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JESUS said: "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31,32). From this Scripture comes the program theme, "... and the truth shall make you free," for the 11th Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach next June 25-30.

Christian truth is not a proposition to be proved by argument, but a way of life which demands our obedience (John 14:6). Often we seem content with a statement of faith rather than actual obedience (Romans 16:25-27). But Christ called us to continue in his Word, not just to admire him (Matthew 16:24).

This does not mean that statements of faith should be neglected (I Peter 3:15). As Baptists we believe in the sovereignty of God, the Lordship of Christ, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the authority of the Scriptures, the personal nature of the Lord's Supper, the priesthood of all believers, and the obligation to witness.

Our world is not congenial to the practice of these tenets. The world never has been (John 16:33). But under every political, racial, and economic condition, the follower of Jesus Christ must reflect the truth in Christ. We must seek religious freedom for all people. We must oppose the coercive power of the state in matters of faith and conscience (Acts 4:19-20). We must seek to safeguard the God-given dignity of every man in the midst of problems caused by increasing world population, unemployment, the threat of war, and moral decay (Genesis 1:27; Acts 17:24-28). We must surmount every barrier of class and race (Galatians 3:26-29) and be actively concerned with one another's welfare (Galatians 6:2).

Peace with justice cannot be maintained on fear. Only if we abide in the Word of him who bade us love our neighbor as ourselves can we have an enduring foundation for racial understanding and international goodwill (Luke 1:74-79, I John 4:18-20).

None of us can claim to have all God's truth in Christ wrapped up in our tenets and practices. All must heed the call to humble ourselves and pray (II Chronicles 7:14). Christ is full of grace as well as truth. By his grace we can find forgiveness for our sins through faith, and by his grace we are given ever new incentive to abide in his Word. And if we abide in his Word we shall know the truth, and the truth shall make us free.

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BWA CONGRESS MIAMI BEACH, JUNE 25-30

Read the article, "Baptists Invade the U.S. Vacation Capital" in the 1965 ANNUAL and the article in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" by Rev. C. E. Bryant about the 11th Baptist World Congress to be held in Miami Beach, Florida from June 25 to 30, 1965. The front cover shows the many fine hotels of Miami Beach.

LITERATURE AND REGISTRATION FORMS

Registration forms for the Baptist Congress are now available in all NAB churches. Ask your pastor for your copy.

Literature about available hotels and motels in Miami and Miami Beach are also available from our headquarters office in Forest Park, Illinois.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

The Baptist World Alliance through its relief ministry during the past year has carried out its task to alleviate suffering, to encourage the distressed, to feed the hungry, to clothe the unclothed, to give medical help in sickness, to put tools in the hands of a worker, to find a home for the homeless, to give counsel and guidance in solving problems of adjustment, and to be involved in an unknown number of related services.

The gifts of our church people at the Communion Offering on *Baptist World Alliance Sunday, Feb. 7, 1965*, will be designated for the administrative work and the relief ministry of the Alliance.

1. **CUBAN REFUGEES.** In the USA the Baptist Conventions and others working in cooperation with the BWA and other agencies have helped with the resettlement of some 990 Cuban and other refugees.

2. **ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN THE CONGO.** These refugees continue to increase in numbers, bringing all their typical refugee problems to the British and American Baptists active in the field. They need food, clothing, medical care, but, most of all, some work to support themselves.

3. **BURUNDI BAPTISTS.** Our fellow Baptists in Burundi, Africa have seen more tribal warfare and increased numbers of refugees during the past year. The small Baptist Union, with the counsel and advice of H. Emming, a Danish missionary, plans for a vocational training center to teach brick making, carpentry, mechanics, and vegetable farming. The training center has now been started at Mosema and some thirty trainees are enrolled.

4. **HONG KONG.** For aid to refugee students at the Hong Kong Baptist College almost \$2,000 was made available by one of the Baptist Conferences and the relief ministry of the Alliance.

5. **POLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA.** The past year has been difficult and even critical for many Baptist church workers and their families, widows and individuals in Poland, Yugoslavia and other areas. Assistance was given for distribution of individual packages of food, footwear, clothing, medical supplies, etc., to some 850 Baptist people.

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LAYMEN'S FAMILY CONFERENCE AT GREEN LAKE, WISCONSIN

Announcement about accommodations and program plans.

BAPTIST HERALD

Editorial

God's Miracles In Baptist Circles

Baptists have always witnessed to the wonder working power of God's grace in the life of the believer. For them every true Baptist church is a visible evidence of God's marvelous guidance because of the seal of the Holy Spirit upon the work and witness of that congregation. Even as Baptists firmly believe in the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, so we can also be characterized as testifying to God's miracles in Baptist circles. This should be a note of praise to God by Baptists everywhere on this Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 7, 1965.

"Take, for instance, the case of Nikita Veronin, a Russian merchant of a century ago. His study of the Scriptures caused him to break with the Russian Church and formulate his own set of doctrine. But not until several years later did he learn from a German immigrant that others in the world—a people called Baptists—believed as he did. Veronin's evangelistic fervor, without the help of a single missionary and despite restricting laws, started the surge that has resulted in Baptist churches throughout Russia today with a combined estimated membership of almost 600,000."

Rev. C. E. Bryant, editor of "The Baptist World," goes on to describe these amazing miracles of God in Baptist circles. America's slave problem in the early 1800's resulted in the spread of Baptists to other continents. A band of freed Negro slaves returned to Africa, carrying with them the Bible they had found and had come to love in America, and planted in Monrovia, Liberia in 1822 the first Baptist church which they organized as a mission of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia.

But the miracles of God continue. A large group of white Southern families, fleeing the humiliation of military defeat in America's Civil War, took off in sail boats for South America, innocently becoming the first Baptist witness in the giant land of Brazil about 1870. But even they were not the first Baptists in South America. Many years earlier a Chinese man (a Baptist) had sold himself into slavery so he could evangelize his countrymen in the Guianas.

The thrilling story of these miracles of God in his providential guidance can be seen in the lives of such Baptists as J. G. Oncken in Europe, Adoniram Judson in Burma, Roger Williams in Rhode Island, Philipp W. Bickel in his pioneer labors in our Conference (see 1965 ANNUAL, pages 13-18), and Alfred Saker on Fernando Po Island and at Victoria, Cameroon. These are the trophies of God's miraculous guiding power to be seen clearly etched into the pages of Baptist history.

This is also the personal testimony of every Baptist. His Bible-centered faith is an expression of his own autobiography that he has been saved by God's grace, and it is also a song of praise to God in which he unites with other Baptists in a great and marvelous fellowship. That is the glory of the Baptist World Alliance that is nothing short of a miracle. We ourselves in this collective fellowship are an evidence that God has worked in many mysterious and miraculous ways to plant Baptist churches across the face of the globe until we now number 26,000,000 in 120 countries of the world. Remember that on this Baptist World Alliance Sunday, Feb. 7th, and praise God that his miraculous power is still evident and available today!

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Fifty-five nations have become independent of colonial rule these past 22 years.

The Changing Face of World Missions

What is happening to missions in this age when the surge of nationalism often blocks the church's traditional approaches?

IN ASIA AND AFRICA during the last 22 years, 55 nations have become independent of colonial rule and established new states. We must take account of all that is involved in this tremendous fact if we are to make our missionary witness as effective as it should be in our day and in the future.

We must not expend all our concern, however, in contemplating the horrors of Mau Mau violence, killings in Congo, civil war in Vietnam.

Naturally we are troubled by these things, and also by the sudden expulsion of missionaries from Sudan, their gradual elimination from Burma, the difficulty of securing visas to work in India, the taking over of Christian schools in Ceylon.

THE NEW NATIONALISM

It is, in fact, disturbing to contemplate what the end might be when we hear of Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana, first of the new African nations to gain independence, encouraging public worship of his own person as "messiah" and "redeemer." Below a statue of him in Accra are inscribed the words, "Seek ye first the political kingdom and all other things shall be added unto it."

Despite such aberrations, we must not write off the new nationalism as essentially bad. Many of the new nations are making steady progress in governing themselves and providing a better life for their people.

Five hundred representatives of 35 countries at the All-Africa Christian Youth Conference in Nairobi, Kenya, issued a statement insisting that "anyone, or any organization, or any missionary body wishing to help us with our problems must be willing first to submit themselves to the requirements of our situation."

THE NEW SITUATION

What are the requirements of this changed situation?

We are required, first of all, to accept the new nationalism and know that Christians are a part of it, generally in its most wholesome forms. They are eager to be patriotic and loyal citizens and do not want to be regarded by their own people as an alien element.

National extremists, on the other hand, still attack Christianity as the white man's religion and missions as

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Dr. Moore, the author of this comprehensive article, is professor of missions and evangelism at Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland. The article first appeared in "The Baptist World." The informative list of Baptist Mission Societies and their work (page 7) should be studied after reading this article.

the last outpost of hated colonialism. Any fuel added to the flames of their unjust attacks is a hindrance to the cause.

We are required also to realize that as people are achieving political independence, their churches must be independent too. Mission agencies ought to turn control over to national Christians as fast as possible, even the control of funds given by the mission.

Mission agencies should keep in mind, their natural inclination to be conservative in judging nationals' readiness for responsibility. A Dutch Baptist serving in Congo feels that his mission was too slow in relinquishing control.



THE HON. JOHN NSAMBE
a member of the Federal House of Assembly, Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa. His fervent Christian witness is everywhere evident!

"Before 1960," he recalls, "the missionaries were always saying the nationals were not mature enough to take over. Then came political independence, and the transfer of authority had to be made in the churches too. The surprising thing has been to see how the national Christians have risen to their new responsibilities."

He gave the example of a Congolese, admittedly better educated than his colleagues, who is pastor of a church with about 4,000 members, chairman of the Baptist Union, a leader in Bible societies and ecumenical council work.

One evidence of further maturity in the younger churches is their sending out of their own missionaries. Over 200 such missionaries from church groups in former "mission fields" now work in lands abroad.

"We believe that the time has come for us, Christians of Africa, to share the major responsibility of making the claims of our Lord known and obeyed by our own people," affirmed the Christian young people meeting in Nairobi. This readiness to assume responsibilities came earlier in many parts of Asia.

INDIGENOUS CHRISTIAN WITNESS

It is idle to suppose that the new nations, or the old ones either, will ever be fully evangelized by foreign missionaries. If evangelism is limited by personnel and funds available from abroad, Christians are bound to remain a small minority. Set free from such restrictions Christian evangelism can permeate the nations.

"All across Asia, Baptist leaders are striving to develop and make the most of their new opportunities," writes Southern Baptist Orient Secretary Winston Crawley. This, he says, "reminds us more and more of what we read in the New Testament. Often led by laymen, churches meet in homes, so that whoever one is and wherever he lives he is near a center of Christian witness."

A pastor in Indonesia has seen his church, located in a Muslim town of 30,000 increase in four years from a membership of 800 to over 3,000. He meets with concerned members for a 10-day retreat each year, to plan outreach for the next 12 months. Leaders meet at the church each Monday to plan services and other work for the week.

Members conduct "house churches"

in their homes for their neighbors in various sections of the city. Later they go to the homes of neighbors who did not attend, offering to read Bible passages that had been used and tell what had come out in the discussions.

"I am baptizing Muslims all the time," reports this pastor about the indigenous work of his church people in this "hard field," a Muslim land.

Even in such things as architecture and as hymnology, the indigenous approach sometimes clears the way for the Gospel.

A missionary in Nigeria tells of unsuccessful efforts by missionaries to establish work in a remote village. They thought their efforts had been in vain, but the Gospel seed had been planted. Months afterward, seven young men from the village presented themselves for baptism and they were organized into a church.

THEIR OWN SONGS

"Later we met with them," the missionary writes, "as Duke Badejogbin, a missionary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention now on furlough from Sierra Leone, spoke. At the beginning of the service the group sang three of four Christian songs they had made up—songs which speak to hearts in a way that the most stately and majestic Western hymn translated into their language cannot do. Members of an audience can join in singing such songs



Chiefs of the Mbem Area in the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa attend the dedication of the Mbem Maternity Center built by the Cameroon Baptist Mission.

after hearing them only one time."

The translation of one of the songs: "Jesus is the Son of God; he died but his power is going on and on." Simpler and less complete, perhaps, than a hymn we might recommend, but indigenous, and effective!

Missionary Marjorie J. Caudill re-

ports from revolutionary Cuba: "When we found ourselves without our accustomed literature from El Paso (Texas), our people began to prepare their own literature, with amazingly satisfactory results."

OLD RELIGIONS REAPPEAR

When modern missions began in Asia, the old religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam were rather static and nonaggressive. Christianity had the prestige of association with ruling powers. Now the situation is quite different, and the old religions of the East have arisen like lions from sleep. This has come as an expression of national consciousness, opposition to the white man's rule and the white man's religion.

"Buddhism was always there, but quiet," reflects Willie G. Wickramasinghe, youthful leader of Ceylon Baptists. "But when Ceylon became independent, the leaders went all out to revive the historic religion. They constantly urge us to give up the things of the West."

National political leaders often try to use religion to help unify their people. This has been true not only in Pakistan, established as a Muslim state, but to some extent in Indonesia, Burma and other lands. Shigeru Yoshida, four times premier of Japan, along with many prominent financiers, industrialists and leading politicians, urges a revival of Shinto in Japan as the best safeguard for democracy against communism.

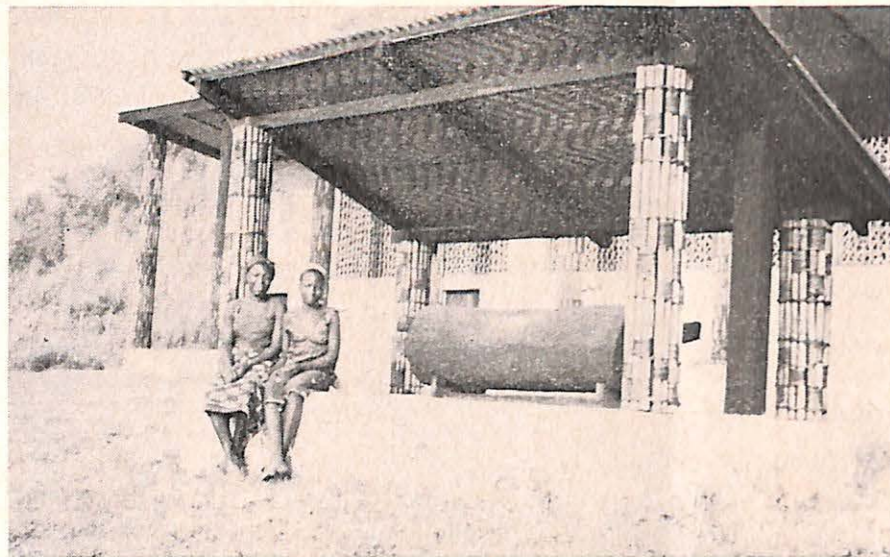
MANY NEW RELIGIONS

In addition to the resurgence of old religions, which now have their missions in Western Countries and Africa, there are hundreds of new religions. In Africa these are often semi-Christian movements, permitting such traditional practices as polygamy and appealing to those who want a higher faith but do not wish to be troubled by the ethical



JAPANESE BAPTISTS AT THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Japan Baptist Convention held its 18th post-war meeting in the new auditorium of its assembly, Amagi Sanso, in 1964. Three hundred messengers and visitors representing 102 churches and 114 missions were in attendance.



The drum house in front of the Baptist Chapel at Mbingo's New Hope Settlement, Cameroon, Africa showing beautiful details of pillars, ceiling and drum which is beaten to call the Christians to worship.

demands and theology of Christianity.

Although not a new nation, Japan offers the most impressive examples of new religions. These are usually eclectic, claiming to assemble the best elements of Shinto, Buddhism and Christianity.

Soka Gakkai, a lay movement which developed from a nationalistic sect of Buddhism in Japan, started in 1930 but gained only a handful of converts before the second world war. Now it claims a membership of 10,000,000, with 100,000 additions a month. Soka Gakkai promises, to anyone who will follow its simple ritual, increased wages, healing from all kinds of diseases, good grades in school, prosperity and happiness in every way.

Those concerned with Christian mission must take full account of the new religions.

MEANING OF THESE CHANGES

In Asia all Christian communities total only about 3 per cent of the population. The percentage is higher in sub-Saharan Africa but lower in parts of the Middle East and North Africa.

The proportion of Christians, world wide, is steadily decreasing, due to the rapid increase of populations, especially in non-Christian Asia and Africa. The mission task is not decreasing but multiplying year by year. A missionary of the Baptist Missionary Society of London recently stated that the number of non-Christians in his field, India, would double during his own missionary career.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Missionaries of various kinds are needed. All the new nations are passionately engaged in enlarging educational opportunities. Nigeria spends 40 per cent of its national budget on education. Throughout Africa, with 50 per cent of the population under 21, it is estimated that if minimum needs for teachers are met, 60 per cent of these teachers must come from outside. In

view of the increasing takeover of education by governments there is great opportunity for Christian teachers in public schools, and the help of missionaries is needed to train them.

The aim in each new nation is to wipe out illiteracy. One of the greatest challenges in missions today is the providing of Christian literature for the millions of new literates coming from the schools each year. A Baptist missionary is active on a government committee conducting a nation-wide literacy campaign in Northern Rhodesia.

The most important qualifications for the missionary in the new day,

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after his own conversion and sense of mission, is an appreciation of the new conditions and a readiness to serve alongside the national without racial prejudice or Western pride and without concern for having control or getting the credit.

There is need for missionary preachers, theological teachers, doctors, and specialists in promising new fields such as radio and television. But most of all the need is for dedicated men and women, whatever their job, who are willing to live and work among the people, identifying with them as far as possible in their way of life and in their aspirations, serving with sympathy and Christian love.



PRESENTATION OF A SET OF BWA CUFF LINKS

With Adolfs Klaupeks, right, coordinator of Relief Work for the Baptist World Alliance, as interpreter, Mr. John A. Dawson, men's department chairman, presents a set of BWA cuff links to Illya Ivanov, center, a pastor of the Baptist Church in Moscow. (See picture of these BWA cuff links on page 9).

Mission Societies — And Their Work

Established	Agency	Fields of Work	Missionaries	National Workers	Mission Churches	Church Membership	Schools	Colleges	Bible Schools, Seminaries	Hospitals, Clinics
1792	Baptist Missionary Society (Britain)	11	315	1,848	1,695	125,967	399	1	13	18
1814	American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies	9	329	10,337	5,808	688,290	1,870	13	39	20
1832	American Baptist Home Mission Societies (foreign work)	6	30	259	344	61,563	6		4	2
1842	Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society (USA)	3	11	55	68	3,700	1			1
1845	Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention (USA)	55	1,842	3,696	3,943	523,603	823	26	39	60
1845	Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, USA (foreign work)	2	20	236	123	13,948			2	1
1861	Strict Baptist Mission (Britain)	1	25	30	90	2,250				3
1872	Scandinavian Independent Baptist Union (Sweden)	4	30	44	118	4,700	21		1	7
1873	Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board	3	135	411	207	38,600	54		4	15
1880	Foreign Mission Board, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.	10	130	244			8		1	12
1880	Foreign Mission Board, National Baptist Convention of America	4								
1883	The North American Baptist General Missionary Society	3	74	112	340	23,000	100	4	2	34
1885	New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society	2	35	165	12	4,600	3		1	2
1889	Baptist Union of Sweden (foreign work)	3	41	9	16,864		44		1	6
1892	Oerebro Mission Society (Sweden)	7	157	375	75	21,000	32		7	16
1892	South African Baptist Missionary Society	1	46	122	300	26,816			2	3
1897	Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention (USA)	4	120							
1907	Brazilian Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board	2	17	5	33	2,000	1		1	
1913	Australian Baptist Missionary Society	3	117		209	14,316	167		1	11
1915	Norwegian Baptist Union Congo Mission	1	26	167	180	15,077	2		1	6
1916	Foreign Mission Board, Danish Baptist Union	2	16	130		3,193	60		2	4
1920	Baptist Mid-Missions (USA)	26	670		348	31,900	47		18	25
1924	Irish Baptist Foreign Mission	1	17	4	20	260				
1927	Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (USA)	8	292				3		5	4
1934	Portuguese Baptist Convention, Mission Committee	2	4	2	10		1			1
1935	Board of Foreign Missions, National Association of Free Will Baptists (USA)	7	65	30	55		4		2	2
1943	Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society (USA)	17	436	168	193	13,982	52		6	5
1944	Baptist General Conference Board of Foreign Missions (USA)	6	138		220	9,000	3		5	16
1950	North American Baptist Association	9	20	19	80				1	
1953	Nigerian Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Board	1	16	5	38	400				
1954	European Baptist Mission Society	1	26	33	3	280	4		1	3
1955	Japan Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Committee	2	4	15	1	132				
1958	The Netherlands Baptist Union, Mission Committee	1	8	4		2,500	1			1
1959	Polish Evangelical Missionary Association, Inc., (USA)	1	2	1	6					
1960	Taiwan Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Committee	2	4		2	160				
TOTALS		220	5,218	18,517	14,530	1,648,101	3,706	44	159	278



Miami Beach's inland waterways with fine hotels on their banks are used by sightseeing boats such as this. Buses and boats leave from mid-town on tours to all major attractions in the area. (Miami Beach News Bureau Photo).

11th Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Florida

It will be a historic Congress (June 25-30), with perhaps as many as 30,000 people from more than 50 nations gathered in Jesus' Name for fellowship, inspiration, planning.

By Rev. C. E. Bryant,
Editor of "The Baptist World"

THE BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS meets in North America this year for the first time since 1950. That 1950 meeting was in Cleveland, Ohio. The Congress met in London, England in 1955 and in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1960. This year's meeting place is Miami Beach, Florida and the date June 25-30.

North American Baptists should make every possible effort to get to the meeting in Miami. It will be a historic Congress, with perhaps as many as 30,000 people from more than 50 nations gathered in Jesus' Name for fellowship, inspiration, planning. It will be a highly inspirational gathering, for each delegate will share with others the spiritual dedication that undergirds the Baptist witness in 120 countries.

CONGRESS THEME

Leaders of the Baptist World Alliance have selected truth and freedom as primary subjects for discussion at the Friday-through-Wednesday meetings. The Scriptural theme, ". . . and the truth shall make you free," taken from John 8:32, will hopefully carry an impact, not only for those people in attendance but for all churchmen and statesmen around the world, regardless of their faith and nationality.

Theodore F. Adams, past president of the Alliance and chairman of the Miami Congress program committee, says that representatives from 50 countries are on the preliminary draft program. Invitations to many of these depend on whether money can be found in their particular countries to under-

write the representative's travel expense. Transportation costs from remote spots in Asia and Africa are sometimes prohibitive for those Baptist groups which number fewer than a thousand in some countries.

(At the same time, the Alliance welcomes donations from other Baptist bodies or individuals in more affluent circumstances who are able to underwrite the travel costs of representatives from these far lands.)

Suffice it to say that the program committee is hoping for a program truly representative of Baptists from all the world.

KEY SPEAKERS AT CONGRESS

Some key speakers are known at this time. Joao F. Soren of Rio de Janeiro, president of the Alliance 1960-65, will of course bring the president's address. Evangelist Billy Graham will preach at two evening sessions—Saturday and Sunday evenings—in the 72,000-seat Orange Bowl stadium.

BAPTIST CONGRESS, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Read the illustrated article about the Baptist Congress in the 1965 ANNUAL.

Secure from your pastor the "Official Registration Form" and follow instructions.

Ask for copies showing lists of all hotels and motels and their addresses in Miami Beach and Miami, Florida. Also secure the form to be filled out for your hotel reservation.

Dr. Hershel H. Hobbs, a Southern Baptist radio preacher and pastor of the First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has been chosen to deliver the keynote address.

Rev. John Ithel Jones, principal of South Wales Baptist College at Cardiff, Wales, and reputedly one of Britain's best preachers, will preach the Congress sermon. Interestingly—though this was not known to the committee—Mr. Jones is a former student of Dr. Thomas Phillips, another Welshman, who preached the Congress sermon at Philadelphia in 1911.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, past president of the Alliance and long time pastor of the Third Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri will make the coronation address at the Congress' closing session.

"MUSIC OF THE WORLD"

Music will be featured throughout the meeting. "Music of the World" is a recurring phrase on the draft program. Hines Sims, secretary of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will be director of music.

A 5,000-voice choir from South Florida churches will constitute the backbone of the Congress choral groups. College and university choirs from the United States and smaller musical groups and soloists from other countries also will perform.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

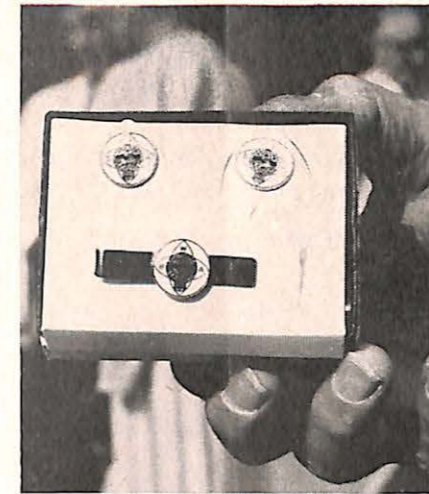
Personnel has not been announced for a series of panel discussions being planned for morning sessions. These

panels, something new in Baptist World Congress programming, will present Baptist leaders from many nations speaking and conversing on the ways they are able to "witness to the truth" in their areas of the world. About six nationals from as many countries will speak on each panel, discussing "Witnessing to the truth in the Christian community," "Witnessing to the truth where other Christian churches predominate," "Witnessing to the truth in a secular society," and "Witnessing to the truth amid other world religions."

There will be many other highly informative features also. But the grandest thing at any Baptist world meeting is the opportunity to visit with fellow Baptists. We will find that Baptists of varying countries differ from us and from each other in many ways—their skin color, their language, their manner of dress, their preferences for food—but that we all pledge allegiance to the same Lord and we all find our marching orders in the same Book, the Bible.

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

Miami Beach is the announced meeting place for this Congress, but we will in fact be in both Miami and Miami Beach. Most of the hotels will be on Miami Beach, because this is the resort center. All morning meetings will be at the Miami Beach Convention Hall—capable of seating 15,000 people. There will be four to six sectional meetings each afternoon, allowing delegates to meet by special interest groups, and these meetings will be held in the Convention Hall, in the Miami Beach Auditorium (where the Jackie Gleason show now originates), and in various



BWA INSIGNIA

Carrying the official insignia of the Baptist World Alliance, this men's jewelry set of tie bar and cuff links is proving to be a popular identification symbol wherever Baptist men gather. The cost is nominal, and details may be secured from the Forest Park headquarters office.

hotel assembly halls. One of these hotel meeting rooms is the giant ball room at the Deauville, where Ed Sullivan originated his television shows some weeks last winter.

Four evening sessions—from the opening Friday through Monday night—will be held in the Orange Bowl in Miami. Shuttle buses have been arranged by the host committee, so that delegates may travel easily and economically from their hotels to the Miami site. Floridians of all denominations and no denominations will be invited to join in the evening sessions,



EXCITING TOUR OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Shopping may be combined with a pleasant sightseeing tour of Miami Beach's Lincoln Mall. Silent electric trams make a round trip of the mall in 15 minutes. Fountains, pools and flowers divide the broad sidewalks of this promenade. (Miami Beach News Bureau Photo).

which can be occasions of real witnessing.

More than a dozen committees are at work in Miami getting ready for the Congress. Chief host is Conrad Willard, a Missouri-born preacher who moved three years ago to Central Baptist Church, Miami, a pulpit made famous by its former pastor, Dr. C. Roy Angel. Dr. Willard is a combination business man and minister, for he started life as a banker in Missouri, and had risen to the executive vice-presidency of his bank when the Lord called him to the ministry. Then he went to college and seminary, graduating in his 30's, to prepare himself for the career to which the Lord called him.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO!

What should a person do now, five months before the Congress meets? There are several things.

First of all, *pray*. Pray for the program committee. Pray for the committees in Miami. Pray for those hundreds of Baptists in remote parts of the world who need to come to the Congress for the benefit for their fellow Baptists in different places, and also for the benefit of those of us from more affluent places who need the testimony of courage they can bring.

Secondly, make your own plans to attend. There are few Baptists in North America who cannot attend the Congress if they really want to do so. We can travel by automobile, bus, railroad or air. Many railroads are offering reduced fares. The hotels in Miami and Miami Beach have cut their rates for the Congress period, and rooms which rent for \$40 or more a day during the winter season are available for \$5 to \$8 during the Congress. Family rates in motels are so inexpensive that one Baptist has written the Alliance offices that he has discovered he can go to Miami cheaper than he can feed his family at home!

Thirdly, having made your plans to attend, write immediately to the North American Baptist Conference office at 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois or ask your pastor for registration blanks, fliers with information about hotels and motels, and hotel reservation forms.

Fourthly—and neither the author nor your editor consider this the least important despite its last spot on the list—read *The Baptist Herald* and *The Baptist World*, publication of the Alliance, for the continuing and ever developing story of Congress arrangements. This is an exciting time and an important period for Baptists in our world.

NOW IS THE TIME!

When will the Congress meet again in North America? No one knows, but it probably will be another 15 years or more. The 1970 meeting probably will be in the Orient. Hong Kong, Tokyo and Sydney have issued invitations. Certainly it will be much further away than Miami!

Six Years as Northern District Secretary

In the Northern District the district secretary has given leadership to immigration, Church Extension, Indian Mission work, stewardship training and "trouble shooting" in the firm faith that growth will take place at an unprecedented rate.

By Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba

THE NORTHERN CONFERENCE, and now the Northern District, among all conferences of our denominational fellowship has probably undergone the most radical transformation during the past 15 years. It has been my personal privilege to have a minor share in this development.

Fourteen years ago we were called from our pastorate in Morris, Manitoba to assume the duties of Immigration Secretary. Little did we realize at that time that immigration would have such a tremendous impact upon our Northern Conference and the Canadian portions of the other conferences. At first unofficially I made a small contribution in the formation of 15 new, or better called "young churches," in Canada. To use a picture from life—we suffered under the birth pains, and then under the growing pains of some of these churches. In 1958 when I was called into the ministry of District Secretary, I came to this task with some preparations for the duties.

SOURCES OF JOY

It is almost impossible to point to one particular experience as having been the highlight. In reminiscing, there have been a great number of joyful experiences: the fellowship and get-together of the pastors at the an-



WITH CHURCH LEADERS

Rev. William Sturhahn (left), Northern District secretary, meets with church pastors and with deacons at a Clinic held in Southey, Saskatchewan.

nual Pastors' Retreat in Edmonton; Conferences, Associations and Tri-Unions have always been days of inspiration and joy; participating in camps, gatherings and rallies for young people have given me a real thrill; planning programs and expansion with

the various committees; the Pastors-Deacons' Clinics; last and not least, the participation in the growth and development of many churches and members, particularly in the area of giving and spiritual life. These have been sources of great joy to me.

In 1958 we had 51 congregations listed with a membership of 7,862 in the Northern District. After six years we have 61 churches listed with a membership of approximately 8,100. Several small rural churches had to close their doors, but new churches were created partly by division and partly by Church Extension. Six churches of the above named number are results of our Church Extension ministry. Three further new projects are already under attack or are in the stage of planning. The number of churches has increased by 20%. In membership the increase through baptism was largely offset by a migration of members to the warmer climate of the west coast.

INDIAN MISSION WORK

A source of great joy and inspiration has been my part in the development and guidance of our Indian Mission work. In 1961 the Board of Missions instructed the District Secretary of the Northern District to assume the duties of supervision and co-ordination of our Indian Mission work. Not all of our work was construction. After much examination and heart-searching we found it necessary to close down the Indian Mission on the Muscowpetung Reservation in Saskatchewan.

On the other hand, we rejoice in the fact that we have a share in building a more solid mission work on our Alberta Reservations. The formation and organization of our Benke Memorial Baptist Church on the Bull Reserve; the appointment of Rev. and Mrs. David Harrison to the Montana Reserve; the responsibility in nominating and placing teachers; participation in government plans for the solution of Canada's Indian problem; the instituting of our Home Mission Workers' Conferences together with the workers from the Spanish-American Mission Field to a degree have been in the sphere of the responsibilities of the District Secretary.

CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECTS

There is a definite and remarkable awakening in our churches to the responsibility of Church Extension. Groups of churches or associations have organized themselves into Church Extension Councils. These councils are keeping an alert eye open for new opportunities in surrounding towns or in

the urban areas of our country. I consider it a source of inspiration and joy to participate in the planning and carrying out of new Church Extension projects. Usually it becomes the duty of the District Secretary, together with a pastor or mission secretary, to do pioneer exploration.



WITH THE INDIANS

Rev. William Sturhahn (left) serves as a teacher in the Bible School at the Benke Memorial Chapel held on the Indian Bull Reserve of Alberta.

In 1960 one of our pastors and two District Secretaries visited the growing city of Dawson Creek at the border of Alberta and British Columbia about the possibility of a Church Extension project. In this instance our recommendation was not to begin a new work here because we felt that there were a number of evangelical churches in Dawson Creek. In the majority of our exploration ventures, we recommend a positive approach. Together with the devotion and loyalty of our pastors to their own ministry in their church and in our own denominational fellowship, I consider our Indian Mission and Church Extension assistance the most rewarding experiences in the Northern District.

For many years our older churches struggled under economic conditions, and the teaching of Christian stewardship was neglected. In these churches there is probably not too much hope of growth in the area of stewardship. I shall never cease to be amazed and shocked about facts that farmers and businessmen who have received God's blessings over the many years, and who have acquired land and houses, should continue to contribute to "preacher's salary" the annual amount of \$25.00 to

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BAPTIST HERALD

Don't Settle for Anything Less!

Whenever you hear the Gospel preached and you know its message is for you, don't settle for anything less. For the knowledge of the presence of God is one of the sweetest rewards of life.

By Dan Harman of Johnson City, Tennessee

THE YOUNG MAN who came to see me looked as if he had a guilty conscience. His head drooped, he avoided my eyes, and he looked as if he'd lost his best friend.

"Pastor, I need advice." Advice is the cheapest thing a person can give, the hardest to take, and the most likely to be disregarded. But he wanted some.

"Many years ago," he began, "before I was married and had children, I felt God call me to the ministry." His story unfolded. He ignored the call; then after he had married, settled in a distant town and started a family, he began thinking.

"I want to know if it's too late to get into a church college and study for the ministry."

The years had gone by. As I listened to his story, I saw a sad, middle aged man who was hearing the echo of a calling. I knew little of him and I wasn't sure his call was from God. But one thing I knew: he had wasted many years which were important years if he was ever to be a Christian pastor.

FACING DECISIONS

What happened to this man is not so important as what happens to you and the children in your home. You and they will be facing decisions that can affect the rest of your lives. Should you decide to settle for something less than God's will, you run the chance of misery within as well as without.

Perhaps it's as simple as a decision as whether or not to return to high school next year. This is easily settled. If the school officials think you can do the work, go back! It's that simple.

God can use you, no matter what your education may be. But he certainly stands firmly behind his principle of stewardship. You are not your own. Your brain and your mental capabilities are his, and your refusal to go on to school is a direct contradiction of what he wants done with your mind.

Perhaps it's a matter of the right marriage. Don't let a few weeks' romance dictate your partner for the rest of your life. Don't settle for less than the man or woman God wants for you.

But how about this man who came to see me? Are you in shoes similar to his? Have you done what you know to be less than God's will?

This isn't the end of the world, but you'd better face the fact that the harm done is not that you're disappointed, but that you have violated God's rights and had your own way instead of his.

You can never "make up" for wasting your life. But you can, with God's help, salvage what is left.

This is the sorrow of settling for something less than God's will—that which you do can never be undone. You can only make the best of a bad decision.

Remember this when you see a fine Christian woman with all the potential of a queen married to an insensitive clod who knows only of God by his use of profanity. She cannot undo her decision—only live with it and make the best of it.

Or look again at the young man who wished he had entered the ministry. Assuming that he could have been a minister and that it was God's will, think of all the people who could have been influenced by his work if he had obeyed God.

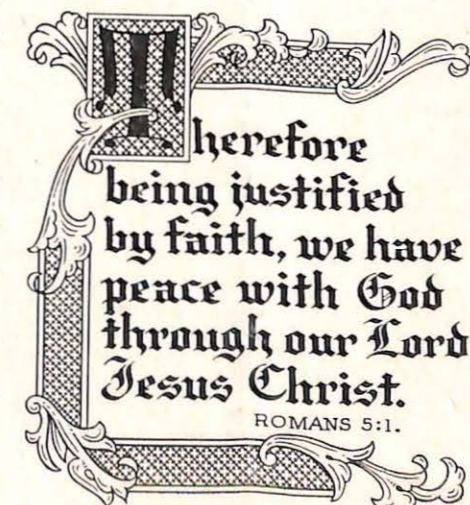
YOUR LIFE'S WORK

But this is not to say everyone will be called to be a pastor or missionary. It is just as wrong to settle for street cleaning when God calls you to be a doctor or business executive.

Your life's work is in a direct line with God's will for the community in which you serve. You may be the best street sweeper in town. But if folks know you could have been a doctor, you have failed to influence them to some extent, as well as failed to help in the relieving of pain as you could have in the medical profession.

These decisions all depend upon an initial commitment to Christ. There are many, many in our neighborhoods who have settled for less than a lifelong commitment of their whole lives to Christ. They would substitute charitable giving, occasional church attendance, and mental health for a vital, Spirit-filled life.

They live weak lives and wonder why



their decisions go wrong. As with the man who came to my study, they have guilty consciences, not ignorant minds. They do not need training so much as they need spiritual revolution.

THE WILL OF GOD

When you hear the Gospel preached and you know its message is for you, don't settle for anything less. Don't let a schoolteacher, coach, or movie star replace Christ as your idol.

If you have failed to prevent your own wrong decisions, don't let history repeat itself in your children.

If you settled for something less than God's will, make sure that by your actions as well as your words you impress on the minds of your children that the will of God is the most important thing in this world.

Let them know that it is a thousand times more important to make the right decisions for Christ than to learn by sad experience that your decisions have been less than what was right. Such learning is of little value and is sure to bring much heartache. The "school of experience" can never replace the direct guidance of Almighty God.

The knowledge of the presence of God is one of the sweetest rewards of life. Whatever mistakes you have made can be overlooked in the interest of the future. But to pine away with sorrow and not only recall the wrongs of the past, but spoil the present and the future by wasting spiritual energy is to die spiritually.

The cry of waste comes from the pen of Bernard Lee Rice:

"I could see God tonight,
If my heart were right.
If all the rubbish of my soul
Were cleared away, by being whole.

"If my heart were right
I could see God tonight.
And in the radiance of his face
I'd flame with light, and fill this place
With beauty, and the world would know
The face of God down here below—
Tonight!
If only my dull heart were right."

The will of God for everyone is to know him. Of that you can be sure.

If you've wasted years of your life, look to him now. Your heart can "be right." You can let God's face radiate out from you.

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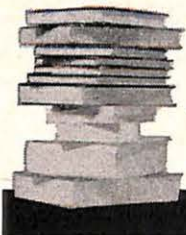
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BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

TWO THOUSAND TONGUES TO GO
by Ethel E. Wallis and Mary A. Bennett. Harper and Row—1964—272 pages—\$1.95 (paper).

This is the dramatic and courageous story of the Wycliffe Bible translators and their academic department, the Summer Institute of Linguistics. The experiences through which some of these saints of God go in order to translate the Bible into the language of thousands of nations and tribes are literally "out of this world."

The story begins with William Cameron Townsend in Guatemala 47 years ago and ends with an army of linguists numbering 14,000 working in about 350 tribes and 16 countries. It is an inspiring and God-directed work.

THY WORD IS TRUTH by Edward J. Young. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.—1964—287 pages—\$2.25 (paper).

This is the third printing of Dr. Young's treatise on the inspiration of the Scriptures. The first printing appeared in 1957. Its continued demand is evidence of its importance to the Chris-

tian and serious student of the Bible. Although many Christians may not have doubts about the infallibility and inerrancy of the Word of God, the information will be very helpful for those who come in contact with the seeker, the skeptic and the unbeliever. The Christian student on the college campus should not be without it.

HARPER STUDY BIBLE, REVISED STANDARD VERSION. Edited by Harold Lindsell. Harper and Row—\$9.95.

This reviewer could not help but notice the list of endorsements and enthusiastic comments on the back of the jacket. All of them are outstanding conservative leaders in churches, seminaries and Christian organizations such as World Vision and Inter-Varsity. Much of the early criticism of the RSV from conservative circles seems to have fallen by the wayside.

In order for the Bible to be the Bible it ought to contain the inspired Word of God, plus nothing. However, there are times when it is impossible to carry a small biblical reference library

wherever you go. For practical purposes, therefore, it is necessary to have a Bible with some limited reference helps. It should always be remembered that the editor's comments, extensive annotations, interpretations and various footnotes are not part of the original inspired Word.

Dr. Harold Lindsell, presently associate editor of *Christianity Today*, is the sole editorial genius in the creation of the RSV Study Bible. His painstaking research and scholarly approach is soundly evangelical and spiritually informative. The marginal references in no way interfere with the actual reading of the text, and his excellent topical outlines make each chapter come alive with new thought and light. A concordance of almost 200 pages gives the student of the Bible quick access to verses and chapters which can never be wholly found by a limited and imperfect memory.

Eight maps of the Holy Land and the biblical world, including Paul's missionary journeys, are included at the end of the volume. A short, but clear and meaningful introduction to each book of the Bible refers to the authorship, background, characteristics and contents. Even the inside of the jacket is used for further instruction on how to use this study Bible more effectively.

THE NEW TESTAMENT, AN AMERICAN TRANSLATION IN THE LANGUAGE OF TODAY, by William Beck. Concordia Publishing House—1963—\$1.45 (paper).

An ancient cuneiform tablet revealed the fact that everybody wanted to write a book. The present tendency seems to indicate a desire on the part of many scholars to translate the Bible. This is an excellent and worthy ambition and we are spiritually enriched by every attempt to make the Word of God more meaningful to us.

This translation is not to be confused with *THE NEW TESTAMENT IN BASIC ENGLISH* nor with *THE NEW TESTAMENT IN PLAIN ENGLISH*. Dr. Beck's translation is more direct and faithful to the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek versions, manuscripts and recently discovered papyri. It is easily readable and understandable. The verses are marked on the margin and, whenever a verse appears in the body of a paragraph, it is so indicated by a small vertical line which in no way interferes with the continuity of the textual reading. It is written in a style in which we would imagine Jesus would speak to us today—common everyday language familiar to young and old.

THE AMPLIFIED OLD TESTAMENT, PART ONE—GENESIS TO ESTHER, The Lockman Foundation, Zondervan Publishing House—\$4.95.

Those who already have a copy of *THE AMPLIFIED NEW TESTAMENT* will be pleased to know that

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● **The Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church** of St. Paul, Minn., shared in the joys of two Golden Wedding anniversary celebrations in November. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Jahn's anniversary date was Nov. 11 and Mr. and Mrs. William Wilcke, the parents of Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor of the church, on Nov. 14. The Dayton's Bluff Church had a vital part in both celebrations.

● **Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer,** missionaries in Cameroon, West Africa, and their daughter, Barbara, arrived in the United States by plane on Dec. 20 after a most inspiring tour of six days in Palestine and Egypt. Following a brief stay for a medical checkup in the Forest Park, Ill., area, they went to Holland, Michigan which will be their home during the furlough year.

● **Rev. and Mrs. William Neuman** of Sidney, Montana have announced the birth of a daughter on Nov. 30 who has been named Colleen Marie. Mr. Neuman is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sidney. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Boymook of Jamesburg, N. J., have announced that a daughter was born to them on Dec. 1st who has been named Nola Jenise. This is their first child.

● **At the Watch Night Service, the Immanuel Baptist Church,** Kankakee, Ill., showed the new Billy Graham film, "World's Fair Encounter." A communion service brought the old year to a close with Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, in charge. Evangelistic meetings were held at the Immanuel Church from Jan. 31st to Feb. 7th with Evangelist Fred Brown and Singer Mel Johnson.

● **The Central Baptist Church, Hamden, Conn.,** has called Rev. William Wetzold as its pastor, succeeding Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, now of Forest Park, Ill. Mr. Wetzold, who is a graduate of Gordon Divinity School, Boston, Mass., has been serving as a high school teacher in the Hamden, Conn., area and also as interim pastor at the Central Church in recent months. He has accepted the call and is now serving the church on a full time basis.

● **The Board of Missions** has regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rentz as missionaries in Cameroon, West Africa, after two terms of faithful service. Since their daughter, Karen, could not receive medical clearance for her return to Africa, the parents felt that they ought to remain at home to keep the family together. The effective date of resignation will be May 31, 1965. Mr. Rentz will continue to serve in the teaching field in Manitoba.

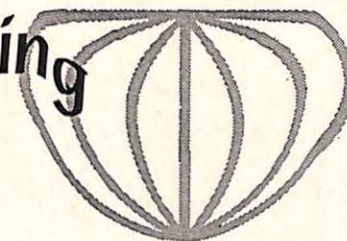
● **At the Watch Night Service** of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., the Junior High young people, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Linstrom, presented an appropriate play. The featured speaker was Dr. Hugh Farrell, a former Roman Catholic monk who was converted to Christ by

the message of a Christian businessman in Washington, D. C. He dealt in part with the Ecumenical Council in Rome. Rev. Aaron Buhler is pastor of the church.

● **Central Conference young people** of high school and college age held their Winter Retreat on Dec. 28 and 29 at Camp Cavell on Lake Huron. Rev. Richard Christleit of Indianapolis,

● **The Foster Avenue Baptist Church** of Chicago, Ill., has extended a call to Rev. Clarence H. Walth of Dallas, Oregon, pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church since 1960. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Chicago church on April 1st, succeeding Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, now of Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Charles W. Koller, former president of

what's happening



Ind., served as the keynote speaker, and Rev. Eugene Stroh of Warren, Mich., was the devotional speaker. Teachers at this well attended winter youth retreat were Rev. Roy Niederer, Rev. David Agnor, Mr. Gordon Nelson and Rev. Herman Riffel. The retreat theme was "Stay on the Track," a study of the Book of Hebrews.

● **The Nativity Scene** prepared by the Temple Church of Lodi, Calif., in front of the church on Crescent Avenue attracted a great deal of attention. The life-size figures portraying the first Christmas event were pictured on the church page of the "News Sentinel" of Lodi. The Christmas Musical by the church choir, directed by Boyd Barth, on Sunday evening, Dec. 13, featured selections from Handel's "Messiah," Christmas folk songs, and songs from two cantatas. Aimee Sawatzky is the church organist and Stephanie Radcliffe, the pianist. Rev. Eldon Schroeder is pastor of the church.

REV. L. H. BROEKER of St. Joseph, Michigan 1898 - 1965

On Jan. 1, 1965 Rev. L. H. Broeker, pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., was called to his heavenly home after an illness of several months. More than 700 people from the twin Cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, including 35 ministers, attended the Memorial Service on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3, conducted by the assistant pastor, Rev. Kenneth Fenner. Dr. M. L. Leuschner represented the denomination at its service. A further service was held on Jan. 4 at the North Sheridan Church, Peoria, Ill. A full page tribute to Brother Broeker will appear in the next issue.

the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, has been rendering an appreciated ministry as interim pastor since last fall.

● **"The Pontiac Press,"** the newspaper of Pontiac, Mich., with a circulation of 73,000, prominently featured an editorial by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, in its Nov. 26, 1964 issue. The editorial, "Let's Keep Thanksgiving," received many expressions of commendation and earned for Mr. Gieseke a check of \$100. At the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, "Night of Miracles," the Cantata, "The Nativity," under Rick Hartsoe's direction, was presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 20. The theme of the impressive Watch Night service was "Time and Eternity."

● **The denominational Headquarters** Office Party and dinner, Forest Park, Ill., was held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, with 85 staff members and their families present. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman served as master of ceremonies. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, extended the welcome and reviewed the tremendous growth in the work of the office in recent years. Richard Fuchs rendered a violin solo accompanied by his sister, Louanne. Miss Mary Leyoldt, comptroller, showed her beautiful pictures of the Cameroon Mission Field in Africa where she spent several weeks recently. A chorus of 18 women staff members sang the carol, "Hark, Now, O Shepherds." Rev. Bruce Rich brought the devotional message, "The Observance of Christmas."

● **The Maennerverein of the Forest** Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., held its annual Christmas program on Saturday evening, Dec. 19, in the fellowship hall of the church. Arthur Grundke, president, presided at the program which comprised selections by

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WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS WORK TOLD AT FAIR

NEW YORK—William G. Nyman, Jr., of New York, regional secretary for the Wycliffe Bible Translators, and Miss Carole Vanden Hoek of Grand Rapids, Mich., a Wycliffe worker, test a display in the organization's exhibit at the New York World's Fair. Called the Pavilion of 2,000 Tribes—that many tribes as yet do not have a written language—the building has a front exhibit area describing translation techniques and the work of the Wycliffe organization.—Religious News Service Photo.



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

This is one of my favorite times of the year. It is the period when we may take time for something other than "first urgent things first." We have time for "second things," and time to probe a little deeper, time to pause and to reflect.

Isn't it thrilling to make discoveries of things that are present every day and only now we are able to see? Let's pray for special grace to be able to do this each day, now that we have paused and discovered.

For a good long time I have had this poem by my kitchen sink. It often makes the sun shine on a gloomy day.

"This day will bring some lovely thing,
I say it over each new dawn;
"Some gay, adventurous thing to hold
Against my heart when it is gone."
And so I rise, and go to meet
The day with wings upon my feet.

I come upon it unaware,
Some sudden beauty without name;
A snatch of song, a breath of pine,
A poem lit with sudden flame;
High tangled bird notes, keenly thinned,
Like flying color on the wind.

No day has ever failed me quite;
Before the grayest day is done
I find some misty purple bloom,
Or a late line of crimson sun.
Each night I pause remembering,
Some gay, adventurous, lovely thing.
—Grace Noll Crowell

As we look "forward" in our personal lives, let's also discover and look toward highlights in our W.M.U. days.

IT IS TIME TO:

Prepare for World Day of Prayer, March 5,
order your program packet,
reflect on your share in "Meals for Missions,"
pray for our missionaries and their children,
seek new members for your society,
read and study a challenging Bible book,
remember 8:30 W.M.U. Prayer Time,
be a friend,
remember that with God nothing is impossible.

Lastly, it is time **TO KNOW**
A Christian is
a Mind
Through which Christ Thinks.

From the Professor's Desk

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

How does the new secular thought of some modern religious thinkers affect theology, or what is its doctrinal background?

It was previously stated that much of the contemporary secular theology stems from the thought of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Mention also was made of Paul Tillich and others. Advocates of the school of "Contextual ethics," such as Paul Lehmann of Union Seminary in New York, are usually followers or heralds of this new approach.

Systematic theology finds little place in the thinking of these scholars. They call for an end to formal structures. Freedom from a metaphysical way of understanding reality, they assert, can be a tremendously liberating experience. In its struggle for autonomy, the modern secular world has broken and discarded traditional structures. We must cut loose from a set of fixed doctrines, from ultimate truths and moral absolutes.

SECULAR THEOLOGY

Secular theology aims to discover a different way of conceiving reality—in terms of the concrete, the human, the historic; in terms of the dynamic, of "becoming." It is in this sense that secularism is conceived by them, not in a negative, but in a positive manner which "makes more sense" in a modern, scientific world.

One of their emphases, from which we all can profit, is that we must disentangle biblical Christianity from a middle-class American culture which is bent on the preservation of the status quo. Men must be free to bring about

whatever change and transformation may be required by a keen sensitivity to human needs and to the issues which are being raised by contemporary man. We cannot afford to be irrelevant and ineffective with regard to the crying needs of our day.

One might say that secular theology is a kind of Christian humanism with intense concern to see how God is at work in history to make and keep human life human. Thus, the human is at the center of concern, rather than some system of thought about God. The name "God" has no meaning, as such. It takes on meaning in our encounter with reality; it acquires meaning in history. Little place is allowed for supernatural revelation, and none for any propositional revelation. Faith is more concerned about looking forward than upward. It is looking for answers to the gnawing questions, "Who is man today?", "Who is Jesus Christ for man today?" and "How can human life be fulfilled in history?"

Guardini, in his book *The End of the Modern Age*, describes man as not sure of himself, yet he has power to make of himself what he will. Threatened at every moment by loss of meaning and total disintegration, man must create his own future and make his own destiny—man is "becoming," he is making his own image.

HUMANIZATION OF MANKIND

Priority is given to doing: doing good to one's neighbor before theorizing on the theological implications or the ethical principles of the situation and of society. Act in freedom first; then reflect upon your act for its implications for ethical theory. But our concern must not be with a theory or system of thought or doctrine which constitutes the basis for our actions. Our concern must be for the humanization of mankind, it is urged. The church must be on the frontiers of humanization, of the struggles of mankind. It should in no sense be a religious institution of Christendom, but the church must be the sign and fruit of the new humanity in the concrete needs of society.

The question in the minds of many will be whether an adequate and effective course of action or ethical program can be possible if divorced from doctrinal truths or systems of belief. The Bible clearly indicates that morality is derived from a well-defined concept of the nature of God and his relations to his creation. "Nothing could be clearer from the New Testament," writes F. W. Dillistone in his new book *The Christian Faith*, "than the fact that its ethic is derived directly from its doctrine."

BAPTIST BRIEFS (Special Reports)

• **Baptists in Jerusalem.** A seven year effort to buy property for Baptists in Jerusalem, Jordan, has culminated in success, with the purchase of a large lot in a good section of the city. Located between the American colony and the National Palace Hotel, the site has a house which will be remodeled and used as a home for the pastor of the newly organized Jordanian Baptist church. Rev. William O. Hern is the leader of Southern Baptist mission effort in Jerusalem.

• **Swiss Missionary Conference.** Dr. John S. Carman, an American Baptist missionary and director of Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore, South India, and Mrs. Carman were speakers on the annual missionary day program of international Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland Oct. 2. At an afternoon meeting Dr. and Mrs. Carman met with mission volunteers and other students for a discussion period on the work of Vellore college and hospital and other mission activities in India. The Vellore work was established by the late Dr. Ida S. Scudder in 1900. It now includes an 800-bed general hospital, an 80-bed eye hospital, a school of nursing, and a medical college which is affiliated with the University of Madras. Dr. and Mrs. Carman, who are missionaries of American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, served among Telegus of South India before coming to Vellore college and hospital 20 years ago. (ABNS).

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Ten Thoughts on the Tithe

From "The Maritime Baptist"

1. We must never lose sight of the fundamental concept that the earth is the Lord's, not ours.
2. Tithing began, not as part of the laws of Moses, but long before (see Genesis 14:20, 28:22).
3. The tithe was included in the Law (see Leviticus 27:32).
4. Jesus stated that he had come to fulfill the Law, not to cancel it (see Matthew 5:17).
5. God is owner; we are the stewards or caretakers. We have a responsibility to God for the use of all that has been entrusted to our care.
6. The tithe is *not* an end in itself! For the Christian there is only one standard of giving—the Cross of Jesus Christ.
7. The tithe is part of the systematic and proportional giving adjured in the New Testament (see I Corinthians 16:2).
8. Must I tithe? The compulsion should come only from the Christian convictions of the person concerned.
9. Is tithing practical? Many, many of our people gladly give testimony that when they determined to begin tithing, a way opened, and that neither they nor their families suffered as a result of tithing.

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10. We do not suggest that tithing is a kind of bargain wherein God offers certain blessings in return for a certain portion of time, talent, and treasure. However, the overwhelming witness of tithers causes us to mention concomitant blessings. The decision is yours!

Letters From Readers

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

Many times while reading and so thoroughly enjoying our "Baptist Herald," I would say to my husband, "We should express our appreciation to Rev. Leuschner." I feel real guilty for having left it undone for so long.

Please accept our *heartfelt gratitude*. We do thank our heavenly Father for faithful men who continue to be such an inspiration to us and encourage one to do one's very best in whatever small task we too may have in helping to build his wonderful Kingdom.

Mrs. Sam Schirman
Salem, Oregon

CONGRATULATIONS, EDITOR!

Please accept our heartiest good wishes as you begin your 31st year as "Baptist Herald" editor. We want to express in this small way our appreciation of your inspiring articles which have guided the hearts and minds of the "Herald" readers over the years. Surely God has given you this talent of words and putting them forth on paper, and you are to be commended in your splendid use of this talent. I'm sure we but express the feelings of many when we say we feel privileged and blessed to have such a conscientious servant of the Lord as our "Baptist Herald" editor.

Bob and Louise Eicher
Erie, Penn.

A YOUTHFUL ADMIRER

This is just a note of appreciation from one of your youth readers and admirers. I sincerely feel that the "Baptist Herald" is one of the best religious papers I've ever read. I'm Rev. R. Neuman's "papoose" and I attend the McKernan Baptist Church in Edmonton, where each member receives a bi-weekly copy of the "Baptist Herald." I personally am interested in missionary work in any capacity. I feel that we could have no better literary means in our entire denomination that could keep us so well informed and inspired and can promote such a bond of Christian unity.

Thirty years in reality are a remarkable number regardless of your impeccable modesty. Kind thoughts of appreciation are mandatory on my part for your incessant labors and efforts.

Gloria Neuman
Edmonton, Alberta

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A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 7, 1965

Theme: PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus taught the common people and used common language; but the Christian life is not common.

INTRODUCTION: The teaching method of Jesus was not altogether new. There are a number of parabolic teaching examples in the Old Testament. One of the most meaningful is the parable of the little ewe lamb related by Nathan for the benefit of David (II Samuel 12). Jesus, however, gave new and deeper insight into the meaning of life and truth through the use of simple stories. Every parable, as is often said, is a story to this house of earth, but with a window open to the sky. Even after almost two thousand years, we still have the impression that Jesus is giving us a peek into heaven by revealing a little of heaven all around us.

Jesus' teaching never sounded like a lecture on philosophy which only those who are intellectually prepared can comprehend. Philosophers and their philosophies have come and gone while the simple parables which Jesus told have preserved his truths forever.

I. THE PARABLE OF THE TARES AND THE WHEAT. Matthew 13:24-30.

There are seven parables in Matthew 13 which unfold the meaning of the Kingdom of heaven. In the parables of the wheat and the tares, Jesus related an experience that occasionally happened to a farmer. Someone, out of jealousy or because of some real or imagined wrong, wanted to get even with the farmer.

Tares is a type of darnel or annual grass which resembles wheat. When once it gets a good start, it is difficult to get rid of it. Farmers who must battle with wild oats will understand the difficulty in getting rid of tares.

The willing and eager laborers took pride in their work and were ready to weed out the tares. But the wise farmer knew his business. He advised them to let both grow together and gather them separately. It may not be as large a harvest this way but it will be a clean harvest.

II. THE MESSAGE OF THE PARABLE. Matthew 13:36-43.

This is a meaningful picture of Jesus. The more familiar parable in the beginning of the chapter starts with the word, "Behold, a sower went forth to sow." He is the sower of good seed

and we know that the seed is the word of God. The field has no boundaries for it includes the whole world. But the devil is also actively engaged as a sower and evidence of his bad seed is all around us. But the harvest is coming. There is a day of reckoning. Judgment is sure and swift and final. It is impossible for man to root out all the weeds because of the lack of true judgment. Only the one who planted the good seed knows his children fully and completely.

Questions for Discussion

1. Why do we not teach in parables like Jesus did?
2. Compare this parable of judgment with the one in Matthew 25:31-46.
3. Study the Kingdom parables in Matthew 13 and discuss the truth Jesus is trying to emphasize in each one.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 14, 1965

Theme: TRADITION AND CHRISTIAN DUTY

Scripture: Matthew 15:1-20

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: No man-made rules and traditions can be substituted for the laws of God.

INTRODUCTION: Our lesson today has to do with the difference between the religion of God and the religion about God. The audacious spirit of man was never more in evidence than when he tried to impose all kinds of laws and restrictions on others which have little to do with the spiritual life. Jesus had to remind the elders in Israel that the laws of God were being set aside and that their own traditions and ceremonies were being given top priority in the seeking of a religious life.

Jesus' teaching, preaching and healing were creating a great deal of excitement. The elders and rulers in Jerusalem were becoming concerned because they felt weak and ineffective compared to Christ. They believed that they were right and Jesus was wrong, and they were determined to prove it.

I. THE TRADITIONS OF THE ELDERS. Matthew 15:1-2.

It was obvious that the scribes and Pharisees could not accuse Jesus' disciples of breaking the laws and commandments of God. Their main concern was tradition. They instructed the common people in matters on which the law of Moses was silent. Nowhere in Scripture could they prove that what they were advocating was God's word. The washing of hands had nothing to do with ordinary hygiene, but with the ceremonial cleanliness or uncleanness of food.

II. JESUS' EVALUATION OF THEIR TRADITIONS. Matthew 15:3-9.

Jesus believed that the emphasis should not be put upon man and tradition, but upon God and his law. When tradition becomes so important that it sets aside one of the commandments of God, then there is something drastically wrong with religion. The scribes were concerned about clean foods, but Jesus was more concerned about clean thoughts and clean living. Spiritual germs are much more harmful than physical germs.

III. OUTWARD OR INWARD DEFILEMENT. Matthew 15:10-20.

The mouth is used for eating but it is also used for speaking. And what you say is much more important to your spiritual condition than what you eat. When Jesus said, "That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matt. 12:36), we ought to be especially careful not to let anything defile us. "Out of the heart are the issues of life."

Questions for Discussion

1. Do we have any traditions in our churches which should be done away with? Are all traditions worthless?
2. How can you be sure that you are following the right leadership?
3. Discuss the words, "corban" and "hypocrite," and relate them to the present.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

(Continued from page 15)

the male choir, under the direction of H. B. Johns; a trumpet duet by Dwight Anderson and Paul Grundke; solo by Werner Burghoff; duet by Helga and Christa Burghoff; recitations by Gregory Holz, Bobby Schmalandt and Christa Burghoff; and the mixed choir, under the direction of Hermann Holz, Sr. The Christmas message by Rev. Friedhelm Radandt was a challenge to a more personal commitment to Christ. Rev. H. J. Freeman, pastor brought a brief message in the English language.

STEWARDSHIP — A Word or a Way of Life?

DENOMINATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS — MARCH 1 - NOV. 30, 1964

GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH OUR STEWARDSHIP

N.A.B. Missionary and Service Program
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\$1,100,000 — Total Approved Goal

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

SPECIAL EVENTS

MARTIN, N. DAK. The congregation of the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak., witnessed ground breaking services for the new church building on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 13. Our pastor, Rev. Reuben Grueneich, extended the welcome. Rev. Ron Derman, Rev. E. Knoll and Rev. A. Auch, neighboring pastors, assisted. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, representing our denomination, brought a challenging message while the neighboring churches rendered several musical selections.

Following the program, our pastor and various members representing the Building Committee, the Sunday school and the Youth groups participated in turning the sod. We are also gratefully



Ground breaking exercises for the new church at Martin, North Dakota.

Mark Dockter, the youngest member of the church, is turning a shovel of earth. Rev. Reuben Grueneich, pastor, is second from the right.

indebted to Rev. Henry Lang who served as contractor and for his testimony in challenging the people to build only for Christ. A proposed church dedication date has been scheduled for April 29, 1965. We thank God for his wonderful leading and ask you to pray with us for his continued blessing as we build for God's glory. (Mrs. Wesley W. Michelson, Reporter).

EBENEZER CHURCH, KANSAS. The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas enjoyed its annual birthday supper on Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, in the church parlors with about 90 persons attending. This event is sponsored annually by the Women's Missionary Society. Our special guests, Rev. and Mrs. David Priestley of Junction City, Kansas, showed slides of the Holy Land and told us of their trip to Palestine while he was an exchange student in Germany. In order to show our interest in the work the Priestleys are doing in Junction City and in ap-

preciation of the interesting program they had given, the church presented them with "a food shower" including canned goods, packaged items, frozen meat, eggs, apples, potatoes, etc. A cash gift was also included. (Mrs. Carl Pschigoda, Reporter)

BISON, KANSAS. On Sunday, Nov. 8, the First Baptist Church, Bison, Kansas observed Mission Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Voegelé of Wichita, Kansas were our guest speakers. A fellowship dinner was held at noon. At the evening service Mr. Voegelé showed slides of the work at the Memory Lane Church and Mrs. Voegelé delighted us with a chalk drawing. The Gospel Team of Sterling College at Sterling, Kansas was with us on Sunday evening, Dec. 6. The team consists of Arlyn Thielenhaus, Carol Ray, Bernie Thole, Linda Brenner and Donna Scheufler. Their musical program was enjoyed by all. Arlyn Thielenhaus of Bison and Bernie Thole of Stafford are former members of God's Volunteers in 1962-63. We have received many blessings during this past year through the ministry of our pastor, Rev. Clemence Auch. (Clara L. Niedenthal, Reporter).

OREGON ASSOCIATION. The Oregon Association convened at the Stafford Baptist Church, Nov. 4-8. The very timely subject for discussion was "OUR BAPTIST HERITAGE IN A CHANGING WORLD." Prof. Roy Seibel of our seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., discussed this topic on the opening night. He also spoke on the theme, "BAPTISTS AND THE BIBLE IN A CHANGING WORLD." Other topics discussed were "BAPTISTS AND THE CONCEPTS OF THE CHURCH" by Dr. J. Wobig; "BAPTISTS AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY" by Rev. Wm. Jeschke; "THE ROLE OF BAPTISTS IN WORLD MISSION" by Rev. Ben Lawrence; "BAPTISTS AND MORAL RELATIVITY" by Rev. Clarence Walth. Professor Seibel also addressed the Youth Banquet on Saturday night and Rev. Ben Lawrence presented African Missions by means of a commentary on pictures of our mission field in Cameroon. Officers for the new year are: Mr. Abe Haas of Dallas, moderator; Rev. A. Huber of Portland, vice-moderator; Mr. Melvin Becker of Portland, secretary-treasurer. Our next Oregon Association will meet at the Riviera Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon. (Rev. A. Huber, Reporter).

RAYMORE, SASK. On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22, 1964, members and friends of the Raymore Baptist Church, Raymore, Sask., gathered in the church for the purpose of dedicating their new parsonage. Mr. Leonard Eichler, pastor, opened the service. Mayor S. Dunville congratulated the congregation on the erection of their new parsonage. Dea-



Mr. William Stockdale, trustee, presents keys to the new parsonage of the Baptist Church, Raymore, Sask., to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Eichler, pastor and wife.

con Stan Grymaloski presented a brief history of the church and Mr. Wm. Stockdale, chairman of the Building Committee, extended appreciation for the fine work and co-operation to all those who helped to make this project a success. He also stated that the cost of the parsonage was \$12,000 in addition to over 1600 hours of volunteer labor. Mr. and Mrs. Stan Jordan sang, "Bless This House." Following the prayer of dedication by Rev. C. Wiebe of Nokomis, Sask., everyone was invited to view the parsonage. On the steps of the house, Steve Pylypuk, contractor, gave the keys to Wm. Stockdale, trustee, who in turn presented them to Mr. and Mrs. Eichler. (Robert Orthner, Church clerk).

PASTORS' SEMINAR, BUFFALO, N. Y. A Pastors' Seminar was conducted Nov. 10-12 at the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., for the benefit of all pastors from the Eastern Conference as well as those of the Cleveland area churches of the Central Conference. It has been decided to make this an annual event. Dr. Douglas Gallagher, pastor of the Parma Heights Church, Cleveland, led in three Bible studies in the Gospel of John. Rev. Michael Sheldon, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church, Buffalo, and a member of the Scripture Press Christian Education staff, led two sessions on "Counselling" and "Sex Education for Christian Youth." Rev. Gerald W. Winkleman, Academic Dean of the Buffalo Bible Institute, spoke on the subject, "Integrating the Preaching Program into the Total Christian Education Program." Rev. Frank Scorza, Director of the South European Mission, spoke on, "Witnessing to Roman Catholics" and "The Effects of the Vatican Council Upon Evangelical Christianity." Rev. Dale Chaddock, pas-

tor of Holiday Park Baptist Church, is the president of the Pastors' Fellowship.

ORDINATION, REV. DAVID T. PRIESTLEY. On Nov. 27, delegates from 10 churches in the Kansas Association met in Council at the Highland Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas to consider the advisability of ordaining Mr. David T. Priestley into the Gospel Ministry. Rev. Edgar Wesner was elected moderator and Rev. Donald Decker secretary. The candidate presented his ordination statement in three phases: conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal statement. We recommended that the church proceed with the ordination service which took place at 7:30 P.M. in the First Baptist Church in Junction City, Kansas. Rev. Edgar Wesner presided at the evening service. Rev. Merle Brenner brought the ordination message. Rev. Clemence Auch presented the charge to the church and Dr. George Dunger gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. Henry Lang read Scripture, and Rev. Kenneth Schmuland led in prayer. Rev. O. K. Ringering welcomed Mr. Priestley into the ministry. Rev. Edgar Wesner led in the ordination prayer and Mr. Charlie Zoschke presented the ordination certificate. The offering of the evening was given to the Rev. David T. Priestley toward the purchase of books in his library. (Donald Decker, Secretary)

RECOGNITION COUNCIL, REV. NORMAN W. DREGER. Delegates of 10 churches met in council upon the request of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., on Dec. 4th to examine for recognition the ordination of the pastor, Rev. Norman W. Dreger, who had formerly served churches with the Christian Missionary Alliance. Rev. W. Muller representing Christian Training Institute was elected moderator, and Mr. Ernest Kern clerk of the council. The candidate gave a clear and thorough statement concerning his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal views.

A public recognition service was held that evening at which Mr. Bernard Filtenberg presided. Rev. Charles Littman led the song service, and Rev. Richard Hohensee read Scripture and led in prayer. Rev. Ernest Hahn brought the charge to the pastor, after which Rev. Lloyd Kresier gave the charge to the church, and Rev. William Sibley extended the right hand of fellowship to Brother Dreger. Rev. Herbert Hiller brought a most challenging message. The offering was presented to Rev. Norman Dreger for the purchase of books for his library. (Ernest Kern, Council Clerk).

ORDINATION, REV. ALVIN AUCH. On Dec. 4th, the Anamoose and Lincoln Valley Baptist Churches of Anamoose, N. D. called a council to meet at the Anamoose Baptist Church to examine Mr. Alvin Auch for ordination into the Gospel ministry. The council was made up of the pastor and representatives of 8 Baptist churches. Rev. Reuben Gru-

neich was elected moderator and Rev. Gordon Thomas clerk. The candidate gave statements concerning his conversion experience, his call to the ministry, and his doctrinal beliefs.

At the ordination service that evening the church clerk, Mrs. Elard Helm, read the minutes of the church calling the council and Rev. Gordon Thomas read the minutes of the council and its findings concerning the candidate to be ordained. Scripture was read by Mr. William Kessler. The ordination

message was given by Rev. Jacob Ehman of Goodrich. Ordination prayer was by Rev. Reuben Grueneich. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Ronald Derman and the charge to the church by Rev. Erhard Knoll. The right hand of fellowship into the ministry was by Rev. Gordon Thomas. The service was brought to a close with the benediction by Rev. Alvin Auch, the newly ordained pastor. (Jacob Ehman, Reporter)

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES & BAPTISMS

IMMANUEL, PORTLAND, ORE. On Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon joined with the Wichita Baptist church for baptismal services at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland. Mr. Dean Gonnerman of the Wichita church brought the evening message and also baptized two adults from his church. Rev. Wm. Jeschke of Immanuel officiated in the act of baptism of 9 children and 4 adults from Immanuel. The following Sunday morning, preceding the communion service, Pastor Jeschke extended the hand of fellowship to 9 children and 9 adults, among whom were Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, former missionaries in Cameroon, Africa and their three children. (Rod Rosentreter, Publicity Chairman).

SWAN RIVER, MAN. Evangelistic meetings were held at the Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Man., from Nov. 17-27 with Rev. A. Sootzmann of Ochre River, Man., as evangelist. There was special music at every service, with four decisions and several persons rededicating their lives to Christ during this time. On Sept. 27

Scripture Memory Course pins were presented to students who had completed their year's work. This course is under the capable leadership of Mrs. R. Lepholtz. On Oct. 18 we observed our Harvest and Mission Festival. The church was decorated with fruits, vegetables and harvest products. A special missionary offering was received. (Mrs. Dave Binder, Reporter).

TEMPLE, PITTSBURGH, PA. The Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., held a Deeper Life Conference, Oct. 7-18 with the evangelist, Rev. Lew Stewart, and musician, Merrill Dence. There was a real sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit at each service. In addition to the regular evening services, Mr. Stewart led in a morning Bible study and prayer hour, speaking on the subject, "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit." The meetings were climaxed with a series of messages on the Second Coming of Christ. We thank God for the visible fruits of this conference, six persons accepting Christ as Savior and over 30 publicly rededicating themselves to the Lord. (Raymond P. Yahn, Pastor).

SPECIAL SEASONAL PROGRAMS

TEMPLE, LODI, CALIF. On Sunday evening, Dec. 13th, the adult choir of Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., presented "The Yuletide Story" in song, choosing various anthems, portions of cantatas, special instrumental music, solos, trios, and quartets to complete this yuletide story in song. They were also assisted in this presentation by the boys and girls of the third grade Sunday School Class as they sang "Away In A Manger" and "Silent Night." This is always one of the highlights of the Christmas season and our hearts were truly blessed as we once again heard the story of Christ and his birth. (Thelma F. Fischer, Reporter).

FOREST PARK, ILL. On Sunday evening, Dec. 13, the choir of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., presented the Christmas cantata, "Light of Life" by E. L. Ashford, under the direction of Hermann Holz, Sr., with William Krogman at the organ. In addition to the choir selections, the cantata featured a ladies' quartet, a mixed quartet, solo numbers and the

male chorus. The soloists were Lydia Mihm, soprano; Edward Giegler and Frank Danish, bass; and Werner Burghoff, tenor. Waltraut Hochheimer, Kathy Paxson, Adelaide Klatt, Gerold Paxson and Kay Schilke participated in the various quartet numbers. For the concluding chorus, the audience joined in singing "O Come All Ye Faithful." Our pastor, Rev. H. J. Freeman, gave the benediction after this most inspiring evening. The entire service was put on tape which has been sent to our missionaries in the Cameroon. (Erna Redlich, Reporter).

RIDGEWOOD, BROOKLYN, N. Y. The Ridgewood Baptist Church choir of Brooklyn, N. Y., presented its annual candle light Christmas Vesper Service Dec. 13. The winter darkness was dispelled by the glow of candles and the radiance of the Christmas tree and the hearts of the hearers were lifted in joy and thanksgiving to the Lord who gave us music to express our emotions. The procession entered the sanctuary carrying lighted candles and singing, "O

Come All Ye Faithful." The congregation participated in carol singing. Rev. A. Lamprecht, pastor, led in prayer. Judy and Jan Marklein sang children's songs. The soloists were Mrs. G. H. Beck and Mrs. W. Marklein, soprano, and Mr. W. Marklein, baritone. A trumpet trio consisted of Messrs. W. Beck, J. Marklein and W. Marklein. The music was old and new, vocal and instrumental, the voices varied but all united in "entering God's courts with song." (Marion von Ahnen, Reporter).

FOREST PARK, ILL. On Sunday evening, Dec. 20, 1964, the Forest Park Baptist Church Sunday school, Forest Park, Ill., presented its Christmas program with Paul Zimmerman at the organ and the newly organized Sunday school orchestra, under the direction of

Dwight Anderson, providing the prelude and processional music. The beautifully decorated church sanctuary with numerous poinsettias was very appropriate to the theme of Christmas. The excitement of the children as they sang their songs and recited their verses was climaxed by the presentation of "The First Christmas" by the Junior Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Gordon Loux. This musical presentation featured Lois Giegler, Benjamin Purdom III and Caryn Hoelt as soloists. After the poem, "Another Way," by Coral Koch and the singing of "Silent Night" by the congregation, our pastor, Rev. H. J. Freeman, pronounced the benediction. Mrs. Hollis Barber is superintendent of the Sunday school. (Erna Redlich, Reporter.)

services of the church.

Recently the need of a garage at the parsonage was expressed by several church members. Gifts toward this project were requested and very shortly work began. Within two weeks the garage was ready for use even though some finishing touches will have to wait for warmer spring weather. All labor on the garage was donated by the members of the church. The Lord has also been blessing the church in other ways. Many college students have made Trinity their church home away from home. Their participation in the services and activities of the church has been greatly appreciated. (Joyce Ringering, Reporter)

BIBLE DAY SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Program leaflets and recitation material will arrive in all NAB churches during the early days in February.

NORTHERN DISTRICT SECRETARY

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\$50.00.

Some of the older churches and members will not give themselves to the appeal of tithing. I am convinced, however, that the majority of our young churches and people will respond in due time to the biblical appeal of tithing their income. I foresee a remarkable increase in mission contributions and also in church construction in the Northern District.

"TROUBLE SHOOTING"

What has been the most difficult and strenuous task? I have usually termed it "trouble shooting." As a personal confession, I have never felt capable of being mediator in difficult situations. How often I have prayed, "Send, whom thou wilt, but not me." Yet troubles might have been anticipated, usually conflicts between strong leading personalities who were not fully consecrated to the Lord. We can find a reason, but it will never be excusable before the Lord, for the Word says: "Flesh and blood shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." That God continues to bless and use human weaknesses proves that nevertheless we are "the Church of God, which is at —, called to be saints."

If God continues to be gracious and patient and long suffering with human frailty, we trust that the transition from the German language to English which some of our young churches will face within the next ten years will take place with the least amount of difficulty and loss. The majority of our churches are young and vigorous; all of our churches have a sound evangelistic outreach and a deep concern for missions. If God will continue to send workers into HIS vineyard, the Northern District churches and mission outreach will grow at an unprecedented rate.

BOOK REVIEWS

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packed into these volumes which can easily be expanded, depending on the ability and preparation of the teacher. Every book in the Bible is included. If such a Bible study course could be introduced in the churches, it would be an excellent supplement to the fragmentary Bible knowledge given in the short Sunday school session.

MONEY, MANIA, and MORALS by Lycurgus M. Starkey, Jr. Abington Press—1964—128 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

Every concerned Christian and responsible citizen knows that gambling is one of the fastest growing dangers in America. The statistics quoted by the author are almost unbelievable; the results to society are tragic. The feeble efforts of government and religion are too little and maybe too late unless we wake up to the danger.

GLAD MOMENTS WITH GOD By Martin P. Simon. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—\$3.95.

This devotional guide is not for those who have time to spend only a minute a day with God. Although it can be used for individual quiet times, it is recommended primarily for families with children. A generous portion of Scripture is suggested followed by a simple devotional explanation. So as not to close hurriedly with prayer, a number of questions or thoughts for discussion are added in order to make the daily devotions more meaningful.

THE CHURCH IN PROPHECY by John F. Walvoord. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—183 pages—\$2.95.

THE CLIMAX OF THE AGES by Frederick A. Tatford. Zondervan Publishing House—1964—256 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

It is difficult to keep up with all the books on prophecy lately, but the fast moving events in our age constantly demand a re-evaluation and re-interpretation of God's Word as it relates to his church and to the world.

Dr. Walvoord, President of Dallas Theological Seminary, deserves a hearing on the subject. As an authority in the field of Biblical eschatology he presents a major argument for the church, and he is concerned about the fulfillment of its prediction rather than that area of prophecy which relates to the nation of Israel or to the kingdom promised to David.

THE CLIMAX OF THE AGES is a reprint of a 1953 edition. This must be accepted as evidence of its continued demand. The studies are based on the most eschatological book in the Bible—the Book of Daniel. As usual the "seventy weeks" described by Sir Edward

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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.)

MRS. HELEN MEISTER of Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Helen (Max) Meister of Chicago, Ill., was born in Graudenz, Germany, March 7, 1884. She was baptized as a girl, and when she came to Chicago in 1910 she united with the First German Baptist Church, now the Foster Avenue Church. At the time of her homegoing she was a resident of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, of which her son, Mr. Edward Meister, is the superintendent. She is survived by five sons: Edward, Kurt, Fred, Gustave, and Max, Jr., all of whom live in Chicago; also 8 grandchildren and three great grandchildren, besides two brothers: Rudolf Blum, who lives at the Central Home, and John, living in West Chicago. Mrs. Meister was pre-deceased by her husband, Max, in 1950, and by two sons: Paul and Henry. She passed away on Nov. 30, 1964. The memorial service was held at the Central Home on Dec. 2, with Dr. Charles W. Koller officiating and Mr. Irvin Obergefell serving as soloist. Interment was at Glen Oaks Cemetery. Foster Ave. Baptist Church Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES W. KOLLER,
Officiating Minister

MRS. HARRY GABELMANN of Lincoln County, Kansas

Mrs. Meta Nitsch Gabelmann of Lincoln County, Kansas was born August 1, 1908 in Northern Lincoln County, Kansas. She remained a lifetime resident of Lincoln County. She passed away Dec. 13, 1964 at the Asbury Hospital in Salina, Kansas after a long period of declining health at the age of 56 years, 4 months and 13 days. In her early youth she placed her faith in Christ, was baptized by Rev. Heide and became a member of the Bethany Baptist church on June 22, 1919. She served as a member and officer in the Ladies' Mission Circle and the Golden Hour Sunday school class. On August 12, 1928 she was united in marriage to Harry Gabelmann and they made their home several miles south of Lincoln, Kansas. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Vivian Nelson; a son-in-law, Rex Nelson; and two grandchildren, Stuart and Brent of Hays, Kansas. She is also survived by three brothers: Adolph Nitsch of Lincoln; Otto Nitsch of Beloit and Eric Nitsch of Hunter. Bethany Baptist Church Vesper, Kansas.

KENNETH SCHMULAND, Pastor

MRS. KATHRINA NEU of American Falls, Idaho

Mrs. Kathrina Neu of American Falls, Idaho was born in South Russia, Aug. 20, 1888 and passed away on Nov. 29, 1964 following a short illness at the age of 76. As a young girl she came to southern North Dakota with her parents, Frederick and Louise Eckman, where she married Henry Weible and moved to Turtle Lake, N. Dak. After her husband passed away in 1953, she made her home for 5 years in Bismarck, N. Dak., and then in 1958 to American Falls, where she married Christ Neu. She knew the Lord as her Savior and served him for many years in several Baptist churches. Funeral services were conducted Dec. 1 at the Bethany Baptist Church, American Falls, Idaho and at Turtle Lake Baptist Church on Dec. 4. Survivors include her husband, Christ; 5 children: Bert Weible, San Francisco, Calif.;

"In Christ ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:22).

Alvin Weible, Lincoln, Neb.; Edwin Weible, Turtle Lake, N. Dak.; Fred Eckman, Bismarck, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Pauline Ingelbritson, Dillworth, Minn., 4 stepchildren: Edward Weible, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., Mrs. Maggie Nathan, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., Mrs. Christine Waltz, Underwood, N. Dak., and Mrs. Emma Muller, Beulah, N. Dak.; one sister, Mrs. Caroline Ketterling, Rupert, Idaho; 51 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren.

Turtle Lake Baptist Church
Turtle Lake, North Dakota
ORVILLE H. METH, Pastor

MR. HARM WESTERMAN of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Mr. Harm Westerman of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was born on July 1, 1892 near Lennox, S. Dak. He also lived in Herrick, Dell Rapids, Corona, and Sioux Falls, S. Dak. In 1918 and 1919 he served his country in the 63rd Balloon Company Air Service at Fort Dodge, Iowa and Fort Omaha, Okla. On Oct. 6, 1919 he was married to Reaka Van Deest, and to this union were born four children: Louise of Sioux Falls; Berneice of West Cameroon, West Africa; Raymond of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Elmer of Ottumwa, Iowa. On Aug. 1, 1926 he was baptized on confession of his faith in Christ and united with the First Baptist Church of Corona. Later he joined the First Baptist Church of Chancellor and finally of the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls. After contracting pneumonia, which upset a diabetic condition, in the Sioux Falls Veterans Hospital, he passed away to be with his Savior on Dec. 10, 1964 at the age of 72 years, 5 months, and 10 days. He is survived by his wife, his four children, 8 grandchildren, and his sister Sophia Westerman of Sioux Falls. To his many friends and loved ones our Lord Jesus would say, "Thy brother shall rise again" (John 11:23).

Northside Baptist Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
J. R. KRUEGEL, Pastor

MR. JANS GROENEVELD of Aplington, Iowa

Mr. Jans Groeneveld of Aplington, Iowa was born April 27, 1900 on a farm in Pleasant Valley Township in Grundy County, Iowa. On Feb. 11, 1931, he was united in marriage to Swanetta Junker at the Little Brown Church, Nashua, Iowa, by Rev. H. Lohr. This union was blessed with five children, two of whom died in infancy. In March 1931, Mr. and Mrs. Groeneveld moved to a farm in German Township in Grundy County where they farmed until Sept. 1962, when they moved to Aplington. In his youth, Mr. Groeneveld accepted Christ as his Savior, and was baptized on June 25, 1922 by the Rev. H. W. Wedel, and received into the membership of the Aplington Baptist Church. He was faithful to his Lord and his church, and was a kind, loving husband, father and grandfather. He was seriously injured in an accident on Dec. 16, and passed from this life the next morning at the age of 64 years. He is survived by his wife, Swanetta; a daughter (Esther) Mrs. Joe Schipper of Parkersburg two sons, David and Donald, both of Aplington; a son-in-law; two daughters-in-law; six grandchildren; a brother, John, of Aplington; and other relatives and friends.

Aplington, Iowa
DONALD PATET, Pastor

MR. FRED C. MUEHLEHALER of Elgin, Iowa

Mr. Fred C. Muehlehaler was born near Elgin, Iowa on May 28, 1887. As a lad he received Christ into his heart and life as Savior and Lord. In 1900 he was baptized on his profession of faith and became a faithful and life-long member of the First Baptist Church of Elgin. In June 1910 he was united in marriage to Marie Freiburghaus. Twin sons and one daughter were born to this union. Mr. Muehlehaler had the progress of his church and his community at heart. He served his community in various civic capacities as well as furniture dealer and funeral director for 50 years. His loyalty to the Lord was an inspiration to many, having served in the offices as trustee and 18 years as deacon.

He passed on to his heavenly reward at the Postville Hospital on Dec. 21, 1964 at the age of 77 years, 6 months, 23 days. He was hospitalized for one week following a heart attack. He leaves to mourn his widow, Marie; his sons, George and Lorence; his daughter, Helen, Mrs. Paul Zurbriggen (all of Elgin); 7 grandchildren, 2 sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. Pastors David Hackmann, Paul Zoschke, and George Breitzkreuz, officiated. May the God of all comfort be very near the bereaved. First Baptist Church Elgin, Iowa. GEORGE W. BREITKREUZ, Pastor

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DO UNTO OTHERS

By Milly Skinner
of Orange, California

Be ye kind one to another,
Help to lift someone's load,
Your kindness won't go unrewarded
As you travel down life's road.

As you do unto a stranger,
You also do unto me;
Christ tells us in the Bible,
So our lives can happy be.

Some day when you meet a stranger,
Just a smile might give him hope;
So keep your face supplied with
smiles,
So many in this life just grope.

God gives us all great blessings,
Each and every day of life;
Can't we share them with someone
Who might have seen great strife?

So when we all meet in Heaven
And gather the throne around,
Our kindness to a stranger,
God will honor with a crown.

BOOK REVIEWS

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Denny as "the backbone of prophecy" are given major prophetic attention.

A BOOK STUDY OF THE BIBLE by Robert L. Bishop. Broadman Press—1964—Teacher's Edition \$2.75—Student's Edition \$1.00 (paper).

This is a weekday Bible Study Series for use with 15 and 16 year olds, but may be adapted for other ages. There is a wealth of introductory information the entire Bible is now available. *Part Two—Job to Malachi* was released



in 1962. How soon the Amplified Bible will be available in one volume we do not know. The three separate books are a must for every serious student of the Bible for it is the only translation that includes the various shades of meaning of key words of the original Hebrew text. The additional footnotes contain valuable information not ordinarily found in commentaries and Bible helps.

SLAVERY, SEGREGATION AND SCRIPTURE by J. Oliver Buswell, III. Wm. B. Eerdmans—1964—101 pages—\$2.50.

It seems a little laborious to read and study all the pros and cons in Scrip-

ture which refer to slavery and segregation. Each side makes an attempt to stretch, confine, broaden or force the Scripture references in order to support their beliefs.

The author's conclusions are a welcome addendum. Two of his statements deserve to be quoted: "Despite a distinctly anti-segregation emphasis, this book does not advocate integration simply for integration's sake. It is conceivable that racial integration in some congregations could cause more problems than it would solve."

"... the teachings of Scripture emphasize the worth of the individual himself and nowhere suggest the relevance of his race."

In this area we need much more light than heat, and for this reason the Christian, in particular, must keep himself informed.

TEL EL AMARNA AND THE BIBLE by Charles F. Pfeiffer. Baker Book House—1963—75 pages—\$1.50 (paper).

Biblical archaeology is always a fascinating subject to the student of the Bible. However, in this particular area it does not shed much light on Scripture. The eighteenth Egyptian Dynasty is remembered primarily because of Akhenation's monotheistic view and the building of a new capital city originally named Akhetaton, but more commonly referred to as Tel El Amarna. Some scholars introduced a vague theory that Moses received his monotheism from this pharaoh, but there is little if any evidence to support it.

If there is anything of value which might add to our knowledge of the Old Testament, then it is only in helping us visualize life in the Palestinian city states about 1450 B.C. Some of the biblical cities which are mentioned in the Tel El Amarna letters include Ashkelon Gopal (Byblos), Gath, Jerusalem, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon and others. The maps and numerous photographs add much to the interest of the book.



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