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In the Cross of Christ We Glory
Our Witness to the Risen Christ

I AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST: NEVERLESS I LIVE; YET NOT I, BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME.

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Christ Died for Our Sins and Rose Again from the Grave

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

By Milly Skinner Magnolia Baptist Church Anaheim, California

Jesus keep me near the Cross, Where I can be within thy will. Keep my life free from dross, So I can hear thy "Peace be still."

Keep my heart free from sin, And my eyes turned on thee; Help my lips to tell again. The precious, never old story.

How you loved us in such measure, That you died to give us life, This is our greatest treasure, To keep us free from strife.

How you rose up from the grave To make our lives eternal, With love the road to Heaven was May you walk a little surer

paved, So our joys might be supernal.

Help me tell of the great loss. Of a life not lived for thee: Sweet Jesus, keep me near the Cross, So my life may happy be.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (I Peter 1:3).

MY RISEN LORD

- tection: see thee stand among the graves to-
- day; I am the Way, the Life, the Resur-
- rection, I hear thee say,
- And all the burdens I have carried sadly
- Grow light as blossoms on an April day;
- My cross becomes a staff, I journey gladly This Easter day.

MY EASTER PRAYER

On the path that lies before,

- May you see a little clearer
- May you trust a little more.
- May you come a little closer
- To the Lord of Love Divine,

That your heart may sing for gladness,

Is this Easter prayer of mine.

What saith the empty tomb to me This hallowed Easter morn? It speaks of life and victory, And glorious hope new-born.

THE EMPTY TOMB

It tells of One who hung in shame Upon a cross of woe, That all who call upon his name

Eternal life might know.

It tells me he hath risen indeed, And at the Father's throne Now daily stands to intercede For his redeemed, his own.

It tells me that because he lives, I too shall never die; And everlasting hope it gives Of joy with him on high.

It tells me death is overthrown-

Yea, 'tis a conquered foe, For Christ the way of life hath shown Through Calvary's cross of woe.

What saith the empty tomb today? It saith, "The Lord hath risen, Dispelling evermore the gloom Of death's foreboding prison."

It saith, "Look unto him and live, For he hath power to save; Life everlasting he doth give, And vic'try o'er the grave!"

-Avis B. Christiansen.

WILL YOU REMEMBER CHRIST IN YOUR EASTER OFFERING?

NOW IS CHRIST RISEN

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; and he died for all, that they which live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again" (2 Cor. 5:14, 15).

EASTER PRAYER

"Oh, let me know The power of thy resurrection! Oh, let me show Thy risen life in clear reflection! Oh, let me soar Where thou, my Savior Christ, art gone before! In mind and heart Let me dwell always, only, where thou art.



"AND GO QUICKLY AND TELL."

The Easter Offering has been designated for our Missionary Ministry of telling the Good News of the Gospel to others in darkness in all parts of the world that they too might know the Risen Christ as their Savior and Redeemer. (Easter Offering envelopes have been sent to all churches)

EASTER GIFTS

"Oh, let me give Out of the gifts thou freely givest; Oh, let me live With life abundantly because thou livest;

Oh, make me shine In darkest places, for thy light is mine;

Oh, let me be

A faithful witness for thy truth and thee."

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The Day of Resurrection

Easter gathers within itself, as no other day, the full glory of the Christian Gospel. The Day of Resurrection is the foundation stone of our faith. "If Christ be not risen, then your faith is also vain. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept" (I Cor. 15:14 and 20). Dr. Robert G. Lee describes the resurrection of Jesus as "the pivotal point of Christianity-the greatest exhibition of God's power, the greatest truth of the Gospel, the greatest reality of faith, the greatest assurance of coming glory, the greatest incentive to holiness." This is the Christian's rejoicing on the Day of Resurrection.

For by this day we testify that we have passed from death to life eternal. The Bible declares this to be true. "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, ... and is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). The resurrection of Christ transcends all of time as Easter reveals the glory of our everliving Savior and Lord. So we rejoice in his promise: "Because I live, ye shall live also."

> "Not for the trump of dawn and judgment hour Waits, through slow years, the resurrection power. Today he lives; today his life may be Eternal life begun, O soul, in thee." -Emily Huntington Miller

This Day of Resurrection reminds us that we have entered into the joy of his abiding Presence. The open tomb is our assurance that the living Christ is with us today, empowering us, guiding us, comforting us, blessing our lives. This Jesus, who lived in Palestine so many years ago, was declared "the Son of God with power ... by the resurrection from the dead." Dr. Lee describes Christ as "our Eternal Contemporary." He declares that "the greatest need of the hour is to make the resurrection of Christ a real truth in the heart and conscience, manifested through a heart trusting the crucified Lord as atoning Savior, manifested in a life surrendered to the dominion of the Risen Lord, and spent in the fellowship of him who was dead and is alive forevermore." We walk with him and talk to him and our hearts overflow with joy as "he tells us we are his own."

We declare on this Day of Resurrection that we have laid hold on the unseen Reality of Life-the glory and the power of the Gospel. The unseen things of life and eternity now loom gloriously big and important-all because of Christ's resurrection from the dead. Our lives can be triumphant because we now walk by faith and not by sight. By his resurrection "the eyes of your understanding have been enlightened" to know what is "the exceeding greatness of his power to us who believe, according to the working of his mighy power, which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead" (Ephesians 1:18-20). Easter indeed gathers into itself the glory of eternal life which the Gospel has made known to us. So let our "Hallelujahs" ring out on this Day of Resurrection :

> "Let all things seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend. For Christ the Lord hath risen, Our Joy that hath no end."

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My risen Lord, I feel thy strong pro-

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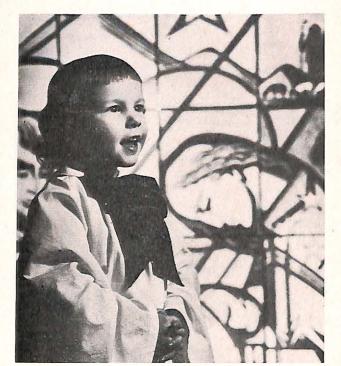
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The Glorious Christ Triumphs

Make it known that Jesus is Savior, God's Son and Redeemer. Make it known-he is the majestic, coming Triumphant King and Judge of all the earth. Make Palm Sunday a victory day in your heart!

Palm Sunday Sermon by Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland, Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota

-Photo by Harold M. Lambert

"Sing hosannah! David's Son Comes to Zion's festal portals Strew ye palms along the way, Praise ye him this happy day!

"Blessed is he that cometh in the day millions of people are asking, name of the Lord" (Matthew 21:9).

GHRIST'S LIFE, from his birth to his coming again, has stirred and troubled people. May our hearts be stirred to thanksgiving as we behold the Lamb of God presenting himself as the triumphant King of believing hearts.

The religious and secular rulers considered Jesus a constant and potential threat to their vocational security. When the Wise Men came to Jerusalem and inquired, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" Herod and his politic body were overwhelmed with fear and frustration. Instead of being grateful and obeying the Scriptures, he issued his murderous edict against innocent children.

THIS IS JESUS THE SAVIOR

Again, during the final week of Christ's life, all Jerusalem was stirred. When the inhabitants encountered this unusual parade, they said, "Who is this?" (Matt. 21:10). From amidst the shouts of "Hosannas" came the reply, "This is Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." To one's mind comes the question, "How did the multitudes and foreigners, who had come to the feast, know that Jesus was coming as the royal King into the city?" We learn that after the resurrection of Lazarus, whenever Jesus went to Bethany, many people would follow him there. From these witnesses, John tells us, the people knew that Jesus would enter on a certain day. (John 12:12). Almost for 2000 years, Christians

have observed this event, and yet to-

"Who is this?" May I have the joy of telling you!

This is my personal Savior and Lord. His name is Jesus. It is the saving name for all unsaved people. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins" was the angelic command to Joseph. In Acts 4:12 we read, "Neither is there salvation in ANY OTHER: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

In London there lived a man who was worried about his sins. He wanted to be saved. He thought he could be saved by doing good and being kind. One day, on his way home, he passed a corner where sat a blind man, reading out loud from his Braille Bible. He was reading, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name." At this point he lost his place. He kept on saying over and over, "None other name." Some of the people laughed. But the man who worried about his sins kept hearing these words, "None other name." Thank you, Lord, for this blind man and his mistake. I see now that there is none other Name but Jesus! He alone can save me.

Jesus is the only Savior. He came to "seek and save that which was lost." Rejecting him as Savior is what broke his heart as he viewed the eternal city and in tears said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together . . . and ye would not." It is certain that on Palm Sunday many will say, "Who is this?" Many neither want him nor

know him.

The devil has succeeded in keeping self-pride on a higher plane than humility. There are lost people in every community. Why is it that we as North American Baptists win so few to the Lord? Are we under the pride of complacency? How long is it since you have agonized in prayer for a lost one or for a wayward church member? Have you ever had the joy of making the courts of heaven ring by leading a soul to Christ? If not, may the Spirit of God give you a vision and make you restless until you have fulfilled this divine obligation and experience this unspeakable joy.

JESUS, MY INTERCESSOR

Even though many of the shouting crowds left Jesus and followed him no more, even though Jesus left his carthly disciples and ascended to his Father, nevertheless, he is deeply interested in your spiritual development.

The uncommitted multitudes were his concern, and so were the humble believers. Did you know that as Savior Jesus is far more interested in you than you are in him? No wonder, it is his holy desire to present you, his bride, to his Father without spot and without blemish! Because of his boundless love he intercedes for you when Satan accuses you before God.

May this truth grip our hearts! Who would dare to say I am living a consistent, pleasing life to the Lord; I do not need his intercession? With what gratitude, zeal and fervor of dedication we should serve the Lord. Let us march forward, with full assurance,

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In the Cross of Christ We Glory

Our salvation has been completed for us on the Cross of Christ. "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Now we can declare to know nothing save the Cross of Christ and to glory in it.

Good Friday Sermon by Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington

"I am 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" (Galatians 2:20).

W HEN THE Portuguese traders, following the trail of the great explorer Vasco da Gama, settled on the south coast of China, they built a massive cathedral on a hill-crest overlooking the harbor. But a violent typhoon proved too severe and, about 300 years ago, this storm destroyed all but the front wall. Down through the centuries this wall has stood as a monument of that house of worship.

A GREAT BRONZE CROSS

On its high triangular top, clean and clear cut against the sky, is a great bronze cross. In 1825 Sir John Bowring, then governor of Hong Kong, visited the harbor where the wall stood. He was so impressed by the scene of that cross that he wrote the famous hymn In the Cross of Christ I Glory.

"Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time, All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime."

The Portuguese builders of the old cathedral are forgotten, but the Cross of Christ towers o'er the wrecks of time down through the centuries and today.

His cross is the pivot, the center of Christianity. It is a stumbling block and foolishness to the world but with Paul, the apostle, in his letter to the Jews of that day. Jesus saw the chief

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Corinthians, we can declare to know nothing save the cross of Christ and to glory in it.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up, shall draw all men unto myself." Let us think together of the glory of the Cross of Christ.

True, its shame is there—my shame, your shame, but beloved friends, it is because our shame was taken by Christ and forgiven that we can say with Sir John Bowring, In the Cross of Christ I Glory.

The scene of that first Good Friday is not beautiful to the eye, nor is it honorable in any way to the senses of man. Luke 25:35 states, "And the people stood beholding." What a sight to behold! At this Easter time we could become very dejected and sad, filling our hearts with remorse and sorrow if we looked at this picture of the crucifixion-seeing it in the eyes of the people. But rather than our looking at the tragedy of the cross, let us try to look down from the cross

Jesus saw a government. No nation has ever been so noted for its justice and its equity as that of the Romans. However, the government judge had not only said he knew, but he had declared that Jesus was not guilty, but he gave him up unto death. The soldiers sat at the foot of the cross casting lots for his coat as Psalms 22:18 prophesied. These hardened men knew not what they

were doing.

Jesus saw a religious nation. No nation has ever been so noted for the purity of its religion as that of the



-Photo by Harold M. Lambert

"Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified; Peace is there, that knows no measure, Joys that thro' all time abide.

> priests, the scribes, the Pharisees and elders of the people. A nation chosen of God, yet they cried out in mockery, "He saved others, let him save himself if he be Christ," thus fulfilling the prophecy of Psalms 22.

> Jesus saw the others. The thieves, one on each side, were both making a request of him! Mary, his mother and John, whom he loved so much, were there. The eyes of Jesus saw his enemies and his friends. Jesus saw all men! "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men. . . .'

> "When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 8:10-11).

Jesus saw ALL men!

Jesus saw men from all walks of life. —all nations on the earth

-all colors

-all positions

-rich and poor

—dumb and maimed

-ignorant and educated. YOU were there and I was there! He saw us.

THE PRAYER OF THE CROSS

Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them." In John 17:20-21 we read "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in (Continued on page 23)

The Risen Christ Is Our Sure Hope

In Bible lands, visited by the author, one is overwhelmed by the many symbols of death in tragic ruins and offerings of appeasement to gods, but one also lays hold anew on the wonderful truth of a living Savior for a dying world.

By Rev. Adolph Braun, Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan

Church of Warren, Michigan honored of slave lives sacrificed, and the genme during the past year with a tour of the Holy Land as a tenth anniversary gift. As I traveled through those lands, I observed many signs and symbols of death and life in tombs, temples and many other ruins. I would like to share a few of these with you.

SYMBOLS OF DEATH

Egypt is famous for its 88 pyramids. Best known are the three great pyramids just outside of the modern city of Cairo. The most magnificent tomb, that any king has ever built, is the Great Pyramid of Gizeh. This tomb is 451 feet high, 755 feet wide, covering an area of 13 acres. This impressive building was constructed of granite and covered with white marble.

Inside is an empty granite sarco-

HE REDEEMER Baptist the huge amounts of money, the scores erations of time required to build these places to entomb the kings and queens. we might expect something of lasting value. However, I was filled with a sense of the futility of so much material preparation for death, without any spiritual hope.

From Luxor, on the Nile, we traveled to a place that was formerly called "The Valley of the Dead," where the tombs of 62 kings have been found. On the opposite side of the Nile River was the Valley of the Living, where the ruins of the temples of the kings are found.

OFFERINGS OF APPEASEMENT

One of the outstanding tombs near Luxor, is the tomb of King Tutankhamen (King Tut). This tomb was form to the original features. In the antechamber were two huge statues, which the king had made of himself (also overlaid in gold). These statues were stationed like sentinels to guard the body of the dead king. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of treasure were found in this tomb-the wealthiest ever yet discovered.

These jewels were believed to be offerings of appeasement to the gods of the future life. Again, I noticed that in spite of the elaborate physical preparations for death, there was no sure hope for the soul, but rather a fear of what death would hold for the king!

BIBLICAL PROPHECIES

On the opposite side of the Nile, we visited the Temple of Amon at Karnak. It covered 65 acres and contained 134 huge columns arranged in 16 rows. Each column was inscribed with stories of history which were taught to the royal children. Here, the world's tallest obelisk (95 feet high) is still standing. It is made from one piece of solid rose granite. In the temple court was a place of sacrifice. But the most interesting place to me in that valley was the Sacred Lake where the dead bodies were washed and prepared for burial. The Egyptians believed that the washing of the dead body cleansed the person, and the wrappings preserved the body for eternal life. The food and tools were to help him to live in the future life, and the jewels were to appease the gods. Once again, the outstanding fact for a Christian observer, was the complete lack of a sure hope

The oldest capital of Egypt was Memphis, of which the Bible says, "Memphis (Noph) shall be waste and desolate" (Jeremiah 46:19). "I will cause their images to cease" (Ezekiel 30:13). A date palm orchard is now growing over the rubble of the old city of Memphis. A few miles out into the desert are some of the oldest "steppe" pyramids of Egypt. In this area, there are also underground tombs. One of the most unusual is the tomb of 24 bulls entombed in solid granite sarcophagi. Each sarcophagus weighs 65 tons. The estimated cost to embalm one bull is \$15,000.

SYMBOLS OF FAITH

As we looked up on the ruins of ancient tombs and temples which revealed the great wealth and wisdom of Egypt, we were reminded of the gold overlay. The head and face con-Biblical prophecies which foretold

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these ruins because of their idolatry and their lack of faith in the living God.

The only symbol of life in Egypt was that of the Sacred Scareb. The scareb was a beetle that, supposedly, had the power to create. Replicas of these were made from clay, jewels or granite and are sold everywhere in the country. They were often placed on the breast of mummies. These reminded me of the passage in Psalm 115—"Eyes have they, but they see not: they have ears, but they hear not. . . They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them."

I was amazed to learn that some of the seeds found in the old pyramids will still germinate when planted. This, to me, was the true symbol of life. As Jesus said, in John 12:24, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." We know that Jesus was referring to himself as the One who would die and be buried and rise again, so that all who receive him might live. How thankful we should be that we have this sure hope!

Israel, in contrast to the deadness of the tombs, ruined temples and barren hills of Egypt, is blossoming like a healthy fig tree. The Israelites are busy reforesting the barren hills, irrigating the desert, planting citrus orchards, and building beautiful new cities over the rubble of the past. But, in spite of all these wonderful evidences of the physical revival of a dead nation, Israel is still dead spiritually.

We saw only two synagogues in the whole country. One of these was in the ruins of Capernaum, where Jesus prophesied the destruction of the city due to their lack of faith in him. The other was still under construction in the new desert city of Beersheba. The



Israelites seem to be so occupied with their physical prosperity and the rebuilding of their nation that they seem to have forgotten God. However, there were a few real symbols of life and hope.

THE LAMB OF GOD

Of the many interesting places in Jerusalem, the Tomb of King David is outstanding. In the small section of Jerusalem, occupied by the Jew, is an old building on Mt. Zion housing the Tomb of King David. An inscription over his tomb reads, "King David lives forever." This tomb is a short distance from the temple square situated on the property which King David purchased to make a sacrifice to God after he had sinned in numbering Israel. This is the same mountain where



CAPERNAUM: Ruins of the ancient Jewish Synagogue at Capernaum on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus performed the Miracle of the Healing of the Centurion's Slave, and "walked upon the waters." (Luke 7:1-10: John 5:16-22) (Photo by Israel Information Services).

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JERUSALEM: in left background, Mount Zion with the Church and Convent of the Dormition. In the center, the Valley of Hinnom. (Photo by Israel Information Services).

phagus (casket). The king's body has been missing and is believed to have been stolen. There is much mystery surrounding this pyramid because it is believed to contain hidden secrets of the past and future. The method of construction is a mystery for modern engineers, and there has been much specu'ation as to how these huge stones, weighing tons, were transported from 700 miles away and then raised into position.

Another mystery surrounding this Great Pyramid is its geographical location. It is centered almost perfectly on the earth with a longitude and latitude of 30 degrees. When we consider

built under a limestone mountain. A passage was hewn into the mountain and one has to pass through 12 gates to enter the 3,000 year old tomb. In the first section of the entranceway, there are clear inscriptions taken from the "Book of the Dead." These inscriptions indicate a belief in immortality and judgment after death. King Tut is believed to have had tuberculosis and died at the age of 18.

Nevertheless, he still made magnificent preparations for his burial. A granite sarcophagus contained his body which was encased in solid gold, topped with several layers of wood with

Near the Garden Tomb at Jerusalem, from which Jesus rose again from the dead, Rev. Adolph Braun of Warren, Michigan brings a Gospel message concerning the Risen and Ever Living Christ to the members of the tour group.

Abraham took Isaac to be sacrificed to the Lord. Since that time, many lambs have been sacrificed in that temple square as an atonement for the children of Israel.

It was also here that the true Lamb of God, "slain from the foundation of the earth," stood preaching and prophesying the true way of salvation and the only hope for eternal life. And not far from that place, the Lamb of God was crucified to pay for the sins of the world.

It was an unusually thrilling privilege to stand a few feet from the traditional tomb of Christ and preach a resurrection message one Sunday morning to a group gathered in the garden. What else could one preach about except the wonderful truth of a living Savior for a dying world. "He came unto his own and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." I was one of the many who were not "his own" (Israel), but I thank the Lord for revealing his love to me in sending his Son to die for my sins.

HE IS COMING AGAIN!

On the traditional site of the ascension of Christ is a church, dedicated to the memory of the ascension. This reminds us of our sure hope of eternal life established on better promises than any kingdom ever knew. The blessings of the resurrection and ascension point to the future day of complete deliverance from death, the grave, sickness, sorrow and sin.

"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11), He is coming again! Let us be prepared. "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (John 3:3).

Christ, the Teacher, at Osaka, Japan

Christ, the living Lord, still walks the streets of Japan's cities and through our missionaries teaches the young dedicated Japanese Christians to become pastors and witnesses to their people.

By Missionary Fred G. Moore of Takarasuka Shi, Japan

N MY DEVOTIONAL study several days ago, I was especially blessed by the Word of God through the Psalmist: "Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee" (Psalm 143:8). In so many different ways the Lord

has, indeed, manifested his lovingkindness to us in these past several months. New assignments, a new location, renewed challenges for his ministry to the Japanese have been graciously laid before us, and I'd like to share some of these with you, our Baptist Herald friends.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

Last summer we were really "komatta," as we say in Japanese-disturbed, or troubled-because we needed a house to live in, and none seemed to be available. I had been assigned as a full-time teacher at our Osaka Biblical Seminary, Osaka, Japan, and the two hours of daily commuting each way between the school and the mission house in Kyoto didn't seem very feasible. Besides, the Sukuts were scheduled to return from furlough to carry on the mission work in Kyoto.

For two months we "haunted" the real estate agencies, and looked at every rental possibility we could find over a wide area within reasonable distance of the Seminary. But here in Japan, rental property is very scarce, and most of it is priced far beyond our mission reach. However, just when we really needed it, the Lord led in a truly wonderful way to the house in which we are living here in the city of Takarazuka

From our home to the Seminary takes me about forty minutes, and this location is also quite convenient for our two older children who attend school at the Canadian Academy in Kobe. Stephie and Joy have to leave the house by 7:30 each morning, but so far this seems to be working out very well. Our youngest, Jimmy, is a first grader in the local Japanese grade school, and while Pat, my wife, must fill in by teaching English reading and writing, this too has proven to be a satisfactory arrangement.

I entered the full-time teaching ministry at the Osaka Biblical Seminary with real trepidation, because my Japanese is still so faulty that preparing the material for my class sessions is extremely time-consuming. But again putting complete trust in the Lord for his wisdom (James 1:5), I have found that these past months have been the most blessed personally of all my service thus far in Japan. It takes lots of work; for every hour of class, I must spend an average of nearly six hours of preparation, and even then there are so many points at which I would like to delve more deeply with my students into the precious treasures of the Word of God, but I am prohibited from doing so by my lack of language facility.

But it is such a blessing to work with this wonderful group of young people whom God has sent to O.B.S.! They are enthusiastic, dedicated young Christians with a Spirit-given and Spirit-driven thirst for the truth of God's Word. What a thrill to have a part in the training of these future pastors, these messengers of the King of kings! They have no "language barrier" to

hinder their ministry for Christ among their own people. Pray for them, and for all of us charged with the responsibility before God for their training. And praise the Lord with us for his lovingkindness!

The Psalmist said. "... cause me to know the way wherein I should walk. . . ," and truly this has been our prayer. Since our move to Takarazuka, the Lord has laid a real burden on our hearts for reaching the people in our new neighborhood with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While our first responsibility, of course, will be to the Bible School ministry, we want to be his witnesses wherever we are. If it be his will, our prayer is that we might be privileged to begin a new preaching station in this area. We have tried to cultivate the friendship of our neighbors, and have had encouraging response

OUR EVANGELISTIC WITNESS

So at Christmas time, we held a special Christmas evangelistic service, in which we very simply explained the true meaning of Christmas and the message of the Christ who came to Bethlehem. To announce the meeting, over 250 invitations and tracts were handed out during several days of house-to-house visitation in our "Mukoyama" district of Takarazuka. The actual turnout for the service was not as large as we would have liked, but all those who came live in our immediate neighborhood. While no definite decisions for Christ were made that evening, several expressed real interest, and we are attempting to follow this up.

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THE OPEN DOOR TO THE OSAKA BIBLICAL SEMINARY

The entrance to the present building (left) of the Osaka Biblical Seminary in Japan which is truly a "door of opportunity" for many Christian young people. The faculty meeting (right) at O.B.S. includes Rev. Fred G. Moore (left to right), Florence Miller (Baptist), Mr. Jonathan Bartel (Mennonite Brethren), Miss Elaine Nordstrom (Baptist General Conference) and Mr. Kitano, O.B.S. Professor.

BAPTIST HERALD

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hundreds of leprosy patients in the New Hope Settlement at Mbingo, Cameroon have learned that "Jesus knows our every weakness" and through faith have found him as their never failing Friend and Savior.

By Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, Missionary-nurse at the New Hope Settlement for leprous patients.

WHAT A FRIEND WE have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!" How wonderful to have a Friend whose understanding goes beyond that of any earthly friend. Many times on the mission field, we are lonely and "cumbered with a load of care." Then, "what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer."

Nowhere have I heard this hymn sung with such depth of meaning as at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement. These leprosy patients have lived through and experienced the truth of every phrase and they speak with radiance of Jesus, their wonderful Friend

CHAH'S AMAZING STORY

"Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?" Chah's story begins with leprosy in 1955. He was taken to a clinic for treatment, and suddenly found that he was without family or friends. Several times he was near death and very alone. The clinic workers faithfully spoke of God's great love, and finally Chah decided that God must love him or he would have let him die long ago. He asked Jesus to forgive him and to come into his heart. Many times he was without food. He had no blanket to cover himself. Jesus was his only Friend through all this pain and trouble

In 1959 he was discharged as being symptom free of leprosy, and now some of his friends and family are again showing an interest in him. He is very anxious to tell them all that Jesus has done for him. He tries to be a living witness before his wife that she too may follow Jesus. When Chah was telling me his story, almost every patient in the Men's Ward was giving an understanding nod.

Andreas, with one leg, ten stumps for fingers and a toothless smile could hardly wait to say that no one understands as Jesus does. When his foot or

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hand pains more than he can bear, he just prays and reads his Bible and Jesus "cools his heart." The most common position to find Andreas in is sitting on his bed, crouched over his Basic English Bible, his stubby fingers following the lines as he falteringly reads out loud. When you interrupt him, he invariably bubbles over with a new truth he has just discovered.

Could you and I be thankful for leprosy if it left us deformed and separated from home and friends? To Andreas this seems a small loss compared with the gain it has brought. "If I hadn't come here, I may never have heard about Jesus, and when I was well I was too busy to take time for God." He is thrilled that he has learned



hospital sweeper at the New Hope Settlement for more than eight years. (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

Two very happy girls, former leprosy patients representing a total of seven years' treatment, show their great joy on Discharge Day. (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

Happy-hearted Frida who has been a

to read and write

Before he swallows any of his pills, you see his head bowed in a prayer of thanksgiving. Usually one finds several children around his bed looking at the viewmaster. He loves to explain the film of "The Good Shepherd" to them.

ANJEI'S TWINKLING EYES

Eight year old Anjei came along to greet Papa Andreas after having had her supper of fufu and gravy together with 75 other leprous school children. She is a normal, lively, little girl, full of pranks and giggles and a real twinkle in her eye. "Anjei, what has Jesus done for you?" I asked. Her reply came quick as a flash. "Jesus died for me so I will not be lost. I asked him to forgive all the bad things I did and he came into my heart. Soon I will be baptized!"

Few children have to suffer as much as these, but they learn early to trust Jesus and experience the power of prayer. One day while twelve year old Thomas helped me weed my garden, he told me how his parents found that he had leprosy when he was only five. They took him to the native medicine man who made cuts on his body and rubbed leaves into them, which burned like fire. They believed people with leprosy should not eat palm oil, so his food was always very tasteless. The children would not play with him but shouted, "Go away, you leprosy boy," and so he often hid and cried. wondering if he was the only child with such a terrible disease.

THE FAITH OF THOMAS

Then one day the doctors came to his village and his parents took him to the clinic. The doctor said he must come to New Hope Settlement for treatment. Thomas cried for he was only six years of age and had to leave everyone (Continued on page 13)

Christ, the Builder of Churches

At this Easter-time, Christ calls for dedicated tools, messengers and money for his great building program on the mission field in Cameroon, Africa. Who will hear the call and respond?

By Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroon Missionary Stationed at Victoria, Africa

HE LITTLE company of believers at Obang knew they had definitely out-grown their meeting place. The former marketshed now showed balding spots in the grass-thatched and sagging roof. The tree posts, which formed the "air-conditioned" walls. were dangerously termite-eaten. The Y-shaped sticks, which held the benches, had loosened as heavy rains had soaked the muddy floor.

Yes, this was the time to build. Hadn't the chief of Obang verbally blessed this new venture in his village? He had asked so many questions about this Christ who was building new life into many individuals, as well as creating changes in the structure of vil-

THE EASTER OFFERING designated for the Missionary is and Service program of the denomination to proclaim Christ as Savior throughout the world.

has sent its witness for Christ out into two more villages. Christ can even build with leprosy patients! No wonder a new church has begun with almost every new leprosy clinic!

In the Banso area, where Roman Catholic churches had long been established, God gave the North American Baptists a medical work. "You can have a hospital here, but you will never have a Baptist Church." Christ built



A new Baptist Church building is begun at Obang in the Wum division as "everybody came to help and to build together for Christ." (Photo by Laura E. Reddig).

would build anew every life surrendered to his keeping! The chief knew a different day had arrived at Obang. A new name, Jesus Christ, was bringing new life. Certainly the chief was interested!

FOR CHRIST AND OBANG

The new building must be strong and very large. Everyone must help. Women sang as they carried calabashes of water for the hole where the men waded knee-deep to mix the "puttaputta" (mud) for the bricks. Everyone noticed the two former enemies, now forgiven "brothers," balancing each other as they stomped in the red mud. Now they were forgiven, they had forgiven, and were building together. . . for Christ, and Obang!

Christ, the Builder, walked with Monica as she was transferred from the Settlement to the Wum Leprosy Clinic. Today a vigorous Baptist church

lage life. Christ, the Son of God, who through the witness given to new mothers, to the thousands of out-patients, to the hospital patients and their relatives. Today the message of the Victorious and Living Christ is heard in 39 organized Baptist churches and in 11 new preaching centers in Banso area.

Far from motor roads, with very few "outside" visitors, little bush-churches are born, thrive and grow. In isolated. little beginnings, Christ, the Master Builder, blesses with his presence all who seek him.

WOMBONG AND KUMBA

It takes a great faith to build a large stone church. Discipline, sacrifice, months of hard work donated free, with a cementing force of patient cooperation, gave Wombong a new church. But only the biggest and best was adequate for the oldest Baptist church of the grasslands. Changed lives were the thrilling result of God's peo-

ple working hard on God's work!

In Kumba, the Crossroads of the Cameroon, believers find a oneness of purpose and power in Christ which no language barriers, no tribal or political differences, no family or economic changes can destroy. Whether the worshipper is a uniformed student from school, a mother with a new baby tied to her back, a lorry-driver, a yam farmer, or a discouraged trader, at this Easter-time, each will hear again the glorious news: "He is risen!"

As the message is received, Christ, who makes all things new, will build! He will give to each worshipper a sense of belonging to a Program and a Person which can make our Cameroon and its people power-filled possibilities. Because he was completely victorious over sin and death, his Spirit lives today in over 400 Baptist churches and in over 23,000 Cameroonian Baptists. Christ knows them all, loves them all and invites them all to share in his program which builds for eternity.

THE LIVING CHRIST

Islam makes great strides today in the Cameroon. Polygamy, not permitted among Christians, is acceptable to those following Mohammed. Were every Christian as zealous in prayer and living for Christ as Mohammedans are for their dead prophet, there would be no need for mosques in American cities today through which Mohammedans are winning adherents to their faith. There would be adequate funds to carry the living message of the living Christ everywhere.

Not the size, nor the plan, nor even the materials really make the church. In I Cor. 3:11 we learn of the true foundation: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Because he has prospered his work, we know Christ has done the building in the Cameroon. In Psalm 127:1 we are challenged anew: "unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."

Whether we will be privileged to continue to aid our Master Builder in the Cameroon for a long or short time, we know his Church will remain. II Timothy 2:19 promises: "But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal. 'The Lord knows those who are

At this Easter-time, Christ calls for dedicated tools, messengers and money, for his great building program. All he asks is our total surrender to his total control. Nothing less is worthy of our hest

Christ the Risen Savior, in Africa

Glory unto the Lord! It is because of the presence of Christ within the lives of Cameroonians-the Risen Christ-that victories are won and miracles are wrought in Cameroon, Africa

By Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang, Cameroon Missionaries Stationed Bamenda, Africa

T WAS 6:15 in the evening when we drove into Bamenda Station and stopped the Land Rover by our kitchen door. It had been a long trip upland from Soppo that day. Hardly had we gotten out than people were there to tell us the news: They had just come from burying the child of a faithful couple in our Bamenda church. The child had died that morning. What a shock!

Before we had left the station two weeks earlier to take our children to Ebolowa, the year-old baby had just been brought home from the hospital, having recovered from pneumonia. -And now to hear he had died . . . Our hearts went out to the parents. Later we pieced together the report. After his recovery, while still in a weakened condition, he contracted measles, developed pneumonia again and died.

VICTORIOUS LIVING

In the days that followed, I could not help but wonder how Mary, the mother, would take her loss. Her first-born had been twins, a boy and a girl. That boy also died at a year. Three other children came later-two girls and a boy. Then in 1963 another boy was born to them. It was this child who had now been taken from them.

Mary is a busy woman, for not only is she a homemaker, but she is a school teacher as well. She is active in 3H Girls work, and teaches the women's Sunday school class in the Nkwen Baptist Church. As I visited Mary. worked with her in 3 H, and attended her Sunday school class, I saw no trace of bitterness in her behavior.

One Sunday not long after her child's death, the Sunday school lesson was on Job. As she began the lesson she said, "As I saw the topic for today's lesson. I thought, 'Why should I teach this lesson? I have just lost my own child,' but then I said, 'No, I must do so!'" And as she went on to teach it very capably, she herself was the lesson's best illustration, obvious to all the women in the class-about 80 of them.

Where did Mary receive the needed strength that morning? Not in herself, I am sure. It came from the presence of Christ within-the risen Christ!

Yes, for times of personal crisis and sorrow, God's grace is sufficient . . . but what about the "long pull," the day-by-day frustrations that grind down the soul? Is he adequate for these?

Well, consider the life of Pastor N., who has served the Lord faithfully for many years. In all of his years of service, he and his wife have had no child.

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Anywhere, childlessness is hard to bear. But perhaps in Africa, it is doubly hard. So important is it in the lives of husbands and wives here, that a man will sometimes simply leave his wife and take another in the hope that she will bear him a child. Or sometimes it is the wife who leaves her



Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang and their family in front of the Missionary House at Bamenda, Cameroon

husband for another man, if she has had no child from her first husband.

So in the case of Pastor N. If he were still a pagan, living in the ways of country custom, he might have seen fit to cast off his wife and take another.

But he did not. He and his wife found another way-that of adopting two children, a boy and a girl, who were thus given the great privilege of being reared in a Christian home.

What is it that causes people like these to stand true to one another and to their God in the midst of a great problem that is with them each day of their lives? It is the risen Christ who lives today and who gives that kind of strength.

SERVING OTHERS

Yes, Christ within a man or a woman is the power to stand firm in times of sudden crises or over years of heartache and disappointment. But there is another area that challenges the power of Christ to overcome, and that is the area of personal ambition.

Personal ambition is good when it helps a young man to push ahead for training that can improve both himself and, indirectly, his country. Like anything else that is good, it can sometimes get out of hand. Thus, those who have more education than others may begin to feel that they are better than others and therefore in a position to command rather than to serve.

It is at this point that a young man. Simon, comes to my mind. We first knew him when he was a young PTC (Continued on page 23)

The Challenge of Cameroon

A business visit to Cameroon, Africa by the denomination's comptroller also enabled her to visit some of the bush churches, to marvel at the scenic beauty of the landscape, and to fellowship with missionaries in their homes. She saw a CHALLENGE at every hand!

By Miss Mary Leypoldt of Forest Park, Illinois, Denominational Comptroller

VY ASSIGNMENT TO the Federal Republic of Cameroon, West Africa made it possible for me to visit most of the mission stations. This made it possible for me to visit in the homes of most of our missionaries and enjoy their wonderful hospitality. The assistance of George W. Lang and Kenneth and June Goodman in the conferences with the station managers and treasurers was very much appreciated.

I soon found out that the tasks of the missionaries are numerous. Many and varied demands are made on them, which makes it necessary for them to have a great deal of versatility and a good sense of humor. It seems there is a challenge at every hand!

BREATHTAKING BEAUTY

Challenge of the roads. Deep ruts in the roads were very frequent, since it was near the end of the rainy season. The missionaries have to be very competent drivers. Beware if your horn doesn't work because it not only performs the job of clearing the roads of people and animals but it also is a form of greeting. You see many of the Cameroonians walking to the native markets with loads balanced on their heads.

As you travel through the mountain-



CAMEROON CALABASHES Colorful grass woven covered calabashes made by patients at the Mbingo New Hope Settlement.

ous country, you see vast hillsides covered with palm trees. You pass through heavily forested areas with rich foliage of all kinds. Coffee, tea, rubber, cocoa and banana plantations are scattered throughout the countryside. Many beautiful flowering trees and flowers are found besides a profusion of lovely birds

As you travel inland you climb to higher elevations and the dense forests disappear. The grasslands were beautifully green because it was the end of the rainy season. The rolling hillsides were breathtaking with many beautiful waterfalls. Each of the mission stations is strategically located in a beautiful setting.

Challenge to have a lovely home. The homes built for the missionaries are not pretentious. However, with an imaginative architect, a bit of ingenuity, the use of the beautiful woods for furniture, the use of native arts, and a good sense of beauty make for a lovely home. Each of the misionaries has excellent taste and their homes are beautifully landscaped with a profusion of native flowers, trees and shrubs. There was no lack of fresh fruit-lemons, grapefruit, lime, oranges, avocados, paw paw, bananas and pineapples-on the compound at Kumba where I spent most of my time setting up the accounting machine and records. As the Goodmans travel to various stations, they share this fruit with their fellow missionaries. The other missionaries do the same with foods that are more plentiful in their part of the country.

Because of the many palavers necessary to go to market, the time needed to prepare the food and the many responsibilities of the missionaries, it is necessary for them to employ native cooks. Their cooks prepare excellent meals and served them most graciously.

A CONSTANT BATTLE

Challenge to fight dampness. Because of the many months of rain, there is a constant fight to keep food, clothing and other valuables free from mold.

Challenge to strike a good bargain. Many of the purchases in the native markets and from the native traders must be done with much finesse to strike a good bargain. The Cameroonians seem to enjoy themselves in the process.

Challenge to fight disease. The tropics are breeding places for many diseases. The missionaries have to be careful and take many precautions to avoid contracting these diseases.

Challenge to play a good game of Scrabble. This seems to be the favorite pastime of the missionaries for an evening of relaxation-or matching of wits!

Challenge to administer the missionary program. It was indeed a privilege for me to sit in on the committee sessions of the Cameroon Field Council and the sub-committees and to get a first-hand glimpse of the problems with which they have to deal. Several of the Cameroonian leaders are members of these committees, and it was a joy to see their contributions. The subcommittee recommendations are then considered by the CFC and one needs the wisdom of Solomon to cope with the ever-changing conditions of the country and the personnel needs because of furloughs-only to name a few.

Challenge of healing the sick. The healing ministry is far reaching. It was a thrill to see the wonderful work being done at the Banso Hospital, the Hospital for leprosy patients and Settlement at Mbingo and the Maternity Center at Belo. (I was not able to visit Mbem and Warwar where they also have Maternity Centers.) The needs are many and the demands on the personnel are great.

Challenge to train leaders in all walks of life. It was also thrilling to see the school where young men and women are trained to be pastors, school teachers, nurses, midwives and skilled tradesmen and are better fit to cope with the changing Cameroon which is theirs. The schools at Victoria (Saker College), Soppo (BTTC), Bali (Cameroons Protestant College), Ndu (BBTC, NBC and NTTC), and the training programs at Banso and Mbingo are marvelous.

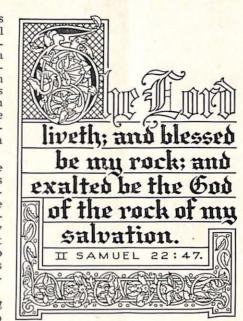
SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Challenge to counsel with the Cameroon leaders. It was a tremendous experience to be able to meet and to have fellowship with our Cameroon leaders. They are furnishing very able leadership in their respective fields, and we are proud of them. They realize the great tasks which are theirs and look to the missionaries for counsel. The area of evangelism is very important and special consideration is being given to help in furnishing proper literature and aids in this area.

Challenge to counsel with church leaders. It was my privilege to visit quite a number of churches, among which were the churches at Ndu. Kumba, Soppo and the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Victoria where the Rev. Flavius Martin is pastor. I was also privileged to visit some of the bush churches in the small villages. The missionaries are often called on for counsel in the church program.

Challenge goes out to you as short term missionaries. The challenge is there, and if you have the qualifications necessary for this short term missionary program, you will never regret the terrific opportunity which is yours now to help mould the lives of these young people to be better equipped to become good and qualified citizens of the Cameroon and effective Christian witnesses. These will be the future leaders of the Cameroon, and their potential is great.

The missionaries are continually meeting their challenges-are you?



CHRIST, THE TEACHER

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However, shortly after the beginning of the New Year, we were informed that our landlord, in order to buy a home for himself in Tokyo, wants to sell our house. As this is written, we again face the prospect of possibly another move by this summer. Of more concern than this is the continuing witness for Christ in this area. What is the will of the Lord? Will you please pray with us that Christ might indeed "cause us to know the way wherein I should walk," for with the Psalmist we too say, "In thee do I trust . . . I lift up my soul unto thee." May his Name truly be praised here in Japan!

THE GLORIOUS CHRIST

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knowing that the Holy Spirit will enable every believer for service.

"This same Jesus . . . shall so come again. . . ." "Blessed is he that cometh. . . ." As Israel yearned and waited for the coming of the Messiah, so we should long for his coming in great glory and power. When have you prayed last, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly." Perhaps you can't utter this prayer. You are not ready, not prepared? The Bible says, "Everyone that hath this hope, this hope of Christ's coming, purifies himself." The Apostle Paul longed for this hope. How much more we, who are so much nearer to his coming! Are you looking for that "blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ"?

Bid the Holy Spirit to pervade your life with his love and reasonable service. Make it known that Jesus is Savior, God's Son and man's Redeemer. Make it known-he is the majestic, coming, triumphant King and Judge of all the earth. Make Palm Sunday a victory day in your heart!



CAMEROON BAPTIST PASTORS, WEST AFRICA Pastors of the Cameroons Baptist Convention are photographed in front of the Baptist Bible Training College at Ndu, Africa.

WHAT A FRIEND IN JESUS

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and everything he knew. There were many new things at Mbingo. He was not the only boy with leprosy. He got palm oil in his soup. The children played with him. He wore clothes. He lived in a dormitory and had his own bed and blanket. He went to school and church. For the first time he heard about Jesus!

One day he became very sick with leprosy reaction. His body became swollen and every part of it pained. He was sure he was dying for he could not see and hear clearly. Then the doctor came and prayed at his bedside and said, "Thomas don't fear, you will be well. God will help you."

In a few days he was better. Thomas said, "I knew Jesus was the one who made me well and I believed in him. Now I don't fear death. God has helped me many times and so I want to follow him."

Rebecca is another example of a silent sufferer. She has been in the hospital for over 800 days with almost continuous pain. Her body is covered with welts, many of them raw and open. Recently, following a very severe leprosy reaction during which she hung between life and death, she said with quivering lips, "God has brought me back to life. Thank you for praying. Please bring me some papers so someone can read to me. I want to hear more about Jesus."

SAMUEL LEARNS FORGIVENESS

"Have we trials and temptations?" Yes, many! ! Samuel tells how he heard that another man took his wife since he had been away from her at the settlement for nine years. Samuel became so angry that he sharpened his spears and planned to sneak out of camp in the middle of the night to kill the man and burn his houses. When he went to bed waiting for the others to fall asleep, his heart began to troble him and something kept him in bed.

In the morning he talked to Mr. Gabe, the overseer, and told him his plan. "Are you, a Christian, going to act as a pagan?" Mr. Gabe asked. And as they spoke together his heart became calm and, instead of killing the man, he was able to pray for him. Yes, Samuel and scores of others have found in time of temptation that "Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer."

Monica and Helina, mother and daughter, were among the 22 discharged symptom-free of leprosy in January 1965. Their faces beamed as they piled their few belongings into the home bound landrover. Neither of them knew the Lord six years ago when they came, and now they were impatient to go home and tell "what great things the Lord hath done."

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of . . . who through faith" . . . found Jesus as their never failing Friend.

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A Congress of Baptists at Miami Beach

An exciting trek of tens of thousands of Baptists will soon be on its way to the 11th Baptist Congress at Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-30, 1965. Come and join this spiritually inspiring Congress fellowship!

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary

Baptist ministers-Hershel H. Hobbs, C. Oscar Johnson, Billy Graham and John Ithel Jones will be headline speakers at the 11th Baptist World Alliance Congress in Miami Beach, Florida from June 25 to 30, 1965.

Dr. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will make the keynote address at the Congress' opening session Friday, June 25.

Dr. Jones, principal of the South Wales Baptist College at Cardiff, Wales, one of Britain's outstanding ministers, will preach the Congress sermon on Monday, June 28.

HESE WORLD-FAMOUS North America as the preacher on "The mainland, arriving here by bus or Baptist Hour" radio program. He was president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1962 and 1963, and has been pastor of the 5,800-member Oklahoma City church since 1949. He is the author of many books.

Dr. Jones has served as pastor of churches at Porthcawl, Bristol and Ealing, and became principal of South Wales Baptist College in 1958.

Dr. Johnson has been a lecturer on the faculty at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School at Berkeley, Calif., since his retirement from the pastorate of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, 1958. He served the St. Louis church 26 years. He was president of the Ameri-

president of the Baptist World Alliance

1947-50. This is his second time to

make the coronation address at the

world congress, the first being in At-

Baptists are expected to attend the

Congress. Baptist leaders from a total

of about 50 countries will participate

CITY'S SPARKLING CLEANLINESS

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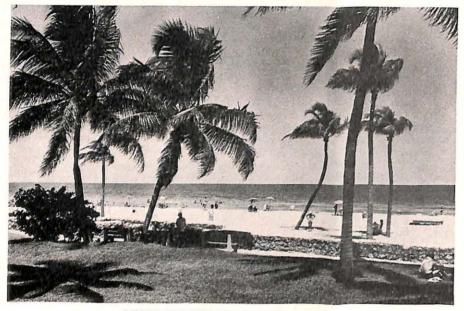
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stretching away eastward. Train and

plane passengers disembark on the

in the five-day program.

Dr. Adams said that about 30,000



MIAMI BEACH'S INVITATION TO YOU!

lanta in 1939

Coconut palms lend a South Seas atmosphere to the parks and beaches along Miami Beach's shoreline. Summer breezes from surrounding waters keep the city cool. The city maintains nine oceanfront parks like this.-Miami Beach News Bureau photo.

Dr. Johnson, past president of the can Baptist Convention in 1933 and Baptist World Alliance and past president of the American Baptist Convention, will deliver the Coronation Address at the Congress' closing session.

ORANGE BOWL STADIUM

The three speakers were announced by Theodore F. Adams, chairman of the Congress program committee. He previously had announced that Evangelist Billy Graham would address the congress at Saturday and Sunday evening sessions in Miami's 70,000 seat Orange Bowl stadium.

The Congress theme is ". . . and the truth shall make you free." Dr. Hobbs will speak on "The truth that makes us free."

Dr. Hobbs is known throughout

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automobile across one of the four

of the first impressions a stranger re-

ceives in Miami Beach-the sparkling

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playland. One of the results is the

abundance of recreation areas, includ-

ing nine oceanfront parks with nearly

two miles of bathing beach, numerous

playground parks with facilities for

various games, and two 18-hole public

golf courses, plus a par-three course.

overworked but still appropriate word,

has been phenomenal. Of the existing

hotels, those more than 30 years old

can be counted upon the fingers. Sixty-

eight have been erected since World

War II, probably as many as in all

ages the visitor enjoys at Miami Beach.

A permanent population of 62.000.

doubled and tripled by vacationers,

assures such big-city services as mod-

ern stores, hospitals, bus and taxi

transportation, banks, brokerage hous-

es, restaurants, libraries and schools,

Yet the out-of-doors is close at hand, deep-sea fishing 20 minutes away,

golf courses no more than 10 minutes

and the wilderness of the Everglades

National park little more than an

hour's drive from the luxury and fash-

Just south on the mainland is Fair-

child Tropical Garden, with the largest

collection of palms, and many other

tropical plants, in this country. Also

just south, on the second island below

Miami Beach is an extensive display of

the fish, from the largest to the small-

Further to the south on the main-

land easily reached in less than an

hour, is the Parrot Jungle, with ma-

caws and other colorful birds flying

free in a lush tropical setting. Nearby

is a serpentarium, where visitors may

watch cobras and see their deadly ven-

om extracted. Just beyond are the

Monkey and Orchid Jungles, both in

the midst of South Florida's tropical

fruit groves, where winter visitors may

pick oranges and avocados and sum-

mer visitors may sample the luscious

An hour and a half by automobile or

bus is the entrance to the Everglades

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ADVENTURELAND

Convenience is a key to the advant-

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Miami Beach was founded in 1915,

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SPEAK UP!

An Open Forum for communication among North American Baptists moderated by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, minister of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., and General Conference Moderator.

QUESTIONS ABOUT LEADERSHIP IN OUR CHURCH

Dear Brother in Christ.

We seem to have a lack of leadership in our church and we don't know what to do about it. The people who are willing to take responsibility are not the kind who help us the most. They seem to be anxious to grind certain axes, or they want to be important, but they use poor judgment most of the time. I have talked about this with some other laymen in our town and they say that it is true in their churches too. Our high school principal said once that when people feel inferior in themselves in comparison with their neighbors, they try to make up for it by becoming extremely religious.

In our church these seem to be the ones who are elected because of their religious fervor, but they are still mostly uneducated or untrained so that they make poor leaders. The ones who could help most are not elected because they aren't as religious and wouldn't enjoy cooperating with the people who are in office. How have other churches solved this problem? What in your opinion should be done about this? Possibly some other readers have some ideas. Your "Speak Up" section is interesting. A Christian Layman

DR. IHRIE'S ANSWER

Dear Sir:

This will not be a solution to the matter which you described, but I have some reactions. First, I resent the apparent down-grading of sincere people who are obviously doing their best to serve Christ and his church. To imply that they are using their religion as a compensation for feelings of inferiority is an unfair generalization. The great majority of our church leaders are sincerely doing their very best to help the work of Christ along. I would enjoy speaking with your high school principal. His remark leads me to wonder what he is compensating for when he criticizes people who take their faith seriously.

Second, I agree that we need to train our willing people in matters of leadership and responsibility. In fact, leadership training may be one of the most needy areas of our Christian educational program. Thank God for willingness! Where this is present, training can take place. This may be one of the pastor's most important contributions to the ministry.

Third, I would like to suggest some of the qualities which I believe to be most desirable in those who would ac-

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EASTER OFFERING

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- Attractive Easter Offering envelopes have been sent to all churches.
- Your gifts will help to make Christ known as the living Lord and Savior among peoples of the world.
- Remember our 88 missionaries with your prayers and gifts. Read this Easter Issue about the
- blessings of God's redeeming grace on our mission fields.

cept responsibility!

standing of individual differences; not narrow-minded. 2. Even tempered nature; not upset

by opposition; not negative or extrem-

remain loyal to plans once agreed upon.

to mere custom or tradition. 5. Friendly and well received by most

people; not withdrawn or dull. 6. Dedicated and involved; not half-

hearted or unenthusiastic.

GOD'S HAND IS UPON US! Dear Mr. Moderator:

I would like to challenge the basic thesis of a recent letter printed in "Speak Up!" The contributor asked why we are not growing as a denomination. Admittedly, the North American Baptist General Conference is not the fastest growing Baptist body on the continent. Neither are we growing as rapidly as we would like to or as we ought to. It is not true, however, that

nated as the contributor implies. The following statistics taken from Denominational Directories reveal something of the God-given growth which we have experienced in recent vears:

Having this kind of growth with a largely rural and bi-lingual constituency, I believe, speaks of vitality and not of weakness

Possibly I am an incurable optimist,

Church Membership Sunday School Enrollmer Missionary Contributions Total Giving Per Capita Giving Number of Missionaries



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3. Capable of team work; ready to 4. By nature progressive; not bound

since the war our Conference has stag-

Conference Dates

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE Immanuel Church, Woodside, N. Y. April 29-May 2, 1965

- CENTRAL CONFERENCE Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan May 27-30, 1965
- DAKOTA CONFERENCE Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak. June 16-20, 1965
- EASTERN CONFERENCE Holiday Park Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. April 29-May 2, 1965
- NORTHERN CONFERENCE Faith Church, Regina, Saskatchewan July 7-11, 1965
- NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa July 7-11, 1965
- PACIFIC CONFERENCE Riviera Church, Salem, Oregon June 16-20, 1965
- SOUTHERN CONFERENCE Canaan Church, Crawford, Texas August 4-8, 1965
- SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE Zion Church, Okeene, Oklahoma August 10-13, 1965

but I am thankful to Christ for the achievements of the past and am thrilled with the prospects for the future of our denomination. I share with you the conviction that-though we do not merit it-God's hand is upon us!

David J. Draewell, Secretary Stewardship & Higher Education

ANSWER BY DR. IHRIE

Thank you, Mr. Secretary, for your statistics and for your optimism. Numerical growth is always a source of encouragement to people who are working for a cause, and the lack of such increases is often a source of discouragement. This is especially true when the numbers represent lives. It is our fervent prayer that "God will give the increase" as the result of faithful sowing and watering.

Sometimes men are asked to keep on keeping on, even when the graphs on the chart are moving downward. Most of us are human enough to be unhappy during such periods or in such settings. Our need is for deep faith that the over-all victory is his and the ultimate triumph belongs to those who will share in his reign as King of kings.

Meanwhile, we all agree that we want our denomination to grow in every possible way. We want the growth to be solid and real. To this end we are laboring together!

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The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Us

Reports of God's Volunteers Teams by Sandra Scheffler and Anita Schlehuber

CHRIST-OUR LORD!

The Story of God's Volunteers Team I in the Pacific Northwest By Sandra Scheffler, Reporter

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luke 4:18).

OMETIMES WE wish the Lord wouldn't send us to so many broken, poor, and destitute homes and to those who are caught so tightly in the grip of Satan's hand. But we realize more than ever before that the Spirit of God is upon us to go forth and to witness for him everywhere.

CALVARY CHURCH, TACOMA

It was a real challenge to go to the Calvary Baptist Church in Tacoma, Wash. It is one of the largest churches in which we have been. The pastor is Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom with Rev. Allen Kranz as assistant pastor. We were fortunate to be able to take part in the young people's Valentine Banquet on Saturday night. We also sang for several shut-ins, at the Rest Home, for Voice of Christian Youth at one of the high schools, and we held a children's rally. Because of the many youth departments in the church, some of us were individually responsible for the Primary, Junior and Senior Depts., and C.B.Y.'s for the first time.

Our next stop was the Cypress Baptist Church in North Seattle, Wash. It was a very exciting trip for most of us, because it was our first glimpse of the Space Needle at Seattle.

This was our first experience working with a Church Extension project. Rev. Richard Grabke is doing a wonderful work there. While broadcasting at the radio station the first morning, we discovered that God's Invasion Army was training in Seattle. They are a team much like our own, and so we got together and had a wonderful time sharing our programs with each other.

VISITATION IN SEATTLE

The young people took us to the Seattle Center to see Seattle outdo Vancouver in a hockey game. We also had an opportunity to fellowship with the married couples at a sport called "curling," which was rather new to us. Several of the members helped us visit each day and provide transportation. Because of the great amount of visitation we were able to do and because of the fact that the homes we stayed in were far from each other



Dr. Roy Just (left), president of Tabor College in Kansas, and Rev. Walter Hoffman, Director of God's Volunteers Team II, enjoy an informal fellowship period in Tabor Student Lounge.

and the church, we totalled over 1200 miles during our stay there.

We experienced a real answer to prayer on our first day of visitation. We had prayed especially for one person that she might somehow see her need to accept Christ. That evening she came out to our first meeting. She came again the next evening and realized her need for Christ, and accepted him into her heart.

For our spring vacation, March 8-13, we were in Seattle at the YWCA and YMCA. We may take a vacation from our work, but we shall not be taking a vacation from God!

CHRIST-OUR MASTER!

The Story of God's Volunteers Team II in Kansas Churches

By Anita Schlehuber, Reporter

Making the message of Christ known is our goal each day of our lives. Presenting Christ to those who do not know him is our greatest joy. Our team has felt this challenge and call in our Kansas churches, and together with the co-laborers of the church we have seen souls won for Christ.

There were many opportunities for service in Lorraine, Strassburg, and Marion. With Christ our Master, we made him known through song and the spoken word. In Lorraine, we were able to be twice on the Sunday morning radio broadcast. We were also on the Sterling College campus, where we

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS, 1965-1966

The story of the newly appointed Teams of God's Volunteers for 1965-1966 will appear in an early summer issue. Pray for these young people as preparations are made for their training period.

presented a program at their chapel hour. We had assemblies at the Ellsworth, Holyrod, and Lorraine High Schools. During the Boys' and Girls' Rally in Lorraine, many young people made a first time decision for Christ. At our youth emphasis program over forty young people rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ. What a joy it is to know that young people are answering the call of him in "Times Like These '

At the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, our team again was busy serving him. On Feb. 6th, the Kansas C. B. Y. Retreat was held at Strassburg. Professor Roy Seibel of our North American Baptist Seminary was the speaker of the day. The Volunteers gave a program in the afternoon, besides participating in the banquet program. The retreat was a huge success, and we thank the Strassburg church and Pastor Donald Decker for the work which was done to make it such a blessing.

Our team moved on to Marion, Kansas to the Emmanuel Baptist Church. Our visitation program at Marion and Strassburg was house to house canvass as well as prospect calling. At Strassburg the calling was done in the rural area. Once again our team sang in high schools, colleges, Senior Citizens Homes and radio, witnessing for Christ.

Team II also served in Durham and Wichita, Kansas which concluded our campaigns in Kansas. Then we will travel to Buffalo, N. Y.; Philadelphia, Penn.; and Jamesburg, N. J., to conclude our tour for the year. We thank you for your prayers!

A VISIT TO TABOR COLLEGE

God's Volunteers, a Gospel team of six members and their director, visited the Tabor College campus, Hillsboro, Kansas on February 17 together with Rev. Melvin Warkentin, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas. Under Pastor Hoffman's leadership the team shared spirited music and a message from God's Word. They were on campus for a major part of the morning, visiting classes and talking to students. Of particular interest was the sharing of experiences of the Volunteers with the Mennonite Brethren Youth Caravan, a similar endeavor. Youth Caravan team members, Keith Harder and Mary Plett, ate dinner at the College Cafeteria where an exchange of experiences followed. God's Volunteers Team No. II were in central Kansas with schedules including meetings at the following area congregations-Emmanuel (Marion), Strassburg (Marion) and Durham Baptist churches .- (Tabor College News Re-

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sented his resignation to the Calvary in Edmonton, Alberta, during his Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., which he has served since 1963. He is awaiting God's guidance as to his continued ministry in the service of Christ.

• Rev. and Mrs. Edwin C. Kern of Tsu, Japan, NAB missionaries at this university center in Japan, have announced that a daughter was born to them on Feb. 22 to whom the name Deborah Lynn has been given. This is the second child in their family.

• On Feb. 7 at an official business meeting, the Wichita Baptist Church of Milwaukie. Oregon voted to disband as a church organization. It was organized in 1959 as a Church Extension project. The pastor, Dean Gonnerman, will continue his studies at the Western Evangelical Seminary near Portland, Oregon.

• The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver. B. C., has extended a formal call to Rev. Paul Siewert to serve as "the pastor of the church." Formerly Rev. Otto Patzia and he were "the ministers of the church." Mr. and Mrs. Siewert and family have moved into the church's parsonage following his acceptance of the call extended to him.

• Mrs. Harm Sherman has resigned as secretary to the president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., effective about' April 15, due to the illness of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman will return to the community of Aplington, Iowa. Mrs. Sherman's services during the past year in the office of the Seminary were deeply appreciated.

Rev. J. C. Kraenzler recently presented his resignation to the Faith Baptist Church of Selby, S. Dak., which he has served since 1961. His resignation took effect on March 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Kraenzler have moved to Ashley, N. Dak., where they will live temporarily. His plans "for the future are indefinite," as Mr. Kraenzler wrote, "depending upon the Lord's guidance."

Rev. Dale Chaddock of Pittsburgh, Pa., has resigned as pastor of the Holiday Park Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, which he served since its beginning in 1960, and announced that he had accepted an appointment as vice president and director of counselling and developing for Youth Guidance, Inc. His resignation will take effect at the close of April, and he and his family will occupy the Holiday Park parsonage until June 30th.

• The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba has extended a call to Mr. Herbert Haut, a 1965 graduate of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta to become the assistant to the pastor. He has accepted the call and will begin his ministry in this position on May 9th after graduation. Mr. Haut has been

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studies at the CTI.

• Mr. Anson Yeager, executive director of the "Argus-Leader" newspaper of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., spoke at the North American Baptist Seminary's weekly forum in February. He told the students and faculty members how

future ministers could work with the editors and newspapers to bring their communities news about churches and their activities. He discussed the "Argus-Leader's" news coverage of the recent joint call to prayer by Protestant and Catholic churches in Sioux Falls.

• Mr. Fritz Goliath, a member of the Salem Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta and a student at the Christian Training Institute, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Onoway, Alberta. Even though he has been a third year student in the Theological Department of the CTI, he hopes to continue his studies and to finish several subjects during the next semester at the school. This will be done while he is also serving the Onoway Baptist Church.

• The Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y. has extended a call to Rev. Daniel Kolke of St. Catharines, Ont., who left the New York church less than a year ago to serve the Immanuel Church in St. Catharines. Mr. Kolke has accepted the call and has returned to the New York City church on April 4th. This church, founded in 1855, is located in the heart of Manhattan which was formerly known as "Hell's Kitchen" and pastored by Rev. Walter Rauschenbusch.

• The building project of the Baptist Haven of Rest, Medicine Hat, Alberta, except for some additional landscaping, has been completed at a cost of \$317,-147.60 including furniture and equipment. These new facilities provide accommodations for 44 guests in the Home and 46 patients in the Nursing Wing, making a total capacity of 100 people in "the Home's family." The official opening was held on March 25. A more detailed report will be published at a later time. Rev. R. Kanwischer is the superintendent of the Home.

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Recently Rev. Frank J. Kolk pre- serving the Immanuel Baptist Church • The Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., enjoyed the services of Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Ill., a prominent NAB layman, over the week of Feb. 27 and 28. At a youth banquet on Saturday evening, Feb. 27, Mr. Johns showed his unusual pictures of the total eclipse of the sun in Alaska in 1964 taken from a specially chartered plane over the mountains. On

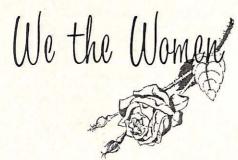


Sunday he spoke at the Sunday school and worship service and showed his latest pictures of Cameroon, Africa, and of the mission fields there, the schools, hospitals and missionaries.

• A Bible School will be held on the Indian Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta from April 19 to 23, 1965. A full schedule of classes and study has been planned for these Indian Christians from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and each evening an evangelistic service will be conducted by Rev. William Sibley of the Meadowlark Church of Edmonton. The teachers at the Bible School will be Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Rev. Philip Grabke, and the Indian missionaries, Rev. R. Neuman and Mr. David Harrison. A more detailed report about this important school will appear later.

• On Saturday, Feb. 6, the CBY of the Strassburg Church near Marion. Kansas was host to the Kansas Association Youth Retreat. A total of 132 young people registered for the day and 178 persons attended the banquet that evening. The theme for the Retreat, "Life's Heartbeat," dealt with the subject of inner attitudes and motivations. Special guests were Prof. Roy Seibel of the Seminary, Rev. Walter Hoffman, director, and members of God's Volunteers Team No. II. Mr. Le-Roy Griswald of Hillsboro, Kansas was the guest speaker. Discussion groups met in the morning. God's Volunteers presented a special program in the afternoon. Later the youth groups went for a time of recreation to the Marion City Gymnasium.

• The Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., participated in the city-wide Crusade for Christ, Feb. 14-18, with Dr. Watson Argue as evangelist and Strat Shufelt as song leader, choir director (Continued on page 23)



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

INTRODUCTION

We are indeed privileged during this Easter season to have Mary Alice Sies of Lorraine, Kansas share her memorable experience in the Garden Tomb in the Holy Land. She and her husband, Mr. Wm. Sies, toured the Holy Land during May and June, 1964. Many of you will remember Mary Alice as president of the Southwestern Conference WMU and also as one who has contributed to the Program Packets.

We know what a wonderful experience it is for those who have visited the tomb in which our Lord was buried. How grateful all of us can be that we know this risen, living Christ and have daily fellowship with him! Only as we know him can we experience the true significance of the most important message of history: "He is risen!"

EASTER IN JUNE By Mrs. William Sies of Lorraine, Kansas

"Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus" (John 19:40, 41).

It was a beautiful, bright Sunday morning. Although the hour was quite early, the sun was high, for it was June. We were in Jerusalem and were setting out to walk the short distance from our hotel to the garden where we would visit the "Garden Tomb." As we made our way through the narrow circuitous streets, it did not seem like Sunday to us for the people about us were going about their workaday pursuits. We passed brown-skinned stone cutters already busy at their work. This day was not the Sabbath of the Moslem Arabs, who make up most of the population of Jerusalem, Jordan.

The garden is enclosed by a high stone wall. As the wooden gate was opened for us, we stepped into a setting of beauty and quietude. There were pink oleanders, palms and willowlike trees that made dappled patterns of sunlight and shadow on the grass. Then we saw on a level below us the opening of an ancient sepulchre-the empty tomb-the place which to Christians is the holiest spot on earth.

We had a brief service there, joined by other visitors who were on a similar pilgrimage. We sang Easter hymns and listened to a brief message. A quartet (Continued on page 28)

From the Professor's Desk

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

should be abolished?

This is a very controversial question. and there are strong advocates on both sides of the issue. Those who maintain that capital punishment should be retained and enforced usually cite Genesis 9:6 in support of their view: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." It is held that this text announces God's decree that a murderer has forfeited his right to live by taking another person's life, and that his life should be taken from him because he has thus violated the image of God in which man was made. Only God has the sovereign right over human life, and he has charged human society with the responsibility to act as his agent of justice on earth when any man usurps the prerogative of God over life by killing another human being made in the divine image.

ADVOCATES OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Often this Genesis text is used in combination with Romans 13:4, which speaks of the civil magistrate as "the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." It is argued that the death of the murderer is required to satisfy divine justice, organized society having been given the responsibility for executing the death penalty upon one who so sheds man's blood.

Advocates of capital punishment urge that a faithful carrying out of this divine mandate will have a deterring effect upon society, because of the judgment of the death penalty. It will effectively impress upon mankind, they affirm, the sacredness and the inviolability of human life. Therefore, it must not be abolished.

This entire case is challenged, however, by those who advocate the relaxation or the abolition of the death penalty. They argue rather convincingly that the threat of capital punishment does not necessarily deter criminals. Statistics are set forth which indicate that some states which have abolished the death penalty have fewer murders per capita than states where capital punishment is still in force. Facts from other countries in various periods of history indicate that there is basically no relation between the enforcement of capital punishment and crime deterrence. Furthermore, the situation becomes very complex when the various types of murder and the differing motives for murder are taken into consideration, and statistics are not avail-

Do you think capital punishment able to prove that the death penalty is or is not effective as a deterring force with reference to the intricate complexities involved.

> Reply is usually made that this ineffectiveness is the result of the failure faithfully to enforce the requirement of the law. Capital punishment is meaningless, it is asserted, if it is not enforced with regularity. Having it on the law books has virtually no deterring value when it is indifferently enforced. or not applied at all. Then it tends actually to weaken law enforcement.

NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

It must be admitted that this reply has some force, but it must also be recognized that we are here dealing with a profoundly involved matter in which there are countless variables. Couple this consideration with the gravity of taking away the life of an accused murderer. (Does the forfeiture of his life in any way make recompense for the life he took unlawfully; or can he in any sense pay for his crime in this way; is society really helped by the execution of a death sentence?)

None of these considerations, however, comes sufficiently to grips with the heart of the matter. The relevance of a text from Genesis to our situation under the gospel of Christ's grace and the law of his love is debatable. Support of Genesis 9:6 from Romans 13:4 may be seriously questioned as to. whether there is any explicit statement or necessary inference from Scripture to prove that the government is today under mandate from God to take the life of those who "shed man's blood."

Why should the statement of Genesis 9:6 be given the status of a universal law, when other statements in the immediate context are not so regarded, as in verses four and five? Adultery and other grievous sins were, by explicit command of God, capital offenses in the Old Testament. Why not now? Are they less evil today?

The most decisive consideration of all is that today we live under a new covenant of grace and forgiveness through Christ. What are the implications of his sacrificial death for all sinners, murderers included? What is our responsibility to the worst of sinners under the light of the Gospel? Can we insist upon an invariable application of an abstract law of retributive justice, or is justice to be tempered with love, mercy and grace?

This is not to say that the death sentence may never be appropriate, but that it should not be regarded as a uniform demand which the state is under obligation from God to enact upon all those found guilty of murder.



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 18, 1965 Theme: CHRIST IS RISEN

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Just as the cross is man's only hope for forgiveness, so the empty tomb is man's only hope for eternal life.

INTRODUCTION: The most wonderful truth in the gospels becomes evident in the contrast between the darkest and deepest despair of Friday and the glorious and everlasting hope of Sunday. We must ever bear in mind that without the cross there would be no resurrection. In connection with this lesson, it is suggested that I Corinthians 15 be read and studied.

It was "all over" as far as the enemies of Jesus were concerned. He was dead and buried and they were convinced that dead men tell no tales. The first disturbing news they heard was that the tomb was empty and that this Jesus, who was crucified, had risen from the dead. But what appeared to be bad news to them was good news to his disciples and his friends, and it is still the best news we have today. The empty tomb has become the headquarters of our Christian faith! In many parts of the world people have the privilege of visiting the tombs in which great religious leaders lie buried. It is only the Christian faith which has an empty grave.

I. DAWN OF A NEW HOPE. Matthew 28:1-7.

The beautiful words with which this chapter begins bring a new age and a new hope. Although it was their love and concern which drew the women to the tomb, they were not prepared for such an extraordinary experience. It was both fearful and assuring. But by the time the full implication of their experience was realized, fear had vanished and there was only joy. The message which the angel gave them was the most joyous and surprising they had ever heard, for they came prepared to minister to a dead Christ and came away with the assurance of a living Savior.

II. THE RESPONSE OF THE WOMEN. Matthew 28:8-10.

Through the ages the three simple, yet powerful words, "He is risen,' have made the difference between death and life for millions of people. Without them we would have no church, no New Testament and no message.

The women had the honor and the privilege of being the first to proclaim the good news. But before they were

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to proclaim the message, they were told to look at the place where the Lord lay. Faith as well as reality was their portion. Not only were they to report what they had heard but also what they had seen. The primary truth of the message was that such good news must be told. But the most difficult thing would be to keep the good news to themselves. They ran to tell the good news. Perhaps we have lost some of the excitement and urgency of the message for there are few who look as though they are bursting with good news.

III. OUR RESPONSIBILITY. Matthew 28:16-20.

The directive of the angel was followed by the personal encounter with the risen Lord. The women's message in turn was followed by the Lord's appointment with his disciples. The assignment he gave them was not an easy one. It seemed impossible to fulfill. It is not yet fulfilled in our generation; therefore the Great Commission is still in force. Christ is still waiting for us to come to the place of his appointment.

Questions for Discussion

1. Why was it so impossible for Jesus' disciples to remember his promise that he would rise from the dead? 2. How can you prove to someone

who never heard of Christ that there is a resurrection? 3. How does fear prevent faith and

action?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 25, 1965 Theme: GOD'S PURPOSE THROUGH

Scripture: I Samuel 12:19-25; I Kings 6:11-13

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God's purpose can be more fully unfolded if his children have a divine sense of mission

INTRODUCTION: Under the general topic of "A Nation United" this series of lessons will concern themselves with what is often referred to as the golden age of Hebrew history. The periods to be studied are the reigns of Saul, David and Solomon, for it was during this time that the Jewish nation reached its greatest heights of wealth, fame and prosperity. Materially they rose above many nations around them. Spiritually, however, there was always room for improvement. In these hundred years or more, during which these three kings reigned, there was much that was good but there was also much that was bad. Nevertheless, they were reminded

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more strongly than ever that God had a covenant relationship with them and that the purpose of God was to be revealed to the world through them. They had a special mission in history, and it was through them that God's redemptive work would be passed on to us, and we in turn have become "the Israel of God."

We must remember that God's purpose is not yet fulfilled and that he is continuing to work out his purpose for the world through us.

I. THE WEAKNESSES OF GOD'S PEOPLE. I Samuel 12:19.

It seems strange that during the time that Israel had one of the best judges and prophets that the people would desire and demand a king. Both the material and spiritual life of the nation was revitalized during Samuel's long self-sacrificing leadership.

In the beginning of the new monarchy, the people began to feel conscience-stricken. They realized that their sin lay in the fact that they had substituted their devotion to their king for loyalty to God. In order to prevent this sin from taking possession of their hearts, they asked Samuel to pray for them. They needed reassurance that God would forgive and spare their nation

II. THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD. Samuel 12:20-25.

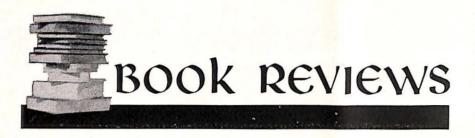
God does not take sin lightly. Samuel therefore reminds Israel of its awful wickedness and danger. To be forgiven and restored in the sight of God will not give them the right to go on living in sin. Turning away from all wickedness is the negative aspect of forgiveness. There must also be a positive side in turning to the Lord and reporting for loving service with the whole heart and soul. What they do will reflect on God's character, for they are the representatives of the Lord. God is faithful in continuing to uphold Israel as his chosen people and as such he will not forsake them.

One of the greatest means of support that Israel had at this time was the power of intercessory prayer. Samuel never ceased to pray for them. even if his leadership was no longer desired.

III. THE PROMISES OF GOD. I Kings 6:11-13.

There is quite a gap in our lesson, but only to show God's purpose in the present and in the future of Israel. It is, first of all, an indication and a verification that God's Word always came to those who were at the head of the nation of Israel. God had no desire to be separated from his people. His wish

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By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

THE MASTER PLAN OF EVANGEL- warm and inspirational content which ISM by Robert E. Coleman. Revell-1964—126 pages—\$1.00 (paper).

For those who see evangelism only in the mass and not in the particular, this book is worthy of study and experiment. Beginning with the calling of the twelve the author follows the plan of Jesus and shows how this daily and long range evangelism can become an effective program in every church.

SPEAK UP! by Elva Warrel Daniel. Zondervan-1964-63 pages-\$1.00 (paper).

Even if this reviewer cannot agree with the author's enthusiastic comment that "everyone has a talent for speaking," he will agree that the techniques, the inspiration and encouragement expressed in this book are helpful for those who have little or much talent and have a desire to cultivate it and improve upon it.

THE RESPONSIBLE CHURCH AND THE FOREIGN MISSION by Peter Beverhaus and Henry Lefever. Eerdmans-1964-199 pages-\$1.95 (paper).

Responsibility is the keynote in this scholarly work which gives a clear picture of the British, European and American missionary endeavors during the last century and a half.

The introduction and conclusion have a particular and timely message for the church and denomination as they continue to study their relationship to present missionary work.

THE FIRST CHURCH by S. E. Anderson. Independent Baptist Publications-1964-120 pages.

Writing from an idealistic, and yet in many respects practical, point of view, the author gives us a picture. not so clearly of the "first church,' but of what the church of Jesus Christ should be. Not "every member was Christ-centered" as Mr. Anderson would have us believe. He makes no distinction between the first church of 120 and the subsequent established churches. No attempt is made to discuss or even reveal the serious problems of ethics, morals and doctrines in churches such as were found in Corinth and Ephesus.

The author's enthusiastic evangelistic and missionary approach adds a

should help both pastor and people to pray and work to make their church more Christ-like.

SERENDIPITY by J. Wallace Hamilton. Revell-1965-187 pages-\$3.95.

The title may sound facetious or intriguing, but the content is surprisingly inspirational as well as practical, which, according to the meaning of serendipity is the author's intent. It was Sir Horace Walpole who coined the word, basing it on a Persian fairy tale. THREE PRINCES OF SEREN-DIP, an ancient name for Ceylon. Every time the princes of Serendip went on a journey something unexpected happened. They usually found something valuable for which they were not seeking.

In a combination of lecture, essay and sermon form, with a dash of wellselected poetry, Mr. Hamilton takes the reader through a number of spiritual journeys, in which seeking first the Kingdom will always bring unexpected blessings.

The author is pastor of the Pasadena Community Church in Florida where he began in 1929 with 35 people. Through the years he has built a listening congregation of ten thousand who sit in the pews, on benches and on the grass outside, or in their cars.

ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE NEW TES-

TAMENT by R. K. Harrison. Association Press-1964-138 pages-\$3.95.

Although we are to live by faith in the present as well as in the future, the archaeologist must be given some credit for supporting our faith by "digging up the facts." In clear, bold type and simple language the author has helped to make the Bible come alive for the studious reader. The most recent archaeological discoveries are interpreted, with special attention given to the Qumran papyrus manuscripts and the Dead Sea scrolls.

The copious notes to the chapters in



the back of the book may be a little time consuming to the reader because he must refer to the abbreviations listed in the front of the book. Expert reproduction of the photographic materials adds to the interest of the volume.

THE UPLIFTED CHRIST by R. A. Torry. Zondervan-1965-104 pages -\$2.50

The messages in this volume are taken from Dr. Torrey's unpublished manuscripts. His deep spiritual life is revealed as he shares with us his meditations on the cross and resurrection.

THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST by D. Stuart Briscoe. Zondervan - 1965 -151 pages-\$2.50.

After conversion comes growth. Being born again does not include a miracle of instant Christian maturity. There is a difference in being born into the family of God and being transformed into the image of Jesus Christ.

The author leads us past the "listening in" and "looking up" stages into the "launching out" and "letting down" responsibilities through which the Christian must go in order to grow in Christ.

LIFE BY THE SPIRIT by A. Skevington Wood. Zondervan - 1963 - 144 pages—\$2.50.

Although there are many Scripture references used throughout the book for the purposes of support and comparison, the author bases his main theme on Romans 8 and takes the reader through a spiritual pilgrimage verse by verse.

HOW TO TEACH ONE AND WIN ONE FOR CHRIST by Frank C. Laubach. Zondervan-1964-90 pages -\$1.95

The topic is practically synonymous with Dr. Laubach's life and work. His method in this small volume is an epitome of his profound simplicity.

A BUSINESSMAN LOOKS AT THE BIBLE by W. Maxey Jarman. Revell

It is gratifying to know that the author makes a special point of saying that his book was not written to prove that the Bible helped him to be a success in business. He does not equate business success with success in living. After accepting its truth and committing himself to it, Mr. Jarman followed the teaching of the Bible as a program for his life. He simply wished to know it better, to follow it more closely, to communicate it more mean-

He is board chairman of Genesco, a \$500 million business empire, which includes specialty shops, furs, shoes, men's wear and perfumes. Bonwit Teller is one of the most famous of the Genesco properties.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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and baritone soloist. The church held its Loyalty Dinner on Friday evening, Jan. 29, with Dr. A. S. Felberg of Edmonton, Alberta serving as the guest speaker. He also spoke at the services on the following Sunday morning. The Sunday school profited greatly from the "March to Sunday School in the Month of March" campaign. Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor, served as evangelist at special meetings held in Kelowna, B. C. from Feb. 2 to 12.

During the week of Feb. 8-12, Rev. Clemence Auch of Bison, Kansas and a former missionary to Japan, led the Calvary Church of Stafford, Kansas in a School of Missions, studying the book Opening Doors in Japan. He supplemented the studies each evening with colored slides, which he took while in Japan, and correlated them to the evening's theme. On Thursday evening, Feb. 18, the Men's Fellowship held a Family Night Service. The featured speaker was Miss Linda McComb, a sister to Mrs. Robert Wendelburg, a member of the church. Miss McComb told of her experiences, as a school teacher of missionaries' children, working under the Wycliffe Translators in Peru, South America.

• President Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary was one of the academic delegates who marched in the colorful procession at the Inaugural Ceremony for Dr. Bryan F. Archibald, new president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, held on Feb. 23 in the North Shore Baptist Church of Chicago. Mr. Walter W. Grosser, chairman of the Board of Trustees, was in charge of the induction ceremony. Dr. Charles W. Koller, past president, offered the invocation. Dr. Archibald, the new president, delivered the provocative address, "On Being a Good Minister of Jesus Christ." The charge to the new president was delivered by Dr. Thomas B. McDormand of Philadelphia, Pa., president of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

CHRIST, THE SAVIOR

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student at Soppo's Teacher Training Centre in 1956. Even then he showed a spiritual alertness that was reassuring. Now, having come out of an advanced teacher training course at Soppo, he is teaching in the Bamenda Day School

Five days a week he is kept busy in the school. Perhaps, as do others, he might be inclined to say, "I work hard all week; why should I begin to look about for more work on Sunday?" But he does not say that. Instead, what does he do? While in training at Soppo, he had been interested in the music courses that were taught. On his own time, he went to Miss Ida Forsch's

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home to listen to her Gospel records. Painstakingly he took down the tunes in solfas of songs he especially liked. Since his arrival here, he has put his love of music to good use. He has organized an English choir, which practices once, sometimes twice a week, and which sings every Sunday morning during the 10 o'clock English service at the Bamenda church.

Several months ago, he announced a Choir Naming Contest. When the Sunday came for announcing the results, he stood and gave the name thus: Nkwen Baptist Choir. I was struck by the simplicity of it: Nkwen Baptist Choir. Instead of deciding on some bigsounding name, they chose just that. It reflects the quiet simplicity of their leader

Their theme song reflects his faith and joy of Christian living, as well: "Praise him, praise him, Jesus our blessed Redeemer, power and glory unto the Lord belong" . . .

Glory unto the Lord What is it that causes Simon to seek the Lord's glory and not his own, being willing to serve instead of demanding to be served? It is because of the presence of Christ within,-the risen Christ!

That risen Christ is the power to live through sudden crises, through longdrawn-out disappointments, through the pulls and tugs of personal ambition. The risen Christ—a Person—living within! Within perfect people? No! Within human beings who know that without him they slip and fall every time, but who also know that with him they can have victory.

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 15:58).

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

(Continued from page 21) was to live with them, to walk and talk with them and to work with them.

Questions for Discussion

1. Where can we find the most meaningful prayer of intercession in the Bible?

2. Do you believe that the church as we have it today is God's special dwelling place?

3. Why is it so difficult for God to forsake his people even when they sin?

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST

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thee. . . ." He prayed this praver just before he was to go to Calvary. And now on the cross-that cross that we

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ingfully and to enjoy it more deeply.

from the cross, that he praved for all from the east and west, and for us he prayed.

Jesus heard, "Remember me. . . ." Jesus also heard as the two malefactors talked with him. The Greek original here is an imperfect verb, "he kept saying, 'Jesus remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." The appeal was a pleading one, repeated more than once. Jesus heard the one who pleaded in humble remorse. Have you pleaded? Have you asked Jesus to forgive you of sin? He heard your sin-cry that day on the cross. It is in his cross you can glory.

Jesus answered, "Today thou shalt be in paradise with me." Where Jesus went, the dying thief went. Romans 6:6 states, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed. that henceforth we should not serve sin." The thief had heard Jesus say, "Father forgive them," in behalf of those who crucified him. If he could forgive them for killing him, surely he could forgive him as only a thief. His sin could also be taken by Jesus. Have you heard the answer, "Thou shalt be with Me"? Do you see yourself there? II Timothy 2:11 states, "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him

CHRIST'S FINISHED WORK

Jesus exclaimed, "It is finished!" The last words of a dying man are often repeated. Jesus said, "It is finished" and "Father, into thy hand I commend my spirit."

A young man once asked an English evangelist after the meeting, "What can I do to be saved?" "It's too late," said the evangelist. "Too late?" cried the boy, "Why?" Is it ever too late while there is life?" "Yes," continued the evangelist, "It is 1900 years too late. Jesus has done it all; there is nothing you can do!"

How strange an answer, vet how true. Jesus said, "It is finished!" Nothing more need be nor can be done to improve it. Jesus did not say, "I am finished," but "IT is finished." When you do a piece of work, such as a report to make out; when you are done and the work has been completed, you say, "It is finished." Not that you are finished, but the task is finished. So Christ said!

Look again from the point of view of Calvary. It is finished. Our salvation has been completed for us. Isaiah 53:6 states, "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." And II Corinthians 5:21 states, "He hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." I Timothy 2:6 says, "He gave himself a ransom for all."

In the Cross of Christ I Glory. You were there; I was there. My heart is thrilled as I hear him say, "Father forgive them," "Thou shalt be with Me," and "It is finished." My heart is glory in, he prayed, "Father, forgive filled with peace and joy. Is yours bethem!" Do you see, as you look down cause you glory in the cross of Christ?

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special events

BISON, KANSAS. WHEN DO TEACHERS TEACH by Doak S. Campbell served as the study book for the Leadership Training Course held at the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas, Jan. 11-14, 1965. Rev. James Schacher of Creston, Nebraska did an outstanding job of teaching this course. Eight people took the course for credit, two audited the course, and four attended only some of the sessions. (Clemence Auch, Pastor).

BISMARCK, N. DAK. Plans for a new church building have been approved by the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak. The contemporary designed building will seat 450 in the sanctuary and 150 in the balcony. This structure will include a chapel seating approximately 70 and social hall to accommodate 275. The cost of the new building will be about \$300,000. We are planning to begin construction in the spring of 1965. Educational facilities will provide space for more than 20 classrooms. The total building involves an area of 18,000 square feet. Rev. Allan Strohschein is pastor of the church, and Mr. Milton Hochhalter is chairman of the Executive and Building Committees. (Mrs. R. Cooper, Reporter).

BETHANY, VESPER, KANSAS, We of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas enjoyed many spiritual blessings with God's Volunteers Team II in our midst, Jan. 12 to 22. There

a capacity crowd on the last night. On Feb. 17 the Ladies' Mission Circle celebrated its 44th anniversary with a Family Supper, Afterwards a family talent program was given in the auditorium of the church. The program consisted of musical numbers, a piano solo, accordion selections, poems, and several numbers by the eight children in the rural band. An offering was taken for the W.M.U. Mission project. Slides were also shown of Sunday school classes and church anniversaries which brought back many memories of bygone days. (Mrs. Jack Stussy, Reporter).

ROSENFELD, ANAMOOSE, N. DAK. The Rosenfeld Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. Dak., held its Christmas program on Thursday evening, Dec. 25. The Senior C.B.Y.F. presented a Biblical drama, "The Broken Staff," under the sponsorship of the pastor. Rev. Erhard Knull. Everyone was blessed by its inspiring message and the presentation of the 16 young people. On Dec. 31 we observed Watch Night, beginning at 9:00 P.M. with a 60-minute film, "The Power of the Resurrection," an hour of fellowship, testimonies and rededications for a better witness in 1965. The Woman's Missionary Society had its annual program on Sunday, Oct. 4, 1964, with Missionary Barbara Kieper as guest speaker for the occasion. She was a real blessing to each participant. In the past year our church had been very active in all its branches under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Er-

was a good audience each night and hard Knull. (Mrs. D. Dieterle, Reporter).

> TEMPLE, BUFFALO, N. Y. On Sunday evening, Feb. 7, the new Junfor Choir of the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., made its first appearance. Known as "The Sunshine Choir," they look lovely in their robes. The choir is composed of 17 boys and girls, 8 through 12 years of age. They sang "Serve the Lord in the Days of Youth" and a beautiful arrangement of "Onward Christian Soldiers." Mrs. J. Benke is the director of the Choir; Miss Linda Dickson is the pianist; Mrs. Ted Banash and Mrs. Robert Zahn are the Choir Mothers.

> At the Watch Night Service we recognized the 25th anniversary of the merger of the Spruce Street and High Street Churches. Mr. James Archer brought the history of the Spruce Street Church and Mrs. Hulda Hartman the history of the High Street Church. Rev. J. G. Benke, pastor, brought an encouraging message and led in the installation service of officers for 1965. (Mrs. H. Hartman, Reporter).

> FOREST PARK, ILL. In an endeavor to create Christ-centered activities for the boys and girls of the Junior Department in the Sunday school of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., the Junior Choir was organized. Under the direction of Mrs. Gordon Loux, with Mrs. L. G. Bienert as pianist, approximately 13 boys and girls gather every Sunday afternoon at 5:15 P.M. to practice songs which they render once a month at our church services. In addition to rehearsing, they enjoy contests in which they work toward a total of 100 points for the year; they work on notebooks which pictorially depict the songs they learn; and they keep a notebook with details of these songs, Scripture verses which are memorized and lessons which are taught and discussed. They try to memorize one song per month, in addition to the Bible verses which are geared to pointing them to the way of salvation.

Not only have these boys and girls sung in our own church, but they have also cheered the hearts of our guests at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, especially during the Christmas season. Their parties, which are held about once a month, are planned to aid in their Christian understanding and growth. We are happy to note that a number of the boys and girls have accepted Christ as their Savior and followed him in obedience through the waters of baptism. (E. Redlich, Reporter).

KENOSHA, WIS. On Saturday, Feb. 13, 175 members and friends of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., gathered for their annual Sweet- Trudy as they sang and lifted our heart Banquet and Concert. Guest musical artists were Glen Jorian and Trudy Sturhahn. Glen Jorian is featured soloist on the radio program, "Songs In The Night" and a member of the Melody Four Quartet of the WORD Recording Company, Trudy Sturhahn, a graduate of Moody Bible Institute in the Sacred Music Course and a student at the Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University, has her home church at our own Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C. Ron Baud, keyboard instructor at Moody, ably accompanied Glen and

spirits to rejoicing.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14, Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha participated with seven other Kenosha Baptist churches for an All Baptist Rally. Guest speaker was Dr. Robert S. Denny, Associate Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, who had just returned from a world tour. He inspired the large congregation in attendance. This was a "first experience" for the Baptists of Kenosha as they presented a united cause for Christ in the community. (Hertha Behr, Reporter).

evangelistic services & baptisms

VENTURIA, N. DAK. On Sunday, Jan. 24 the Baptist young people of Linton, N. Dak., presented a play, "The Unbroken Circle" for the opening of our "Deeper Life" meetings which were held at the Baptist Church. Venturia, N. Dak., with Rev. Herman Effa of Linton, N. Dak., as guest evangelist. Rev. Milton Falkenberg is the pastor of the Venturia church.

On Feb. 14 the Venturia Baptist Woman's Missionary Society presented a program on White Cross Work, Reports on White Cross, a playlet, poem, a reading and musical numbers by the Society were given. All of the White Cross material which was made by the women of the society was displayed. (Mrs. Howard Breitling, Reporter).

McCLUSKY, N. DAK. The first baptismal service to be held in the newly completed McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., was held Sunday morning, Feb. 28. The auditorium was well filled to hear Rev. W. G. Gerthe, pastor, bring the message, "What Does the Bible Say About Baptism?" The four candidates baptized were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lasher, Delano Helm, and Mrs. Alvina Broeckel. These were extended the hand of Christian fellowship the following Sunday morning. At the evening service on Feb. 28,

we were very happy to be the host for our sister church, First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., for their baptismal service when their pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, led 10 persons through the baptismal waters. It was a day of blessing to observe these services. (Mrs. Allen Faul, Reporter).

BISMARCK, N. DAK. A baptismal service was held at the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, N. Dak., on Sunday, Jan. 24, with our pastor, Rev. Allan Strohschein, speaking on the subject, "Baptism Is Important." He led five candidates through the waters of baptism. On Sunday, Jan. 31, the hand of fellowship was given to 10 persons into the church's membership. On Dec. 13, 14 members were also received into

the church fellowship. Evangelistic services were held at the Bismarck Baptist Church from Feb. 15 to 21 with Rev. Herbert Vetter of Missoula, Montana as evangelist. He brought a series of prophetic messages which revealed the mysterious and inscrutable truths of Revelation. There was special music at every service. All services were well attended. Rev. Allan Strohschein, pastor, and the Bismarck Church are grateful to Mr. Vetter for his faithful ministry. (Mrs. Robert Cooper, Reporter).

anniversaries & receptions

Feb. 1st the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., welcomed its new pastor, Rev. Walter Schmidt, and family at a supper for them held by the Pulpit Committee. The women of Bethany surprised Mrs. Schmidt with a pantry shower on Friday, Feb. 5. The official welcome for the Schmidt family was held on Sunday evening, Feb. 21. A representative from each organization of the church spoke words of welcome. All of the pastors from the NAB churches in Milwaukee were present and also expressed words of encouragement and welcome. We were also privileged to hear from Rev. Hugh Eiland, Asst. Superintendent of the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, who filled the pulpit many Sundays dur-

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BETHANY, MILWAUKEE, WIS. On ing the interim. Bethany Church women were in charge of the reception following the service which was attended by 200 people. (C. Lynne Dudek, Reporter).

> 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MR. & MRS. DOMRIES. Another "first" was experienced at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta on Dec. 20 when Mr. and Mrs. Gus Domries celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The event was marked by special services in connection with the regular Sunday evening service. Representatives of the community and various organizations of the church extended good wishes to them. During the course of the evening two of the Domries' daughters spoke and another

THE JUNIOR CHOIR of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., directed by Mrs. Gordon Loux (center), has sung at the church's anniversary program and worship services, and has cheered the hearts of the guests at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged.







Mr. and Mrs. Gus Domries of Leduc. Alta., at their 60th wedding anniversary celebration held by the First Baptist Church of Leduc.

of their grandchildren sang a solo. The couple was also presented certificates of good wishes from the Premier of Alberta, Premier Manning and the Lieutenant-Governor, J. Percy Page, A plaque was also presented to them by Rev. Norman Dreger on behalf of the church. They have four daughters, Mrs. Herta Falkenberg and Mrs. Ben Hein of Leduc, Mrs. Robert Holland of Calgary, Alta., and Mrs. Larry Swanson of Vancouver, British Columbia. They are also blessed with 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. At the ages of 82 and 78, Mr. and Mrs. Domries still enjoy good health and praise God for his many blessings. (Mrs. Lily Seutter, Reporter).

MCDERMOT AVE., WINNIPEG. MANITOBA. It was with regret that the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., said "Good-bye" to Rev. and Mrs. R. Kerstan and family on a recent Sunday afternoon. A program was arranged in which the different organizations presented a musical item and had a representative to thank the Kerstans for their ministry and to wish them well in their new field of labor. The program was in charge of the chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. John Rogalske. The opening number was a selection by the combined mixed choirs. Other items presented were as follows: a duet sung by the Wachsman sisters; a duet by Ernie Jesse and his sister Elfriede; a solo by Maria Rogalske; and a recitation by Mrs. G. Wokoeck. The Bonny Sisters sang and the male voice choir favored us with a number. Our four local Baptist churches were represented by their ministers. A message by the district secretary, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, was greatly appreciated. A gift of a clock was presented to Mr. (Continued on page 26)

Student Reception at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Report of recent special programs at the NAB Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary, Department of Christian Education

HE ANNUAL visit to the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., by representatives of the secretarial staff on Feb. 4 included a student reception held at the Seminary for both college and seminary students. Invitations to this joyful gathering were extended to students, Seminary faculty and administrative personnel, and pastors from our churches in the greater Sioux Falls area. The evening began with a series of get-acquainted games led by Mr. Manfred Brauch, a second-year student.

The binding spirit of Christian fellowship was established through the game period and singspiration, which set the atmosphere for a blessed evening. A cordial welcome was extended to the group by Mr. Wilfred Weick, president of the Seminary student body and a senior at the Seminary. Several selections were presented by the "Singing Men," whose harmony and messages in song helped to multiply spiritual blessings.

Rev. John Grygo, who presided at the reception, arranged for introductions of all those present. The devotional period was led by Dr. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary, who challenged youth to maintain an influ-

ential Christian witness. A brief report on our Student Service Program, which is sponsored by the Department of Christain Education, was presented by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman. An up-to-date report was also shared with the students on our new program of chaplains for college students.

The missionary feature of the evening included a presentation of slides on South America by Dr. R. Schilke, mission secretary. President Frank Veninga led in the closing prayer. The evening was concluded with a time of fellowship, and refreshments served by the Seminary Guild.

In addition to a program for these receptions, there are always many experiences of becoming acquainted with those who will be future leaders in our churches as pastors, pastors' wives, and lay people. For the student it is an opportunity to establish better acquaintance with Seminary faculty members, local area pastors, and denominational leaders. It is our aim that these gatherings, which are held in various local areas with a large number of North American Baptist students, will develop a consciousness of the need for teamwork for Christ to carry out our commission to be faithful followers.

"Winter Weather Get-Together"

Report of the Saskatchewan Youth Rally in Yorkton, Sask., from Feb. 12-14, 1965 by Vivian Arndt of Saskatoon, Sask.

RIGID TEMPERATURES and blustery winds heralded the anticipated Saskatchewan Youth Gathering over the Feb. 12-14 weekend. Over 100 young people registered at the Central Baptist Church in Yorkton, Sask. These young people came from our Ebenezer, Yorkton, Springside, Melville-Fenwood, Jansen, Nokomis, Regina, Edenwald and Saskatoon, Sask., churches. Broomball and skating followed registration after which Rev. Willy Muller from Edmonton, Alta., led us in an inspiring devotional before everyone enjoyed a delightful lunch in the church basement.

Saturday dawned bright and cold. Activities shifted slightly from the church to one of the local gymnasiums where everyone participated in a well-organized Volley-Ball Tournament. Here teams comprised of members from the various churches tried their hardest to outsmart and outplay each other. A girls' team from the Saskatoon Hudson Bay Park Church, with the help of two Lanigan girls, took top place in the tournament. Aft-

er the morning's strenuous activities. we all welcomed the chance to sit through the educational workshops. There were five workshops in all taught by Rev. W. Kerber, Rev. W. Dickau, Rev. C. Wiebe, Rev. W. Muller and Mr. M. Arndt.

Special musical numbers and a very excellent message, "Discipleship," presented by Rev. Willy Muller were the main features of the Saturday night rally. Afterwards numerous slides taken at the Prairie Youth Conference at Banff, Alberta were shown. It just thrilled our hearts to be able to relive those glorious days we were able to spend there. There were no scheduled Sunday morning services, but all were to attend their home churches. The final Rally was held Sunday afternoon.

We owe our sincere thanks to God. for imparting his blessings so freely, for the opportunity we had of gathering as young people in such a manner. and for his guidance and journeying mercies he gave us. Our sincere prayer is that we may not lose the enthusiasm that we knew that weekend, but that we might always be "Dedicated Disci-



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ples." Just as this conference was a "First" for the youth of Saskatchewan, may we always remember to put Christ-FIRST in our lives.

REPORT, WINNIPEG, MAN.

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and Mrs. Kerstan by Mr. Oeste, deacon, on behalf of the church. (Mrs. A. Parr, Reporter).

FOREST PARK, ILL. The choir of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., held its annual election of officers and social on Feb. 20 at the home of Mary Leypoldt. Garrold Paxson, president; Frank Danish, vice president; Mrs. Garrold Paxson, secretary; and Mrs. Herman Seegmiller, treasurer are the newly-elected officers.

The occasion was combined with a surprise recognition of the nearly 30 years of faithful service in the choir of Miss Lydia Mihm. Miss Mihm is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Mihm, who came to the Forest Park Church in 1925. Miss Mihm developed her musical talent under Isaac Van Grove and in 1929 went to Europe on a musical scholarship to further her training. After her return in 1931, the Lord led her into the field as church soloist and for 4 years she served in this capacity at the River Forest Methodist Church. However, from 1935 until 1965 Miss Mihm has served in a dedicated and effective way as leading soprano in the Forest

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

MR. NATHAN RICHTER

of Warren, Michigan

Mr. Nathan Richter of Warren, Mich., was born Jan. 15, 1895 in Russia and passed away to be with the Lord on Feb. 17, 1965 at the age of 70 years. In 1913 he came to the United States and settled in North Da-

Kota. In 1918 he was inducted in the United States Army. On Feb. 15, 1929 he married Valantina Draht and this marriage was

Valantina Draht and this marriage was blessed with 6 children, one daughter and 5 sons. He was converted and baptized by Rev. Wm. Hoover, becoming a member of the Conners Baptist Church. When the Fel-lowship Baptist Church. When the Fel-lowship Baptist Church in Warren was founded in 1960, Nathan Richter became a charter member of the church until his cudden homegoing.

charter member of the church until his sudden homegoining. Brother Richter leaves to mourn: his be-loved wife; one daughter, Joan Bayer of Garden City, Mich.: Oscar of Detroit; Irwin of Warren; Herbert of Detroit; Wal-ter of Detroit: one sister, Hulda Newman of Germany: 3 brothers: Adolf of St. Paul, Minn.: Gustav of Florida: Arnold of St. Clair Shores, Mich.: and 7 grandchildren. Fellowship Baptist Church Warren, Michigan WALTER STEIN, Pastor

Sunday school superintendent. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Katherine; one son, Elmer of Hilda Alta.; 5 daughters; Martha Jeske and Gladys Bender of Cal-gary, Alta.; Anna Henning and Ella Enslen. Medicine Hat, Alta.; and Inez Boettcher of Schuler, Alta.; 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Temple Baptist Church Medicine Hat, Alberta HENRY SCHUMACHER, Pastor

MR. LOUIS BRINKMAN of Stafford, Kansas

of Stafford, Kansas Mr. Louis Brinkman of Stafford, Kansas was born in Gasconade County, Missouri, August 20, 1874 and passed away at the Stafford District Hospital Jan. 29, 1965, after a brief illness at the age of 90 years, 5 months, and 9 days. On Feb. 2, 1903, he was united in marriage to Lena Mueller at Alma, Missouri. They moved to Stafford, Kansas in 1905, and made their home on a farm north of town. In 1915, they moved into town where he was employed at Brown's Store for about 30 years. Since the passing of his wife, he had made his home with his children. He accepted Christ as his Savior as a young man, and was faithful in service for his Lord and his church. He was one of the oldest members in terms both of age and of membership, at the Calvary Baptist Church, of which he was a member for 60 years. For many years he was a teacher and Sunday school superintendent, and ac-tive in other capacities in the work of the othur Breeded in death br. big wife for

and Sunday school superintendent, and ac-tive in other capacities in the work of the church. Preceded in death by his wife, four brothers, and two sisters, he leaves to mourn his passing a daughter, Mrs. Warner Mueller, of Higginsville, Missouri: two sons: Walter A. of Missouri City, Texas, and Arthur of Stafford; 6 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. Calvary Baptist Church Stafford Kaneae

Stafford, Kansas EDGAR B. WESNER, Pastor

MR. EDWARD HERR of Wishek, North Dakota

of Wishek, North Dakota Mr. Edward Herr of Wishek, N. Dak., was born April 14, 1894 southwest of Wis-hek in McIntosh County. In 1907, he with his parents, moved into the city of Wishek, where he resided until his death. Death came very suddenly, after he had been stricken in the Wishek Community Hos-pital. Because of the strong Christian in-fluence of his parents and the ministry of the church, he was converted and followed the Lord in baptism in 1920 under the min-istry of Rev. August Heringer. He was re-ceived into the then Danzig Baptist Church and later transferred to the First Baptist Church of Wishek, He held many positions in the church and in civic affairs. He had been treasurer for the church and for the Chamber of Commerce in the City of Wishek for nearly 40 years.

Wishek for nearly 40 years. His first marriage was to Magdalena Hoff, and the second to Rose Meidinger Jan, 4, 1934. He leaves to mourn his wife, Rose: 2 daughters: Phyllis (Mrs. J. J. Bertacchi): Mrs. Genevieve Brandt, both of Sacramento, Calif.: one son Rev. Roger Herr, Minneavolis, Minn.: 2 sisters: Chris-tina (Mrs. John Koth) Los Angeles, Calif.: Katherine (Mrs. Nick Humann) Selma, Ore-gon and 4 grandchildren. Wishek, North Dakota CARL R. WEISSER, Pastor

MR, DAVID RICH

HR. DAVID RICH of Sherwood, Oregon, was for May 12, 1902 at Salem, Oregon, He bled mexpectedly on Feb. 6 at the Tuilty formunity Hospital, Hillsboro, Oregon having reached the age of 62 years. He was farmer near Sherwood, Oregon and was provided the age of 62 years in the arrive of the general the local as farmer near Sherwood, Oregon and was provided by accepted the local as farmer near Sherwood, Oregon and was provided by accepted the local as farmer near Sherwood, Oregon and was provided by accepted the local as farmer near Sherwood, Oregon and was provided by accepted the local as farmer near Sherwood, Oregon and was provided by accepted the local as farmer near Sherwood, Oregon and was provided by accepted the local as and the became a member of the Bethany Bap-tized by Rev. William Graf August 6, 1916 hored and enjoyed going to church. He was before and enjoyed going to church. He was before and enjoyed going to church the was before a the board of Deacons and sang in the Board of Deacons and sang in the board and enjoyed going to church. He was before and enjoyed going to church the was before and enjoyed going to church. He was before and enjoyed going to church the would be board and enjoyed going to church. He was before and enjoyed going to church the would be board and enjoyed going to church. He was before and enjoyed going to church the board of the board and enjoyed going to church. He would be board and enjoyed going to church the board of board and enjoyed going to church. He would be board and enjoyed going to church the board of board and enjoyed going to church the board of board and enjoyed going to church the board of board and enjoyed going to church the board of board and enjoyed going to church the board of board and enjoyed going to church the board of board and enjoyed going to church the board of board and enjoyed going to church the board of board and the board of board and enjoyed going to church the board of board and the board of board and the board of board and the board of boa

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Portland, Oregon ARTHUR K. SCHULZ, Pastor

MRS. KATIE BLANDAU of Puyallup, Washington

of Puyallup, Washington Mrs. Katie (nee Lubbers) Blandau of Puyallup, Wash.; was called to her heaven-ly Home on Jan. 26, 1965 at the age of 81 years. She was born in Montleello, Ill., July 27, 1883. She accepted Christ as her Savior early in life and was baptized in 1896. She was married to Rev. Richard A. Blandau on Oct. 22, 1907 and served her Lord faithfully as a pastor's wife for many years. They ministered together in Tacoma, Wash., where her husband was pastor of the Cal-vary Baptist Church from 1912 to 1920. The family has lived in this area the past 53 years and Sister Blandau has been a faith-ful member and prayer warrior of the Calvary Baptist Church these many years. Her husband preceded her to glory on April 2, 1958, just five months after they had celebrated their Golden Wedding Anni-versary. Struct any and provent a son, Dr. Richard J.

celebrated their Golden Wedding Anni-versary. She is survived by a son, Dr. Richard J. She is survived by a son, Dr. Richard J. Blandau, who is a member of the faculty Blandau, who is a member of the faculty of the University of Washington Medical School; and 6 daughters: Mrs. Roy (Esther) Monschke of Garberville, Calif.: Mrs. James (Flora) Reeder of Seattle, Wash.: Mrs. Wm, (Dorothv) Baker of Auburn, Wash.: and Misses Frieda, Elsie, and Ruth Blandau, all of Puyallup, Washington. She will be long remembered for her spiritual strength and example in her home, church and com-munity.

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MR. GEORGE HAAG of Medicine Hat, Alberta

of Medicine Hat, Alberta of Medicine Hat, Alberta The funeral service of Mr. George Haag of Medicine Hat, Alta, was held at the Tem-ple Church of Medicine Hat on Feb. 17, 1965. Rev. Henry Schumacher and Rev. R. Rapske officiated. George Haag was born in Bessarabia, Prussian Russia on March 9, 1888. where he spent his youth and served for 4½ years in the Prussian Army. He came to Canada in 1913 and farmed in the Hilda and Schuler area. On, Feb. 16, 1917 he was married to Katherine Neth. In 1957 they retired to Medicine Hat where he lived in good health until Jan. 1, 1965 when he was stricken by a heart attack and taken to the Medicine Hat General Hospital, where he remained until his death on Feb. 14, 1965.

¹⁴ 1965. He was converted in his youth and bap-tized under the ministry of Rev. E. P. Wahl. He was a faithful member of the Hilda Bap-tist Church, where he served as deacon and

April 8, 1965

MRS. ETHEL HENDRICKS KRUSE of Philadelphia, Pa.

of Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Ethel Hendricks Kruse of Philadel-phia, Pa., was born Feb. 16, 1883 in Flor-ence, Illinois. She grew up on a farm near George, Iowa as the youngest of nine chill-dren. In spite of a severe physical handlcap, she worked toward the goal of becoming a practical nurse. Through the ministry of Rev. H. L. Swyter, she surrendered her life to Christ and at the age of 21 was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church in George, Iowa. In 1923 she accepted the position of matron at the Ger-man Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill. She later received a call to become the matron of the Home for the Aged in Phila-delphia, Pa. She arrived in Philadelphia in 1929 and became an active member of the

delphia, Pa, She arrived in Philadelphia in 1929 and became an active member of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, While serv-ing as matron she met the Rev. F. P. Kruse who had been called as chaplain for the Home. They were married on Feb 16, 1933, in the chapel of the Home. After years of fruitful service for the Lord, she entered the Home in Philadelphia as a guest in 1952. On Feb 1, 1965, the Lord took her home; and those who knew her believe that she indeed heard him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful serv-ant." Her husband, brothers, and sisters all preceded her in death, but she leaves a host of nephews and nieces and the chilall preceded her in death, but she leaves a host of nephews and nieces and the chil-dren of her husband, who will long re-member her as one who was, indeed, in her own way a witness to the grace and strength of God. Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church Philadelphia, Pa. E. A. HOFFMANN, Pastor

MR. EMIL HENNING

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MR. GOTTLIEB SIEWERT of Lindsay, California

of Lindsay, California Mr. Gottlieb Siewert of Lindsay, Calif., was born Oct. 12, 1891 and passed away Jan. 25, 1965 at his home, 266 Lindero, Lindsay, Calif., following a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Lindsay of which he was a member on Jan. 28. On the follow-day the body was transported to West-minster, Calif., where committal services were held at the Westminster Memorial Park Chapel, with Rev. William Hoover officiating, Entombment followed in the Westminster Memorial Park Mausoleum, Casket bearers were his five sons: William, Walter, Roger, John and Arthur, and his grandson Pobert

Westminster Memorial Park Mausoleum, Casket bearers were his five sons: William, Walter, Roger, John and Arthur, and his grandson, Robert. Mr. Slewert was a member of the former Clay St. Baptist Church and the Napier Parkview Baptist Church in Benton Harbor, Mich., for some 30 years, until his retire-ment to California 5 years ago. He was active in the construction of the Napier Parkview Baptist Church, and it was during this period that he and Pastor Hoover work-ed closely together. Survivors are his widow. Ida: 5 sons listed above: and a daughter, Alma (Mrs. Henderson, of Cameroon, Africa, and one great granddaughter. Pastor Jackson Wilcox of Lindsay, Calif. composed a beautiful poem in memory of our dad. Belleving that the Lord called him home upon a finished task here on earth, we in the Christian hope and faith, claim God's promises, and look forward to the day of rejoicing, when we shall all meet again in our Heavenly reward.

Lindsay California

THE FAMILY

REPORT, FOREST PARK

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Park Baptist Church choir.

Her retirement following our 75th anniversary celebration is due to arthritis which hinders her climbing the many stairs. Her cheerful spirit and radiant testimony, in spite of excruciating pain, has been an inspiration and challenge throughout the years to all who know her. Her beautifully clear, high range and the ability to convey the feeling and meaning of the music will long remain a challenge to anyone endeavoring to fill her place. As a token of appreciation, the choir presented her with a Zenith FM radio. (Erna Redlich, Reporter).

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

GREELEY, COLO. The young people of the Sherwood Park Baptist Church, Greeley, Colo., presented the play, "No Room in the Hotel" on Sunday evening, Jan. 3. The drama was directed by Mr. M. Bill Robertson, who with the cast did an excellent job. The installation of all church officers was conducted on Sunday, Jan. 10, by the pastor, Rev. R. Harsch. A new Hammond organ was presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kramers, charter members of the church. This has been a tremendous addition to the worship services. It has been thrilling to behold such dedication to Christ and his church by our families. On Jan. 24 the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Colorado State College of Greeley had full charge of the morning service. All in our church were inspired by the testimonies and messages of this Fellowship. (Leo D. Keller, Reporter).

BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA JUNE 25-30, 1965

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Further program announcements will appear in our denominational publications.

Literature about available hotels and motels in Miami Beach can be secured from your pastor.

The official Congress program will appear in the May 6 issue of the "Baptist Herald."

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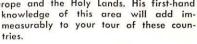
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WE THE WOMEN

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of our men sang "Were You There?" These songs and the familiar resurrection story sprang to life for us in a new and wonderful reality. As we sang and prayed and meditated upon truths that seemed too great for our comprehension, we thought back to the Thursday evening three days earlier when we had joined together in a communion service out on the Mount of Olives at the home of our Christian Arab guide. Three pastors of our group conducted the service as we remembered the



GORDON'S TOMB

near old Jerusalem, the traditional site where Jesus was buried and rose again.

Lord's Last Supper so long ago and his agony on that very hillside. As we bade goodnight to Emile and his lovely wife and quietly departed, we could see the twinkling lights of Jerusalem spread out before us on the opposite hill. It was a moment of deep feeling. And now, on this Sunday morning, we were sitting before the open tomb, the fulfillment of the night of agony and the promise, "he shall rise again."

The Garden Tomb, we were told, is the only sacred spot in the Holy Land that is in the custody of Protestants. Guides will show a tomb deep under the Church of the Holy Sepulchre within the city walls as the place where Christ was laid. But Christians are coming to believe that the "Garden Tomb" was the actual spot where Jesus was buried. It was found in 1881 by General Charles Gordon and his excavators after removing several feet of debris. It is cut in a wall of solid rock with a trough carved from the rock in front, where a large stone could have been rolled for the door. By its location, its description, and by other archeological evidence, there seems to be a good basis for the belief that "this is the place."

Soon we shall be observing an April Easter. But Easter is not confined to a date on the calendar. Nor is it confined to a spot in a far away garden. Easter is in April; it is in June; it is every day of every month to him who believes.

"He is risen. The Lord is risen indeed!"