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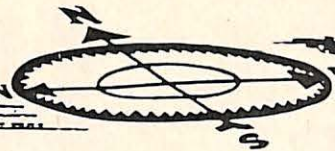
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• According to a new survey made by the World Jewish Congress' Institute of Jewish Affairs, New York City, there are about 12,082,000 Jews in the world, scattered in 119 countries and territories. For most countries the figures are estimates because there are no official census data. The Jewish population is divided geographically as follows: 6,176,000 in the Americas (5.2 million in the U. S.), 3,273,500 in Europe (2 million in the U. S. S. R.), 2,006,400 in Asia (1,822,361 in Israel), 560,900 in Africa, and 64,500 in Australasia.

• The New York state supreme court has approved use of a 22-word prayer in public schools. Justice Bernard S. Meyer issued the decision in a suit opposing the practice brought by the state civil liberties union on behalf of five residents of the Herrick, L. I., school district. The prayer, which was recommended for use in New York public schools by the state board of regents in 1951, goes thus: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon thee, and we beg thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

—The Christian Century

• Two Roman Catholic biblical scholars are proposing that Catholics adapt the Protestant Revised Standard Version of the Bible into a Catholic edition as a means of furthering Christian unity. The RSV, according to Benedictine Fathers Bernard Orchard and Edmund Flood, "is a scholarly rendering of Scripture which is a delight to read and with very little editing could be made entirely acceptable to English-speaking Catholics."

—Christianity Today

• Anton Preisinger, the 47-year-old Bavarian innkeeper who played the role of Christ in the Oberammergau Passion Play 10 years ago, was chosen to repeat his portrayal in the 1960 production of the famed drama. Expected to draw 750,000 spectators for its 85 performances scheduled May-September, 1960, the 8-hour spectacle has been faithfully performed by villagers every 10 years since 1634, with only a few interruptions. During the Black Plague in 1633, residents in their distress vowed to re-live Christ's passion every decade if the devastation would cease.

—The Watchman-Examiner

• Thanks for the aid given by American churches to refugees and Bedouins in Jordan was expressed in warm terms this month by 24-year-old King Hussein. In an interview he granted in Amman, the king told Dr. A. Russell Stevenson that a recent gift of sheep sent by Church World Service

to Bedouin tribes had been most welcome as the nomads are still suffering from last year's drought and crop failure. Sheep are their main source of livelihood. "The current CWS program," Dr. Stevenson told the King, "benefits more than a half million Arab refugees as well as other needy people such as the Bedouin tribes and villagers living along the Jordan-Israeli frontier."

• In Colombia, South America, the Presbyterian Church has joined the growing number of national churches to become independent. After 103 years of missionary effort in Colombia, the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has turned over its equipment and institutions to the small national church. The national church will now take over assignment of responsibilities for the thirty-six former missionaries. UPC missionaries will continue

to work in Colombia, but as fraternal workers loaned to the Colombia church.

—Moody Monthly

• Leslie Weatherhead's decision to relinquish the pastorate of London's City Temple some time during the next 12 months will give the "cathedral of Britain's free churches" ample time to choose his successor and thus prevent an unwelcome gap in the ministry. Dr. Weatherhead, who is now 66, was 43 when he came to London and the City Temple. He says he feels that a younger leader should be appointed while the life of the church is vigorous and well organized. Dr. Weatherhead has turned a scattered and dwindling congregation into a strong church of over 600 members and has attracted a much larger community of "friends of the City Temple" who are to be found in all parts of the world.



Baptist Briefs

• **3,400 Baptists in Finland.** In Finland there are two groups of people, one Finnish-speaking, and a smaller one using the Swedish language. Among both groups there are Baptist denominations. Although not very strong in number—there are altogether about 3,400 Baptists in Finland—they have a very fine work and are doing their best to proclaim the gospel in their own country as well as on various mission fields.

• **Baptist Seminary in Norway.** The Norwegian Baptist Theological Seminary, now operating in a new school building in Oslo, Norway, will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. Principal Nils J. Engelsen expects fifteen students this fall. A folk high school also operated by Norwegian Baptists with Jens Oen as principal had an enrollment of 28 last year, seven of whom were baptized during the year. An enrollment of 40 is expected this fall. Sunday church services are being held in the school chapel for the American community of Oslo. Some of these people belong to American forces serving in the NATO headquarters nearby.

• **Toronto Lectures Restudied.** Bible studies on the book of Colossians, as delivered by Dr. W. W. Adams at the Baptist Youth World Conference in Toronto in 1958, have been retaught at a college conference in Taipei, Taiwan. Miss Lorene Tilford, Southern Baptist missionary to Taiwan, taught the lectures as printed in the report book of the Toronto Conference.

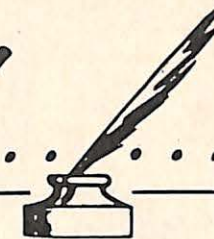
Eighty young people from all sections of the island were present. Eight made professions of Christ for the first time, many others indicated that they would follow "wherever the Lord leads," and one young person dedicated his life to full-time Christian work.

• **Seminary Campus Dedicated.** The new campus of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Cali, Columbia, was dedicated in connection with 1959 graduation exercises and the annual Columbia Pastors' Evangelistic Conference. Buildings on the 26-acre campus, located at the foothills of the Andes Mountains, are the Hickerson Administration building and three dormitories. Dormitories can accommodate 50 resident students and classroom facilities are adequate for 200. In addition to Colombia, the seminary is designed to serve Baptists of Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Peru, Ecuador, and Venezuela.

• **Baptists in Togo.** The first Baptist Church in the Republic of Togo was organized in Lome, the capital, August 8, with 62 charter members. This new church and the 5 Baptist preaching stations of the country are in the Lome-Keta Baptist Association, one of the 8 in the Ghana Baptist Conference. There are no Baptist missionaries in Togo. J. O. Owolabi, pastor and moderator has made a request to Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Convention's Foreign Mission Board that some be sent.

—The Watchman-Examiner

Editorial



The Exciting 1960 Annual!

The 1960 ANNUAL is an encyclopedia of information about our denomination and a volume of 68 pages with exciting reading material about God's wonders in today's world. It will amaze you to see how much can be crowded into these pages—almost 100 pictures, the biographical sketches of 300 ministers, 14 feature articles and many things that will endear this volume to you throughout the year.

The calendar pages review the highlights of our General Conferences during the past 25 years. By means of unique, colorful pictures and brief stories, the delights of conference days are vividly brought back to memory. This is bound to be a popular, exciting feature of the 1960 ANNUAL.

The biographical sketches of our ministers appear only every other year. These will make this volume invaluable to church leaders and ministers. Every effort has been made to keep this information correct and up to date.

The 1960 ANNUAL opens windows upon all of the world in the light of God's guidance. "The World's Spotlight is on Ghana," as Dr. George A. Dunger so graphically portrays in an article written expressly for the 1960 ANNUAL. The magazine CHALLENGE has had a tremendous sale and Christian influence in Africa as you will learn by reading another article in this volume. Miss Florence Miller describes "The Struggle Between Shintoism and Christianity in Japan," especially in recent months.

Washington, D. C., is famous for many landmarks and places, but every one of us should know more about "Baptists in Stained Glass Windows" in the First Baptist Church of that city. You will not want to miss this colorful sightseeing tour through this cathedral-like Baptist church. In Quito, Ecuador, high in the Andes Mountains, there is a Christian radio station HCJB that broadcasts "Around the Clock—Around the World." This is a memorable story to thrill your heart.

During this five year period (1959-1964), Baptists are observing the Baptist Jubilee Advance which will culminate in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first American Baptist foreign mission society. The first missionary of that society was Adoniram Judson in Burma. His life story is featured in the 1960 ANNUAL with remarkable, dramatic fervor. The 200th anniversary of "Count Zinzendorf, Crusader of History" is celebrated with a wonderful interpretive article about him by Rev. B. C. Schreiber.

The training experiences of our seminary students are vividly described by Professor Roy Seibel in his article, "The Seminary Goes to Church." The Centenary Jubilee of the First Baptist Church of Saint Joseph, Michigan, is also featured in this volume. Many more articles and poems will enrich your life as you read them in these pages.

The price of the 1960 ANNUAL remains the same at \$1.00 post-paid. Copies are available from your pastor or publication agent or by writing to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio. The printing and preparation of this volume are better than ever. It's really EXCITING—something to talk about—something to remember with joy throughout 1960!



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A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT

The growing congregation of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., which is one of more than 40 Church Extension projects of our denomination.

Church Extension Is Your Responsibility

As men filed claims for homesteads in the pioneer days, so Christ wants us to file claims upon the lives of men and women in today's unchurched areas.

By Dr. John Wobig of Portland, Oregon, Moderator of the General Conference

DURING the time of the great western migration in the United States, Congress passed what was known as "The Homestead Act." This Act gave many farmers a start in life and saved others from becoming paupers. It enabled citizens without capital to acquire homes. Thus some 85 million acres of land were transferred. As men filed claims for these homesteads, even so Christ wants us to file claims upon the lives of men and women and boys and girls. The claiming of lives for salvation and service was the great thought that constantly dominated the mind of Christ.

In the 19th chapter of Luke, we find Jesus coming to the close of his earthly life and ministry. His fame as a friend of publicans had reached a man named Zacchaeus. This made Zacchaeus determined to see Jesus. Being small of stature, he climbed into a tree where Jesus took note of him with this call, "Make haste, and come down: for today I must abide at thy house." The transforming effect was the conversion of a soul.

OUR CHURCH EXTENSION PROGRAM

Today we think of the many people in newly populated areas, unchurched and unevangelized. We must go and say to them in the name of Jesus, "Today we must abide at your house." Christ's answer to Zacchaeus was a fulfilling of the Father's will to seek and to save the lost. We ought especially to observe the "must" in the call which ruled Christ's life. It was an imperative, personal call that claimed the life of Zacchaeus for a noble purpose in life, and it resulted in a confession of Christ and a restitution of ill-gotten gains.

It has ever been the church's duty to file claims upon men for Christ. Church Extension really had its beginning in our own Pacific Conference when in 1952 our Conference by a resolution petitioned the General Council "to engage a full-time Church Extension Worker to survey prospective fields and establish new churches." Then a united effort was launched at Philadelphia, Pa., that same year. A resolution was presented to the Conference by Rev. B. Jacksteit, then of Anaheim, California, "to instruct the conference—to present—a challenging program of advance here at home that shall aim at no lesser goal than the establishment of 25 new churches during the next triennium and that no less than four men be employed to give their full time to such a program."

The resolution was adopted and a campaign decided upon to raise \$250,000 for such work. By April 1, 1955 a sum of over \$114,000 had been subscribed. By April 1, 1958 this rose to \$273,372.43. Since then more has been added through the over and above \$50,000 projects. Up to the present time, nearly 40 new missions or churches have been established. A dozen or more are awaiting an opening but funds are lacking. We must give and do so liberally and sacrificially

**CHURCH EXTENSION
GOAL
for 1959-1960 is
\$50,000**

This is your responsibility and privilege to give to Church Extension!

in order to file new claims upon the lives of these people in newly populated areas. From the Homestead Act let us learn these things.

FILE CLAIMS FOR CHRIST

The first thing the early pioneers had to do in order to take advantage of the Act was to file a claim. This called for the signing of an original entry, the filing of an affidavit, and the payment of a fee of \$10.00 for 160 acres of land. Our first duty is to file the claim of lives for Christ. Parents must file claims for their children, Sunday School teachers for their scholars, and church workers for people in all walks of life. Our task today is to go into these newly populated areas and make these claims upon the people who have bought homes and settled there. There are none too low nor too high for the claims of Christ. His mercy extends to the most degraded as well as to the most highly cultured.

If we do not claim them, there are other interests who will do so. It is said that many of the early settlers staked their claims with beer bottles, and the liquor industry is swift to make its claims upon the people in these new localities. Ever since Noah was drunk and uncovered his shame, the liquor business has claimed its thousands. It is the sum of all villainies, worse than war and pestilence, the parent of most crimes and the mother of sins. Someone has said that it makes 75 per cent of the idiots, 80 per cent of the paupers and 90 per cent of all criminals. To license it and let it claim human lives is the dirtiest, most low-down and damnable business on earth.

Lust and crime have also claimed their countless numbers. Lust caused Samson to lose his power, David his good reputation, Esau his birthright, Saul his kingdom, Judas Iscariot to betray his Lord, and many a Christian their influence and usefulness. Crime has caused the blood of humanity to flow in a scarlet stream. Its reports of murder and suicide darken the pages of our daily news every day. The Lord is waiting for us to say to the unclaimed areas as Christ said to Zacchaeus, "I must abide at thy house today."

The second requirement of the early pioneers was to live on the claim. The law demanded that they live at least five years on the land upon which they had filed a claim. Not only were they required to live on it, but they also had to work the land, and many of them faced various failures and reverses. They stuck it out despite the storms, the drought, the dust and the pestilence.

LIVE ON THE CLAIM FOR CHRIST

So in our work of Church Extension, we must learn to live on the areas which we claim for Christ and be ready to face certain failures and hardships in order that new missions and churches may be established for Christ. The Apostle Paul said in writing to the Corinthians, "Ye are God's tilled land." We too need a certain persistency like that of the disciples and Paul and the early Christians. Very often the remark is heard, "What is the use of giving for Church Extension? Look at such and such a place where we went in and failed. We have had sufficient of this business." In the



CHURCH EXTENSION IN HAMILTON, ONT.

The new addition to the German Baptist Mission Church, Hamilton, Ontario, can be clearly seen in this photograph. This Church Extension Project, with Rev. John Wahl as pastor, has been singularly blessed of God.

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GRACE CHURCH, WEST FARGO, N. DAK.

The new edifice of the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., one of our 40 Church Extension projects, will be dedicated "to the glory of God" on Sunday, Dec. 13, 1959.

matter of Church Extension we should never say "Sufficient."

It reminds me of the story I once heard about the Swede and the Irishman who challenged each other to a wrestling match. The one who had enough was to say, "Sufficient!" The Swede was nearly exhausted, but struggled on. Finally the Irishman cried out, "Sufficient." Said the Swede, "Why didn't you say it sooner? I tried to think of it for the last ten minutes." We need to forget that word when we are engaged in the business of claiming human lives for the Lord Jesus Christ.

We ought to restudy the lives and ministry of such pioneers in our de-

nominal work as Rev. Otto Olt-hoff in South Dakota, Rev. F. A. Bloedow in Canada and Rev. William Schunke in the Pacific Northwest and many others. We must give that our present day Church Extension workers can live in and work the new growing population centers of our country and Canada.

A third requirement for those early pioneers was that they had to prove up on the land. A final entry had to be made, and then the government would issue to the owner a certificate of title to the original entry. The government would accept the proof that all requirements had been met and would then give a clear title to the one who had filed claim to the land. Such land was also free from being taken by any creditors.

A CLEAR TITLE FOR CHRIST

In our Church Extension work, we too must prove up. As individuals we are told: "For we must all be made manifest before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10). The Lord Jesus Christ makes this claim of us: "Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me."

This is a threefold claim. When self comes with its own personal interests, demands, desires, and opinions, it calls for us to deny them and say, "I do not know you; I only know the claims and interests of Christ." Then we are to "take up our cross," not Christ's. For us as Christians, this means to go right on in the path of duty and meet the requirements of the Great Commission and also the suffering, the service and the sacrifices that it demands.

And finally we are to "follow Christ." For the Christian this means to follow the mind, the commands and the spirit of our Lord. It is only as

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Whenever a person hears God's Word, he takes some attitude toward it.

"Take heed then how you hear . . ." (Luke 8:18a).

HEARING the Word of God is not only a privilege—it is a responsibility! For whenever a person hears God's Word, he takes some attitude toward it. Consider two men listening to a Gospel broadcast. One man cares nothing about spiritual truths. He listens for a while and then disgustedly flips off his set. Another listener, prepared in heart and mind, drinks in the inspired Word of God. It bears a bountiful harvest of righteousness in his life.

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

In each case, the Word of God—the seed—was the very same. But how different the harvest! Because of the heart attitude of the listener, the sowing was either useless or profitable. It was this truth that our Lord Jesus stressed when he said, "Take heed then how you hear . . ." It was to illustrate this truth that he told us the matchless parable of the sower. If you need to refresh your memory, you can read the story in three places in your New Testament: Matthew 13, Mark 4, or Luke 8.

A sower went out to sow his precious seed, and it fell into four kinds of soil: hard, rocky, thorny, and good. The birds ate up the seed that fell on the hard road-bed. The sun burned up the seedlings that had sprouted on the rocky ledge. Thorns and briars crowded out some plants that had made a good start. Only a fourth part of the sowing achieved its purpose: it grew to maturity and brought forth fruit.

The yield was not the same, but all of the seed that fell on good ground made a harvest. It brought joy to the

How Well Do You Hear?

A Message for Bible Sunday, Dec. 13, 1959, to Be Observed in North American Baptist Churches.

By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Secretary of Education and Publication

sower; provided food for the eater; and—not least important—insured seed for next year's sowing. Our Lord Jesus implies: In every audience you will find these four basic receptions of the same good seed. Some people don't understand at all. Some hearts can't stand the heat of persecution or trial; their new-found faith just withers away. Some hearts are so full of cares and distractions that the Word of God never has a chance. Some hearts are perfect seed-plots, yielding a harvest that delights the sower.

WHERE DO I BELONG?

The inevitable question follows: Where does my heart belong? Into what classification do I fall? Mr. Average Christian will blithely decide that his heart is the good soil. He has heard and believed, hasn't he? With that, he will walk away from this wonderful story, quite self-satisfied. But it is not as simple as that.

I cannot forget a comment I once read in preparing to teach a Sunday School lesson on this story which Jesus told. The quarterly suggested that our hearts contain *all four kinds of soil!* This may not have been the primary lesson that our Lord desired to teach, but it is certainly true. Looked at this way, the parable becomes a skillfully-drawn picture of my heart and tells me why I am so slow to become what my Lord desires.

To be sure, once having heard the Gospel of Christ and having believed it, I am a Christian. By faith in Jesus' atoning work for me, I am born into the family of God. That is an established fact. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

But once I am a Christian, I do not stop hearing. I must still take

heed how I hear. If I know my own heart at all, sometimes it is just as hard as the pavement. On other days, just a little criticism or "persecution" burns up God's sowing. Sometimes my heart is overrun with worldly care. Only part of the time do I bear real fruit. What can I do about it? Here are a few suggestions for each type of soil:

UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD

1. *What can I do for a hard heart?* I can pray earnestly to understand the Word of God. Here I need supernatural help, and I may have it. The blessed Holy Spirit—Author of the Word—will enable the seed to drop into the deepest places of my heart and mind before the Evil One snatches it away. Satan does not want me to understand. He knows too well the saving, keeping power of the Word of God. I ought to realize that there is a real spiritual battle at this point. I cannot win it by myself. But the Holy Spirit will, indeed, guide me into all truth.

2. *What can I do for the rocky heart?* I can realize at the start that being a Christian entails tribulation. Faith in Christ is *not* a kind of spiritual social security. Most likely, it will get me *into* trouble! Trials and heartaches are inevitable. But I serve a Savior who says, "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Let me be forewarned and put down a strong tap-root of confidence in my Lord.

3. *What can I do for the thorny heart?* I can resolve at once that the things of Christ will have priority in my life. Jesus said that I cannot serve God and Mammon, so why should I try? If I want a harvest, I must tackle the weeds. I must stop worry-

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"God's Volunteers" Launch Out for Christ

By Miss Georgia Hunter, Reporter for Team

"*BEHOLD, the Lord our God hath showed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth*" (Deut. 5:24).

As we, the 1959-60 team of "God's Volunteers," launch out into the fourth year of this visitation evangelism ministry, we can truly say that we have heard God's voice. He is showing us his glory and his greatness, and we know that God does talk with man. What a glorious message we have to proclaim!

We cannot help but overflow with joy that comes from having received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of our lives. Because we are motivated by this great and precious gift of God, serving him as his witnesses and seeking the lost for his Kingdom are our united goal.

THE TRAINING PERIOD

The present team of "God's Volunteers" came together on Sept. 7, 1959 at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where we were privileged to study and fellowship for four weeks with the teachers, leaders and students of our denomination. Many hours were spent searching the Word of God for the message concerning the plan of salvation and methods of soul winning. During this time, God's Word became more radiant and living to each of us. The desire to be his witnesses increased tremendously, as did the burden for lost souls.

The team motto of past years is being used again: "To Know Him and Make Him Known." At the Seminary, every effort was exerted to increase our knowledge of the Gospel so that we may truly speak with authority as we endeavor to make him known throughout our land.

In addition to classroom study, we also had valuable practical experience while in the training program. On Sept. 13 we were in the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., where Rev. J. G. Benke is pastor. While in Madison, we held a brief service at the North American Baptist Nursing Home. That evening we were at the Spring Valley Baptist Church with Pastor Walter Goltz. On the following night, some of the team members assisted in the services at the Union Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls.

On Sept. 20 we were at the Plum Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Willis Potratz as pastor, and at the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., for the evening service with Rev. L. H. Friesen. We joined Rev. Robert Krueger at the Northside Baptist Church in Sioux Falls for the midweek service on Sept. 23, and traveled to Parkston,

SCHEDULE FOR GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

Where They Have Been

Oct. 6-18—Trenton, Ill.
Oct. 20-Nov. 1—Bethlehem, Pa.
Nov. 3-15—Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.
Nov. 17-29—Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.
Dec. 1-13—Arnprior, Ontario.

Where They Will Serve

Dec. 30-Jan. 10—Branch La.
Jan. 12-24—Cherokee, Okla.
Jan. 26-Feb. 5—Mt. Zion and Junction City, Kansas

to indicate publicly a desire to support the Volunteers in prayer.

MINISTRY IN TRENTON, ILL.

The training period was busy and full, but the Lord blessed us abundantly with many exciting experiences, both in the study of his Word and in the practice of his commission to "go ye." We are grateful for every opportunity we had to serve Christ and to fellowship with his people.

On Oct. 6, we left for Trenton, Illinois, and the first two week campaign, held at the First Baptist Church where Rev. J. R. Kruegel is pastor. We received a warm and friendly reception as the result of much publicity. The team made a general religious survey of the entire town and some of the surrounding farms, covering approximately 700 homes and gaining entrance to about 500 of these. Approximately 42% of the town is Roman Catholic but twenty-nine prospective families were located for the Baptist church, and other prospects are to be shared with the other Protestant churches.

Attendance at the evening services was good, as regular members were faithful in coming, and as many new people responded to the personal invitation to come. The Christians rejoiced to see several people rededicate their lives, and the team particularly rejoiced over one young man who walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

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GOD'S VOLUNTEERS IN THE SEMINARY CHAPEL

Members of the 1959-1960 "God's Volunteers Team" are (left to right): Jacqueline Young, Rose Cicansky, Donald Harrison, Georgia Hunter, Gladys Hoogestraat, Glenn Neumann and Rev. Walter Hoffman, Director (behind the pulpit).

December 10, 1959



One of the Cameroons Baptist evangelists points the way to Heaven from God's Word

Eleven Decisions for Hell!

The amazing story of a startling report by one of our African evangelistic teams.

By Dr. Paul Gebauer, Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

"ELEVEN PEOPLE completely decided to go to hell!" So reads one line of the report of one of our African evangelistic teams. The team of three, all on their own, had decided to visit a most neglected area of one of our mission fields. They asked for no pay and they got none. In some places they received no hospitality. In some they were welcomed, and in others hospitality was evident.

At the close of their voluntary crusade the leader, an experienced pastor reported:

"686 decisions for Christ;
40 requests for immediate baptism;
221 backsliders restored to church fellowship;
11 decisions to go to hell."

This innovation of "decisions for Christ" stems from the particular pastor. He has suffered under many missionaries. From among them he picked up the phrase. He read it again and again in the literature given him. He has listened in on rebroadcasts of Billy Graham's campaign, whence he got his idea of a team and campaign, complete with slogan and trimmings.

They call themselves "The Hour of Where Art Thou." There is nothing wrong about this, I would say, except that God made only one Billy Graham and that imitations of his campaigns simply remain imitations. I prefer the real thing. So does Africa!

This lifting of hands comes easy to our friendly, accommodating, hospitable, willing Cameroonians. Why not please the hard-working evangelists? That is why I prefer to stick to New Testament procedure of counting gains by the ones that are "added to the church."

The forty requests for baptism on the spot came from old people only, the pastor informed me. Apparently

he made the need of salvation and the pains of hell so urgent that the old ones decided it was now or never. What did the team do with these willing candidates? They were handed over to the local churches for instruction, examination and speedy baptism.

This restoration of 221 into church fellowship is good news. As in America, so out here: backsliding is not an unusual occurrence. In some places it has become a fashion. "He who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins," said James of old.

I was very much interested in the pastor's footnotes to the eleven who desired hell for heaven. It must have stunned him too, for his written report has the word "completely" in front of "decided to go to hell."

What manner of people are they? Flippant youth? No. Fools? No. Magicians? Some. Others are men and women prominent in social life, bound by traditions that go beyond your understanding, troubled by past calamities or misled by half-baked Christians. They stated their preference for hell publicly and the pastor recorded the decisions faithfully.



The choir sings at the impressive rededication service of the Mizpah Baptist Church in Victoria, Southern Cameroons.

—Photo by Laura E. Reddig

BAPTIST HERALD

My Sabbatical Year in Europe

Experiences of a Seminary professor in England, Austria, Germany and Switzerland during the past year.

By Professor Hugo Lueck of the North American Baptist Seminary Faculty

THE WISE and noble custom of granting sabbatical years to faculty members in theological schools has also been established in our Seminary. It gives opportunity to the professor to refresh his own knowledge and to become up to date with the latest developments in the theological world. After teaching seven years in the Seminary, it was my turn for a sabbatical leave.

I went to Europe to teach and to study. The first half of the winter semester 1959 was spent at Rawdon College, Leeds, England, a Baptist theological seminary and my alma mater, lecturing on the Reformation. It has been just thirty years since I graduated from this school.

For the second half of the semester, I am staying at the Baptist Seminary of Germany in Hamburg, giving some lectures and also attending the University of Hamburg to hear the famous Helmut Thilicke and other theologians.

TRADITION AT TRIER

However, I did not go to Europe in autumn when the schools opened, but already in June, using the summer months for a "Studienreise"—"Study Trip"—as it is called over here. I visited places of historic interest, thereby improving my knowledge for my teaching ministry in Church History and also in Baptist History. Besides this, I also visited many Baptist churches, getting to know our present Baptist work in Germany, Austria and England.

In Trier, the oldest city of Germany, where Roman emperors used to reside, I was just present at the time of the "Showing of the Seamless Robe of Christ." Tradition has it that Empress Helena brought Christ's Robe from Palestine to Trier in the year 326. This tradition is first mentioned in the records of Trier in 1105 A. D. The Robe has been displayed since then to the faithful pilgrims in 1512, 1655, 1765, 1810, 1844, 1891, 1933 and 1959.

Experts state that the Robe in question is a brown cotton texture dating from the times about the birth of Christ. To me there seemed to be a great contradiction here: fine spiritual messages delivered by Roman Catholic divines, on the one hand, and an amazing veneration of relics, on the other hand, which to an American Baptist at least seemed nothing but mere superstition.

The Kirchentag at Munich was a very different event, to which Mrs. Lueck and myself went after Trier. There were great crowds of Protestant believers, full of zeal and faith. We

heard wonderful spiritual messages, delivered by outstanding leaders of the Lutheran and Reformed churches of Germany. Among them was Bishop Dibelius of Berlin, Bishop Hans Lilje of Hanover, Professor Althaus of Erlangen, Walter Lüthi of Bern, Wilhelm Busch and many others. We felt that the Kirchentag in Germany must bring great spiritual results to the whole Protestant world in Western Europe.

How can it be otherwise when many hundreds of thousands of people hear

kirchen, Bad Ischl and a small "station" at Weyregg. We were in Vienna on a Sunday and visited our two churches there: the large one at the Mollardgasse and the younger and happy group at the Hütteldorf Church.

Our brethren in Austria have a hard task, witnessing to Christ's grace in a strictly Roman Catholic country. They live scattered in small groups, or even as single individuals, in many places and by personal contact testify to their fellow-men a better Christian



The sanctuary of the Baptist Church at Huetteldorf, near Vienna, Austria, where Prof. and Mrs. Hugo Lueck worshipped with fellow Baptists at a Sunday service.

Christ's message so clearly stated as it was done there? There was a seeking of ways for bringing the Christian faith into everyday life of the present modern world. There was also much confession of the sinful divisions among Christians and much praying and thinking of ways for greater union.

At the Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, we felt even more at home, although we met Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Polish, English, Scandinavian and other Baptists there. There were 64 ministers and students of 12 nationalities attending a four weekly study course, conducted by Principal D. S. Russell of Rawdon College, England, Principal J. Norgaard of Denmark and two faculty members of Ruschlikon, Dr. J. D. Hughey and Dr. D. W. Watts.

BAPTIST CHURCHES IN AUSTRIA

But it was of special interest to me to see something of our Baptist churches in Austria. Shortage of time allowed us only to pay a passing visit to the churches at Salzburg, See-

way of life.

Mostly we travelled in Germany and visited many of our churches in Aachen, Reutlingen, Munich, Nuremberg and especially places where the pastors of the churches are my former students of the Seminary in Lodz, Poland. I was privileged to address most of these churches.

At present, we are in Yorkshire in the north of England, teaching and preaching. From here we shall go to Hamburg, Germany, where again we shall be kept busy studying and visiting more Baptist communities. In September, when the time of the opening of a new school year in our own Seminary at Sioux Falls came, our thoughts were going back home again. We are looking forward to return and to resume our work, enriched by new experiences and new knowledge.

The work which our fathers started and carried on so faithfully, in spite of tribulation and persecution, is still going on, spreading the redeeming truth in Christ to all nations. With new consecration, we too want to continue this glorious cause.

Our New Missionaries to the Indians

The Testimony of Mr. and Mrs. August Grymaloski, Missionaries to the Cree Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan, Canada

THE INWARD battle of life is the hardest in which to be victorious, especially when Christ is left out. When this is the case, there can be no peace, and certainly one is left with only a troubled mind. The only result that can be attained when one's actions are in conflict with what the conscience dictates is mental frustration, leading at times to a false security, especially when one's own opinions are over-emphasized.

Having been brought up in a religion that certainly does not present the need of a vital relationship with God or the new birth only left us to trust in the traditions of man. The estrangement from God, that one experiences in such a condition, leads to a desire for a better understanding of the purpose and goal of life.

Now as we think about the past and the circumstances under which the Gospel was first brought into our community, a feeling of thankfulness and praise to God comes into our hearts. Such a feeling as this was the motivating force for our present work.

To give you a concise view of our past lives is only for the purpose that you may know us better, even though you are not able to see us personally. Thus you will be able to uphold us in your prayers more effectively. The work that is being done has not been committed to us as individuals, although each has his particular task, but to us as an organized body of the Church of Christ. To do this more effectively, we will consider our lives separately until that time when we began our ministry for Christ together.

HELEN GRYMALOSKI

I am Mrs. Grymaloski or rather Helen LaPlante as I was then known before my marriage. I am of French Canadian (Metis) nationality. Typical of the majority of my people, I was a Roman Catholic, although all that this meant was that I had to worship in a certain fashion. The instruction that we were given was to the effect that we were to do as we were told without questioning anything. But the Holy Spirit is able to place a desire in every person's heart which, if not quenched, creates a spiritual hunger that only the power of God can satisfy.

There were Gospel services held in the country school where I received my education, but I was not permitted to attend them. It was not until a few years later that, while working at one of my neighbors, I had the opportunity to hear the Gospel for the first time. The Holy Spirit had done his work in my heart, and, although I was too afraid to accept when the invitation



Mr. and Mrs. August Grymaloski, our new missionaries to the Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve.

was given, I accepted him while going home in the car. It was then that the missionary once more made the appeal to me, but I told him that it could be done only in a service. Reassuringly, he told me that this was not so, and there by the roadside where he had stopped I accepted Christ as my Savior.

With a desire to know more of God's Word, I attended the Miller Memorial Bible Institute the following winter and there I realized that I had to serve him. The Lord has certainly worked wonders in our lives as you will understand as my husband continues this story.

AUGUST GRYMALOSKI

My life (August Grymaloski) was much of the same pattern as that of my wife, although I am of a different nationality. The religion was the same. For a number of years, before my parents were saved, there was a hunger for the truth, and so we procured a Bible to the dislike of the priest. It was therefore a number of years before I heard the Gospel and actually accepted the Lord as my Savior. This happened the same year as that of my wife's salvation.

My one desire after this was to go out and to tell others of the way of salvation. It was impossible for me to do this since the work on the farm was too demanding. The year following Helen's first term of school, we were married and then our one ambition was to farm for the Lord. But this was not the Lord's plan for our lives. When school opened that fall, we were

there together studying God's Word.

While at school, the need for workers was presented by representatives from many of the faith missions. We became acquainted with missionary work in different parts of the globe. With these needs being placed before us, our thoughts often were: "Where does the Lord want us to serve him?"

But we completed Bible School without applying to any mission. It was not until a year later that we applied to the Northern Canadian Evangelical Mission to work among the Indians of northern Canada. After having been accepted by them, we spent six months at their headquarters on probation as well as in language study. Mrs. Grymaloski knows the Cree language and so was our informant for the term. Then we were sent to this mission station in northern Manitoba. It was an isolated place, accessible only by plane. Our experiences there were varied but all contributed to a better understanding of the Indian people so that we might work with them more effectively.

PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS

It was entirely a Cree settlement with very little English being used. In fact, the only time it was used was when speaking to any of the other seven white people. The only source of income by the Indians was trapping and this was very small. In fact, it was far too small to meet the high cost of living there.

The natural reaction to all of these experiences was, "How do you expect someone to live there?" We wondered about this too and often found out that the Indians were able to eat only one meal a day, and just enough to keep them alive. But the wild game and fish were a welcome source of food, supplementing to some degree that which could not be purchased.

In order to understand the Indian better, one needs the ability to think as he does. This means that we have to work with them, and for this the opportunities at this mission station were many. The working knowledge that I had along mechanical and carpentering lines was of great assistance to me. Our main purpose was to reach these Indians for Christ, and the more we could work with them the more steps we took toward that goal.

We also worked with the Department of Indian Health, and this was of great help to us. In this isolated area, the health problem is far more acute than anyone realizes. In order to be able to get medical help at a hospital, the Indians had to spend days of waiting to be able to get there. Even a minor ailment sometimes be-

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Our Mission Outreach Into Canada's Northland

In the Peace River District of Alberta and at Dawson Creek, B. C., on the Alaska Highway, there are opportunities for a greater missionary outreach

By Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary

THE NORTHERN District Secretary visited our most northern church in the denomination, the Immanuel Baptist Church in Valleyview, Alberta, where Rev. D. Unrau is pastor. The name describes its picturesque location. Standing above the little town, one is thrilled by the sight of a vast stretch of farms, interspersed by forests along the Little Smoky River at the southern edge of the Peace River District.

Much of this land only recently has come under cultivation, but two large Indian Reserves still dominate. When I left Edmonton and vicinity, most fields there were covered with snow. After a five hour bus ride to the north, I found the fields dry and the combines moving and threshing machines humming. Actually, in spite of its northern location, the Peace River District is blessed by relatively mild climatic conditions.

VALLEYVIEW MISSION FIELD

Our small congregation of 70 members is made up almost one hundred per cent of farmers, who have pioneered and won by persistency and sweat. I found a gratifying missionary spirit and denominational concern here. Due to the long distance—200 miles from Onoway, 220 miles from Edmonton—contacts with our other churches are few.

I was anxious to visit some of the places where years ago our pioneer, the Rev. Fred W. Benke, had witnessed for Christ with the assistance of students from the Christian Training Institute. Some of our active pastors will recall the times when they drove along the dusty Peace River country roads to places like Snipe Lake, Crooked River, Fish Creek with Mr. Benke behind the wheel. Whenever they met a farmer on his horse-drawn wagon, they would stop and in the middle of the open road they would have a short service with singing, prayer and testimony. Mr. Benke always played his trumpet in accompaniment.

On Sunday afternoon Rev. D. Unrau and family took me out to one of these preaching stations—Crooked Creek. It snowed quite heavily. Nevertheless, the people were there. Many of them are children. Eagerly they listened to the Word as it was brought in the small chapel out there in the wilderness. These people are far from wealthy or well-to-do, but they have a remarkable happiness and peace in their lives.

No longer were we handicapped by dusty dirt roads. A modern, four-lane

highway now connects Valleyview with Edmonton and points west. We drove westward, ultimate destination, Dawson Creek, and, if the day had been long enough, Fort St. John. Westward we drove through Grand Prairie, Alta., a thriving farm center city of about 9,000 people, to Dawson Creek, just across the Alberta border in the province of British Columbia.

ON THE ROAD TO ALASKA

"Mile zero, 1,523 mls. to Fairbanks, Alaska."

The little post with the above information in the center of Dawson Creek is well known to many motorists on their way to Alaska. Four hundred and forty miles northwest of Edmonton on a highway, which compares favorably with any "Autobahn," is situated one of Canada's most northerly cities with a population of 12,000. Dawson Creek is the largest city in

project will start with the construction of a power dam on Peace River.

According to the secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, 4,500 men will be needed by next spring to work on this approved project. Although the majority of these men will be housed in camps temporarily, many will doubtlessly move their families to Dawson Creek. This will bring on an unprecedented building boom.

CHURCH EXTENSION POSSIBILITIES

But the purpose of this brief supplementary report is not to take over the functions of the Chamber of Commerce. Nevertheless, the economic aspect is important in the planning of a new church work. We knew that there are several North American Baptist families in Dawson, although we could not locate them. The unprecedented possibilities in agriculture, industry



Along the Alaska Highway with gorgeous scenery on both sides of the road and connecting Dawson Creek, B. C., with Alaska.

the Peace River District. Originally a farming center with nine towering grain elevators, it has now become an important landing point for tremendous new northern developments.

Last summer Dawson was the stop-over point for 50,000 American tourists going to or from Alaska. It is situated at the important crossroads of north and west. Just 100 miles to the west, one of Canada's most gigantic development projects will be launched next spring—the Wenner Gren Rocky Mountain Trench Development. This

CHURCH EXTENSION
Goal for This Year—
\$50,000

and business will certainly attract a good number of North American Baptists, and we should be ready to assist them with a church home and offer a new missionary outreach.

According to the Chamber of Commerce secretary, there is immediate and urgent need for several small businesses. There is also urgent need for farmers who will concentrate on dairy, egg and potato production. We understand that, at present, there is no Baptist witness in Dawson, although there appear to be plans for another group to start. Here is one of Canada's most urgent Macedonian calls to North American Baptists. If only we could go in response to Christ's call to meet this need!

You Can Make Missions Meaningful

Suggestions for Our Sunday Schools by Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Illinois

"FOR WE ARE fellow workmen for God . . ." (I Cor. 3:9). God has given us as North American Baptists a great task as he has commanded us: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

The efficient workman must be well informed concerning his task and product. The Sunday School can become an important channel and training field for more effective workmen. As every person within our Sunday Schools becomes aware of the blessings, which have already been ours through our missionary outreach, and is challenged with a vision for missions, we shall be faithful to God's command to "preach the Gospel."

CAMEROONS MISSION FIELD

Every pupil within our Sunday Schools should be aware of the goodness of God to us in our missionary work. Did you know that missionary work has been going on in Africa since 1885 supported by the German people? Later in 1891, some American missionaries were sent out under the Mission Society of Germany. These missionaries worked for 46 years, telling the Africans about the Lord Jesus Christ in spite of diseases and wars.

In 1936 our North American Baptist denomination was given the opportunity of taking over a section of the Cameroons Mission Field. Dr. Paul Gebauer went to the Cameroons in 1935 to do pioneer work. God has been good to us. Instead of having just one station where Dr. Gebauer labored, we now have ten main mission stations

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECTS	
Church Extension—No. 640	
Cameroons Baptist Mission Schools—No. 770	
Spanish-American Missions—No. 780	

in the Cameroons with 263 churches and 219 Sunday Schools. Not only do we have churches, but we have a Bible Training Center in Ndu. We have a Teacher Training Center at Soppo.

God has blessed us with two hospitals, Bansa and New Hope Settlement, to care for the sick in the name of Christ. The New Hope Settlement has grown since it has clinics established in the area. With the main hospital and the clinics, they are caring for over 1,000 patients.

As we review our blessings in Africa we are thankful to God and with the Psalmist we would say, "Praise him for his mighty acts . . ." (Ps. 150:2). Missions in Africa can be made more meaningful in your school by featuring Africa in a special way. Why not make an attractive poster listing the number of Sunday Schools and churches in Africa? Share some of the pictures of the Sunday Schools there.

CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECTS

As we reach out to our foreign fields, we must also see the challenge of strengthening the home front. God has answered our prayers in that we have increased in membership so that

our fellowship now includes over 50,000 members. However, with the tremendous increase in population, we realize that there is so much more to do. We must establish new churches!

We as North American Baptists have set a goal of \$50,000 for our Church Extension Project, and God has blessed abundantly as forty Church Extension Projects are being developed. Every boy and girl, young person and adult in our schools should be made aware of the extensive challenge which is ours through Church Extension.

Use spot announcements occasionally in your Sunday School to promote our home mission work of Church Extension. Remember that displays are excellent silent teachers. One suggestion is to secure a large map of the United States and Canada, which can be posted in an attractive way on the bulletin board. Use small "flags" on which the names of the Church Extension churches have been printed and locate them on the map. To aid you in this project, order the pamphlet, "Our Church Extension Program," from the Forest Park office. The many Church Extension Projects are listed in this pamphlet.

SPANISH-AMERICAN MISSIONS

We are grateful to God for the opportunity to serve him among the Spanish-American people in the San Luis Valley, Colorado and in Rio Grande City, Texas. The opportunities in both of these mission stations are many, and our Sunday Schools can become a real source of strength as pupils are challenged to pray and to give for this important work. Teachers and superintendents of the schools might help their pupils become better informed concerning the work by reviewing the needs with them. We have three missionaries in Colorado and two in Texas. There is a need for a parsonage at the mission in Rio Grande City.

As the pupils within our Sunday Schools continue to be concerned about our missionary outreach, as they continue to pray, God will continue to bless. As we have reviewed only three areas of our missionary work, we rejoice as we see the blessings of God and we add our voices of thanksgiving to that of the Psalmist who said, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23).

It would be well for every scholar to be aware of the following prayer requests shared by our missionaries through their letters:

Pray for guidance in purchasing land in Kyoto. Land prices are going up! Pray for endeavor of launching two new stations in Japan, one at Matsu-

saka with a population of 100,000 and at Tsu with a population of 130,000.

Pray for new Christians in all of our mission fields at home and abroad.

These are just a few of the requests we should remember. Use the missionary letters which are mailed to our churches and glean the prayer requests. It might be well to place the requests on small cards so that they might be carried with you.

MISSION QUESTION BOX

For pre-session activities in the children's departments it would be well to have a map of foreign and home missions displayed. Have children print names of missionaries and have them pin the correct name of the missionaries to the proper station.

One suggestion for the monthly missionary emphasis in the opening period of the Sunday School is to have a "Question Box" on missions. Have scholars draw a question from the box related to missions and allow for volunteer answers. An aid in this endeavor is the JUNIOR MISSION MATERIAL issue, "How Sharp Are You?"

Missions will become more meaningful in the Sunday School as every pupil becomes informed, challenged and concerned.

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we go with the Gospel of Christ into the many unchurched areas and establish missions, Sunday Schools and churches that we can prove up on the claims of Christ.

As a youth on the farm, we used to haul hay into our barn with the hay slings. These were made of ropes fastened to strong staves of wood. When the barn became full, it often became a difficult task to pull the triggered sling away from under the pile of hay. Then came the chain sling, which instead of being triggered in the middle, was unlocked on the end. The proof of workability of the new sling was before us.

So also the proof of Christ's claim is before us in lives reclaimed for him and in some forty churches that have already been established. But there are these many other localities that are beckoning to us to come and found a Gospel work amongst them. The thing that is lacking is willing workers and monetary funds to send the workers and buy the land and build the mission stations.

I lay this imperative need at your heart's door. May the Lord give you grace to pray for and to give liberally and sacrificially for this needy cause! We must act now. We must accept Church Extension work as our responsibility. We must give our gifts as an over and above our regular giving. We must say with Jesus, "Today I must abide at your house." Yes, we must go as ambassadors of Christ into the unchurched areas and claim them for him.

From the Professor's Desk

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

During what year and on what day of the month was our Lord born?

In the last issue of "From the Professor's Desk," the first part of this question was discussed. We saw that, although we cannot be certain because of the inadequacy of the historical data available, it is highly probable that Jesus was born sometime between 8-5 B. C., the earlier date being more likely. We turn now to the problem of the day and the month on which we celebrate Christmas.

The Bible narrative does not offer much help in the solution of this problem. In the Lukan account of the nativity, we are told that Judaeans shepherds were watching their flocks on the night Jesus was born. This seems to indicate clearly that the first Christmas did not occur on December 25th, because in Palestine flocks were normally (Edersheim claims some exceptions) taken out to pasture about Passover time and brought in for the winter in early November. This would mean that the first Christmas occurred sometime between April and October. Attempts to use the New Testament data (especially to figure from the conception of John the Baptist) to support the December 25th date have proved to be singularly unsuccessful.

If there is no biblical evidence, how did it come about that Christmas was celebrated on December 25th? The best answer seems to be that this date was the result of certain chronological arguments based on what was

called "the plan of the ages." By fantastic calculations this system, which was widely known and taught in the early Church, placed the creation of the world on March 25th. It was further calculated that the Messiah, the New Creation, was conceived on March 25th and born nine months later on December 25th.

An additional important factor, which ultimately led to the fixing of the December 25th date, was the desire of the Church to distract Christians from the old heathen festival days, some of which occurred near or on December 25th. One of these was the "Feast of the Invincible Sun," a celebration of the victory of light over darkness marked by the lengthening of the days immediately after the winter solstice. Another pagan feast which occurred in December (17th-24th) was the Saturnalia. This Roman feast provided many of the merry customs which subsequently became associated with Christmas.

The first observance of Christmas on December 25th took place about the middle of the 4th century in Rome. Slowly this date won out also in the East, where January 6th had been celebrated. The one exception was Armenia where Christmas is still observed on January 6th.

It should be emphasized that it is not the day of the birth of our Lord which is important. It is the significance of the event of the day which makes Christmas precious to all believers everywhere.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

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Although our work for the Lord is just beginning, we go on with an eagerness and a joyful anticipation that the Lord is going to use us in a mighty way. Only in one way may this be accomplished, however, and that is if you are a part of our ministry through prayer! We depend upon each

of you to go with us daily in this, our wonderful task of spreading the Gospel for the salvation of souls. Will YOU remember us as Prayer Warriors?

OUR INDIAN MISSIONARIES

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came a real problem. But we can thank God for guidance in all things. For this same reason, we were unable to return to the north but were led to work with the North American Baptist Mission.

As we now labor on the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan, the working knowledge of the Indian that we have gained has proven to be a real asset to us. But we want you to continue to pray for the work. In the short time that we have been here on this reserve, we have come to love the Indian people and are looking forward to the time when there will be many more born-again Indian believers. Then these Christians will be able to do the work of evangelizing their own people with their living witness to Christ as Savior.

INAUGURATION OF SEMINARY PRESIDENT

The formal program for the inauguration of Rev. Frank Veninga as president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Friday, Dec. 11, 1959 is as follows:

- 5:30 P.M. Inauguration Banquet Trinity Baptist Church
- 8:00 P.M. Inauguration Ceremony First Baptist Church
- 9:30 P.M. Reception for President and Mrs. Frank Veninga



The Cameroons Baptist Mission school in the grassland country of Mfumte. This Adere school group and Christian teacher were photographed by Missionary Ida Forsch.

We the Women

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

THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

By Mrs. David J. Draewell, Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union

"Thank the Lord with grateful hearts" was the thought that was present throughout the annual sessions of our Woman's Missionary Union Executive Committee held in Forest Park, Oct. 22 and 23. As we gathered from various parts of the United States and Canada, we could all relate how anxious and willing our women are to work. Thank you for all you do!

We were thrilled as we noted your increased interest in our Program Packets. All of the English packets were sold. Next year we hope to have the packets ready for mailing by Feb. 15, 1960. We believe this earlier date will make the packets even more helpful to you.

During the past year you have noticed a change in the appearance of the "Broadcast." Even though it may look a little different, we know its contents are just as inspiring and interesting to you. We would encourage you to use bits from the "Broadcast" as well as missionary articles from the "Baptist Herald" at your meetings. It is our desire to mail more copies of the "Broadcast" to our local societies and would ask that they be shared among the members.

USE YOUR MITE BOX
for the Denominational Advance Building Fund.

We have made a good start toward reaching our \$60,000 project goal. We all know, however, that it takes more than a good beginning to attain the goal. It will take steady, sacrificial giving on the part of all our women during the remainder of this triennium if we want to have the wonderful experience of surpassing our goal. I'm sure this is our desire.

The mite boxes for our Denominational Advance Building Fund Program are available and we trust you are using them. They can be ordered from the Forest Park office. We as women want to do our part in this great and challenging advance in our denomination. Possibly in your local groups you would have additional ideas and ways of contributing toward this program. We invite you to share these ideas with us.

We as officers are thankful for the privilege of serving our Lord through the Woman's Missionary Union. Let us pray for one another as we work together for the cause of Christ!



CORNERSTONE LAYING EXERCISES, KANKAKEE

The cornerstone for the new edifice of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., is laid by Mr. Gilbert W. Luhrs, chairman of Building Committee (right to left); Dr. Louis R. Johnson, pastor; and Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., guest speaker.

Eastern District

Cornerstone Laying, Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill.

Cornerstone ceremonies were held on Sunday, Oct. 18, prior to the laying of the cornerstone of the new Immanuel Baptist Church at Curtis and Hawkins Streets, Kankakee, Ill. The Immanuel Brass Quartet, consisting of Miss Sharon Salzman, Mr. Marshall True, Mr. Arthur Lay and Mr. Clarence McNeill, opened the program with a number. Gilbert Luhrs, chairman of the Building Committee, presided. Dr. Louis R. Johnson, pastor, also welcomed the members. The Brass Quartet presented a special number. Rev. L. R. Broeker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., who was speaking in revival services that week at the church, brought the message on "The Reputation of the Church."

The chairman, Mr. Luhrs, then presented the copper box, which had been filled and sealed with the following articles: 75th anniversary booklet; church bulletins; news letter; article on recent pastors and comments on their ministry; pictures of pastors; list of all Sunday School, Training Union and church officers; history leading up to the building of the church; ground breaking pictures; clippings of the financial drive from the "Kankakee Daily Journal"; constitutions of the church and Sunday School; a Bible and a copy of the "Baptist Herald" (last number); etc.

Alice Luhrs, Clerk

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Sept., 1959	Sept., 1958	Sept., 1957
Atlantic	\$ 5,285.27	\$ 3,493.69	\$ 2,050.44
Central	7,952.04	7,297.66	2,909.68
Dakota	5,309.95	5,905.61	3,655.77
Eastern	1,679.27	1,255.97	1,296.00
Northern	3,803.93	3,513.03	6,590.19
Northwestern	8,541.99	3,438.74	6,000.55
Pacific	4,843.76	7,186.12	3,499.96
Southern	267.98	93.75	221.36
Southwestern	1,255.11	3,807.83	1,971.83
Total Contributions	\$ 38,939.30	\$35,992.40	\$ 28,195.78

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of Sept., 1959	\$ 32,944.02	\$ 5,995.28	\$ 38,939.30
For the month of Sept., 1958	31,822.19	4,170.21	35,992.40
For the month of Sept., 1957	25,985.68	2,210.10	28,195.78

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1959 to Sept. 30, 1959	\$255,623.44	\$36,754.39	\$292,377.83
April 1, 1958 to Sept. 30, 1958	239,725.94	24,758.87	264,484.81
April 1, 1957 to Sept. 30, 1957	218,216.23	17,136.41	235,352.64

BAPTIST HERALD

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Seibold of Portland, Oregon, have announced the birth of a daughter on Sept. 28 who has been named Julene Anne. Mr. Seibold is the pastor of the Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Roehl of New Leipzig, N. Dak., who were members of the "God's Volunteers" team for 1957-1958, have announced the birth of a daughter on Oct. 19 who has been named Holly Ruth.

● The Hager Memorial Baptist Church, Prince George, British Columbia, has extended a call to Mr. Adolph B. Welk of Forest Park, Ill., who has been a student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He has accepted the call and began his ministry in the Prince George church on Nov. 15, succeeding Rev. P. T. Hunsicker, now of Medicine Hat, Alberta. Plans are being made for Mr. Welk's ordination into the Christian ministry early in December.

● On Nov. 20 Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern and their son Timmey left Japan for the United States for their first furlough. They have served as our missionaries at Kyoto, Japan for the past four years since the General Conference sessions at Waco, Texas in 1955. They expected to arrive in the United States early in December after their ocean voyage across the Pacific. An important missionary article by Mr. Kern was featured in the Oct. 29, 1959 issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● Various organizations of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas, held their annual elections recently. The president of the C. B. Y. Fellowship is Richard Meyer, and the Junior C. B. Y. F. elected Dennis Kasselmann as its president. The Cradle Roll Mothers met on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 17, and elected Mrs. Austin Widener as president. The Scripture Memory Sponsors were introduced at the Sunday evening service of the church on Sept. 29 by the pastor, Rev. Merle Brenner.

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 1, a baptismal service was held in the Baptist Church, Baileyville, Ill. Rev. A. E. Van Kley, pastor, baptized 8 young people on their confession of faith in Christ. They are Lu Ann and Philip Meiners, Jean and Gail Schneiderman, Myrna DeVries, Carol Christians, Gregory Kirby and Craig Kaney. Two other young people (Sharon Van Kley and Judith Busher) will be baptized later. Mrs. E. Renkema, reporter, stated: "We are thankful that the Lord is blessing our work here."

● Dr. A. S. Felberg, president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, has announced some im-

portant dates for the school early in 1960. The new semester will begin on Sept. 25, 1960. Spiritual Emphasis Week will be held by all three departments of the school from Jan. 25 to 29, 1960. Closing exercises for the Bible School Department will be held on April 12, 1960. The Bible College Department will have its closing exercises on May 20, 1960. The High School Department will close on June 30, 1960.

● The services of the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla., on Sunday, Oct. 18, were entirely in charge of "Baptist Men" in observance of Laymen's Sunday. Three laymen, Archie Franz, Floyd Ruhl and Adolf Kosanke, spoke in the evening service with great effectiveness and spiritual zeal. A professor of South Western State College of Weatherford, Okla., was the morning speaker. By demonstrated electrical "gadgets," he spoke of the power of Christ as "the Great Transformer." Rev. Jack Block is pastor of the church.

● On Monday evening, Oct. 26, a special men's meeting was held at Eureka, S. Dak., with the Men's Brotherhood of Ashley presenting the program. This was a kick-off meeting for the organizing of a Men's Brotherhood in the Eureka church. Evangelistic services were held at the Eureka church from Nov. 3 to 15 with Rev. Don Dalzell as the evangelist. Rev. A. E. Reeh, pastor, wrote: "We prayed for a new manifestation of the Lord's renewing power to the salvation of souls and the edification of the redeemed."

● Laymen's Sunday was observed on Oct. 18 by the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., with Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, pastor, speaking on "Why Laymen's Sunday." The following laymen of the church participated in the service: John Witman, invocation; Al Wagner, Scripture reading; Earl Wright, prayer; Carl Mueller, announcements and offering prayer; Arthur W. Luck, solo, "He's Got the Whole Wide World in His Hands"; a message on "God" by Fred Skyrms; and Howard Ritenbaugh, benediction. On Wednesday evening, Oct. 28, Family Night was held at the church at which the Christian film was shown, "Centerville Awakening."

● From Oct. 7 to 11 evangelistic meetings were held at our Baptist Mission

BIBLE SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Program in the interest of our Publication House and its distribution of Bibles and Christian literature.

Chapel in Kyoto, Japan. Mr. Akasaka, pastor of the Baptist Chapel in Ise, Japan, served as the evangelist. Special children's meetings were held daily from Oct. 5 to 10 from 4:00 to 5:00 P. M. Hundreds of Christian tracts were distributed by Christians in Kyoto homes before and during the meetings. From Oct. 15 to 17 a special Japan Centennial Program was held in Kyoto with Dr. Oswald Smith of Toronto, Ontario, and others as guest speakers. The Kyoto church is in great need of \$6,700 for the purchase of property where a new church building can be constructed. The edifice itself will be financed by the Kyoto Baptists.

● Rev. and Mrs. Rubin Kern of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., held Open House with delicious refreshments in the parsonage on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18, to show their gratitude to the church for the gracious way in which they had been received by the congregation. Approximately 200 friends honored the Kerns with their visit. To the complete surprise of Mr. and Mrs. Kern and their daughters, a Roger's silver tea service was presented to them by the Woman's Missionary Society, the Willing Workers and the Adult Choir. Mrs. Grapentin, Mrs. Kern's mother, had come by plane from Vancouver, B. C., on the preceding Friday which added to the joys of this festive occasion.

● The First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., observed Laymen's Sunday on Oct. 18 with the Men's Fellowship taking charge of the evening service, and with the president, Allen Herr, in charge. The evening's program consisted of congregational singing and testimonies given by Gideon Gunst, Fred Burzloff, Reno Hoff and William Sorge. Special music was presented by the male chorus and a male quartet composed of Levi and Reuben Goehring, Emil Martin and Willis Faul. The speakers for the program were Leonard Fischer and Melbert Lehr, who presented a challenge to the men to use their time for the Lord and to present themselves willing to do the Lord's work. Rev. Aaron Buhler is pastor of the church.

● On Oct. 10 a North American Baptist Council met at the Baptist Chapel of South Fort George, British Columbia, to recognize the congregation as a NAB church. The charter members number 24. There are 124 enrolled in Sunday School. The chapel was started as a mission of the Hager Memorial Church of Prince George, B. C. The chapel has been completed in the interior except for the basement Sunday School classrooms. The group also owns six lots on either side of the chapel. The church is looking for a full time pastor. The council recommended that the hand of fellowship be extended to the new church at the 1960 sessions of the British Columbia Association and of the Pacific Conference and thus be welcomed into our denominational fellowship.



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The Long Search

By Sallie Lee Bell

A Prize-winning Christian Novel Laid in Texas.

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SYNOPSIS

James Thornton was an embittered young man. His father had been sent to prison by the false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin. There in prison his father had died and some time later his mother passed away from a broken heart. Now James Thornton was in a bus riding across Texas and bound for New Orleans, where he hoped to have his revenge on Thomas Martin. A young woman boarded the bus and sat next to him. Her mother had died and she was on her way to New Orleans to live with an aunt. Thornton tried to comfort her. "In time you will get over the keenness of your grief and you will be happy again," he said to her. But in New Orleans Faith Ransom learned that her aunt, Mrs. Hamilton, had died quite suddenly without leaving any word for her. James Thornton helped her to find a room in the Garden District and, in order to cheer her, took her to see "the old city" of New Orleans. However, he had business of his own to which to attend in this city!

CHAPTER FOUR

THEY passed doorways where she could get a glimpse of paved brick courtyards where banana plants grew, their thick, fringed leaves drooping over small fountains. She paused in the entry of one and saw the winding stairway in the rear that led to the narrow porch with green blinds enclosing the rooms above.

"It must be interesting to live in these apartments," she said as they returned to the street once more, "but I don't think I'd like staying in them. Somehow they make me think of mice and lizards and other creeping things. The bricks are moldy and those rooms look as if the sun never really gets to them."

"Perhaps you're right about the creeping things in some of the houses in this section," he said. "Some of these places look as if they had not been cleaned in ages. Let's do the rest of the sightseeing when we have finished our business. It's time for us to be there now."

They did not have far to go before they came to the court building, an

attractive edifice with white columns and wide steps leading to the entrance. They were sent from one office to another before they found the right place. The clerk in charge of the records told them that Faith would have to establish her identity and prove that she was her aunt's only heir before she could receive whatever property or money her aunt might have left. This would take time and James inwardly fumed at the delay. Since he had undertaken to help her, he would have to carry on until her claim was settled. He felt that she would get little from the household effects, but even that would help until she could get a position of some kind. He decided that when her affairs were finally settled he would get a room somewhere else so that he would not be bothered any further.

When they had finished at the courthouse, she asked if he would walk with her through the Vieux Carre and since he could do nothing with his own plans for the day, he agreed.

He was amused by her childish delight in the unusual sights of the old section of the city and he had to admit that he was enjoying the trip more than he had anticipated. The lure of the city was interesting him in spite of himself.

They walked through Jackson Square, the old parade ground, known as the Place D'Armes, where three flags had waved from the flagpole in the center of the square. The figure of General Andrew Jackson now occupied the central spot in the square.

"He was the hero of the Battle of New Orleans," he told her. "He won the battle against the British, in spite of their far superior forces. Hundreds of the British were slain in one of the bloodiest battles of the War of 1812. The Pirate Jean Lafitte and his men did much to help in that battle. The

terrible part of it was that the battle was so unnecessary. The treaty of peace had already been signed before the battle was fought. If news could have traveled as fast in those days as it does now, hundreds of those British soldiers would have been alive to go back to their families."

"All war is horrible and unnecessary," she said as they stood below the statue. "Mother said that if men and nations could only realize that war never really decided anything, perhaps they would not be so ready to fight. She used to tell me when I was a little girl that one day when Jesus returned to this earth to reign, there would be no more wars, that there would be peace and happiness for all the earth and that there would be no more sickness and no more sorrow."

"That would be something," he replied. "Sounds too good to be true."

He was not particularly interested in the stories her mother had told her. He was wondering how long it would take to get her affairs settled. He wondered where this Thomas Martin lived and what kind of life he had lived since he had ended his business in the west and returned to the city of his birth.

"I used to pretend all sorts of things that I would do when the Lord Jesus came back on earth to reign," she continued, not noticing his silence. "Mother said that those who had been true to Him in this life would go on through eternity to a greater happiness than anyone could imagine."

"Sounds like a fairy tale," he commented.

"To me it was more interesting than any fairy tale I ever heard. Mother seemed glad because I always wanted to hear more. She was hoping that I would want to become a Christian when I grew older, but instead, I lost interest in what she had tried to teach me about the Bible. I disliked going

to church, but I went just to please her. I wish I could be different, but I just don't want to be."

"Perhaps you will someday when you are older," he offered as they left the square and went into the old Cabildo which was once a government house.

"I doubt it. I don't have any desire to be different. I guess that perhaps God will have to deal with me before I have any sense at all about spiritual things. He'll have to knock some sense into my head," she added childishly.

"It has to do with the heart more than the head, doesn't it?" he asked with a wisdom of which he was not aware.

"You're right," she replied with a smile, then she turned her attention to the scene around them. "I've been rambling on and boring you. I don't know why I did that. I wonder what this room is."

They had mounted the wide stairway, worn by the footsteps of generations and entered the room just beyond the landing. They discovered that this was the room where the purchase of Louisiana, the territory which occupied such a vast area of present-day United States, was finally concluded when the papers were signed. They looked with interest at the paintings on the wall of Napoleon and the other notables who were in positions of power at the time the purchase was made.

As they wandered through the many rooms and finally went out into the courtyard, James became more interested. He was seeing things about which he had read and studied when he was just a child. His interest had dated from the time when his mother had revealed to him that Thomas Martin had lived here and had come back here after the trial and imprisonment of his father. It was not long after the conclusion of the trial that the business had been sold and Martin had left. James tried not to think of Martin as they wandered through the courtyard. He was enjoying this trip far more than he had anticipated. He had been reluctant to waste any more time on sightseeing, but he enjoyed Faith's enthusiasm and her interest in everything she saw. She asked him about everything as if he were a guide and he laughingly remarked that he was not really a bureau of information.

"You know enough to be one," she replied. "What you don't know, just make up. I won't know the difference and if I ask too many questions, just tell me when to be quiet. I don't want to be a nuisance."

"You're not," he assured her. "I'm getting a double enjoyment from this. I'm enjoying the sights myself and I'm getting a big kick out of seeing how much you enjoy them."

"I'm going to like this wonderful city," she remarked as they crossed the courtyard.

"This is where slaves were kept who

had committed some crime," he told her as they entered one of the small rooms. The heavy door had a small iron grill at the top and behind this room there was another one with no opening except the grill at the top of the door.

"This must have been the dungeon where the worst ones were kept in solitary. This must have been the jail where all criminals were kept," he amended as they looked around. "I believe that when the British were approaching the city and every man was needed to defend it, the prisoners were given their freedom and were armed to march with the others to the battle field down at Chalmette. After the battle they were given a pardon. There were not too many Americans killed, but the British were slaughtered by hundreds."

"Did you make a specialty of New Orleans history?" she asked. "I can't imagine you knowing so much about the city since you've never been here before."

"History was my favorite study at school and I was much interested in the history of Louisiana, especially New Orleans."

It was time for lunch and when they stopped in front of the Patio Royal he suggested that they have lunch there. The interior was quaint and typical of old New Orleans. They saw the vault under the stairs which had once been a part of the old bank and they wandered into the lovely courtyard where tables were placed under large umbrellas. Large shrubs and banana plants grew in profusion around the high walls enclosing the patio and fragrant annuals bordered the beds.

Almost every table was occupied, for this was a favorite eating place for citizens as well as tourists. The prices were astonishingly high, but James insisted that he should pay for the meal and that they would forget finances for this one day. The food was excellent and they enjoyed the well-seasoned French cooking, especially the shrimp salad with a pungent dressing that brought tears to Faith's eyes, but which she ate with relish, nevertheless.

"This coffee is black as ink," she said as the beverage was served. "It surely isn't like the coffee we had at home."

"No. But I like it," he said. "I can understand why people who live here have a hard time drinking the coffee we are used to. It must taste like weak tea."

When they finally returned to their rooming house Faith was tired and felt that she should rest.

"I'll say it again," she told him as they stopped at her door. "How can I ever thank you for what you have done for me? What would I have done if I had not sat beside you on the bus? I shall be grateful all the rest of my life."

"I'm glad I was there." He gave her a smile. "I've enjoyed the day as much as you have."

"Mother would have said that this was all in the plan of God, me meeting you. She always said that everything would work out for my good if I would only love the Lord. It surely has worked out for my good since I met you."

He was touched and embarrassed by her words.

"Get a nap and have a good rest," he said. "I think I shall get some sleep also. I'll see you later, in time for dinner."

"That will be fine, if I'm not too much of a bother. Having you take care of me seems to be getting to be a habit."

"Don't always be thinking that you are a bother. I'm glad to take care of you, little one, until you can take care of yourself."

She stood watching him through a crack in her door until he turned into his own room, then she shut the door and turned away with a sigh.

"I'm afraid I'll never want you to stop taking care of me," she said to herself. "Oh, Jimmie, I wonder if you know how much I care for you!"

In so short a time love had come to her. Their chance acquaintance had become infinitely more than friendship to her. It had come so suddenly and in such a short time that it left her bewildered. She knew nothing about this man. She didn't know whether he was married or single. She only knew that she loved him. It startled her when she became aware of it and it brought a sense of fear. She knew that he had no interest in her other than pity and she realized that after his business in the city was finished, she would perhaps never see him again. When she was able to look after herself, there would be no reason for him to take up any more of his time with her.

She slipped off her dress and lay down, but she could not sleep. Why did she have to be such a little idiot, to fall in love with the first stranger she met when there had been other boys she had known all her life who had loved her and had wanted to marry her? One of them, especially, after her mother had died and he knew that she was going to live in New Orleans, had begged her to marry him and let him take care of her, even though she had told him that she did not love him. She couldn't do that, though it would have solved all her problems. When she married, she wanted to marry for love, not just for a home and security. Now she had given her love to a man who would possibly never know that he had her love, who perhaps was already in love with someone or even married to someone else, a man who would soon be gone from her life, taking her heart and her hope of happiness with him.

(To Be Continued)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 20, 1959

Theme: GOOD NEWS FOR THE WORLD

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14; Acts 11:19-26

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The Good News for the world of darkness and sin can transform it into a world of light and love.

INTRODUCTION: To understand the power of sin and darkness, it is only necessary to realize that the Good News for the world has been in existence for almost two thousand years. During all this time of proclamation and penetration, it is discouraging to know that so much of the world is still in the grip of Satan. But the Christian does not only look at the dark side. Even though he knows it is there, he can see the light of the world in Jesus Christ. It is dark, he says, but just think how much darker it would have been if Christ had not come. The surprising and wonderful thing about the Good News is the fact that after two thousand years it is still the best news in the world. It is new every day, just as God's grace and love are new daily.

I. GOOD NEWS FOR THE SHEPHERDS. Luke 2:8-9.

These were, no doubt, the least of all the people who expected visions. The temple priests and scribes counted them the least worthy of God's special revelation. It is significant that these shepherds abiding in the field were keeping watch over their flock—by night. This is the time of greatest temptation to be lax in their responsibility. It is a normal time of relaxation and sleep. More than any other time it exposes the weakness of the flesh. Even the disciples of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane were not strong enough to conquer this weakness. But these shepherds were faithful in their humble vocation, and their faithfulness was rewarded by the advent of the Good News. It is comforting to know that the Good News is available for the lowliest.

II. GOOD NEWS FOR THE WORLD. Luke 2:10-14.

Even though the Good News came only to a few, God wants us to know that no one is left out. It is for *all people!* He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9). The Good News for the world came in the form of a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and it was this new-born babe that was the means of shaking the foundations of the world. But he came only to build a "foundation which cannot be shaken, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10).

III. GOOD NEWS FOR THE JEWS. Acts 11:19.

It is sometimes difficult to combine the "good tidings of great joy" with the "persecution that arose." Nevertheless, it brings to mind the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. (Matt. 5:12). The first Jews who received the Good News were not afraid of this kind of persecution. For the first time in their history, they found something which was worthwhile being persecuted for. God had finally visited his people and they accepted the visitor.

IV. GOOD NEWS FOR THE GENTILES. Acts 11:20-26.

"To the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). The Good News is the power of God unto salvation unto all that believe. We as present-day Gentiles are all descended from the first church in Antioch where the followers of Christ were called Christians for the first time. And it was the Gentile church which became the terminal of a great missionary movement which finally brought the Good News from Asia into Europe.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 27, 1959

Theme: GOD, OUR HELP

Scripture: Acts 12:1-12

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Prayer does not always get us what we want, but it opens the door so that God can give us what we need.

INTRODUCTION: With this lesson we come to the climax of Peter's ministry in Acts. His work continues, but because Luke is the author of Acts, and since he is so closely associated with Paul, it is natural that he should write about the man he knows so well. After this miraculous circumstance, Peter drops into the background. The place of interest also shifts. Thus far, all the activity has taken place in and around Jerusalem. The power of the Christian Gospel will now be centered around Antioch.

This is an appropriate lesson on which to end the old year. The year may have been filled with problems and difficulties. There may have been insurmountable obstacles. There may have been periods of darkness and hopelessness. But if we continue faithfully in prayer, God cannot deny us light and power. Above and beyond all that we ask or think is being prepared and will be waiting for us.

I. THE EVIL ON THE THRONE. Acts 12:1.

Men always feel most insecure when evil men are in positions of power and influence. The throne should be the

seat of righteousness and judgment. The king should be an example of the best and noblest in mankind. Herod occupies the highest office, but his heart and mind are occupied by the lowest thoughts and intentions. A king should stretch forth his hand to help his subjects; Herod's hand is stretched forth to vex God's people.

II. THE GOOD PUT TO DEATH. Acts 12:2.

In Herod and his cohorts, we see life at its worst, while in James and the apostles we see life at its best. The world has always suffered and it is suffering today because good men are often not permitted to live. The additional infamy in connection with the death of James is the fact that it pleased the Jews. Even so-called religious people are blind to genuine goodness. And if the Jews did not withhold the death penalty from Jesus, certainly there would be little compunction in the death of James.

III. THE RIGHTEOUS IN PRISON. Acts 12:3-4.

Prison is generally considered to be a place for law breakers. In this case and many, many thousands more, prison was a place for those who loved mercy, sought righteousness and walked humbly with God. The ones who could have done the most good in the world and for the world were often kept from doing it. But it appears to be a law of God whereby the righteous must suffer in order to bring about righteousness.

IV. THE HELP OF FRIENDS. Acts 12:5.

Of all the friends we have, there are none better than praying friends. There is no doubt that these friends would have done anything else if it had been possible. They would have stormed the gates of the prison if it would have helped. They would have bailed Peter out if it would have helped. They would have procured the best legal counsel if it would have helped. But they knew that the only help they could give was the help of united and continued prayer to God and to leave the issue with him.

V. THE HELP OF GOD. Acts 12:6-12.

Some well-meaning people will say: Could not God have helped Peter without prayer? And why should Peter be asleep in prison when the entire church is up all night praying for him? Should he not add his prayer support to that of the church? We can only say that through prayer we learn to understand and to discover God's will. Through prayer we not only seek God's help, but through prayer God also speaks to us, and he often shows us how we can help him. Peter was undoubtedly concerned and went to sleep in an attitude of prayer, putting his entire trust in God and in the prayers of the saints. Help came in a marvelous way, and Peter realized that like his Master and Lord before him, his time had not yet come.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Eastern District

"God's Volunteers" Witness for Christ in Trenton, Ill.

The First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., had the joy of being host to "God's Volunteers" for their first two weeks following their training at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The six young people arrived here in their new Buick station wagon on Oct. 6th and were joined by Rev. Walter Hoffman on Saturday, Oct. 10. The team canvassed our town and part of the surrounding countryside during the afternoons and evenings of the first week and during the afternoons of the second week. Rev. J. R. Kruegel, our pastor, reports that they found many unchurched families and prospects.

They conducted services from Sunday, Oct. 11, through Sunday evening, Oct. 18. What a blessing they were to all who attended and to many to whom they witnessed personally while calling and canvassing. Their testimonies, singing and preaching stirred our souls. We had good attendance at all the services and many reconsecrated their lives or expressed their desire to follow the Lord more closely at the consecration service following Mr. Hoffman's stirring message. We enjoyed having these young Christian witnesses in our homes and church, and they have left their personal warmth in our hearts.

Mrs. Elmer Ranz, Clerk.

Vacation Bible School, Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio

The Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, held its Vacation Bible School with excellent weather prevailing during the past summer. The theme, "Following Jesus," was upheld in at least five classes ranging from the ages of 5 through 15. It was a thrilling experience each day as the entire school marched into the church headed by the Bible and Flag carriers. Our total enrollment reached 168 and the average attendance 130.

At the conclusion of the school, the children presented a very appropriate and spiritual program. The church was filled to overflowing as parents and friends came to share the program. The children themselves had brought Mission Offerings every day, totalling \$50.00. To complete the happiness of the children, our Sunday School invited all of the children for a great picnic out on the Beach Farm. With a big bus load we left early on Saturday, July 4th, and returned singing and praising God for all blessings received.

One of the Teachers

Dedication of Temple Church, Buffalo, New York

Sunday, Oct. 4, was a day of real blessing and rejoicing at the Temple Church of Buffalo, N. Y. Our hopes and dreams of four years are now fulfilled. On Sunday morning we held our

first worship service in our beautiful new church. About 200 members and friends were present. Our pastor, Rev. W. C. Damrau, had the joy of baptizing ten persons at this service. After an inspiring message by our guest speaker for the day, Rev. L. Bienert, we held our Communion Service, and the hand of fellowship was extended to these ten new members.

The Dedication Service was held in the afternoon with about 400 present. Many friends came from our sister church in Buffalo, Bethel Church, and other friends from several Canadian churches and our Rochester, New York church. Our pastor, Mr. Damrau, led us in the solemn Act of Dedication and in the Dedicatory Prayer. Rev. L. Bienert, general secretary of CBY Fellowship, again brought an inspiring and challenging message.

We shall long remember the blessing of this day when we dedicated our new church building and our pews to the Lord. With grateful hearts we sang our praise to God and acknowledged his leading of our people as we sang as a mass chorus, "How Great Thou Art." We appreciate the efforts of Mr. Walter Schmidt as chairman of the Building Committee and Mr. James Archer, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and all members of the Building Committee for their untiring efforts in the building program. Also, we thank God for the able leadership of Pastor Walter C. Damrau, and his aggressiveness in getting our building started and completed. We have always felt we were divinely led to this new community and we are confident of God's further guidance.

Mrs. Hulda Hartman, Reporter

Norrridge, Ill., Church Lays Cornerstone for Building

The cornerstone laying service of the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Illinois, on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 25, was an outdoor-indoor event in that it took place in the Chapel of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged. From beginning to end the service was a praise service, honoring and exalting God. It opened with an organ prelude by the church's choir director, Miss Glee Maeck, of Job's immortal cry "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" and closed with a benediction by Dr. M. Vanderbeck, superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, proclaiming that we have every reason to be thankful to God.

The presentation of treasured items from the two merged churches was then made by John Stengel, Chairman of the Building Committee. The moments that ensued with Herbert Siemund, Chairman of the Finance Committee, being assisted by Nick Burrell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in the sealing of the box, presentation of trowel and laying of the cornerstone took place as it were in the "twinkling of an eye."

The program continued as Herbert Siemund sang a most appropriate and inspiring solo, "Faith Unlocks The Door" following which Rev. Walter Schmidt led the congregation in prayer, praying for consecrated helpers in the new church. The service had been so rich and engaging that a message was not even necessary except for the fact that Dr. F. H. Woyke's message of the hour was so very welcome and helped strengthen what went before, giving God the full glory due his Name.

Ruth Hess, Reporter

Western District

Women's Mission Luncheon, Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

The Women's Missionary Society of Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., met for its annual October Noon Luncheon in the lower sanctuary of the church with the Klutow Circle as hostesses. Prayer was given by Mrs. Edith Vanderbeck. Mrs. Hulda Schneider, president of the Society, welcomed all present.

Mrs. Edith Baudisch, program chairman, presented Mrs. Dottie Brown, who told of her display of "The Wonder World of Gadgets." The Grace Note Trio, Mesdames Myra Porter, Bettie Thiesen and Earline Willis, sang several numbers. Mrs. Emma Paulus gave a report on Mrs. Edna Chaffee, our Missionary of the Month.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Carl Jungkeit, wife of the General Missionary Secretary of the American Sunday School Union for Calif., Nevada, and Arizona, gave a most interesting report of their work in Northern California.

Mrs. Mae Cross, WMS Reporter



CORNERSTONE EXERCISES, NORRIDGE, ILL.

John Stengel (left), chairman of the Building Committee, and Herbert Siemund (right), chairman of the Finance Committee, fill the cornerstone with treasured items for the First Baptist Church, Norridge, Ill.

Song Festival and Farewell at Vernon, B. C.

Recently the choir of the Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, B. C., presented a Song Festival with Mr. Fred Merke as director. This was also his farewell appearance before entering the Bible College at Edmonton, Alberta, for preparation for full-time Christian service. The program was led by Mr. Erwin Frank. Rev. E. H. Nikkel, pastor, and members of the Grace Church, Kelowna, B. C., were our guests and Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Kelowna, B. C., was the guest speaker. The various members of the church choir depicted eternal truths from the Word of God in their musical program.

The farewell service for Mr. Fred Merke was held on the following Sunday afternoon, Sept. 6, in connection with the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union to which the men of the church had also been invited. Rev. Fred Ohlmann, pastor, spoke words of appreciation and farewell for the church. All branches of the church were represented, and Mr. E. Merke, the father of the choir director, brought a brief farewell from II Tim. 2:15. Several gifts were presented to them, and Mr. and Mrs. Merke had an opportunity to respond with thanks.

Fred Ohlmann, Pastor

Cornerstone Laying Exercises, Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash.

On the 19th of July the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash., held a ground breaking service which was very inspiring. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District Secretary, and Rev. Lem Carter, director of Town and Country for the Washington Baptist Convention, were our guest speakers. This service was well attended by members and friends of the church and was held outside, under some trees, near the church building site.

Then on October 11th we had our cornerstone laying service. The weather was cloudy and chilly at this time, so we held the service in the old Rose Theater and then all went to the site of the construction of the new church edifice. Rev. P. D. Unruh, pastor of the Onecho Mennonite Church near Colfax, was the guest speaker. In solemn silence the cornerstone was put in the place where it would be mortared in the following day. Behind the stone was placed a copper box which contains a Bible and a number of important documents, giving a brief history of the church and the minutes of the various church business meetings when plans of construction were made . . . and also, a list of the names of the people serving on the building committee. The building is now well under way, but the date has not been set as yet for dedication.

F. E. Klein, Pastor

Farewell Services for Pastor, Portland's Immanuel Church

On Sunday evening, Oct. 18, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, held a farewell service for Rev. Henry Barnet and family, ending eight years of faithful service. Rev. Charles Wagner was the chairman for the program, with Mrs. Florence Bauder leading the song service. Miss Marjorie Schafer read Scripture and Mr. J.



Choir of the Faith Baptist Church, Vernon, B. C., with Mr. Fred Merke, director, at center, standing.

A. Hoelzer, life deacon, led in prayer. The choir sang two of Mr. Barnet's favorite hymns, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" and "For God So Loved the World."

Brief farewell talks were given by various members of the church. Mr. Earl Marks, moderator, represented the church; Mr. Rudy Bauder, the deacons; Judy Hoelzer, the C. B. Y.; Rod Rosentreter, the Ambassador Class; Mrs. Lena Gieser, Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. Inez Jackson, the Immanuel Guild; Mrs. Lois Jean Leppert, the Missionairs Class. Gifts and cards containing money were presented to the Barnet family from the church. Mr. Barnet gave his response and refreshments were served in the lower hall of the church with Mrs. Doris Young and Mrs. Ruth Rosentreter pouring.

Rod Rosentreter, Reporter

World Missionary Conference Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

Climaxing a month of spiritual feasts of heart-warming, heart-searching messages from dedicated men and women of God, Rev. H. John Vander-



CORNERSTONE BOX, COLFAX, WASH.
Two members of the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash., Harry Fries and Mrs. Paul Krueger, inspect the box which was sealed in the church cornerstone at ceremonies recently. A Bible, history of the church and other documents were placed in the box.

beck and members of Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., held their World Missionary Conference, Sept. 20-23, with 18 Mission Boards and 5 Christian Schools participating in splendid Christian cooperation. Fascinating films depicted familiar and unusual channels of service for Christ in the winning of souls for the Savior. Many hours were shared in enriching Christian fellowship with old friends meeting once more and new friendships established. Dr. Leslie Chaffee, our missionary surgeon from the Cameroons Basso Hospital, brought the opening message and showed pictures revealing Africa as still "The Dark Continent Needing The Light." The sanctuary choir, Herman Zachay directing, sang "Now Let The Heavens Adore Thee" by Bach.

An outstanding feature of this fine conference was the displaying of missionary trophies, maps, literature and pictures, arranged and supervised by Sunday School classes and placed in every available nook about the church. The African exhibit, Frank Cole supervising, was sponsored by the King's Stewards class. The Spanish booth was prepared by the Crusaders' Class with Joe Love, chairman. The Oriental exhibits, with Robert Unrich as chairman, were arranged by members from the Ambassadors class. The Youth Groups under the leadership of Mr. Robert Boyd, Youth Director, arranged these exhibits from the Christian Schools.

Ruth M. Mellon, Reporter

Youth and Sunday School Work, Lodi's First Church

Under the leadership of Mr. Arthur Brust, Christian Educational Director of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., our youth work has gone forward in great strides. We now have five youth groups: Primary, Junior, Junior High, High School and Senior High. The Primary Counselors are Mrs. John Altnow and Mrs. Jay Lovelless; Junior Counselors, Mrs. Robert Michelson and Mrs. Clem Drebert; Junior High, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fischer; High School, Mr. and Mrs. Erno Hoff; and Senior High, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Krueg. The C. B. Y. is in charge of one Sunday evening service in the month, at which the various groups bring the music, testimonies, and our Youth Director brings the message. The Junior Choir and Girls' Chorus has been reorganized with Mrs. Reuben Goehring and Mrs. Norman Knoll directing.

Sunday School Week started with Promotion Sunday at which time 203 boys and girls received perfect attendance pins. Among these were Douglas Woehl and Wanda Zimmerman, who received 11 year pins, and Mrs. Albert Dehr, outgoing superintendent, had the privilege of presenting LaVonne Zimmerman with a 12 year pin and the highest perfect attendance award in the entire Sunday School. On the same Sunday evening the Sunday School teachers and officers were installed and our pastor challenged them to faithful service. Mrs. Albert Lippert is superintendent of our Sunday School for this next year, and she is being assisted by Robert Baumbach and Reno Hoff, as well as our pastor and assistant pastor.

Mrs. Leonard Fischer, Reporter

Women's Meetings at Oregon Association, Bethany Church

The Baptist Women of the Oregon Association enjoyed a delicious buffet supper Friday evening, Oct. 9, at the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon. Our president, Mrs. John Wobig of Portland called on Mrs. Benno Fuchs of Bethel Church in Salem, Oregon, to lead us in a few choruses. Mrs. Odus Bales, president of the Bethany Guild, welcomed the ladies.

Mrs. Wobig presented Mrs. Ben Lawrence who with her husband is on furlough from Africa, and Mrs. Roland Rich who with her husband has been serving in Peru under the Wycliffe translators. Mrs. Rich led the devotions and told us how much in need the Peruvian Indian is of our Lord.

A panel discussion on four different subjects was the highlight of the evening. First was "Programs" by Mrs. Lois Leppert of the Immanuel Church of Portland. Next was "Evangelism" by Mrs. Grace Jenne of Bethany. Mrs. Elmo Watson of Salt Creek took the subject of "Reading." Mrs. Martha Becker of Trinity informed us how necessary it is for us to attend our White Cross meetings and to keep the materials flowing into headquarters for shipment. Mrs. Adeline Kopf of Odessa, Washington is our new district White Cross chairman.

Lydia Tilgner, Secretary

Central District

Harvest Festival for Beulah and Zap Churches, N. Dak.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, the churches of Beulah and Zap, N. Dak., held their Mission and Harvest Festival in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah. Our guest speaker was Rev. John Grygo of the Bismarck Baptist Church. We had three services with one conducted in German. Over \$340 was given for missionary work.

Accompanying this report is a picture of our new bulletin board purchased by the Woman's Missionary Society with memorial funds which had been designated for this purpose. Rev. John Wood, our pastor, is standing alongside the bulletin board.

Mrs. Gilbert Ost, Reporter

Mission Festival, Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak.

The Mission Festival held at the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., recently was very well attended at the three services. Our pastor, Rev. Harold Weiss, brought an inspiring message at the morning service with the choir bringing a special number.

Guest speaker for the afternoon and evening service was Rev. Elmo Tahrn, our denominational Church Extension pastor at Minot, N. Dak. The evening program was of a musical nature which was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Tahrn. Rev. Elmo Tahrn also showed colored slides of his European tour. Two hundred people were served a noon meal by ladies of the church. Mission and building fund offerings were received during the day amounting to \$1,400.

Mrs. Reuben Bauer, Reporter



90TH ANNIVERSARY, BURLINGTON, IOWA

W. C. LOHMANN, 90, (left), and Mrs. Minnie Lohmann, 89, both members of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, for more than 70 years, look over the 90th Anniversary program with Rev. Don Rich. The table is made from the original altar which was used in the church at its founding in 1869.

90th Anniversary, Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa

The 90th anniversary observance of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, was held on Sunday, Oct. 25. It was a great day in the life of our church. Large numbers came to the services and reception, many of whom were former members from far away places. The highlights of the day were the arousing messages delivered by Dr. T. W. Bender from the Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa. His topic in the morning was **THE CHURCH IN YOUR HANDS** (text, Acts 1:8), and the evening message was **THE CHURCH AND THE FREEDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** (II Cor. 3:17).

Rev. Don Rich presided in all services and read congratulatory messages from former pastors and friends of the church. The combined efforts of all musical groups will long linger in our memories as a masterpiece of our united thinking and working. This anniversary day was a momentous occasion for our congregation. We are happy and thankful to our Lord for the continuous blessings during the



The new bulletin board of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. Dak., with Rev. John Wood, pastor, beside the board.

90 years and we look forward with renewed hope and courage.
Carl Orthner, Reporter

Napoleon Sunday School Reviews Past Forty Years

The close of Sunday School Week was observed by the Baptist Sunday School of Napoleon, N. Dak., by giving a program on Oct. 4. The first part consisted of a brief history of the Sunday School, which was organized in 1919, with twelve charter members. Of these twelve, only one member is still with us. A report of the attendance, offerings, and material used in the beginning was given. In the first years, our average attendance was only about thirty-five per Sunday.

The second part of our program showed us that we have grown to an average attendance of about seventy-eight members per Sunday. The material that we now have is much better, and the truths about our Savior can be brought to the children much more effectively. A demonstration of the Flanelgraph was given by Mrs. Ida Schauer, and Mrs. Edwin Pfeifle showed us the Table Top Project. Mrs. John Zimmerman and Mrs. Edward Kramer gave us a report on the material that is being used in their departments. The theme of our Sunday School Week was "Born To Grow." We certainly hope that we may grow as much in the next 40 years as we have in the past.

Gideon Oldenburger, Reporter

Mission Festival and Laymen's Sunday, Ellinwood, Kansas

On Sunday evening, Oct. 18, the Harvest and Mission Festival of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas, was observed. Mrs. Jack DeWerff led the singing and Austin Widener led in prayer. The various departments of the Sunday School brought recitations. Steven Hildebrand played several numbers on the trombone, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Rudolph Marchand. The General Sunday School superintendent, Devon Dewey, presided over the taking of the mission offering. Rev.

Ed. Michelson of Wichita, Kansas, a former missionary in the Cameroons of Africa, spoke on "Giving" as guest speaker.

Laymen's Sunday was observed on Oct. 18 with the following laymen of our church taking part: Emil Scheufler, president of the Men's Brotherhood, directed the Men's Chorus in special music; Everett Wilkerson, vice-president, read the Scripture passage; and Milton Meyer, secretary-treasurer, led in prayer.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 25, the C. B. Y. F. was in charge of the service. Richard Meyer, president, led the song service, Mrs. Devon Dewey, sponsor, read the Scripture passage and Richard Meyer led in prayer. A quartet of Gloria and Barbara Koch, Donna Scheufler and Arlene Koch, sang with Nancee Byers accompanying at the piano. The dialogue, "Prescription Filled," was given by Lee Widener, Richard Meyer and Howard Widener. Mrs. Leonard Kasselmann, Scripture Memory director, presented the grand award of a picture of the "Head of Christ" to Lee Widener for completing the nine year course of Scripture Memory Work.

Mrs. Derril Widener, Reporter

Sessions of South Dakota Association Woman's Union

The women of the South Dakota Association met for their annual meeting at the Danzig Church on Oct. 7th. The church was filled with a good representation of women. The meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. E. Kirstein. The song service was led by Mrs. Herman Effa of Chancellor, with Mrs. Richard Voigt of Danzig at the piano. Mrs. James Jansen of the local society spoke words of welcome. A musical number, "I Sing of Thee," was given by the Avon society. Scripture was read by Mrs. A. Stempfer of Tyndall. Prayer followed by Mrs. Loren Weber of Rapid City.

Mrs. E. Kirstein introduced our special speaker, Mrs. George A. Dunger of Sioux Falls. She shared with us a letter written by Dr. Dunger to her from the Cameroons, where he spent some time this past year. A musical number, "I'll Live For Him," was given by the Emery society.

Newly elected officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. E. Kirstein; vice-president, Mrs. L. Friesen; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. John Johnson. A display committee was appointed for the coming year, namely, Mrs. Walter Huether and Mrs. L. Friesen. The offering amounted to \$97.77 which is to be used for Church Extension, Cameroons Field, Nursing Home in Madison, and for our radio work, "Chapel Cheer."

Mrs. John Terveen, Secretary

Missionary Conference for Elgin and Sumner, Iowa

Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, Cameroons missionary, and Rev. Richard Schilke, general mission secretary, were guest speakers at a joint mission conference of the First Baptist Churches of Elgin and Sumner, Iowa, October 1-4. Rev. Eldon Schroeder is pastor at Elgin and Rev. J. C. Kraenzler at Sumner. Mr. Lawrence opened the Elgin meetings Thursday evening with an illustrated slide lecture of the work on the Cameroons field. Mrs. Ross James,

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Tabitha president, and Mrs. Harry Johnson, WMU president, led the devotions.

Friday afternoon was designated as women's meeting with Mrs. Harry Johnson presiding. Mr. Lawrence gave a very informative report with special emphasis on the women's work. Rev. Richard Schilke joined Rev. Lawrence for a children's meeting Saturday afternoon. Miss Rachel Hackmann, CBYF president, was in charge of the Saturday night youth rally.

Mr. Schilke brought the message, "City Full of Idols" at the Sunday morning worship and communion service. Two large illuminated wall maps made by Mrs. Paul Zurbriggen were helpful in visualizing the mission stations on both the Cameroons and Japan fields. Various mission exhibits were placed on display tables. Those who worked on Conference committees were Mrs. Clarence Muehlethaler, Mrs. Ross James, Mrs. Hugo Hackmann, Mrs. Alfred Baechler, Lester Trautman, Abe Habeger, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter

Sessions of Oklahoma Association In Cherokee Church

The Oklahoma Association met at the Bethel Baptist Church of Cherokee for its annual deliberations from Oct. 20-23. The keynote address was brought by Rev. Jack Block of Corn on "Ye Are My Witnesses," setting the thoughts of the Association upon our theme, "Millions of Unsaved Neighbors." Rev. Edwin Michelson, Church Extension pastor of Wichita, Kansas, was the guest speaker of the Association.

Rev. Jack Davis of Gotebo continued the theme with "Multitudes Needing Compassion." Rev. LeRoy Schauer of Shattuck spoke on "The Invitation Of Jesus." Rev. Leon Bill of Okeene spoke on "Go Ye Into the Highways and Hedges." Rev. Kenneth Unruh, host pastor, and his people did a fine job of taking care of all the things which combine to make an enjoyable conference. The meetings were held in the new Bethel Baptist Church building which had just been completed.

On Thursday afternoon the Baptist Men and Pastors met at the Conference Room of the local bank while the Woman's Missionary Union had its session in the church sanctuary. The closing service was in charge of the Oklahoma C. B. Y. with the president, Miss Marilyn Kosanke, leading. Rev. Edwin Michelson spoke on "Choosing Always the Best."

Jack Block, Reporter

Northern District

Pastor's Reception, Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.

Sunday, August 9, was a happy day for the members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alta. It was our joy to welcome our new minister, Rev. P. Hunsicker, into

our midst. The reception service, in the evening, was led by Rev. H. Schumacher of the Temple Baptist Church, who with his members joined us for this happy occasion. Words of greeting and good wishes were extended by all organizations of the church as well as special numbers in song and readings.

Special guests were the mayor of Medicine Hat and representatives from several of our neighbor churches of the city, who joined us with a hearty welcome. Short talks were given by Rev. R. Kanwischer in German and by Rev. H. Schumacher in English. After the service we all enjoyed a short time of fellowship in the lower auditorium of the church. We have already had much joy in working together with Mr. Hunsicker and have been greatly blessed by his sincere messages from God's Word.

Lilly Oster, Reporter

Laymen's Sunday Services, Edenwold and Davin, Sask.

The laymen of the Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask. and the Grace Baptist Church, Davin, Sask., joined in worship services on Laymen's Sunday, Oct. 18. Mr. Carl Hollerbaum was chairman for both services held in these respective churches. Mr. Derald Sauer brought the message in the morning on "Qualifications of a Christian Layman." In the evening service Mr. Wm. Kramer spoke on "How Laymen Should Conduct Themselves," and Mr. Ernest Rosem spoke on "Laborers for God." The male chorus and members from both churches rendered musical numbers at the services. Rev. R. Neuman, our pastor, assisted the laymen and conducted the singing of the chorus.

Sunday School Week was held at Edenwold from Oct. 8 to 11. We are thankful for the blessings received during this week. Rev. L. Potratz of the Faith Church, Regina, Sask., was our guest speaker. We are grateful for the many valuable suggestions and instructions he pointed out from God's Word as a source and guide. On that Sunday evening we held our Thanksgiving Program. This gave the children a part and became a very fine close to a very happy week.

Mrs. Frank Brucker, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. John Binder, Morris, Manitoba

At the invitation of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Man., on Friday afternoon, Oct. 9, a council was convened with delegates from six churches of the Manitoba Association to consider the advisability of ordaining Mr. John Binder into the Gospel ministry. The council consisted of fifteen members. Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Winnipeg served as moderator and Herbert Bushkowsky also of Winnipeg, as clerk of the council. The candidate gave a clear statement of his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal beliefs.

The ordination service was held on that same evening at the Emmanuel Church, with Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Northern District Secretary, presiding. The service was enriched through various musical selections by the local church band and choir. A challenging ordination sermon was given by the

guest speaker, Dr. R. E. Powell of our seminary at Sioux Falls. The ordination prayer with the laying on of hands was offered by Rev. W. Laser of Winnipeg. The charge to the church was given by Rev. Wm. Sturhahn. Rev. H. J. Waltereit gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. A. Gellert of the Whitemouth Church welcomed the candidate into the ministry and also presented him with the certificate of ordination. The service was closed with the benediction being pronounced by the newly ordained minister, Rev. John Binder.

H. Bushkowsky, Council Secretary

Special Meetings at Baptist Church, Springside, Sask.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK was observed at the Springside Baptist Church, Springside, Sask., from Sept. 27 to Oct. 4. On Sunday evening all the newly elected members of the Sunday School staff were presented to the church at the installation service, with Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, our Northern District Secretary, in charge. On Monday night there was a meeting of the Sunday School staff. On Tuesday night the young people met, and there was a meeting of the German Bible Class on Wednesday evening. On Thursday night, the film, "The Crimson Shadow," was shown. The following Sunday was Rally Day, and Rev. D. Hildebrandt of Brierecrest Bible School, Caronport, Sask., was the guest speaker.

Revival and evangelistic meetings were held at the Springside Church from Oct. 12 to 22. Our speaker was Rev. A. G. Stewart Liddell of Lacombe, Alta. Personal and Visitation Evangelism Classes were held the first week after the services, which resulted in the forming of a group of Christians for the purpose of going forth and making Jesus Christ known to the unsaved. Mr. Liddell also brought interesting children's stories and chalk talks. Rev. Bert Milner is pastor of our church.

Mrs. George Fritzke, Reporter

DO YOU HEAR

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ing and practice casting all my care upon my heavenly Father. There must be nothing at all between my soul and the Savior.

A HARVEST FOR CHRIST

4. But suppose my heart receives the word joyfully and the seed sprouts. *Is there still something I can do?* Yes, I must increase the yield. Cultivating the precious seed with earnest study and watering it with prayer, I may be able to bring up the yield from thirty to sixty or even to an hundred-fold. That would make the Sower rejoice!

Yes, hearing the Word of God is not only a privilege—it is a responsibility! "Take heed then how you hear."

Our Heavenly Father, we thank thee for the lessons of the sower and the seed. With an honest and good heart, we would hear the Word of God and keep it, bringing forth fruit with patience. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, AMEN.

Obituary

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

MR. JACOB MAIER of Minot, North Dakota

Mr. Jacob Maier was born in Rumania on May 30, 1866. In 1887 he was united in marriage to Minna Kraus who passed away in 1911. This union was blessed with four sons and three daughters. One son, John, lives on a farm near Martin, N. Dak. The other children preceded their father in death. Jacob was converted at the age of 23 in Rumania. He came to this country in 1908 and settled in the Rosenfeld Community southeast of Kief, N. Dak. Here he was baptized by Rev. Isler and became a member of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of which he remained a member until his death.

In 1951 he and the family moved to a farm near Martin, N. Dak. During the past year he was a patient at the Sunnydale Nursing Home of Minot. He passed away in a Minot Hospital in Sunday, Oct. 11, at the age of 95 years, 4 months, and 11 days. Services were held from the Rosenfeld Baptist church on Oct. 15.

Rosenfeld Baptist Church
Anamoose, North Dakota
ARNOLD M. FRIEZ, Pastor

MR. EDWIN ZIMMERMAN of Lehr, North Dakota

Mr. Edwin Zimmerman of Lehr, N. Dak., was born in McIntosh County, N. Dak., July 17, 1908, and died in his home south of Lehr, Oct. 25, 1959. The cause of his death was coronary thrombosis. On Nov. 2, 1930, he was married to Elisabeth Schlecht, who preceded him in death on Oct. 9, 1959. This union was blessed with one daughter and two sons. Mr. Zimmerman was converted to God in 1932. Four years later he was baptized by Rev. J. J. Abel and received into the fellowship of our Ebenezer Church in Lehr in which he remained a loyal member until his death.

Besides his three children, he leaves the following to mourn his departure: two grandchildren, one half-sister and one half-brother, six sisters and two brothers, and a host of relatives and friends. At the large funeral service, the undersigned spoke words of comfort in German and Rev. Ron. Dalzell in English. A mixed quartet sang two appropriate songs.

Ebenezer Baptist Church
Lehr, North Dakota
E. S. FENSKE, Pastor

MRS. AUGUSTINE RAHN of Tacoma, Washington

Mrs. Augustine Rahn of Tacoma, Washington, was born March 10, 1884 in Germany, and passed away Oct. 12, 1959 following a brief illness. She was the widow of Emil Rahn who died in 1921 in Canada before the family came to Tacoma. She made her home in Tacoma since 1926, coming from Yorkton, Sask., Canada.

Two sons, Lawrence and Elmer, and one daughter Verita preceded her in death. Surviving are a son, Garfield of Seattle; three daughters: Mrs. Olive Luchs of Portland, Oregon; and Mrs. Sophie Brehon and Mrs. Gertrude Klapstein of Tacoma; three sisters: Mrs. Emma Reusche of Berkeley, Calif.; Mrs. Lydia Muth of Vancouver, B. C.; and Mrs. Martha Dingfield of Tacoma; five grandchildren and many nephews and nieces. She found her strength and comfort in God and his Word. Hardships and trials were faced with faith. Her faithfulness to the Lord and loyalty to the church were a real Christian testimony. The pastor's text was taken from Isaiah 49, the devotional she was reading the day she became seriously ill.

Calvary Baptist Church
Tacoma, Washington
ROBERT S. HESS, Pastor

MR. JOHN BIEL of Eureka, South Dakota

Mr. John Biel of Eureka, S. Dak., twin brother of George Biel, died of heart attack while at work on Oct. 2, 1959, thus following George, who also died of a heart attack about two years earlier. They were born Nov. 13, 1912 on a farm north of Java, So. Dak., where they grew up. On Oct. 16, 1931 he married Miss Susan Huber of Artas, S. Dak., which union was blessed with three children. Earlier in the same year he was

converted and baptized, becoming a member of the Herred Baptist Church. In 1949 the family moved to Eureka and the Biels joined the First Baptist Church of Eureka. He was a faithful and willing worker in the church and served as usher, singer in the Volunteer Choir and treasurer for six years until his sudden death. As a craftsman, he did many repairs and improvements in the church. He leaves to mourn his wife, one son and two daughters, many friends and the fellowship of the church. The memorial service was held in the School Auditorium with more than a thousand persons in attendance. May the Lord comfort the bereaved and fill the vacancy caused by his sudden death!

Eureka, South Dakota
A. E. REEH, Minister

MR. DANIEL WEDEL of Anaheim, California

Mr. Daniel A. Wedel of Anaheim, Calif., was born on Sept. 28, 1881, in Canton, Kansas, and went to be with his Lord on Sept. 19, 1959, having reached the age of 77 years, 11 months, and 21 days. His early years were spent in Kansas and he came to California in 1902. Our brother was very active in the work of the church and the things of the Lord. In June 1903 he was baptized into the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim by Rev. John Berg. He served as Sunday School superintendent of the Anaheim and Wasco Baptist Churches for a period of 30 years. He also was a Sunday School teacher and deacon of the Anaheim and Wasco Churches for a period of 40 years. He was also the first choir director of the Bethel Church of Anaheim.

On August 14, 1908 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Hiebert. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Elizabeth; three children, Erwin of Coleville, Calif.; Evelyn of Los Angeles, Calif.; Ted of Anaheim, Calif.; three grandchildren; and one brother, Rev. Herman C. Wedel of Anaheim. Bethel Baptist Church
Anaheim, California

H. JOHN VANDERBECK, Pastor

MR. JACOB H. DUERKSEN of Corn, Oklahoma

Mr. Jacob H. Duerksen of Corn, Okla., was born at Buhler, Kansas on March 9, 1894. At an early age he moved with his parents and family to Corn, Oklahoma where he resided the rest of his life. He was baptized in November 1919 and became a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church here at Corn. He joined the Calvary Baptist Church by transfer in 1950.

He was married to Marie Reimer on March 21, 1920 and the Lord's blessing was upon them as they labored first in the local hardware business and later at farming in this community. His last days were marked by numerous expressions of joy at being able to take his son Bobby to California from where he was to leave on a tour of military duty in the Orient, and to spend some time with son Vern who is serving as pastor of The Little Country Church of Navelentia near Reedley, Calif. On Oct. 20 he suffered an automobile accident near Reedley and passed away on the 28th from complications.

At his departure he leaves behind wife Marie; 3 sons, Irwin of Corn; Verne of Reedley, Calif.; Bobby of the U. S. Army; four brothers; one sister; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Calvary Baptist Church
Corn, Oklahoma
JACK BLOCK, Pastor

MRS. JULIANNA ARNDT of Springside, Saskatchewan

Mrs. Julianna Arndt, nee Gottschalk, of Springside, Sask., was born on Feb. 18, 1877 at Luzinow, Poland. At the age of 14, she was regenerated by the Spirit of God, and followed her Savior through the waters of baptism. She was united in bonds of holy matrimony to August Arndt in 1902. This marriage was blessed with 9 children: Mrs. Martha Hemmerich, William, Mrs. Emma Bretkreuz, Mrs. Olga Laube, Mary (deceased), Mrs. Lydia Pullman, Mrs. Johanna Besler, Martin, and Daniel.

The family came to Canada in 1912 and settled in the Springside district, where Mr. and Mrs. Arndt were engaged in farming. In 1948 Mr. and Mrs. Arndt retired to Springside. Mrs. Arndt was active in the Springside Woman's Missionary Society. She passed away on Oct. 27, 1959 at the age of 82 years, 8 months and 9 days. Through the staunch faith of their mother and father the children have been encouraged to commit themselves to their Savior Jesus Christ, into whose care their mother has been committed until the glorious appearing of the Christ who loved us and gave himself for us.

Springside, Saskatchewan
BERT E. MILNER, Pastor

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