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A NEW RECORD IN CONFERENCE GIVING

By Rev. David J. Draewell, Secretary
of Stewardship and Higher Education

For the fourth consecutive year, North American Baptists increased their conference mission giving. Contributions for the fiscal year, which concluded on March 31, 1965, totalled \$1,007,951.01. This was the first time in our history that the one million dollar mark was reached.

We express praise to God for this accomplishment. We also express joy in seeing the growing financial support which our churches give to their cooperative witness for Christ.

As the nearby graph shows, however, we did not reach the approved giving goal of \$1,100,000. This means, that while all present bills will be paid, very little expansion of program can be achieved during the new fiscal year. Growth of our missionary and service efforts comes only when all the basic budget needs are met and additional gifts are received for denominational advance.

This is the second consecutive year that our contributions have not allowed for needed expansion. Does this mean that we are not aware of the staggering needs of our world today? Does this mean that we have reached the upper limits of our ability to give to missionary purposes? Does this mean that our love for Christ and his work has levelled off? Does this mean that expansion is needed only in the local area programs of our churches?

Four practical giving guides for missionary stewardship were approved by

NOW WE ARE 88

All copies of the first printing of the missionary book, "Now We Are 88," have been sold. We are now working on the second printing of 1,000 copies. They will be ready for distribution by June 1965. All previous orders that have been received will be filled at that time.

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the General Conference last year. I am sure that if one or more of these guides would be adopted as a giving challenge by each conference church, all of the above questions could be answered with a firm "No!" Why not use the stimulation of these guides in your church? They can be a personally designed challenge to the growing systematic missionary stewardship of your congregation. Quantities of the leaflet, "Missionary Stewardship for North American Baptists," listing the approved guides, are available from our Forest Park office upon request.

We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blestest us,
To thee our first fruits give!

A MATURE MINISTRY FOR A MODERN WORLD

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words, that revealed a scholarly mind, blended with a humble and genial spirit. He made his subject come graphically alive, endeavoring to inspire every minister to say: "This is the kind of excitement that our preaching ought to be. This is the Best News we can proclaim in our Biblical preaching."

He radiated an apostolic optimism based on God's omnipotence and his guidance. He challenged every minister to follow him into involvement in the world in the spirit of Christ without being a part of the world. He called for true Biblical preaching that speaks forth by the authority of the Word and that grows up into Christlikeness and maturity.

"God give us ministers like that behind the pulpits of today, teaching every man in all wisdom, proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel and presenting every man mature in Christ."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Campus Ministry were appointed by the general committee of the Department of Christian Education.

● **Dr. George A. Dunger** of the NAB Seminary faculty, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. has announced his plans for his sabbatical year from the summer of 1965 to January 1966. During the summer he will teach special courses at the University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany and will also engage in graduate studies and research work. Dr. and Mrs. Dunger will then travel to the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa where he will serve on the teaching staff of the Baptist Bible Training Center at Ndu. The Dungers served as NAB missionaries in Cameroon, Africa from 1938 to 1948, having been stationed at that time at Warwar, Mambila, now a part of the Republic of Nigeria.

● **Rev. Herbert J. Freeman**, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. has initiated a popular feature in the Sunday evening services by devoting eight minutes to "Interpretive Religious News," discussing news items of current interest. On Sunday, March 28, he interpreted the Civil Rights struggle ("This revolution within our society today has many religious implications and we are becoming keenly aware of them!"); the Ku Klux Klan; the church related colleges; and the Vatican Council ("The answer to the question, Who really crucified Christ?, by the Vatican Council will be interesting to watch as we follow the reactions of our Jewish friends. The answer to that question can become embarrassingly personal").

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR — APRIL 1, 1964 — MARCH 31, 1965

