

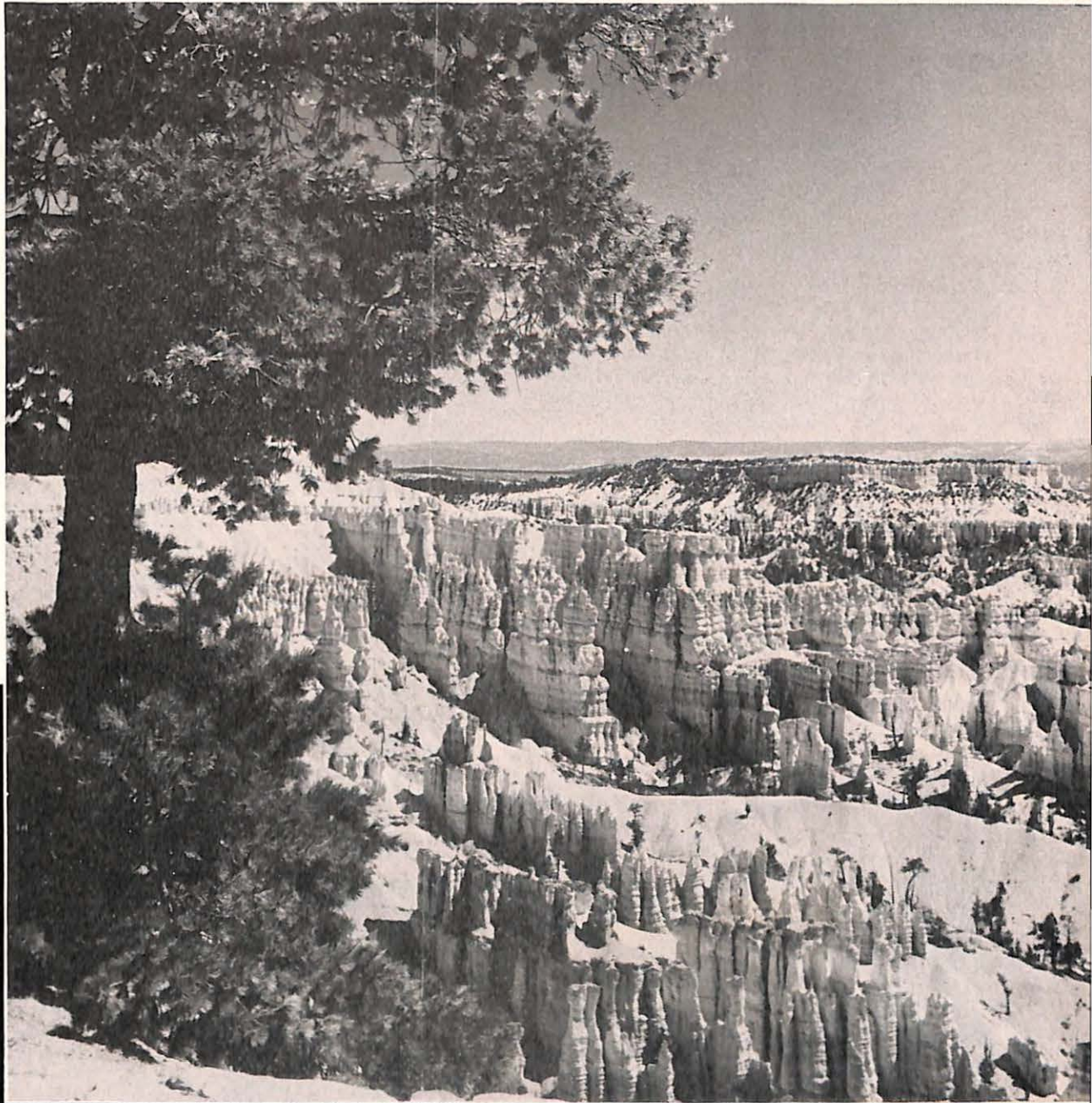
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Channels of Communication

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner,
Editor of the "Baptist Herald"

"THE WORD made print," which then becomes a channel of communication throughout the world, highlighted the annual sessions of the Associated Church Press at Ottawa, Canada, May 5 to 7, 1965. At such a convention with its unusual opportunities for reflection and for the sharing of facts about the Protestant press in America today, the Christian editor is able to calculate more clearly what kind of impact his publication makes on the minds and lives of his readers.

The Associated Church Press represents 149 Protestant publications in the United States with a total circulation of about 22,000,000. The "Baptist Herald" is an active member of the Associated Church Press. The annual convention provides an ideal setting for meeting with fellow-editors, for the comparison of notes with other publications, and for listening to journalists and professional writers concerning possible improvements in their papers.

This three-day visit to the colorful and beautiful capital of Canada was especially inspirational since it enabled Christian editors to enter into a spiritual dialogue with some of Canada's provocative political leaders. The Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons and a staunch Baptist, dealt with the great issues of the world today and the task of the Christian editor to interpret them in the light of the eternal truths of God.

The Hon. T. C. Douglas, leader of the New Democratic Party in Canada, the former premier of Saskatchewan and a forceful Baptist preacher, spoke on "The Challenge of a Revolutionary Age." The Hon. Walter Dinsdale, former minister of northern affairs in the government and a member of the Salvation Army, described "the committed Christian" as one who shows the Christian radiance in his life without having to talk about it.

All of us are involved in the struggle for world literacy today. Dr. Leslie Sayre, Christian world traveler and director of promotion for "Lit-Lit," stated forcefully that "we are necessarily embroiled in this modern world. Christian people must develop a strategy to meet the crying needs for Christian literature in all parts of the world, especially in Africa, if we are to win the battle for men's minds as over against the inroads of Communism today."

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The Hon. John Diefenbaker (right), Leader of the Opposition, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, smiles good naturedly with Associated Church Press leaders: Henry L. McCorkle (left) of Philadelphia, Pa., president; and Rev. A. Gordon Baker (center) of Toronto, Ontario, chairman of the Program Committee.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS. During the first month of the new fiscal year (April 1965), the contributions of our people to the Mission and Service Program of the denomination amounted to \$71,917.43. This was considerably smaller than the \$94,385.12 contributed for the same month in 1964 and \$74,083.97 given in April 1963. God's work will require the consistent, sacrificial giving of all of our church people to reach the objective we have set before us under God's guidance.

1965-1966 BUDGET. The General Council in annual session on May 21 and 22 adopted the 1965-1966 budget amounting to a total of \$1,100,000, the same as for the past year. This includes \$945,000 for the Mission and Service Program of the denomination and \$80,000 for Denominational Advance, in addition to special projects amounting to \$75,000.

MACEDONIAN CALLS. These calls are surrounding us on all sides. "He that hath ears, let him hear." We are ready to begin the new mission work in Brazil, South America but the new qualified missionaries for the field have thus far not been found. New Church Extension projects continue to challenge us, but pastors and funds for these fields are still wanting. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

NEW LEADERSHIP. Two directors for God's Volunteers Teams have been appointed. They are Rev. E. W. Klatt of Edmonton, Alberta, who has served as director for the past year, and Rev. Connie Salios of Glen Ellyn, Ill., pastor of the Glenbard Baptist Church. A forthcoming issue will list the twelve young people who will serve on the God's Volunteers Teams in 1965-1966. Pray for this important evangelistic ministry under this new inspiring leadership!

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. The latest reports of the North American Baptist Seminary and of the Christian Training Institute emphasize the spirit of expansion and advance at these educational institutions. Their program is geared to the future with a greatness of faith in God. An increase of financial support by the denomination will be needed to meet this challenge for the best possible preparation of our future pastors and missionaries.

NEXT ISSUE

"SERVANTS FOR JESUS' SAKE"

Dr. Robert Schreiber
Kankakee, Illinois

Editorial

The Baptist Witness

The Baptist witness is a bright, shining light that sends its shafts of illuminating truth into the darkness of the world. It is the living witness of almost 26 million Baptists in 120 countries of the world. During the days of the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Florida from June 25 to 30, tens of thousands of Baptists will focus their attention upon this theme, ". . . and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). This is the united Baptist witness to the saving power of the Gospel in Christ.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug has said that "Baptists of the world are drawn together in a common faith and task. We believe that Jesus Christ is the sole Savior of the world and that he commanded us to make disciples of all nations." This is the motivating impulse that brings Baptists from all over the world together in a fellowship that means teamwork under God. Dr. Nordenhaug has defined such "fellowship, in the New Testament, as teamwork under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. This teamwork, like fellowship, is characterized by *solidarity in action*. Individual 'like' interests are fused into 'common' action."

The Baptist Congress at Miami Beach will lift into prominence those things that unite us—the truths of God's Word and of our faith in Christ that make us free! For our solidarity of action and the blessings of our fellowship together come from an essential oneness in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Baptist Alliance has no authority over its member bodies. Baptists recognize only the Lordship of Christ. This is the spiritual glory of our faith and the binding power of our fellowship. The Alliance's objectives, as declared in its Constitution, are "to show the essential oneness of Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and cooperation among its members."

But the Congress days will also provide for the recognition of differences, in non-essential things, that exist. As Baptists we rightly cherish the right to disagree in matters of procedure and polity. Someone has said that "if two people always agree, one of them is unnecessary." Our Baptist emphasis on democracy, the right of the individual to read and to interpret the Bible for himself, and the autonomy of the local church are safeguarded in this recognition of these differences among those who unitedly believe in and honor Christ as sovereign Lord and redeeming Savior.

Our joys of fellowship as Baptists are heightened in the missionary spirit that sends us forth to evangelize the world. Baptists have always been zealous in missionary endeavor and outreach. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, serves as chairman of the Commission on Evangelism which will be prominently represented in the Congress program. Baptists have been universally concerned for the defense of religious liberty and the spiritual dignity that God has given to every human being. Baptists are challenged to hold high the banner of the Cross and of the Gospel of Christ.

"And the truth shall make you free." This is God's gift of revelation to all peoples, to which Baptists witness with evangelistic concern, and which the Baptist World Congress from June 25-30 will again emphasize for all the world to hear!

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Can I Afford Not to Tithe?

A whole-hearted acceptance and promotion of the denomination's Scriptural Tithing Education Program—STEP—would revolutionize the life and ministry of every local church and would give wings to our program of the Gospel at home and abroad.

By Rev. Howard Johnson, Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa

THE WASHINGTON Presbytery several months ago recommended to its 70 churches "that they not use bazaars, fairs, sales, dinners and similar events to raise money. Commercial undertakings of this nature are inconsistent with good stewardship. Preferred methods of financing God's work in the church are the tithe, Sunday offerings and the pledge," so states the resolution.

It is interesting to note that the denominational groups which have the highest per capita rate of giving are those which practice the tithe. It has been my conviction that unbiblical methods of financing God's work dry up the wells of giving and serve to stymie Christ's program in the church. The church is a spiritual organization and her work should be carried on through a spiritual or biblical program.

A BIBLICAL TEACHING

Tithing is taught in the Bible. We are not left to guess or conjecture, since the tithe has been practiced by God's people from time immemorial. The tithe means one-tenth, and it goes back into antiquity. Abraham gave tithes to Melchizedek 400 years before the giving of the law. At Jacob's conversion the first vow made was "all that thou givest me I will give the tenth back to thee." Under Moses the tithe was made law. We may not like the truth, but it is impossible to close our eyes to the tithe principle and say it is not taught in the Bible. How often Christians say that they believe the Bible from cover to cover and yet accept and reject biblical truths to fit their own fancies.

The Lord Jesus Christ commended tithing as a principle of giving. To be sure, he found fault with those who were careful about tithing but were lax and careless about mercy and love for their neighbors. He didn't repeal the tithe but he enforced it. He said, "These things ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

We are under the law of love and also the law of liberality. Giving is an evidence of our love for Christ. It is to grow out of an inner motivation and evidences the measure of our dedication. New Testament giving is to be voluntary and sacrificial. The sacrifice of the widow's mite bespeaks the true spirit of giving. While the rich men gave out of their abundance, the poor widow gave out of the abundance of her poverty. God's evaluation of giving



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is not on the basis of amount, but of sacrifice.

THE SAVIOR'S EXAMPLE

Obviously, God's ways are not man's ways. Nowhere in the New Testament was giving less than ten per cent. The New Testament teaches proportionate, systematic giving on the first day of the week. Motivated by inner responses of gratitude, freedom, responsibility, Christian sympathy and purpose, it was sacrificial. Certainly there are good reasons for beginning with the tithe as the basis of our giving as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Our Savior's example in giving is classic, "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

In my pastoral experience I have noted the blessing that accrues to those who have given sacrificially of their time, talent and tithe to the cause of Christ. I can give personal testimony to the blessing of God in giving the tithe. Certainly one's motivation in giving should not be for return, but out of love for Christ. The fact remains, however, that God honors and blesses

A DAILY PRAYER

"Lord, pardon what I have been;
Lord, sanctify what I am;
Lord, direct what I shall be."

those, in various ways, who put him first in giving. Jesus said, "Seek ye the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:34).

The tithe develops spirituality, one of the hallmarks of the Christian faith. Vital interest is linked with what one supports. The tithe develops a true sense of values and produces joy in the Christian life. I have personally known those who have accepted the challenge to tithe and it has stimulated faithful church attendance and zeal in the Lord's work. Giving meets a basic need in a man's life, that of exhaling as well as inhaling. The self-centered person is unhappy. The rich young ruler went away sorrowful because he was unwilling to meet the Savior's standard of giving. By putting first things first, we are sorting the eternal from the temporal.

A STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE

The tithe presents an opportunity of supporting the greatest institution in the world, the Christian Church. The Church has the greatest mission in the world, that of presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all of its love and power to sinful men. What greater investment could or should be made than in the immortal souls of men? Our denomination has embarked on STEP, the Scriptural Tithing Education Program. A whole-hearted acceptance and promotion of this program within our ranks would revolutionize the life and ministry of the local church and would give wings to our program of the Gospel at home and abroad.

Tithing is taught in the Bible; it was commended by our Savior; it has been practiced by dedicated God-fearing people through the centuries with a resultant abundant measure of blessing. On tax returns our government recognizes up to a 30 per cent deduction in giving to religious or charitable causes. Present day tipping approximates 15 per cent of the bill. Many Christians spend more on the daily newspaper than they give to the cause of Christ and his Church. In the light of these facts, should the Christian consider less than the tithe in his giving to the Lord's work?

The question we should ask ourselves is not, "Can I afford to tithe?," but rather, "Can I afford not to?" A more abundant life awaits your willingness to accept the challenge of stewardship through tithing.

Cameroon, a Nation Rising to Greatness

Our Baptist missionaries and the local Christians of the Cameroon Baptist Convention seek to spread a living faith in the midst of a turbulent crucible of nation building in Africa.

By Rev. Fred Folkerts of the Baptist Teachers' Training College, West Cameroon

THE PEOPLE OF Cameroon, Africa with their votes registered on March 20, 1965 their satisfaction with their government leaders by an overwhelming vote of confidence. In the first national election since reunification in 1961, the people pledged their support of the government of President Ahmadou Ahidjo and Vice President John Ngu Foncha.

These two leaders of the majority political party have steered the nation of Cameroons through the first three and one half years of independent rule. They and the people whom they govern have made sizeable accomplishments, for which the young nation may be proud.

DRAMATIC SIGNS OF PROGRESS

They launched into independence in an atmosphere of peace while many other new nations fell into civil strife. They have made great strides in blending the two cultural and governmental heritages which they inherited from former British and French trusteeships. The people of West Cameroon have successfully switched to a franc currency and to the opposite side of the roadways with new traffic laws. They have dramatically increased the extent of education throughout the country so that the 35 percent enrollment in primary schools in 1961 has been increased to 55 percent in 1964. The government has increased medical facilities so that more people may receive better treatment for their ills.

Many overseas scholarships have been offered to Cameroonians who have been alert to forge these opportunities into their personal strengthening and the national interest. Secondary schools and teacher training facilities have been expanded, and a college of arts and technology has been started. Primary and secondary roads have been improved in the face of eroding rains. The businessmen of the country have multiplied their interests by worldwide trade, by increased productivity, and by a mushrooming building boom.

The people of Cameroon have pledged themselves to peace, work, and fatherland at home, and have looked beyond their local interests by aligning themselves with other nations who strive for order and peace.

CHALLENGES FACING THE COUNTRY

What are some of the challenges which face the nation and its leaders in the immediate future? They must grapple with the soil in a scientific way to make the red earth yield a greater

THIS IS REQUIRED OF EVERY CHRISTIAN

Be quiet enough to hear it,
The plan of God.
Be brave enough to speak it,
The message of God.
Be honest enough to live it,
The life of God.
—"The Log,"
Haven of Rest Broadcast.

great national and personal interests may be fulfilled. On the other hand is that segment of Cameroon people whose national interests are parallel with their countrymen but whose spirits are lifted to engagement in the Kingdom of God. For them, added to the absorbing claims of nations, is the dynamic of Christian faith and service.

THE CHRISTIANS' LIVING FAITH

In alliance are your missionaries of Cameroon Baptist Mission and the local Christians of the Cameroon Baptist Convention who seek to spread a living faith in the midst of the turbulent crucible of nation building. You might well understand that the voice of that living faith is easily muffled and missed amid these clamoring demands for the people's interest and energy.



Little Anjei (right) and her friend from the New Hope Settlement hold the four 5000 Franc notes which President Ahidjo of the Federal Republic of Cameroon gave to the Settlement patients. Ahidjo's picture is on the Franc Notes.

cess of molding must continue to blend scores of tribes, languages, religious beliefs, and cultural backgrounds into a homogeneous nation. In order to stand abreast with the modern world, industries must be encouraged, technical knowledge learned, urbanization handled, natural resources developed, world problems understood, and international relations established. These are but a few of the overriding pre-occupations of the government and people of Cameroon.

A SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE

With these compelling objectives before them, many Cameroonians measure their forward strides in terms of humanism and materialism while some look to false gods in the hope that their

But many have heard. Over five hundred delegates and many more visitors met at the tenth session of the Cameroon Baptist Convention in Victoria's Mizpah Baptist Church on April 20-24 and demonstrated their desire to speak of salvation with clarity and force. And they have returned to their villages with the pledge that, by the grace of God, and with the help of Christian brothers around the world, those in the remotest part shall hear the Gospel and live.

May we hope and pray together that the Christ who rose to victory will accomplish a change in the personal lives of many more in Cameroon till they are born anew! Then they not only may hope for a great nation but have a hope eternal!

The Miracle on The Montana Reserve

As the missionaries to the Indians on the Montana Reserve of Alberta complete their first year of service, they praise God for new chapel facilities, a revival of interest in the mission field, and increased attendance by the Indians at the services.

By Mr. and Mrs. David M. Harrison,
Missionaries to the Indians



Indian women enjoy their Baptist Ladies' Sewing Meeting in the new church basement on the Montana Reserve.

WHEN WE ARRIVED on the Indian Montana Reserve near Ponoka, Alberta last June, we were faced with the challenge of extensive renovation of the mission property. Now, a year later, that task has been completed. It was amazing to see how the hand of God was with us as we attempted to undertake the building project. We attribute nothing to ourselves, but give our Lord the full credit for all things.

At times it seemed as though it took forever to get anything done, but there were other times when we would be overwhelmed with work to do. Having little knowledge of construction, the job seemed slow and painstaking, but God's grace was ever sufficient. We depended much upon volunteer help. Although many came to offer their services, we worked alone many times.

LIKE NOAH AND THE ARK

On these lonely days we felt like Noah building the ark, thinking of the enormity of the task before us. But,

praise God, we were not alone, for God's Spirit and grace were ever sufficient to supply our every need. The entire building in a sense is a miracle of God.

Prior to last summer the mission building never had a basement. The first task was to build a basement and then have the house and chapel lifted on top. This task was perhaps the most difficult of all, but it has proven to be the greatest blessing. The new full-length basement has already opened many new areas of service. The young people have their own place for meetings, socializing, and Bible study. The women enjoy their corner for sewing meetings. They are thrilled with the large windows that shed light on their work. There is ample room to conduct the various Sunday school activities.

The church basement is large enough to accommodate other special meetings held throughout the year. At Christmas time we were able to serve between 150 and 180 Indian people at the Christmas party. There is a cafeteria-style

food counter at one end of the basement for serving refreshments.

This was just the beginning of God's bounteous blessings in supplying our needs.

For the first time, the house has a complete indoor plumbing system that includes hot and cold running water, septic tank for drainage, and indoor bathroom facilities. Prior to these installations, the living conditions were somewhat of a hardship. God again moved in a wonderful way in meeting the need of the mission.

COMFORTS FOR HOUSE AND CHAPEL

A newly installed furnace has brought new comfort for both house and chapel. An Indian lady remarked that she enjoyed the warmth of the chapel while attending the services. The furnace, we believe, was given to the mission by an act of divine Providence. In a marvelous way God touched the hearts of the Temple Baptist people of Leduc, Alberta. They saw the mission's need and wanted to help before winter set in. Unknown to us, a plea had already gone out to a number of churches to help purchase a new furnace.

Many churches responded and thus miraculously met the need of the mission. We are grateful to the Schmidt Brothers of Calgary, Alberta, for giving us a new furnace at wholesale cost and installing it labor-free. How can we answer except to say that it was the hand of God providing!

With the new basement, many changes and remodeling became necessary. God's man for meeting our needs was the Christian teacher of the Baptist Indian Day School, Mr. John Herring. Together we put in an endless amount of time and labor above and beyond our duties. Mr. Herring saved much time and money because of his



YOUNG INDIANS OF THE MONTANA RESERVE, ALBERTA

In the new basement of the Baptist Mission Chapel, Indian young people (left) of the Montana Reserve study God's Word with the missionary, Mr. David M. Harrison, and the new cafeteria-style food counter in the basement (right) becomes a popular place for these Indian young people.

knowledge of construction. How we praise God for his willingness to serve and to make the house livable and comfortable!

A NEW REVIVAL OF INTEREST

There has been a revival of interest in our Baptist churches in the past few months. This revival has mushroomed into a greater interest in our home mission work. We were blessed when many churches volunteered their services on the building project. Groups of men came from as far as 125 miles away to offer their services.

One pastor wrote afterwards that "it was a joy to have a part in the work there. Our men have expressed repeatedly that this was one of the best days of education, information, and personal enlightenment for them. I believe they will also pray more effectively for the work." The building project has drawn people closer to our work through a greater knowledge of the field.

This revival has also shown up in giving. The willingness to give and help toward the purchasing of the furnace has brought untold blessings to many. Many more have given toward the building project through the Forest Park headquarters office. We cannot begin to express our gratitude toward those who have given.

Increased interest in the work has also brought about a revival in prayer. God moved in a mighty way because there were those who were praying for us. Many have written from various parts of the United States and Canada to tell us that they were praying for us.

RESPONSE OF THE INDIANS

The response of the people on the reserve has been a most unusual experience for us. First of all, there was a great deal of expectation and excitement about the building project. Many Indians came from all around to inspect the project. This afforded many opportunities to witness to them and to

"We have all eternity to tell of victories won for Christ, but we have only a few hours before sunset in which to win them."
—Jonathan Goforth.

meet more of the Indian people. Some were willing to work along with us.

Secondly, there has been an increase in attendance, perhaps for two reasons: because there is an established permanent missionary on the reserve, and because of the new facilities.

Thirdly, there has also been a negative response from the Roman Catholic church. They have the only other church on the Montana Reserve. In past years they held services only once a month. In the past few months, however, services are conducted every week, with free transportation by the priest himself. We feel that he fears

what God might do for these people if they should accept Christ as Savior.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

If we were to give any glory or praise for this marvelous undertaking, it would be, first of all, to God, who is able to supply all things in exceeding abundance. Secondly, we owe a great deal of thanks to the planning and provision of the Mission Board Committee. These were their plans and decisions which materialized on the Montana Reserve. Thirdly, our deepest gratitude goes to our N.A.B. churches, who so willingly gave that the work here might prosper. Fourthly, our heartfelt thanks go to those who so earnestly prayed that our work might be fruitful.

May all the labour, time and gifts be recorded in heaven as part of the Divine Plan for helping us bring Christ to the Indians.

NEW THINGS IN CAMEROON

(Continued from page 11)

ground when they are watered by the Word—even on hot, oppressive Sunday afternoons.

The impression that the Word of God can make on a life is far greater than any impression that we can see with our physical eyes. The Lord himself commanded us to "sow the seed," and he will give the increase; and here before our eyes is evidence once again.

"Jesus said to them; my food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish and completely finish his work. Do not say, It is still four months until harvest time comes! Look! I tell you, raise your eyes, and observe the fields and see how they are already white for harvesting. Already the reaper is getting his wages; he who does the cutting now has his reward, for he is gathering fruit unto life eternal, so that he who does the planting and he who does the reaping may rejoice together."

Is there anything "new" on the mission field that an "old" missionary can report?



Mr. and Mrs. David M. Harrison, missionaries to the Indians on the Montana Reserve near Ponoka and Hobbema, Alberta.



The old chapel of the Montana Reserve Baptist Mission on its new foundation with a more effective ministry than ever to the Montana Indians.

Report from Germany: What Difference Does It Make?

Through two disastrous wars, the German people with all Europeans have come of age, asking strange religious questions and discovering that "the pietism" of their forefathers had been weighed and found wanting in the balance. The evangelical Baptist witness is now needed in Germany as never before in its history.

By Rev. Frederick Bonkowsky,
Baptist Graduate Student in Berlin, Germany

OUR NEIGHBOR in Berlin, Germany is a young lady from India who is studying medicine. She plans to return to her country as a Christian doctor. Christians are a minority of less than three per cent in India and, while Christianity, as well as Hinduism and Mohammedism, is an "official religion," the Christian is always aware of his minority status. So it was with considerable anticipation that our friend came to Germany. For she had heard that Germany, like all of Europe and the United States, was a "Christian country."

Statistically, the Bundesrepublik of Germany is indeed a Christian nation. An amazing 95 per cent of the people are church members. How different this is from the United States where there are many more "Christians" than church members. For in America the alternative to being a Christian is to be a Jew, a Hindu, or, heaven forbid, "nothing."

"A GODLY MAJORITY"

This overwhelming "godly majority" in Germany dates back to Reformation and pre-Reformation times. Division along religious lines is also nothing new in Germany. It exists since Martin Luther (died 1546). Religious differences were concretized in the religious wars of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Since neither Protestantism nor Catholicism could win a clear-cut victory, a compromise was reached in the Peace of Augsburg (1555). It was agreed that the people of each of the scores of German territories (kingdoms, dukedoms, cities, etc.) should take the religion of their ruler. In the Latin of the day—"cuius regio, eius religio."

There can be no doubt that the Reformation properly stressed "preaching of the Word in a time when this was too often forgotten. Thousands heard God's Word more clearly than ever before and acted accordingly. Yet there can also be no doubt that the quickest way to "convert" a city was to convince

the prince that he ought to be a Protestant or a Catholic. He would then see to the rest. In this way, the government and religion of a territory were bound together.

GOOD GERMAN CITIZENS

The wars of religion finally ended in 1648 with the country greatly ravaged, a 50-50 Protestant-Catholic division established, and the Augsburg formula still intact. Religious differences remained a major cause of antipathy between Germans and helped to postpone German unification until the late nineteenth century.

Much as American Protestantism is a religion of the sovereign middle class and defends "the American way," German Christianity became inextricably identified with its culture. To be a "good German" one had to be a "godly person." To be a godly person meant to be a good citizen; to work hard, to respect order and, most of all, to obey. Obedience meant primarily obedience to church and state. Sermons preached on Romans 13 made much of verses one through seven but forgot or did not see the importance of verses eight through ten. The pastor was part of the "magisterial class." His salary was paid by the state. (Today in America, the pastor is usually a member of the middle class. His peers, rather than the state, pay him.)

REPORT FROM GERMANY

This is the second of a series of three articles by Mr. Bonkowsky on the religious situation in Germany. The third, to be published in August, will deal with the witness of churches in East Germany and will be published after Mr. Bonkowsky's return to the United States to give him complete freedom in writing for the "Baptist Herald." Mr. Bonkowsky is a member of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio. He is now studying in Germany on a United States-German Fulbright Scholarship and a Yale University "Day Fellowship."



The ruins of the Kaiser William Memorial Church, almost destroyed in World War II, rise ominously over the modern new business buildings in West Berlin, Germany.

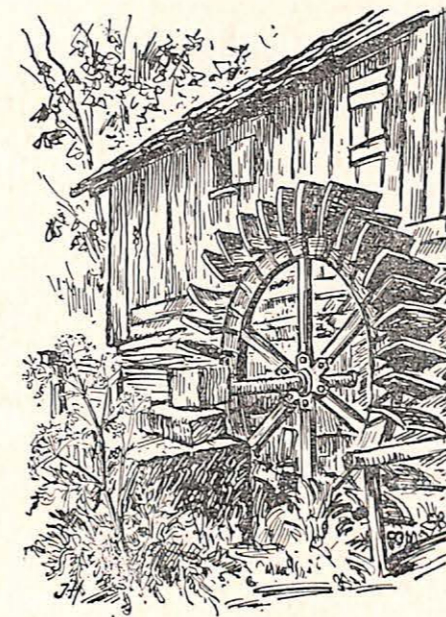
"A FOOL'S PARADISE"

Surprisingly, only in Prussia was there religious tolerance in Germany, and it came late in the eighteenth century. Elsewhere Protestant majorities killed Catholics, Catholic majorities killed Protestants. Most notably, dissenters and "sects" such as the Anabaptists were persecuted throughout Germany and their witness and emphases were lost. Thus there was no voice raised against the union of church and state. No one called for lay participation in either church or state. Both were ruled from above. Nor were there challenges to customs such as those which allowed, indeed demanded, that a person receive his name, his citizenship, and his church membership at his baptism as an infant.

For a time, the German church lived in a fool's paradise, believing that it had Christianized the land and that obedience to the monarch and the church was obedience to God. Then, suddenly as history goes, Germany was thrown into a different world. Without warning the new world came: industrialization, the unification of Germany under a single monarch, the rise of a national state, World War I and a shocking defeat, attempts and failures at democratic government, the Nazis,

and the total annihilation that was World War II.

The religion of the peasant and farmer whose "God" controlled rain and sun and who promised success if one worked hard and dealt honestly lost its applicability in the new era. The factory worker cared little about sun and rain. His success was controlled, not by God directly, but by a "Christian



An old water mill along a quiet country road in Germany.

employer" who often handled in an unloving way. In the marketplace it was "dog eat dog." There was little place for Christian ethics.

THE RISE OF HITLER

For hundreds of years the church had taught that the monarchy was instituted by God (cf. Romans 13) and that Germany was blessed because it was a "Christian nation." As the German soldier entered combat in 1914 (and again in 1939), the words of the



The reconstructed Gutenberg Printing Shop in the Gutenberg Museum at Mainz, Germany.



Church steeples and cathedral spires usually tower over other buildings in Germany's cities, similar to this entrancing view of Frankfurt on the Main.

chaplain promising that God was a German possession rung in his ears. The soldier returned in 1918 knowing that someone had lied. Germany was defeated; the "heaven-instituted" monarchy was gone.

In four short years Germany was propelled into the twentieth century—the century of bread-lines, bombed-out cities, and millions of dead. The old God seemed very far indeed from this world. No longer could one be confident that pastor and king "knew what was right." The German had come of age. Reality forced adulthood upon him.

The monarch was gone and in his place was the dread responsibility of self-government. And when the citizens refused or were unable to rule themselves, there was no new prince sent from God as the churches promised there would be. Instead there was a small mustached man named Adolf Hitler who claimed that, yes, Germany could still regain honor by avenging itself and by taking revenge on the

"killers of Jesus." Again most Churchmen thought only of Romans 13:1-7 or of what was good for them. Romans 13:8-10 was somehow forgotten.

AWFUL YEARS, 1943-1945

Then in those awful years, 1943-1945, the world fell into a thousand pieces. There was, for Christian and scoffer alike, "hell on earth;" a hell of air raids, burning cities, and death. When it was over the world remained broken. Life did not return to normal. The conquering armies stayed. Worse, the unbelievable sin of this Christian people was fully revealed, to itself and to the world. Not only was the old Germany no more, but no German could be proud of what his nation had been or of what it had done.

Germans had lived through "hell on earth" only to find that there was even greater damnation to come. In those years, all Europeans "came of age" They drank of a cup too bitter for description. Their spirits were ravaged. They became old. And the Germans aged most of all.

WITNESS OF THE CHURCH

"And the church?" you say. It had nothing to offer; nothing, at least, to those who were most in need. The simplistic approaches, assurances, and answers of pietism and personalism had been weighed in the balances and found wanting. What could one say? The people and their fathers and grandfathers before them had been Christians, not only Christians but "godly men." Now it had come to this.

Is it thus surprising that when our Indian friend came to Germany two years ago she did not find what she thought she would? There is no active question, "How shall we serve the Lord?" or even "Does God reign?" Instead there is silence and the unuttered cry, "What difference does it make if God exists anyway?"

Things That Are New in Cameroon

A missionary, returning to Cameroon for the fifth term, describes some lasting impressions in her observation of new things in the fruitful, indigenous church on the mission field

By Mrs. Alma Henderson of Victoria, Federal Republic of Cameroon

IT IS ALWAYS interesting to read or hear about the first impressions of a new missionary to a new land. Their impressions of a new people, a new culture, a new country, a new way of life always sounds adventurous and exciting.

But what can an "old" missionary write home about? The people are not new—in fact, they have perhaps become more familiar and intimate than his own family into which he was born, but whom he now only sees on furloughs. The way of life on the foreign mission field has become such a part of his being after many years, that to be away from these surroundings has a very disquieting effect on his emotions.

Even the foreign food, that was once so strange and not particularly appetizing, is now devoured with relish. He even gets to the place where he finds it difficult to understand why the new missionary does not enjoy Epang Coco with palm oil, or fu-fu and Jama-jama soup with the same gusto as he does. All these things have become so familiar. They are no longer just impressions; they are a way of life that have become basic.

VICTORIA'S EBENEZER CHURCH

Then is there nothing "new" for an "old" missionary to write home about after returning to the mission field for the fifth time? I asked myself this question as I returned to Africa some



Rev. Flavius Martin, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Victoria, baptizes a convert in the Limbe River with a church deacon assisting another convert in preparation for baptism.

months ago, and I looked for an answer.

On our first Sunday back in Cameroon, we worshipped in the old familiar Ebenezer Church in Victoria, which became home to us almost 18 years ago when we first came to Africa and were assigned to the privilege of opening Victoria Baptist Mission station. Except for many of the little children who

were born in the years that we had been away from Victoria, we recognized almost all of the older faces and could call them by name.

But things had changed! There were new impressions. Behind the pulpit was a young pastor who conducted the service with dignity and reverence. And there was no mistaking about the positive Gospel message that he gave to his people.

My mind went back to the time when I remembered this young man walking down the church aisle as a lad, "a wise man" in a Christmas dramatization, seeking the King of kings who was born in Bethlehem. My mind drifted back many years, and I recalled how impatient I had often been in trying to teach that group of sometimes unruly youngsters. And yet with all my impatience, I often prayed, "Lord, call some of these children into the Gospel ministry. Make your way and will clear to them. May they be attuned to the voice of the Holy Spirit."

REV. FLAVIUS MARTIN

This day I was witnessing the fulfillment of this prayer. Behind the pulpit was one of these children, the Reverend Flavius Martin, who had recently returned from the U.S.A. where he had completed his Seminary training in our own North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. To have visualized this 18 years ago was beyond my feeble faith. I will never forget this impression, and the humbling effect it has on my impatient heart.

Within the next following days, another young man called on us at the mission and asked us to visit the new mission church that was being formed a few miles from Victoria in the heart of a heavily populated plantation area. The next Sunday we worshipped in a plantation school building with dozens of squirming children. I counted 55 wiggling children and 31 adults. This was to be the "Church Extension project" of the Victoria church. The young man who had invited us to help them organize the church, was taking the leadership.

SPIRITUAL DIVIDENDS

Again my mind went back to our first days in the Soppo field in 1947. This same young man, now married and with a family of his own, was just a school boy in our Baptist Mission school in Soppo at that time—and a sometimes naughty school boy at that. Here again was an impression I'll not soon forget.

The young lady who was trying to direct the Sunday school was a face I well remembered, but I could not think of her name. At the close of the Sunday school, she reminded me that she was one of the girls who used to come to our mission house when we lived in a rented native house down on the beach because we had no land anywhere in this area, and the little girls used to gather on our back veranda in our first attempts to have a Christian Girls' Club. She is now a school teacher in the plantation school house in which we were now meeting for worship. And she was eager for a Christian witness among these many plantation children. Here was another impression that God had wrought in God's own time through the direction of his Holy Spirit.

Here was an indigenous church beginning—not by a foreign missionary, but by the young Cameroonian Christian who is the fruit of the labors of missionaries of the past generation.

A few Sundays later, we stood at the shores of the beautiful Limbe Stream that passes through Victoria and watched the first group of ten believers publicly confess Christ as their Savior from sin and follow him in the waters of baptism. Right before our eyes we were witnessing the birth of yet another Christian church on the

noons when we would have Sunday school and worship services there. I feel sure the Lord has forgiven me for my sometimes unwilling efforts in those early years when the Sunday afternoon sun was so oppressive, and when it would have been so much more pleasant to stay in the shade of the mission house than to try and teach flannelgraph stories to those overly energetic children.

Here we were again worshipping in Mizpah Baptist Church in Newtown, Victoria—not in a hovel, but on top of the highest hill in Newtown overlooking the sea, in a large permanent church structure. The wiggling children of 1949 are now grown men and women with families of their own. Everything has changed so drastically—except the Douala Choir. They sing beautifully today; but they also sang beautifully in 1949. This impression has not changed.

EVANGELIST STEIN EKO

At the close of the worship service in Newtown, a handsome young man came up to me and greeted me and introduced himself as the traveling evangelist for the Tiko Association. I know I looked startled, for I had not seen such a young evangelist in my whole life—not even in America. Shyly he said, "Mrs. Henderson, don't you re-



The Ndu Baptist Church stands imposingly on top of the hill. Off to the right are three school buildings (not shown): Elementary Teacher Training School, Bible Teacher Training Center, and the Ndu Baptist College. (Photo by Harold B. Johns).

great continent of Africa. Its leadership was not foreign missionaries, but native believers who had come to know the Lord because others cared enough to invest money, time, energy and life, that these seeds might sprout and bring forth fruit.

BEAUTIFUL NEWTOWN CHURCH

Eighteen years ago, Newtown Church (near Victoria) was not much more than a hovel right in front of the town's refuse heap. The surroundings were as dilapidated as my withered spirits were on the hot Sunday after-

noon when we would have Sunday school and worship services there. I feel sure the Lord has forgiven me for my sometimes unwilling efforts in those early years when the Sunday afternoon sun was so oppressive, and when it would have been so much more pleasant to stay in the shade of the mission house than to try and teach flannelgraph stories to those overly energetic children.

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Roots will sprout even out of dry

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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the appointment and announced that he would begin his ministry there on August 1st. He has been the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington since 1958.

• The members and friends of the Balgonie Baptist Church, Balgonie, Sask., gathered to bid farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Kliever on Sunday evening, April 4, which was the last Sunday on which Mr. Kliever served the Balgonie Church. Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., was the guest speaker. At the brief program, following the worship service, Mr. Kliever was presented with a purse. Mr. Maclean in behalf of the church expressed to him appreciation for services rendered in love and devotion during his ministry in the community, as reported by Mrs. Dorothy Parsons.

• From April 19 to 23 the Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River, Manitoba held evangelistic meetings with the pastor, Rev. Alex Sootzmann, serving as evangelist. In spite of adverse weather conditions, all meetings were well attended. Since it was Easter holiday time, a goodly number of boys and girls were present every evening and they especially enjoyed the children's stories. Special music was featured at all services. The offering on the final evening, amounting to \$127, was designated for the church building fund, as reported by Mrs. Frieda Boerchers.

• Carnations were presented to each mother present at the services of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man. The flowers were a gift of the Homebuilders' Class and young people's groups. In the evening the Homebuilders presented their annual program. Special music was provided by the band, a ladies' trio, duet, and organ and piano duet. Three testimonial messages were given by group members, the topics being in keeping with the Mother's Day celebration. During the evening a Child Dedication Service was held with six children dedicated to the Lord. An offering was received to go to the work among the Spanish Americans in the San Luis Valley, Colorado.

• On Mother's Day, May 9, at the morning service of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., 9 couples brought 11 children for dedication in an impressive service conducted by the pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler. The congregation totalled 832 persons at this service. The church has 100 families, ages 45 and under, in the Fireside and Homebuilders' Classes. Rev. Harvey Mehlhaff, director of Christian Education, teaches the Homebuilders' Class and Mr. Albert Dehr is the teacher of the Fireside Class. On Sunday evening, May 9, fifteen members were received into the church, 8 of whom had been baptized. The present church membership has reached an all time high of 1,059.



The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Victoria, Africa which is "the home church" for Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson and where they have witnessed many spiritual harvests for Christ.

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By President Frank Veninga
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Pres. F. Veninga

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A District Secretary's Opportunities for Leadership

The high calling of the church's ministry must be directed to the highest goals and deepest spiritual purposes that God has revealed to us. For this is the Lord's work!

By Rev. Rubin Kern of Detroit, Michigan, Eastern District Secretary

THE EASTERN District, extending from Chicago to the Atlantic coast across and into eleven states and one Canadian province (Ontario), is an area combining the old and the new, the traditional and contemporary, the ethnic and the American, the rural and the metropolitan. This, in itself, lends variety and interest to my work.

Even though I have found in the past two years, during which I have been engaged in this work, that not all is well with our churches, the very fact that the ministry of our churches continues, in spite of human failure, gives assurance that the Lord is in it. This assurance should challenge every minister fervently to continue preaching the Word, faithfully to pursue his pastoral duties, and devotedly to persist in a program directed to the winning of souls. This assurance should also charge every member of the churches sacrificially to support the work and readily to respond to every opportunity for service and every call of duty. For this is the Lord's work!

It becomes necessary for the District Secretary to follow a rigidly disciplined course. This involves office work and correspondence concerning

matters of business, arrangement of schedules and appointments and the necessary fellowship communication. When the schedule is planned and the appointments are set, they must be met and carried out. The month of February may serve as an average sample of travel, speaking and counsel assignments, committee and board sessions: Feb. 6-7, Hamilton, Ontario; 9, Detroit, Mich.; 10-11, Cleveland, Ohio; 14, Trenton, Illinois; 16-17, Fraser and Warren, Michigan; 19-20, New Jersey churches; 21, Meriden, and Hamden, Conn.; 22-27, Workshop sessions and Committee meetings, Forest Park; 28, Kankakee, Illinois and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

It is rather difficult, from the many enriching and happy experiences of my contacts, to select the happiest and most rewarding ones, as I have been asked to do. For myself, it may be spending a relaxing visit in a pastor's home or the home of a lay family. This has often been a blessing to me. These experiences may be found in quietly observing the dedicated interest and genuine loyalty of pastors and people to the work of their church and denomination. Sometimes they are found in being perfectly at home and at ease in

the presence of people whom I have met for the first time. At times it is the honest remark of the children that thrills my soul. All of this reminds me that the bonds of Christ unite us in a fellowship that is relaxed and never strange.

HAPPY, ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

However, taking into account the happiness and enriching experiences for myself and others, I believe it should be pointed out that this has been evidenced to a greater and more general degree at installations and receptions of pastors and church anniversary services. To be sure, these events may not depict the normal level of life in the day-by-day tasks of the church in which the difficulties, realities and problems must be dealt with and overcome.

But it is a wonderful and rewarding experience because it demonstrates the higher ideals and gives one a picture of the higher plane of Christian fellowship and love. To be with a church at a time when personal differences are set aside and when attention and trust are directed to God for his guidance and adoration always proves to me that there can be "glory in the church." I have witnessed some of this "glory" in the past two years by attending seven church anniversaries and ten receptions and installations. Sometimes I say, as well as pray, that these spiritual "honeymoons" might be of longer duration.

THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD

There are urgent needs in every congregation. In some it may be a need for workers, facilities and finances. In others it may be a need for dedication and spiritual deepening. Or in another it may be a lack of Christian love and co-operation. Generally, I would say, it is the absence of objective, purpose and worthwhile goals in the work of the church. To direct the spiritual fervency, the leadership and worker potential, and to use the facilities and finances at hand for the true purpose, the highest objectives and the greatest goals of the church's ministry, is probably one of the greatest needs in the greatest number of our churches. To flounder without purpose is to fail. To go ahead towards a given goal is to gain. The high calling of the church's ministry must be directed to the highest goals and deepest spiritual purposes.

There is a great need for those whom God is calling into the Christian min-

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● On Palm Sunday, April 11, the First Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana held a baptismal service at which Rev. Edward Kopf, pastor, led these three candidates into the baptismal waters: La-Van Kopf, Darlene and Daniel Sieler. On Easter Sunday at the morning worship service they were given the hand of fellowship into the church.

● The Faith Baptist Church of Selby, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. R. H. Zepik of Shattuck, Okla. to which he has given a favorable reply. He will bring his three year ministry at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck to a close on Sunday, June 13, and will begin his pastorate in the Selby, S. Dak., church on July 4th, succeeding Rev. J. C. Kraenzler.

● Rev. Richard W. Sparling of Elsmere, Del., recently presented his resignation as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere effective on July 31. He has served the church as its minister since 1962. He has announced that he has accepted a call from a Baptist Church in Clinton, N. J., a church affiliated with an independent Baptist group of churches.

● The Southey Baptist Church of Southey, Sask., has announced that Mr. Bill Spletzer of Regina, Sask., has accepted its call to serve as the church's pastor. He began his ministry in Southey on May 23rd. He and his family are now residing in the Baptist parsonage of Southey. In Regina Mr. Spletzer recently furthered his education at a Canadian Bible College. He has succeeded Rev. Peter Schroeder, now of Esterhazy, Sask.

● On Thursday, April 29, the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., held a Youth Relations Seminar with Chaplain A. L. C. Keller as the speaker. Mr. Keller, who is from the Industrial State Training School of Mandan, N. Dak., spoke on "Understanding Youth and Teen-Age-Parent Relations." The seminar was well attended by 70 young people. Other churches of the city also participated. Rev. Willis Potratz is pastor of the church.

● On Easter Sunday morning the Terrace Heights Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., had the privilege and joy of sharing the glorious resurrection message in song and testimony by Mr. Merrill Womach, renowned singer and outstanding recording artist. Mrs. Ben G. Schmidt, church clerk, stated: "This was a new experience for many of our people, and we are deeply grateful to our beloved pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. William Appel, for making this possible."

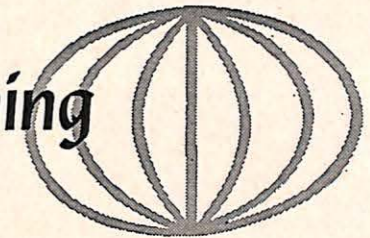
● The denominational God's Volunteers Committee has extended a call to Rev. Connie Salios of Glen Ellyn, Ill., to become a co-director of God's Volunteers. He has accepted the appointment effective Sept. 1, 1965. Mr. Salios and Rev. E. W. Klatt of Edmonton, Alta., will serve as the directors of the two teams. Mr. Salios has been the pastor of the Glenbard Baptist

Church of Glen Ellyn, Ill., since 1959. He and his family plan to reside somewhere in the Chicago, Ill. area.

● The First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., has extended a call to Rev. Calvin R. Chadderdon of El Paso, Ill., where he has served at an American Baptist Convention church during the past 7 years. He began his ministry

● The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., conferred the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on the Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., on Sunday afternoon, May 16. In the baccalaureate service held that morning in the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, Dr. Schreiber brought

what's happening



in the Trenton, Ill., church on June 6, succeeding Rev. Jack R. Kruegel, now of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. Chadderdon have three married children. A reception and installation service for Rev. and Mrs. Calvin R. Chadderdon will be held on one of the following Sundays in June.

● Rev. E. W. Klatt of Edmonton, Alberta has been notified by the denominational God's Volunteers Committee of his appointment as a co-director of God's Volunteers. He served in this ministry for the interim period of the past year. He has accepted the indefinite appointment effective September 1, 1965. Mr. Klatt and Mr. Connie Salios of Glen Ellyn, Ill., will serve as the directors of the two teams. The decision where Mr. and Mrs. Klatt will reside will be announced in a later issue.

● From May 10-13 Dr. A. Dale Ihrie of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., addressed 150 Baptist pastors and leaders of the Canadian Baptist Convention at their annual Pastors' Conference and Convocation held at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. Dr. Ihrie spoke on "Reflections of a Pastor" as viewed in the light of "being a Baptist" and ministering as "a servant of God." The commencement exercises of McMaster University and Seminary followed the Pastors' Convocation.

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the sermon, "Servants for Jesus' Sake." This will be published in a later issue of the "Baptist Herald" as well as a more detailed report about the commencement exercises.

● Sunday, April 25, was Pulpit Exchange Sunday at the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak. Rev. John Hisel of the Parkston-Tripp Church was in Madison and Madison's Rev. Ronald E. Mayforth was in Avon, S. Dak., for the day. The Board of Christian Education designated May 23 as Library Day at the church. There were 30 new books on display. It was hoped that interested individuals and all of the church organizations might purchase some of these books and then donate their purchase to the library.

● On Monday evening, May 17, the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Oak Brook, Ill., conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Rev. Frank Veninga, president of the North American Baptist Seminary. Dr. Veninga had delivered the baccalaureate sermon on the previous Sunday, speaking on the topic, "Confronted by the Demands of God." Other North American Baptists participating in the commencement exercises were Rev. Gordon Loux who received the B.D. degree and Rev. Connie Salios who was the recipient of the Master of Theology degree.

● The Church Extension Committee of the denomination has appointed Rev. Howard D. Westlund of Carrington, N. Dak., to become the Church Extension pastor of a new project in Dickinson, N. Dak. A survey of the city has been made with good results, and Rev. Alfred Weisser of Bismarck, N. Dak., has been holding initial services in Dickinson with attendance of 50 and more persons. Mr. Westlund has accepted

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ANNIVERSARY LEADERS AND GUEST SPEAKERS, RIDGEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
Left to right: Rev. Frank Orthner, Dr. Grant Anderson, Dr. Walter Macoskey, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Dr. Adolf Kannwischer, Mr. Frank C. Arnold, Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht, pastor; Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, Rev. R. Kern, Eastern District Secretary and former pastor; Mrs. Paul Wengel, Mrs. Seibert (daughter of Pastor J. C. Grimmell); Harriet Kern and Harold Kris.

We the Women



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

SOMEONE recently suggested that they would like to have a "State of the Union" report. My summer "Broadcast" letter will present a detailed report including a summary of your report blanks. Today, however, I am thrilled to share these things with you. Our theme, "... and Go Quickly," seems to have inspired all of our women to rise immediately to the challenge of this new triennium! We are challenged most spectacularly in our enlarged White Cross program and in our triennial project, "Meals for Missions."

We are grateful for the opportunity of serving by supplying the largest amounts of White Cross Supplies in our history. We have sent 207 crates and bales of hospital supplies this year, which is over 12 tons of goods. Explanatory slide sets and White Cross dedication services help our women to see the need of praying these works of our hands to their destinations. A 14-page "White Cross Handbook" compiled by our White Cross Chairman, Mrs. H. J. Waltereit, and Mrs. E. Borrmann has been sent to each women's group. This book should answer the questions which constantly arise concerning the many details involved in making the hospital supplies.

Both testimonies and receipts are gratifying from our "Meals for Missions" project. Over \$4,000 has been sent in and will be used for a selected project in Cameroon. The women are reporting that they find that this bit of self-denial has both disciplined them and rewarded them in a closer prayer fellowship with our missionaries. This program, of course, is voluntary to the individual woman. We trust that you have prayerfully considered this program for yourself.

We always appreciate the space given to us in the "Baptist Herald" and in "Der Sendbote." Our women's publications, "The Broadcast," "Der Rundfunk," both English and German language program packets, and numerous mailings of program materials keep our women well informed.

Our Baptist Day of Prayer and also World Day of Prayer cause us to realize the bond of fellowship and the available power which is ours. Our Cameroon women were encouraged this year to participate in the Baptist Day of Prayer. Their glowing testimonies revealed their earnest spirit, for many

From the Professor's Desk

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

What reply is there to those who are advocating and championing a new theology for our changing world? Is it not difficult to resist some of the new developments which have been launched in the name of progress and relevance?

Recent articles in this column have shared the concern for making our faith relevant to the modern world and communicating the Gospel to the present generation in terms which they understand. This is certainly imperative today for the compelling reasons which have been previously set forth. That we must rethink our Christian beliefs in order to relate them to the changing culture of our day is exactly what the Church has been doing throughout the centuries, especially when it has been most spiritually concerned to communicate its evangelical faith.

NEW THEOLOGIES (?)

We have come, however, to an alarming situation in Christendom when various new theologies have emerged which seem to bear little resemblance to the historic Christian faith, especially when they are accompanied by the so-called "new morality," with its defence and protection of moral obscenity and lewdness. Under the influence of a demythologization of the Bible, the present generation has no sure word of divine revelation to shape its beliefs or influence its ethical behavior.

No less informed and theologically literate a scholar than Dr. Paul L. Holmer, a professor of theology at Yale Divinity School, wrote in the *Christian Century* (March 17, 1965), "we need not a new theology but a vigorous effort to help modern man preserve the old faith in a changing society." He speaks of Christian theology and the Church as being under constant attack from a kind of elite group of intellectuals within the church itself, which prides themselves upon being abreast of the latest research and modern trends, and as being well in advance of their time. They are developing a breezy Protestant theology which is strongly anti-church, opposed to genuine personal piety, very much this-worldly, and impervious to criticism. "To oppose this very modern Protestant theology," writes Dr. Holmer, "is to risk being labeled an obscurantist, a fundamen-

trekked numerous miles before they arrived at their 5:00 A.M. prayer hour. Others kept the entire day or week for prayer and singing. Giving for Baptist Day of Prayer was less than \$1,000 only four years ago in contrast to this year's \$4,000 offering.

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talist, even a pietist."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer would probably turn over in his grave if he could see what the contemporary intelligentsia are doing with his "theology for a world come of age." Bonhoeffer was a supremely dedicated believer in Jesus Christ, but today it has become fashionable virtually to require Christians to be atheists in order to cope with present-day conditions. To be sure, Bonhoeffer said some dangerous things in his time and for his peculiar situation in Nazi Germany, but it is doubtful that he ever really meant to say that the biblical idea of God was no longer necessary or advantageous. Today, at best, the Scriptural statements about God are transformed into and refurbished with categories drawn from ontological and psychological sources.

MAN AS MASTER (?)

In his radical new book *The Secular City*, Harvey Cox of Andover-Newton Theological Seminary asserts that "God" is a meaningless term to secularized minds. The world-task is man's, not God's. We should quit talking about God; no one is listening anyhow. Such old ideas as that of God as a Father or Supreme Being must be discarded. We must speak *this-world talk*. Secularized society demands a pragmatic advance into the future. The modern world requires that man throw off all ties binding him to the past, including his notion of a "Christian God," and to take his rightful place as the master of all things. "We are trying to live in a period of revolution without a theology of revolution," writes Dr. Cox. We must, therefore, develop a theology of revolutionary social change, for God is producing these revolutions in the world and we must adjust our theology to what he is doing.

An exactly opposite view is taken by Paul Holmer, who insists that, while the Christian must understand the world and the people in it, his task is not so much to make Christianity itself relevant or easily acceptable to modern men, as to help them become relevant and amenable to Christianity. He complains against the attitude that the whole world would like to become Christian if only the Church would become up to date, and that the only possible way to make Christianity palatable is to strip everything from it and make its meanings coextensive with what people will discern for themselves and believe anyway.

Rather than refashioning the faith to render it more plausible or more relevant, the task of the Church is to live and preach Christ as to refashion men and the world by the working of the Holy Spirit.



Architect's design for the projected building of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas, with Rev. Gordon Voegele, pastor.

Great Expectations at Wichita, Kansas

Under construction at present is the Fellowship Hall, costing \$45,000, the second building unit of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas a Church Extension project of the denomination.

By La Verne Webb, Memory Lane Baptist Church Secretary

WITH GREAT pleasure and humility the members of the Memory Lane Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas announced on April 1st that the second unit of its church was begun. This important event is the result of a great many prayers and a considerable amount of work and planning, and we are truly grateful that we have been so wonderfully blessed. We have been promised by our capable builder, Roe Messner Construction Company, that this addition will be completed in July of this year. After this, our seating capacity will be increased to 225 with an additional 75 seats available.

Under construction at the present time is our Fellowship Hall which will include 3,139 square feet at a cost of \$45,000. To enhance and beautify our house of worship we have chosen the colors of red, blue, green and amber for the window panes.

Much of the success of our building program has been due to the diligent and untiring efforts of our building committee. The chairman of this committee is Ellis Gowing and his five able assistants are Sam Pshigoda, Forrest Quillen, Herbert Meier, Edwin Moreland and William Thomas. This was a difficult task, and these members are to be commended for a job well done.

From a small beginning our church is steadily growing. In a little over a year we have added 40 new members to our rolls and several of our families have prospects for more members. We are indeed fortunate to have so many "active" members who not only come to Sunday school and church but who constantly strive to tell others of our church and of Christ and what he has meant in their lives.

Our Sunday school now numbers

over 100, and we also have a youth group organization. The Lord has again favored us by endowing many of our

60th Anniversary, First Church, Lodi, Calif.

The First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., with a membership of 1050, celebrates its 60th anniversary, as reported by Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor.

THE FIRST BAPTIST Church of Lodi, Calif., was organized on April 10, 1905 with 17 charter members. Today, sixty years later, the membership stands at 1050. It was our joy to observe the 60th anniversary of First Baptist Church, April 9 and 11. The festivities began with a church

fellowship dinner on April 9. The large social hall was filled to capacity.

The Friday evening service was well attended as people came through the rain to share in the blessings. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director of evangelism, was the guest speaker. The church also

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NEW ROBES FOR THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR, LODI, CALIF. The choir of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., singing at the 60th anniversary program and wearing their newly dedicated choir robes. Mr. Emanuel Dorheim, choir director, is at left (front row) and Dorothy Buhler, organist, is in the second row, right.

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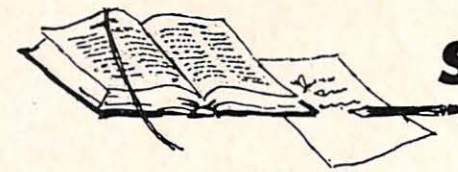
members with considerable talent. Our Sunday school teachers are highly capable of administering to the spiritual needs of others and are also keenly aware of the enormous responsibility entrusted to them while acting in this capacity.

Some time ago, the Lord sent us Rev. Gordon J. Voegele to serve as our minister, along with his wonderful family. His strong leadership and guidance have been an inspiration to us all and his dedication to high ideals has helped to shape our destiny. His Christian influence and fidelity to God's Word have been favorably accepted in this community.

It is with thankful hearts and great expectation that we look to the future. Already in the planning stage is the third and final unit, and we will then be able to seat 700 people. Our first unit was for classrooms, the second is the Fellowship Hall and the third will be the sanctuary. We fervently pray that we will be worthy of this fine building and live our daily lives in such a manner that will further attest to our belief in Christ and life everlasting.

sunday school lessons

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



A TEACHING GUIDE

DATE: June 27, 1965

THEME: SEEDS OF DISUNITY

SCRIPTURE: I Kings 9:15, 20-21; 10:21-22; 11:3-4

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Not all people can stand prosperity, especially when it crowds Christ out of the head and heart.

INTRODUCTION: Sometimes we have reason to believe that Solomon coined the phrase: "Do as I say but he said, 'Better is the end of a thing than the beginning.'" If he could have ended his life and work the way he began it, what a wonderful testimony it would have been to Israel and to the nations around it. There was much wisdom in his writings but there was not the same quality of wisdom in his life.

In Solomon's dedication prayer, there was evidence of inward strength of the spirit, but this was later overshadowed by outward appearances. Here again we see how faithful God is in keeping his promises. During the king's first humble beginning he was promised wisdom and wealth. These blessings were given to Solomon far beyond his expectation. But sad to say, he failed to keep his promises to God.

I. THE EVILS OF TAXATION AND SLAVERY. I Kings 9:15; 20-21.

In the history of Israel God often gave instruction to drive out the heathen from among them, but there was no mention of using these people for slaves. It is also highly questionable whether God can be pleased if heathen slaves are used to build his house. For such a holy purpose he should have chosen dedicated men who felt a dedication to their work.

As his material wealth increased, the moral and spiritual strength of the nation declined. The king, who prayed for wisdom in order to be just, now weakened justice for all and prepared the way for the disintegration of the kingdom. Evidently Solomon thought it much more important to build great buildings than to build character into human lives.

II. THE EVILS OF SELF INDULGENCE. I Kings 10:21, 22.

At one time or another we have all heard the expression, "He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth." Solomon was far beyond the silver spoon stage, for he drank only out of gold cups. These few words give us a picture of the great wealth of Sol-

omon and the splendor and luxury of his surroundings. Silver was so common that it was said, "And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones" (I Kings 11:27). A comparative estimate of his wealth can easily be imagined in I Kings 10 which describes the visit of the queen of Sheba.

III. THE EVILS OF IDOLATRY. I Kings 11:3, 4.

Most of the women Solomon married were not primarily the object of his love, but because it was good business. The daughters of neighboring kings strengthened his alliances and the dowries they brought with them enriched his treasury. He also became very tolerant toward them and their religion and built temples for them. But in time, as the influence of his wives increased, he became more broadminded and sympathetic toward their pagan worship, so much so that his own heart was turned after other gods. His apostasy is clearly and tragically recorded in I Kings 11:5-8. He began with the reputation of being the wisest man but ended in the category of a more recent proverb: "There is no fool like an old fool."

Questions for Discussion

1. Why did Solomon say, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity?" (Eccl. 1:2).
2. What should Solomon have done in order to unite the nation of Israel?
3. Did Solomon really enjoy his riches and pleasure?

A TEACHING GUIDE

DATE: July 4, 1965

THEME: THE FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 3:3-11; II Corinthians 5:14-17

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God has no Christian finishing school, but he does have a school for those of his children who seek maturity and growth.

INTRODUCTION: The next 13 lessons will be centered around Christian growth. It is taken for granted that all studies of the Bible help the Christian to grow in one way or another, either by way of knowledge, training or service. This series, however, is concentrated on personal, spiritual maturity which should be the primary aim of God's children.

Simply becoming a Christian through the new birth is not enough. That is only the beginning. From then on to the end of his life the Christian must

"grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." It is a school from which he never graduates, an activity which never stops so long as he lives on earth. No one seeking an education stops after he has gone through the first grade. And no Christian seeking to be Christ-like stops after the first act of repentance. The follower of Jesus must go on to an ever ongoing regeneration and sanctification.

I. HINDRANCES TO GROWTH. I Corinthians 3:3-4.

Friction among Christians hinders the growth of the Christian and the work of the Lord. The old nature usually comes to the surface and the followers of Jesus act like unregenerate men. As is commonly the case in such situations, the members form themselves into cliques. There were four groups in the church at Corinth (I Cor. 12). Those who said they were of Paul considered themselves charter members because he established the church. The Apollos group were the intellectuals who appreciated the profound and eloquent sermons of this Alexandrian Jew. The Peter party believed they were closest to the original source because Peter was one of Jesus' favorite disciples. There was also a Christ party which probably considered themselves the most self-righteous of all.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR GROWTH. I Corinthians 3:5-11.

Some churches are like the one in Corinth. They think they are doing the pastor a service by rallying around him rather than around Christ. A true minister of God does not seek personal support. He comes as a servant of Jesus Christ, and as such he is a co-laborer with other ministers and missionaries and not a rival.

Paul, Peter and Apollos were instruments of God. They realized their limitations and had faith in God to bless the work. The spiritual structure must rest on Jesus Christ. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1).

III. THE GOAL OF GROWTH—CHRISTLIKENESS. II Corinthians 5:14-17.

The death of Christ does not make us selfish but generous. Dying with Christ does not give us less life but more life. Without Christ we are dead in sin, but with Christ we are dead to sin. Because Jesus died for us, he gives us something to live for as well as something to die for. What really

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

special events

MINITONAS, MAN. The C.B.Y.F. choir of 30 voices of the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Manitoba presented the cantata, "The Stones Cry Out," on Palm Sunday, April 11. The choir was directed by Mr. Archie Biech, while Miss Lilly Boymook was in charge of the program that also included various vocal and musical numbers as well as testimonies. On May 25, the entire C.B.Y.F. choir travelled by bus 350 miles south to our churches at Morris, Oak Bank, and the Grant Park Church in Winnipeg. This became an inspiring time of witnessing for our Lord in word, song and music and a great fellowship with Christian young people. The mission offerings held were forwarded in their entirety to support the foreign mission project of our Minitonas C.B.Y.F. group. Dr. Harvey Fishbook is our capable and dedicated president. (Gailen Lausman, Reporter).

APLINGTON, IOWA. The Aplington Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa held its first Dad-Daughter Night on Tuesday, May 4, with the theme, "Hats Off to Dad." Rev. Donald Patet was master of ceremonies. Miss Leslie Lindaman welcomed the fathers. Lawrence Dreyer responded to the daughters. Mr. Patet read "What Is a Girl?" Three little girls sang "Daddy Loves Me" to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me." A Fathers' Quartet favored us with the selection, "This Is My Father's World." The oldest father, the father with the youngest child, the father with the most granddaughters were presented with red carnation boutonnieres. Mrs. Robert Morrison of Waterloo, Iowa gave an interesting account about her hostel tour of Europe, showing slides of scenery and places visited. Refreshments were served to 90 fathers and daughters by the ladies of two Sunday school classes. (Swanetta Oldenburger, Reporter).

FIRST, EMERY, S. DAK. April was a month of special blessings for the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak. Miss Barbara Kieper, missionary nurse to Cameroon, Africa was with us for a week end visit. On Friday, April 9, she spoke on "A Typical African Home" to a combined Woman's Missionary Union and King's Daughter meeting. On Sunday she spoke in the morning service and in the evening presented the African challenge by colored slides. On Easter Sunday many of our young people met with the Plum Creek Baptist Church. They enjoyed the program by the Emery young people and the breakfast prepared by the Plum Creek folks. In the evening



Rev. C. T. Remple (left), pastor of the Temple Baptist Church Calgary, Alberta, with nine baptismal candidates.

the church choir presented the "Resurrection and What It Means" in verse and song. We were also happy to see and dedicate the new choir robes. (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter).

TEMPLE, CALGARY, ALTA. On Palm Sunday the choir of the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., presented a beautiful program, directed by Mr. Art Kerber. The major selections were crucifixion songs. Two of the selections sung by the choir were accompanied by an orchestral background. In addition, special numbers by the Male Double Quartet, Mixed Quartet and Ladies' Sextet were rendered. On Easter Sunday evening, Rev. C. T. Remple, pastor, delivered a brief message, and we had the joy of witnessing the baptism of 9 people. Afterwards we partook of the Lord's Supper and the hand of fellowship was extended to these persons. (Mrs. B. Kerber, Reporter).

BALGONIE, SASK. A Recognition Council met in the new edifice of the



Rev. Lawrence Wilkes, pastor of the Oak Bank Baptist Church, Oak Bank, Man., standing alongside a portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, of Great Britain.

newly organized Balgonie Baptist Church, Balgonie, Sask., on Friday, April 9. Mr. Fred Linzmeyer opened the service and welcomed the 26 delegates, representing 9 neighboring churches: Bethany and Faith, Regina; Grace, Davin; Edenwold; Fenwood and Melville; Southey; Raymore; and Nokomis. Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Regina was elected chairman and Dr. Donald Sauer of Davin was elected clerk. The Balgonie Baptist Church clerk, Mrs. Parsons, read the minutes of the organizational meeting and of the call for the Council. Mrs. F. Linzmeyer, one of the 9 charter members, read the Constitution. After a period of questioning, the Council voted to receive the Balgonie Baptist Church as a duly organized Baptist church into our fellowship. It was also moved that the recognition service of the church be held in conjunction with the dedication service. The meeting closed with a joyous note of prayer and praise! The Balgonie Church was nurtured and organized under the leadership of God's faithful servant, Rev. Arthur Kliever of nearby Edenwold. The present pastor is Mr. Chalmers Wirth who resides at Caronport, Sask., where he serves as a teacher (Darold D. Sauer, Clerk).

ORDINATION, REV. L. WILKES. The Oak Bank Baptist Church of Oak Bank, Manitoba with glad hearts ordained Mr. Lawrence Wilkes to the ministry on April 21. In preparation for this, the church invited three representatives from each of the six neighboring N.A.B. churches to form the advisory council to hear the candidate in connection with his Christian experience, call to the ministry, educational preparation, and doctrinal beliefs. After two hours of examination, the council recommended to the church that it proceed with the ordination.

Mr. Wilkes, born and educated in Winnipeg, Manitoba, after youthful years of religious neutrality, sensed a spiritual vacuum in his life. Turning to this and that popular church, he "happened" (actually this was God-led) to enter Elim Chapel and heard in a way that he understood what God did for him and expected of him. Later in the privacy of his home he was saved as he read from the Bible and prayed. Soon he also followed the Lord in baptism. Returning to school was God's next step for him as he enrolled at the Winnipeg Bible College. Graduating from there, he was called to serve temporarily at the Oak Bank Baptist Church. An excellent ministry to the church saw the members ask him to consider a permanent pastorate. This he has done. The Rev. Lawrence Wilkes joins his rich spiritual depth and background to our denomination. We are delighted that the Oak Bank Baptist Church has ordained him. (Donald Richter, Secretary).

PAUL, IDAHO. The combined choirs of the Baptist, Congregational and Methodist Churches of Paul, Idaho presented the cantata, "Beautiful Savior," on Easter Sunday evening, April 18. The cantata was directed by Mrs. Wayne Fagg. Organist was Dianne Huber and Mrs. Ray Clark served as pianist. The Ambassador Choir of the Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, Oregon, presented, "Our Living Lord," at the Paul Baptist Church on April 21, on their spring tour. The Woman's Missionary Union sponsored a supper in the church's Fellowship Hall on April 30. A free will offering was received for the Pulpit Furniture Fund. (Dorothy Coker, Reporter).

ORDINATION, REV. OLIVER P. STRONG. A very meaningful ordination service for Oliver Phelps Strong was held Wednesday evening, May 5th, in the sanctuary of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill. The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, on "Ordained Of God." The resolution of the ordination council was read by Mr. Donald Vaupel and the ordination prayer of-

fered by Rev. Wm. Morrison, all of Immanuel Church. The welcome into the ministry was extended by Rev. Judean Benston, Minister of Christian Education, Calvary Bible Church, and the charge to the candidate and to the church were made by Rev. Gideon Zimmerman of Forest Park, Ill. A Bible was presented to Mr. Strong by Mr. Robert C. Johnson, vice chairman of the Board of Deacons. Rev. Oliver P. Strong pronounced the benediction.

In 1954 Mr. Strong enrolled in Missions and Christian Education courses at Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. In 1959 he entered Houghton College, graduating in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Education and Bible. In 1960 he entered Wheaton College Graduate School and completed the residence requirements toward the Master's degree. In 1964 the degree of Master of Arts in Christian Education was conferred on him. He began his ministry as Director of Christian Education in Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, August 1, 1964. An informal reception was held following the ordination service. (Mrs. Marguerite Rice, Reporter).

evangelistic services & baptisms

NAMAO PARK, EDMONTON, ALTA. On Sunday, March 14, the Sunday school of the Namao Park Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, presented a Bible Day program in which a number of children took part. The highlight of the program was the presentation by the Primary Class of a short skit on how to use our talents for the Lord. The Sunday school choir also sang two songs. On Sunday, March 21, we had the joy of witnessing the baptism of 15 candidates by our pastor, Rev. Richard Hohensee. In the accompanying picture they are as follows: (left to right, front row): Elsie Lewandowski, Barbara Martin, Doris Biachi, George Florkowski, Norbert Florkowski; Reinhold Florkowski, Joseph Amalia, Peter Amalia; (back



On Sunday, April 11, 31 new members were received by baptism and letter into the Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana, most of whom are shown in this picture.

row): Betty Fokema, Carol Schulz, Lorraine Larson, Rev. R. Hohensee, pastor; Ken Simpson, Annie Fokema, Margaret Green and Darrel Wolter. On April 4, 1963, prior to the communion observance the hand of fellowship was extended to them. (Mrs. G. Alger, Reporter).

MISSOULA, MONT. On Sunday, March 28, the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Mont., received a real blessing as the testimonies of 31 candidates for membership (18 children and 13 adults) were given. They had previously attended classes conducted by our pastor, Rev. Herbert Vetter, for three months. The following Sunday evening we had the joy of witnessing the baptism of the 18 children and 2 adults. Then on April 11 the 31 persons were received into the membership of our fellowship. At present, we are enjoying a Bible Study from I John on Wednesday evenings and on Sunday eve-



Rev. Richard Hohensee, pastor of the Namao Park Church, Edmonton, Alberta with 15 baptismal candidates in the worshipful church sanctuary.



Baptismal candidates pictured with Pastor Richard W. Paetzel at the North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., Easter Sunday. Left to right: Charles Rucker, Joy Schulz, Mark Andrew, Cynthia Anderson and Vickie Adams; back row: Rev. Richard W. Paetzel, Mrs. John (Grayce) Kuhn, and Janet Kuhn.

nings our pastor is "Going Through the Bible," giving us an outline study of one book each evening. We are greatly enjoying his teaching ministry here. (Mrs. Jacob Kirschmann, Reporter).

PEORIA, ILL. The newly-installed baptistry at the North Sheridan Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., received its initial use Easter Sunday morning, April 18, when 5 children and 2 adults were baptized. Conducting the baptismal service was Rev. Richard W. Paetzel, pastor. The choir sang "The Heavens Are Telling" and "The Hallelujah Chorus," the service concluding with a choir recessional. Those baptized were received into the church at a communion service on Sunday, May 2, as was John Kuhn, who formerly belonged to the church when it was at its previous location and was known as State Park Baptist Church. (Walter Kohrs, Reporter).

STOCKTON, CALIF. Our wonderful Lord is continuing to bless in a great way at Swain Oaks Baptist Church, Stockton, Calif. A special feature, which was begun recently, is a 15 minute pre-Sunday school Prayer Period for teachers and all others who can come. This is in addition to the regular Wednesday night prayer service and Bible study, which holds a prominent place of power in the life of our church. Since Nov. 1964, Junior Church services have been conducted and wonderfully well attended by the youngsters of kindergarten through 3rd grades. Much interest has been indicated by parents as well as the children. A number have accepted the Lord as their Savior, and two have already been baptized. On Palm Sunday, eight new members were added to the church, 3 by profession of faith, and 5 by transfer. Evening Training Union activities are conducted for all age groups. (Inez P. Sharp, Reporter).

LORRAINE, KANSAS. The Good Friday services at the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas were very well attended by our own flock plus an abundance of visitors. Thirteen candidates were baptized and received into the church. The Men's Chorus, directed by Mr. Leland Janssen, rendered special music. The pastor, Rev. Everett Barker, brought a challenging message and the service concluded with Communion. Easter Sunday began with the young people, their sponsors and the pastor attending Sunrise Services at Pawnee Rock. The morning service included the sermon, "What's the Difference?" and an offering of \$5,232.70 was received. In the evening the cantata, "I am He that Liveth," was given by the choir with Mr. Leland Janssen leading. It was a beautiful way to end a wonderful day! (Mrs. Delmar Williamson, Reporter).



Rev. Everett Barker, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas and 13 young people whom he baptized on Good Friday, April 16.

CENTRAL, GEORGE, IOWA. On Sunday, April 18, at the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, six young people testified as to their faith in Christ. During the evening service they gave an added witness by following the Lord in baptism. At the communion service the pastor extended the hand of fellowship to these six and also to nine others who were received into the church. Other recent highlights at Central included a week with our missionary, Miss Dorothy Walker. She spoke to the ladies' groups, at the prayer service, and at a Sunday morning service. On April 25, the church was blessed by having the "King's Heralds" from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., conduct the morning service. The pastor, Rev. Harold Drenth, recently conducted a revival meeting at the First Baptist Church of Adrian, Minn. He saw two persons come forward for baptism. During his absence from Central Church, Mr. Harry Johnson, a student at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, conducted the services.

WEST BROADWAY, ENID, OKLA. The West Broadway Baptist Church of Enid, Oklahoma observed its first baptismal service on Easter Sunday, when six young people and children were obedient to Christ's command. Four of the children are of one family, and they with their parents joined our church the next Sunday at the communion service. (The Milton Grebs from Fairmont, Okla.) Along with these was a young girl from Carrier, Okla., Mary Ann Theilen, and the pastor's son, Steven. We now have a membership of 25, with 35 enrolled in our Sunday school, and an average attendance of 39 at our worship services during April. We took possession of our recently purchased church building on March 16. The building at 2717 W. Broadway has adequate facilities for good growth. Our plans are to dedicate the building on August 8 with Dr. Frank H. Woyke as our guest speaker. (Wesley A. Gerber, Pastor).



Rev. Wesley A. Gerber, pastor of the West Broadway Baptist Church, Enid, Okla., and 6 young people who were baptized in the church's first baptismal service.

JAMESBURG, N. J. It was a great occasion of rejoicing for us at the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J., to have Team II of God's Volunteers and Rev. Walter Hoffman, their director, with us from April 18 to 25. We as a church were richly blessed by their testimonies, songs, instrumental selections and by the soul winning and challenging messages of Rev. Walter Hoffman. We pray that God will open unto these young people in other teams many doors of utterance to speak the mystery of Christ. (Grace J. Epp, Reporter).

McCLUSKY, N. DAK. On Sunday evening, April 25, the McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, N. Dak., was privileged to witness a second baptismal service held this year. The candidates baptized by Pastor W. G. Gerthe were Mrs. Ruby Murray and daughter, Sharon Murray; Linda Bentz, and Carol Wahl. The following Sunday morning these were received into the

fellowship of the church. On Friday, April 9, the local church was host to the "Men's Brotherhood Singfest" in which the Brotherhoods of the Northern North Dakota Association took part. Approximately 400 persons were in attendance to enjoy these musical numbers presented by the men. (Mrs. Allen Faul, Reporter).

FIRST, EMERY, S. DAK. On Sunday evening, May 2, Rev. Leland Friesen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., led eleven young people and two adults into the waters of baptism. Classes had been held on several Saturdays to teach the true meaning of baptism and the Christian life to the converts. The hand of fellowship was extended to them and the Lord's Supper observed on May 2. Brother Friesen participated in the denominationally sponsored Higher Education Conference in North Dakota from March 30 to April 4. Mr. Ken Gould, Middler student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, ministered with the Word to us. On Sunday, April 25, our pastor was in the Tyndall and Danzig churches while the Rev. Peter Wiens of Avon, S. Dak., was in our church as the South Dakota churches observed "pulpit exchange Sunday." (Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Reporter).

CONFERENCE REPORTS

W.M.U., EASTERN CONFERENCE.

On Friday evening, April 30, the Woman's Missionary Union of the Eastern Conference held its program at the Holiday Park Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mrs. Arthur Harrison, president, presided. Musical selections were rendered and a Memorial Service was held. Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary to Cameroon, Africa, showed slides showing us the great needs there. On Saturday morning our business was conducted. Several new pastors' wives were introduced and Mrs. Raymond Yahn gave an inspiring talk on "Go and Tell!" (Mrs. Louise Meuser, Reporter).

BAPTIST MEN, SOUTHERN CONFERENCE. The annual banquet of Baptist Men of the Southern Conference was held on April 23, with the Brotherhood of the Greenvine Baptist Church of Burton, Texas serving as hosts. A delicious barbecue dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by some 75 men and boys in attendance. Mr. William Steen, president of the Greenvine Brotherhood, extended a warm welcome to all present. Mr. Raymond Engelbrecht, president of Baptist Men of the Southern Conference, served as Master of Ceremonies. The program consisted of group singing led by Rev. D. M. Fry, pastor of the host church, numbers by a girls' trio and male quartet of the Greenvine church, a vocal solo, accompanied by accordion, of the Mowata, La., church and a vocal solo, accompanied by guitar, of the Waco church. A challenging message was delivered by Rev. J. R. Ford, pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas. An offering was received for the Southern Conference Brotherhood project. (Raymond E. Engelbrecht, Reporter).

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE REPORT. Sessions of the Atlantic Conference were held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Woodside, N. Y., April 29 to May 2. Our theme was "LOOK

UNTO THE HARVEST." Denominational representatives were Rev. Rubin Kern, Eastern District Secretary; Prof. Donald Madvig, Seminary professor; and Mrs. Delmar Wessler, President of the Woman's Missionary Union. Their presence and participation did much to make us conscious of our larger fellowship. Prof. Madvig was devotional speaker and brought stirring messages from the Psalms. These were truly moments of spiritual refreshment and challenge.

Christian hospitality was demonstrated by the faithful members of our host church who made us comfortable in their homes and who provided tasty meals in their beautiful new church basement. A special resolution honored the host pastor, Rev. A. Husmann, and his wife for their untiring labors and all they have meant to the Atlantic Conference over the past many years. As they now retire from active service, they will be missed, but we know their influence will continue to be felt. We ended the sessions deeply convicted with the truth that winning others to Christ is the primary function, not only of the local church, but also of each individual Christian. To this end it is our prayer that we might live lives in favor with God and man. (Katherine Yung, Reporter).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

FOSTER AVE., CHICAGO, ILL. Rev. Clarence Walth and his family were warmly welcomed to their new pastorate at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., on Friday, April 30. The church joined Rev. C. B. Nordland (assistant to the president of Moody Bible Institute) in prayer as he thanked God for sending his messenger

to the church. The Walth family was then introduced to the church by Mr. Irvin Obergefell, Church Moderator; and Mrs. Hildegard Schieber, representing the women of the church, gave Mrs. Walth a beautiful corsage. The blessings of the evening continued with welcoming words from Dr. Frank A. Woyke, Executive Secretary of the



Rev. Clarence H. Walth (2nd from right) receives a warm welcome as the new pastor of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., by Mr. Walter Pankratz (left to right), Rev. Joe Sonnenberg and Mr. Irvin Obergefell (right). (Photo by Kurt Finzel).



Rev. and Mrs. Henry Ramus and their children, Debbie and Kevin, at the reception held for them by the Brook Park Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

N.A.B. Conference, and Dr. Douglas Stevens, the church's interim pastor. The choir welcomed the Walth's in song, and the evening was completed as Walter Pankratz, Eugene Schmidt, and Paul Schroeder offered words of welcome and promises of cooperation and assistance to the new pastor. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, led in prayer asking that Mr. Walth be used by God to accomplish his purposes. All the members of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church thank God for sending his messenger to preach his Word. (Publicity Committee: Evelyn Finzel, Charles Lindberg and Alex Neudorf, Sr.).

BROOK PARK, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. Anticipation was great! How we had looked forward to that first Sunday in April. We, the Brook Park Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., were overjoyed and so thankful that our new pastor had arrived. Rev. Henry G. Ramus and his wife, Darlene, came with their two children, Debbie and Kevin, from Neustadt, Ontario to accept our call as pastor. "A Man Sent By God" was his first sermon and we truly felt that God had his guiding hand over our affairs. We held an informal reception for them on April 4th.

On April 23rd our church held another reception at which time we invited all of the area churches with 152 people attending. Mr. Vernon Flaming, deacon, introduced our two main speakers, Rev. H. J. Wilcke, giving the charge to the pastor, and Dr. J. C. Gunst, giving the charge to the people. We thank God that he enabled us to purchase a parsonage so that we could provide adequate housing for Mr. Ramus and his family. The Lord has provided in so many ways and we praise him for it. (Mrs. Robert C. Schmidt, Reporter).

Success is neither fame, wealth nor power; rather it is seeking, knowing, loving and obeying God. If you seek you will know; if you know you will love; if you love you will obey.

—Charles Malik

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istry to come forth to follow Christ and to prepare for the Lord's work. Those of us, who have heard and followed the call, have been trained for and are in the ministry must remember that we have been entrusted with divine duty to remain in the work. In both instances, the minister and the members of the church have a God-given responsibility.

The dignity and dedication of the Lord's work must be kept on the high level of the "high calling." It should be remembered that "the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" is a sacrificial service, not only to the one who yields his will and life to it and renders that service, but also to the ones to whom the service is rendered. The work and service of the Christian ministry is the mutual responsibility of the pastor and the people working together. In this sense, the Christian ministry dare not be considered as something cheap. That which is held as being cheap challenges no one, much less calls him forth to serve.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

It is important, I believe, for the pastors and people of our churches to have a tolerant understanding of the positions, problems and responsibilities of those whom we elect and appoint to be our denominational leaders. I would suggest that, before we ever criticize their failures, let us stop to thank God and them for their faithfulness. It is equally important for those in positions of leadership to remain close to the work of the pastors and people serving in our churches. Theirs too is a difficult and sometimes a thankless task.

Mutual understanding and concern for one another's assignments and a true evaluation of and appreciation for each person's place brings us all to the proper level of doing a job together for the glory of God. In Galatians 6:2 the Apostle Paul writes, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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counts now is a new spiritual relationship with Christ which brings you into union with him. It begins with a new birth and ends with an entirely new creature. This is Christian maturity at its highest and best.

Questions for Discussion

1. Examine the foundation Paul laid in Corinth in Acts 18 and discuss what went wrong when others built thereon.
2. What are some of the factors which keep us from growing into mature Christians?
3. How does our strength and our weakness reveal themselves in our relationship with others?

WE, THE WOMEN

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The enthusiastic and dedicated group of 10 women who compose our Executive Board meet annually in late September. This past year we designated \$300 to worthy Seminary girls, and \$200 to C.T.I. students. Also, each missionary family has received a gift of a magazine subscription of their choice from our WMU. We are promoting the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Florida and five of our Board members are planning to be present, along with many other interested members.

Have you enjoyed receiving letters written on our new colorful stationary? We enjoy using it! Many new plans are now in the agenda, for we are constantly seeking more and better methods to serve our Lord as we strive to fulfill the purpose of our WMU. This challenging "purpose" is "to cultivate a missionary spirit among the women of the churches by encouraging prayer, daily Bible study, personal evangelism, knowledge of world missionary needs, and Christian stewardship of time, talents, and money."

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dedicated the new choir robes that were used for the first time on that night. Mr. Emanuel Dorheim has served the church as choir director and organist for almost 20 years.

On Sunday, April 11, at 9:45 A.M. Rev. Daniel Fuchs spoke again to the combined Bible Classes, telling of the need for new N.A.B. churches through Church Extension. Dr. Albert Felberg, pastor of the church from 1937-1948, brought a challenging message on Sunday morning. We were glad to have Mrs. Felberg present as well.

The closing service on Sunday night saw a fine crowd present to hear Rev. G. G. Rauser bring an appropriate message on "The Church." Mr. Rauser, now pastor of the Swain Oaks Baptist Church in Stockton, Calif., was pastor of First Baptist from 1948-1959.

The First Baptist Church has had only nine pastors. They served in the following order: Gustave Schunke, Theodore Frey, G. F. Ehrhorn, Max Leuschner, G. Eichler, G. E. Lohr, Albert Felberg, G. G. Rauser and Aaron Buhler. Harvey Mehlhoff is presently serving as director of Christian Education.

The church owns three large buildings, covering a total of 32,000 square feet of floor space. It pays towards the support of 47 missionaries and mission projects. The missionary giving for 1964 was over \$38,000.

We believe that the First Baptist Church of Lodi has a great future. Our hope is that when the Educational Building, completed in 1961, is paid for, the church will give more than 50 per cent of its total budget to missions. Several of our young people are presently preparing themselves for the Christian ministry.



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

REV. AUGUST ROHDE of Van Nuys, California

Rev. August Rohde, age 89, of Van Nuys, Calif., formerly of Reseda, Calif., died April 28 in a Van Nuys convalescent home. Mr. Rohde served North American Baptist churches in Wisconsin, Oklahoma, California, Kentucky, and Chicago, Ill. His last church which he pastored was the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wis. He painted the baptistry scenes in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha and of the Bethel Church of Sheboygan. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Frank (Viola) Nitz, Racine, Wis.; Mrs. Milda Marquardt, Van Nuys, Mrs. Robert (Elnora) Johnson, San Diego, Calif.; son, Oliver, Reseda, Calif.; and four grandsons. He was preceded in death by his wife Ida, in 1947.

MR. EDWARD KLETKE of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mr. Edward Kletke of Philadelphia, Pa., was born in Europe on Feb. 28, 1896 and died suddenly on March 31, 1965 at the age of 69 years. In 1912 he came to the United States and settled in Philadelphia. He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and was baptized in 1913 by Dr. William Kuhn of the Second German Baptist Church, now known as the Pilgrim Church. On Aug. 30, 1923 he was married to Emma Rosner. He loved the Lord and served his church faithfully, both as a deacon and a trustee. He sang for many years in the Male Choir and the Church Mixed Choir.

Mr. Kletke underwent serious chest surgery in Feb. 1964 from which he miraculously recovered to the astonishment of the surgeons and the hospital. He died coming home from work of a heart attack. He leaves to mourn his wife, Emma; and his son, Edward Ralph. Due to the absence of the pastor, who was away, Dr. Theodore Elsner, a friend of the family, officiated at the viewing. Rev. Assaf Husmann of New York, N. Y., a distant relative, officiated at the funeral service. We claim God's promises and look forward to the day of rejoicing when we shall meet again at the Throne of God.

Pilgrim Baptist Church Philadelphia, Pa.

The Family

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS

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The morning devotions were led by Rev. Stuart Ivison, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ottawa. He presented the glory of the Gospel and the divine greatness of Christ as the spiritual motivation for all editors.

The Associated Church Press provides syndicated articles for its publications, guide lines for improved papers, an opportunity for "shop talk" and fellowship among editors and business managers, and convention days of inspiration for the mental refreshment of its members. The Ottawa Convention this year fulfilled the fondest dreams of its program committee and the highest expectations of the 150 editors in attendance.

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