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• The Bible is going underseas with Americas submarines. The American Bible Society, which has been supplying free scriptures to nearly all of the nation's armed forces for 142 years has sent Bibles to all of Uncle Sam's subs, including the atomic powered ships, as well as submarine tenders and rescue vessels.

• Sixty per cent of the total population in East and West Germany are Protestants, 35 per cent Roman Catholics, and 5 per cent belong to other religious groups or profess to no creed, according to Dr. Paul Zieger, head of the statistical office of the Evangelical Church in Germany. In West Germany, the proportion of Protestants, Catholics and religiously unaffiliated is 51, 45 and 4 per cent respectively, according to the latest census in 1950. In the Soviet Zone the figures are 82, 11 and 7 per cent.

• Dr. Reuben K. Youngdahl, pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, is probably the first American clergyman to visit Latvia in the past 19 years. He gained permission to go to Riga, prewar Latvian capital, while on a recent trip to Russia. He was told that 20 Lutheran churches are still open in Latvia, and he visited five of them. Archbishop Gustaf Toors of the Latvian Lutheran Church reported that there are now 700,000 Lutherans in this country, compared to 1.2 million before the war. He pleaded with Dr. Youngdahl to urge Latvian refugees in the U. S. to return to their homeland.—*The Christian Century*.

• This year marks the centenary of the great revival of 1859 in Ireland, which left an indelible mark on the Protestant churches of Ireland. Inspired by the U. S. revival of a year earlier, the renewal began at a prayer meeting conducted by four young men in Kells, County Antrim. As it spread rapidly through the north of Ireland many tens of thousands were converted. The main effects were beneficial: a lessening of crime, drunkenness and prostitution; an increased interest in missions and philanthropic work; greatly enlarged communion rolls; and a new flow of candidates for the ministry. The revival was primarily Presbyterian. It changed the theology of that church so that the doctrine of limited atonement vanished and an individualistic, experiential theology gained a firm grip.

—*The Christian Century*

• Just how far a gifted African may go is illustrated by M. Philemon Beb a Doug, who recently returned to the Cameroun after ten years of study in France. While there, he obtained in succession the Diploma of Political Sciences; Diploma of Penal Sciences

(Criminology); Diploma of Advanced International Studies; Diploma of Advanced Studies of Law; Diploma of the Academy of International Law of the Hague. "This last university degree is particularly remarkable because of its international character and the extremely difficult conditions under which it is obtained," according to the writer in the French (African) magazine, *Envol*. M. Beb a Doug was born in 1925, and started his long educational career at the age of six in the American Presbyterian mission school at Bafia. It is to men like Beb a Doug

that emerging Africa will look for its leadership.—*HIS Magazine*.

• Fifty representatives of Oregon Indian tribes, church leaders in the state Council of Churches and government agents held a pow-wow in Salem recently to "get the total Indian picture" in the state. In morning and evening sessions, which drew up two "significant" resolutions, federal legislation affecting Indian tribes was the major issue, the Rev. Dr. Mark A. Talney said in a recent report. He is

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Baptist Briefs

• **Baptist Mission to Ministers.** Dr. Hendrik Kraemer, a layman from Holland, described by Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa as "a world statesman of the church," will lead sessions of a Mission to Ministers to be held at scattered points across the United States as part of the American Baptist Convention's first-year program for the Baptist Jubilee Advance. "Perhaps one of the most exciting dimensions of the Mission to Ministers has been the free and creative discussions between pastors of various theological positions and backgrounds around the central mission of the church, which is evangelism," stated Dr. Morikawa.

• **Dr. Ronchi Evaluates Pope's Call.** The call issued by Pope John XXIII for an ecumenical council in 1961 was evaluated by Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, Baptist pastor in Rome, Italy, as "merely a conference of Roman Church bishops to express their opinions on the ecumenical movement." Mr. Ronchi continued, "I believe we Protestants would be just listening to Catholic monologues." Dr. Ronchi, pastor of the Teatro Valle Baptist Church in Rome, is president of the Council of Italian

CHURCH EXTENSION NUMBER

The front cover picture calls attention to our Church Extension goal of "winning the multitudes for Christ." A great deal still needs to be done to raise the necessary funds for this ministry. You ought to decide on your gift for Church Extension as a result of reading about these marvelous fields in this issue: Portland Avenue Church, Tacoma, Washington; Mission Baptist Church, Hamilton, Ontario; South Canyon Church, Rapid City, South Dakota; and Rev. R. Schilke's article. Don't miss the announcement on the back page as well.

—EDITOR

Evangelical Churches and was vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance 1950-55.

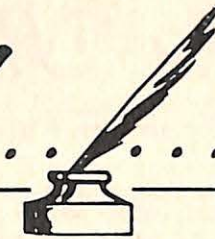
• **Baptist Heads UNESCO Executive.** Sir Ben Bowen Thomas, an outstanding Welsh Baptist layman, has been elected chairman of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization at its recent conference in Paris, France. He received 69 out of a possible 76 votes, an international record. Sir Ben, permanent secretary of the Welsh Department of the Ministry of Education is known throughout Wales as a writer and lecturer and has served the Baptist denomination in many ways both nationally and in local churches. When the UNESCO conference was held in Delhi two years ago, he found time to visit several Baptist mission stations in the vicinity.

• **Baptists in Assam.** Christianity came to the Lushai Hills of Assam with missionaries of the Baptist Mission Society, London, more than 70 years ago. It has made such progress that there now are 160 Baptist churches with 18,886 communicant members. These members represent more than 50 per cent of the total population of the tribe. Rev. E. G. T. Madge of Calcutta observed that "when families and dependents are added to this figure, it means that this tribe has a better claim to be called a Christian nation than the so-called Christian countries of the West." Lushai, really a group of hills, is in the Mizo district of Assam.

• **Radios Bring Gospel.** "The Southern Cross," a Baptist broadcasting station at La Paz, Bolivia, has been an effective instrument of evangelical work in Bolivia, reports Missionary John Mikaelson of the Canadian Baptist Con-

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Editorial



38 Church Extension Projects

Our Church Extension projects have reached the amazing total of 38! Most of these are newly organized churches and recently started home mission fields. These Church Extension projects are the new growth on "our denominational tree" which demonstrate the spiritual springtime and future promise of our work under God. The most amazing fact of all is that these 38 new churches have been supported with only about \$300,000 through the Church Extension Fund.

This Church Extension ministry as a wonderful home mission field with open doors for a witness to Christ's saving power has not become the real burden of concern for most of our people. A great many of our North American Baptists and a large number of churches have passed by this ministry on the other side and have implied: "This is none of my concern! This is not our responsibility!" If all of our churches and people would make Church Extension a burden of prayer and an outlet for joyous missionary giving, then we could really ADVANCE in a greater evangelistic outreach in North America.

Ten Church Extension projects have received financial support for the leadership of a worker during the past year or they have been surveyed and will be staffed with a Church Extension pastor as soon as possible. This kind of growth in new churches, mission fields and better locations could be recorded every year in our denomination, if only YOU and YOUR CHURCH will do your part toward Church Extension.

The Wichita Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon, and the Portland Avenue Church of Tacoma, Washington, are two new churches on the Pacific Coast receiving Church Extension support. This number can be multiplied by the score on the coast if we had sufficient funds. The Southwood Park Church of Portland, Oregon, is a young church that has a tremendous potential outreach in its community. A new Church Extension field is to be opened by us in Wichita, Kansas, with a call already extended to a worker. The former Ingersoll Church at Oklahoma has relocated to the large city of Cherokee, Oklahoma, and the Mount Zion Church of Kansas is planning on going to the nearby thriving city of Junction City, Kansas.

In one of Minneapolis' suburbs, Brooklyn Center of Minnesota, a very promising Church Extension field has been started with Rev. Adam Huber, formerly pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, as its aggressive worker since April 1, 1959. A new Church Extension project has been opened in Janesville, Wisconsin, with Rev. Bruce Rich as pastor and Dr. William Boutwell, former medical missionary in the Camerouns, as one of the church leaders. Plans are being made to start Church Extension projects in Minot, North Dakota; and in Lincoln Village, Stockton, California. The Temple Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, with its encouraging growth in recent months among the German-speaking people of the city, is also receiving Church Extension assistance.

Multitudes are being reached for Christ through our 38 Church Extension projects. Open your eyes to these wonders of God as you read the pages of this Church Extension issue.

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The Greatest Honor for Mother

A Mother's Day Sermon by Rev. Alfred Weisser of Herreid, South Dakota

"Her children shall rise up and call her blessed" (Proverbs 31:28a).

GOOD MOTHERS have always been honored in Christian lands. Poets, artists, stone carvers, religious men and men who have gained fame in other fields testify to the help and inspiration of their mothers. Emerson has said: "Men are what their mothers make them," and Napoleon stated: "Let France have good mothers, and she will have good sons."

INFLUENCE OF MOTHERS

On this Mother's Day we do well to pause and to pay tribute to good mothers. To honor all mothers, regardless of merit, is as evil as to honor all men, whether they are or are not criminals. A delinquent mother of a delinquent child has no right to the praise bestowed upon mothers who have given their all to rear children who are a credit to the community, nation and world. Thoughtless and frivolous mothers who gad and gossip and dissipate their lives in riotous living, while their offspring face disaster and destruction as they are forced to make their own way in life, can lay no claim to these honors. For the mothers, who really are on the job of rearing their children for worthwhile things, no praise is too high. Our appreciation is to those of poise and

principle of great and noble faith, who carry on to the glory of God.

No nation ever rises higher than its womanhood. Yet often, we find ourselves acting as though this were altogether a man's world. Men talk of politics, of progress, of national and international plans and policies. Men fight and kill and destroy and break mothers' hearts. Men turn and talk about a new day. But there can be no new day without godly mothers who rear godly men. Men meet today from east and west; the leaders meet at various points in the world. If these men have had good mothers—and their influence still holds—we need not fear the future. "The hand that rocks the cradle still rules the world."

The lowering of the standards of womanhood, however, are the first and certain signs of national decay and destruction. The home life of dictators, aggressors and greedy can not have been of great moral calibre. Mothers today are overburdened and distressed. They face the difficulty of doing right when so many do wrong. With so many mothers of loose and low moral standards, of such thoughtless and frivolous ways, good mothers face a most difficult task. With so many children coming from broken homes, so many whose mothers allow them to run loose and shift for themselves, good mothers face an almost insurmountable task to right living and training for right living. The prophet

Ezekiel says: "Behold, everyone that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee: as the mother, so is the daughter."

Today we need mothers of peace to rear peaceful men. We need mothers of great love and devotion to teach men to love one another and how to live together in this complex world of ours. The world desperately needs mothers with great principles and noble ideals, that these may be instilled in the hearts of their children.

Mothers can crown their children with worthy characters only as they possess such characters themselves. "Great principles do not need men so much as men need great principles." To obtain these, men need mothers of courage, faith, heroism, patience, self-denial and daring, who tend to the business of being mothers, for there is no calling that can exert a greater influence on the world for good or evil. No nation long endures without good mothers.

GOD-FEARING MOTHERS

Above all, the need today is for God-fearing mothers who transmit to their children from earliest infancy an abiding faith in God, who instil in the hearts of their children a deep respect for the laws of God. Mothers can lay no better foundation for their children's lives than that one foundation which is laid, which is Jesus Christ, our Lord.

There are aids of every type available today for mothers. There are clinics of all kinds, books galore, helps in every phase of life, but the real danger is that children be allowed to forget God. That personal guidance and fellowship which only a mother can give are so often lacking. Some books by which to rear children are helpful, but the real need is to rear them by the Book. Thousands of children have no real mothers who really provide these basic things of life. Their children must go for instruction and guidance to others, often younger and more inexperienced persons, and often to those who seek their downfall. Other thousands are pitifully hungry for love which only a true mother can supply. Children today are hungry for a vivid sense of God which no agency can supply. Children are being failed today as never before. Suicides among children are increasing by leaps and bounds because they are unable to cope with modern life.

These children are not hungry for food. Most of them are physically well cared for with normal teeth and tonsils, the best of food and reasonably good schools. They are not being

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Advancing With Christ in Evangelism

By Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Director of Evangelism and Church Extension

GOD'S PLAN for our North American Baptist churches is a program of continuous evangelism that begins with the home base and extends to the ends of the earth. The last words which Christ left ringing in the ears of his followers were: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Not only did this divine commission of Jesus Christ concern the church at Jerusalem, but it concerns every New Testament church of born-again believers in today's world.

THE CHRISTIAN'S HEARTBEAT

It is the heartbeat of our North American Baptist mission in our generation. The unfinished task of evangelizing the world has been left in our hands. Christ himself has left it there. May God help us as individual members of our churches, and as a North American Baptist denomination, increasingly to witness and to work towards the fulfillment of our God-given purpose.

The New Testament pattern of church activity distinctly demands a continuous and an ever expanding program of soul winning. A careful study of the book of Acts shows that the early church considered its one supreme task to be the winning of others, with every believer being a soul winner. Wherever you read in Acts, you discover that the early Christian converts were constantly reaching out for others. The "making of disciples" stood first in the sequence of the church's activities.

Until disciples are made, there can be no baptism, and there can be no full program of Christian education teaching people to observe what the Lord has commanded. Discipleship is the key to the Kingdom. Its priority is absolutely imperative. There is no substitute. "Make disciples," Jesus said; everything else must wait upon that.

"MAKING DISCIPLES"

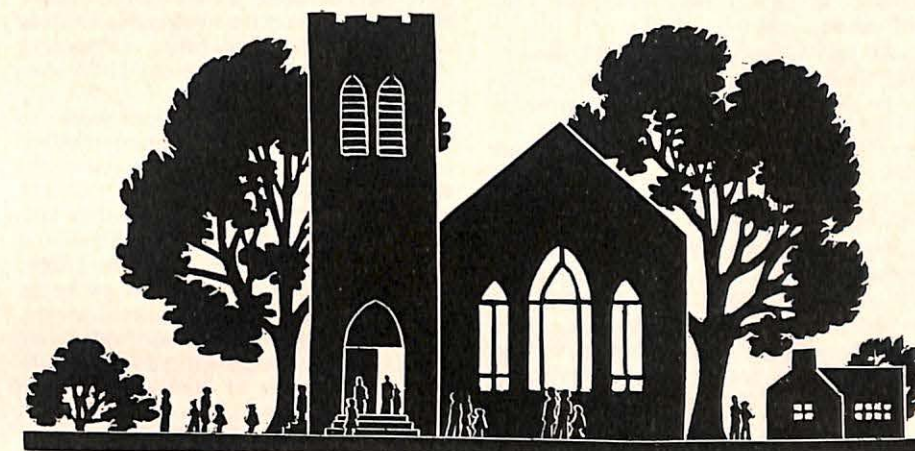
And yet in some of our own North American Baptist churches, we have wonderful organizations, societies and guilds, classes and departments and committees almost without end, but we do not have an organized group for the direct service of soul winning. There is no organization within the membership of the church for the definite and consistent fulfilling of the command of Christ upon which the whole life of the church depends. Our Lord has put "disciple making" first. We have put everything else first, and think of soul winning merely as a by-product.

To be sure, we have much reason to rejoice and praise God for our beautiful church buildings with carved furniture, stained glass windows, robed choirs and other wonderful accessories and facilities available to us. In the day in which we live, all of those things seem tremendously important in the fulfilling of our God-given mission in the world. Notwithstanding, no church can survive, and no Christian can remain strong and effective as a representative of Jesus Christ, without first and foremost being active in a continuous, pulsating program of soul-winning.

the people of the church that has resulted in the measure of growth which we have witnessed."

We warmly commend to every North American Baptist church the organization of a Soul Winners' Fellowship and the promotion of a continuous, well prepared, Spirit-filled effort in visitation evangelism.

Our North American Baptist program of evangelism does not stop, however, with the local church. In the great commission which Christ gave to the church to make disciples of all nations, the inescapable emphasis must lie upon "beginning at Jerusalem."



CHRIST'S DIVINE STRATEGY

From the home base we must move constantly onward into neighboring cities and communities where the people are, "making disciples" and establishing churches.

The church, as well as the individual, who loses evangelistic passion, loses out with God. There may be a form of religion, prayer, liturgy and creed, but power and fruitfulness are gone. Nothing can keep the Christian warm, fresh and alert like personal soul-winning.

SOUL WINNER'S FELLOWSHIPS

We are thankful for the splendid response of our pastors and churches in support of the Baptist Jubilee Advance program. About 60 per cent of our North American Baptist churches in the United States and Canada have joined in a simultaneous revival campaign. Many of our pastors have ordered a supply of Soul Winners' Packets from our office at Forest Park, informing us that Soul Winners' Fellowships are being organized in many churches. A successful young pastor from one of our Canadian churches writes: "All the organizations of the church are vital. But a definite visitation program undergirds and indeed is the very strength of each organization within the church. Without hesitation, we would say that it has been the emphasis on personal witnessing and organized visitation by

But there is a definite and divine purpose beyond the existence of the local church. An expansion program from Jerusalem must follow. There are the neighboring communities of "Judaea and Samaria" that must be reached for Christ, and there are the uttermost parts of the earth.

ADVANCING WITH CHRIST

By example and by injunction, Christ himself has given us the plan for Kingdom extension. His divine strategy calls for a mighty advance. From the home base we must move constantly onward and outward into neighboring cities and communities where the people are. We dare not limit our activities to our own local church, lest soon we suffer internal deterioration and the loss of a conscious sense of God.

With all the strength and provision which God in his grace has made accessible to us, our North American Baptist evangelistic advance must continue, until every community and every nation has been reached for Christ. This is a big order, but it reflects the spirit of New Testament evangelism. It represents the challenge of Christ to us today. It has the unmistakable approval of God.



The need today is for God-fearing mothers who transmit to their children from earliest infancy an abiding faith in God, who instil in the hearts of their children a deep respect for the laws of God.

Establishing New Baptist Churches

A Church Extension Challenge by Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

THE APOSTLE PAUL in his missionary effort and outreach established a pattern which is still valid for our day: that of establishing churches to conserve the results of his evangelism. The record of his work as recorded in the book of Acts shows us this pattern very clearly and distinctly. His aim was to preach the Gospel of Christ to as many people and nations as possible, and for that purpose he traveled throughout the countries of Asia Minor, beyond Troas into Macedonia and Greece, and also to Rome (though as a prisoner), and possibly also to Spain; at least, that was his aim. (Romans 15:24.)

He was never satisfied with preaching alone, through which the multitudes were reached and those who believed were saved. He longed to see them established in the faith through the continued ministry of the church. That made the establishment of churches of primary importance. The further responsibility of teaching and preaching was given to the elders in the church (Acts 14:23), so that the ministry of the Gospel might continue and the salvation of men might become the perpetual work of the Holy Spirit through the church.

How much Paul was concerned that these churches be established and grow can be seen in his repeated visits to them in order to confirm them in their faith (Acts 14:21 f.; 15:41, 20:31 f), as well as in all his letters to the various churches. Without these churches, most likely we would not have many of the letters of Paul which constitute such a vital part of the New Testament and of the Christian Church of today.

MISSION IN CHURCH EXTENSION

If the establishment of churches was a primary concern in Paul's missionary program, it ought to be the same for us today. Is it less a part of Christ's commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15), than that of going into heathen lands and carrying out his commission among other races of people? According to some earnest Christian people, it would seem that it is. Did Christ intend it to be so? It would seem that he made no such division or distinction. To him it was all a part of his one great world-wide missionary program: to begin at Jerusalem, then "in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

The lasting work on mission fields in regions beyond is also that of establishing churches and so conserving the results and continuing the ministry of the Gospel. Mere reports of large numbers of conversions without

the subsequent establishment of churches and the integration of new converts into these churches has little meaning. If the latter does not follow, then the former becomes a dissipated effort.

Mr. Anund Nordbo in his article, "Church-Related Evangelism," in the 1958 fall issue of "The Japan Harvest," says: "I have found it much easier to fill a city hall during evangelistic meetings than to get as many as ten of the reported 'converts' to attend church afterward I believe that independent, non-church related campaigns have served their purpose in the past, but from now on we need more church-related, church-integrated campaigns aiming at the establishment of congregations."

To carry on any mission work in regions beyond we need churches at home with a vision for an expanded missionary program. Many sincere and earnest Christians and leaders emphasize the importance of evangelizing the heathen in foreign lands and urge to pray for and give to the cause of foreign missions almost exclusively. Theirs is a one-sided emphasis. They do little or nothing for the establishment of churches at home. They leave that for others and fail to realize that without churches at home (whose support they covet), there would be no world-wide missionary program.

The population increase in our country calls for the establishment of new



The Bethel Baptist Church of Windsor, Ontario, one of the 38 Church Extension projects of the North American Baptist General Conference.

churches. The moving and shifting about of our population increases the need for new churches. Almost every major city of our country is experiencing a tremendous growth in its population. There is a move on from rural to urban areas and again from urban to suburban areas, from east to west and from north to south, and vice versa. That "our generation lives on wheels" is not only applicable to the auto industry but also to the constant moving about of our population. It is said that on the average every family in the U. S. A. changes its residence in less than seven years.

Some weeks ago I spent several days in Southern California where eight years ago we resided as a family. What changes have come about in eight years of time? The entire countryside of Los Angeles and Anaheim is no longer to be recognized if one thinks in terms of eight years ago. The city of Anaheim through annexation of communities, influx of people and normal population growth has grown from 14,000 to 85,000. From 1950 to 1957 the state of California has had an increase of about 2 1/4 million people in its population.

In the face of such growth, one must be blind to reality if the need for new churches is not seen. The older churches in older communities cannot adequately care for the spiritual need of people in these new communities which spring up almost overnight without establishing new missions, new Sunday Schools and new churches through which to reach these new communities. Churches which fail to see these opportunities and refuse to minister to these new needs sooner or later will experience God's warning through the prophet, which was also meant for them: "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

FACING DIFFICULTIES

The task of establishing new churches is not an easy one, but it is highly rewarding. He who feels led and called of God into this ministry has certainly received the vision and challenge which come through the acceptance of Christ's commission, "Go ye . . . and preach the gospel." He steps out on the frontiers of faith. But he must fully count the cost. In a sense his task may become more difficult without the accompanying glory in the sight of men than the task of him who follows that same commission to the ends of the earth. The very proximity of his work takes from it the awe and mystery of the far-away.

Where a nucleus of people of like faith and interest is found, there is an immediate contact which affords a beginning. Where such a nucleus is not

found, the task becomes even more difficult and requires an even greater measure of faith which sees the hidden potential in the virgin soils of souls to be won for the Savior. This then is a real missionary task. The claims of Christ must be presented to the individuals and family units in the community in such convincing and convicting ways that Christ becomes a living reality in their lives and that his Holy Spirit creates in them the desire for the fellowship with God's people and with the Christian church in their community.

In the establishment of a new church, new difficulties are faced at every turn. Just to enumerate a few requires a long list. A temporary meeting place must be found. An organization of people of like faith and practice must be started, which requires a careful and prayerful selection of various officers and leaders who all too often must first be trained. The ministry of the Gospel needs the utmost support in every way, materially and spiritually. A building program must be undertaken. All of this will tax those who band themselves together for the establishment of a new church to the utmost. This very fact has in it the strong temptation for some, who cannot face such responsibilities, to remain aloof for the time being.

True, there is often help at the beginning from sister churches and from the denominational organization, but such assistance is always limited at its best, both in amounts and in time. The larger share of the responsibility will always fall upon the new church itself. These difficulties must be squarely faced.

EXPERIENCING VICTORIES

Whether it takes one year, three, five or more years, the establishment of a new church brings with it the experiences of victories won. A living church is always a symbol of God's redeeming love and a bulwark against



The Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., which has been one of our very successful Church Extension projects.



The Church Extension bronze plaque that appears on the wall of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana, Calif. Similar plaques with the names of other donors appear in other Extension churches.

Satan's ruthless onslaughts. What greater joy can come to the heart of the pastor and his people than to see that children in the community are being reached for Christ, who otherwise would possibly not be reached; that fathers and mothers, who for varied reasons in the past may have lost interest in the church, again awakened to the fact that the church needs them and they need the church and through such a new awakening again come under the influence of the Gospel; that young people are given the opportunity of Christian character building to make them strong in a world, which tempts and tests character to its very utmost?

The victories which stand out on such days as the church's organization and recognition, the dedication of a chapel and/or educational unit, the achievement of certain goals in Sunday School and church and many others far outweigh the difficulties encountered and the sacrifices required. It is then that praises are sung to the glory of God as God's people recount his blessings and rejoice in God's un-failing love. Such highlights of ex-

periences become the landmarks in the history of the church which ever tell the story to coming generations that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

INCREASE IN FAITH AND NUMBER

Through Paul's ministry churches were established in the faith and their number increased. Through our North American Baptist Church Extension ministry we seek to accomplish the same end. Perhaps we should recount some of the accomplishments of the past five years or less since our Church Extension fund was started.

The sum of almost \$300,000 has been contributed by our people to this special Church Extension fund. A total of 38 Church Extension projects has benefitted by and through this fund through capital investments and in the support of workers and pastors. The last complete statistical report (now almost a year old) had 23 organized churches as a result of these projects. These churches totaled almost 2,200 members with a Sunday School attendance of almost 2,000, CBYF attendance of over 600, and Woman's Union attendance of almost 400.

In order to establish the above churches, about a dozen different Church Extension workers and pastors received direct aid through the Church Extension fund, either in full or in part for a shorter or longer period. Others received aid through the General Missionary Society in its home mission program.

Five new additional projects are underway at the present time. Church Extension pastors are being appointed. Building sites have been purchased. Meeting places are being rented or constructed. These require our prayerful support in every way. Our \$50,000 goal for this fiscal year should be over-subscribed if our people in our churches prayerfully consider the establishment of these new churches in the faith and then, with joy and thanksgiving, watch their growth and increase in number to the glory of him who is the Head of the Church.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, PORTLAND AVE. CHURCH

"Workers for Jesus" Sunday School class (center) of the Portland Ave. Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., with Doris Wagner, teacher, at right. The Primary Department class is at the left with Mrs. O. Stolz teacher. The boys of "Chapel Builders" who meet in an old bus are in the picture at the right with their teacher, Mr. Harvey Neuman.

Portland Ave. Church Extension Project

The Story of the Portland Ave. Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington, by Rev. Henry Smuland, Pastor

IT IS SUNDAY night, December 21, 1958, in the Portland Avenue Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington. The Sunday School Christmas program is about to start. Happy and excited children are crowding in on the benches and chairs. The parents too have come, but where will they be seated? There is always room for one more!

Finally, every available space has been taken with 235 people sardined into the chapel, where there is ordinarily a seating capacity of 125. Of course, there are many standing, and some just could not get in, even for standing room.

THE NEARBY HOUSING PROJECT

These people represent only a small portion of the prospects within the immediate field of the Portland Avenue Baptist Church. Within the housing project, which lies adjacent to the church, there is a mission field perhaps equaled by none. As a young college professor and his wife, who recently united with us, stated, "This is a great mission field, which seems almost as a foreign mission field in need and opportunity."

Since the second World War, the city government has taken over the housing project and has put a permanent touch to most of the units with foundations, gas heating, storage sheds and furnishings of fridges and kitchen ranges. There are 1,008 such units with 932 families living in them presently.

Whereas the area was highly transient at one time, it has become much more stable within recent months. The last year has seen a decrease of 26% in the military population and a decrease of 9% of the 28% of colored population. Of the present residents,

many are large families with nominal income; others retired folk and widows.

The housing area, which at its most distant point from our church is no more than one-half a mile, has approximately 2,000 children and young people living there. The elementary school on the project, teaching children through grade six, has over eight hundred pupils. Many of these people have very little background in Biblical training. The children, who are taken to Sunday School by some thirteen buses, representing various denominations, and those attending our Sunday School number about 300 in all, who are being reached with the precious Bible truths.

OPEN DOORS

Besides the housing project, there is a tremendous expanding residential area in every direction from our church. Ours is the only Baptist church on the east side of Tacoma. There is seldom a Sunday but that there are new people in the Sunday School and the worship service. Previously, the emphasis in our Sunday School had been on recruiting from the project.

This fall we began the canvass of a

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small section of the residential area outside the project. With the small beginning, we have already discovered a number of Baptist families who are inactive and definite prospects, as well as many other families who do not go to church anywhere and who will respond as we follow up in our contact with them.

The open doors of opportunity of this mission field were visualized by members of the Calvary Baptist Church in 1943 when the housing area was first erected by the Federal Government in order to accommodate military and defense personnel and their families. Through the faithful endeavors of the brethren of Calvary Church, the first service, which was held in the new mission in 1944 with an attendance of 46, has grown so that in 1958 the average attendance in the Sunday School was 157.

ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH

With the growing need for an emphasis in the responsibilities of the Christian life among those who had made a profession of salvation, and the need to provide a church home with a New Testament witness for those seeking such, the workers at the mission along with many of the brethren at Calvary Baptist Church began to visualize the possibility of organizing a church. It seemed the Lord had put the burden for an organized church on the hearts of a number of people at the same time. When the matter was discussed, all were of one accord. One of the brethren serving the mission for a number of years, stated, "If ever this work is to be organized into a church, it is now."

In perfect harmony and accord with Calvary Church, the new church was organized and adopted its charter on

May 24th, and was recognized by the Association and Conference soon afterwards. Of the 57 new members who formed the nucleus of the new church, 46 of them were transfers from Calvary Church. Out of these, 7 families were among the faithful workers in the mission for a number of years with the concern of the work on their hearts. The remainder of the transfers were among those who had been won for the Lord through the work of the mission. Others came in through baptism and confession of faith.

Even before the organization of the new church took place, the need for additional housing facilities had been felt by all working in the mission. The buildings, still in use, are the construction shacks of the housing project.

One morning a twelve year old boy came early to Sunday School to unburden his heart to the Sunday School superintendent. Said he, "My best friend made fun of our church because we don't have nice pews and windows. He goes to a big brick church with stained glass windows. But I told him that the looks of the building was not important. What really mattered was if God was there, and God is here, so we have a good church."

Classrooms are far too few and too small. One class has to meet outside in an old bus with all its windows shattered. Several small classrooms are overcrowded at times, with 25 or more in a room that ordinarily should not hold more than 10 or 15.

As a small group with limited financial resources, it seemed humanly impossible to make any building plans. Yet through the faith, courage and sacrifice of our people, and the help from our denomination, the visions and dreams of a new church building are beginning to materialize. The faith and courage of our people is expressed by one of our members who, months before the church was organized, said, "I believe we will see the beginning of a new building before the end of the year."



GROUND BREAKING EXERCISES AT TACOMA

Rev. Henry Smuland, pastor of the Portland Ave. Church, Tacoma, Wash., (left), leads the church in the ground-breaking exercises for its new edifice. At the right Mr. Marvin McIntosh, Sr., member of the Building Committee, turns the first shovel, as Brenda Smuland, age 7, the youngest member of the church looks on.



PORTLAND AVE. BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL, TACOMA, WASH.

On Sunday, Feb. 22, 1959, the Sunday School of the Portland Ave. Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., reached a high of 174. At the extreme right are Miss Doris Wagner, S. S. superintendent, and Mrs. Elsie Kageler, Primary Dept. superintendent. Near the extreme left, Rev. Henry Smuland, pastor, and his family are shown. The dog (foreground) follows the children to church.

CHURCH BUILDING PLANS

God honors faith, and with his help and blessing we have been able to purchase an additional piece of property adjoining ours. Building plans have progressed to the extent that we have had the ground-breaking service for the new church edifice on December 28th of last year.

A young couple visiting our church recently said, "We saw the report of your ground-breaking in the paper. We are looking for a new church home, and thought this would be a good place to go."

The response of those who come to the church and Sunday School is gratifying. Many adults from time to time have made decisions for Christ and children are constantly responding to the invitation to accept the Lord Jesus. We feel a definite need for addi-

tional workers to follow up with such who have shown a response.

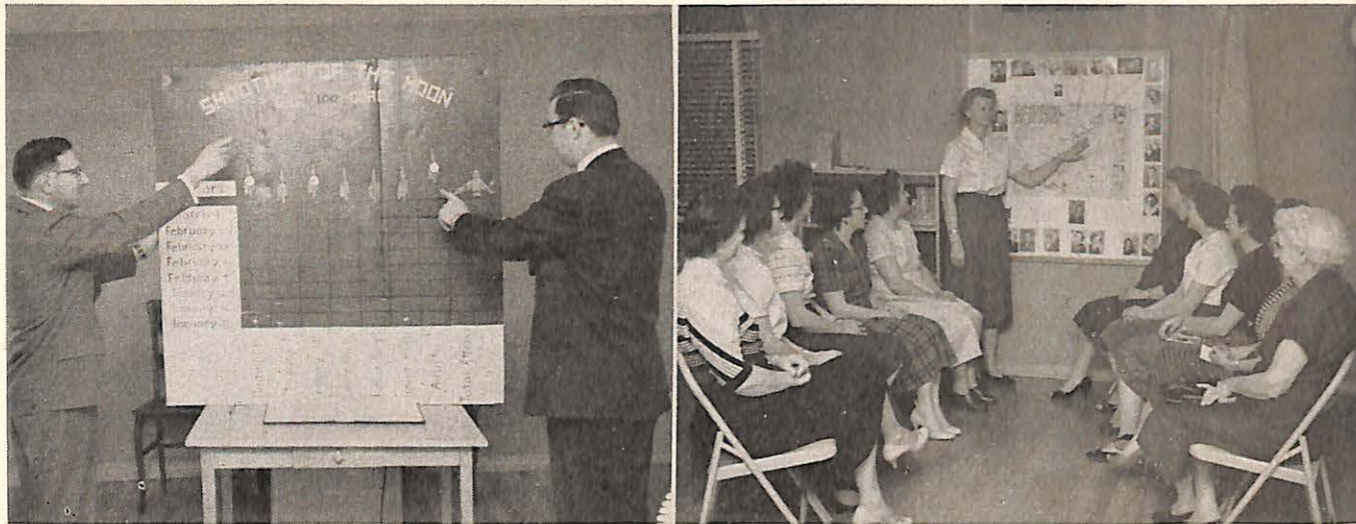
The Women's Friendly Circle of our church has begun an hour of Bible study at their monthly White Cross meetings. At the first study held this month, an enthusiastic response was shown. Several workers in the church have been assigned to have individual weekly Bible study with those who have recently responded to the invitation in the church services. We are hoping through an increased effort of this nature to provide a foundation for many of these people who, because of their background, would find it difficult to follow through with their desire to understand and to live the Christian life.

CHURCH BUS NEEDED

Another one of our immediate needs is that of a small bus for transportation. Many of the homes leave the children to their own choice and decision as to where and if they want to attend Sunday School. Recently a new church of the Apostolic Faith has been started on the project. Other groups have been putting on attendance campaigns and have been recruiting in our area, even offering prizes to boys and girls who would come to their Sunday School.

The answer to getting many of the boys and girls to our Sunday School and, eventually winning their parents, will be in providing a means of transportation for them. Due to the wet weather in this area through the winter months, the children, when going to Sunday School on Sunday, even though not too far from church, expect to be taken.

The field is ripe unto harvest; the laborers are few. Pray for us that we might be enabled to reach out to the hundreds of needy souls for Christ.



SOUTH CANYON CHURCH OF RAPID CITY

The Sunday School superintendent, Everett Crooks, (picture at left) and Rev. Loren Weber, pastor, demonstrate the new poster, "Shooting for the Moon," which is a promotion contest in cooperation with the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Minnie Peters, president of the Ladies' Missionary Circle, shows our mission fields on the map on the wall.

Our Rapid City Extension Project

Recent Progress at the South Canyon Baptist Church of Rapid City, S. Dak.,
Reported by Rev. Loren Weber, Pastor

THE SOUTH CANYON Baptist Church is located in the South Canyon Area of Rapid City, South Dakota. This is a new and fast growing area of Rapid City with many new homes being constructed. The population of this area is very mobile, which means that there is a constant turnover of inhabitants. One of the factors, but not the only one, which contributes toward this is the fact that many families from the airbase live in the South Canyon Area.

POPULATION ABOUT 45,000

The present estimated population of Rapid City is about 44,190. There are 11,340 occupied dwelling units with 13,400 households in Rapid City. In South Canyon in 1957, the population was 3,780, and there were 1,260 homes. This has greatly increased in the past year.

Rapid City's industrial activities are highly diversified, somewhat because of raw materials and natural causes. Among the enterprises located in Rapid City are the South Dakota State Cement Plant, the State School of Mines and Technology, three large and three small lumber mills, concrete products plants, a modern flour mill, the State Fish Hatchery, one of the nation's greatest military bases, and the State National Guard Headquarters. A new shopping center was opened in November 1957 within a short distance of the South Canyon Baptist Church which cost \$1,000,000.

It is estimated that 2,500 families earn their living from 70 firms. Ellsworth Air Force Base is located eight

miles east of Rapid City. There are 7,000 military personnel at the airbase. Including their families, there are over 20,000 persons. Of the 4,000 married officers, 1,600 live in the city of Rapid City. In addition, there are approximately 500 civil service employees working at the base.

The consumer spendable income for 1958 was \$74,259,000 for Rapid City. The average consumer spendable income per household was \$5,651.

BUSINESS AND CHURCHES

Rapid City's business is greatly helped by the large number of tourists visiting the Badlands and Black Hills. In 1958, 2,700,000 tourists spent \$71,745,000 in the Rapid City area.

The South Canyon Baptist Church is located at a convenient and central spot in the South Canyon Area. Rapid City has 51 churches, representing all major denominations. There are three churches besides the South Canyon Baptist Church in South Canyon, namely, a Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventist, and a Free Methodist. The Presbyterian Church is located right on the edge of South Canyon, and an Episcopal Church has just begun a new work and is located next to the Presbyterian Church. The closest

church to the Baptist edifice is the Lutheran which is about five blocks away. The Lutheran Church began in September 1958.

THE CHURCH'S PROGRAM

The present membership of the South Canyon Baptist Church is 41. In 1958 a total of six families (besides the former pastor) who were members of the church moved to other localities. Needless to say, this left quite a dent in our small church. Some of these members as yet have not transferred their membership.

Since the present pastor arrived in August 1958, two new families have been brought into the church, and several other new families are attending.

The average attendance in our Sunday School for 1958 was 70. In cooperation with the Baptist Jubilee Advance, our Sunday School is seeking to promote its cause. It has launched a contest entitled, "Shooting for the Moon," to gain new pupils and increase the attendance.

At the present we have a fine staff of nine teachers. The teachers met recently on a Sunday afternoon and called on all the homes in a given area within the vicinity of the church to invite people to Sunday School and church services. Plans are being made to canvass the rest of the area.

A Children's Story has been incorporated into the Sunday morning worship services to provide for the spiritual needs of the children and young people. At the present time we are using *Story Sermons and Plans for the*

Junior Church by Marian W. Gannaway. This book has excellent stories for children.

A choir also contributes to our worship services in its ministry of music. A ladies' trio has been formed and a male quartet is in the developmental stage.

YOUTH AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

A Junior C. B. Y. Fellowship has been organized and has great prospects for the future. The attendance has been good and there is a lot of enthusiasm among the young people. We are looking forward to the time when we can reorganize our older young people.

The Ladies Missionary Circle has been very successful and is a real source of inspiration and fellowship for all the women of the church. They have sought to promote the matter of missions among themselves and in the church as a whole. They have also sought to help out in whatever way they can in providing for the needs of our nursing home in Madison, S. Dak., and our home mission field among the Spanish-Americans in Colorado.

The church meets now in what is intended to be the parsonage when the church proper is erected. We have adequate facilities to meet our present needs. The main auditorium seats about 120 people. The basement and garage have been decorated and furnished, and are used for Sunday School classes as well as the main auditorium. The church has sufficient property adjoining the present structure to build its future edifice.

PROSPECTS OF THE CHURCH

Much has been done to strengthen and to cement the unity of the fellowship of the church through various avenues in the past months. This was necessary before the church could expect to develop and expand in other areas. A good indication of this growing unity of fellowship is that the prayer services and fellowship luncheons have been enthusiastically and well attended.

The church has also been very successful in distributing the leadership of the church according to the abilities and interests of the individuals. Enthusiasm about the church's program has greatly increased among the leadership of the church.

Effort is being made to develop the church's program of evangelism. Special evangelistic meetings were held from March 3 to 13, with R. H. Zepik from Plevna, Montana, serving with the Word. Effort has also been made to organize a Soul Winner's Fellowship.

One of the main items in the church's budget has always been missions. The Sunday School sets aside the first Sunday of each month for special missionary emphasis. Plans are now being made to develop a systematic missionary emphasis in the worship services.

Mother's Day — May 10, 1959

Poems for the Observance of This Day

MOTHER

By Grace L. Voll of North Freedom, Wis.

Her life was fragrant as a scented rose:
Her duties as a mother and a wife
Were faithfully performed until its close,
With devotion free from strife.

If only our lives might be fragrant ones,
Well mixed with oil of joy—attar of love,
Then would our daughters and our sturdy sons
Emit a perfume sweet as musk or clove.

MOTHER

You, who loved me so sincerely,
Taught me all my little prayers,
Sat with me when I was ailing,
Freed me from my childish cares.

You, who told me Bible stories,
Made my darkest moments bright,
Kissed me when the tears were falling,
Tucked me in my bed at night.

You, whom I would now give honor,
Service, and a heart of love,
But I know you are enjoying
Things far better in heaven above.

—Olga L. Cole

STUFF OF MOTHERS

A mother is expertly fashioned
Of truly marvelous stuff;
Velvet for cuddling babies,
Iron—when the going gets tough.

Rubber for stretching the pennies,
Sponge, for absorbing hot tears;
Lace for the datings and dreamings
Of brief adolescent years.

Close-knit for holding young secrets,
Frayed, now and then, by life's pain;
Porous for coaxing in sunshine . . .
Water repellent for rain.

—M. Kathleen Haley

MY MOTHER'S GIFT

Of all the gifts my mother gave to me,
(How many are there, as I count them o'er),
There is one gift I cherish zealously
And as I older grow I value more.

Though Mother love is earth's divinest gain,
'Tis not her love, so full of tender care;
Through all my childish ills or fevered pain
I saw her standing like an angel there.

'Tis not her gift of courage brave and true
Which braced us for our battles with the world;
Nor quiet talks when youth's fine ardor grew—
Ambition's standard to our hopes unfurled.

Not any boon that Heaven has granted me,
That Life can give nor Death can take away
Do I compare with that she gave to me
When at her knees she taught me how to pray.

—Ethel Guild Meyer



The Beginners' Department in the South Canyon Baptist Sunday School, Rapid City, S. Dak., with their teachers, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Kwyzla and Mrs. Adegard.

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NEW CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION, HAMILTON, ONT.

Laymen of the German Baptist Mission Church, Hamilton, Ontario, work on the roof of the new edifice (left) and two of the Baptist builders (right) look over the blueprints of the building. Rev. John Wahl is pastor of the church. The dedication of the completed church building was held on Sunday, March 15, 1959.

A Church Extension Miracle in Hamilton

The Story of the Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, Ontario, a Church Extension Project of the Denomination By **Rev. John Wahl**, Pastor of the Hamilton Church

THE BAPTIST Mission Church of Hamilton, Ontario, is one of God's miracles in our Church Extension ministry. Amazing things have happened in this Canadian city since this work was begun in 1953, less than six years ago. It is the story of humble beginnings, of overcoming all kinds of difficulties but always of receiving the riches of God's blessing and going forward through the financial help of Church Extension funds.

In 1953 a handful of newly arrived German Baptist immigrants appealed to the headquarters' secretaries in Forest Park, Ill., with this Macedonian call: "Come and help us!" Rev. R. Schilke and others responded and showed a sympathetic interest. Contacts were made with the Eastwood Baptist Church of Hamilton whereby a hall was placed at our disposal for German services.

GUNTHER WAHL'S MINISTRY

In the summer of 1953 the Board of Missions of our denomination took another step forward. The committee appointed Mr. Gunther Wahl, student in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as summer worker in Hamilton. He began an aggressive missionary work among the German-speaking refugees and immigrants. As the interest in the work grew, he decided to stay in Hamilton and continue his studies there in order to help these people spiritually beyond the summer months.

In March 1954 the German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton was organized with 18 members, composed almost exclusively of refugees and immigrants from Europe. Soon the circle of interested friends and the congregation at the services grew. Then the church called the father of the student, Rev. John Wahl from Ono-

DEDICATION SUNDAY
The new building of the Baptist Mission Church, Hamilton, Ontario, was dedicated on Sunday, March 15, 1959. Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, was one of the guest speakers. We hope to present a report of this festive program and a picture of the church in a forthcoming issue.—EDITOR.

way, Alberta. He responded favorably to the call.

FIRST CHURCH BUILDING

Now the need for a building of our own was apparent. We did not have room for any Sunday School classes in the Eastwood Church hall. We could not carry on an effective missionary work. We searched everywhere in



More bricks go into the wall of the German Baptist Mission Church of Hamilton, Ontario.

Hamilton for a suitable small church building or appropriate house. But nothing favorable showed up.

Then at Christmas time 1954, we were told about a small church with a seating capacity of 100 in the fine residential section of Westdale. We prayed about the matter and soon had the assurance that this might be our "Bethel." We appealed to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, and a stream of letters flowed back and forth to Forest Park. Then the Sunday of Mr. Edwin H. Marklein's visit with Dr. Woyke arrived, and it was in the nick of time! The church building was bought for \$15,000. If the brethren had come two days later, it would have been sold to another group for \$16,500. How clearly we could see the hand of God in all of these developments!

On Jan. 29, 1955 we worshipped in our new church for the first time. But where would we find the people—and the children—to fill this sanctuary? During the first year our growth was slow. Our people worked and witnessed and invited all the German-speaking people of the city to come to our meetings. The results were not too encouraging at first. At times we felt that we had dreamed of big things that were too large for our church.

GOD'S LEADING ALL THE WAY

Then the doors of God's blessing opened wide for us. In 1956 the people began to arrive by the scores—new immigrants from Europe, German-speaking people from the west of Canada who sought jobs in our city, and many new friends in Hamilton. Our membership grew beyond the 100 mark in 1957, and in 1958 we reached another high mark of 160. Our building was now too small. We crowded out the

walls every Sunday with a swarming Sunday School and with large congregations. Now what could be done?

We looked around for a larger church edifice. Several prominent civic officials, including the president of MacMaster University, counselled with us to put up a new building in a promising section of the city. We waited patiently for God's guidance. God's answer came. We were to enlarge our present church building!

As we followed God's leading, we saw all difficulties swept away before us. This was the Lord's doing! The church neighbors gave their hearty approval to our plans. The building commission of the city endorsed our project. Business concerns vied with one another to provide us with building materials at the lowest possible prices. Several concerns even contributed generous checks toward the work. And the denominational Church Extension and Church Loan Fund Committees again came to our assistance with additional financial help.

The miracles of God continued to fall on us like a shower of heavenly stars! Just as we began this building project, a strike in the Hamilton steel mills broke out. This meant that many of our men, working in these steel mills, were without work and funds for this time. This was also a blessing in disguise, for it enabled our men to volunteer thousands of hours of labor in the building of our new church.

BEAUTIFUL NEW CHURCH

For approximately \$25,000 and this volunteer help of our men, we have built on a sanctuary to the previous edifice with a seating capacity of more than 300. We now have a most worshipful church with our own baptistry. We have a sufficient number of Sunday School rooms for our classes and a spacious hall for our youth meetings and special programs as well as fellowship gatherings.

God has also given us more than a new church and larger facilities. In a marvelous way, he has also bound us together more closely than ever to witness for our Christ and to work for his Kingdom in our community.

In February we held evangelistic meetings for a full week with Rev. Walter C. Damrau of Buffalo, N. Y., pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, as the evangelist. We were able to invite our friends and strangers more earnestly to these services because of our additional space in the new church. Another series of similar meetings was held in April 1959.

But we thank God and our denomination for the prayerful interest and for the Church Extension support which we have received from our sister churches and brethren. We are now experiencing a wonderful harvest of souls here in Hamilton. You can have a share in our joys and blessings as you remember how God uses your gifts to Church Extension in this marvelous, yea, miraculous, way of his to build his Kingdom!

From the Professor's Desk

By **Dr. Walter W. Wessel**, Professor, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The generally accepted date for the writing of the earliest gospel (probably Mark) is about A. D. 65. If this date is correct, more than thirty years passed between the ascension and the recording of the events of Jesus' life in the gospels. How can we be sure that the testimony to Christ which the gospels enshrine is reliable?

While it is true that the earliest gospel is generally agreed to have appeared about A.D. 65 and the other gospels considerably later (Matthew and Luke in the 80's and John in the 90's), no one really knows for sure when they were written. Even if the above dates are correct, there is evidence that the record of Christ's life which they preserve is historically reliable.

DR. WALTER W. WESSEL

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A number of factors must be borne in mind. Before there was any written tradition about Jesus, there certainly must have been an oral one. This arose almost immediately after the events themselves took place. People began noising about what Jesus said and did. Now the Jews were masters at passing down oral tradition. For centuries, the entire Rabbinic tradition was passed down orally from one generation to the next, until finally it was codified in the *Talmuds* and other written works about A.D. 600.

Another means of preserving the gospel record is found in the early Christian preaching. We have an ex-

ample of this in the gospel of Mark. An early Christian tradition states that what we have preserved in Mark's gospel is simply the record of Jesus' life derived by John Mark from the preaching of the Apostle Peter. This tradition is good evidence that Peter remembered the words and teachings of Jesus over a period of 30 years, not only because they were unique, but also because he was constantly using them in his preaching.

In addition to the oral preservation of the events of Christ's ministry, we know that there were also written records before our extant gospels came into being. Luke bears testimony to this fact when, in the prologue to his gospel, he writes: "Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us . . ."

Papias' statement recorded by the early church historian Eusebius also indicates pre-gospel written sources: "Matthew compiled the Logia in the Hebrew [i.e., Aramaic] tongue, and everyone translated them as best he could." Although we do not know for sure what "Logia" were, most scholars believe that they were a collection of the sayings of our Lord. Sir William Ramsay thought that the "Logia" were compiled before the crucifixion. Others have suggested that our Lord instructed his disciples to memorize his teachings, and there is evidence that in their original Aramaic form the teachings were uttered in a manner which easily lent itself to that. Also, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that shorthand notes were taken of our Lord's teachings by Matthew, the tax collector.

All of these factors, along with the crucial one of the guiding and directing presence of the Holy Spirit, assure us of a reliable record of the life, ministry and teaching of our Lord as found in the four gospels, even though in their extant form they are relatively late.

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By Grace L. Voll of North Freedom, Wis.

That fountain of Eternal Youth
Has been searched for down all the ages,
But God himself confounds the sages,
Holding the only keys to Life, in truth.

The way to it mankind has never found,
Though he is certain such a thing exists.

"I Am The Way," Jesus the Lord insists:

"Only through Me—can Everlasting Life abound."

We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG
President of the Woman's Missionary
Union

INTRODUCTION

Our guest editor, Mrs. Vernon Heckman of St. Paul, Minn., is certainly well qualified to write our Mother's Day Meditation. She is the wife of the president of our Sunday School Union, and mother of six children, the oldest of whom, Joanne, is a member of "God's Volunteers." She is also a Sunday School teacher and a deaconess of the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church. In addition to her many church activities, she is an advisor of the Christian Women's Club of St. Paul, and a member of the Baptist Hospital Auxiliary Board of Mounds Midway Hospital. We are proud to have such an outstanding laywoman contribute to our column.

A MOTHER'S LOVE • • SAINTS OF TODAY

By Mrs. Vernon Heckman
of St. Paul, Minn.

"A worthy woman, who can find? For her place is far above rubies." How true this is. I can remember my own mother's (Mrs. John Fratzke) concern for our going to Sunday School and junior prayer meeting and of the encouragement we received from her Christian friends. They were delighted and anxious for us to memorize the Scriptures, and I know most of his precious Word that "I hid in my heart" in those junior years has never been forgotten. They helped me to remember God's nearness day by day and brought me peace and joy when trials came. It seems that verses we have learned in later years have to be memorized over and over to retain them.

"The unfeigned faith of thy grandmother and thy mother." Mother's friends were the ladies of the woman's missionary society. As youngsters it was always so nice for us to be in their homes. They treated us as one of their own. The grandmothers of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis had a love for the Word of God and their complete trust in him was a help and an encouragement to me. But not only the grandmothers—the mothers, as well! Mrs. Alfred Brachlow's wonderful prayers, Mrs. Mueller's graciousness, Mrs. J. Reck's thoughtfulness of the young people, and Mrs. John Adams untiring efforts to bring out the best in us, were appreciated then but even more so now in retrospect.

On Sunday afternoons, my own mother would read the "Baptist Herald" or "Der Sendbote." When we were about, she would share its stories and messages with us and remind us to be obedient and to heed the warnings

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The Witness of "God's Volunteers"

By Miss Irene Cuchiran, Reporter for the "God's Volunteers" Team

"If to Christ, our only King,
Men redeemed we strive to win,
Just ONE WAY may this be done,
We must win them ONE by ONE!"

AS WE ENTER every new field, the words of this song keep ringing in our ears. We have adopted this song as one of our theme songs. As we go from door to door, we like to think of those souls behind the doors as LOST until we have left our personal testimonies with them and, if the opportunity arises, have presented the plan of salvation to them.

TACOMA, WASH.

The month of February found us in Tacoma, Wash., where we served the Lord for two weeks in the Calvary Baptist Church. Our work consisted mainly of canvassing the immediate church area and doing some evening visitation with members of the church.

At times we sang "Cheer up, ye saints of God, there's nothing to worry about" after having so many doors slammed in our faces. But the next day we would be walking merrily singing, "I've got the joy, joy, down in my heart," because doors to the homes and doors to people's hearts were being opened to the Gospel.

Our results there were not in vain, for we saw needy hearts respond to the altar call and accept the Lord. However, there were those who knew they should be saved but were held back from making a decision. Our work ended altogether too soon, and soon we were beginning our ministry in the Portland Avenue Baptist Church of Tacoma for the last two weeks of February.

During the afternoons we did can-



"GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" IN TACOMA

Left to right: Riviera Neske, Joanne Heckman, Nettie Anne Janzen, Irene Cuchiran, Donald Hepperle and Lydia Albrecht in front of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

vassing and visitation work. This type of work was very appropriate at this time since they are beginning to build their new church. In this area, we entered homes where some folk had never heard of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It was our joy to present the plan of salvation to them and to invite them to the services. Needy souls accepted the Lord into their hearts. Others made true consecrations to serve their Lord more faithfully and some dedicated their lives for full-time Christian service.

During our stay in Tacoma we were happy to travel to Chilliwack, British Columbia, rendering a service in Nettie Anne Janzen's home church.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

It was a dreary, cloudy Monday morning on February 23rd when we started on our way to Indianapolis, Indiana, 2,500 miles away. We travelled for one week. On Wednesday we stopped at Plevna, Montana, which is Donald Hepperle's home town, and held a service in his church that evening. Then on Friday we had an opportunity to hold a service in Joanne Heckman's church (Dayton's Bluff Church) in St. Paul, Minnesota.

En route again on Saturday, we arrived in Chicago and conducted services in two of our churches there on Sunday. It was a real privilege for us as a team to tour our Headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., on Monday. We enjoyed meeting the staff and in having lunch with them. Late Monday night, six weary "Volunteers" arrived in Indianapolis and it was hard to believe that our travelling days were over (for two weeks, at any rate).

From March 3 to 15, we served in the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana. Our work consisted mainly of canvassing the church area and doing prospect calling in the evenings with faithful members of the church. Although we did not see many visible results so far as converts are concerned, we know our ministry there was not in vain. We have been encouraged after we have left other fields to find out later that some of those individuals on our prayer list have come to "know him" as Savior and Lord. We did see young people of the church step forward for consecration with determination to "get on the ball for the Lord."

Are you still praying for "God's Volunteers"? We have been encouraged to know that you do remember us in prayer. We as a team have been on our knees at 11:00 A. M. every morning praying for souls and asking the Lord "to lay some soul upon our hearts." We would ask you to set aside some time during the day when you pray specifically for the work of "God's Volunteers."

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Ernest E. Hahn of Glidden, Saskatchewan, have announced the birth of a son on March 15 to whom the name George William Dennis has been given. This is their first child. Rev. and Mrs. Loren Weber of Rapid City, South Dakota, have announced that a son was born to them on February 21st who has been given the name of Larry Allen. This is also their first child in their family.

● Rev. Harold W. Tietjen, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has resigned, effective April 25, 1959. He has served as minister at the Milwaukee church since 1955. No announcement was given as to his future plans following the close of his pastorate at the Immanuel church.

● Rev. Clemence Auch, missionary to Japan, is on leave of absence from the mission field since Feb. 1, 1959. He served with great effectiveness in a promotional ministry in many of our churches, telling the people of the many blessings on the Japan field. Since his plans to return are indefinite, Mr. Auch will be available as a pastor for one of our churches. His present address is 1535 Bonnie Way, N. W., Salem, Oregon.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, has extended a call to Mr. John Binder, a graduating student of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has accepted the call and announced that he will begin his ministry in Morris some time in August. He will succeed Rev. David Berg who has accepted a position on the faculty of the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta. Mr. Binder's home church is Swan River, Manitoba.

● Rev. Lenox G. Palin has resigned as pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey, which he has served since January 1954. He has announced that he has accepted the call from the First Baptist Church of San Pedro, California, which is affiliated with another Baptist Convention. The effective date of his resignation is May 10, 1959. He has also resigned as secretary of the Atlantic Conference Mission Committee, effective immediately.

● The former First Baptist Church of Center Line, Michigan, has changed its name to the Redeemer Baptist Church of Warren, Michigan, where the new \$232,000 church edifice, now under construction, will be located. Rev. Adolph Braun is the pastor. A report and picture of the new proposed church appear elsewhere in this issue. On Good Friday afternoon, March 27, a special service was held in the Baptist

church with five neighboring churches participating. Speakers were Rev. Roland S. De Renzo, Rev. D. Stanley and Rev. Mel. Johnson.

● The Good Friday evening service on March 27 at the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota, featured a musical program by the choir of the First Baptist Church, Jamestown, North Dakota. On Thursday evening, April 2, Dr. C. B. Akenon, president of Northwestern College and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., spoke at a special KFNW radio rally. Rev. Bernard Edinger, pastor of the Grace Church, baptized several converts at a service held at the Gackle church on Sunday evening, April 12.

● Union Holy Week services were held in Burlington, Iowa, from March 22 to 25 with Rev. Emanuel Wolff, pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church, speaking on Wednesday evening, March 25, on "This Was the Son of God." Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fromm of the Oak Street Church celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with "Open House" at the Krueger Lounge of the church on Saturday afternoon, March 28. The young people of the church held an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 A.M. at Crapo Park of Burlington.

● On Thursday evening, March 12, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Temple Baptist Church, Swan River, Manitoba, held a dedication program for the new kitchen in the church basement. Following a brief program that featured the dialogue, "The Last Program of the Woman's Society," the dedication exercises were held with Rev. Leslie Zilkie, pastor, in charge and with Rev. H. Schatz of Minitonas, Manitoba, offering the dedication prayer. Mrs. John Kokot, recording secretary, reported this happy event.

● It has been announced that Rev. Henry G. Laube, pastor of the West Baltimore Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, has resigned and has accepted a call from a church that is not associated with the North American Baptist General Conference. He has

served the Baltimore church since 1953. He will bring his pastorate there to a close by the end of April.

● Holy Week services were held from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday by the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota, with Rev. J. C. Gunst, district secretary for the Central District, bringing the messages. On Good Friday evening, March 27, Dr. and Mrs. William Appel, returned missionaries from Austria, spoke at the service. The choir presented the Easter cantata, "The Crucifixion," on Palm Sunday evening. Rev. S. D. Ganstrom is pastor of the church.

● The Folsomdale Baptist Church of Cowlesville, New York, recently called Rev. Lester N. Schoen to become their pastor to succeed Rev. H. von der Logsdon, who closed his ministry there on March 29, 1959. Mr. Schoen began his pastorate in the Folsomdale church on April 1st. He was ordained into the Baptist ministry by the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., about 1930 and served several churches in the North American Baptist General Conference soon after his ordination. In recent years he and his family have resided in Florida.

● From April 19 to 26 Missionary Conferences were held in all of the South Dakota Association churches with Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionary, and Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, missionary nurse, speaking and showing pictures in many of the churches. This series of meetings was climaxed with the "Spring Singfest" on Sunday, April 26, at the West Center Street Church, Madison, South Dakota. Church choirs rendered musical numbers in the afternoon and Miss Weeldreyer spoke. Following the mass choir numbers in the evening service, Dr. Chaffee brought the closing missionary challenge.

● The Temple Baptist Sunday School, Lodi, California, set a goal of 500 for Easter Sunday morning. Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, spoke on the topic, "Death Can Be Gain," at the well attended morning service. The choir directed by Calvin Lohr with Aimee Sawatsky at the organ presented the Easter cantata, "Day of Resurrection," at the evening service. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionary for the Cameroons, brought a series of Wednesday night School of Missions to an inspirational close on Wednesday, March 25.

● Miss Louanne Fuchs of Oak Park, Ill., a daughter of Mrs. Daniel Fuchs, will go to Salzburg, Austria, on September 25, 1959 with her Conservatory Class of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, to study music during the next school year. This Junior Class will study music at the Mozarteum of Salzburg. Miss Fuchs has been enrolled at Oberlin College on a music scholarship.

● An Easter Musical was presented by various choirs and soloists at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest

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75th OBSERVANCE of CHILDREN'S DAY June 14, 1959

Special programs and recitation material for Children's Day are being sent to all churches at end of April. Write to Forest Park office for further information.



—A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.

Tom soon learned that Mary Sue's beauty came deeply from her very soul which was completely at peace with her Savior.

The Voice of My Beloved

A Christian Novel by
Phyllis Speshok

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SYNOPSIS

Tom Larkin drove his big semi truck into the darkness of a storm night and hit an obstruction in the road. No farmhouse light was in sight. Then to his amazement at the top of a hill he seemed to see a building with lights flickering at the windows. He walked to it through the hurdling rain and found it to be a weather beaten church. And in it, he discovered a girl, deep in prayer, sitting near a candelabra. Mary Sue took him to her home nearby and introduced him to her father. Spencer Nichols, a man with no sign of friendly warmth who called his daughter, "a scatterbrain." Since the death of his wife, Mr. Nichols and his daughter had had many disagreements. In this home with this Bible reading girl, Tom Larkin was reminded of his deeply religious mother and of his promises to her before she died. Back in the city the next day, Tom Larkin rejoined his "steady date," Dixie Gates, a waitress. But he could not forget Mary Sue and her dilapidated church. He went out again with paint and brush to fix up the church, but the girl came and talked about God's having a purpose for him and his needing Christ. Then Spencer Nichols became interested in fixing up the church and sinking a new well. Everybody in the community joined in giving a helping hand. Tom Larkin was excited about going to the church service after the building had been fixed. Dixie, his town friend, said she would not go along to the service.

CHAPTER TEN

IT WAS the first week of September, eleven o'clock on a bright Sunday morning, when Tom turned on the phonograph, flicked a switch, and the loud-speaker set at the front of the steeple burst into joyous melody, praising the Lord God.

Mary-Sue stood at the back of the church in what was now the vestibule directly beneath the steeple and leading into the main body of the church. For a minute her eyes were wide, her expression one of rapt calm, listening. Then, swift as a heartbeat, her face sprang alive with delighted animation, she emitted a soft chortle of happiness, and clasped her hands, childlike, beneath her chin. Her mood ignited Tom, and he tipped his head back and laughed with victorious excitement,

reaching out his arms to give her an energetic hug.

"It's happening!" she squealed jubilantly. "It's really happening! Music all through the valley!"

Tom laughed again, and she broke away from him and ran quickly to the back door.

"What do you expect?" he teased. "Everyone in the area to be standing in the back yard looking this way?"

But she did not answer, and in a moment he knew why. Coming up the hill and into the church was Abe Hunter, his daughter and her husband, their five children! Behind them, walking along the road, was Joe Bensen—the man who had taken up the collection to help pay for the chimes—and still behind him, Rudy Higgs and his wife, who had offered to begin work on the basement and organizing Sunday school classes. Tom was appalled!

He stood aside to admit them, nodded greetings to each, managed to mumble something sociable if not altogether gracious.

"What in the world," he whispered to Mary-Sue. "What in the world!"

But even before she could reply, there came still another—Spencer Nichols!

He brushed past them and grunted with affected disinterest, went inside, and took his place in the pews with the others.

So they sat, silent and respectful, Abe Hunter's daughter bestowing a stern look in the direction of her youngest, inclined to wriggle with discontent.

Tom groped for Mary-Sue's hand. "Are they—just paying respects—sort of?"

She came close to his side, breathing hard, a frown puckering her smooth brow. "I'm not sure—"

Tom's breath drew in and he turned to stare at her, aghast. "What then?" he whispered in outrage. "What then?"

She shook her head silently, her eyes studying his, waiting. In that horrifying instant he gave admission to the fog of expectancy hanging low and heavy throughout the little church. They expected something of him! What? What could he give them? What could he do? What could he say? He was no speaker and each of them knew it!

He groaned and started for the back door. Mary-Sue caught him and hung on tightly.

"What do you want me to do?" he whispered fiercely.

"There's only one thing you can do!"

"I can't!" The pain tearing at the inside of him was close to physical.

"You've got to!"

"What could I possibly say?"

"Whatever you feel! They're your friends!"

He shook his head mutely, eyes tormented as he glanced back at them, neat and patient, with that terrifying expectancy in the tilt of each head!

Mary-Sue prodded him gently in the middle of the back, and he stepped farther into the vestibule, stumbled to the doorway, and then trudged heavily up the center aisle and onto the platform.

Their faces swam before him, white and indistinguishable. His mind was a complete blank. For an agonizing instant, no amount of throat-clearing would bring his voice into existence! He tried to breathe and his lungs seemed to have collapsed. He reached out a big hand and touched the edge of the pulpit, touched the worn Bible Mary-Sue had left there.

"I want to thank you all for coming.

I didn't figure anybody would." And then, sheepishly, "I guess you know that—"

There was a ripple of subdued chuckles.

"You know I sure ain't no speaker, either. Or even got any right to be standing up here where a minister ought to be standing. This church—" He waved a big arm. "It was just a good way to kill some time at first—you know? Then—it got to be like a necessity—something I had to do if I was to sleep nights. I got to know you people, and I got to feeling like I belonged here—more than any place I'd ever belonged before—"

His voice hushed and dwindled to silence. For a minute he bowed his head, looked down at the floor he had spent many an hour scrubbing and sanding and varnishing, each hour round and full blown, containing a memory.

"I want to thank you for letting me come here. I want to thank any of you that might have wrote to the Doctor, saying good things when you could have said bad."

His head raised then and he looked at them directly.

"We still got a lot to do here—a powerful lot. I don't know when or how we'll get it done. But now I know we will get it done! I guess—" he added with embarrassment again, "that sounds kind of positive. I guess maybe it is positive! You might say a fellow like me's got no right to be so positive about things that're out o' his control. Maybe you'd be right sayin' it, too, but the fact remains that I am positive! You see—"

He shifted his weight and leaned an elbow on the pulpit.

"In the beginning, this was just a clean-up job. Then it kind of worked into a repair job. Last week a friend of mine asked me where it would all end. I said, 'community building,' I guess. Well, now—seein' you folks here on a Sabbath morn—I know it can't end there. We can't let it—"

As he spoke, his voice took on a new timbre, rising and falling rhythmically with honesty and sincerity. The stirring force of a battlecry mingled now and again with the tender whisper of a lover.

"I'm no minister. Maybe I ain't even a layman in the true sense of the word. By rights, I got no real good reason to talk to you about God. But—Mary-Sue's one of you, and she said to tell you what I felt. So—this is what I feel: I know we'll succeed here! I know this little church will grow and prosper and stand on its own two feet! I know it—because I know God!"

He was silent a few seconds, the revelation of his words reaching deep into his own soul. His eyes sought out Mary-Sue's, and she nodded gently. There were tears on her face, and her lovely young mouth trembled. She knew. They both knew. If ever there had been doubt, it was erased for all time from this moment forward. Falt-



The float of Chrysanthemum Water in the Gion Festival at Kyoto. The idea is derived from the water of river in old China. According to the Chinese legend, the drinking of this water affords one a long life.

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The above picture was used as an illustration in Miss Florence Miller's article, "The Protestant Centennial in Japan" that appeared in the 1959 ANNUAL. It is a timely and informative article. Read it again!

EDITOR.

ering and unsure as his words had been at the beginning, he knew now that they were no longer the clipped little phrases of a business meeting. Quite the contrary, Tom Larkin, without knowing it until it was done, had given a testimony: of his own.

He was not ashamed. Rather, he was proud and deeply happy to have had it happen here—with Mary-Sue, with these people, his friends, now and for all time.

"I know," he went on more quietly, "that God lives here. In this church, in our hearts—yours and mine. All my life I've known and feared Him. But here—and now—I've learned what it meant to love Him, to give thanks to Him, to depend on Him. I know He's with us every hour of every day—there when we need Him and call out for help.

"My friends, there was a long, long time when I wouldn't admit any of these things even to myself, but now I know they're all true. I wonder," he asked, straightening and standing tall, "if you would say the Twenty-third Psalm with me?"

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me be-

side the still waters. He restoreth my soul—"

Tom's eyes locked tenderly with Mary-Sue's. He restoreth my soul. And, indeed, if ever he had experienced indecision, his purpose was firm and straight now: he was most assuredly a Christian. Maybe not a perfect one, maybe not still a wise one, but one with faith so infinite as to match even Mary-Sue's.

She came forward at the end of the Psalm and took over for him.

"The hymnals were musty and had to be thrown away, most of them," she said in her sweet, soft voice, "but I'm sure that after hearing the beautiful testimony Mr. Larkin has just shared with us, we'll be able to remember some of our favorites—"

She took her place at the piano, and Tom went to the front pew and sat watching her. Still a trifle dazed, but with an inner serenity that kept his lips drawn into a tender smile, his heart unquestioning and at ease.

They sang perhaps half a dozen old favorites, and as they sang, as he watched the radiant joy on Mary-Sue's face, Tom understood at least partially the illimitable power of prayer. Mary-Sue had prayed for this church. Every obstacle imaginable seemed against its transformation and yet, here she sat. A smile on her face, love in her eyes, hymns on her lips—the church alive with warmth and blessing and hope. His mother had prayed for his salvation. Every circumstance—including his own determination!—had been pitched against it. Yet, not ten minutes ago he had stood before a dozen people and openly acknowledged Christ as his Saviour.

He recalled now Mary-Sue's words that day from the Song of Solomon. "The voice of my beloved! Behold, he cometh—" Yes, she had been right. The voice of His Beloved had shown Himself through the lattice, had made Himself known again to Tom.

She was a stubborn, sassy little one, Mary-Sue. But oh, so wise in the ways of God!

He was aroused from his reverie by her sudden movement. His head lifted as he heard her invite them again.

"Perhaps Mr. Larkin would read from the Bible for us," she suggested innocently. "I would be most happy to play the piano. Somehow, it will seem like Sunday again!"

They arose to leave then, and Mary-Sue's eyes went cautiously to his, searching for disapproval. She was correct in suspecting he might be angry! That is, a month ago. Now? He merely shook his head in mock reprimand and then smiled and held out a hand to her. She came down quickly, close at his side, and together they greeted and chatted with their first congregation!

"I like the way you talk," Abe Hunter's eldest grandson piped. "You talk so's a body can tell what you're talkin' about!"

Tom laughed and rumbled the lad's

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 10, 1959

Theme: NATHAN AND DAVID

Scripture: 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 9-10, 13-14

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A man's strength or weakness are revealed in time of trial and temptation.

INTRODUCTION: All of God's children should have a normal fear of sin. It would not be possible to live a triumphant Christian life without it. But such a fear should not prompt us to run away from the world and take refuge in a monastery or to seek the life of a hermit. The sheltered life is not the victorious life, nor is it a useful life dedicated to the service of others. A man's faith in God must be stronger than his fear of sin so that he will be able to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

David's life was not a sheltered life. His opportunities were varied and numerous, which were not afforded the common man. His rights and privileges were exercised to a greater degree than those of ordinary men. The higher a man rises on the ladder of success, whether it be in the spiritual or material realm, the more intense and numerous become the temptations. David's life was exposed to a whole nation. He had solemn momentous decisions to make. His power to exercise his life for good or evil affected all Israel. When he was at his best, he led them to the portals of heaven, and when he was at his worst, he led them to death and destruction. (See also 2 Samuel 24).

I. NATHAN'S PARABLE. 2 Samuel 12:1-4.

The Old Testament has very few parables, and this one is the best-known because it is patterned more closely after those of Jesus in the gospels. The prophet could not have used a better illustration to drive home his point more clearly and unmistakably. It is a masterpiece of simplicity.

II. DAVID'S ANGER. 2 Samuel 12:5-6.

In one short sweeping verdict, David pronounced his own death sentence—even though he did not realize it at the time. Like so many of us, he found it easier to express his righteous anger concerning someone else's sin and to be very lenient and superficial about his own. The prayer of Robert Burns ought to become our own when he expressed the wish that God would give us the gift to see ourselves as others see us. Particularly as God sees us!

III. GOD'S ANGER. 2 Samuel 12:7-10.

Few moments are more dramatic than the one in which we see the pic-

ture of Nathan pointing his accusing finger at David and saying, "Thou art the man!" It is always a shocking experience to have our sin exposed when we were so sure that it was well hidden. At such times God does not spare our feelings. He often waits a long time for some action on our part. When it is not forthcoming, he must embarrass us into action.

IV. DAVID'S REPENTANCE. 2 Samuel 12:13.

To David's credit it must be said that he made no attempt to excuse his sin. He knew he was left with no alternative, and he cried out with all his heart, "I have sinned!" Here we see a striking example of how quickly God responds to man's repentance. As soon as genuine godly sorrow was expressed, God responded with immediate forgiveness.

V. SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES. 2 Samuel 12:14.

No matter how sincerely we repent nor how thoroughly, God forgives and cleanses us. There is nevertheless much suffering as the result of sin that God cannot take away. The harm that we have done to the faith of others is difficult to restore, for their confidence in us was shaken. Murder, adultery, drunkenness, reckless driving, all leave their marks of suffering long after repentance and forgiveness have taken place.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 17, 1959

Theme: SOLOMON'S REIGN

Scripture: 1 Kings 9:1-9

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A good beginning is not enough. It must continue on to a good ending.

INTRODUCTION: It is often easy to begin with high and noble purposes; to make great and worthy resolutions and generous and sincere promises. In the warmth of our first inspirational and emotional experience, we feel more than able to continue in our new venture. On numerous occasions in the past, we have felt the infusion of physical and spiritual strength. In the experience of the new birth, at baptism, at a Watchnight Service, at a reception of a new minister, at a dedication service, at a graduation exercise, at the installation of new officers—at all of these events we had the convic-

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tion that from then on everything would be different and better. And it should have been different and better!

In the political realm, we had the same feeling—a new mayor, a new governor, or a new president was all we needed to bring in the life of abundance and peace. In all of these things it is well to remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31b).

I. SOLOMON'S DESIRE. 1 Kings 9:1.

One of the greatest satisfactions in life is to have a noble desire and to be able to live long enough to see that desire fulfilled. Solomon's desire to build a house of the Lord was a wonderful dream which finally became a reality. It is good to have worthy desires, but we can never forget that our desires are not fulfilled unless there are sacrifice and offering on our part. We cannot dedicate a house of God without thinking of the work and sacrifice of the members who made it possible.

II. GOD'S DESIRE. 1 Kings 9:2-5.

Notice how natural it was for God to appear before Solomon as long as his desire was in harmony with the desire of God. It was when Solomon followed his own desire that "the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice" (1 Kings 11:9).

God's desire was also fulfilled in Solomon's prayer. He was a channel through which God was able to accomplish the building of the temple and to unite the nation of Israel for worship and to bless them with his presence.

III. A NATION'S DANGER. 1 Kings 9:6.

One of the greatest dangers to the life of a nation is the quality of its leadership. There is a measure of faith and confidence in a government whose aim is to lead the people toward law and order and godliness. There was grave danger that Israel would turn from following the commandments of God because the danger was already apparent in Solomon.

IV. A NATION'S JUDGMENT. 1 Kings 9:7-9.

On the surface, the reign of Solomon was characterized by splendor and magnificence. Even his spiritual and religious ideals and efforts had all the attributes of genuine godliness and revival. But one of his strong points also became one of his weak points. As a great international statesman, Solomon not only accepted his neighbors' goods in trade, but also their gods in worship. His tolerance led him to set aside definite moral convictions without which it was impossible to follow God.

If a nation sets Jehovah aside and accepts every substitute for God, then God has no substitute for judgment. God and his blessings are synonymous with acceptance, while judgment is synonymous with rejection.

BAPTIST HERALD

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern District

Reception of New Pastor's Family, Camrose, Alta.

On Sunday, March 15, the Fellowship Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, welcomed their new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Fritzke and their son Marlo. They come to us from Nokomis, Sask. Following the morning service, a dinner was served in the lower auditorium. The occasion also served as a farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Allen Link and children, who are moving to Leduc, Alberta.

After dinner, we gathered in the church auditorium. Mr. R. G. Soderstrom acted as chairman of the program. Words of welcome were expressed by each department of our church, namely, Sunday School, young people's society, senior choir, mission circle, Men's Brotherhood and the church.

The Junior Choir rendered a number in song. A lovely solo was given by Mrs. Glen Monson, "Bless This House." Words of welcome were also given by Rev. T. W. Wilkinson representing the Ministerial Association of our city and by Rev. Lewis Worke, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Camrose. Mr. and Mrs. Fritzke replied very effectively to this warm welcome and challenged each member of the church to do their part in winning souls for God.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter

Central District

Evangelistic Meetings at Baptist Church, Creston, Nebr.

Evangelistic meetings were held at the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Nebr., from March 3 to 11 with Rev. J. A. Brygger of George, Iowa, as guest speaker. In spite of inclement weather and the illness of our pastor, Rev. R. Stading, Mr. Brygger rendered a fine ministry during the meetings which was greatly appreciated by our church. The spiritual life of the church was strengthened.

On Sunday, March 15, Rev. Lawrence G. Bienert, C. B. Y. Fellowship secretary, was our guest speaker. On March 22 the Junior department of the Sunday School presented the Bible Day program. Mr. Kenneth Prang, superintendent, was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Orton Hulsebus, Reporter

Prayer Day for Oklahoma Women's Missionary Unions

Fifty-five women of the Women's Missionary Unions from the Okeene, Loyal, Corn, Cherokee and Shattuck churches in Oklahoma met jointly for a World Day of Prayer service at the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Shattuck on Feb. 13. The fellowship activities for the day began at 11:30 a. m. when

the Shattuck Union served a Prayer Day luncheon. At 1:00 p. m. the prayer service was held in the church's sanctuary.

"Lord, I Believe" (John 9:38) was the theme used throughout the service in all of the devotional talks presented. Each group shared in the service in topics presented and through special music. Most of the women participated in prayer as the requests were presented for the mission needs of the world with special emphasis upon our own North American Baptist missionary fields abroad and on the home continent. The women felt that the day had been well spent in this combined Christian fellowship. The joint Prayer Day service will again be held with the Loyal Union extending the invitation to the other Oklahoma Unions to meet with them in 1960.

Mrs. F. J. Schoenhals, Reporter

South Dakota Baptist Men's Rally at Parkston

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 25, a Men's Fellowship Rally was held in the Baptist Church, Parkston, S. Dak. The officers of the South Dakota Baptist Men's Association prepared a program in which the various Brotherhoods of our churches took part. Men's chorus groups from Madison, Plum Creek, and Emery and a men's trio from Tyndall sang. Professor Roy W. Seibel of our Seminary was our speaker. His message, addressed to us as men, challenged us to let God lead us in our life. After the meeting the Parkston-Tripp Brotherhood served a lunch, consisting of potato chips, a relish dish, ham sandwiches, coffee, cake and ice cream.

The register showed 120 men in attendance: Avon, 3; Chancellor, 3; Em-



Sunday School teachers and leaders at the Christian Workshop meetings held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wisconsin.

Workers' Training Conference Held at Wausau, Wis.

A very successful Sunday School Workers' Training Conference was conducted in the Immanuel Church, Wausau, Wis., during the week-end of Feb. 27, 28 and March 1. The sessions opened on Friday evening, with the successive meetings held on Saturday afternoon, Saturday evening, and Sunday afternoon. A supper was enjoyed on Saturday between the afternoon and evening periods.

The Children's Work was under the supervision of Miss Ruth Bathauer, while Rev. G. K. Zimmerman conducted the discussions and workshops for those interested in the adult departments. The average attendance was 32, which included the entire staff of our Sunday School attending part or all of the training sessions. Much enthusiasm was shown and many new ideas gained as we now look forward to a more effective witness for Christ through our church school.

Mrs. Franklin Gering, Reporter

ery, 26; Danzig, 3; Madison, 20; Parkston and Tripp, 27; Plum Creek, 18; Trinity, 3; Tyndall, 5; and Westington Springs, 12. Many men said that they hoped that the Rally would become an annual affair. Baptist Men's officers of the South Dakota Association are: president, Albert Radel, Parkston; vice-president, Neil DeBoer, Madison; secretary, Bert Terveen, Emery; and treasurer, Lester Jucht, Plum Creek Church.

Bert Terveen, Reporter

Eastern District

Deeper Life Campaign, Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ont.

From March 3 to 13 the Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario, held Deeper Life Meetings under the theme, "New Life For You." Rev. Wilmer Quiring of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was the special pastor-evangelist. His ser-

mons were directed to the deepening of the Christian's life and faith in God as well as leading others to accept Christ as the Savior of their lives.

Interspersed throughout the campaign were the five special nights at which time emphasis was given to the Family, Youth, Women and Men. The final meeting was "Full Surrender Night" when all Christians present dedicated themselves anew to Christ.

The services were led by the pastor, Rev. Henry G. Ramus, with Leslie Helwig as organist and Adolph Hahn as song leader. Special music was rendered nightly by the church choir and individuals in the form of solos, trios and quartet. We are grateful to God for sending Brother Quiring into our midst to lead us closer to God in this time of great spiritual refreshing.

Henry G. Ramus, Pastor

90th Birthday Celebration for Marie Wangelein, Chicago

On Feb. 17 the Woman's Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, celebrated a very happy birthday. Their oldest member, through the grace of God, had attained the age of 90 years. The devotional theme of the evening, "Loom of Life," was especially fitting because of the wonderful "garment" she has woven during her many years. It will be pleasing to wear in the presence of her King.

Marie Wangelein followed her Lord in baptism in 1892 in Germany. In 1895 she came to America and within a few months joined the Second Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. By 1897 she was an active member of the "Frauen Verein" and has continued to be an inspiration through her testimony. On Jan. 12, 1956 the Central Baptist Home for the Aged became her home and there too she continues in word and deed to praise the Lord.

Edith Barton, Reporter



Marie Wangelein, the oldest member of the Grace Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Chicago, Ill., on her 90th birthday. She is now a guest of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged.

Building Plans for Redeemer Church, Warren, Mich.

On December 7, 1958 the First Baptist Church of Center Line, Michigan, voted to change its name to the REDEEMER BAPTIST CHURCH of Warren, since it will be moving to a new location and into the city of Warren, Mich. Ground breaking services were held on December 21, 1958 with a good crowd of people out, in spite of the cold weather. The building is now underway with the basement almost completed.

The present building program is estimated at \$232,000 and is to be completed in September 1959. Future plans include an educational unit that can be used for day school and Sunday

School, a parsonage and perhaps some missionary houses. The parking lot will facilitate over 200 cars. The church will seat over 800 people and the Fellowship Hall will seat about 500.

The Building Committee is composed of C. Yerke, chairman; A. Veersma, J. Sonnenberg, E. Sonnenberg, P. Steinkraus and J. Carnill as secretary. Rev. Adolph Braun is our pastor. We thank the Lord for faithful and sacrificial Christians united in this venture of faith for Christ and his Church. John Carnill, Church Clerk

Sunday School and Easter Programs, Gladwin, Mich.

Recently the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., has endeavored to put new life into our Sunday School. Thus we instituted our first training course. Most of our teachers took the course, "You Can Teach," taught by our pastor, Rev. Ernest Lutt. The Sunday School also had a visitation "kickoff" banquet to which we invited Rev. David Draewell, our Sunday School secretary from the Central Conference. He brought a real challenge as to the possibilities of visitation.

Our Sunday School has set aside the first Sunday in every month for missionary Sunday. Out of this offering we support Missionary Haupt with \$250 and other workers from time to time. Rev. R. DeRenzo was our Evangelist Feb. 16-27 at which time many homes were visited and unsaved were dealt with in their homes, in their barns and business places.

Easter Sunday was a special day in our church with an all musical program sponsored by the music committee for the evening. Following the evening services we held a Singspiration to which we invited several churches in the community. Our choir under the direction of Mrs. Eleanor Wolfe is a blessing to us as they sing every Sunday.

Lora Lutt, Reporter

OUR PEERLESS SOVEREIGN

By Grace L. Voll of North Freedom, Wis.

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, And his ways past finding out!"

Romans 11:33.

I'm glad God and his universe have "ways past finding out!" Because, if man could comprehend what they are all about, We'd have to learn, in life's few years, their vast infinitude! No human eye or mind can grasp, or prove, without one doubt, A millionth of the loving power behind such magnitude. We must accept it. Godly planes exceed our altitude. If morals equalled God, on earth, we then should all agree, The Mighty, Holy One above, was shorn of majesty. Then every hope that faith inspires would lie beneath death's curse: So I am very glad indeed, God let Paul write that verse!

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BAPTIST HERALD

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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vention. Estimates show this station serves the largest audience of any station in Bolivia, commercial or otherwise, but most of the listeners are middle and upper class people who own radios. Small pre-tuned receivers, set to receive only "The Southern Cross," are presently being distributed by Baptist missionaries to those who cannot afford radios. Portable electric receivers are given for use where electric current is available. Transistor receivers, operating on flashlight batteries, are being used in the country by Indian families.

NOTICE—BISMARCK HOME

A special meeting of the Society of the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, North Dakota, will be held at the Home on May 11, 1959, at 1:00 P.M. This meeting is for the purpose of considering the building of a nursing home addition to the present facilities.

Orrin B. Enockson, Secretary

• **The Cuban Revolution.** Baptists as individual citizens, were deeply involved in the recent Cuban revolution, Rev. Wilbur Larson reveals. Most of revolutionary fighting was in Oriente province, where the Eastern Cuba Baptist Convention, related to the ABHMS, is also strong. Two Protestant chaplains to Fidel Castro's forces were Baptists. The Baptist school at Christo was used as a refuge for townfolk bombed out by the Batista airplanes. The church at Cueto sheltered some 70 civilians during an attack. A Baptist pastor in Santiago served as intermediary between rebel and government forces to arrange the peaceful surrender of army forces in that city after the fall of Havana. The pastor of the Baptist church at Palma Soriano is one of three commissioners temporarily replacing the municipality's mayor.—*The Watchman-Examiner*

• **Baptist Hospitals, P. I.** The two Baptist hospitals in the Philippine Islands are at Iloilo, and Roxas City. Emmanuel Hospital in the latter city now has a new building, formally opened in December, 1957. During the year of construction, service continued without interruption; now facilities for out-patient clinic service are adequate, and represent the key service of the hospital. The new building has a seventy-bed capacity, nineteen of the rooms affording private or semi-private accommodation. One feature of this hospital is unknown in America, but is important in the Philippines, where members of a patient's family insist upon watching an operation. Instead of telling them that this would be impossible, an outside observation platform was built for observers, thus keeping them out of the operating area.—*Christian Evangelical.*

Spanish-American Church Dedicated

Report of Dedication of the Bethel Baptist Church, Del Norte, Colorado, for the Spanish-American Christians by Miss Helen Lohse, Missionary

SUNDAY, Feb. 8th, was a day of rejoicing as members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church in Del Norte, Colorado, met to dedicate our church building. A week of special meetings with Rev. Raymond Castro of Rio Grande City, Texas, had just been completed, during which nine adults and 2 young people came to the Lord and six adults and young people reconsecrated their lives to the Lord.

I could not help but wonder on that afternoon what our response would be to God at the judgment throne had we neglected to continue full-time work here in Del Norte, Colorado, with its many possibilities of advancement. I also thought of the different buildings in which we had worshipped. First, the tiny two-room building into which 70 or more people were crowded. Then, the adobe house which had begun to fall apart with the ceiling coming down in one room and bedbugs in plentiful numbers. Last, the small cement house which still was not adequate but at least decently clean.

However, God heard our prayers and early in 1958 we were able to move into our present church building.

As Rev. Raymond Castro led the congregation in an antiphonal reading of Psalm 136, we could certainly say from our hearts with the Psalmist that the Lord God is good, his mercy unchanging, all things are in his hands, all power is his, and therefore we could dedicate this building to his service. Rev. David C. Keiry led the congregation in the singing of hymns of dedication and the Del Norte choir sang the hymn, "Have thine own way, Lord." The entire service was carried on in the Spanish language. For his dedication message Mr. Castro spoke on "God Choosing His Dwelling Place," taken from II Chronicles 6. He spoke of God choosing his dwelling place among a humble people, a worshipping people, a sacrificing and a praying people.

We covet your prayers that God might truly use the Bethel Baptist Church to his glory in this community.

"WHAT'S HAPPENING" NEWS

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Park, Ill., on Sunday evening, March 26. Numbers were rendered by the Church Choir directed by Mr. Alfred Schultz, the German Choir directed by Hermann Holtz, Sr., and the Junior Choir led by Mr. Hermann Holz, Jr. Miss Lydia Mihm sang the solo, "Easter Day Has Crowned Him King" and Mr. Hermann Holtz, Jr., rendered "The Holy City," accompanied on the violin by Louanne Fuchs and at the piano by Dorothy Fuchs. A male quartet and a duet composed of Miss Adelaide Klatt and Mr. Alfred Schultz also sang. Miss Louanne Fuchs rendered a beautiful medley of Easter hymns on the violin. Mr. Gary Schroeder was in charge of the fine service.

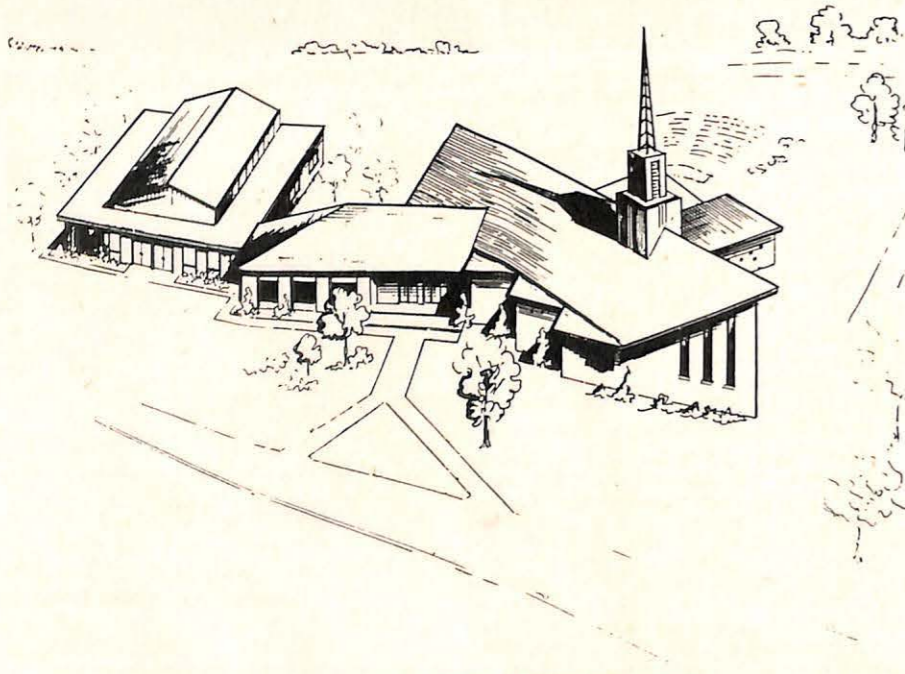
• On Thursday evening (8:00 P.M.), April 30, during the sessions of the Board of Missions, a Missionary Rally will be held for the churches of Chicago and vicinity. The rally will convene at the Forest Park Baptist Church. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, Cameroons medical missionary, and Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor of the Ebenezer church, Detroit, Michigan, who recently made a tour of mission fields in Africa, will be the principal speakers. Dr. W. J. Appel, director of our mission work in Austria, will also take part in the service. The Board of Missions is holding its annual sessions from April 28 to 30.

• Miss Laura E. Reddig and Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Cameroons missionaries, are arriving by boat in the United

States from Africa about May 12. Miss Reddig is recovering from a siege of illness and is returning to the United States for further medical attention. Recently she wrote to the Headquarters office following her trip from Victoria to the Bamenda New Hope Settlement to spend some time in familiar surroundings for rest: "I returned to Mbingo February 19 and my strength is returning nicely. I'm humbly grateful for all the folks back home and out here who prayed for me. God's Presence was never so near and sweet to me as during this illness. I praise him for the countless blessings he gives."

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- Rev. Jack Davis
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REDEEMER BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN, MICH.

The architect's sketch of the \$232,000 new edifice, now under construction, of the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., of which Rev. Adolph Braun is the pastor.



William Standing in the Road, a fine, faithful Christian of the Montana Reserve, and his wife with their six children, whose names all begin with the letter "L": Lawrence, Leo, Larry, Leonard, LeRoy and Luciel

WE, THE WOMEN

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against the wiles of the devil. Our home was always open to our friends. One friend often said, "Your mother always makes you feel as if a place was set for you all the time, and you're one of the family."

Mother's prayers for each of her loved ones have always meant much to me. I know she will never cease to pray for us until the Lord calls her home. Her prayer is that our lives will be pleasing to God and that we will live for him.

MARCH OF EVENTS

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executive director of the state church council. In the afternoon session more

than 250 people from all over the state, including legislators, welfare directors and others concerned, heard discussions of "The Forward Look in Indian Affairs." There are approximately 5,000 Indians belonging to some tribe or band in Oregon. One conference resolution asked amendments to a bill before Congress which calls for the earliest possible termination of Indian tribes. The second resolution called for setting up a permanent Indian Committee in Oregon as there is no body with authority to safeguard both the Indians' rights and the state economy now that the Interim Committee has ceased to function. "Indians have justly complained through the years," said Dr. Talney, "that whites seem vastly more interested in Indian property than Indian people." He added that Oregon church people are determined to see that they get a fair deal.

VOICE OF MY BELOVED

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hair. "That's because I don't know any big words!"

"Just the same," the boy insisted, "I'll bet it pleases God!"

His mother chided him gently. "We don't bet, Lenny. But I know what he means, Mr. Larkin," she added, her eyes going to Tom's, "and I can't help but agree. You sure did some nice talkin'!"

"You sure did, son," Abe echoed. "Can't say as I minded gettin' this suit out o' the moth balls and walkin' all this way to hear talkin' like that!"

Tom laughed softly and clapped the old man on the back.

"You're prejudiced," Tom joked. "Why don't you just admit you come to see if the well was workin' all right—"

And so it went, happily, peacefully and so gratifyingly that he saw Mary-Sue blinking to hold back tears.

The last one out was Spencer Nichols. He eyed them both, Mary-Sue and Tom, for a long time before grunting grudgingly, "I always figured a man with his fingers in the soil knew more about life than a boy with his nose in a book."

Tom met his eyes somberly. "I ain't exactly a boy with his nose in a book, Spencer."

The older man nodded. "I know, Tom," he said quietly. "I guess that's why I can believe you."

He started away, then half turned back. "You comin' on home to have dinner with us, ain't you?"

Tom nodded. "If I wouldn't be in the way, sir."

Spencer shook his head thoughtfully, as if his thoughts were on another thing altogether—and Tom knew what. Salvation was still so new within him that he could sense its closeness in another.

"No trouble at all," Spencer said after a minute. "Be a pleasure, son."

The door closed after him, and they were alone. Mary-Sue cried out and came to Tom, weeping soft and hard, her face buried in her hands. Tom touched her hair, smoothed it back.

"You been crying too much lately," he scolded gently.

"I can't help it!" she sobbed, womanlike. "I'm so happy—"

Tom grinned above her head. "This is logical?"

"I'm so grateful! To you—to Dr. Elliott—to God—"

Somehow her fingers found his arms and tightened on his sleeves. "I know what happened while you were talking, Tom! I watched your face and I knew—I saw—I've hoped and prayed and hollered at you so long! And then my father—Oh, Tom!" She leaned back and looked up at him. "I know he'll accept Christ soon! I feel it! I know that seeing you, hearing you—oh, Tom!"

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Obituary

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

MRS. FRIEDA L. SCHOENE of Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Frieda Louise Schoene of Chicago, Ill., was born on Nov. 9, 1881 in Barneburg, Germany. She was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Richard Schoene. This marriage was blessed with two sons, Arno and Waldemar, both residing in Chicago.

After the passing of her husband, she emigrated to the United States in 1926. Here she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and, after publicly witnessing to this experience in Scriptural baptism, she joined the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago in 1931. In 1952 her membership was transferred to the Foster Ave. Baptist Church of which she was a faithful and dedicated member until March 16 of this year when she joined the Church Triumphant in Heaven. In her homegoing Mrs. Schoene is survived by 2 brothers, both in Germany; one sister in Florida, 2 sons in Chicago, 5 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

Foster Ave. Baptist Church
Chicago, Illinois
BERNARD SCHALM, Interim Pastor

MRS. ANNA C. MAESNER of Tacoma, Washington

Mrs. Anna Christine Maesner of Tacoma, Washington, was born Dec. 20, 1884 in Norway. Emigrating from her native land, she came to America, and then arrived in Tacoma, Washington from North Dakota some 14 years ago. At that time she became the wife of Mr. George Maesner. She was a member of the Lutheran Church and was a faithful wife to her husband. A heart condition caused her illness which lasted only a few days, with death coming on March 6, 1959. Besides her husband, survivors include: three daughters: Mrs. Ann Morris, Puyallup, Washington; Mrs. Julie Lingier of Garden Grove, California; and Mrs. Ella McCullough of Cleveland, Ohio; and two sons: Olaf and Albert Bakken, both of Redding, California. The undersigned officiated in the absence of the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church and spoke briefly at the memorial service on the words of Jesus: "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2B).

Calvary Baptist Church
Tacoma, Washington
EMANUEL BIBELHEIMER
Officiating Minister

MRS. ELSIE SCHEFFLER of Madison, Nebraska

Mrs. Elsie Scheffler of Madison, Nebraska, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Brunken, was born August 12, 1909 near Lehigh, Nebraska. Later her parents moved near Creston, Nebraska, where she grew to womanhood and attended the public schools. On Jan. 25, 1939 she was united in marriage to Ervin Scheffler. Two sons were born to this union, Lester, age 15, and Larry, 13. She accepted Christ as her Saviour and at the age of 11 was baptized by the late Rev. F. W. Socolofsky, and joined the Creston Baptist Church. She was a member of the Dorcas Society and served as treasurer of the Society for several years. She taught a Sunday School class until her health would not permit it.

She passed away March 11, 1959 after battling with a cancerous condition. All during her suffering, she had a radiant spirit and was an inspiration to all who visited with her. Her passing is mourned by her husband, Ervin, her two sons, 4 brothers, 4 sisters.

Creston, Nebraska
R. C. STADING, Pastor

MRS. MARTHA JACOBSON of Elmo, Kansas

Mrs. Martha Anna Jacobson of Elmo, Kansas, was born in Bern, Switzerland July 27, 1883 and passed away Feb. 9, 1959 in the Herington Hospital of Kansas after a brief illness at the age of 75. She came to the United States with her mother, Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Linder, at the age of 2½ years in 1885. The father, Mr. John Linder had arrived earlier. They settled in the Dillon community. On May 28, 1907 she was married to Mr. Henry P. Jacobson. This union was blessed with three sons and three daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson observed their golden wedding anniversary in 1957.

Elmo, Kansas
R. C. STADING, Pastor

"Living is death; dying is life. On this side of the grave we are exiles, on that, citizens; on this side, orphans; on that, children; on this side, captives; on that, freemen; on this side disguised, unknown; on that, disclosed and proclaimed as the sons of God."

—Henry Ward Beecher

She received Christ as her Savior Jan. 24, 1899 and united with the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County May 14, 1899. She was also a member of the Woman's Missionary Society.

She leaves to mourn her husband; three sons: Carl, Milton and Howard; two daughters: Mrs. Hilda Fisher and Mrs. Lillian McCarthy; 3 brothers and 14 grandchildren. Dickinson County Baptist Church
Elmo, Kansas

WALTER L. WEBER, Pastor

SGT. EDWARD WOODRICH of Kankakee, Illinois

Sgt. Edward Woodrich of Kankakee, Illinois, a marine in the United States Armed Forces, was killed on March 6th when a transport plane crashed near Cherry Point, North Carolina. He was born June 29, 1935 to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Woodrich of Kankakee. On March 25, 1945 he was baptized by Rev. F. Lower and received into the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee where he remained a faithful member. He was active in young people's programs and as an officer of the CBY Fellowship of Chicago and vicinity.

In 1954 he entered the United States Marine Corps and served in Korea and Japan. He had just completed a two-months' tour of Europe. He was married to Sandra Mason on February 23, 1957. Services were held at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, where he was buried with military honors. Surviving are his widow and daughter, Susan; his parents; three sisters: Misses Evelyn and Ardis Woodrich and Mrs. Arlene Wright; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Seedorf.

Immanuel Baptist Church
Kankakee, Illinois
M. L. LEUSCHNER, Correspondent

MR. RUDOLPH K. ORTHNER of Regina, Saskatchewan

Mr. Rudolph Karl Orthner was born on Jan. 7, 1887 in Serath Boucovina, Austria. He came to Canada with his parents on May 25, 1905. After a few years' stay at Balgonie, Sask., they homesteaded at Serath. In August 1907 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior. The same year he was baptized in Southey. He was accepted into the Serath Baptist Church and on going into retirement on May 10, 1949 he moved to Regina and then affiliated with the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church where he remained a member until his death. On July 13, 1913 Mr. Orthner was married to Emilia Mary Galonzoski. This marriage was blessed with 8 children all of which are still living.

Mr. Orthner went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Feb. 15, 1959 after suffering a severe stroke the previous day. Left to mourn are his wife; 4 sons: Robert, Louie, Julius, all of Raymore and Walter of Weyburn; 4 daughters: Annie, Mrs. Joe Neb of Franks Lake, Hulda, Mrs. Wm. Berkan of Raymore, Rosior, Mrs. James Nicholson of Regina; Eleanor, Mrs. Roland Flatham of Regina; and 23 grandchildren.

Victoria Ave. Baptist Church
Regina, Saskatchewan
E. L. THIESSEN, Correspondent

MR. CHARLIE ABENDROTH of Randolph, Minnesota

Mr. Charlie Abendroth of Randolph, Minn., was born Oct. 12, 1883 and went to his heavenly Home March 16, 1959 at the age of 75 years, after having been ill for the last 1½ years. He accepted Christ as a young man, was baptized June 14, 1908, at which time he united with the Randolph Baptist Church. On Sept. 16, 1925, he was united in marriage with Martha Kromer of Saint Paul, Minn.

As a faithful member he served in numerous church offices and as deacon for 16 years. He was honorary deacon at the time of his death. His consistent and faithful devotion and service to his Lord and his church, with a positive testimony concerning his faith, stand out very vividly in the mind of this church.

With his passing he leaves to mourn his devoted wife, Martha, one sister, Esther of Randolph; one brother, John of Larned, Kansas; one grand-niece, three grand-nephews and a great host of friends. Rev. Donald Patet, a former pastor, assisted in the services.

Randolph, Minnesota
BERT ITTERMAN, Pastor

MR. DAN D. MILLER of Bismarck, North Dakota

Mr. Dan D. Miller of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born in Neuburg, South Russia, August 27, 1898. In 1901 he came with his parents to America arriving at Kulm, N. Dak. The following year the family moved to McLean County and homesteaded southeast of Turtle Lake, N. Dak. On Dec. 1, 1920, he was united in marriage with Maggie Neuharth. They farmed in the Turtle Lake Area until 1950, when they moved to Bismarck, N. Dak.

In 1921 he experienced salvation in Jesus, his Savior, was baptized by Rev. John Rummel, and united in membership with the Turtle Lake Baptist Church. Later he transferred his membership to the Bismarck Baptist Church. Brother Miller was an active member. Recently he was elected deacon of the church.

He died March 9th at the age of 60 years, 6 months, 12 days. He leaves to mourn his beloved and bereaved wife; one daughter, Mrs. Dave Duffloth, Bismarck; six sons: Richard A. of Billings, Mont.; Chester L. of Minot, N. Dak.; Walter L.; Herbert R.; Harley V., all of Bismarck, N. Dak.; and Milo A. of Fort Ritchie, Mr.; and 14 grandchildren.

Bismarck Baptist Church
Bismarck, North Dakota
EMANUEL BROECKEL
Officiating Minister

After Calvary

By Grace L. Voll of North Freedom, Wisconsin
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Was sunset veiled in sullen gray the night
That followed Calvary, or in a flash
Of bright, victorious crimson light? I think
Of women, dragging homeward wearied feet
From that rock hill, with frightened, tortured hearts,
Dry, burning eyes and cheeks where salt lay dried
In dusty streaks . . . a haggard mask of pain.
Their Healer, Christ, lay dead. The violence
And hatred shown their loved one these last hours
Had flogged their hearts as well, with suffering's thong.
Where turn for comfort now, except to John,
Who led them to his home, as Jesus wished,
And ministered to them with loving care.
God bless all Johns who comfort mourners, still!

THE GREATEST HONOR

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equipped for life! No child is effectively trained without having come to the experience of a vital fellowship with God. Today children are being given everything but God at home as well as at school.

COMPANIONSHIP AND LOVE

Mothers are not allowed to keep their children out of school during certain ages, or allowed to starve and beat them. But any mother may keep from her children the most important things in life. The heartbreaking starvation is a kind which the law cannot touch. It is the starvation for companionship and love—the horrible modern starvation for God and the things of God. Spiritually starved children are all too plentiful. For such a time as this, a vital faith in God is of utmost importance!

Mothers, fulfill your difficult yet most important task by daily communion with God. Mothers of prayer are a most powerful influence. "More things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of." The child may get away from many things and influences of his mother, but he can never get away from the influence of his mother's prayers.

God must be real to you! You cannot give your child what you do not possess. There must be Christianity in the home, if there is to be Christianity in the life of the child.

The great challenge which mothers

MOTHER'S DAY

I was sitting on the lawn—
Sewing buttons, feeling blue,
Darning socks, and thinking soon
Will Mother's day be due.
My youngest son had vanished
I did not know just where;
I wish he would tell Mother,
For Mothers always care.
I know he's seventeen and grown
And good and true as steel.
'Tis foolish, but it's just the way
We mothers always feel.
And suddenly I heard a step
And he was by my side
With flowers his arms were laden,
And sweetest card beside—
"To wish you every blessing
My thoughts and prayers combine,
For truly, truly always
I love you, Mother mine."
And suddenly the world was bright
And life had sweeter grown,
For rosy gladness filled my soul
To call that boy, my own.

—Annie E. Hitt.

face today is to be godly women. The greatest need is to mould children into the image of God. We are told of a young mother who said something like this to her minister: "Our apartment has been a place of pleasure. We had many gay and even wild parties. God didn't mean much. But now Betty has come. I must make a home for her. I must houseclean my heart and mind. I'm not just myself, I'm Betty's mother. And that means I need God. I can't do my job without him. Won't

you say a prayer for Betty and me, for Joe, and for our new home?" Betty had a chance in life.

Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Will you meet the challenge to bring your children to the love and knowledge of God? Will you be able to say to him one day: "Here am I and the children, whom thou hast given me"?

HONOR THY MOTHER!

It is well for us to honor our mothers this day. We honor our mothers who have cared for us and provide for every need in the home, mothers who have prepared us well for life by their own good examples, mothers who have taught us to make our own way after the laying of proper foundations and instilling the guiding principles of God.

We should bestow honor upon them, whether they be near or far, for God also said: "Honor thy father and thy mother that it may be well with thee, that thou mayest live long in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee." We may honor them by showering them with gifts and honeyed words—all of which is good—but the greatest honor is to live upright and worthwhile lives under God and to accomplish some worthy goal in life. We honor them by being children of whom their mothers may be justly proud, fully dedicated to our Lord and his wonderful cause. Then we will really rise up and call her blessed!



Model of the Grace Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., used in the Sunday School Expansion campaign. The boys are Lewis Diede, (left to right), Dean and Mark Fritze of the Sunday School.

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