,047 to 20,000 volumes. The immediate goal is 30,000 selected volumes with a longer range objective of at least 40,000. What is even more significant than book holdings is the use of the books by faculty and students. The number of books checked out per year has expanded from 4,103 volumes to 10,255 in the past five years.

Reaching for spiritual maturity and academic competency are not viewed as ends in themselves. We are not reaching for excellence merely for the sake of conquest. Excellence, as we conceive it, is related to a life objective, a significant goal. Because of this conviction the Seminary relates the academic discipline of theory and research with experience in preaching, teaching, and in work with various age groups. Classroom encounter is reinforced and interpreted by what the student discovers for himself in actual life situations as he moves among the churches and youth groups.

The ultimate fruits of training for excellence can be seen only with the elevated perspective of eternity. The assurance has been given us, however, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6).

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# An Alumni Association Is Organized

Report of the objectives, proposed program, and first session of the Alumni Association of NAB pastors, who have attended our Seminary.

By Rev. Wesley A. Gerber, Secretary of Alumni Association

**T**HE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION of North American Baptist pastors who had attended our own seminary, seminary professors both past and present, and members of the Board of Trustees, past and present, was born at Sacramento, California last July 17 during the sessions of the 34th General Conference.

At the breakfast meeting where it was inaugurated, it was felt that there was a further need for Christian fellowship, as well as an organization of pastors, professors and trustees who have been directly associated with our seminary. The purpose and intent of this fellowship was not merely to duplicate the existing Ministers' Fellowship, but to have an Alumni Association, as most seminaries and universities of today have.

## THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution of this new born Association states the purpose in this way: *Section 2 (under Purpose):* "The purpose of this Association is to promote the interests of the North American Baptist Seminary and to establish mutually beneficial relations between the Seminary and its Alumni. These interests center primarily on: (1) the development of Christian fellowship, (2) the promotion of the interests of the alumni in their Christian profession, (3) the broadening of the influence of the Seminary in the North American Baptist General Conference and the larger enterprise of the Kingdom of God, (4) the promotion of the school in its program of advance and recruitment, (5) and the promotion of financial projects to be subject to the approval of the seminary Board of Trustees and the denominational Finance Committee."

The purpose then, as we have stated, will increase the fellowship, unite us in objectives, and increase loyalty to our denomination and its program.

The membership of this Association will be made of those holding a degree from the North American Baptist Seminary or any former student who was regularly enrolled in the seminary as a member in full standing. Membership will also be given to faculty members and trustees of the seminary board. The constitution says: "All current and former members of the faculty and the Board of Trustees in full standing may be members of the Alumni Association."

## NEW OFFICERS

Officers of the Alumni Association were elected at the first meeting which was held in the Senator Hotel

## LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, Oct. 18, has been designated as *Laymen's Sunday* to be observed in NAB churches. Mr. Stanley C. Johnson, the new president of "Baptist Men," is writing to all pastors and lay leaders with suggestions about the observance of this day, recognizing the place of laymen in the work and witness of the Christian Church.

at Sacramento. With approximately 150 alumni present, the following were elected by the Association upon the recommendation of the nominating committee: President, Rev. J. G. Benke, pastor of Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.; Vice President, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the Faith Baptist in Regina, Sask.; Secretary, Rev. Wesley A. Gerber, the new Church Extension pastor of Enid, Oklahoma; Treasurer, Rev. George Breittkreuz, pastor of the First Baptist in Elgin, Iowa; and the Seminary Representative, Prof. Roy Seibel, director of Public Relations, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

The officers of the Association are elected annually by mail during the month of September, and will assume their offices on the 15th of October. They serve for a two-year term, with the president and treasurer elected in the same year and the vice-president and secretary in the alternate year.

During the conference days in Sac-

ramento, the officers of the Alumni Association met with Rev. Frank Veninga, president of the Seminary, and with Rev. H. J. Wilcke, chairman of the Board of Trustees, to set up a program for this first year. The program will be in the form of a project, which will be the printing of a directory of all pastors, professors and trustees who have either attended or served in some capacity as professor or trustee. The directory will contain such data as the class of which each student was a member, their present address and a marking of some nature, such as an asterisk, to indicate the deceased.

## A PROPOSED DIRECTORY

A good many years ago a directory of this nature was printed with much of the information that we will need for such a booklet. Should any of the pastors have access to such a booklet, the secretary of the Alumni Association would appreciate all the material that is available for the printing of a new up-to-date directory.

The financing of such a project will be the concern of the chairman of the Trustee Board, Rev. H. J. Wilcke. Any one wishing to contribute to such a project as this may notify the chairman. Those making up this committee felt such a project would stimulate interest among all of our pastors. Often such information is difficult to find, and here would be one answer to the need of a good directory!



SEMINARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Left to right: Rev. J. G. Benke, Buffalo, N. Y., president; Rev. George Breittkreuz, Elgin, Iowa, treasurer; Rev. Wesley A. Gerber, Enid, Okla., secretary; and Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Regina, Sask., vice-president.

October 8, 1964

# New Faculty Members at C.T.I.

President A. S. Felberg of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, presents three new faculty members: Miss Elsa S. Eichstadt, Mr. Edward Klatt and Rev. Willy R. Muller

**T**HREE NEW TEACHERS have joined the faculty of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta this fall. The Sciences division of the Academic Department is strengthened by Mr. Edward Klatt; the language department in both the Theological and High School Departments by Miss Elsa S. Eichstadt; and the Practical Theology Division by Prof. W. R. Muller.

Introducing them in turn, we shall let each one tell his or her own story.

## MISS ELSA SIGRID EICHSTADT

I was born and spent my childhood days in Central Europe under a varied and rugged influence of a war-torn world. The year 1952 marked the beginning of a new phase in my life. My family, along with thousands of others, left devastated Germany to begin a new and, hopefully, a better life in the United States.

I had completed my grammar school education prior to our departure to America, and upon arrival in U. S. A. entered High School. After graduation I found employment as a secretary in a Chicago business firm. In 1960 I entered Northern Baptist Theological College, now Judson College, to prepare myself for specialized Christian service. In 1964 I received my B.A. degree with a major in Christian Education.

I was raised in a Baptist home and became a follower of Jesus in my early teens. My decision to enter training in the field of Christian Education did not come until much later.

My student days, in which I received guidance and help from my professors, are gone, and now I have stepped into

the field of teaching and service here at the Christian Training Institute as Dean of Women. It is my prayer that I might be able to guide young people, not only academically but spiritually, that they might find meaning and purpose for their life by being introduced to the Master of life. That is my purpose!

## PROF. EDWARD KLATT

I was born and raised at Minitonas, Manitoba. I received my education in High School at Minitonas Collegiate



MISS ELSA EICHSTADT

a new member of the teaching staff and Dean of Women at the Christian Training Institute.

Institute, at the University of Manitoba with a B.Sc. degree in 1961 (majors in Chemistry, Mathematics, Microbiology), with a certificate in Education in 1962, and with a B.Ed. degree in 1963.

My teaching experience has been at Dauphin Collegiate and Technical Institute, Dauphin, Manitoba, where I taught Chemistry (1962-1963), the Swan River Collegiate Institute, Swan River, Manitoba, where I taught Mathematics (1963-1964).

I committed my heart and life to Christ, was baptized, and joined the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba as a young boy. I have been active in children's work and youth work ever since. During my college years, I have attended the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Here I enjoyed the fellowship of the English CBYF, and served as a Group Director for one year. The



MR. EDWARD KLATT

a new member of the teaching staff in the Sciences Division of the Academic Department at the C.T.I.

fellowship with the young people contributed much to the maturing of my Christian faith. My Lord became more real to me and I began to realize the greatness and majesty of our God—that he is interested in me, a finite being. Those were wonderful days.

More recently, I have been active in the CBYF of the First Baptist Church in Minitonas, serving as president. I also enjoyed giving the Bible lesson to the Junior Church. I have also participated in the work of Inter-varsity and Inter-school Christian Fellowship.

It has now become my task to assist young people in the study of introductory sciences. Christian young people should not fear science, but should see it as an avenue opening up to an understanding of God's omniscience. To this I dedicate my task at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton.

## PROF. WILLY R. MULLER

The rain had been coming down for several days and it seemed almost impossible that the doctor should be able to make the trip of over six miles on roads that were bare of gravel. However, unless the doctor could attend the delivery, the possibility existed that both mother and child would die in childbirth. With faith in God and deliberateness of soul, the father knelt on the sodden ground and lifted his heavy heart to the Lord and said: "If you spare my wife in this hour of need, the child, that shall be born, will be wholly yours."

The prayer was heard, for while the father was still praying the doctor arrived. By the grace of God both son and mother lived. Thus began the life of Willy R. Muller and, while he was not told of these circumstances until

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# Our Ministry to Campus Students

"The college campus today represents one of the most strategic frontiers of Evangelism and one of the most neglected mission fields on the globe."

By Rev. John Binder, Director of Youth Work

**"T**HIS IS THE YEAR! It's the year we've talked about and dreaded for almost 10 years—the real start of the college boom. The war babies are here, and they are hungry for college in unprecedented numbers . . ." With these words, Miss Terry Ferrer, Education Editor of the *New York Herald Tribune*, introduced a series of six articles on "The College Panic."

The tremendous increase of college enrollment ought also to speak loudly to us as North American Baptists. Here is a great mission field to which Christ is calling us! Dr. Paul Little has said, "The campus today represents one of the most strategic frontiers of evangelism and one of the most neglected mission fields on the globe."

## THE COLLEGE BOOM

In June of this year some two and one-third million students received their high school diplomas. Half of them are headed for college, making a twenty per cent increase in college freshmen this fall. The U. S. Office of Education predicts that college enrollment, which is now at four and one-half million, will reach eight million by 1973. A nation-wide survey of more than sixty member institutions of the Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges revealed a 32 per cent increase in applications over last year—four times the increase of the year before.

While the highly selective colleges have felt the heaviest admissions pressures in the past, the squeeze has now begun on the public institutions. By 1985 it is predicted that almost 80 per cent of the students will be enrolled in public colleges and universities. The ratio in 1950 was about fifty-fifty. In Canada, during the next seven years, the experts say the number of college students will double.

Our greatest concern is not so much how many students will be going to colleges and universities, but what happens to them while they are there. We take note with pleasure that educational standards are being raised and methods of teaching and equipment are constantly being improved. But we are shocked by the morals revolution that is reported in such articles as: "The Morals Revolution on the U. S. Campus" (Newsweek, April 1964). This article states that "while the revolution has not yet reached some parts of the intellectual hinterland, many of the nation's oldest, largest and most prominent universities are caught up in a painful struggle

over sexual morality. The conflict pits deans against students, parents against children, and boys and girls against their own consciences. The soul-searching was pointedly exposed recently at Yale. In New Haven, the social revolution has evolved a special symbol (a necktie may be hung on the doorknob whenever a girl is in a student's room)."

## NEGLECT OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

Another article, "Is God Leaving the Campus?", reported in the *Chicago Daily News*, March 7, 1964, says that, "You might sum it up this way: millions of college students are being neglected by their churches during the critical years when they are most in need of spiritual guidance. This is one of the reasons why so many end up 'negoists'—without any genuine belief in God or the moral values which sustain human society. They lack the guidance necessary to counteract a basically secular atmosphere. Only a small per cent abandon their Christian faith entirely. It is not the total loss of faith which is alarming Christian leaders. It is the weakening of conviction, the watering down of devotion, which is taking place among far larger numbers of students."

What about our North American Baptist churches? Are we neglecting our students? According to our "Student Census" of 1963 we had approximately 1,500 N. A. B. students involved in higher education. This is a very large and high potential congregation. Are they without a pastor?

Our denominational Committee of Higher Education recently completed a rather thorough study and survey to determine our major thrust in a ministry to college students. After considering four alternate possibilities, a recommendation was made to our General Council that we begin a systematic ministry to these students by appointing a full-time Director of Campus Student Work. In addition, campus chaplains were to be appointed from among our pastors in college towns. The recommendation for the appointment of a Director of Campus Student Work was turned down, at least for the present. The Director of Youth Work was instructed to work out a plan with the Committee on Youth Work of the Department of Christian Education.

## CONCERN FOR OUR STUDENTS

By this action, the Council was really saying that the major responsibility for our ministry to and with students is to be left with our church-

es and pastors, especially in areas of student concentration like South Dakota, Alberta, California, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, and Oregon (top ten).

Therefore, the Director of Youth Work with the Committee on Youth Work, when they meet this fall, will develop a plan and make suggestions to our churches how together we might best minister to our college students.

Thus far we know of only one group, the "N. A. B. Twin Cities' Student Committee" of Minneapolis—St. Paul, Minnesota, that is organized and seeking to carry on a meaningful spiritual ministry to students in that area. Other attempts are being made by individual pastors and churches, but we need to join ranks in reaching these students for Christ, helping them to mature in him, and challenging them for Christian service.

Pray for your students and express your interest and concern by developing a meaningful ministry to and with students in your area.

## DEDICATED DISCIPLESHIP

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unless one carefully counts the cost and then is ready to pay the price. As salt is no good as a preservative influence if it has lost its savor, so likewise the one who would follow Jesus but is not willing to count the cost.

God grant that all of us might gladly say, "Lord Jesus, I will follow thee NOW." In spite of every entanglement of earth and human relationship in life, may we be able to say, "Lord, I am not waiting for next year, or next week, but right now I am going to follow thee wherever thou dost lead."

So the choice is for you and me today. It is said that years ago a great artist was spending a few days with some friends, and while there a little girl of the family received a silk fan as a birthday present. When she showed it to the artist, he said to her, "If you will let me keep this for a while, I'll paint you a picture on it."

But she snatched it away, saying, "You can't spoil my beautiful fan." But had she left it in his hands, he would have given it back with greatly increased value. So Jesus comes asking for your life and mine. Have you given that life to him? Give it right now and you will find that he will give it back transformed by the grace of God. What will your choice be in the light of the facts as we have seen them in God's Word?



REV. WILLY R. MULLER

a new faculty member at the Christian Training Institute in the Practical Theology Division.

# "Higher Education" Opportunities in Japan

A provocative study by Mr. Hisashi Murakami of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Japanese student at the North American Baptist Seminary

IT IS SIGNIFICANT to recognize the fact that we have as one of the characteristics of Japanese churches so many young people compared with adults. Obviously this indicates to us that the door for witnessing to the college and university students is wide open, and that they are making a response more rapidly and easily than the adults to the challenge of the Gospel with personal involvement beyond the customary boundary of an objective detachment.

## CONFUSED STUDENTS

The college and university students are eager to learn of new ideas and thoughts in their attempt to discover themselves and to find answers to the problems which confront them as youth. Reflecting on this, I shall never forget the days on the campus when

selfes, there is one thing that remains to be true in all of the cases. They have certainly found the answers and solutions positively or negatively, but, I believe, they are not satisfied with them leaving a shadow of frustration, doubt, and the frailty of human knowledge and motivating power. Consciously or, in most of the cases, unconsciously they have looked for and not discovered the One, upon whom their existence depends, in whom the meaning of their life and existence is to be found, and through and by whom they can find the answer to the most basic need and problem of human life.

## CONFRONTED WITH THE GOSPEL

Then how can they find the One whom they are unconsciously looking for? Almost all of the college and

for witnessing to the college and university students who, we must remember, bear the destiny of the nation on their shoulders. It is open in the sense that they are willing to listen to us if they find something unique both in our life and conviction. It is open in the sense that they are waiting for our Christian answer to their need and problems. Since they are comparatively freed from the power and pressure of community based upon the traditional practices and religious ideas, they find themselves free to make their own decision as to the course of their life. It is encouraging to notice that those who are rightly confronted with the Gospel are making their honest response to it.

## OSAKA BIBLICAL SEMINARY

In the attempt to find an answer to the question, "How can they discover the One whom they are unconsciously looking for?" I am led to think of the potential of Osaka Biblical Seminary as one of the vital answers. As it stands in my mind, this is one of the greatest achievements we have accomplished in our missionary enterprise in Japan. In the context of the contemporary Japanese culture, any missionary enterprise is destined to fail without any development of the capable leadership among Japanese. Our denominational outreach in Japan is, I am sure, with the purpose of helping them so that they can help themselves.

Needless to say, one of the most effective ways to achieve this goal is to develop Osaka Biblical Seminary where we can train those who will take the leadership in pastoring flocks of Christians as well as in building the Kingdom of God in the hearts of many. It is not too much to say that much of the success of our missionary enterprise will depend upon the development of the school in terms of its spiritual and scholastic quality and a kind of men the school produces. The Seminary must be supported and developed in order to make Japanese churches indigenous in a real sense of the word. Furthermore, we must devote ourselves to the building of the Seminary if we are to make any impact not only upon Japan but upon the rest of Asia, for they are called to take this grave responsibility to make him known to the people of Asia.

Thus, the emphasis on "Higher Education" offers opportunities in Japan for witnessing to the college and university students, for reflecting the potential of Osaka Biblical Seminary, and for helping us to realize that we are a part of this great missionary enterprise in our personal involvement with prayer and support.



OSAKA BIBLICAL SEMINARY IN JAPAN

Students and faculty of the Osaka Biblical Seminary at the farewell for the school's graduates in March 1964. Miss Yokota, Baptist graduate, is in the light suit in front row.

we were vigorously idealistic, yet sincere in our attempt to respond to the need and problems which confronted us, whether they be social, political, economic, or moral.

Unfortunately a number of them have found an answer in the dialectical materialism (Communism). Some have become indifferent, being discouraged and confused by the complexities of the problems and the feebleness of their inner power to carry out their solutions in a concrete situation. Some have come to the point where they see no meaning whatsoever in life. Some have denied their life because they are unable to face reality in which they find themselves.

Whatever the answers they have given in their effort to discover them-

university students are exposed at one time or another to the teaching of the dialectical materialism, while a few are rightly exposed to the teachings and life of the Word, and the rest somehow have prejudiced ideas toward religion which have closed their eyes and ears to the Gospel. We must realize, however, that they are not necessarily responsible for not knowing the answer Christ has given to every man unless they being told by us. The problem, it seems to me, is not so much whether or not they have honestly searched the Truth as whether they are rightly confronted with the Gospel because of the communication made by those who claim that they have the Truth.

Let me affirm in this connection that the door is wide open in Japan

# The Educational Tidal Wave in Cameroon

The education of the Cameroon Baptists for Africa's future leadership is our sole responsibility as North American Baptists. These thousands of young people look to us for this training. The challenge is now ours to expand this educational program.

By Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, Missionary and Former Field Secretary of the Cameroon Baptist Mission

IN 1958, the United Nations Yearbook on West Cameroon, Africa stated that apathy was still the greatest problem in education in the Cameroon. Only six years later in 1964 it is a near understatement to say that demand for education is now the greatest problem in West Cameroon. Nationalism and independence have changed the attitude of the Cameroonian toward education.

Government leaders bend every possible effort toward expansion of the education system in order to meet this demand because they realize that without educated leadership, their small nation cannot survive in an Africa bent on international recognition and greatness. About one-third of their total revenue is spent on education in order to meet these needs.

## EDUCATIONAL EXPANSION

In 1958, there were only two high schools in West Cameroon. Today, there are eleven. There were four teacher training colleges. Today, there are ten. Expansion has come so fast that the missions who have had the responsibility for this task under government assistance have had to accept volunteers from various governmental volunteer programs such as Peace Corps.

Though accepting volunteers such as these has relieved some of the pressure for expansion and provided more places for students, it has not been without its adverse consequences. A dilution of the corporate Christian witness of the staffs of our various institutions has taken place. Some volunteers have been fine Christians and remained true to Christ while serving in Cameroon. Others were not Christians and did not pretend to be. Many were nominal Christians who seldom, if ever, demonstrated their Christian experience to the Cameroonians. A few behaved in such ways as to definitely detract from the witness of the school.

In some cases we have more volunteers on our staffs than we do missionaries.

North American Baptists operate such institutions with the intent that they should be "Christ Centered Schools." Why then do we allow non-Christian influences on the staff in such proportions? The demands for trained leadership in order effectively to operate this newly independent state are such that we cannot refuse to expand. To refuse to expand would bring us to a comparative standstill

in our Christian witness and may even jeopardize that which we have already gained.

## AN EDUCATED LEADERSHIP

The nationalistic spirit of Cameroon seeks education and pervades all areas of Cameroonian society. Baptist Christians demand places in institutions where they can receive further education. They will go to any school regardless of outlook or faith in order to get the education they desire. They feel that their faith is strong enough to stand against the attacks of materialism, atheism, agnosticism, etc.

We know, however, that it is essential for a Christian to have fellowship with God through the Spirit, through other Christians, and through the study of his Word. Institutional study in Cameroon is primarily a Boarding School arrangement in which the student is cut off from virtually all outside influence. If we do not provide a means whereby Baptist Christians can be educated, they will seek education elsewhere and we shall have very little opportunity, if any whatsoever, to minister to their needs.

Baptist churches in Cameroon are flourishing but weak. They need educated leadership to enable them to

stand alone, to endure the attacks that will come from the forces that prepare now to capture the soul of Africa. These are Communism, Catholicism, Islam, materialism.

No other agency functioning in West Cameroon is capable of or interested in preparing young people to serve as the future leaders of Cameroon Baptists. North American Baptists and its mission to Cameroon has the sole responsibility, the necessary obligation, of assisting Cameroonian Baptists in establishing a permanent means whereby Baptist Christians may be educated.

## THE CHALLENGE IS OURS

To fail in this obligation is to leave Cameroonian Baptists without a birthright and to leave uncompleted a task which was implicitly accepted upon initiation of our work in Cameroon. They are still in their "teens" and need our definite guidance and assistance.

What does this mean to North American Baptists? It means that we must recruit and appoint new missionaries or short term Baptist Volunteers beyond our present level of commitment. It means that we must

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RUBY SALZMAN AND RUBY FOMUNYAM

Missionary Ruby Salzman with her namesake Ruby Fomunyan looks over the fruit of a mango tree in Victoria, Cameroon.

# European Baptist Conference in Amsterdam

Nearly 5000 Baptists of 22 countries in Europe met in Amsterdam, Holland for the 5th European Baptist Conference and for the dedication services of the historic John Smyth Memorial Baptist Church.

Nearly 5,000 Baptists from 22 countries in Europe met in Amsterdam, Holland, August 12-16, for the fifth European Baptist Conference. This series of conferences began early in this century. The previous meeting was in Berlin, Germany in 1958. There were 1,000 Baptists from East Germany at the meeting six years ago, but this year the authorities did not permit any of them to leave. East Germany, Rumania, and Bulgaria were represented only by citizens living outside the countries. West German and British Baptists had the largest delegations, except for Holland.

## DOORSTEP MISSION FIELD

The Conference marked a growing concern for the Gospel to become a factor in the social life.

Eric Ruden of Sweden, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation, called the delegates to see Europe as "the mission field at our doorsteps."

Gordon Lahrson of Zurich, Switzerland, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies' representative to Europe, spoke of "broadcasting religion by television and radio to help break the dividing barriers of religion, nation, and class."

The Rev. P. A. Agler of Sweden called on the Baptists to "minister to our time"—that is, to minister to urbanized society, to people whose lives have been lengthened by science and to a secularized society.

The Rev. Michael Zhidkov of Moscow, Russia told them that God is concerned "in the relation of man to man." He asked: "How can we love our enemies without betraying our friends?"

The young people in an evening program dramatized the sickness of modern society and called for a realistic, up-to-date way of witnessing to it.

## FOUR RESOLUTIONS

In a set of four messages or resolutions, accepted without vote, the delegates:

1. Favored a strengthened European Baptist Federation and Baptist World Alliance to give a united Baptist witness in Europe;

2. Urged Baptists to approach fellow believers of other denominations in a spirit of love, to seek fellowship and cooperation in Christian work;

3. Urged governments of all nations to seek peace and social justice, and

4. In view of the "estrangement from the Gospel of many in Europe," called on Baptists to dedicate themselves to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they witness to the people about them and meet needs of people in other lands.



**DR. JOSEF NORDENHAUG**  
general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and guest speaker at the European Baptist Conference. (Photo taken at the 33rd General Conference in Minneapolis, Minn.)

Baungaard Thomsen of Denmark, president of the European Baptist Federation for the past two years, presided at most sessions. The vice-president, J. Broertjes of the Netherlands, was elected president for the next two years, and Michael Zhidkov, one of the pastors of the Moscow Baptist Church, USSR, was elected vice-president.

## STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM

Several outstanding Baptist leaders spoke to the four-day meeting. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, told the delegates that Baptists need to adopt Christian love as "a revolutionary way of life." He said that "faith is personal, but that does not mean it is private."

Martin Luther King, Jr., who flew from America for the week-end, touched the deepest feelings of the delegates as he appealed—in two addresses—for Christian congregations to mobilize for group witness to make an impact on the world. Dr. King's message was telecast live throughout the Netherlands and was recorded for later telecast in Germany, Denmark and Sweden.

Speaking on "Revolution and Redemption," he called attention to the part Christianity has had in preparing the way for revolution by its preaching that there is ground for hope, that

all men are brothers, that evil can be overcome and that abundant life is possible.

"In the struggle for freedom in the Southern part of the United States," Dr. King declared, "we Negroes say this revolution begins where men and women realize that they are children of God."

## CHURCH DEDICATION

Baptists from all Europe and some other continents participated in dedication services for the John Smyth Memorial Baptist Church in Amsterdam. The church, erected with contributions from Baptists around the world, serves as a memorial to John Smyth who organized the first Baptist church of modern times at Amsterdam in 1609.

Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., past president of the Baptist World Alliance, in the dedication sermon told Amsterdam Baptists that they hold in trust for all Baptists the historic locale of the beginnings of Baptist work. He said that before going to the new church for the dedication service, he went to "English Pilgrim Street," in Rembrandt Square, where John Smyth and some of his followers had lived as refugees from England.

Rev. M. G. Boeschoten, pastor of the church, presided at the dedication. The address of welcome, "The Baptist Movement—350 Years," was given by the Rev. F. E. Huizinga, chairman, executive committee, Dutch Baptist Union. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. Michael Zhidkov, Moscow, U. S. S. R.

Rev. Dr. Gordon Lahrson, in a greeting to the congregation, pointed out that this was a project in which the various Baptist conventions and conferences had cooperated. He said that this church is a "reminder that Baptists have roots in Holland, grown from seed not planted by us."

## EDUCATIONAL TIDAL WAVE

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find the means here at home to expand our work in the Cameroons in keeping with the national trends of expansion, hoping that by so doing we shall have adequately trained and dedicated Cameroonians in a few years to relieve us of our obligation.

The challenge is ours! The responsibility is ours! God's Word indicates that a child will grow up in accordance with the instruction that is given. We cannot expect Cameroonian Baptists to become something that we do not prepare them to be.

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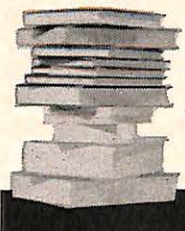
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# BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

**MESSAGES ON STEWARDSHIP** by K. Owen White, Herschel H. Hobbs, J. Ralph Grant and Others. Baker Book House—1963—141 pages—\$2.95.

The authors are all outstanding Southern Baptist leaders in influential churches, seminaries and convention administration. It is refreshing to note that not all of the sermons are concerned about money. The two entitled, "The Larger Stewardship" and "The Stewardship of Compassion," include other areas of life responsibilities. Southern Baptist preaching is noted for its use of illustrative material and these stewardship messages are no exception.

**DRASTIC DISCIPLESHIP** by Raymond W. McLaughlin and others. Baker Book House—1963—116 pages—\$2.95.

These ten sermons are prizewinners in the National Association of Evangelicals Expository Preaching Contest. The reader may expect them to be exceptionally outstanding and perhaps end up a little disappointed. The sermons are good, but the average pastor does not have the same standards of measuring them as the judges who chose them.

**STORIES YOU CAN TELL** by Ruth W. Russel. The Judson Press—1964—159 pages—\$3.00.

"Tell me a story" is a request heard from children in homes all over the world. The Sunday school teacher who cannot tell a story in a fascinating and interesting way will fail to attract the children's attention. The stories which Jesus told made truth come alive. The variety of stories in this volume will help the teacher, the pastor and parent to hold the attention of children and inspire and guide them in their Christian growth.

**POINTERS FOR PARENTS** by Martin P. Simons, Ed. D. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—183 pages—\$2.95.

The complete title of the book should probably be "Points, Parables, Stories, Sermonettes and a Few Spiritualized Aesop's Fables." Some of the illustrations need a little belaboring to force the moral, but on the whole the book has a good wholesome variety of stories for all age groups.

**IF YOU ASK ME** by Mary Hope. Zondervan Publishing House—1963—152 pages—\$2.50.

Mrs. Marguerite Yaconelli, who writes under the literary name of Mary Hope, is an active member, together with her husband and son, of the Magnolia Baptist Church in Anaheim, California. Because of her former deeply rooted spiritual problem and her ever-present battle with poor physical health the author, from personal experience is able to help others.

This is not another "Dear Abby" series of questions and answers. Miss Hope knows her Bible and applies Scripture in a spiritual and practical way which gives strength and assurance to the troubled souls who seek her help and advice. The volume is based on a newspaper column the author writes for the *Tustin News* entitled, "The Bible Speaks."

Perhaps the book would be even more meaningful if Miss Hope could give some indication of the percentage of people who are actually helped through this ministry and include some testimonials of actual experiences.

**BEHIND THE WALL** by Robert E. A. Lee. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—1964—169 pages—\$3.50.

The author of *Question 7* has given us another exciting novel based on the political and religious tensions created by the Berlin Wall. The book does not end as ideally as some young lovers would like but it is nevertheless more realistic in portraying both freedom and heartbreak. Our own Christian faith should be examined in the light of the convictions of the characters involved in this story.

**THE RADIANT CROSS** by Herbert Hirschfeld. The William Frederick Press—1963—176 pages—\$3.00 (paper).

The novel has a little flavor of Tolstoy's *WAR AND PEACE*. Life and death, love and hate, peace and freedom, patriotism and treason are all part of a fast moving story which can be appreciated particularly by those who have fled from behind the Iron Curtain but still have a warm feeling of homesickness for their beloved Ukraine. Interwoven is the tender, though tragic, love of Ludwig and Olga.

Impractical pacifism and the stark reality of war troubled Ludwig as a

pastor and as a soldier and even to the end he had difficulty in his rationalization.

"The salvos of the machine-guns and rifles were like fiery fingers reaching out to get the Reds—and they got them.

"Ludwig's gun was able to spit out three thousand bullets per minute. . . His machine gun. . . sang a song, the song of freedom." Sentences like these put the Radiant Cross in the shadow of the Radiant Gun.

The book is well written. In the author's descriptions the words and phrases at times seem to have a poetic resonance.

**FOCUS ON PROPHECY**, edited by Charles L. Feinberg. Fleming H. Revell Company—1964—254 pages—\$3.95.

Every crisis in history has brought on a renewed interest in prophecy among many Christians. There is presently a great deal of excitement and anticipation because of the advances made in space travel and thermonuclear development. Christians, however, express their feelings and convictions in a compassionate concern for the lost and dispossessed. This, in essence, is the main theme of the book.

The contents do not reveal anything dramatically new, which those who have a keen interest in prophecy often anticipate. The same books, the same prophets, the same chapters and verses are emphasized which are usually found in most works dealing with prophecy. Nevertheless, the biblical material, relevant to the subject, is clearly interpreted in order to understand better the second coming as it is related to the Jews, the nations and the church of Jesus Christ.

There are a few interpretations which are extremely rigid and may lead to confusion if taken too literally. Referring to Jeremiah 30:7 the author quotes: "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it." He goes on to say that it shall exceed the deluge, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the siege of Jerusalem, the French Revolution, the upheaval of Russian Bolshevism, the purge in Germany. If it is to exceed the deluge, in which only eight persons were left, the reader is left with the impression of complete annihilation. This is certainly not the thought of the prophet.

Something different has been added to this volume on prophecy in which a devotional chapter has been added at the close of each section. The one on *The Gifts of Christ* has an unusually strong spiritual and practical appeal.

The Reverend Emil D. Gruen, Conference Secretary of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, has written the preface and helped to assemble the messages. He has many friends in our denomination and is well known, particularly in the Atlantic Conference.

● **The Jeffers Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minnesota**, recently extended a call to Dr. Howard Winkler who is now serving the church as its pastor. The Jeffers Church has been without a full time pastor for several years. Last summer Rev. Fred M. Penner served as the interim minister.

● **Rev. H. Palfenier of Minneapolis, Minn.**, formerly the denominational evangelist, is serving the German Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., as interim pastor. He will serve at least until January 1965. Rev. John Goetze, former pastor of the Zion Church, is now serving in Hamilton, Ontario.

● **The First Baptist Church of Mercer, N. Dak.**, has extended a call to Rev. Otto Fiesel of Selfridge, N. Dak., which he has accepted. He began his ministry in the Mercer church on Oct. 1st, succeeding Rev. A. Krombein who recently retired from the active ministry and is now residing with his wife in Madison, S. Dak. Mr. Fiesel served the Selfridge church since 1960.

● **The Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y.**, has extended a call to Rev. Wilmer Quiring of Milwaukee, Wis., pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church since 1951. He has accepted the call of the Rochester church and announced that he will begin his ministry there on Oct. 15, succeeding Rev. Arthur R. Weisser, now serving an American Convention Baptist church in Granville, N. Y.

● **Dr. M. Vanderbeck, denominational interim pastor**, brought his ministry of almost a year at the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to a close at the end of August. He is now in Jamestown, N. Dak., meeting with North American Baptist families and planning for the establishment of an NAB church in that city if the survey and developments are favorable.

● **The building of the Salem Baptist Church, Gotebo, Okla.**, has been sold and moved to Hobart, Okla., where it is now being used as a Baptist Church for Indians. The funds from the sale of the building, following the dissolution of the church as an organization, have been allocated to Church Extension projects in Enid, Okla., and Greeley, Colo. The church was without a full time pastor for the past several years.

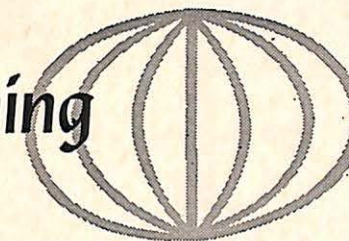
● **The Bethany Baptist Church, Regina, Sask.**, has extended a call to Rev. Waldemar Kroguletz of Toronto, Ontario to which he has given a favorable reply. Mr. Kroguletz is a 1963 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary and studied at the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany during the 1963-1964 school year. He was ordained by his home church, the German Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario, on Sept. 12 with Rev. William Sturhahn bringing the ordination sermon. He began his ministry at the Regina church on Sept. 21, succeeding Rev. Heinrich Herrmann.

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in observance of the church's 100th anniversary festivities throughout the year 1964. On Sunday, August 16, Rev. George Hensel of Milwaukee, Wis., pastor from 1932 to 1942, brought the messages at the services. On Sunday, October 18, Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., will be the speaker and on Sunday, October 25, Dr. Louis R. Johnson of Sacramento, Calif., is

## what's happening



● **The Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.**, has called Rev. Emanuel Wolff of Arnold, Pa. as its pastor to which he has replied favorably. Mr. Wolff is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in the class of 1933. He served as pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa. since 1963. Prior to that, he was the Eastern District Secretary. He announced that he would begin his ministry in the Sioux Falls church on Nov. 1st, succeeding Rev. Iver Walker, now of Herreid, S. Dak.

● **Mr. William O'Bryne of Detroit, Mich.**, has submitted his resignation to the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., as the director of Christian education and of youth activities, effective Oct. 11. He has also announced that he has accepted a call from the Calvary Baptist Church of New York, N. Y. to serve as the Minister of Education at this large and influential church in uptown Manhattan of New York City. Mr. O'Bryne has served the Ebenezer church since 1961.

● **Three former pastors of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois**, are serving as guest preachers

scheduled to speak. Rev. Robert Schreiber is the pastor of the church.

● **The new secretary for Rev. L. Bienert and the Roger Williams Press** and clerk in the Book Store at the Forest Park headquarters building is Mrs. Fred (Constance) Cross. In August she succeeded Miss Jean Jacobsen who is a full time student at the Moody Bible Institute. Mrs. Cross' husband is also a student at the Moody Bible Institute. Mrs. Ruth Job of Chicago, Ill., a member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, is serving as part time secretary for Rev. John E. Grygo, editor of German publications, at the headquarters office.

● **Miss Mary Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill.**, denominational comptroller, left for the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, by plane on Sept. 17 for an important ministry. She is busily engaged in working with our missionaries to set up new and more efficient bookkeeping and business procedures for the Cameroon Baptist Mission. She will be in Cameroon, Africa for about two months, returning to the United States in November after a brief visit to several European countries for a week. Miss Katherine Ann Hunt, Cameroon missionary nurse, went with Miss Leyboldt to Africa on Sept. 17.

● **The Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa** extended a call to Rev. Harold Drenth of West Union, South Carolina, which he accepted. On August 30th he conducted his first services in his new pastorate. At the close of the evening service, a reception was held for the new pastor and his family. After prayer and Scripture reading a short program was rendered, following which a speaker from each department of the church expressed words of welcome. The church also gave them a pantry shower upon their arrival.

## Harvest and Mission Festival

Fall Observance 1964

- Programs and recitation material have been sent to all NAB churches
- Read the story how life has been different at Bafameng, Cameroon village, because of John Nkwintan.
- Offering for our missionary work and fields.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance"





BY MRS. DELMAR WESSELER  
of Lorraine, Kansas  
President of the Woman's Missionary Union

#### OUR DEDICATED HANDS

"Tis God gives skill,  
But not without men's hands:  
He could not make  
Antonio Stradivari's violins  
Without Antonio."  
—"Stradivarius" by G. Elliot

IN THE Sistine Chapel in Rome, the central panel of a fresco by Michelangelo depicts the creation of man. This ageless painting suggests that creation can be complete only when the outstretched hand of God meets the outstretched hand of man.

We, as women can "Go Quickly" only if we are first willing to receive God's directions and power directly from his hand. Before we can extend our hands in effective service, we must reach upward in prayer for the hand of God. Our dedicated "hands" can be in communion with him, in Christian fellowship, and in many, many activities so necessary in carrying on the work. It is so very important for us to realize that God had a special task for each of us, young or old, experienced or inexperienced. The wise use of our talents strengthens our societies and churches.

#### "INTO ALL THE WORLD"

is the theme of our Baptist Women's Day of Prayer for Monday, November 2, 1964. The Day of Prayer program pamphlet has been sent to your local president. Please prepare so that this is an important day for yourself, for your society, and for Baptists everywhere.

I am haunted by the dedication of a young communist in our country who was interviewed recently. He left the impression that he gave all of his time before and after working hours, thus leaving no time for his personal pleasures. The "cause" took all the money he could possibly spare, for, after all, with no time to attend any cultural events, eating being just a rushed necessity and not a pleasurable experience, and with church affiliation just for "face," he had a surprising amount of money to give to something he felt was "his life"! He kept up his physical strength for just one purpose: to be a more useful tool for the party. I know you have also

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## From the Professor's Desk

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

Just what is the Roman Catholic view of the Bible?

THE Roman Catholic Church has traditionally held to the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible, and this is still its official position. Modern Catholic scholars generally attempt to combine a high view of the Scriptures with an acceptance of many of the methods and conclusions of higher criticism. Actually, the Catholic press in recent years has reported a vigorous and sometimes heated debate between conservative and liberal views. Typically it is the biblical scholars who seem to adopt the liberal line, many being greatly influenced by form criticism and Bultmann's school of demythologizing. The theologians tend to espouse and champion the conservative view.

#### BIBLICAL INSPIRATION

Jean Levie's book, *The Bible, Word of God in Words of Men*, published in 1962, has been hailed by the Catholic press as the most important recent work on the doctrine of biblical inspiration. It was regarded as the best book for background study on this subject in preparation for the Second Vatican Council. Father Levie himself appears to accept an amazing amount of modern biblical criticism for one whose position in the church requires that he subscribe to the infallibility of the Bible. For example, he often refers to the inaccuracies of the biblical documents and the fictional nature of several books (Job, Jonah, Esther).

In contrast, Cardinal Alfredo Ottaviani, head of the Congregation of the Holy Office, vigorously advocates very conservative views, and it is he who presides over the church's doctrinal affairs and is in charge of maintaining the purity of the traditional dogma. Nevertheless, it seems that liberal thinkers are gaining power and influence, especially among the intellectual leaders in America.

It appears to be evident that there is a significant turn to the left in Catholic biblical studies, which we may feel is regrettable. Yet the traditional doctrine of inspiration and infallibility definitely tempers the extremes of critical thought. Conservative Catholics, however, offer little

"Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine . . . Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all" (I Timothy 4:13 and 15).

cause for optimism to Protestant evangelicals, because it is precisely they who are staunchly committed to the official dogmas of the Roman Church.

Leslie R. Keylock of the State University of Iowa reminds us that Catholic liberalism shows us that an official (formal) adherence to an orthodox view of inspiration is no guarantee that a scholar may not at the same time embrace the most radical form of biblical criticism: "Liberal Catholicism represents a living challenge to our usual assumption that belief of a kind of literary criticism we now reject." (*Christianity Today*, March 1, 1963, p. 22).

#### VIGOROUS CONTROVERSY

Catholics, the same as Protestants, find it difficult to keep in proper balance both the divine and human elements and aspects in Scripture. The prevailing tendency is unduly to sacrifice the former for the latter with the result that divine inspiration is virtually relegated to a position of insignificance. Yet, the present struggle within the Catholic Church serves to remind us that it is also erroneous to eliminate or underestimate the human element in the Bible.

There is also a geographical and somewhat political factor involved. Catholics from northern Europe, generally representing liberal views, seem bent on breaking the stranglehold which the Italians have long had on ecclesiastical thought. Even in Rome, the Jesuit Pontifical Biblical Institute is decidedly liberal in point of view. It appears, therefore, that there is a vigorous controversy going on within the Roman Church between the conservatives and the liberals, a controversy which interestingly parallels what is going on in contemporary Protestantism.

G. C. Berkouwer of the Free University of Amsterdam reports that there is a certain kind of dualism which pervades the situation. The picture is often confused and inconsistent. Exegetical studies often yield biblical findings that are hard or impossible to reconcile with official Roman doctrine. Yet the latter must remain unquestioned. Great freedom is given in the areas of biblical research, yet the infallible dogmas of the church must remain unmoved and untouched. Berkouwer speaks optimistically: ". . . when men begin to read Scripture in new ways, it is not possible to predict the outcome. This is our attitude in the present situation: the Word of God is not bound! (II Tim. 2:9)."

#### NEW FACULTY AT C.T.I.

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he was already in the ministry, it soon became evident to him that the Lord was calling him into his exclusive service.

In 1938 he came to living faith in Jesus Christ and followed him in baptism two years later. The Elim Mennonite Brethren Church of Kelstern, Sask., was his spiritual home until 1944 when he united with the membership of the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta.

#### ACADEMIC TRAINING

His academic training began in Wiwa Hill School, Sask., and continued in Rochester, New York where he attended the University and the North American Baptist Seminary, and at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where classes were attended at Sioux Falls College. His theological training consisted of four years at Christian Training Institute and three years at North American Baptist Seminary, with graduation coming in 1951. This was also the year when he graduated from the ranks of the bachelors and married Ellen Marie Langdon of Gallipolis, Ohio.

#### FOLLOWING GOD'S CALL

The first pastorate at Lauderdale, Edmonton offered many challenges because of the strong immigration during those years. By 1953 the work was so completely German that he felt compelled to lay down the work and follow the leading of the Lord to Carbon, Alberta, where he and his family spent over nine years in a happy and fruitful service. The last one and one-half years have been spent in Church Extension work in Meadowlark Baptist Church, Edmonton.

In following the call to become Professor of Practical Theology and Dean of Men at the Christian Training Institute, Mr. Muller is returning to the place where the call to Christian service became crystal clear in his own life. It is his deep conviction that Christian Training Institute still has a great ministry to render in leading other young people into a positive understanding of the will of the Lord for their lives and then helping them in their training for that service.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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acter draws more people to God than profound pulpit preaching. People expect more from a minister and they ought to get it.

#### Questions for Discussion:

1. Do you believe that a person is more wise and mature simply because he is older?
2. What are some of the Christian habits that make for a disciplined life?

#### REV. BRUCE RICH

Newly appointed Director of Children's Work of our denomination. Announcement by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of the Department of Christian Education.

The members of the General Christian Education Committee, after prayerful consideration, agreed unanimously to call Rev. Bruce A. Rich of Portland, Oregon as Director of Children's Work of our denomination. We rejoice that Mr. Rich has accepted the call to become the Director of Children's Work, beginning with November 1, 1964. We welcome him to this new field of service for Christ!

Mr. Rich comes to this position with special training in Christian education, both in college and seminaries, plus practical experience gained from the pastoral ministry and as minister of Christian education. His college training included Linfield College at McMinnville, Oregon and Lewis and Clark College at Portland, Oregon. His seminary training began at the Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, Portland, Oregon, and during the years 1955-1958 he studied at our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was graduated in May 1958 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. While studying at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, he specialized in Christian education. He is the author of the booklet, "Wanted: A Doctor of Christian Education," which is available from the Roger Williams Press.

Rev. Bruce Rich has been minister of Christian education at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon since 1961. For the past two years he



REV. BRUCE RICH

The newly appointed Director of Children's Work in the Department of Christian Education.

has served as secretary of the Pacific Conference Committee on Christian Education. He also served as a member of the General Christian Education Committee and Committee on Children's Work. Members of both committees recognize that Brother Rich has a keen insight into Christian work with children, and also that he has a creative ability to build further upon the accomplishment in children's work in our denomination.

Mr. Rich will succeed Miss Ruth Bathauer, who has accepted the position as editor of Junior materials of Gospel Light Publications of Glendale, Calif. We shall pray for both of these servants of the Lord as they begin their new tasks in Christian education.

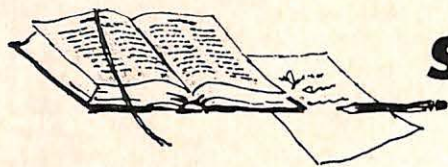
#### Indian Vacation School

Report of the Indian Vacation Bible School held at the Benke Memorial Baptist Church, Bull Reserve of Alberta, by Rev. R. Neuman, Missionary to the Indians.

Years ago, the Indian children on the Bull Reserve were transported to the Baptist Chapel for the Vacation Bible School, but today not a single person is brought by the missionary. The children walk or are delivered by car to the school. Should some child need a ride home after school, then provision is made.

It was a busy and lively time for all of us, but so satisfying and rewarding. Several decisions recorded for Christ were made in the Junior Class. The course taught was, "AROUND THE WORLD WITH CHRIST." Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, missionaries on the Montana Reserve, taught the Primary and Juniors boys and girls. Mrs. R. Neuman took charge of the Beginners Class, while Rev. R. Neuman taught the Intermediates. It's a joy to see the response of these boys and girls to this teaching. Their singing was thrilling, as well as their presentations. Slowly, but surely, there is a conforming to the truths of God, even in the lives of these little ones. Parents sat and listened; so pleased were they with the performance of their children. And God was pleased, too!

Total enrollment of the school was 53 with an average attendance of 44. The workers were all devoted to their task. Two native Indian girls helped. They were Theresa Bull and Doris Rabbit, with one girl from the Calvary Baptist church, Miss Gail Dickau, also serving. The closing program took place on Friday evening. Chief James Bull and the Bull Reserve Band Council provided coffee and doughnuts for all after the program. It was a wonderful week of spiritual sharing. The entire school was financed by the Indian people from the offerings received in the church each Sunday. Thanks be to God!



# sunday school lessons

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

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 18, 1964

Theme: **QUALIFICATIONS OF CHURCH OFFICERS**

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Good leadership in the church helps to make good followers.

**INTRODUCTION:** When Paul wrote these letters to Timothy, the churches were small and not very well organized. They had fewer well organized leaders. When we realize that the first disciples were trained for three years under the personal direction of Jesus Christ, we become aware how important such training is in the life of a Christian.

In the beginning the early church grew so rapidly that it was difficult to supply pastors and leaders to help found Christian churches. The first organized churches had only pastors and deacons, and most of these were chosen on the strength of their peculiar gifts and character rather than on any particular training which they may have received.

The danger today in many churches and denominations is the temptation to yield to a great deal of administration. Sometimes the power of the Holy Spirit is overshadowed by the power of the organization. It should be remembered that organization is a tool of the Holy Spirit so that the admonitions of Paul can be followed: "Let all things be done decently and in order" (I Cor. 14:40).

According to our lesson we will limit the office of a bishop to a pastor or minister of a local church and not as a ranking officer of a group of churches which is the function of a bishop today.

The following are his qualifications:

1. *He must be blameless.* It is not the same as "faultless" for all of us have our little faults and failings. We shall be presented "faultless before his presence" in the future, but in the meantime we need daily correction and cleansing. However, our principles and purposes are to be blameless. Character and conduct must meet the high standards set by Jesus Christ.

2. *He must be the husband of one wife.* Originally it meant that a minister was to be married only once. Paul did not make celibacy a requirement or qualification even though he himself was not married. We believe that Paul's main thought is that a minister must not be accused of polygamy.

3. *He must be vigilant.* This quality is necessary particularly in matters of faith. The danger of false doctrine creeping into the church was not only evident in the early church but is a constant threat to the church in the present.

4. *He must be sober.* The dignity and seriousness of the minister is important. A degree of restraint is necessary for his solemn and holy calling.

5. *He must be of good behavior.* He must not become unruffled too easily. People are watching him.

6. *He must be given to hospitality.* The custom to open their homes to all the brethren who might be passing through established a closer relationship with each other.

7. *He must have teaching ability.* Since the Christian doctrine was new at that time, this emphasis was important.

8. *He must be able to rule his own house.* The Christian home is one of the most meaningful witnesses to the outside world.

9. *He must not be a novice.* A man who is called into the ministry needs training, education and maturity.

The qualifications for deacons are much the same as those for pastors.

### Questions for Discussion:

1. How does your present organization and leadership compare with Paul's counsel?

2. Would it be in order for a Christian to inform the church that he desires to be a deacon?

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: October 25, 1964

Theme: **DISCIPLINED CHRISTIAN LIVING**

Scripture: I Timothy 3:14-16; 4:4-12, 16

**THE CENTRAL THOUGHT:** Christian living comes naturally only to the degree in which we work for it faithfully.

**INTRODUCTION:** The word "discipline" is not very welcome in many circles, even among Christians. It is often associated with firmness, rigidity, punishment and even retaliation. It would be more welcome if it were understood in its original meaning. The followers of Jesus were called "disciples," which means "to learn." Therefore when we use the word "discipline," we ought to think of training, correcting, molding, strengthening or perfecting the life and character of a person.

There can be no improvement in

any area of life without some kind of discipline. The Christian cannot grow unless he is willing to put himself into the hands of God in self-surrender. From there on he must give himself to prayer, to the study of God's Word and to loving and humble service. Only a disciplined life can be a useful and rewarding life. The words of Jesus are very important at this point: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24).

### I. THE DISCIPLINED CHURCH. I Timothy 3:14-16.

"House of God" is often rendered "household" or "family." Paul is therefore referring to the behavior of Christians who are in the family of God and not necessarily to behavior in temples or church buildings.

It would certainly be in order today, when we have many more churches, to teach our children to have respect for God's house. Christian behavior is not confined to the church building, but reverence for the house of God should be part of our Christian education.

### II. THE DISCIPLINED MINISTER. I Timothy 4:4-11.

Paul recognized the importance of the pastor's continued education and growth. He must be in touch with God and at the same time he must be in touch with the people in his church and community. He must be sure of his convictions and be able to impart truth to others. His doctrine must be based on personal experience and preached with the power and authority of the Holy Spirit.

The apostle did not belittle physical fitness, for he knew the value of a healthy body in order to travel, preach, teach and work for Christ. But he wished to impress upon the mind of Timothy that exercise or discipline of the spiritual life is much more important because it has eternal values.

### III. THE DISCIPLINED EXAMPLE. I Timothy 4:12, 16.

One of Timothy's problems was the fact that he was young and that he had to be an example for both young and old alike. Perhaps some even questioned his youth and maturity. Ministers face the same problem today. They are either too young or too old. The churches seem to believe that the golden years of the pastor are somewhere between the ages of 35 and 45. The pastor should not be judged by his age, but by his example.

Very often a strong Christlike character is often a strong Christlike character.

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UPON COMPLETING construction of the first temple during the days of King Solomon, "... the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the Lord" (I Kings 8:62). In keeping with this Biblical precedent, dedication services were held for the new Isabel Baptist Church at Isabel, S. Dak., on Sunday, May 31. The services of the day included the door opening ceremony at 9:45 A.M., Sunday school, the worship service and the formal dedication service at 2:30 P.M.

### OPEN DOORS

At the door opening ceremony the contractors turned the key over to the pastor, Rev. Loren Weber, who unlocked the doors. The contractors then opened and held open the doors while the people entered the new edifice for their first opportunity to worship in it.

Dr. Richard Schilke, general mission secretary, brought the message at the dedication service. Rev. Herbert Vetter of Missoula, Montana spoke at the morning worship service. The local adult choir, junior choir, and men's quartet, and musical groups from McLaughlin, McIntosh, Bison, and Rapid City provided the special music for the day. Rev. A. J. Rietdorf of Lemmon, S. Dak., and Mr. Vetter, both former pastors, and ministers and laymen from neighboring churches brought special greetings at the afternoon service.

The women of the church served dinner at noon and held a reception following the afternoon service for all attending the services of the day. A record high of 189 persons attended Sunday school; a capacity crowd of



The worshipful sanctuary of the Isabel Baptist Church, Isabel, S. Dak., which was recently dedicated to the glory of God. Rev. Loren Weber is pastor of the church.

## Dedication at Isabel, South Dakota

Report of the dedication of the new Isabel Baptist Church, costing \$45,000, by Rev. Loren Weber, pastor.

260 attended the morning worship service; and an overflow crowd of 375 attended the afternoon service.

### SEATING CAPACITY AT 200

Construction on the new building began in Sept. 1963 and was completed in May 1964. The new church is a two floor wood frame building with laminated rafters. The main floor con-

tains the sanctuary plus one classroom, a nursery, and pastor's study. The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 200. The chancel has an off-side choir loft behind which the baptistry is located. The basement facilities include a spacious social hall, kitchen, four class rooms, lavatories, furnace room, and storage rooms. The total cost of construction was \$45,000.

## "The Singing Men" on Tour

Experiences of the Seminary Quartet from Ohio to California reported by Dick Rabenhorst, Speaker on the tour.

"Sing unto the Lord... show forth his salvation" (Psalm 96:1 & 2).

WITH THIS AS our theme, "The Singing Men" set forth on May 31, 1964 on a tour of our North American Baptist churches, proclaiming our Lord Jesus Christ in word and song as well as representing our North American Baptist Seminary.

Back in October 1963, four young men met in the seminary chapel to experiment with the idea of a quartet. It was not too long before Jim DeBoer, Carl Landt, Herman DeVries and Jim Green presented their first concert as a quartet. Believing that the Lord could use this ministry in a wider sense, we expressed a desire to share what the Lord had laid on our hearts with our NAB churches. With the addition of Dick Rabenhorst as speaker, we began to set up an itinerary for a summer of ministry.

We began in the mid-western states,

and moved eastward as far as central Ohio. From this point we traveled south and west, ministering in churches in the southern section of the states. We continued west until we reached the General Conference at Sacramento, Calif. We arrived on Friday afternoon and after spending the weekend fellowshiping with our fellow Christians and denominational leaders, we moved into southern California for services there.

North was the direction as we moved into the Pacific Northwest and then into Canada. Our itinerary took us from western British Columbia eastward across Canada as far as mid-Manitoba and back into the States, where we ended our tour. This route took us through 21 states and four provinces and covered slightly over 14,000 miles over a period of 12 weeks.

The Lord gave us the task of encouraging and challenging young people in their Christian lives. We were also able to challenge young people to

enter into and receive adequate training for some type of Christian service. Along with this, we endeavored to uplift and strengthen the hearts of God's people.

In order to fulfil this ministry, we used a varied program including a time of joy and testimony, a report from the seminary, and several selections of the unique music of the Negro people. A devotional thought was presented and we closed with songs of challenge and praise to God.

### HEARTFELT THANKS

The success of any God-given work is dependent upon faithful prayer. We believe that prayer is the factor which enabled us to begin and continue our tour this summer. We wish to express our thanks to those who faithfully have remembered us before the throne of grace.

Overshadowing all personal hopes and wishes has been the desire and prayer that Jesus Christ might be glorified. Each program has been closed with the song, "The Sands of Time," which expresses this desire in our hearts. As these twelve weeks have passed, we have found in a new and enriching way that "Christ IS all the glory."

# our denomination in action

## special events

### PARMA HEIGHTS, CLEVELAND.

On June 12 twenty-one delegates and pastors of our Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Detroit area churches gathered at the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio to consider the ordination into the Christian ministry of Mr. Frederick Otto Bonkowsky, a member of the Parma Heights Church. On the basis of the candidate's statement of faith and doctrine, his account of his conversion experience, and a three hour oral examination, the council recommended that Mr. Bonkowsky be ordained by the church. At the ordination service Dr. Douglas Gallagher, pastor of Parma Heights Church, gave the charge to the church. Rev. Edwin Miller of Wilmington, Delaware, the first pastor at Parma Heights, under whose ministry Mr. Bonkowsky accepted Christ, gave the charge to the candidate. Dr. Addison Leitch of Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri, delivered the ordination sermon.

Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bonkowsky, graduated *cum laude* from Yale University Divinity School in June and was awarded the School's Day Fellowship for study abroad. He was also appointed a Fulbright Fellow by the Department of State for a year of study in Christian ethics at the Free University of West Berlin. He and his wife, nee Elizabeth Leitch of Tarkio, Missouri, were married August 15 and sailed for Germany on August 22.

**CALVARY, TACOMA, WASH.** At the call of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington, an ordination council met on August 21, to consider the propriety of setting apart Mark Fey for the work of the Gospel ministry who had been serving the church as Director of Christian Education. Twenty-one representatives from nine churches located in Oregon and Washington met to form the examining council. Rev. Richard Grabke of the Cypress Baptist Church in Alderwood Manor, Wash., was elected moderator, and Rev. Bruce A. Rich of the Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon as clerk. Mr. Fey satisfactorily presented his account of conversion, call to the ministry, educational background and doctrinal position.

An impressive service of ordination was conducted that same evening. Mr. Albert Wollen, pastor of the Cedar Mill Bible Church near Portland, which was Mr. Fey's home church for many years, preached the ordination message. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference led in the ordaining prayer and laying on of hands. Rev. Mark Fey has con-



Mr. Frederick Otto Bonkowsky of Cleveland, Ohio who was recently ordained by the Parma Heights Baptist Church.

cluded his ministry at the Calvary

Baptist Church and has assumed the pastorate of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash. (Bruce A. Rich, Clerk).

### WOMEN'S SESSIONS, NORTHERN CONFERENCE.

One of the highlights at our Northern Conference, July 7-9, at Lethbridge, Alta., was the Women's Missionary Luncheon. Our president, Mrs. Kern, presided at the lovely luncheon dinner prepared for us by the women of the host church, Bethany Baptist. Mrs. Anne Schumacher of Medicine Hat, Alta., pastor's wife, brought us an inspirational devotional talk, "The Need is Great and the Hour is Late." Reports were given by the treasurer, White Cross Chairman, and our representative to the General Council, Mrs. H. Hiller of Edmonton. We were introduced to the new project of the W. M. U.—"Meals for Missions" and we pray that God may glorify himself through these efforts done in his Name. The newly elected officers of the W. M. U. in the Northern Conference are: president, Mrs. F. Paul, Springside, Sask.; White Cross Chairman; Mrs. C. Hollerbaum, Regina, Sask. (Mrs. Norbert Laudon, Reporter)

## evangelistic services & baptisms

**FIRST, KILLALOE, ONT.** On Sunday, July 26, Rev. E. W. Klatt, the interim pastor of the First and Calvary Churches, Killaloe, Ont., baptized 22 adults and young people on confession of their faith in Christ, five of whom were from the First Baptist Church. On Sunday, Aug. 2, a total of seven persons were given the hand of fellowship into our church. Our church sanctuary has been graced by the addition of two fern stands in memory of the late Agnes Zummach by her hus-



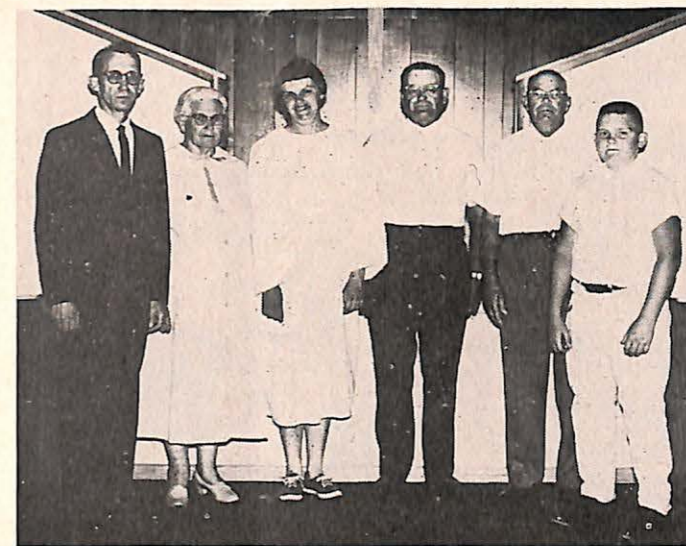
Rev. Paul Siewert of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta and ten converts who were baptized on profession of their faith in Christ.

band, and ferns and jardinières were placed in the church in memory of the late Mrs. Frederick Getz by her family. Mr. Klatt held an impressive combined memorial service on Aug. 9. We pray that the memory of these saints of God will be hallowed by us in our church. (Mrs. L. Kuehl, Reporter).

**FIRST, LEDUC, ALTA.** On Sunday evening, June 7, spiritual blessings were experienced at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, when ten young people were baptized by Rev. Paul Siewert. On the following Sunday morning, the hand of fellowship was extended to the converts on profession of their faith. This was preceded by the course, "The New Life," taught by the pastor.

Four fruitful years of service were brought to a close the same Sunday evening when members and friends of the church bade farewell to the Siewerts. It was an evening of mixed emotions, joyful that he is a man willing to let the Lord lead in all things, and tearful because we shall miss the Siewerts very much. Many words of sincere appreciation were given by the representatives of the various organizations in recognition of the blessings received during his ministry here. We wish the Siewerts God's blessing as they continue serving him in Vancouver, British Columbia. (Mrs. Lily Seutter, Reporter).

**UNDERWOOD, N. DAK.** Five people were baptized on Sunday afternoon, July 5, and received the hand of fellowship into the First Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota at the Communion Service on Sunday, August 2. The baptismal candidates are pictured with Rev. Walter L. Weber, pastor; left to right: Mrs. Christina Schafer, Mrs. Russel Hepper, Mr. Russel Hepper, Mr. Rex Wood and Billy Cox.



At a baptismal service held by the First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota on Sunday, August 2, Rev. Walter L. Weber, pastor (left), baptized five persons on profession of their faith in Christ as Savior.

**GRANT PARK, WINNIPEG.** At a recent baptismal service at the Grant Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., three persons gave evidence of their new faith in Christ before baptism by Rev. Donald Richter. These three adults with seven others have taken instruction in preparation for membership in the church and will soon be received into the church. On August 16 the Grant Park Baptist Church had Miss Trudy Schatz speak for her last time before returning to Cameroon, Africa as one of our missionary-nurses. Miss Schatz bade farewell to the church and appealed to it not only to continue to build at home but also not to forget our responsibility to our brothers in Christ in Africa.

**TROCHU, ALBERTA.** As the Baptist Church, Trochu, Alta., we rejoice in the wonderful blessings that God has bestowed upon us. On Sunday

morning, June 28, Rev. Oscar Fritzke pastor, baptized six persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The following Sunday morning these were given the hand of fellowship and received into the church. We held our Vacation Bible School July 13-17 with 91 pupils registered. There were 14 teachers and helpers who gave of their time to teach the Word of God. The average attendance was 79. The offerings brought each day, amounting to \$35.05, were given for the Cameroon Day Schools.

Church, Brother Klatt closed his ministry here with friends from the surrounding churches also in attendance. A time of fellowship in the social hall was held afterwards. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to impart his blessings to us as the Rev. P. T. Hunsicker begins his ministry here on September 1st. A Vacation Bible School was held in cooperation with and at the Calvary Baptist Church during the early days of July. Rev. E. W. Klatt, our interim pastor, was the general advisor and Mrs. Orville Kuehl of the Calvary Church was the director along with 17 workers.

## ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

**MADISON, S. DAK.** On Sunday afternoon, August 23, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Black of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., held Open House for their son, Rev. George Black, in the church parlors. About 100 relatives and friends gathered for an afternoon of fellowship and visiting with George. Rev. George Black left Tuesday for Cameroon, West Africa, where he will teach in the Baptist Bible Training Center at Ndu. Our prayers go with Rev. George Black as he begins his new work. (Mrs. Carl Frautschy).

**FIRST, KILLALOE, ONT.** The First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario has been the recipient of many blessings in recent months. The Rev. E. W. Klatt, formerly of the Christian Training Institute faculty and a former minister of our church, served as interim pastor at our church and at the Calvary Church of Killaloe from April to August. The response of the church was very gratifying. During the early days in June our church was host to the Ontario Association. On Sunday evening, Aug. 16, at a combined evening service held in the Calvary



Rev. Oscar Fritzke, pastor of the Trochu Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta and six young people who were baptized on Sunday, June 28.

**FAITH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.** Since the Faith Church of Minneapolis, Minn., has been pastorless, much humble prayer has prevailed that God's will might be revealed and that we may be guided in the choosing of a new undershepherd. When Rev. Donald Miller of Watertown, Wis., accepted our call, both he and our people sensed the definite leading of the Lord. On Friday evening, August 28, a service of recognition and welcome was held with Mr. Seth Carlson presiding. Mr. Edward Quiring, moderator, welcomed the Millers in behalf of the church, and Mr. Ted Hirsch in behalf of our Association. Dr. J. C. Gunst gave the charge to the church and the charge to the pastor was given by Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Dayton's Bluff Church. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Henry Schroeder. The entire service was one of re-dedication, and we anticipate great blessings as we work together with our new pastor and family. (Mrs. John Adam, Sr., Reporter).

**OCHRE RIVER, MAN.** Sunday, August 2, marked the beginning of the ministry of Rev. Alex Sootzmann as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River, Man. Our hearts were filled with gratitude as he spoke to us in the morning on 2 Cor. 5:14-21. In the evening the official welcome took place with our deacon, Mr. F. deVries, in charge. The various organizations spoke words of welcome. The choir served several times. Rev. Unger, our



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