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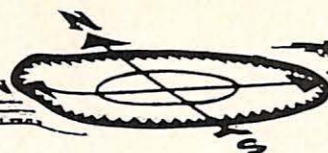
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• Dr. Albert Schweitzer has been named by the Sonning Foundation in Copenhagen, Denmark, to receive the 100,000-kroner (\$14,300) Sonning Prize. The 84-year-old missionary has agreed to accept the award when he visits Europe next autumn. Established with funds bequeathed by the late C. J. Sonning, a Danish editor, the Sonning Prize is made for outstanding contributions to European culture.

—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

• Vatican authorities have permitted a Rome firm to publish *Les Miserables*, a novel by Victor Hugo, which had been placed on the Index of Forbidden Books. The permission was given on condition that the San Paolo publishing house include footnotes explaining some of the passages to which the church raises objections. This is the first time that a book has ever been taken off the Index and authorized to be published with ecclesiastical approbation.

• Westminster Abbey, England's world-famed national sanctuary, will have a visiting American preacher as part of the annual clergy interchange program between U. S. and British churches for the first time this summer. He is Rev. Charles R. Stires, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Syracuse, N. Y. Westminster has never participated in the exchange program since it was started 33 years ago under the joint sponsorship of the British Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches.

• The Scripture Union, a "Bible Reading Movement" founded in England in 1879, and dedicated to the task of encouraging the daily, systematic reading of the Word of God, was introduced to the Philippines with the recent visit of Mr. C. K. Becroft, Secretary of the Union for Australia. From a small beginning, the ministry of the Union has grown until today its materials are available in 103 languages around the world, with over 1,200,000 people daily reading the Scripture Union portions. Basic in the work of the Union is the Daily Reading Card which provides a systematic reading of the Bible and enables the reader to finish reading the Scriptures once in five years.

• The Philippine Bible House has set aside 120,000 copies of the Sermon on the Mount for distribution to residents in Manila and suburbs, to help in the cause for good government. The distribution, which is sponsored by the International Christian Leadership Group, will be undertaken during the month of July with the help of local churches in the Manila area and the vicinity. The allocation of Scripture portions has been made possible

through donations made by the Christian community in the Philippines. Only recently, the Bible House also donated 2,000 Bibles for the Boy Scouts who will attend the 10th World Jamboree at Camp Makiling, Laguna.

• World Refugee Year begins July 1. The "year" was created by a resolution in the United Nations last year, in an effort to make a concentrated and concerted effort to solve the problem of 2,350,000 refugees. Fifty-eight nations in the UN have voted to support the World Refugee Year, and 40 have national committees at work on the problem. President Eisenhower has designated the year beginning Ju-

ly 1 as World Refugee Year in the United States. There are six critical areas in the world where refugees are concentrated. Austria, Germany, Greece and Italy have 30,000 refugees still living in camps. There are 100,000 unsettled refugees in these four countries living outside camps, plus Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Turkey. A million Arab refugees are in the United Arab Republic, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. Tunisia and Morocco have 170,000 Algerian refugees, mostly children, the rest women and old people, living under extremely primitive conditions and in need of medical supplies and food.



Baptist Briefs

• **Baptist Seminary in Lebanon.** Clear title has been received to the large plot overlooking the city of Beirut, Lebanon, which will be the home of the proposed Baptist theological seminary for the Arabic-speaking world. Although buildings on the new site cannot be ready before 1961, tentative plans have been made for beginning seminary instruction in a temporary location near downtown Beirut in September, 1960.

• **One Baptism For Every Ten.** Italian Baptists had one new baptism for every ten members in 1958. Dr. Ben R. Lawton says that the growth of Baptist work in Italy has been in steady increase during the past five years. Five years ago there were 128 baptisms; the next year, 182; then 224 and 299; and last year, 405 baptisms. Interpreted in terms of per capita ratio, five years ago there was one baptism for every 28 Baptists, the next year it was one for every 21, then one for sixteen, one for thirteen, and last year, one for ten. Baptist membership in Italy has doubled since the end of World War II.

• **Two Native Ministers Ordained.** Two Congolese nationals have been ordained as Baptist ministers at Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, the first time in the history of the American Baptist mission work in the Belgian Congo. The newly ordained ministers are Rev. Jean V. Lubikulu, pastor of a Baptist church in Leopoldville, and Rev. Colon Kapini, a regional school inspector and church advisor. Although there are more than 1,500 Congolese pastors, catechists and Bible women working with the 55,000 members of the American Baptist-related constituency in the Congo, until now none of them had been officially ordained.

• **Theological School Opened in Peru.** The Peruvian Baptist Theological Institute was opened in Lima with eight students enrolled in the first class. The majority of the students had felt the Lord's call to full-time Christian service for more than a year, but they had had no opportunity for training before the institute opened, reports Mrs. J. Bryan Brasington, Southern Baptist missionary. Dr. Randall D. Sledge is president of the institute and professor of New Testament. Other professors are: Rev. Lowell E. Ledford, Old Testament; Rev. Charles W. Bryan, evangelism; Rev. J. Bryan Brasington, church history; Mrs. Sledge, speech; and Mrs. Brasington, music and piano.

• **Adams and Denny Plan African Itinerary.** President Theodore F. Adams and Associate Secretary Robert S. Denny of the Baptist World Alliance will visit ten countries in Africa and the Middle East this summer. Mrs. Adams will accompany them. Leaving the BWA offices in Washington June 25, they will enter Africa at Cairo, Egypt, and will spend the next six weeks in Kenya, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, French Equatorial Africa, French Cameroun and Nigeria. It will be the first time a president of the Baptist World Alliance has visited Africa in that capacity. Two youth meetings are on the itinerary. At Durban, they will attend the second annual South African Youth Conference. At Lagos, they will meet with African youth leaders in a planning session. A visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer at his hospital at Lambarene, French Equatorial Africa, also is contemplated, following up a visit by the BWA Medical Mission team a year ago.

Editorial



A Cup of Cold Water

The Lord Jesus Christ regarded a cup of cold water, given to someone in need, as worthy of the highest honor that the Kingdom of God could bestow. Our service for others, however menial or insignificant, rendered in Christ's Name, has the blessing of heaven upon it. "Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41).

Such a ministry behind the scenes is constantly being rendered during these summer months. Like the cup of cold water, it does not go unnoticed by the Master. There are faithful women in our churches preparing the meals at conference sessions in stuffy, heated kitchens and the women who delight in beautifying the house of God with the loveliest flowers from their gardens. Let us not forget the people who make the important arrangements for conference sessions, prepare the comfortable lodging for tired delegates, serve as efficient ushers at the meetings and as custodians keep our churches in bright and shining condition. These busy hands deserve God's word of commendation, "Well done!"

Words are little things that can easily be spoken for good or ill. But words of encouragement to some struggling soul, to an aspiring youth, to a "new" Christian are like apples of gold—priceless and marvelous! They are more precious than a cup of cold water to thirsty and parched lips! It was said by many of "Ma" Sunday, the widow of the evangelist, "Billy" Sunday, during the years of her widowhood when she wondered what she would do after her famous husband had passed on: "She gave me more encouragement in my Christian life than anyone else I know." What a refreshing cup of cold water that was to others in her ministry for Christ!

Never forget the importance of your prayer ministry in behalf of others. You can be a prayer warrior, serving from your armchair, invalid bed, or the obscure corner of life in which you happen to be. By your intercessory prayers, you can move mountains, strengthen the hands of Christian soldiers on the battlefield and give to others that "cup" of spiritual refreshment that they need.

But what about the letters and cards to missionaries that you promised to write? How desperately these missionaries look for news from the home field, for the inspiration of greetings, for the assurance of a handclasp across the oceans! Such a written missive, like a cup of cold water, doesn't cost much in time or money, but it can mean a tremendous lot to those receiving it. This, too, can be an important phase of your Christian stewardship.

We are often called on to give our testimony for Christ, to make our contribution, however small, to God's Kingdom enterprise, to invest our talents in our service to Christ. The opportunities are legion in number every day to speak up for Christ and to testify for him. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." Give these things and say these words cheerfully, with overflowing love, sincerely, as though you were sharing a cup of cold water with someone else, and great will be your reward with the smile of Christ and his eternal blessing on you!

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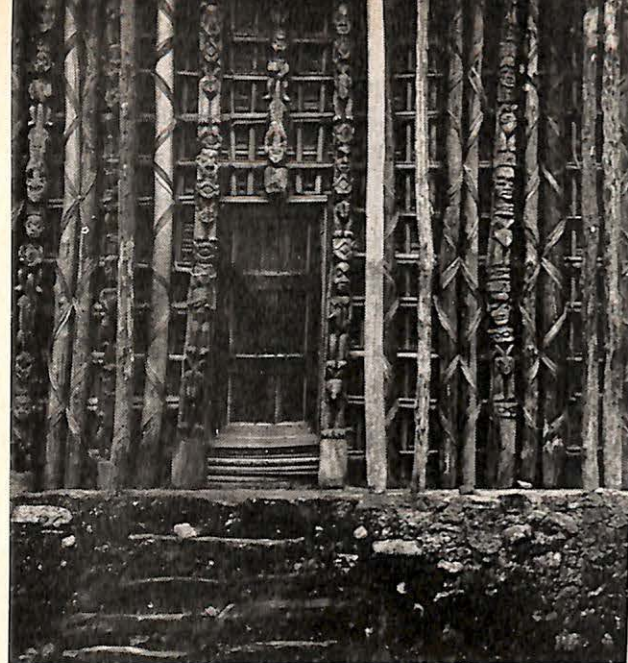
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A tribal house in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, with magnificent wood carvings as decorations around the entrance, where the men of the village gather for drink and their daily palaver.

Nine Days at Bambalang

Strange adventures of a Baptist missionary in a dry and dusty village at the end of the motor road on the Ndop plain.

By Mr. Dudley Reeves of the Protestant College at Bali, Southern Cameroons

DR. PAUL GEBAUER'S Land-Rover had no sooner been parked in the small area of the palace courtyard than from one of the several surrounding bamboo and mud huts the Chief himself appeared. He was a well-built, almost handsome man, unshaven but dressed in a colorful costume, and in his hand he flourished a black and gold cigarette-holder complete with cigarette. This was the man who was to be my host till the next market day.

DAY 1.

After the Chief had shown me his rest house where visitors like myself were housed—a hut 30 by 40 feet, with mud walls, a mud floor and a grass roof—my gift of soap and salt for the Chief was unloaded and given to him.

Thus began a delightful game which any number of people can play called "Anything you can give, I can give better." In the course of the 8 day Bambalang week, I received 2 hens, 44 eggs, 90 oranges, 2 bottles of orange juice, 2 bowls of milk, 8 lumps of sugar, 10 fish and 2 hands of bananas.

My generous donors ranged from the Chief to schoolboys, and included Moslems, pagans and Christians. I myself gave away 35 copies of the Christian magazine, "African Challenge," 16 Bible booklets, 160 small Bible picture cards, several pieces of cloth and a pint of petrol.

Within an hour of arriving at Bambalang—a hot, dry and dusty village at the end of the motor road on the Ndop plain—I had more or less mastered the guttural monstrosity prominent in the all-important word of greeting in the Bambalang language. Again and again I had great fun in using the five Bambalang phrases learned, and found that they always

produced the friendliness and cheerful sense of humor that is never far from the simple, illiterate West African.

That first evening I saw the Chief decide two cases in his capacity as head of the tribe. The first concerned the giving away to a petitioner of a young woman whose husband had recently died. The second involved a man who had failed to do his share in some piece of community work.

CHATTING WITH THE CHIEF

Later, in the cool of the Chief's reception room, having declined his beer and gin, I chatted with the Chief for nearly four hours. Sometimes the Chief's pidgin English was so fluent that I used one of his sons, an Old Boy of our Cameroons Protestant College, as interpreter. (So progressive is the Chief that as many as 7 of his sons have attended this High School, and altogether 24 of his children have received education, the remaining 30 not yet being of school age).

I told the Chief of the Russian moon rocket, but he hardly believed my story—and who can blame him? I questioned him about his neighboring chiefs, the thriving fishing industry in Bambalang and the history of his own tribe with its 1,070 tax-payers. Finally he asked to know my own plans. I said I wanted to make a map of the village for him and see the fish-traps used by his people and give flannelgraph Bible talks to his people outside my house early in the morning.

DAY 2.

Before the sun grew too hot, I taught several games to the Chief's raggedly dressed children. Two of the younger ones cried out in fear during one team race when hearing juju shouts from people celebrating a man's death.

Before lunch I walked along the laterite motor road, past the deserted market, the blacksmith's shop, the carpenter's shop, the unopened dispensary, the 6 by 4 foot hovel in which an insane woman slept, to the Baptist school which stood in proud isolation 500 yards from the nearest of the 14 quarters that composed the village of Bambalang. In the adjoining Baptist church, whose floor was littered with newly dried bricks, I rested with three of the Chief's young sons.

After lunch, eight of the schoolgirl daughters of the Chief came to greet me. Their "Welcome to you" song ended in titters, but on being asked to render a native song they gave me "Jesus loves you"!

In the afternoon, I stumbled on that death ceremony by mistake. Several flint-lock guns were being fired off as 20 men shuffled round in a circle to the incessant beating of a drum, and 150 people calmly sipped mimbo wine or smoked as they watched the noisy proceedings. Relatives of the dead man soon greeted me and gave me a penny coin and a cola nut, but unhappily I had nothing to give in return.

Later I was directed to the native dance that was my original destination. This was a colorful and at times dashing dance performed by the Sambala Society, whose members were all young men of the same age group and wore head-dresses of birds' feathers and wielded cutlasses.

DAY 3.

Today the girls beat the boys in the best of five races! Five boys took me to the river and three fishermen threw me some of their fat fish 9 inches long. These fishermen make as much as two dollars a week. Many of the fish caught are dried and smoked, strung on a stick and taken to other villages on the lorries that bring civili-

zation to the doorstep of Bambalang every market day.

The river was so inviting that day that I returned with some of the Chief's sons in the afternoon. Shedding my cares and responsibilities, shedding my dissatisfaction with the progress of the missionary cause in this country, and shedding most of my clothes, I took to the water in a vain but enjoyable attempt to teach the lovable sons of the Chief to swim.

We then took to one of the long, light canoes made of bamboo poles lashed together that the fishermen use. The weight of three of us was too much and the canoe turned turtle. Great panic! The two boys scuttled for the bank three yards distant. "The sons of a Chief must never be afraid" was the saying I tried to teach them.

DAY 4.

Seeing me dressed in white for church, two schoolboy sons of the Chief ran away to wash and change into their own Sunday best. Fifty-three people were at the Baptist church that day, a few more than usual. Many were the latecomers; much was the hand-clapping at song time; much was the unplanned informality of the meeting. I gave a flannelgraph talk on Zacchaeus.

At 7 p. m. the Ngumba drum spoke. As usual, several of the Chief's sons were in my rest house. Two of them showed fear and confessed to being afraid. The Ngumba Society is composed of the Chief's servants and is "the government of the village." They used to beat the drum every morning and evening but do it now only every fourth day. The wives of the Chief and the sons of the Chief must lock themselves in their houses when they hear the drum speak after sunrise or sunset.

It is fatal for a son of the Chief to see the red light of Ngumba as it moves to the spirit of the late Chief—his flesh will turn red and he will die, and this once happened to two sons, so the story goes. "The sons of a Chief must never be afraid," I said, but the boys only laughed nervously and the 14 year-old got up to close my windows lest the red light should be seen by accident.

DAY 5.

Including babes in arms, 36 came to the first open-air Bible talks. Two unusual things happened. Half-way through one talk, everyone suddenly stood up—three wives were fetching water for the Chief, their husband, and all must pay respect to them as they passed. Then, having given the two talks, I found everyone was ready to hear them again, so a repeat performance was promptly begun. (How many of you pastors could get away with that one?)

DAY 6.

Forty-three persons came to the talks today, and were taught that



—Photo by Gilbert Schneider

A new native home in the Mambila grasslands of the Southern Cameroons in process of being built.

great verse, "The Son of God came to seek and to save the lost." All who came were again given a small picture card and a comment on the Bible incident it portrayed. As usual, the Chief's children proved an enthusiastic bunch during their daily games session.

In the cool of the late afternoon, I spoke to a motley crowd of 70, among them 15 queens or wives of the Chief.

DAY 7.

Tachi, my own college student and a son of the Chief, was now with me again. It was his searching query, "How can we make our parents Christians when they worship graven images?" which had helped in bringing me to Bambalang.

After interpreting the morning talks, he led me out to the new motor road, as yet unused, that cut through the mosquito swamps towards the French Cameroons. Here we saw the deep 20 foot wide ditch used in fighting a neighboring tribe many years ago.

At the second meeting with the Chief's wives, 31 of his 37 queens came. They listened intently to the story of the death and resurrection of Jesus and several professed to love him. But they were slow to quote any of Christ's commands, and I urged them to get their schoolboy sons to read the Gospels to them.

The area pastor, a local Christian and Tachi joined me for a fish dinner. Eating out of two common bowls was fun.

DAY 8.

At the morning flannelgraph talk on Paul, there were only 28, but we all said and re-said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved."

In the evening the Chief took me to see the Ngumba drumming and dancing. Even Bambalang men can see the Ngumba Society at work only with the Chief's permission. It was all noise, frenzied dancing and dust for 40 minutes, but I was glad I had seen it.

Afterwards the Chief more or less asked me not to tell his sons what I had seen, and I more or less agreed. His sons, as it happened, asked only one question about the never-to-be-seen Ngumba: "Were you afraid, sir?" I wanted to keep my promise to the Chief, but I also wished to destroy the filthy fear that haunted his sons' minds, so I replied, "No, there is nothing to be afraid of."

DAY 9.

To the morning talks on David, 24 came—our lowest attendance. Two hours later we invaded the busy market. Six of us preached for Jesus there, 4 Bambalang men included. Men, women and children gathered round the flannelgraph board to hear the astonishing yet eternal truths of the Gospel.

Only a few yards away stood the nine foot high sacred stone about which I had heard alarming things. "It is God," said one young schoolboy attending a Mission school. "No! It is forefather god," retorted his friend derisively. "God put this stone here. No man see him do this thing," an old warrior assured me. "It's an idol god," affirmed one schoolboy. "It's God!" exclaimed another boy with enthusiasm.

It was good after these comments to proclaim close to the lifeless "sacred" stone about the living God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who flung himself as the Bridge across the wide river of sin that separated us sinners from our Holy Creator.



INTER-VARSITY'S PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

God has used Inter-Varsity Press publications and HIS magazine to strengthen the spiritual lives of thousands of students. Left—University of Michigan students gather around the IVCF chapter book table following a weekly meeting. Right—Evangelistic meetings on the campus are of primary importance in Inter-Varsity's program to reach America's three and one half million students for Christ. Missionary Secretary Eric S. Fife is shown speaking at the regular Sunday afternoon evangelistic meeting of the Michigan Christian Fellowship, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Reaching America's Students for Christ

The story of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship with its program of evangelism and spiritual growth in students in 800 colleges and schools of nursing.

By James W. Reapsome, Information and Graduates Secretary of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

RECENTLY a national magazine presented an article criticizing the amount of time America's college and university students spend on campus social activities. The author lamented the fact that in a time when our country's survival depends on the education of our young people, there is so much frivolity in campus life.

While there is ample evidence to support such conclusions, this is by no means the whole picture. In contrast to beauty contests, dances, pajama parades and pep rallies, there are on America's campuses today Bible study discussions, prayer groups, and evangelistic meetings. Granted the latter are in the minority, but nevertheless they are there.

IVCF IN 800 COLLEGES

At some 800 colleges, universities, and schools of nursing, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and its Nurses Christian Fellowship division seek to assist students in a program of evangelism, spiritual growth and missionary recruitment.

IVCF and NCF work through local, autonomous student chapters which are officially recognized campus organizations. A traveling staff of some 60 men and women help these student chapters maintain an effective witness to Christ.

Students in Inter-Varsity chapters represent many denominations. They are united by a common purpose to reach their classmates for Christ and to provide a means of spiritual strength in a hostile environment. It requires vision and sacrifice on the part of these Christian students to carry on such a witness. But for four years they have the unique privilege and responsibility to be missionaries

in a situation where often the student alone has sole access to a godless, insecure generation of three and a half million students. These IVCF and NCF students are an evangelistic arm of the church today.

Many young people from North American Baptist churches have been a part of the Inter-Varsity movement. Today there are pastors in this conference who were converted as students through IVCF, and many others who were helped spiritually. Inter-Varsity graduates are serving on the foreign mission board of the North American Baptist General Conference. Many pastors use Inter-Varsity literature. William E. C. Petersen of Racine, Wisconsin, Stewardship Secretary of Inter-Varsity, is active in the conference.

LIFE'S IMPORTANT DECISIONS

Today apparently the need for reaching college and university students for Christ is greater than ever before. Additional thousands of high school graduates are going to college each year. There for the first time, they are free from the restraints of home and church. They are encouraged to think independently and to experiment—intellectually, socially and morally. It is during these four years that very often the future course of a young person's life is determined. He decides what he's going to believe, what he's going to do, and whom he's going to marry—three of the most important decisions of his life.

Inter-Varsity has been called by God to minister to these young people at this very critical juncture in their lives. A girl wrote, telling of God's blessing through IVCF when she was in college, and concluded with this remark: "I shudder to think what would

have happened to me had not God brought me into contact with IVCF."

Yes, through the nearly 20 years since Inter-Varsity was incorporated in the United States, thousands of lives have been changed. A young man, now in seminary, is typical of those who are going on to serve God. He came to a large university, not knowing the Lord Jesus as his Savior, but through the weekly meetings he believed in Christ. A missionary in Latin America testifies of the fact that in Inter-Varsity she was made aware of what obedience to God involved for a Christian and how this led her to obey his call to the foreign field.

INTER-VARSITY PROGRAM

What is a typical IVCF program on campus?

The chapter is organized with officers and constitution. The officers hold regular meetings to direct the program. Usually there are a number of small Bible study groups meeting in various campus living quarters. These may be either primarily for Christian growth or for evangelism. Christians meet regularly to pray. The chapter usually invites a speaker once a week. Occasionally there are student socials.

Inter-Varsity also emphasizes personal Bible study and prayer. Students are encouraged to spend time daily with God in Bible reading and prayer. This emphasis often has been a singular means of blessing in the lives of students.

Inter-Varsity also emphasizes personal witness, the patient, loving presentation of the Gospel to an unsaved roommate. At one midwestern university last year more than 50 students were converted in this way. Personal witness is supplemented by staff visits

to campuses, by evangelistic meetings with speakers, and by evangelistic "team" visits to dormitories, fraternities and sororities.

A typical case was seen last fall on one campus. A Christian fellow began to talk to his roommate about his relationship to Christ. This was done persistently, lovingly over a few months. When the staff member visited the campus in December he was invited to spend the night in the dormitory room with the Christian and his unsaved friend. The staff member suggested reading the Scripture before retiring, which they did. A short discussion followed.

The next night the non-Christian asked if they would read the Bible again. This time a longer talk about becoming a Christian followed. The next afternoon after the chapter's regular weekly evangelistic meeting the young fellow came to faith in Christ.

Three different people were used—a student, a staff member and a speaker—all were important links in the chain. Pray for Christian students as they seek to witness to Christ under very difficult circumstances.

CHRISTIAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Of course, there are several keys to an effective witness on campus. One of them is student leadership. To help train students, Inter-Varsity operates four summer camps: Campus in the Woods, Ontario, Canada; Cedar Campus, Michigan; Bear Trap Ranch, Colorado, and Campus by the Sea, Catalina Island, California. Students come for four-week sessions for instruction in Bible study, witnessing, leadership, Christian doctrine, missions, and spiritual living. These camps often have been the means of transforming lives and of revitalizing student chapters.

During the year IVCF conducts regional week-end intercollegiate conferences across the country. These often are for Bible teaching and spiritual life emphasis. Sometimes they are evangelistic in nature. Two months ago a chapter on the West Coast had an evangelistic week-end camp in the mountains and seven students were converted.

Another important part of Inter-Varsity's ministry, greatly used by God, is the literature program. Books are published on apologetics, Bible study, doctrine, Christian living and missions to help students meet intellectual attacks on their faith and to help them grow spiritually. A young man, now through seminary, told a staff member recently he didn't know how he could have survived the attacks on his faith at a certain college had it not been for Inter-Varsity's *New Bible Handbook*.

During the academic year, Inter-Varsity publishes HIS magazine with significant articles in a wide range of subjects designed to help students in their Christian life and testimony.

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GOD'S OWN CANDLE

By Mrs. Jan Briand
of Startup, Washington

What is it I'd like to be?
No, not a ship, book or sandal.
These things are not what's best for me;
I want to be God's own candle.

The taper, standing straight and tall,
Is my body from heel to chin;
The wick, though pliable and small—
My emotions, very deep within.

The flame brings forth a glowing light—
My spiritual feelings this be.
And in the midst where it burns bright,
No one other than God in me.

I cast the "light" of God's own Word
Into flickering shadows dark,
A light to those who have not heard;
And evils shall I quickly hark.

This is what I'd like to have been
When my "wax" is nigh my "handle,"
A little girl grown old in life,
Simply being God's own candle.

HIS was selected as "Magazine of the Year" in 1958 by the Evangelical Press Association.

Inter-Varsity's emphasis on foreign missions is carried out through local chapters and the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship groups at Christian colleges, seminaries and Bible institutes. A missionary secretary and an FMF staff worker assist these groups and work with other staff members and chapters. A special missionary publication, *Mandate*, gives a monthly survey of conditions and needs around the world.

Every three years IVCF sponsors an international student missionary convention. In 1957 some 3,000 stu-



IVCF SUMMER CAMPS

Summer leadership training is vital to the establishment of strong student witness to Christ on campus. Inter-Varsity operates Cedar Campus, Michigan, where the above photo shows students participating in a small Bible discussion group on the shores of Lake Huron.

dents gathered at the University of Illinois for a week between Christmas and New Year's. These conventions include outstanding missionary speakers and Bible teachers, panels, films, vocational seminars, and Bible study and prayer groups. Around the world today there are missionaries who answered God's call to foreign service at an IVCF missionary convention. During non-convention years regional conferences are held around the country.

INTER-VARSITY'S MINISTRY TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Nurses Christian Fellowship, with its own specialized staff, conducts a program similar to that of IVCF at the schools of nursing. IVCF camps and conferences are open to nursing students. The NCF also has week-long camps for graduate and student nurses. *The Nurses Lamp* is published by the NCF.

A unique and strategic part of Inter-Varsity's ministry is the work with international students. Each year more than 40,000 students from overseas study in the United States. Any one of them, converted to Christ, represents tremendous missionary potential in his own country.

IVCF seeks through Christian students, staff, friends and churches to befriend these foreign students and win them to Christ. During school holidays, foreign students are invited to Inter-Varsity camps for special conferences involving recreation, sightseeing, and discussions about the Christian faith. Last Christmas, for example, the assistant city editor of a large newspaper in Central America (taking graduate studies in this country) trusted in Christ at the Bear Trap Ranch conference.

Inter-Varsity staff members travel from campus to campus seeking to assist and encourage students in their spiritual growth and witness. They strive to set an example in personal devotion to Christ and in personal witness. They give instruction in Bible study, help solve organizational problems, speak at meetings, direct conferences, represent Inter-Varsity in churches, and do personal counseling with students.

Salaries for staff members and office employees, and other expenses in the work, are provided by gifts from individual Christians and churches. Inter-Varsity has no guaranteed income or endowment. As needs are made known, it is with the prayer that God will direct his people to pray for the work and support it financially. The Lord has faithfully blessed since the inception of the work in 1940.

Faced with a rapidly increasing student population and some 1,500 unreached campuses, Inter-Varsity needs the help of Christians everywhere. The national office is located at 1519 North Astor Street, Chicago 10, Ill. Complete details and a monthly prayer letter will be sent upon request.

Helping in a Healing Ministry

The Story of Miss Gertrude B. Schatz, Missionary Nurse to the Comeroons, West Africa by Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary

IN HER application for missionary service, Miss Gertrude Bertha Schatz gave the following statement as part of her testimony: "Because I am a nurse, I believe that I can most effectively serve my Lord in this field. Helping to heal people's bodies and minds provides me an opportunity to tell these people of the great Physician who can truly heal them, not only physically and mentally, but spiritual-ly."

BORN INTO A MANSE

Gertrude Bertha Schatz is the second of three children born to Rev. and Mrs. Henry Schatz. She was born on February 28, 1928 at Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. Her father, at that time, was pastor of our church at Rosenfeld, Saskatchewan. Since 1957 he has been the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Minitonas, Manitoba.

Her mother also came from a minister's home whose parents were Rev. and Mrs. R. Jacksteit. In 1947 her mother died and went to be with the Lord.

Of her parental home Miss Schatz gives the following testimony: "Having been brought up by God-fearing parents in a Christian environment has had a permanent influence on my life. My parents' method of upbringing not only influenced and helped me spiritually but also helped me to develop socially. They were always willing to be advisors and counsellors when I needed such help, but they always left the final decision on any problem with me. I had a normal and happy life, receiving every opportunity to develop physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. My spiritual life was influenced by family devotions, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School."

BORN AGAIN INTO GOD'S FAMILY

A Christian has two birthdays: the one marks the physical birth into this world; the other marks the spiritual birth into the family of God. Concerning the second birthday, Miss Schatz says: "My Christian life began at the age of eleven when at a tent revival meeting in Leduc, Alberta I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. Rev. Fred W. Benke showed me the Bible verses I needed most at that time and helped me pray to the Lord for forgiveness. How happy I was when I grasped the meaning of salvation and realized that my sins were forgiven." Gertrude was baptized by her father in July 1939 and she became a member of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta.

Her Christian life and testimony

steadily increased through the reading of the Word of God, daily devotions and willing service for her Lord. In Sunday School, C. B. Y., and choir she served in various capacities as teacher, group leader and pianist. In her quiet way, she won and influenced friends beyond the areas of churches and communities where her father served as minister of the Gospel. The writer is personally acquainted with Miss Schatz since her intermediate age and joins the many who give her the testimony of a consistent Christian life.

TRAINING FOR A HEALING MINISTRY

Miss Schatz received her primary education in various schools of the three prairie provinces of Canada. It is the lot of most children of ministers that frequent adjustments in the changing of schools must be made, since their parents move from one field of service to another. This may have its drawbacks but it also has its assets. Miss Schatz looks back upon this experience and believes that this training has helped her to adjust more easily to new surroundings and circumstances.

Though she enjoyed her school days very much, the highlight of her experience was the recommendation from writing Grade XII Departmental Examinations. Who does enjoy examination time? Upon the completion of her high school education, she entered nurses' training at the General Hospital in Calgary, Alberta. She looks back upon those three years as the best in her life. While in nurses' training, she had the privilege of serving in the Nurses Christian Fellowship. She maintained her activities in the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, as much as time from her busy training schedule permitted.

HELPING THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Following her nurses' training, she enrolled at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta to gain more knowledge of the Bible for personal Christian witness. She completed the first two years of the Institute's course and received her Christian Worker's Certificate in 1954.

Since her childhood days, she was deeply interested in missions. She admired especially the life of Myrtle Hein Funnel who came from the Leduc area and went out as a missionary to the Cameroons, Africa. But not until the days of the Christian Training Institute's training did she realize that the Lord wanted her personally to become a missionary. She felt right along

that she did not have the ability and qualifications to become a missionary.

At a youth camp and again at a Youth for Christ meeting, she dedicated her life to full time Christian service. After studying missions at the Christian Training Institute, the call to foreign missionary service became a reality. Then she was able to look away from her own seemingly inadequate abilities and look to the Lord for strength who gave her such strength in the promise to Joshua: "Have not I commanded? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9).

Her goal was now clear to her. She was to become a helper to the Great Physician in a healing ministry to benighted people in a foreign land. In response to this call, she applied to our Board of Missions for such service.

GOD'S APPOINTED TIME

Miss Schatz first applied for missionary service in 1954. At that time she stated that she would be willing to go at any time. In 1955 she gave her testimony before the Board of Missions during the days of the General Conference at Waco, Texas, since her presence at the conference gave her an opportunity to do so. But this was not yet God's appointed time for her. The door was not yet open.

Miss Schatz continued as a nurse in the hospitals at Edmonton, Alberta and on a part time basis took various courses at the University of Alberta leading to a Bachelor of Science degree which she received in the spring of 1958. The days of the General Conference at Edmonton, Alberta, proved to be God's appointed time for her. Once again she gave her testimony before the Board of Missions. She was appointed as missionary nurse to the Cameroons. She was one of the group of seven who were commissioned at the time of the General Conference in the closing program of the conference on Sunday, July 27, 1958.

BANSO BAPTIST HOSPITAL

During the winter of 1958-1959, Miss Schatz took her midwifery training at Hyden, Kentucky. This special training is now mandatory for all missionary nurses to the Cameroons. The last few weeks since the middle of April were spent in getting ready for the field and in visiting her relatives and friends and also churches where opportunity afforded. The Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, the

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7th ANNIVERSARY, BETHANY CHURCH, LETHBRIDGE

The festive crowd in attendance at the 7th anniversary program of the Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alberta, of which Rev. Otto A. Ertis is the pastor.

Seventh Anniversary in Lethbridge, Alta.

A great anniversary program was held by the Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alta., as reported by Mr. Bernd Ertis

THE Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge, Alberta, held its seventh anniversary program on Sunday, June 14, with Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker and denominational representative. Our pastor, Rev. O. A. Ertis, who has been faithfully serving our church since 1952, was in charge of the festive programs.

200 PRECIOUS SOULS

In this short period of time, we have built our chapel and parsonage, totalling over \$65,000 and by the grace of God we have had a continuous 6 year revival time with over 200 precious souls led to Christ and with 8 baptismal services. We are not a big church, for like so many other churches, we have still a transient population, but we are active and joyfully serving our Lord.

Again as on previous occasions, we had some dear friends and one-time members of our church in our midst: from Vancouver, B. C.; Chilliwack, B. C.; Winnipeg, Man.; Calgary, Alta.; Medicine Hat, Alta.; and many letters of greeting and congratulations, including a letter from our good friend, Rev. W. Sturhahn, secretary of our Northern District.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner brought challenging messages to the congregation of 250 people present at each service, and he served us with much zeal.

As of today, we have 145 members, a Sunday School of over 200, a young people's society of 35, Women's Society of 20, a church choir of 40, and Men's Choir of 15, and a Brass Choir too. Around Lethbridge, we have a good sized German population, so that there is no danger for lack of future church development. We are not depending on any kind of boom, for year after year we have had good building activity, growing industry, a thriving

city and a strong German-speaking population in and around Lethbridge.

Again our Church Choir served us wonderfully under the able leadership of our choir director, Mr. Max Lemke. In the afternoon anniversary service, we dedicated also our new electric organ to the Lord. Dr. M. L. Leuschner offered the dedicatory prayer. The offering of the day was dedicated for the new organ and totalled over \$1,100. This was again a sign of the good and willing spirit of sacrifice in our people.

It was a wonderful opportunity for us as the church to present a small token of appreciation to our beloved Dr. M. L. Leuschner on the occasion

of his 25th anniversary of dedicated and selfless services in our denominational fellowship. It was almost 10 P. M. when at last we closed our blessed anniversary Sunday and dedicated ourselves anew for better service and witness for our Lord and Savior.

We are looking for God's grace in all our ministry and asking him humbly to bless us and lead us toward new victories. Yes, Bethany Baptist Church is a living and wonderful example of God's abounding grace in our times, and to HIM we give all our thanks and praise as well as to our good and important Church Extension Service that helped us to get started.



Members of the Church Board of the Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alta., at the 7th anniversary program with Rev. Otto A. Ertis, pastor, 4th from left, and Dr. M. L. Leuschner, guest speaker, 5th from left.



A downtown scene in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the largest city of South America, looking toward the famous Obelisk that bears a strange resemblance to the Washington Monument in Washington, D. C.

ARGENTINA BOASTS of the biggest city in South America—Buenos Aires—a seething metropolitan center with almost five million population. It offers the most sweeping views over its flat, spacious pampas. Buenos Aires is situated near the mouth of one of the broadest rivers in the world, the Mar del Plata. But Argentina's chief claim to fame lies in the exhilarating adventures that every traveler to this South American country is bound to experience.

JOSE DE SAN MARTIN

Argentina is the battlefield of political uprisings. This was the birthplace and training ground for Jose de San Martin, South America's greatest liberator and political hero. In contrast, Buenos Aires still bears the scars of the evil regime of its dictator for 12 years, Juan Peron, and his Jezebel-like wife, Eva. The bullet holes made by rifle and machine gun fire in some of Argentina's government buildings during the Peron regime are still on view to the public. The Archbishop's palace next to the Cathedral is still in ruins following the disastrous fire several years ago, seemingly started by Peron's henchmen. In recent weeks, rioting has broken out on the historical Plaza de Mayo near the pink president's palace known as Casa Rosada. Disgruntled labor unions, Peronist sympathizers and rebelling student groups are constantly keeping the political pot boiling in Argentina.

But the George Washington of South America was San Martin. He was a great man with a daring vision of freedom, humble of spirit and great-hearted in his sympathies for the common man. He marched his army, organized and trained in Argentina, more than two miles in the sky. Then he marched it down again, over some of the world's

most treacherous mountains in the world—and he brought liberty to the southern hemisphere. He is one of the three great liberators of South America, emblazoned forever with Bernardo O'Higgins and Simon Bolivar.

Becoming acquainted with this hero of Argentina is an adventure into the past. San Martin was born to an era of independence and freedom fighting in 1778, just about the time that Baron von Steuben came to Valley Forge to train the Continentals. He grew up in the little Argentine town of Yapeyu, amid the corn, rice, peanuts and oranges grown on the slopes of the Uruguay River.

San Martin was schooled in Madrid, Spain, and fought in the Spanish ranks against Napoleon for the glory of freedom. By 1810 the "grito" (cry) of independence for Mexico was sounded,



The statue to Jose de San Martin in Buenos Aires, showing the famous South American liberator reciting the stories of his exploits for freedom to his grandchildren.

Adventures in Argentina

In boastful Argentina with its 19 million people and in Buenos Aires, the largest city of South America, the Gospel of Christ must be proclaimed today with a faith that expects great things from God!

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor

and the cry carried itself to all the world under the Southern Cross. The year 1812, when America fought its second battle of independence against Great Britain, found San Martin fighting Royal Spain in the name of Argentine freedom.

Soon he became the governor of a western province of Argentina. Then he decided that to free all of the country, he must first drive the Spaniards from Chile across the mountains.

That's when he assembled and trained his army in Argentina to march them in 1817 over Uspallata Pass, where now the huge Christ of the Andes looks down upon the land. There were 3,000 infantrymen in his army—regular soldiers, Chilean exiles and freed slaves—and also 7,000 mules. "The lonely and desolate passes of the mountains suddenly disgorged a well equipped and disciplined army on Chilean soil," wrote N. O. Winter. "The royalist forces were taken by surprise" and badly routed by the forces of San Martin and the Irishman O'Higgins.

BEAUTIFUL BUENOS AIRES!

Chile offered San Martin its highest office of leadership but he decided against it. By 1820 he had readied himself for his years-long dream to free Peru, land of the Incas. By July of the next year, he marched triumphantly into Lima as the Spaniards fled. After this victory, he withdrew from South America, becoming an exile in Belgium and France. Following his death in 1850, his body was brought back to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where his monumental tomb, almost as imposing as Napoleon's tomb in Paris, can be seen in the Cathedral.

The modern city of Buenos Aires is as cosmopolitan as any in the world. With its tree lined streets, sidewalk

cafes, skyscraper buildings and sophisticated people, this Argentine capital reminds a traveler of Paris or Berlin. Its harbor is crowded with shipping from every port in the world. The Portenos, as the residents of Buenos Aires are called, boast that the "Avenida 9 de Julio" is the widest street in the world! It has five lanes for traffic, separated by grass plots, and parking space underneath for 1,000 cars.

Palermo Park in Buenos Aires has everything—a rose garden, lagoons with black and white swans, forests of blossoming trees, a race course, miles and miles of beautiful walks, drives and paths. The stately Obelisk can be seen from almost every downtown street in Buenos Aires, strikingly reminding the American traveler of the Washington Monument at home!

EATING ADVENTURES

Buenos Aires is especially remembered for its eating adventures. Eating in the Argentine capital consumes about six pleasant hours a day. Giant two-inch-thick T-bone steaks cost one dollar or less in the best eating places. And what juicy, delicious steaks they are! An even tastier specialty is curried chicken with rice, chutney and bananas. Argentinians are proud of their "puchero de gallina"—a complete meal of chicken, sausage, corn, potatoes and squash, all cooked together.

In Buenos Aires there are hundreds of tea room establishments called "confiterias." Around 5:00 P. M. each day and later in the evening, you can enjoy tea with sandwiches and coffee with pastries in these interesting shops. Here you can order delicious fruit drinks of pineapple, grapefruit, oranges and papaya, or a South Ameri-



EATING ADVENTURES IN BUENOS AIRES

Giant two-inch-thick T-bone steaks cost one dollar or less in the best eating places of Buenos Aires, Argentina. And what juicy, delicious steaks they are!

can version of sherbets that are "out of this world" for sweet tastiness! You'll never forget these eating adventures after a visit to Argentina.

Equally exciting (possibly even more so) are the shopping adventures. The Calle Florida is the main shopping street, although it is exceedingly narrow. Auto traffic is prohibited during most of the day on this Calle Florida, so that throngs of people promenade in a festive spirit up and down the avenue, greeting one another, window shopping and making their purchases. Alligator and antelope

handbags and other articles are much cheaper here than anywhere else. You can secure beautiful alligator wallets for men in various colors and sizes.

Handmade shoes are quite inexpensive. Most of your shopping adventures will involve leather goods of all kinds. I bought a photograph album with an exquisitely beautiful calf leather binding. In addition, hand-embroidered blouses are excellent. Antelope jackets and sleeveless pullovers are also good values.

THE AMAZING IGUAZU FALLS

The visitor to Argentina can enjoy some adventures on the side, if he has the time and the money for them. The Iguazu Falls on the Brazilian border, 6½ hours by plane or six days by boat away, is one of the most magnificent sights in the world. These Argentine falls are greater than Niagara or Victoria Falls and far more spectacular. Four miles south of Buenos Aires is a twenty-million acre mountain and lake region known as Nahuel Huapi National Park. Here are snow-capped peaks, deep blue lakes and virgin forests with some superb scenery. In the lakes and streams of this park catches of rainbow trout weighing from 12 to 18 pounds are not uncommon, and brown trout in king sizes weighing up to 37 pounds have been boated.

Now the American visitor can visit the amazing pampas of Argentina or stay for a few days at one of the ranches called estancia, such as the San Zenon Ranch with its 7,000 acres, 3,000 herd of cattle and the ranch house decorated with Indian spears, tomahawks and boleadoras (leather lassos with weighted ends).

170 BAPTIST CHURCHES

Argentina is also a land of promise and adventure spiritually. In 1903 there were four Baptist churches in



THE SKYLINE OF BUENOS AIRES

"Avenida 9 de Julio" is said to be the widest street in the world. This main street in Buenos Aires, Argentina, has five lanes for traffic, separated by grass plots. The famous Obelisk intersects the avenue.

Argentina which were the fruit of 22 years of pioneering of Don Pablo Beson who had gone to South America from Switzerland. Now there are at least 170 Southern Baptist churches with 125 pastors, 142 mission points, 255 Sunday Schools with an average attendance of 10,608, 138 Woman's Missionary Societies and 142 young people's societies. In addition, there are scores of flourishing German Baptist churches, Slavic or Russian Baptist churches and others representing other racial groups.

On our visit to Argentina as Baptist editors, travelling to South America on the Panagra and Pan American planes and enjoying the tour facilities provided by the Brownell Tour Agency, we spoke in various churches of Buenos Aires at the Sunday services. In the morning Mr. Harold B. Johns and I visited the Nuevo Chicago Baptist Church of Buenos Aires and marvelled at the well attended Sunday School and service. Dr. Theodore A. Adams of Richmond, Virginia, president of the Baptist World Alliance, held the attention of every person in the large audience by his message as interpreted into Spanish by Dr. Cooper.

In the evening service I preached in the German Bethel Baptist Church in the heart of a German colony. More than 140 people attended this service and listened with rapt attention to the story of their brethren in our North American Baptist General Conference and the plans of many of our people to visit them in 1960. A large Spanish-German school is being conducted by



BAPTIST TEAM ON THE SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR

In this picture taken in Ecuador by Editor M. L. Leuschner, the Baptist Team is shown in the delightful summertime of South America.

Left to right: Albert McClellan, Southern Convention; R. Dean Goodwin, American Convention; Harold U. Triner, Canadian Convention; Wm. J. Harvey III, National Convention; and Harold B. Johns, North American Convention.

leaders of this church near the church building.

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST SEMINARY

On the following day we toured the spacious and modern buildings of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, supported largely by the Southern Baptist Convention, and attended a missionary conference there. About 100 students from Argentina, Brazil,

Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay are studying here. This Baptist school through its effective training program gives assurance that the work in South America will be in competent hands of Christian nationals in the coming generations.

Of great interest to me was the story of the Juanta Bautista de Publicaciones, the Board of Publications, which provides and promotes the distribution of evangelical books and literature in Argentina and throughout the Spanish-speaking world. The total sales for 1958 included 52,470 books, 1,571 New Testaments, 1,057 Bibles, 26,000 Scripture portions and 8,000 hymnals.

We as editors also attended the sessions of the Slavic Baptist Conference in session during our brief stay in Buenos Aires. The church was packed full with happy, singing Baptists who praised our Lord Jesus Christ in Russian and greeted us warmly in the Name of the Lord!

Argentina is in a transitional period. It is beset by galloping inflation and labor strife. President Arturo Frondizi is waging an austerity campaign by which he hopes to restore Argentina to its nature-given prosperity. The cost of living has risen about 125 per cent in the last year and half. Each month the government pumps from five to seven billion pesos of new printed money into circulation. As a result, the peso has slipped from about 30 to the United States dollar to more than 85. But thus far, the struggle seems to tip in favor of the president with his high hopes for his country and people.

The Baptist Mission in Argentina is also in the midst of a transition period. The Southern Baptist Mission is now composed mainly of first and

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BAPTIST HERALD

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 16, 1959

Theme: GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE (Lamentations)

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-40.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: It is often difficult to see the love of God when the hate of man is all around us.

INTRODUCTION: One of the most difficult lessons to teach is the meaning of faith, hope and love in the midst of evil, trouble and suffering. Jeremiah had this formidable and critical task. There was only one human advantage in the prophet's position—no one envied his job! He had to speak and write a message for people whose every hour was so overwhelmed with horrors that it seemed impossible even to entertain a gleam of hope. There was no restraint in the Chaldean capture of Jerusalem, no evidence of mercy. It was destruction with a vengeance—complete and final. Husbands were killed, sons enslaved and daughters captured. Food became so scarce that cannibalism was practiced.

Teaching the goodness of God in a Sunday School classroom is far different than the situation in which Jeremiah spoke of the love of God. It took daring and audacity to speak of God's goodness and mercy under such impossible circumstances. What Israel failed to see, and what we fail to understand today, is that God's judgment is also a part of God's love and mercy.

I. GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE—DAILY. Lamentations 3:22-23.

God's love is not something that deteriorates with age. His love and mercy have a constant freshness that meet each day's personal experience and hunger. His love is new every day because our requirements are new every day.

II. GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE—IN PATIENCE. Lamentations 3:25.

We do not wait anxiously for God's love to be manifested in our lives; we wait actively. Neither is it a rocking chair type of waiting, which is nothing but spiritual laziness. The Lord's goodness, according to Jeremiah, is reserved for those who actively seek him while waiting.

III. GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE—IN HOPE. Lamentations 3:26.

How difficult it is to hope and quietly wait when all around us is turmoil and destruction. But that is all the more reason to hope, because God's steadfast love does not change with the changing times.

IV. GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE—IN SUFFERING. Lamentations 3:31-38.

One of the most difficult things

about suffering is the deep-seated feeling we have that we are out of favor with God. If we could only wholeheartedly accept the present suffering as the immediate or temporary will of God in order to bring us into the orbit of his final and ultimate will! It is much more difficult for a loving God to cause suffering than for us to endure it.

V. GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE—IN JUDGMENT. Lamentations 3:39.

Most men do not complain while they are living in sin. It is only when punishment for sin becomes evident that complaints begin to be voiced. Some even show great surprise that they should be judged so harshly for their sin. They minimize their sin and magnify the punishment.

VI. GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE—IN REPENTANCE. Lamentations 3:40.

Rather than "search and try" God's ways and attempt to find some injustice in God's judgment, we should "search and try" our ways and see how far we have turned away from God. We must repent and turn to the Lord before the Lord will turn to us.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 23, 1959

Theme: PRAYERS OF THE CAPTIVES (Daniel)

Scripture: Daniel 9:4-10, 17-19

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The prayers of great men are not great because they are clothed in great words, but because they are clothed in humility.

INTRODUCTION: Lamentations deals with the fall of Jerusalem and the early years of captivity. The book of Daniel gives us some light on the closing years of the Babylonian captivity. It is a prophetic as well as an inspirational book. To the Sunday School scholar, the story of Daniel and his three friends will always be an interesting and thrilling experience. Those who look for adventure and suspense will find it to a greater degree in Daniel than in any secular book. The distorted idea that the Bible is dry reading should certainly change the minds of all those who study the lives of the world's greatest heroes of faith.

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

The editor of this page, "Sunday School Lessons," is Rev. Bruno Schreiber, who lives at the address: 1026 S. Harvey, Oak Park, Illinois.

The Book of Daniel is a classic example of what to do when caught in adverse circumstances. Daniel compromised in so far that he served the Babylonian Empire to the best of his ability. He did not join an underground movement to overthrow the nation which enslaved him. He was convinced that God in his own time and in his own way would overthrow Babylon and bring about the restoration of Israel. But Daniel never compromised his principles and convictions. His faith remained centered in the God of Israel and not even a den of lions could move him.

I. PRAYER OF CONFESSION. Daniel 9:4-6.

In some respects, the prayer of Daniel is a model prayer. The sincerity of a prayer can often be detected in the nature and content of the confession. Many prayers are made up primarily of petitions with a short postscript for the forgiveness of sin. It should be a forethought rather than an afterthought. In the light of a great and holy God, Daniel realized, first of all, his own sin and unworthiness and the need to get right with God personally before he can ask God to make things right nationally.

Notice the absence of all hate and resentment toward Babylon, the nation which caused the Hebrews such sorrow and suffering. He may have been tempted to pray for revenge upon the enemies of Judah as we often find in the imprecatory Psalms. (See Psalms 83 and 109). Instead he confesses his own sin and the sin of his people. He is not primarily interested in national freedom for captive Judah, but for inner freedom that comes from forgiveness.

II. PRAYER OF EMBARRASSMENT. Daniel 9:7-10.

The phrase "confusion of faces" becomes a little clearer if we would say, "How embarrassed we are," or "How red with shame our faces feel." Daniel felt like a little boy who rebelled against a loving father and suddenly saw himself in the true light. He felt so ashamed of himself that he didn't know how to approach his parent.

The prophet and his people suddenly saw the love, mercy and grace of God over against their rebellion and sin and they did not know how to hide their faces for shame.

III. PRAYER FOR MERCY. Daniel 9:17-19.

Nothing gives us more comfort and strength than to have God's face to shine upon us again after we have caused him to frown in disapproval. Daniel pleads for an answer now not "for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies," not for our sake, but "for thine own sake." Forgiveness and mercy are needed desperately now for without God's grace the Hebrews are not only captives of Babylon, but to a greater degree captives of their own sinful nature.



ARGENTINA'S SPECTACULAR IGUAZU FALLS

On the Brazilian border, about 1300 miles from Buenos Aires, is one of the most magnificent sights in the world. Iguazu Falls are greater than Niagara or Victoria Falls.

We the Women

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

AN INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Herbert Hiller, our General Council representative, leads the busy life of a pastor's wife, mother of two teen-agers, Sunday School teacher and youth counselor. She proved an able representative of our Woman's Missionary Union at the recent sessions of the General Council and presents her impressions in a very unique way.

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY to the GENERAL COUNCIL SESSIONS

By Mrs. Herbert Hiller, Edmonton, Alberta

Speeding along on shiny ribbons of steel on my way to Forest Park, Illinois, I had to marvel again at the ease, majesty and swiftness with which the train moved towards my destination. As I thought of the wonder of it all and the purpose of my trip, it occurred to me that our denomination with some 50,000 members is on a purposeful journey too, a vast forward movement, an onward push to a goal, an upward sweep to glory.

All of us have a purpose and a destiny, a yieldedness to the tracks of God's saving and sanctifying will for our lives, and a mission to bring ourselves and others happily along the journey, each fulfilling a sacred function according to our ability in order to make the adventure of our Christian life together an enjoyable, worthwhile, rich and rewarding experience.

As General Council members along with other leading committees, boards and secretaries, we are the crew charged with the safety, comfort and spiritual well-being of the people entrusted to our care and the direction of affairs in the entire denominational enterprise. Sharing in the responsibilities of leadership, we must do our part with the least noise, display of self-importance, suspicion, friction and selfish strife. We must do our work cooperatively, in harmonious unity and confidence in one another, act promptly, decisively, and effectively for the good of all. On the attitude of mutual respect and advancement of each other, the idea of sharing and working together in Christian love depend the peace and power of the co-operative venture.

As I looked through the windows of my train and observed the panoramic scenery of the waking countryside—the fresh green of trees and bushes, the blooming flowers and trees, stirred by the gentle breezes of spring—I was struck by the silent might operative in nature which makes all of this fresh beauty possible. And this became my prayer, that God's power

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Baptist Women at Louisville

Report of the Executive Committee Meeting of the North American Baptist Women's Union by Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, Cathay, North Dakota

MOST PEOPLE experience events which are especially inspiring and unforgettable. Such a mountain-top adventure was mine as I attended my first meeting of the executive committee of the North American Baptist Women's Union held May 15 and 16 at the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in beautiful Louisville, Kentucky.

Since the official name of this organization is so much like that of our own denomination, may I clarify it to my readers. The North American Baptist Women's Union is composed of Baptist women from the ten Baptist conventions and conferences in North America, including American Baptists, Southern Baptists, the Swedish Baptists, several Negro Baptist groups, several Canadian Baptist Unions, as well as our own Woman's Missionary Union. This organization was first brought into being in Columbus, Ohio, in 1953—a congress in which a number of the women of our denomination were privileged to participate.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee of this organization is composed of the president of each women's union affiliated, five special representatives, including Mrs. George Martin who heads the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, and three members at large. One of these members at large is our former president, Mrs. Walter W. Grosser. It is a signal honor for our Woman's Missionary Union for Mrs. Grosser to have been chosen to serve on this committee, since ours is one of the smallest groups affiliated with this organization.

The Baptist women of each continent have a similar Women's Union—all functioning under the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance under the able leadership of Mrs. George Martin of Norfolk, Va. It was she who was instrumental in organizing the Baptist women of Asia into a Union such as ours, so that now every continent in the world has a Baptist Women's Union.

We have all heard of the famed "southern hospitality," and those of us who attended the Louisville meeting tasted of it in full measure. Our hostesses at the Carver School of Missions and Social Work provided us with every possible comfort to make our stay pleasant. There were beautiful flowers in artistic arrangements for our enjoyment, and wonderful meals with the characteristic southern touch, as well as dainty sweets to be relished during coffee breaks.

But to me, the invaluable results of such a meeting are the exchange

of ideas and the inspiration that each of us experienced in this fellowship. The president of each women's group represented gave a report about her work—the goals and accomplishments. Our own "Program Packet" stimulated a great deal of interest in this committee, and several members requested copies of it. No other group publishes anything quite as elaborate and complete in a single unit. As we heard the reports of each group, we realized that we are all working for the same goals—the winning of souls for God's Kingdom at home and in the foreign field.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance was discussed in the light of what we as Baptist women can do to help promote it. It was the feeling of this group that this five-year program of evangelism, culminating in 1964, is one of the greatest undertakings in promoting Baptist unity in North America that has ever been attempted. It was Dr. C. C. Warren, permanent vice-chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance steering committee, who said: "I venture to assert God is challenging Baptists to spearhead the rescuing of what appears to me to be a dying civilization." We, the women, most certainly have a definite obligation in promoting the Baptist Jubilee Advance wholeheartedly.

MACEDONIAN CALLS

Our committee sessions came to a close in an evening session at which time we heard reports from several members of our committee who had recently made trips around the world, visiting various mission fields. From these reports we learned of the dire needs of thousands of displaced persons in Asia, Africa and the near-East, and heard the plea for help, not only to feed and to clothe these destitute peoples, but also to give them the Bread of Life.

Presiding over our committee sessions was Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, president of the North American Baptist Women's Union, and also the presiding officer of the American Baptist Convention, an office rarely held by a woman. Her able leadership and wonderful Christian spirit were a blessing and inspiration to all of us.

Perhaps the highlight for all of us came on Monday morning when the members of our committee were platform guests of the Women's Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. For two days, Southern Baptists from 42 states, Hawaii and Alaska had been converging on Louisville for their annual convention, held this year in the

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What's Happening

• The Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas, has announced that its new pastor is Rev. Ray Bennett who has been serving the church for the past few months. He has succeeded Rev. Frank Armbruster, now of Camdenton, Missouri. The church was without the services of a full time pastor for many months.

• The former Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., has changed its name officially to the Bethany Baptist Church. It is located at 1301 Victoria Avenue, corner Toronto Street. The new pastor, Rev. Heinrich Herrmann, began his ministry at the Bethany Church on July 1st. The church clerk is Mr. Reinhold Pelzer.

• The First Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho, has extended a call to Rev. Myrl S. Thiesies of Dallas, Oregon, a 1959 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He began his ministry in the Paul, Idaho church in June, succeeding Rev. John Broeder. Mr. Thiesies was also in attendance at the sessions of the Pacific Conference held in the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon.

• Rev. John J. Kroeker recently resigned as pastor of the German Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., which he has served as the minister since 1956. The resignation was accepted by the church. Mr. Kroeker's plans for the immediate future were not known at the headquarters office at the time of going to press with this issue, but further developments will be reported in later numbers.

• Mr. Arthur Brust of Swan River, Manitoba, a 1959 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, has been called by the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California as the associate pastor and director of Christian Education. He has accepted the call and is already on the field in Lodi, California. He will be associated with Rev. Aaron Buhler in the ministry of Lodi's First Church, who is the pastor-elect of the congregation.

• Rev. Otto R. Schmidt, the acting president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., has presented his resignation to the Board of Trustees and to the Education and Publication Society, effective August 31, 1959. He has announced that he is planning to spend several years in graduate studies beginning this fall. He has served as a member of the C. T. I. faculty since 1951 and as acting president since the 1958 General Conference in Edmonton.

• The West Baltimore Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland, has called Rev. Ervin Bennett, pastor of the Grace

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Baptist Church, White Marsh, Maryland, a church of the Southern Baptist Convention. He accepted the call and began his ministry officially in the West Baltimore church on June 21, succeeding Rev. Henry Laube. The church held a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Ervin Bennett and their 17 year old daughter and 9 year old son on Sunday, June 14.

• On Sunday evening, June 21, the Temple Baptist Church, Cheektowaga, New York, held a Musicale with Mr. A. Mueller serving as choir director and Mrs. F. Aldrich as organist. The Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Juvenile Choir, Young Adult Quartet, Instrumental Trio and Trumpet Trio, a vocal trio and duet rendered numbers in this inspiring program. Solos were sung by Mrs. V. Anderson, Mr. Herbert Brunner and Rev. Harold Faba. Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor, brought a brief message on "The High Note."

• The Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California, held its Vacation Bible School in June with a total registration of 191 persons and with an average daily attendance of 160. The children contributed \$122.73 for missions and \$59.77 for the expenses of the school. Several decisions for Christ were recorded. The Sunday School held its annual picnic on Sunday afternoon, June 28, at Lodi's Lawrence Park. A vesper service was held in the park that evening with Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor, bringing the message.

• The Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, observed its 75th anniversary on Saturday evening, June 27, and on Sunday afternoon, June 28. This church recently voted to be affiliated entirely with the Southern Baptist Convention, but many of its members are still maintaining fraternal relations with our North American Baptist General Conference. Those taking part in the anniversary festivities included a former pastor, Rev. Howard C. Schenk, now pastor in Hillsboro, Texas, and Rev. L. B. Hinz of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

• On Sunday, May 31, the Mollardgasse Baptist Church of Vienna, Austria, held a baptismal service with five converts baptized. Two of the young women were from the mission station at Essling-Vienna where Rev. Anton Kurti has been serving as the pastor since September 1958. Two of the young men who were baptized are Hungarian refugees who lived for some time at the camp for Hungarians called "Quellenhof" at Rekawinkel near Vienna. They are expected to emigrate to the United States as soon as circumstances will permit. Rev. Anton Kurti brought the baptismal message and baptized the candidates.

• Rev. and Mrs. R. Milbrandt and their daughter were feted by the Grace and Temple Baptist Churches of Medicine Hat, Alta., in June and by the Board of the Baptist Haven of Rest shortly before they began their official ministry in the Temple Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., on Sunday, June 28. They will live in temporary quarters until a parsonage can be provided. Membership in this new church, which was received into the North American Baptist General Conference at the July sessions of the Northern Conference in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, now exceeds the 200 mark. Mr. Milbrandt is the first pastor of this newly organized church.

• Mr. Dudley Reeves, Cameroons missionary and teacher at the Bali Protestant College whose articles have appeared frequently in the pages of the "Baptist Herald," has resigned and is bringing his "good services" (in the words of Dr. Paul Gebauer) to an end August 20, 1959. By the close of August Rev. and Mrs. Fred C. Folkerts and their son, Stephen Carl, will arrive in the Cameroons as well as the newly appointed missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Zimbelman. Mr. Zimbelman will serve as a teacher at the Protestant College in Bali. Miss Gertrude Schatz is arriving in the Cameroons in August to assume her ministry as a missionary nurse at the Banso Baptist Hospital.

• The Baptist Church of Edenwold, Saskatchewan, has called Rev. R. Neuman, missionary on the nearby Muscowpetung Indian Reserve, to which a favorable response has been given. His resignation from the Indiana Reserve has already been announced in the "Baptist Herald." He was compelled to resign due to the inadequate facilities for the educating of the Neuman children on the Reservation. In Edenwold, Mr. Neuman will also give leadership to a new mission in nearby Balgonie, Saskatchewan, where a Baptist Sunday School has already been started. Mr. Neuman, who has served on the Muscowpetung Reserve since September, 1956 and on our various Indiana mission fields for the past eleven years, will begin his ministry in Edenwold on August 23. He has supplied the pulpit of the Edenwold church since November, 1958 in addition to his ministry on the Indian Reserve.

• The southern Ontario churches held their Youth Rally and Faith Conference at Hamilton, Ontario, on Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28. More than 800 persons at both conferences filled the beautiful new auditorium of the Baptist Church and the Convocation Hall of McMaster University. Rev. Philip Scherer was in charge of the Youth Rally program which featured a play by the Kitchener youth group, testimonies and a Cameroons mission film. The guest speakers at the Faith Conference were Rev. William Stur-

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—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.

SYNOPSIS

Tom Larkin drove his big semi truck into the darkness of a stormy 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 weatherbeaten 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. In this home with this Bible reading girl, Tom Larkin was reminded of his deeply religious mother and 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 brush to fix up the church, but the girl came and talked about God's having a purpose for him and his needing Christ. Everybody in the community came to the first service in the reopened church. Tom Larkin's testimony how Christ had become his salvation became a stirring sermon. Later Mary Sue and Dr. Elliott, the district secretary, tried to persuade him to take over a larger church. But Tom Larkin felt that he was being forced into this and broke with Mary Sue and the church. Dixie talked to him: "Oh, Tom, be reasonable," as she tried to explain about Mary Sue.

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"DON'T underestimate her!" Tom interrupted. "Don't ever underestimate that one! Anyway—" he added more gently, "I don't want to talk about it any more. It's over and done with and I want to forget it."

She was quiet a long time. Then, "Can you, Tom?"

"Of course I can!"

"You aren't even going to—tell Dr. Elliott?"

He shrugged. "He's got Mary-Sue. She'll keep him posted."

They were going round and round in conversational circles, always back to Mary-Sue. He hated it. He told her so.

"Well, then," she asked softly, "where do we go from here?"

He leaned an arm across the back of the seat and turned sideways to look at her. "Right back where we started

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from! I want things to be just the way they were before I ever saw Mary-Sue or that church! I want to forget this past year ever happened!"

Dixie looked down at her hands. "It isn't quite as simple as all that, Tom. You've changed. Oh, sure. You're mad right now, but you have changed. And so have I. And when you cool down a little, you'll realize you can't go back to being a lukewarm Christian again. We've come beyond that, Tom, and we both know it. Maybe you can shove Mary-Sue out of your life. Maybe you can even shove that church out, too. But you can't shove God out, Tom. Not again. And neither can I."

He sighed heavily and was quiet a long time. "I suppose you're right, Dixie. Why fight it? I know you're right. Okay, then. Why can't we go to church here? Why can't you teach Sunday school here if you want to?"

"Maybe I can. Maybe I will. What about you? After organizing and re-establishing and practically rebuilding that little church from the ground up, can you just sit in a pew and listen?"

Tom swallowed, that hurt cutting deep again. "I can learn to," he whispered. "I'll have to learn to!"

But he tried for two weeks, and the lesson was not forthcoming. The days he worked seemed meaningless. There was nothing to look forward to, nothing he cared to look back upon. Each was, within itself, an insignificant passage of time—nothing more.

The days he did not work—these were abominable. He loitered until his mind felt soggy with inactivity.

In the evenings there was Dixie. This helped, but even she was silent beyond her usual self. A couple of times he wanted to say, "Well, talk to me! Why don't you talk to me?" But what could she say that he did not already know? There was no plan, no anticipation—nothing.

Sundays were the emptiest of all. He went to church with Dixie, sat next to her and, even while the minister spoke, his eyes traveled from one man-made masterpiece to another. Those glistening blond pews with hand-carvings at the end of each, the velvet-draped baptistry, the soft, pale carpeting up the center aisle. And with each observation came the automatic comparison. His little church had been barren, perhaps, of these money-begotten things, but, oh, it had all the rest—all the really important part!

And then his thoughts would leave its beauty altogether. He would think of the furnace that was not yet paid for, the furnace he had planned to purchase from his own wages. When he did not show up, when his people realized he was failing them, would they be too astounded to carry on without him? Would they give proportionately more, as they had planned to in order to give him a wage, to make those payments on the furnace? He was sure they would. Oh, of course, they would!

And still, they were like children in many ways. They looked to a leader for guidance in this or that small detail even as a child looks to its parent. And he had come to them. And he had given himself unto them and unto Christ to be their leader. And now—wordlessly!—he was forsaking them...

Dixie had to prod him when it was time to go. He had not heard a word beyond the middle of the sermon. He was ashamed for it, and he went home and asked God's forgiveness for it—also for what he was doing.

"Help my people," he prayed. "Give them guidance to carry on. Send them someone. Help me, too, God!"

And in the middle of that following week he came home from work to change clothes and go down to the

restaurant to meet Dixie, but on this day he was waylaid.

There came a knock on his door, and when he opened it, in the process of buttoning his shirt, he stood face to face with Dr. Elliott. For a second he thought he was seeing a mirage. He simply stared.

"Well, Tom?" Dr. Elliott said finally. "Am I welcome?"

Only then did he come to his senses. "Of course—" he muttered. "Of course, sir!"

He stood aside to permit entrance, immediately ashamed for the humble abode. He mumbled something by way of apology, offered the Doctor the only comfortable chair available. They spent a few minutes in exchanging pleasantries. Then there came the inevitable lull.

Tom moved nervously about the room and finally he asked it point blank. "I suppose Mary-Sue sent you?"

It took the actual saying of the words to make him realize he was lonely for her. Mad or not, he missed her...

"No—" Dr. Elliott said quietly, overlooking the affront in Tom's implication. "Not Mary-Sue, Tom. God."

Tom turned slowly and looked at him. "She — didn't write you this time?"

"No, Tom, she didn't write me this time. This time, it was Miss Gates who wrote me—"

Tom's eyes widened. "Miss Gates!" he yelled in an appalling voice. "Dixie wrote you?"

Dr. Elliott smiled tiredly and nodded. "You seem to be quite a ladies' man, Tom. Moreso than I would have expected. I shouldn't like to be in your shoes when the time comes for you to make a decision. They're both lovely Christian girls and they both—apparently—love you very much—"

"Love me!" Tom hollered with embarrassment, unable to speak of such things with the facility of his older and wiser guest. "You call it love—what Mary-Sue did? Writing to you, spying and reporting, prodding me all the time—"

"Sometimes, Tom, we're harder on the people we love than those about whom we care very little. Love is generous in many ways, but in many others it is most demanding. When we love someone, we want them to do and to be the very best within their power. Witness that, Tom, in the love any mother bears her child. She prods and lectures and preens—because she loves. Mary-Sue did only that, Tom. And I, personally, do not doubt for a minute that her compulsion to write me was God-given. She wouldn't act on any impulse that wasn't approved by God, Tom. She couldn't—being the sort of person she is."

Tom eyed the older man suspiciously. "You sound like you've been talking to her."

"I have been. I received Miss Gates' letter yesterday. I was unable to get away until today, and I stopped out

to see the Nichols on the way over here."

"And you think she's got a right to run around making other people's decisions for them?"

"She didn't make anybody's decision, did she, Tom? Certainly you don't think I arrived at my decision to suggest that you go into the ministry because of a few letters written by an eighteen-year-old girl obviously very much in love with you and prejudiced by that love almost beyond being reasonable?"

Tom flushed and hung his head.

"I'll admit," Dr. Elliott went on more slowly, "being intrigued by the miracles you were obviously performing—with God's help. Also, the Sunday she had in mind happened to coincide with a Sunday on which we were having a missionary as guest speaker, so I was free, so to speak, to take advantage of the invitation. That's as far as it went, Tom. The working of the Almighty is more complex than you seem to think. Mary-Sue and the others who wrote me did their part. It was up to me to do mine. I based my decisions on you. As a human being and as a Christian. God gave me a mind to use, Tom, and as a general rule I try to use it. It stands to reason that I don't like being wrong about a man, Tom. I don't think I am wrong about you. Too many things point to my being right. Including Miss Gates' letter—"

Tom looked up at him slowly, but he did not have the courage to ask.

Dr. Elliott met the glance with knowing amusement. "She said you weren't a backslider. She said she was certain you knew you'd made a mistake, but you were too stubborn to go back and admit it. That's what I came here to find out. Figuratively speaking, you're a member of my flock. We're all members of Christ's. If He hasn't lost you, why have I?"

Tom sat down and stuck his head in his hands. "I don't know—" he admitted harshly. "I don't know any more—" It was all involved with so many senseless details suddenly—who was mad at whom, who started what to implicate whom. The anger was all gone now. In its wake trailed an aftermath of numb confusion.

"I realize college was a lot to suggest, Tom," Dr. Elliott went on sensibly, "but I gave you an alternative. I offered you a larger church, and I knew you could handle it. That wasn't demanding too much of you, was it? But even if it were, Tom, all you had to do was tell me 'No.' Nothing would have been changed—"

Tom shook his head, scowling. "No!" he whispered raggedly. "No, it wasn't that simple any more! I couldn't just go on. Suddenly it was a matter of conscience! If I'd said 'No,' I'd have felt guilty—"

Dr. Elliott met Tom's eyes levelly and for a long time they looked at each other. Tom swallowed, but then he could not speak. It was all there—lying between them!

Dr. Elliott reduced it to words. "Then I was right," he said simply. "You are being paged by the Almighty, aren't you, Tom? That's why you can't go back?"

Tom's face twisted with pain. "Seven years!" he groaned. "It'd take seven years at least—maybe eight or nine—"

Dr. Elliott. "That's between you and your Saviour, Tom. That's something you have to decide."

Tom got up and moved jerkily around the room, rapping his knuckles against the bedpost, hitting his fist on the bureau top.

"I guess you think I'm hiding behind Mary-Sue, is that it?"

And now he had put the ugly thing into words. "I guess you think I'm saying she brought all this about so I don't have to do anything about it!"

Dr. Elliott looked at him disappointedly. "Did I ever say a thing like that to you, Tom?"

"No." Tom hung his head again.

"Then—I guess you know where it came from?"

Tom winced. He knew, all right. His own conscience; Mary-Sue planted it there.

"I don't judge people, Tom. I haven't the authority. I only evaluate them—just as I evaluated you for a specific job. That's my duty, Tom. That's the work God gave me. He does the judging—not I. I'll be judged right along with you when the time comes. You see—there are times when I don't like my job, either."

Tom looked at him slowly, and the older man nodded. "Does that surprise you? That I'm human? Well, I am—very." He arose and walked a few steps around the room, hands in his pockets.

"Tom," he said then, "I'm a man sixty years old and with a bad heart. I'd like to retire, but I can't. Each of us was born to do a specific job for our Lord, and I can't quit and abide with my own conscience." He shook his head slowly. "I know what God would have me do, Tom, and I have to do it—right up till the day I die. Oh, don't think I do my work grudgingly!" he added with a burst of enthusiasm. "I certainly don't! I do it happily! You see, Tom, I'm grateful for the faith God gave me. I'm grateful for the means of serving Him! It's the only way I have of showing my gratitude to Him for the blessings He has given me! And there are the joyous times!" And now his expressive face was as bright as if someone had switched on a light behind it. "The times like visiting your little church—hearing you speak! Spontaneously, Tom—straight from your soul! Oh, the compensations are far greater than the sacrifice, Tom! Even here on earth the compensations are greater! And after all this, we have heaven—"

Tom was smiling suddenly. He was remembering how he dragged his feet about delivering a message, but then he did deliver it, and Dixie reaffirmed her belief, Spencer was saved—it was

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern District

"Songfest" of the Central Alberta-Saskatchewan Tri-Union

On June 21st, the annual Song Festival of the Central Alberta-Saskatchewan Tri-Union was held in Medicine Hat, Alberta. Because of the large audiences that had been present in past years, an air-conditioned theatre auditorium was rented for this occasion.

The program consisted of various musical presentations from the seven affiliated churches. Of special inspiration was the 130-voice mixed mass choir which rendered three selections under the direction of Rev. R. Kanwischer. A mass male choir also rendered one selection at the conclusion of the service. An added blessing to the program was the address by Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill.

It was a very great thrill to have had the opportunity of participating in this great musical festival and to conclude the Association meetings with such a stirring climax through the medium of song.

Ernest E. Hahn, Reporter

Central Alberta-Saskatchewan Association in Medicine Hat

The Central Alberta-Saskatchewan Association was held June 18-21 at the Grace Baptist Church in Medicine Hat, Alberta. Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Dr. W. W. Wessel were guest speakers. All guests received a very warm welcome with some of the warmest weather that has been enjoyed this year. Highlights of the meetings were the messages by Dr. Leuschner in the German language, and Dr. Wessel in English. Unusual interest was stimulated by the reports from the churches telling of the progress of their work and the possibilities of the future.

At the business meetings it was decided once again to adopt a mission project of \$600 which was to be given special designation by the executive of the association. The newly-elected officers of the association are: Rev. Ervin Strauss, president; Rev. R. Kanwischer, vice-president; Mr. C. K. Bifart, secretary; Mr. A. Anderst, treasurer.

Ernest E. Hahn, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Arthur Boymook, Minitonas, Man.

Members of the Winnipeg, Morris, Whitemouth, Ochre River, Moosehorn, Swan River, and Minitonas churches of Manitoba gathered at Minitonas, Man., on the afternoon of June 19 to form the Ordination Council to which Arthur Boymook, recent graduate of our seminary, gave his ordination testimony. Rev. H. J. Waltereit was elected chairman, and Rev. D. Berg secretary of the council. His conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal statements were considered and accepted.

The inspiring ordination service followed on Sunday evening before a capacity audience in the Minitonas church. After the opening numbers, Rev. W. Sturhahn offered the dedicatory prayer. Rev. H. J. Waltereit welcomed the new minister into the ministerial fellowship. Brief messages followed to the new minister and the church by Rev. D. Berg and Rev. W. Laser. Special singing was rendered by the choir, quartet, and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boymook. Rev. Arthur Boymook dismissed the congregation with the benediction. He is the new pastor at Jamesburg, New Jersey.

David Berg, Secretary

Lauderdale Baptist J-O-Y Club Program, Edmonton, Alta.

The name of the J-O-Y Club in the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, has a double meaning: "Joy" for happiness, and each letter means "Jesus, Others, You," respectively. This club for junior-aged boys and girls came into being last October, and climaxed the winter's activities by a special program which was held on June 14th. There are 25 members in the Club. The theme of the program was "nautical" in nature, and the children wore real navy hats and collars.

As the J-O-Y club members are also the singers in the Junior Choir, the play which was presented, "His Majesty's Good Ship Zion," gave scope for songs to be sung at the appropriate moment, and also proved that young people are good actors. A special feature was the ship's orchestra which consisted of rhythm band instruments, violins, accordion, vibraharp, mandolin and guitar. After the program, doughnuts and coffee were served to the parents and children.

Mrs. V. Pahl, Reporter

Women's Missionary Society Program at Springside, Sask.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Springside, Sask., presented its annual program on Sunday evening, May 24, with Mrs. Gordon Goltz, president, in charge.

The program consisted of reports by the vice-secretary and treasurer, several songs by the members, and other musical selections, as well as two recitations. We were privileged to have as our guests Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman and family, our missionaries to the Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve, Edenwold, Sask. Mr. Neuman brought us a challenging missionary message, which stirred our hearts. The Neuman family also rendered a song, and Mrs. Neuman gave a Children's Story.

We were also glad for the testimony of Mr. Peter Dubois, a fine Christian Indian from the Reserve, whom the Neumans had brought with them. Mr. Dubois is deeply interested in the spiritual life of his people, and we were thankful for this privilege

of hearing his testimony in word and in song. We are thankful to our Lord for an active Society, and for the many blessings throughout the past year.

Mrs. George Fritzke, Reporter

Edenwold Baptist Church, Sask., Holds Missionary Conference

Sunday, June 7th, was a happy day for the people of the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask., as it was the beginning of their annual Mission Conference. The day started with our Children's Day program. It was then followed by regular worship service with Rev. R. Neuman, missionary on the Muscowpetung Reserve, bringing the message, and the observance of the Lord's Supper. In the evening the C. B. Y. presented the play, "A Fortune Lost and a Future Gained."

On Monday evening we had a number of speakers from our congregation who expressed their convictions on missions. Mrs. William Kramer spoke on mission work in Japan. Rev. R. Schilke, our guest speaker, gave an account of our work in Africa. On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Wm. Kramer gave some more interesting notes on "Cameroons Missions." Mr. Schilke showed slides of his trip through Japan and the needs of the Gospel. We are also grateful for our denominational work in making it possible to obtain pictures of all our missionaries in various fields. Our local board obtained maps and arranged these pictures on them with ribbons leading from the missionaries to the fields on which they are serving God.

Mrs. F. Brucker, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Arthur Zeller, Wiesenthal, Alta.

Delegates from 8 Alberta churches and representatives from the Christian Training Institute met at the call of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church, Millet, Alta., on May 8, for the ordination of Arthur Zeller. Rev. A. Lamprecht and Rev. R. Harsch were elected as moderator and clerk of the council, respectively. Mr. Zeller gave his conversion experience, call to the ministry, and doctrinal views. After a period of questioning, the council recommended to the host church to proceed with the ordination service.

The ordination service was held in the evening with Rev. Ed. Link presiding. The ordination message was brought by Rev. H. Hiller, and Rev. R. Harsch led in the dedicatory ordination prayer. Rev. O. Fritzke gave the charge to the church and Rev. A. Lamprecht the charge to the candidate. The Hand of Fellowship was given by Rev. H. Hiller, Northern Conference Missionary Secretary. A male quartet from the host church sang two fitting numbers. Rev. A. Zeller pronounced the benediction.

It is our prayer that Brother Zeller will be an effective witness for the Lord and that through him many souls will find Christ as their Lord and Savior.

R. Harsch, Council Clerk

Alberta Association Woman's Missionary Union Sessions

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Alberta Association held its business meeting and program at the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, on June 6. Mrs. Marie Mueller, president, opened the meeting with prayer. It was our joy to extend a warm welcome to three newly organized societies: First German Church, Calgary; Temple Church, Calgary; and Onoway Church. It was decided that the offering taken during the program be designated for our Japanese Mission.

Officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. Fred Knalson; vice-president, Mrs. Ernest Kern; secretary, Mrs. Bernice Harsch; treasurer, Mrs. Adam Buyer; assistant secretary, Mrs. Ervin Faul. Highlights of the program were the play, "This Is Your Life," presented by the Carbon Baptist Society. Miss Gertrude Schatz who is leaving as missionary-nurse to Africa next month gave her testimony. It was our privilege to have Dr. Leslie Chaffee as our guest speaker. He spoke to us about his work while in the Cameroons, Africa.

Mrs. Bernice Harsch, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Allan Strohschein, Westaskiwin, Alta.

On June 17, at the call of the Calvary Baptist Church, Westaskiwin, Alta., an ordination council was convened for the purpose of examining Allan Fred Strohschein for the Gospel ministry. Representatives from 8 of the Alberta Association churches as well as faculty members from the Christian Training Institute and North American Baptist Seminary made up the council, followed by the presentation of the candidate to the council by Mr. William Dickau.

A large gathering met that same evening for the public service presided over by Rev. A. Lamprecht, McKernan Church, Edmonton. Mr. Peter Schroeder, Rabbit Hill Church, read the Scripture lesson and Rev. O. Fritzke, Camrose led in prayer. A vocal duet by Melrose Krause and LeRoy Dickau brought a challenge to Christian service. The ordination message was delivered by Professor W. W. Wessel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis. Rev. Fred Mashner, pastor, is at the extreme left.

August 6, 1959



BAPTIST CHURCH FLOAT, WATERTOWN, WIS.

This float was entered in the Memorial Day Parade to call attention to the Vacation Bible School sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin. The girls are Sylvia and Brenda Prast who posed for the picture in their "space helmets." —Photo by L. R. Prast.

The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Ben Strohschein, cousin of the candidate and missionary to Africa. Rev. R. Harsch issued the charge to the candidate, and Rev. O. R. Schmidt of the C. T. I. gave a challenge to the church. Rev. Wingblade, member of the Alberta Legislative Assembly, shared words of counsel before Rev. H. Hiller of Edmonton welcomed Brother Strohschein into the ministerial ranks. Rev. Allan F. Strohschein, the pastor-elect of the New Leipzig Baptist Church, N. Dak., pronounced the benediction.

Edward B. Link, Clerk

Central District

Baptist Vacation Bible School at Watertown, Wis.

The First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin, conducted a Vacation Bible School from June 8 to 19 with a record attendance of 126 children enrolled and with a daily average attendance of 113. The school was held in one of the city public schools under the direction of Mrs. Ben Musser with 30 teachers and workers. The theme was "Living for Jesus in the Space Age."

We praise the Lord for answered prayer when 25 boys and girls received Christ as their personal Savior. A closing demonstration program was held at Riverside Park on Friday evening, June 19. The handwork was on display and refreshments were served following the program. A float was entered in the city's Memorial Day Parade advertising our Bible School.

Mrs. Edgar Goetsch, Reporter.

LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

at the

American Baptist Assembly
Green Lake, Wisconsin

August 22-29, 1959

Pray for these conference days!
There is still time and room for you
and your family if you will act at
once!

Vacation Bible School and Picnic, Sheboygan, Wis.

The Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., successfully completed its Vacation Bible School on June 18th with a closing program by the group. School was held daily for 9 days of morning sessions, with a total enrollment of 93. A fine staff of teachers and assistants presented the course, "Adventuring with Christ," which featured "Children of the King" for preschoolers; "Friends of the King" for the Primary age; "Knights of the King" in the Junior Department; and "Crusaders of the King" in the young people's group. The fun of working and playing together, making new friends, and learning about the Lord Jesus is a great experience, and for some of the children, it was probably the first time they had ever heard the good news of salvation.

On June 20, a beautiful day, a combined picnic was held for the Bible School, Sunday School and church at the Evergreen Park in Sheboygan, and, needless to say, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Donald Vasselos, Reporter

Vacation School "Adventures With Christ," Creston, Neb.

The Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska, held its Vacation Bible School from June 1 to 5, with an enrollment of 20 children. Our theme was "Adventuring with Christ." Mrs. Reuben Stading was in charge of the morning worship period. Miss Mary Ann Guthals led the group singing. The teachers were: Pre-school children, Mrs. Orton Hulsebus assisted by Sandra Scheffler; Primary, Miss Darlene Strobel, Venturia, N. Dak.; Juniors, Miss Mary Ann Guthals, Elmo, Kansas; Junior Hi, Rev. R. Stading. We are grateful to Miss Guthals and Miss Strobel for teaching; also for the many other fine services they rendered in our church.

Mrs. Orton Hulsebus, Reporter



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School, Creston, Neb., who went "Adventuring With Christ."

Children's Program and Vacation School, Madison, S. Dak.

A Children's Day Program was presented on Sunday morning, May 31, at the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota. In the evening there was a fellowship supper at which time Dr. Ralph Powell from our Seminary was the guest speaker and music was furnished by our male chorus.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 1 to 12. There were classes for children from 3 years of age through the 10th grade in school beginning at 9:00 A. M. until 11:45 daily. There were 64 children enrolled. The closing demonstration program was held Friday evening, June 12. Following the program, there was a display of the handwork for the audience and a time of fellowship after which refreshments were served by the Brotherhood.

Mrs. Elmer Moose, Reporter

Baptist Vacation Bible School At Plevna, Montana.

Our Vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana, from June 15-19 with 39 children enrolled. We held our opening exercises and classes in the convenient lower auditorium of our newly dedicated church. We had handwork and Scripture memorization with Bible Study on "Following Jesus."

There were four departments with

teachers as follows: Beginners, Ramona Bechtold and Ruth Sieler; Primary, Mrs. Ed Buerkle and Betty Hepperle; Juniors, Delores Fuchs and Mary Fuchs; Intermediates, R. H. Zepik. The director for the school was our pastor, Rev. R. H. Zepik. The program on Sunday afternoon was well presented to a large audience.

Delores Fuchs, Reporter

Dakota-Montana Central Association at Sidney Church

The Dakota-Montana Central Association met in Sidney, Montana from June 11 to 14. Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor of the Sidney Church, presided at the opening service, giving us a warm welcome and making all the delegates feel at home. Rev. J. C. Gunst, our Central District Secretary, gave the keynote address using the text given to him: Acts 13:43 and Romans 11:22.

The theme of our Association centered around II Peter 3:18: "Growing in Grace and Knowledge." Seven pastors of this Association enlarged on the theme, using various aspects of spiritual growth. Dr. Leslie Chaffee, our Medical Missionary to the Cameroons, gave several challenging messages, laying on our hearts the great need in Africa, as well as increasing our missionary vision.

At the business session, reports from our churches were given, and we praise the Lord for progress in his Kingdom. The election, held at the Saturday morning business session, had the following results: president, Rev. Alfred Weisser; vice-president, Rev. Edwin Michelson; secretary, Rev. Iver Walker; Treasurer, Mr. Julius Gall.

Wesley A. Gerber, Reporter

Women's Session, Montana-Dakota Central Association

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Montana-Dakota Central Association held its annual meeting on June 12 under the leadership of Mrs. A. E. Reeh at the First Baptist Church of Sidney, Montana. Reports from the various societies showed a continued interest and activity in the Lord's work in behalf of missions. Two new societies joined the union—one from Selby, S. Dak., and one from Wishek, N. Dak. Dr. Leslie Chaffee brought the missionary message in the form of pictures from the Cameroons mission field. Special music by the ladies added to the blessing of our fellowship, and a skit by the Sidney society brought the urgency of the Lord's work anew to our attention.

Mrs. J. Grygo, Reporter

Vacation Bible School For Gackle and Alfred, N. D.

The Vacation Bible School of the Gackle and Alfred Churches, North Dakota was held this year at the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle with Mr. Curtis Haas, summer assistant, directing the school. Mr. Haas is a second year Seminary student at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Nearly 70 children were enrolled with an average attendance of 66. Ten teachers and helpers were engaged in the work of the school. A bus was secured from the local garage which supplies the busses for the school, and

was used by the Baptist, Congregational, and Lutheran Churches to transport their students from Alfred. The Baptist pastor drove the bus.

A capacity audience attended the Vacation Bible School program which was held at Gackle on Sunday evening, June 7. The teachers and their helpers are shown at the edge of the group with the pastor at the front of the bus.

Mrs. Ted Speidel, Reporter

Baptism and Men's Group, Bethany Church, Kansas

On Easter Sunday night, Rev. Edwin Voigt, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas, baptized six candidates. It certainly thrilled our hearts to see them follow Christ in this way. At our annual business meeting, we decided to start a program of Visitation Evangelism in our church. In this program, everyone would have an opportunity to visit and testify to prospects in the community at least once a month. There has been an encouraging response to this program. Quite a number have responded who took the study course, "Every Christian's Job" by Matthews taught by our pastor in February.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers from Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., with the bus in the background that transported the children from Alfred to Gackle.

We have also started a Church Library and at present have about 200 books in it. Most of these are contributions from the families of the church. On Sunday evening, May 31st, a Baptist Men's Group was organized with almost 20 charter members. The following were chosen as officers: president, Darrell Herman; vice-president, Ben Schulz; secretary, Robert Wirth; and treasurer, Emil Gabelmann. We rejoice in this new venture for the Lord here.

Mrs. Edwin Voigt, Reporter

Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. D.

From June 1 to 5 a Vacation Bible School was held at Anamoose, N. Dak., under the leadership of Mrs. A. Krombein. There were three divisional classes with morning and afternoon work periods. The beginners had Mrs. Jake Heringer Jr., teaching on "Friends and Children of Christ." The primary and junior classes were combined with Rev. and Mrs. A. Krombein giving a "Christian Ethics Course" and the mis-

sionary story, "Faith Beyond Fear," with the Auca Indians.

The average attendance was 21 pupils. On Friday evening, June 5, a wonderful program was given by the pupils including the singing of choruses and reciting Bible verses. Good learning and teaching were demonstrated during the program and on the part of the parents sincere appreciation and thanks were expressed. Handwork completed during the school was on display.

Following the program Mr. and Mrs. Krombein were pleasantly surprised when they were presented with gifts from the pupils. Much credit is due to them, for their well arranged and planned teachings during their ministry here.

Mrs. Elard Helm, Church Clerk

Vacation Bible School at Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, from June 1-12. The theme was "LIVING FOR JESUS IN THE SPACE AGE." Rev. Kurt Marquardt served as director with a staff of 18 teachers and helpers.

Those working in each department were as follows: Beginners: Eleanor Frerichs, Jurrena Luiken, Delores Luiken and Eloise Gast; Primary: Clara Butzman, Hattie Tholen, Charlette Havens, Judy Pierson, Diane McKilip; Junior: Verna Luiken, Ruth Tritien, Evelyn Luiken and Judy Gast; Senior: Harriet Luiken, Ruth Rose and Sarah Daleske. Miss Shirley DeVries served as our pianist for the school.

A special mission offering was taken which was designated for the Asaph Tobert family, serving as missionaries in Nigeria, West Africa. A program was given on Friday evening by the children portraying the things learned. We praise God for his richest blessing during these two weeks.

Verna Luiken, Reporter

Memorable Programs at Central Home, Chicago, Ill.

The Women's Service Union of the Chicago and vicinity churches presented a memorable program at the Central Baptist Home, with Mrs. Carl Jenkins at the organ and Mrs. M. Pankrat at the piano. Mrs. Herbert Schieber, president of the Union, presided, read the Scripture and led in prayer. A cello solo was given by Mrs. Mary Anderson and two selections were rendered by the Women's Chorus of Foster Avenue Church. The superintendent, Dr. M. Vanderbeck, spoke briefly on "What I Desire When I Retire." Dr. Martin L. Leuschner showed pictures of his trip to South America. It was a memorable service that will long linger in the memory of the people.

The Board of the Home had an outdoor Fry at the Home, after which they met in regular session. Many of the denominational office personnel were also at the Home for a picnic. Miss Margaret Schmuland and Miss Ada Taylor from C. T. I., worked at the Home for a week. They rendered a very acceptable service while there. We thank God for the Home, for those who remember the Home, and for those within the Home.

Dr. M. Vanderbeck, Superintendent



GROUND BREAKING AT ELSMERE, DELAWARE

City officials and church leaders take part in the ground breaking exercises for the \$36,000 Sunday School addition to the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Del.

Vacation Bible School at Immanuel Church, Loyal, Okla.

From May 25 to 29, a happy, enthusiastic group of boys and girls at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, Okla., went "Adventuring With Christ." The enrollment at the Vacation Bible School this year was 30 pupils and 8 teachers. Rev. Eleon Sandau was the general superintendent, and also directed all music. The mission project was the San Luis Valley Mission in Colorado. Instead of the usual cash offering, the children and teachers contributed a total of 30 coloring books and 30 boxes of colors which were sent to the field, to use as they saw fit.

On Sunday evening, May 31, a combined Bible School and Children's Day program was held. A fine display of handcraft was shown by each department. Certificates were awarded to all the pupils. During the week two boys accepted Christ as their Savior.

Eleon L. Sandau, Pastor

Baptism and Vacation Bible School, Chancellor, S. Dak.

On May 5th it was our privilege in the Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak., to have the C. B. Y. from Emery, S. Dak., present the play to us, "A Fortune Lost; A Future Gained" written by Mrs. Fred Pahl. On May 31st, Rev. Herman Effa had the joy of baptizing three young converts on confession of their faith.

From June 1 to 12, our Vacation Bible School was held under the direction of Rev. Herman Effa, with Mrs. Herman L. Weeldreyer as secretary. There was a total of 105 boys and girls enrolled with an average attendance of 99. The 30 consecrated teachers and helpers for the two weeks presented the Gospel message with the help of Scripture Press material. Each day the boys and girls brought an offering which amounted to \$107.50 and which was designated toward the South Dakota Association weekly radio broadcast, "Chapel Cheer." We praise the Lord for the 12 boys and girls who accepted Christ as their Savior. On Friday evening, June 12, the closing program was presented to the parents and the handwork displayed.

Mrs. Herman Effa, Reporter

Eastern District

Farewell for Rev. Gordon Huisinga, Cleveland, Ohio

On Sunday, May 27, the members of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, held a farewell service for Rev. Gordon Huisinga. Mr. Huisinga has served our church as Christian Education Director and later as pastor, when Rev. Ervin Strauss followed the Lord's calling to our church in Hilda, Alberta.

During the installation service the leaders of various church organizations expressed their thanks to God for leading Rev. Gordon Huisinga to us. We trust that the Lord will bless him and use him wherever he may go.

Edeltraut Boehnke, Reporter

New Education Building Planned for Elsmere, Delaware

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the proposed \$36,000 Sunday School addition for the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware, were held on Sunday, June 14, following the morning worship service. The new education building, to be erected at the rear of the present church, will form a T-shaped plant, and will be 32 by 52 feet, of red brick Colonial style to conform to the present building. It will contain 15 rooms for Sunday School and will be two stories.

Mayor Joseph R. Walling brought greetings for the City of Elsmere and Senator Wilmer F. Williams spoke words of encouragement, stating that the church gives the legislators a better foundation for their work. Then the various officials of the Church, Sunday School and the societies participated in the ground breaking exercises. Building operations will begin as soon as the last details of the loan have been completed.

The Annual Every Member Cavanaugh, with a goal of \$14,000 for the budget and the building fund, was started at the same time. Advanced gifts and pledges totaled \$5,000. The church currently has \$16,000 in its building fund.

Christian Peters, Pastor

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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hahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. Rev. Philip Scherer also spoke about his recent trip to Germany. Rev. John Wahl and his congregation had made wonderful arrangements for the conference with free meals served in the basement of the church. On Sunday evening a large group of the young people gathered in the Royal Botanical Gardens for a vesper service of group singing and with a devotional message.

A HEALING MINISTRY

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city where Miss Schatz was born, has pledged itself to support her with prayers and toward her work with a contribution of \$2,000 annually. The Lord will return to the church his abundant blessings.

On July 23, 1959 Miss Schatz sailed from New York on the SS RYNDAM via England for the Cameroons of West Africa. She sailed accompanied by the Zimbelman family and upon the wings of prayer. In the Cameroons she will be helping in a healing ministry, particularly at the Banso Baptist Hospital but also wherever the Lord will have need of her.

WE, THE WOMEN

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may work so transformingly in and through us, that the breath of his Spirit may be upon our General Council sessions, that we who are so prone to wander may do the right things for the streamlined functioning of the denominational machinery and program.

To sit in General Council sessions, one is amazed at the complexity of our denominational enterprise, its inter-relatedness and detailed involvement, affecting the lives of so many. Amidst the seeming tangle of tracks or at critical points, one cannot help but thank God for wise spiritual leadership and above all for him whose hand is over us in blessing. Some day we'll bless unendingly that Hand which has guided us!

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Rev. David Berg
Prairie Bible Institute
Three Hills, Alta., Canada

Rev. Heinrich Herrmann
2224 Quebec Street
Regina, Sask., Canada

Rev. G. Harold Hill
112 Mercer Place
South Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Walter Schmidt
5641 N. Menard Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

SUMMER CONFERENCES

(Denominational workers as guest speakers also shown).

August 9-15 NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP near Beatrice, Neb. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson.

August 9-15 OREGON BAPTIST LEAGUE INTERMEDIATE CAMP at Camp Tapawingo, Falls City, Oregon. Rev. Herman Palfenier and Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee.

August 10-14 SOUTH DAKOTA JUNIOR CAMP at Lakodia Camp, Madison, South Dakota. Rev. Lawrence Bienert and Miss Helen Lohse.

August 10-16 BRITISH COLUMBIA GIRLS' CAMP at Green Bay Camp, Westbank, B. C. Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer.

August 16-22 OREGON BAPTIST LEAGUE JUNIOR CAMP at Camp Tapawingo, Falls City, Oregon. Rev. Herman Palfenier.

August 17-22 or 23 CENTRAL CONFERENCE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP at Oakwood Camp, Syracuse, Indiana. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke and Miss Helen Lohse.

August 17-23 MINNESOTA YOUTH CAMP at Westminister Heights Camp, Chaska, Minn. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson.

August 17-21 SOUTH DAKOTA SENIOR CAMP at Camp Lakodia, Madison, South Dakota. Rev. Richard Schilke.

August 17-23 BRITISH COLUMBIA BOYS' CAMP at Westbank, B. C., Green Bay Camp. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg.

August 19-23 SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE at Calvary Church, Corn, Okla. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. David Keiry, Mrs. Delmar Wesseler and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman.

BAPTIST WOMEN AT LOUISVILLE

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famed Freedom Hall on the Kentucky Fair Grounds. The first day of the Southern Baptist Convention is always women's day, and the vast auditorium was soon filled with lovely women of every age and description. To look out over an audience of thousands of beautifully dressed women was an experience none of us is likely to forget.

The colorful setting, the beautiful music and unusual pageantry, and the inspiring message of the guest speaker, Mrs. Hodge, made this women's program outstanding in every respect. As Mrs. Hodge related the story of a cross at the conclusion of her message, a cross appeared on the huge screen on the back-drop of the stage, and a soloist garbed in white sang "The Lord's Prayer." It was an indelibly effective closing to a most awe-inspiring session. And as we left Freedom Hall to begin our journeys back home, we knew that this had truly been a mountain-top experience.

VOICE OF MY BELOVED

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worth the personal sacrifice! And if the personal sacrifice were even greater, then so must the compensation increase joy in his soul! His face revealed his emotion, and when he caught Dr. Elliott smiling peacefully at him, he flushed and looked down at the worn carpeting.

"Why don't you come back, Tom?" he whispered. "Why don't you enroll in some night classes here to pick up your high-school credits, go right on working where you are, and at the same time stay at that little church?"

Tom swallowed. "I'd like that—" "You don't have to make the other decision overnight! Think about it a while longer. I'm sure you'll never regret having the high school diploma no matter what you decide. Then—if you want to go on—fine! If you want that larger church—fine, too. And if you want to stay where you are, doing what you're doing—well, in that case," he added with a chuckle, "I'd give up arguing with these lady friends of yours!"

Tom laughed sheepishly. "I guess you're right—"

"Incidentally," Dr. Elliott added as a serious after-thought, "you aren't entertaining the idea of polygamy? I shouldn't like to think—"

Tom blushed furiously and then burst into laughter. "No, sir! No, sir!"

"Then, which one—"

Tom blushed again, shaking his head and scuffing the toe of his shoe against a hole in the carpet. "I'll have to refuse to answer that, sir," he said with gentle humor, "on the grounds that it might eliminate me—as a bachelor, that is."

"Oh, very well." The Doctor sighed with mock disappointment. "Be cagey if you will. But as a man who has married off three lovely daughters, I feel it only fair to warn you that women, as a lot, are inclined to impatience, and there is that aphorism. I shouldn't like to see you hesitate until both are lost—"

Tom grinned, at the time . . .

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ADVENTURES IN ARGENTINA

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second term missionaries or of younger people. They are convinced that much remains to be done in Argentina by the Lord as he leads them through the prayers and gifts of people back home and through aggressive new evangelistic and promotional plans to "claim the land" for Christ.

The Christian forces of Argentina, who number more than 365,000, need to be awakened to the new opportunities of this day. Among these 19 million people, the Gospel of Christ must be proclaimed with a faith that dares to do great things for God and expects great blessings from God. With God's help, it can be done!