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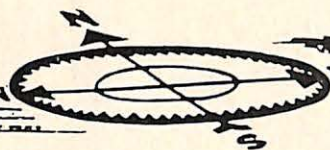
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• *Word of Life Press* in Tokyo produces 40 million pages of Christian literature annually. Brightly colored, well written, professionally printed literature is reaching many who could not otherwise be reached. Its "Tract a Day Club" has 2,200 members.

• The number of Christians in the Far East has increased by nearly 100 per cent during the past five years, according to Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the *Evangelical Foreign Missions Association*. Statistics from Formosa, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, and the Philippines reveal that there are now 5.2 million Christians in these lands as compared to 2.6 million five years ago.

• *Protestant Missionaries*. According to the *Missionary Research Library* (New York), there are at present 38,606 Protestant missionaries working in various parts of the world. This figure is three times as many as in 1903, nearly 50% greater than in 1936. Of this number, 65% are from North America.

• A year-long "prayer-watch" will be inaugurated in January by the Moravian church in America, restoring a custom which was instituted in 1727 and which lasted more than a century. Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton of Bethlehem, Pa., conference president, stated that "a sense of urgency of the present world situation and the need for the power of the church, which we believe will come through prayer" prompted the re-establishment of the "prayer watch."

• On May 11 the Evangelical Library of Chile opened in Santiago to supply the Christian public with sound Christian reading matter. Eliseo Toro, chairman of the library committee and manager of the Baptist Bookstore, led the dedicatory service. *The Inter-University Chapter* donated the chairs for the library and meets there regularly. The library is a project of the *Christian Literature Committee of Chile* which was organized in November of 1957 at a conference in Santiago attended by fifty members representing the leading evangelical groups.

—*The Evangelical Christian*

• Hundreds of towns in the USA are called by biblical names. Oregon, for example, lists sixteen, as follows: Bethel, Dothan, Elam, Goshen, Jordan, Jordan Valley, Jordan Creek, Lebanon, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Tabor, Ophir, Salem, Selah, and West Salem.

• One of the great women of our times is Helen Keller. She has shown how one can overcome a handicap—blindness—and, instead of living in self-pity, live for others. Miss Keller

will be eighty years old in June, 1960. Her friends are joining with her in the "Helen Keller Crusade for the Blind" in an effort to raise \$1,250,000 to benefit the 14,000,000 blind people of the world. Funds will be for expanding services and establishing new projects for the education, training and employment of the blind of the world.

—*The Link*

• Today there are fewer missionaries in the Middle East than in almost any area of the world. According to *Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association* figures there is only one missionary for every 110,000 people in the Arab world. This compares with one missionary to 28,000 people in Latin America; one to 17,500 in Africa; or one to 60,000 in the Far East. Why? Undoubtedly, because results are meager and some doors are closed in Arab countries.

—*Moody Monthly*

• The British and Foreign Bible Society is still unable to work freely in Yugoslavia. No Bibles have been print-

ed in that country since the communists took over and the government will not permit the importation and distribution of large quantities of Scriptures. The government permits the society to import about 200 copies of the Bible a month, by registered mail. Prior to September, 1956, the society imported about 60,000 copies annually.

• A large shipment of clothing and supplies for the leper colony at Dr. Albert Schweitzer's hospital in Lambaréne has been donated by various St. Louis, Mo. businesses and will be a birthday gift to Dr. Schweitzer, who will be 85 years old on January 14. Lisle M. Ramsey, St. Louis businessman and a well-known Baptist church leader, was instrumental in initiating the project. Mr. Ramsey is president of *Religious Heritage of America* and chairman of the board of the *Christian Civic Foundation of Missouri*. He will present the gift to Dr. Schweitzer personally.

—*The Watchman-Examiner*



Baptist Briefs

• **Tent Revivals in Germany.** Six mission tents were moved about West Germany and West Berlin this summer as evangelistic meetings were held in 46 cities, the Baptist Union of Germany reports. The Year of Evangelism is being forwarded also in many churches by training and in special courses arranged during vacation times. The German Baptist Union has a baptized membership of 97,550. There were 2,714 baptisms in 1958. Enrollment in Sunday schools is 32,642 and in young people's groups, 10,729.

• **Mrs. Martin Visits Central America.** Mrs. George R. Martin, chairman of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, left home October 21 to visit the Baptist women of Central America and the Caribbean Islands. She spent one week in Rio in conference with the Brazilian Baptist women, making plans for the meetings of the women which will be held next June in connection with the Tenth Baptist World Congress.

• **Baptists in Malaya.** The sixth annual meeting of the Malaya Baptist Convention met August 15-17 in Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaya. Various evangelistic meetings and the purchase of a \$2,500 gospel van through the "Ten-cents-a-day savings campaign" were reported among events of the past year. Goals for the new year include promotion of revival and evan-

gelistic meetings, encouragement of the soul winners savings campaign, development of interest in the Second Asian Baptist Youth Conference scheduled for Tokyo in 1961, and improvements in Sunday School and Training Unions.

• **Negro Baptist Conventions.** The National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., largest Negro church group in the world, plans steps toward eventual reunion with the National Baptist Convention of America. The groups split 44 years ago over ownership of a publishing house. Some 20,000 delegates approved the action at an annual meeting of the 5,000,000-member U. S. A. body, held in San Francisco. The NBC of America, also Negro, has more than 2,000,000 communicants. As a first step toward possible merger, a proposal was advanced which would arrange for annual meetings of the two groups to be held in the same city.

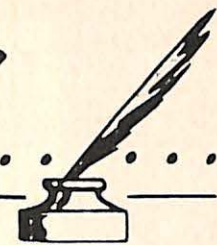
—*Christianity Today*

• **Baptist Youth in Cuba.** More than 1,000 Cuban youth, filling the auditorium, vestibules and windows of the First Baptist Church of Santiago, Cuba, spent three days in fellowship, study and worship at a National Concentration of Young Baptists, October 9-11. Their numbers jumped to 3,000 in a Saturday night evangelistic meeting in the public square. "Cuba is a

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Editorial



"Glory to God in the Highest"

Unless we let Christ come into our hearts, Christmas is merely a holiday. For the true Christian, Christmas is a holy day. His eyes have been opened by faith to see the "glory to God in the highest." His soul looks heavenward in wonder and awe to fathom the mystery of God's revelation in the Christ-child. Everything in the Christmas celebration points to "Christ, the Hope of the World."

Every Christmas carol and every festive thought at this season of the year show how we glorify God by acknowledging Christ as Savior. Is it necessary to remind ourselves that the true heart of Christmas is worshipping and honoring Christ? "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). Like the shepherds and wise men of old, we draw near to the Christ-child and express our love and homage to him by glorifying his Name in all that we do. "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever!" This is Christmas at its best and brightest in a Christian's heart!

Our "glory to God" hinges upon our good will toward men. This was true in that first Christmas as the angels sang their heavenly chorus. It has not changed in the least since then. We glorify God in the ordinary, daily tasks of life. The love to Christ prompts us to share the joys and blessings of this season with others, especially with those less fortunate than we are. This springs not from our own goodness but from our becoming hosts to God's personal Christmas Gift to each one of us in Christ. God is always glorified when our thoughts and deeds bring blessing to others in his Name. The one and selfsame commandment to love God with all our heart also includes the command: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The sharing of these blessings of life with others at Christmas accentuates the angels' song: "Glory to God in the highest!"

We also glorify God by beholding the wonder of God's great gift, the Savior. Christmas fills all of our hearts—young and old alike—with wonder. The shepherds glorified and praised God for all the things they had heard and seen. "And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds" (Luke 2:18). This spiritual wonder and awe of Christmas are the gateway to our constant praise of his Name. As the shepherds returned to their normal pursuits on the hillsides, "glorifying and praising God," so we go into the days ahead with unceasing praise to God for his "unspeakable Gift," for his revelation of love and mercy to us in Christ. This is the spirit of Christmas that fills the Christian's soul constantly with wonder and love to Christ.

Christmas is essentially then a festival of the heart, where room has been made for Christ as Savior and for the abundant blessings of his grace and love. Such a heart will continuously glorify and praise God, echoing with the angels their good tidings to all people: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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—Luoma Photo

At Christmas we join with the angelic chorus surrounding the throne of God in the singing of the new song: the Song of the Lamb!

Fear Not!

Let this be the Christmas message for 1959: "Fear not . . . for unto you is born . . . a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

By Dr. Bernard Schalm of Edmonton, Alberta, Teacher of New Testament at the Christian Training Institute.

"GO OUT INTO THE NIGHT," said the angel to Adam and Eve as they passed through the gate of paradise which was to close behind them forever. Looking out into the wilderness, Adam and Eve suddenly realized that leaving God's presence meant leaving the light.

Turning to the angel, Adam asked: "But who will guide me? I am afraid of this darkness."

Moved by the desperate cry of these first human beings, the angel replied: "Here, take with you this light. It will be a guide to you until the night passes and a new day dawns." Receiving the light from the hand of the angel, they stepped out into the dark unknown.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Thus is told the story of old. Throughout the ages of pre-Christian history, men of God have borne this ray of light which has led them safely through the night of sin, fear, superstition and unbelief. It was not only a guide to them; it became a symbol of hope, foreshadowing a new sunrise—the dawn of a new day.

It was night when the shepherds kept vigil over their flocks on the Judean hills. The darkness was suddenly transformed into dazzling light. The ray of light which guided men of faith in the Old Testament had issued into a glorious sunrise of a new day. Christ, the Light of the World, was born! No words in the human language were more welcome to a frightened group of shepherds—a world lying in the shackles of sin, unbelief, superstition and fear—than the words of the angel: "Fear not!"

The first Christmas message

brought to man by the angel presented to the world a three-fold remedy for the three major causes of fear in the lives of people: sin, the world, and self. This three-fold remedy is found in the new-born Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.

JESUS, THE SAVIOR

When Adam transgressed the command of God, the joy of fellowship with his Creator was changed into dreadful fear. His guilty conscience drove him into hiding from the presence of his Maker. To all who fear the presence of a holy and righteous God is announced the birth of a Savior who is called Jesus, "for he shall save his people from their sins." "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!"

Jesus the Savior breaks the shackles of the fear of a guilty conscience and restores the joy of salvation. Fellowship with our Creator is once again a reality. Instead of hiding from his presence, we come before him with confidence and pray: "Abba, Father." In spirit we join with the angelic chorus surrounding the throne of God in the singing of the new song: the Song of the Lamb.

Jesus as the Savior of men not only restores fellowship with God. He repairs the image of God within man which was marred by the sin of disobedience. The marks of sin are erased, and in their stead are inscribed the marks of his character and personality.

Again, by breaking the power of sin in the lives of people, Jesus makes possible the true brotherhood of men. We live in a day when physical dis-

stances have largely been overcome. But the distance between nations, races, cultures, in short, the distance between human hearts, is as great as ever. More than ever before the Christian Church should enter into the prayer for unity and sing:

"In Christ there is no East or West, In him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love, Throughout the whole wide world."

JESUS, THE CHRIST

"For unto you is born this day a Savior, which is Christ." This Savior who delivers man from the fear of a guilty conscience is also called "Christ." The name "Christ" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew "Messiah." It means "anointed." Hence, it speaks of Jesus' authority as the anointed of God to fulfil God's mission on earth. The Jews of the Old Testament thought of the Messiah as their king who would deliver them from the fear of worldly powers. Under his rule they would be secure and at peace.

When Jesus was born, this hope became a reality, for he was called the "Christ." As Christ, he is King over nations and peoples; he is Victor over all powers in the natural and supernatural realm; he is Lord over the forces of nature. To the frightened disciples he said: "Fear not, it is I." At his word the roaring sea was transformed into a great calm.

Our age resembles the stormy waters of the Tiberian Sea. Nations like waves rage in continual restlessness and fury. The Church of Christ, like the little boat of the disciples, is tossed to and fro. But not forever will the

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We Worship Him!

Will you give to the Christ the gifts which he most desires — yourself, your time and interests, and your possessions? Let us truly worship HIM this Christmas!

By Rev. Donald P. Patet of Aplington, Iowa.



When the Christ-child was born in Bethlehem, the shepherds on the Judean hills and the wise men from the east came to worship him!

"WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS IT? The man with the whiskers' birthday?" This was the question that a little Japanese boy asked in the days of the occupation as he excitedly watched the preparations for a Christmas party being given by the occupation troops. A GI in a red Santa Claus suit and cotton whiskers, food, decorations and packages—all had the shiny black eyes of the little Japanese wide open. His was a fair question—"Whose birthday is it—Santa Claus?"

THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH

The Gospel writers record that when the Christ-child was born in Bethlehem, the wise men, having seen the star in the east, came "to worship him." How much of our "worship exercise" today is truly worship? As we attend our churches Lord's Day after Lord's Day, is not a good deal of our "worship" perfunctory, routine and habitual? Is there not also the danger that our observance of the Savior's birth may become so, with little, if any, genuine worship of him at all?

Perhaps our Christmas observances are nothing more than they are because we do not expect or desire them to be so. And the serious reality of the whole problem is that God's people have succumbed and have been caught up in the trend. To many Christians, including North American Baptists, Christmas is synonymous with gatherings of family and friends, the enjoyment of the rich delicacies of the season, the giving and receiving of beautiful and costly gifts, and, of course,

the programs and festivities at the church.

This is the pattern—this is what Christmas means to us. With this we are apparently satisfied. But how much is there of genuine worship of him in all of this? To what extent are our souls deeply touched anew with the glory of the Christmas message? Indeed, an observer might well ask, "Whose birthday is it?"

How then might we truly worship Christ, the King, in our observance of Christmas? Let us come with the wise men of old to bring rich gifts to him. How appropriate that the Lord Christ should head our Christmas gift list! And what gifts will we give him?

GIFT OF OURSELVES

May we not give him anew the gift of ourselves? He does not desire anything we are or have unless, first of all, he has us. We read of the early New Testament Christians that "they first gave their own selves to the Lord." This is the first aspect of Christian stewardship.

Many Christians today are self-willed, never having come to the realization that "our wills are ours to make them thine." We worship only when our will lies shattered at his feet.

The gift of ourselves involves also our bodies. Paul writes to the Roman Christians, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies . . ." Here is an area of surrender to which many Christians have never submitted in entirety. Is it not inconsistent that the tabernacle of flesh which houses God

the Spirit should not be presented to the Lord? Yet through excuse and rationalization we are able to ease our consciences and silence the voice of conviction.

Again, we truly worship when we give the gift of our time to him. How little time today is actually utilized in the pursuit of spiritual ends! How prevalent is the observation that the program and ministry of the church must wait and even plead for the interest and participation of its members! The excuse is always the same—"we have so little time." Every minister of the Gospel has come to know that people find or take time to do the things which interest them. How tragic when God's people fail to be genuinely interested in the spiritual ministries in which they ought to have a vital share.

OFFERING FOR CHRIST

Again, we truly worship the Christ when we yield the gift of our possessions to him. The early Christians first gave their own selves to the Lord, and then that with which they had been entrusted. As we approach this glorious season, with the lavish spending of money, may we dedicate anew that which we have to the direction of God.

Someone has suggested that a stringent test of the seriousness of our worship at this season might be to give to the Lord in one of the Christmas offerings a sum equal to the largest amount we have spent on Christmas gifts for any one individual.

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—A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.

"I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play."

Christmas In a Time of Fear and Tension

The author is the distinguished minister of New York City's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, who recently completed 25 years of service and evangelical preaching in that pulpit.

A Christmas Meditation by
Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell

ONLY AN AUTHOR with a flair for history would have begun the story of the Nativity as does Luke, the Greek scholar and physician: "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed."

This sentence, "a decree from Caesar Augustus," literally flings us into the heart of Roman history. Every high school student knows that Caesar Augustus had waded to the throne of the Roman Empire through a sea of blood. After the brutal assassination of Julius Caesar, a struggle for power broke out between three claimants to power—Lepidus, Mark Antony, and Octavius. Finally, they settled their quarrel by forming a triumvirate and divided the Empire into three parts, each one of them ruling a section.

CAESAR AUGUSTUS

The three conspirators then perpetrated one of the most ghastly crimes in history. In their greedy desire for wealth they drew up by common agreement a list of 300 senators and 2,000 Roman knights. These proscribed persons were all assassinated and their property was confiscated. Later Octavius eliminated one of his rivals, Lepidus. Five years thereafter he defeated the combined forces of Mark Antony and Cleopatra. Thus, by the year 30 B. C., Octavius had become master of the whole Roman world.

Disregarding his crimes, the Roman Senate gave to Octavius the honorable title of Augustus, that is, "venerable," "majestic." The Senate also decreed that the sixth month of the Roman calendar should be known as Augustus, hence the month of August in our present-day reckoning. Then for 45 years this man Caesar Augustus, ruled

with absolute power an empire that stretched from the Euphrates River in the east to the Atlantic Ocean in the west, and from the British Isles in the north to the cataracts of the Nile River in the south.

According to Luke, the decree of Augustus proclaimed, "that all the world should be taxed." Here is a proud Roman boast—"orbis terrarum," the circle of the earth. It was this "taxing" or "census," decreed by Augustus in the 30th year of his reign, that sent Joseph and Mary on a three-day journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

In reality, it was not the decree of Caesar Augustus that set in motion the events that led to the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Rather, it was the decree of the Eternal God. High above the throne of the emperor, who so proudly ruled amid the seven hills of Rome, was the throne of him who is King of kings and Lord of lords.

This is how God's decree reads: "But thou, Bethlehem, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas offering in our North American Baptist churches will be designated for the work among children on our several mission fields in the Cameroons of Africa, in Japan and at home. These are the national children to whom we minister through Sunday Schools, mission schools, special events and camps. Your church's Christmas gifts will help greatly to minister in Christ's Name to the important needs of these children on our mission fields. When sending this Sunday School or church offering to our Forest Park office, mark it plainly as your Christmas offering.

forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose (goings forth) origin is from of old, from everlasting." How strangely and wonderfully this prophecy was fulfilled in a cattle-shed behind the inn of Bethlehem!

CHRIST'S UNHERALDED BIRTH

In a *History of Rome*, by P. V. Myers for college students appears this sentence: "In the midst of the reign of Augustus, when profound peace prevailed throughout the civilized world, Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. The event was unheralded at Rome." What a triumph of understatement: "The event was unheralded at Rome." The event not only was unheralded but unknown at Rome. Caesar Augustus, strutting in his palace that night in the long ago, little dreamed that in an insignificant outpost of his empire, and at the heart of a subject and despised race, an epoch of history was being enacted.

How could Augustus know that a little child, born in poverty and obscurity, without the aid of pen or sword, would divide the history of mankind into segments: before and after his birth? How could he know that three centuries after he had uttered his decree one of his successors to the throne of the empire would lower his proud eagles in deference to the Cross of Christ? "In hoc signo vinces." "By this sign conquer."

Just as oblivious to these momentous happenings were the merchant princes feasting in the inn at Bethlehem, the Roman officers busily enrolling the people as they arrived in the city, and the stolid soldiery who made up the garrison. Once again God had hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes, for yonder, where the lad David had often tended his father's sheep,

this holy mystery was revealed to a band of shepherds.

Far off in the mystic east, a little group of astrologers had been intently watching the heavens. When a new star was discovered shining brightly in the western sky, these Magi, or religious seers, believed that this was a portent of some great happening. It could scarcely be less than the birth of a king. So they set forth, perhaps from Babylonia, on their long quest to find the newborn babe.

HOMAGE OF THE WISE MEN

What was the reaction of the Magi when arriving at Bethlehem they found, not the royal wealth and pomp and power they had anticipated, but a helpless little babe sleeping in a manger? Were they disappointed and disheartened? These reverent watchers of the sky heard a whisper in their souls that told them that this babe was worthy of their adoration and their most precious gifts.

Martin Luther in a tender and beautiful poem sings the praises of the Bethlehem babe:

Our little Lord, we give thee praise
That thou hast deigned to take our ways,
Born of a maid—a man to be
And all the angels sing to thee.

What the globe could not enwrap
Nestled lies in Mary's lap,
Just a baby very wee
Yet Lord of all the world is he.

What a change the centuries have wrought! All that remain of Caesar Augustus today are a few crumbling columns in the Roman Forum, and the rubble of what once had been lordly temples, with an occasional mention in Roman history texts—all pitiful relics of a glory long departed. But the Babe of Bethlehem, unnoticed by and unknown to the great of the earth, crowded out of the inn at Bethlehem, born in sorrow and poverty, hated and hunted by Herod the king, is remembered and loved today by millions of men, women and children around the world. At the very mention of his name, human hearts grow more tender everywhere.

While Augustus was emperor, universal peace brooded over that ancient world. For the first time in two hundred years the doors of the temple of Janus were closed, doors which always were kept open in times of war. But, it was the "pax Romana," an enforced peace, like the peace of an enforced camp where a gun is pointed at every man's head.

THE WORLD WITHOUT LOVE

The world before Christ was a world without love. In Rome the appetite of the people for the cruelties of the arena steadily increased. Caesar Augustus pandered to their cravings by providing battles to the death between large bodies of gladiators. Here is how Augustus himself describes



"And the shepherds came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger" (Luke 2:16).

these contests: "Three times in my own name, and five times in that of my sons or grandsons, I have given gladiatorial exhibitions in which about ten thousand men fought."

Although among Rome's many altars there was one altar to pity standing at the heart of Rome, yet it only served to accentuate the prevailing inhumanity of man to man. The fate of helpless old age and unwanted childhood was exposure and death. There was not even one hospital or one orphanage or one place of refuge anywhere in the empire, or a single thought given to the unbefriended and the poor. Life for millions of people was only a long silent night, relieved by the shuffling feet of those who stumbled in the dark. It was like the dream of a delirious patient who tosses on his bed of suffering and cries out, "Would to God it were morning."

Then a lone star shone in the Syrian sky, a star that betokened the coming of the dawn. Suddenly the darkness of that long night was riven by celestial light and the angel's voice proclaimed, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Throughout our world today are countless multitudes who are disheartened and disillusioned by the terrible contrast between the song of the angels and the realities of the world we live in. Why sing Christmas carols or talk about angels, wise men from afar, and peace and good will when in truth there is suspicion and hate, fear and tension between the nations, and the everpresent threat of atomic warfare?

CHRISTMAS BELLS

This was the mood of many people in the United States in 1863 when this nation was riven asunder by its dreadful Civil War. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow sat in his home at this time brooding on the thought of this fratricidal slaughter. Taking up his pen he began to write a poem on Christmas, a poem that portrays the

processes of his thought:

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat,
Of "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

This is the answer to the mood of pessimism and despair. The Christmas story is eternally true:

"God is not dead, nor will he sleep!
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail."

The poet Longfellow on that Christmas day almost a century ago caught a vision of God's sovereignty and his eternal purposes for his children. This truth was revealed to the shepherds, to the wise men and to Joseph and Mary on that first Christmas day long ago.

"AND ON EARTH PEACE"

From his earliest years this vision was lodged in the heart of Jesus. It never grew dim. It was his dream of making this world God's world, a world of brotherhood and justice and peace.

"O wonderful Babe of Bethlehem, little Boy of Nazareth, divine Christ of Calvary, come back from the long ago and kindle in our hearts the vision you saw: that this world can yet be made God's world, where all little children will be loved and protected, where every man will see in his fellows the features of a brother and a friend, a world where peace shall find a permanent home."



COASTAL SCENES IN THE SOUTHERN CAMEROONS

The Small Cameroons Mountains peaks through the clouds along the coastal road (left) of the Southern Cameroons, West Africa. The Baptist Church of Victoria (right) is an imposing building and a worshipful sanctuary in this harbor city of the Southern Cameroons.

The Cameroons, Africa, Revisited

After an Absence of 11 years, Dr. George A. Dunger Visits the Cameroons Mission Field, West Africa, Where He and His Wife Formerly Served as Missionaries.

THE GREAT DAY had arrived! I would take one of the Nigerian Airways planes from Accra, Ghana's capital, head for Lagos and, within a few hours' time, be in the Cameroons. That after eleven years of absence!

The plane took off from Accra's International Airport. We crossed the mighty Volta River, one of West Africa's great watercourses, at six thousand feet. Southward, at its mouth, lay Keta where more than a hundred years ago heroic Reformed missionaries first witnessed to the Ewe people.

IMPRESSIVE CHANGES

Northward lay the expansive Volta River plain and the foothills of the Akwapim Range, where U. S. Kaiser engineers plan to construct a gigantic hydroelectric power center, capable of producing 200,000 tons of aluminum annually and making real a large scale irrigation scheme for the Accra plain.

While covering the distance between Enugu, Nigeria, and Tiko, Southern Cameroons, I made the acquaintance of a young Cameroonian who was going home on vacation. He was a student at the Nigeria College of Technology at Enugu and was now returning to Bali. He knew many of our Cameroons students at our Cameroons Protestant College at Bali. What a change has come over West Africa! In Ghana the Volta River Project and here in the Southern Cameroons students going on their vacation by air!

Skirting several rain squalls, we soon left Nigeria, headed for the open sea and toward the Southern Cameroons. Every eye strained to catch the first sight of Mt. Cameroons. There was a low-lying cloud bank—and suddenly the cone of Mt. Etinde, the small Cameroons Mountain, appeared, and, looming large beyond it, the dark mass of the great volcano,

Mt. Cameroons, partly obscured by clouds and heavy rain.

Then the coastal towns of Bota and Victoria appeared between the forest and the sea. Finally, our plane swung towards the mainland. After only a few minutes' flight, there was Tiko with its adequate and welcome landing field.

A welcoming "committee" of four was ready: Dr. Paul Gebauer, happily grinding away with his superb movie camera; Principal Wm. H. Rentz, Rev. Earl H. Ahrens and his son Billy. This happy reunion presaged many pleasant and profitable hours of fellowship throughout my visit.

ARRIVAL AT SOPPO

Now to Soppo! Climbing the distance of about twenty miles in the Diesel Landrover—an English type of—Jeep—Dr. Gebauer acted as driver and guide: "Look at the magnificent banana plantations, now becoming the victim of a strange fungus with killing effect; look at the Bakweri Cooperative—who would have thought that these people would re-assert themselves and become successful farmers and business men?—what the church could not do, the cooperative movement did—how I wish that the church would have done it!"

Although there were numerous new things to see, the land and the people, most of the villages and houses were very much the same. Now came the last bend in the road—and there was the Bender Memorial Church and Soppo Station! At the entrance was a new complex of buildings, simply but boldly bearing the legend: Baptist Teachers' Training Center. Lined up in front of the entrance stood the conductor and his Baptist Teachers' Training Center band, now striking up a brisk tune in welcome of their old "Sango Dunger."

More surprises followed! While the band played and the students—over

seventy of them—paraded and formed reception lines, I was led to a small group of people consisting of Mr. Haddison, an old Cameroonian friend and now Baptist Teachers' Training College instructor; Mr. Flavius Martin, now our first Cameroonian theological student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; the Chief Prefect of the students; and Principal Rentz of the Center. Flavius Martin held a small Royal Palm in his hands, Principal Rentz made a speech and the Chief Prefect hastily but expertly dug a hole right in front of me.

PLANTING A ROYAL PALM

This looked somewhat mysterious, but soon I knew! I was to plant that Royal Palm in commemoration of my visit to the Cameroons. The planting of trees had become a symbol of the Cameroons Baptist Mission in the past, and everyone of its stations had been beautified and was demonstrating the power of a new life!

During the early war years, the German missionaries had gone leaving an orphaned mission. But in God's grace the missionaries of the Cameroons Baptist Mission had been able to respond to the needs of the orphaned mission. Soon new spiritual life and physical advance become a glorious reality. Thus spoke Principal Rentz.

Flavius handed me the palm and I knelt down, planting this beautiful seedling in Cameroons rich, black soil. The act completed, Mr. Haddison was asked to offer prayer of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness and of petition, requesting a stronger faith for the Cameroons Church to face the task of the future.

Hours of pleasant fellowship and challenging thought followed. There were Mr. and Mrs. Rentz, together with their children, Miss Eleanor Schulert, Miss Berneice Westerman and Dr. Gebauer. Numerous Cam-

eroonian friends came to shake hands and to spend a few moments reminiscing and exchanging experiences, telling of this and that happening, some of them tragic and others happy and humorous. How our African Baptist brethren like to visit and tell their stories!

NEED FOR TRAINED PASTORS

It soon became evident that everyone of them was very grateful for the advances the Mission had made in the field of education, thereby helping the Baptist Church and the Cameroons people. Last year about one thousand out of our seven thousand mission school pupils had accepted Christ as their Savior! And many more were at the point of making a decision.

However, there was also the undertone of concern. Ah—so much, much more must be done in our churches! We must have more well-trained pastors! Sango Dunger, don't you see, all of our teachers, government employees and officers are well-educated persons. Many thousands of our young people are being educated. We have no highly trained and higher qualified pastors. Where will this leave our churches? Now? In the years to come?

Don't you see, the Bible School at Ndu is NOT enough! It's been doing a splendid piece of work—but more must be done! Where shall our young men receive their training for the Christian ministry when they leave Bali College? We must have a Theological School!

I tried to counter their statements: If the Cameroonian people aimed at nationhood, why couldn't the Cameroons Baptist Convention see to it that there is a Theological College? Why ask the Mission? Where was the money going to come from? Where could we find additional staff? Who would pay their salaries? If the need was so pressing, why hadn't the churches responded to that need? Besides, the highly educated pastor was not always the answer—the churches should look first of all for the consecrated servant of God!

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER!

There was a suggestion of sadness in their faces. But when they spoke again, it was with a twinkle in their eyes. "Sango, have you forgotten? Seventeen, eighteen years ago? We were like orphans, and the troubles were many! Then we prayed together. We worked together. We prayed and worked that God should send us more missionaries to build our stations and churches and to enlarge our schools. Surely you remember—God answered our prayer! Look at all of our missionaries, churches and schools!"

"Now we must pray and work together again for building our Cameroons Baptist institutions . . . God will hear and answer our prayers . . ."

When the time for parting came, we prayed and shook hands, realizing that except for God's grace, we would never meet again on earth, but in eternity



CAMEROONS FAREWELL FOR A MISSIONARY

The Mbingo Baptist Band and children of the Baptist Mission School at the New Hope Settlement gave Missionary Laura E. Reddig a rousing "Send Off" when she left for the United States.

before his Throne. But we parted in the consciousness that we had a task to achieve, a faith to exercise and a trust to keep—building his Kingdom in his power.

The following day our schedule called for visits to Buea, Victoria and, without returning to Soppo, proceed to Kumba. What a wonderful and challenging day this day turned out to be!

A PAGAN'S "DIE-CRY"

After Dr. Gebauer and I had attended to our duties in Buea, we drove a short distance beyond Buea Bakweri village in order to take a few pictures of Soppo Station, nestling on the descending slopes of Mt. Cameroons. Below us lay Buea. Southerly from us lay Buea's Southern Cameroons Government center.

There was Soppo, in a southeasterly direction. At half distance stood the house in which we had lived for about two years, and, sure enough, there was that great, magnificent tree to whose branches hundreds of crows returned every evening after having feasted on juicy palm kernels in the plantations.

Suddenly, in this happy and tranquil morning hour, came the loud cry of a woman! It came from a cluster of Bakweri houses just below us. This was a "die-cry." The woman was running back and forth across the courtyard, her head raised, hands folded behind her head, her head raised, her voice crying and shrieking in agony, "My child has died—my child has

died," only to be interrupted by heart-rending sobs and sighs . . .

All the year round, I had never once heard the "die-cry" in Ghana! I had come to the Cameroons on a happy "home-coming" visit. And on the second day of my visit, I witnessed this soul-searching experience of the pagan woman crying over her dead child. Isaiah's prophecy came to my mind: "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God. Speak comfortably to Jerusalem—that her iniquity is pardoned . . ."

Who would speak comfortably to the Bakweri people—who would tell them that their iniquity would be pardoned—was pardoned—in the atonement of Jesus Christ? And then the words of our native pastors and deacons began ringing in my ears: "Much, much more must be done for our churches! We need highly trained pastors." And I thought of God's faithfulness in the past.

Surely, there is a way, there must be a way in which to meet the present needs of our Cameroons churches! Perhaps even now God has provided that way—if we only could see it . . .

VICTORIA, THE QUEENLY CITY

There was a call from the "Landrover" below us on the road. It was high time to be on our way to Victoria. One last long and loving view of Buea, Soppo, the lowlands along the coast lying clearly in the ever-changing pattern of tropical sunshine and shifting shadows of clouds and mighty Mt. Cameroons. To the car, and off to Victoria!

This is Victoria, the coastal Cameroons town which not only symbolized the reign of a great English Queen, but which stands in the annals of God and man as a spiritual victory over the powers of darkness!

AT GOD'S COMMAND
By Dr. George A. Dunger
A provocative and helpful study
book on MISSIONS
PRICE — \$1.00 Postpaid
Roger Williams Press
3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio

Have You Read the Latest ?

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of English Publications

OUR DENOMINATIONAL literature is flowing into our churches these days almost like a paper avalanche. Every North American Baptist should be fully informed about these leaflets and materials. Even more important, he should be acquainted with their contents until he, in turn, becomes a source of information about our denomination to others.

WATCHNIGHT PLAY. Every church of ours has received several copies of a colorful dramatic presentation to be given at the Watchnight Service on December 31. It is entitled "New Light For You." It tells the story of Sunday Schools through the years since Robert Raikes started the first one in England and our participation in Bible teaching and training in the second year's program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. If your church is not presenting this play on December 31 and you would like to have a copy, ask your pastor for the manuscript or write to our Forest Park headquarters office.

WEEK OF PRAYER. Helpful program suggestions for the Week of Prayer services to be held from January 4 to 8, 1960 have been sent to all pastors. This material was prepared by Rev. Bert E. Milner of Springside, Saskatchewan. It was made available both in English and German. The five programs on prayer are geared into the general theme, "New Light For You," of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

BIBLE READING PACKET. One of our most popular promotional features in many years has been the preparation and distribution of the Bible Reading Packet. A total of 3,000 of these packets has been sent out to our churches. At present, we are preparing another 1,000 packets to take care of further orders. Fourteen pieces of inspirational literature on Bible reading and of helpful guides to enrich your Bible study are in this packet. It is our denominational participation in the second year's program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Orders for your Bible Reading Packet can be sent along with 25 cents for each packet to North American Baptists, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

1960 ANNUAL. You can spend many exciting hours in 1960 reading and enjoying the brand new denominational ANNUAL. Its 68 pages are filled with memorable missionary accounts and wonderful articles that will give you "picture window views" upon new and great things happening in the Christian world. The ANNUAL features the biographical sketches of our ministers (this is the only place where you can get this data) and several thrilling, illustrated pages about our General Conference highlights during the past 25 years. It costs only \$1.00 postpaid



"New Light for You" is the Baptist Jubilee Advance theme for the second year's program in North American Baptist churches.

and is available from your pastor, publication agent or from our Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

BIBLE READING CALENDAR. For a number of years, we have distributed our own Bible Reading Calendars to be used in personal devotions and at the family altar. One of these calendars is in every Bible Reading Packet, but copies have also been sent in a considerable supply to our churches. Secure your copy in your church or write to us with your request.

PRAYER REMINDERS. Every North American Baptist should know about the four page leaflet called "Prayer Reminders." The first issue for January-February, 1960 has been sent to our churches for distribution. It will appear every other month throughout the year. Every leaflet contains a specific and urgent prayer request for the two month period. (Each request will be emphasized for two days). The objects of prayer will include our mission fields and missionaries, our denomination and cooperating societies, and important phases of God's Kingdom work. Don't miss this important new leaflet!

FIVE STUDY BOOKS. Have you seen and read all five of the study books which we have printed? Their sale is continuing briskly. They deserve a big place in your mind for

MAMBILA LEAFLET

An 8 page leaflet about the difficulties and victories on the unique mission field, "MAMBILA, British Cameroons Africa," has been sent to the pastors for distribution in our churches. It is a most informative missionary leaflet, presented in outline form, and prepared by Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman. Copies are also available from the Forest Park office.

Christian growth, in your library as sources of information, in your church to be used as study books, and in your circle of friends for discussion on Scriptural truths and principles. They are priced reasonably and are easily within reach of every pocketbook. The book titles and their authors are:

- "In God's Hand," O. E. Krueger
- "A Look At Baptists," John Wobig
- "My Account With God," Frank Veninga
- "A Baptist Handbook," George A. Lang
- "At God's Command," George A. Dunger

GERMAN LEAFLETS. In our promotional program, we are remembering our German-speaking friends. Quite a number of our denominational leaflets are also being prepared in German and made available to the German-speaking churches. In December four German leaflets about our mission fields in Japan, among the Indians of Canada, the Church Extension projects, and the Baptist Jubilee Advance were sent to many churches. If you would like to have these leaflets for yourself or for your church people, please send your request to us in the Forest Park office.

NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL. The first printing of the "North American Hymnal" has been exhausted for several months. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke and the editor of English publications have been working hard on making corrections and editorial changes in the manuscripts in the second printing. The material is now in the hands of the printers. It is hoped that the second printing of the "North American Hymnal," with its scores of improvements in music, information about the hymns and stanzas, will be ready for distribution early in 1960. Orders for these hymnals can now be received.

WATCH FOR THESE! Early in 1960 we hope to complete a new brochure about our missionaries at home and abroad with the story of their lives and missionary service. It will be entitled "Now We Are Seventy-Seven." We are also planning a leaflet about our North American Baptist General Conference and our denominational enterprise to introduce the reader to our conference history and work. A new Southern Cameroons map with pictures of our missionaries will be completed early in the year.

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S PUBLICATIONS. The bi-monthly publication of the Woman's Missionary Union, entitled "Broadcast," is now being prepared by the multilith process at our Forest Park headquarters office in the

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Christmas Poems

CHRISTMAS

By James A. Blaisdell

Christians, lo, the star appeareth;
Lo, 'tis yet Messiah's day;
Still with tribute treasure laden
Come the Wise Men on their way.

Where a life is spent in service
Walking where the Master trod,
There is scattered myrrh most fragrant
For the blessed Christ of God.

Whoso bears his brother's burden,
Whoso shares another's woe,
Brings his frankincense to Jesus
With the men of long ago.

When we soothe earth's weary children,
Tending best the least of them,
'Tis the Lord himself we worship,
Bringing gold to Bethlehem.

FEED MY LAMBS

By Frances Lundy of Sherwood, Oregon, a Member of the Stafford Baptist Church

Many were the blessings given to man,
By our Savior's birth, in that far away land;
Where shepherds watched their flocks by night,
And wise men were guided by a star's bright light!

He gave us blessings of truth and light.
Blessings of salvation, from sin's dark night!
Blessings to all of his, both far and near,
Blessings of freedom, from want and fear.

As he has given—so must we give,
That all who believe may also live,
Freed from fear and want and sin,
Because our Savior abides within!

All that we need and much, much more,



Winter flowers brighten a dark and drab day!

We See His Star

Tonight in little churches of the earth
And in the great cathedrals, arched and dim,
We gather to commemorate a birth;
We see his star . . . and come to worship him.
The centuries take toll of many things;
The false gods fail, their strange creeds prove untrue;
But steadfastly above us, one star shines,
The old, old story still is ever new.

Lord, in the wild disorder of our years,
When paths are tangled and the way leads far,
Although our eyes are blurred by many tears,
We still can see the glory of thy star.
Should all else fail us, Lord, still let us see
The star ahead that leads at last to thee.

—Grace Noll Crowell

Has he given to us of his bountiful store;
Now may we of those blessings take,
And feed his lambs, for Jesus' sake!

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

By Dr. Arthur A. Schade of Spearfish, South Dakota

The annivers'ry celebration
Of our Savior's incarnation
Awakens deep within my soul
Reflections on life's higher goal:

The deity becomes humanity
That man may rise to deity;
A birthright, oft' for pottage sold,
Restored to man a thousandfold.

A God-man lives by heaven's decree
Within our midst for all to see;
Goodwill—his master motivation—
A pattern for our emulation.

Away then, pettiness and strife;
And live the sacrificial life!
A child of God you're meant to be,
From ignominiousness set free.

THEY FOUND CHRIST

By Thomas Curtis Clark

To Bethlehem, long years ago,
The Wise Men came from far
To see God's Holy Child, in whom
The hopes of all men are.

They followed, with joy-brimming hearts,

A Light that God had sent
To bring new life to men of earth—
Lost men, by sorrow spent.

Those Wise Men cast all doubts away
And sped through deserts wild
To find God's blessed Gift of gifts,
A little, helpless Child.
But in that Babe God spoke to them
Of faith, and hope, and peace.
They found the Child, and as they gazed,
God bade their strivings cease.

Alas for those, more worldly wise
Than those good men of yore,
Who scorn the luring Light of Hope
That leads to Heaven's door;
They follow still the vagrant ways
Of darkness and of sin . . .
O God, still shines thy Heavenly Star
To bid us enter in!

THE CONTINUITY OF CHRISTMAS

By Ruth Winant Wheeler

The continuity of Christmas
Makes music in my *mind*,
Two thousand years, but fresh as dew
This Christmas Day I find;
And joy is here and inner peace
(Christ's Christmas gift to each),
And pardon through that special love
Which brings us all release!

The continuity of Christmas
Makes music in my *heart*,
And carols ring and angels sing
And all this is a part,
An echo—if you like the word—
Of music sung for man
Above the fields of Bethlehem
When Christmas first began!

The continuity of Christmas
Walks down the years to be,
For Christmas day goes on and on
Into eternity.
It is not old, it grows not dim,
In fact, to me it seems
To send its rays on all our year
With ever-broadening beams!

—The Watchman-Examiner

Reviews of Important Books

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of English Publications

TWELVE GREAT QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRIST. By Clarence E. Macartney. Baker Book House. 221 Pages. \$2.50.

DR. MACARTNEY from his pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., and through his 40 books was a preacher of proven power, and in this book (or reprint) the spirit of his power is revealed. The all-sufficient Savior presented in the revealed Word of God is depicted in the twelve chapters of this book. Every question about Christ is answered directly, clearly and convincingly in the light of God's revelation in his Son. The volume will appeal particularly to ministers and speakers, but it will also enrich the faith and life of the Christian layman.

WITH CHRIST IN THE UPPER ROOM. By Alexander Maclaren. Baker Book House. 379 Pages. \$2.95.

This book was formerly published under the title, "The Holy of Holies." Maclaren's sermons are still rich sources of instruction, edification and inspiration. This volume presents 34 messages on John 14-16. It is homiletic literature of the highest order, helping the reader to mine the inexhaustible treasures of God's Word. In these messages the author and expositor takes us to the Upper Room so that we may share Christ's teaching ministry to his apostles. He focuses our eyes and attention on the Master. As we attend to these words of our Savior, as interpreted so clearly in the pages of this book, Christ's suffering in our behalf takes on a new and richer meaning.

LETTERS TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES. By Joseph A. Seiss. Baker Book House. 343 Pages. \$2.75.

These lectures or 21 messages were prepared for the author's ministry during Lent. But they are also charged with practical lessons for our day and age. We can certainly agree with the author that "hardly any section of Scripture is to be found better calculated to impress the heart, awaken the spiritual conscience, animate our hopes, and further us in the way of Christian improvement." The volume is excellent background for the study of the churches described in Revelation, as well as a most helpful book for devotional reading. It is another fine book in the Baker Reprint Library.

M. THEON RANKIN, APOSTLE OF ADVANCE. By J. B. Weatherpoon. Broadman Press. 137 Pages. \$2.75.

For many years Dr. Rankin held the torch of missions high in the Southern Baptist Convention. From

ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS

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1945 to 1953, when he made his triumphal entry into heaven, he served as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Mission Board and from this vantage point he initiated the Advance Program of the Southern Baptists. Missions was his very heart beat. For 14 years he was a missionary in the boiling chaos of China. Later he became the secretary for the Orient when the international situation became tense in 1936. He was a serious-minded, unflinching and devoted servant of Christ which made him a leader among his brethren. Woven into the story of his life is the pattern of his Christian faith and philosophy of missions. This biography is a beautiful tribute to a great Baptist and a fervent missionary leader!

DEVELOPING A GIVING CHURCH. By W. E. Grindstaff. Fleming H. Revell Co. 191 Pages. \$2.50.

The author of this helpful book with the thesis that "a living church is a giving church," has served as a denominational worker and pastor in both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions. Emphasizing tithing, budgets and "more money for all causes," this book includes new ideas on how to impress on church members the importance of giving, sets forth in great detail factors which lead to the making and subscribing of church budgets, and discusses programs for increasing missionary interest and gifts, facts on raising money for church buildings, and the possibilities of stewardship after death. This is a most helpful and instructive book for church leaders and pastors.

THE PRICE TAGS OF LIFE by C. Roy Angell. Broadman Press—125 Pages—\$2.75.

Lofty Gospel truths stand out sharply in this book of sermons in their relation to life. You can almost hear the voice of the preacher in these pages, even though you have never met him face to face. Their themes—thanksgiving, loyalty, personal responsibility, need for spiritual health, stewardship—are simple but timely. But woven into these messages of Gospel exposition are wonderful stories gathered from personal experience, observation, biography and a wide circle of friends. Dr. Angell has been pastor of the Central Baptist Church of

Miami, Florida since 1936 and is a popular speaker at summer assemblies all across the Southern Baptist Convention. In this book you will hear the voice of God speaking clearly to you with the eternal truths of the Gospel through this dedicated and enthusiastic servant of his. Here are sermons to bring spiritual delight and inspiration to the reader!

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT by Raymond L. Cramer. Cowman Publications—138 Pages—\$1.75.

This is an immensely practical and easy-to-read book on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian. The author who is currently serving as Counselor in Mental Hygiene with the Fresno, California, County Schools, believes profoundly that the Holy Spirit is the master key that opens all doors to spiritual fulfillment. With clarity and simplicity the author interprets the Person and work of the Holy Spirit in the light of the Scriptures and proceeds with timely illustrations to show the Spirit's energizing power in the Christian's life. "If God is the same yesterday, today and forever, he is still able to possess and use insignificant human flesh to shake the world to its very foundations."

MAN IN SEARCH OF IMMORTALITY by Charles R. Salit. Philosophical Library—185 Pages—\$3.50.

The author spent his childhood in Brazil in a small, pioneering Baptist community of which his father was one of the founders. As a student at the Rochester Theological Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., he came under the influence of Professor Walter Rauschenbusch. He lives in Rochester, N. Y., and regards Dr. Albert Bretschneider as a close, personal friend.

This book by Charles R. Salit on a profound subject is a philosophical treatise that must be read with critical scrutiny. God is defined "as an instrument for surviving death, for achieving immortality. The evolution of man and the evolution of the concept of God are synonymous. The matrix of a culture is its God. Therefore each succeeding culture can truthfully say that theirs is the only true 'living' God." This book may be provocative to some pastors and leaders who are making a philosophical study of immortality, but its basic views are far from the teachings of Christ and the truths of the Gospel on the subject.

HOW TO WIN OVER WORRY by John Edmund Haggai. Zondervan Publishing House—179 Pages—\$2.95.

Worry is Public Enemy No. 1. This contention by Dr. Haggai is self-evi-

dent. But the methods usually brought to bear on this subject fall short of being effective. The author has a practical formula for the reader which is illustrated and interpreted by Scriptural truths. This formula is PRAISE plus POISE plus PRAYER equals PEACE. Dr. Haggai has written this book as the amplification of a message and of his evangelistic ministry from coast to coast. It is not a textbook in psychology, but in it is presented the Biblical formula for victory over the vicious problem of worry in complete harmony with the laws of health and psychology. It can be warmly recommended to "Baptist Herald" readers.

HAVE YOU READ?

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promotional department. The printing of this informative and newsy publication, edited by Mrs. Harm Sherman, is now being increased to five copies for each society.

"Baptist Men" are also busy in preparing considerable literature for the laymen of our churches. A new paper is being edited by Mr. Gerhard Panke of Buffalo, N. Y., and distributed from our office. Any pastor or church leader who would like to suggest names and addresses of laymen to be added to the list can do so by supplying us with this information.

The year 1960 ought to keep everyone well informed about our denominational enterprise in every phase of its activities and objectives. There will be many reading joys and adventures for those who want to keep up with the latest developments and who want to know about God's blessings upon this work of his in our denomination.

WE WORSHIP HIM!

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Is this unreasonable, impractical? Does not the Christ merit a gift equal in value to that given to any individual? Should one who professes to be a follower of Christ shrink from accepting such a challenge, or one of similar demand?

Would not faith be stimulated and spiritual experience deepened if Christians were willing to confess that what they have is not their own? Dare we withhold from God that with which he has but entrusted to us, when he has freely given us his only Son?

May we endeavor, as God's people, to lift ourselves out of conformity to the thinking and doing of the world at this glorious season. We are not expected to exclude ourselves from the joys and happy associations of Christmas, but if, in all of this, we fail to experience deep spiritual blessings, if we have not presented rich gifts to the King, we have not truly worshipped.

Will you give to the Christ the gifts which he most desires—yourself, your time and interests, and your possessions? Let us truly worship HIM!

From the Professor's Desk

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

Who were the Wise Men about whom we read in Matthew's Gospel, and from what country did they come?

The Wise Men of Matthew's nativity narrative are generally referred to as the Magi, from the Latin *magi*, which in turn derives from the Greek word *magoi* found in Matthew 2. According to the Greek historian Herodotus, "Magi" was originally the name of a Median tribe which possessed the power of interpreting dreams. The religion of this tribe centered in the worship of heavenly bodies and of the elements. In Matthew 2, the term probably refers to followers of the Persian religious leader Zoroaster. These Magi were the astrologers of the East.

Precisely where they came from no one knows. Matthew says only that they were "from the east." This is a vague designation which Justin Martyr and Tertullian thought meant Arabia, because gold, frankincense and myrrh were found there. Origen proposed Chaldea, and others Persia, which is probably the best guess.

The widespread belief that they were three in number is a mere tradition and is probably an inference from the

fact that three gifts were brought to the Christ-child. It is an interesting fact that in the Orient the tradition is that there were twelve, not three!

An equally unreliable tradition designated the Wise Men as kings (thus the popular Christmas carol, "We Three Kings of Orient Are"). Undoubtedly, the statement found in Psalm 73:10: "May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts" and such passages as Isaiah 49:7 and 60:3 and 10 helped to give rise to this tradition. Even names were assigned to the Magi. In the Latin church, Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar prevailed and have come down to us who live in the West, but in the East, in the Syrian and Armenian churches, completely different names were given these men.

The many traditions which have arisen concerning the Wise Men have tended to obscure the beauty and simplicity of the Gospel story. Pagan though they were, the Magi responded to the revelation they had and came to the manger to worship and to adore the Christ and to present their gifts.

FEAR NOT!

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Master permit the forces of evil to display their hatred and fury. At a specified moment, Christ will appear, and with great joy the disciples of his will hear him say: "Fear not, it is I." And there will be a great calm!

In the meantime, his followers can rest assured in his promise of victory. "In the world ye have fear, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." Again, "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's pleasure to give you the kingdom." Christ, God's anointed, has come to drive out the fear of the world which holds many of our hearts captive and causes anxiety and terror to reign supreme.

"For unto you is born this day a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord." Besides the fear of a guilty conscience, and the fear of worldly powers, there is the fear which is born within man

himself. Even when there are no reasons for such fear, man is afraid. His personality is maladjusted. He has no peace and rest. He is afraid of sickness, accidents, people, himself, and, above all, death. To such wounded souls comes the message of Christmas: "Fear not." Let Christ become Lord over your life. He will heal your wounds and reconstruct your personality. You will find your place again in life, and fulfill God's plan and purpose.

One of the great needs of the hour is to preach Christ as Lord. The central emphasis of the apostolic message was not that of the Saviorhood of Jesus, but that of the Lordship of Christ. If all members of our church family will crown Jesus Christ as Lord on this Christmas Day, our future as a denomination will be bright and glorious. It will be marked by unity and brotherly love. It will record progress and growth as never before witnessed. Above all it will become a tool in God's hand, bringing the good news of the Gospel to a world held captive in the chains of fear and sin.

The message of Christmas is a message of joy. "Fear not, for I bring you tidings of great joy." Instead of fear there shall be joy; instead of anxiety there shall be confidence; instead of doubt there shall be trust; instead of darkness there shall be light; instead of death there shall be life. Let this be the Christmas message for 1959. "Fear not, . . . for unto you is born . . . a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

JUST A MINUTE

I have only just a minute
Only sixty seconds in it
Forced upon me,
Can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it,
Didn't choose it,
But it's up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I lose it.
Give account if I abuse it,
Just a tiny little minute—
But Eternity is in it.

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We the Women

By MRS. ALBERT REDDIG
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AN INTRODUCTION

The heart of Christmas is GIVING. Our guest editor in this column needs no introduction. We all think of her as our beloved missionary, and thank God for her many years of fruitful service in the Cameroons! Her message will strike a responsive chord in the hearts of her readers, and help bring the spirit of Christmas nearer to us. She would like to express her appreciation for the many whose letters and prayers have "carried me along the road to recovery."

GIVE YOURSELF AWAY

By Laura E. Reddig, Missionary-nurse in the Cameroons, now on furlough at Cathay, N. Dak.

"A letter for you, Doris." And immediately anticipation thrills awaken you from monotonous household duties while questions tumble over one another as to the origin and message of the letter. Everyone, yes, everyone welcomes the refreshment received through "news from a far country." Through means of letters, friends drop in for a visit!

Give yourself away through every letter you write. Let each postage stamp carry a full measure of yourself, a vital part of your personality, and a warmth which the in-between miles cannot chill. This year, for a little extra time and far less money, make your Christmas contacts memorable, easier to exchange, definitely satisfying and destined to achieve unexpected results.

MITE BOXES

for use in our Woman's Missionary Societies for the DENOMINATIONAL ADVANCE BUILDING FUND are available from the Forest Park Office.

Send your order to Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

More than mere words inscribed on stationery and deposited in the mailbox, your letter

—becomes the beacon of your radiant joy in the Savior; —can include an invitation to life abundant in Jesus Christ; —may be an album of delightful memories enticing someone to relive some partially forgotten joy of yester-years; —may arrive as a fragrant bouquet of appreciation; —may introduce new friends and begin satisfying friendships; —can spot-

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Preparations for Youth Week

Jan. 24-31, 1960 — Theme: Word of Life

By Mr. Arthur Patzia, President of the CBY Fellowship

YOUTH WEEK is just around the corner. The new year with all its possibilities will be upon us. With this in mind we, as young people, must continually be alert for new opportunities of Christian growth. Hence, the purpose behind Youth Week!

Youth Week is not just an ordinary week. This week is especially set aside for all CBY Fellowships in our denomination. This week should be different from the ordinary. It is a week of special emphasis on the theme, "Word of Life." It should, however, be the prayer of the CBY Fellowships that this special week will carry over into the rest of the year and help mould the young people into more mature Christians.

It is not too early to begin your preparations for this important week. The theme incorporates the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis of "Evangelism Through Bible Teaching and Training." More and more Christian leaders are realizing the importance of the Word of God in the lives of people everywhere. But how are you as a young person helping yourself to the "Word of Life"? You should not only be studying the Word; you should also be applying it. Has your particular youth group assisted you along these lines? Here then are a number of suggestions that could be helpful to your Youth Week preparation.

SPECIFIC PRAYERS

PRAY NOW! But what shall I pray for?, you may ask. This question is justified because in many cases it is the concern of many young people. Here is a definite time for specific prayer. Pray with eternity's values in view. Remember especially the leaders of the CBY who are in charge of the various plans and activities. They need wisdom and direction from God. You will also be having a visitation program one evening. Ask God to prepare your heart as well as the people whom you will visit. You will need strength and courage for the special ministry.

PLAN NOW! Once your plans for Youth Week are more definite, you will also be able to pray more effectively. Here are some suggestions in planning for Youth Week. The September issue of "Youth Compass" has

SPECIAL YOUTH ISSUE

The Jan. 21, 1960 number of the **BAPTIST HERALD** will feature **YOUTH WEEK**. This inspirational material will be of great spiritual blessing to all readers young and old alike.

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an excellent article on the theme. This program could be used in one of your services and would be especially helpful as an introduction. Then also there has been set up a Program Guide for Youth Week. The outline will be in the hands of all CBY leaders. We suggest that you follow this guide as closely as possible as it fits in with your youth program.

Your pastor should know about your plans. Have him help you in some of the preparation. It would be wise to check dates, etc., with him so that there is no clash with other church activities. Various committees should soon be appointed. You will need a Visitation Committee to outline and prepare your visitation schedule. This planning should be done carefully as you realize the needs of those around you. The Missions Committee could prepare various mission materials, such as maps. You should also write some letters to various missionaries.

Another important work is entrusted to the Banquet Committee. Make this banquet better than any other. Much planning is necessary for the food and also decorations. Here is a good place to bring your unsaved friend. Be sure and have an approximate number of those attending, since you won't want to run short of food.

PUBLICIZE YOUTH WEEK

PUBLICIZE NOW! Have your pastor announce Youth Week and also publicize it in the church bulletin. The entire church will want to know what you are planning to do. Thus, they will also be able to pray for you. You will also need a Publicity Committee. Have them draw posters and send reminders to the young people in the group. Your young people will have to be reminded again and again of the coming events. Make sure that the excuse, "I did not know," will not creep up. It is your duty to inform everyone.

PROVIDE NOW! There are countless opportunities for Christian service. You will emphasize some of these during Youth Week. Youth Week emphasis is not to end on January 31. It should provide a stimulus in making you want to do more effective work for your Lord Jesus Christ. Your future youth leaders need factual and practical presentations of the Gospel.

You learn the Word by reading and studying it. You apply the Word by the life you lead. Does **WORD OF LIFE** have any meaning to you? We should have a deep desire to learn all we possibly can about God's wonderful Word. Then we can put feet to the Gospel, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

What's Happening

• The Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., has extended a call to Rev. Robert F. Penner of Dallas, Oregon, pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church since 1954. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Lansing church about Jan. 19, 1960. He will succeed Rev. Aaron Buhler, at present the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

• Mr. Dudley Reeves, former missionary on the Cameroons Mission Field and teacher at the Cameroon Protestant College at Bali, will arrive in Western Nigeria, Africa, in January 1960 to open a community secondary grammar school for boys at Ila. The place is 30 miles north of Oshogbo, 1,460 feet up, and has 34,000 people of whom 45% are pagan, 35% Moslem and 20% Christian. Three mosques besides an Anglican church and a Baptist church are to be found in Ila. "We wish Dudley peace and prosperity in his undertaking" was expressed by our Cameroons missionaries.

• Evangelistic services were held by the Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., from Oct. 18 to 28 with Rev. G. G. Rauser, Church Extension pastor of Stockton, Calif., as evangelist. Three families were won for the Lord during the meetings. On Sunday, Nov. 15, Laymen's Sunday was observed on the theme, "Devoted Men." In the evening the church women presented their annual Ladies' Missionary Program with a missionary pageant. From Nov. 10 to 22 Rev. Harold W. Weiss, pastor of the Turtle Lake Church, conducted evangelistic services in Parkston and Tripp, S. Dak.

• On Sunday morning, Nov. 22, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, brought a stirring message to the congregation of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., and on Dec. 6th Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., occupied the pulpit. The guest speaker at the Thanksgiving Day service on Nov. 26 was Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago. At the January 1960 Sunday School Workers' Dinner Conference, the new "Bible Reading Packet" and the program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance will be reviewed.

• Deeper Life Meetings were held by the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., from Dec. 1 to 6 with Rev. Wallace A. Olson of Wausau, Wis., as the guest speaker. Rev. Laurence R. Prast, pastor of the Watertown church, spoke over radio station WBEV in Beaver Dam, Wis., in a daily devotional program from Nov. 2 to 6. Mr. Prast also brought the message at the an-

nual Union Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Watertown Ministerial Association and held on Nov. 26 at the First Congregational Church.

• On Sunday, Sept. 25, the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival Service. A table in front of the pulpit was appropriately decorated with grain, fruit and vegetables as tokens of the harvest and of God's goodness to his children. Rev. Otto Fiesel of Washburn, N. Dak., brought a stirring message. Mrs. Fiesel also assisted in both services by accompanying special numbers on the piano. After the evening service, the congregation went to the basement for lunch and a social time. The offering for home and foreign missions was \$1,127.55, as reported by Mrs. C. E. Schwartz.

• The Zion Baptist Church of Drumheller, Alberta, was privileged to have Rev. Robert Hoffman, pastor of the Trochu Baptist Church, serve as evangelist for two weeks of revival meetings from Nov. 1 to 13. Unfavorable weather conditions hindered attendance, but that did not stop the flow of God's blessings. Mr. Hoffman's messages challenged the church members, urging them to a closer walk with their Lord, and a plea to the unsaved to accept Christ as their Savior. One person made a decision for Christ. "For that one soul, indeed, we are very thankful to God," as reported by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Effa.

• Mrs. Christel Neumann of Forest Park, Illinois, who has been serving as a bookkeeper in the denominational headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill., and Mr. Walter Bussmann of Winnipeg, Manitoba were united in marriage in a ceremony at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Saturday morning, Nov. 7. Rev. B. C. Schreiber of Oak Park, Ill., officiated at the marriage ceremony. Open House was held by Mr. and Mrs. Bussmann on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22, following a brief honeymoon trip. They will reside in the Chicago area, and Mrs. Bussmann will continue her services as bookkeeper at the Forest Park headquarters office.

• Dr. John F. Olfhoff of Emery, S. Dak., was called to his heavenly home on Wednesday, Oct. 28. He was one of

BIBLE READING PACKET

Another 1000 Bible Reading Packets have now been prepared for distribution. This makes a total of 4,000 packets for our church people! Orders can be sent to North American Baptists, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois, along with 25 cents for each packet ordered.

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the outstanding pioneers and most beloved pastors of our denomination. He passed away in the South Dakota Nursing Home in Madison, S. Dak. He was the minister of the Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon, in his last full time pastorate, and thereafter for several years was the assistant pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., where he also served as the minister of the Portland Ave. Chapel. His widow survives him. The memorial service was held on Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak.

• The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., opened its doors and the hearts of its members to the welcoming of Rev. J. J. Renz and his family. On Oct. 4, 1959 a reception was held in their honor. Greetings were extended by Dr. John Leypoldt for the North American Baptist General Conference, and by Dr. Ezra Roth for the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention. Representatives of the sister churches of Temple, Bethany and Summit Baptist Churches of Milwaukee also extended greetings to the Renz family as well as representatives of the different church organizations. The evening was concluded with a "Get Acquainted Hour" in the Fellowship Hall, as reported by Mrs. Lenore Shepherd.

• The October 1959 Bulletin of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., featured an interesting article about the school's "Alumnae in the Cameroons." Between 1938 and 1952 nine alumnae went from the "Doorways of Service" of the school to mission fields in the Cameroons, West Africa, under appointment of the North American Baptist General Conference. These are Laura Reddig, class of 1938; Margaret Kittlitz, 1943; Ida Forsch, 1945; Ruby Salzmann, 1945; Esther Schultz, 1946; Berneice Westerman, 1947; Eleanor Weisenburger, 1947; Minnie Kuhn, 1952; and Ernestine Schmidt, 1952. A lengthy paragraph is also quoted from a news letter prepared by Ida Forsch about her visit to the Mbembe mission schools.

• Miss Louanne Fuchs, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Fuchs of Oak Park, Ill., is studying music in Salzburg, Austria and is serving on "The Varsity Ensemble" with three other Christian young people in holding inspirational and evangelistic services. On Sunday, October 25, they took part in dedication services at the little Baptist Church of Seekirchen near Salzburg. On Dec. 7 and 8 they participated in the 90th anniversary of the Mollardgasse Baptist Church of Vienna, Austria, and in the Austrian Ministers' Conference. On Sunday, Dec. 13, they held a concert in the Baptist Church of Bad Ischl for the Advent Festival. Rev. H. Kolbe is pastor of this church. On Jan. 17 and 24 they will serve in Baptist churches in Munich and Augsburg, Germany. Miss Fuchs will report later about the experiences of "The Varsity Ensemble" for the "Baptist Herald" readers.



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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 a false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin. There in prison his father had died some time later and his mother passed away from a broken heart. Now James Thornton was in a bus riding across Texas, 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. Faith's mother had always prayed for her daughter's conversion. Here in New Orleans, Faith was puzzled by the strange things that happened to her. And her acquaintance with James Thornton had become infinitely more than friendship to her. But she hardly knew anything about the man.

CHAPTER FIVE

JAMES WAS provoked with himself that his interest in Faith was increasing. Though he was impatient to get her affairs settled and to be free of his self-imposed obligation to look after her, he knew that his interest in her as an attractive girl was growing. He did not want this to happen. There was no place in his life for interest in anyone, much less a girl. He had a task to perform and until that was accomplished, he could not let anything interfere.

He would have to be closely associated with this helpless girl until her affairs were settled, but he determined that he would keep his interest entirely on impersonal grounds. He admitted that it would be hard not to be touched by those appealing gray eyes and her childish trust in him. Little did he know that that trust had grown into love. He would have been aghast at the knowledge.

He had not thought of his own attractiveness. He had never considered that, for he was not vain and he did not realize how attractive he was to the feminine eye. He was extremely good looking, with brown hair which insisted upon waving most provokingly across his forehead. His dark brown eyes under the straight brows, and the square chin gave him a look of determination and of strength. No one could guess that this strength and determination had been channeled to such a terrible goal.

He had had only one hint of romance in his life. This was in his last year of high school. One of the elected beauties of the class had made a determined effort to capture him. He had been attracted to her, for she was lovely, but when she made it so plain that she wanted his love, he lost interest in her. Even then he had set himself for the grim task ahead. After that he would not date another girl for fear that love might creep into his life and hinder his plan for revenge. He did not realize that this plan had embittered his whole life and had almost destroyed what promised to be a character which would enable him to accomplish something worthwhile in life.

When he left Faith at her door he put all thoughts of her out of his mind. He went downstairs to the telephone directory and began to search it for any Martins who might be there. He ran over the list carefully, copying down the names. He found many Martins and a number of Thomas Martins. He jotted down these first, with their addresses. Then he wrote down the others. The name was common, but he wanted every name. He knew that the man he sought might have changed a part of his name, if not all of it. That was the thing he feared, that he had changed his name so com-

pletely that he would never be able to find him.

He decided that he would call at the residence or office of each man on his list to be sure whether or not he resembled the man he sought. He took out the newspaper clipping with the man's picture in it that his mother had kept from the time of the trial. It was a clear likeness of the man he sought. He was thankful for that. Thomas Martin was a heavy set man with a rather large mouth, a prominent nose and deep set eyes. James studied the face carefully. He realized that the man was much older now and that perhaps he had changed much, but he felt that he would recognize him even if he had changed. He would know him instinctively when they met.

There was still an hour or so before time to meet Faith for dinner, so he decided to go to the home of the Martin who lived nearest. He had a map of the city and he saw that this address was within walking distance. He expected that the man would be at home, for it was after five. As he drew near the house he became tense and nervous. What if this were the man and his search would be ended this soon? His tension was tinged with dread.

The house was a pretentious one in the Garden District, one of the well-kept ones, smaller than those which had been diverted to rooming houses or other purposes. His nervousness increased as he mounted the steps and rang the bell. A maid opened the door and looked at him inquiringly.

"I came to see Mr. Martin on business. I wonder if he is at home?" he asked her.

"I'm sorry, sir," the maid replied, "but Mr. Martin is dying and he can't see anyone."

"But my business is important, not

only to him, but to his family," James insisted. "It concerns his estate."

He couldn't let this man slip out into eternity without getting the chance to look at him. If he didn't succeed, he might never know whether his intended victim had escaped him through death. Death in bed was too easy a way out, he thought grimly.

"Would you tell me what age Mr. Martin is?" he asked on a sudden inspiration. "Perhaps I have the wrong man. All I had was his name and I chose this address at random from the telephone book."

"He's old, almost ninety," the maid told him.

"I don't want to be a nuisance," he said in his most ingratiating manner, "but perhaps there is a picture of him somewhere that I could see. I assure you it's important."

"There's an oil painting of him in the library," she said, "but it's an old one painted when he was a young man."

"Could I see it? If he's not the man I'm looking for, then I'll leave without disturbing the family. Otherwise I must insist upon seeing him or his nearest relative."

Reluctantly the maid led him into the room and showed him the painting. He saw at once that this was not the man he sought. This man was thin and blond and he wore a mustache. His face was kind and the eyes, light blue, looked out at one with frankness and good humor. He was glad that this was not the man and he turned to the maid with a smile.

"I'm sorry to have bothered you," he said, "but this is not the Mr. Martin I seek. I shall have to try elsewhere."

She let him out and he walked back to the rooming house. He could strike that name off his list.

Faith was waiting for him in the living room and they went out together. She was rested and radiant and he forgot for the present his sinister quest. He was glad he had her with him when he ate. It was much better than eating alone. She was in a gay mood and babbled cheerfully, more talkative than she had ever been. He did not know that she was exerting herself to talk of inconsequential things, so that he would not suspect that her heart did a little flip flop every time his eyes met hers, that now that she had admitted to herself that she loved him, she could not keep her eyes off of him. She felt that there was little time left, perhaps, when she could be with him, and she wanted to extract every little happiness when they were together.

She asked him innumerable questions about the city and then about himself when he was small.

"I'm just curious," she explained, "to know what kind of little boy you were. You seem serious now, as if you had the weight of the world on your shoulders. I wonder if you were always such a serious person. Were you?"

He was startled at her question. He did have the weight of the world on his shoulders. At least it seemed so and that weight had seemed to grow more heavy since he had met her. He was beginning to be sorry that he had harbored this determination for revenge, but it was too late now to be sorry. He had dedicated his life to it and he would not turn back.

He saw that she was waiting for his answer and he spoke slowly and carefully, trying to appear more cheerful than he felt.

"No, I wasn't always such a serious person. I was happy while my father lived. I adored him and we had some wonderful times together. He planned wonderful things for us to do when I grew a little older. He was going to take me to the far places of the world and I would see strange sights that I never imagined existed."

His eyes grew misty and his thoughts wandered once more to the past while he lived again in memory those scenes of his childhood before tragedy threw out its grim hand and brought disaster.

"And you never did get to those far places, did you?" she asked sympathetically as she saw the look of sadness upon his face.

"No. My father died after months of suffering and my mother had to work hard until I was old enough to take over and help her. Then she died and I was left alone, as you were. Wasn't that enough to make me serious? Things like that rob one of a cheerful nature, for the joy of living has been taken away."

"I understand," she said softly. "I've had enough to make me sad and to take away the desire to live, but you have helped to dispel the sadness and make me want to live. You've proved to be a helpful person. Friend, I should say, for you have been a real friend in need."

"Rather a boorish one, I'm afraid, but I do want to be a real friend in need. Of course you should want to live. There's much in life for you, for you're so young and pretty that I'm sure before long you'll find someone who can make you happier than you ever thought you could be."

"That would be wonderful." She would not meet his eyes. He must not know that she had already met the one who could make her happier than she had ever thought she could be. But how could she ever hope to be happy after he had gone out of her life without even knowing that he was taking her heart with him? How long did it take a person to get over a heartache such as this would be? Would it last forever or would there be someone else who would take his place? No one could ever do that! She turned to him and smiled bravely.

"That same thing could happen to you. I hope it does, for I do want you to be happy again. But perhaps you've already met that someone. Perhaps you're already married."

She tried to keep her voice as in-

different as she could manage. He could not possibly know how she hung upon his answer.

He laughed mirthlessly. "No, I'm not married. I've never had time for romance. There was too much to occupy my time and thoughts. My mother was ill for a long time before she died and I took care of her until she had to be taken to the hospital. She had tuberculosis."

He did not add that she also had a broken heart.

"I'm sorry," she murmured, but in her heart she was glad that there was no one else. But even if there was no one, how could she ever hope to be the one to bring him happiness? He did not even think of her as a person he could love. She was just someone he was kind enough to help. When that was finished, he would no longer even be interested in her. She sighed in spite of herself and they finished the meal in silence.

It seemed ages to James before Faith was finally put in possession of what little her aunt had left. There was nothing but the furniture and a small savings account. When she was finally put in charge and the key to the house was handed to her, she asked James if he would go with her while she looked over her aunt's belongings and decided what to do with them. He agreed, trying not to show how reluctant he was to give up more of his time, and they went to the house together.

He had decided that while he was being delayed so long he had better try to get a position somewhere, since he did not know how long he would be in the city. He put in his application with several concerns and waited anxiously to hear from them.

Though Faith had never been in the house before, still the place seemed to speak of her aunt's presence. When she opened some of the drawers and saw the little personal belongings, tears came to her eyes and she struggled to keep from crying. She came across a few pictures of her when she was a child. She handed them to James.

"That's the kind of scrawny little kid I was," she remarked.

He glanced at the photographs and then at her and a tender smile flitted across his lips.

"You might have been scrawny but you looked like a little angel. Were you as angelic as you look in these pictures?"

"I'm afraid I wasn't," she admitted. "But Mother thought I was. When I grew older and became so indifferent to the Lord, I'm sure she must have changed her mind."

"Unless you plan to live here, I think you'd better sell everything you don't want to keep. You wouldn't have any room for any of this furniture in a rooming house and storage is expensive," he said as they went through the house.

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 3, 1960

Theme: LAUNCHING OUT ON A NEW WORLD MISSION

Scripture: Acts 13:1-4, 13, 14, 44-49

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God wants us to focus our eyes on a single soul while at the same time keeping the whole world in our line of vision.

INTRODUCTION: When Jesus gave the great commission to his disciples to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria and the uttermost part of the world, one would think that it would take centuries before the last stage of such a great commission is reached. Yet this small band of Christians began a world-wide mission program within the first decade of the birth of the church. As far as we know, all the apostles died on foreign mission fields, with Thomas going as far as India. The Mar Thoma Church still bears his name.

With transportation at a minimum, with little or no financial assistance, and with very little organization, it is almost unbelievable to think that such a mission program could be launched with such great success. Again and again we have experienced that, where our material needs are at a minimum, God's grace and power are at their maximum. It is then that we understand the promise of Jesus which is the keystone of the great commission, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

I. THE FIRST CHURCH AND THE WORLD MISSION. Acts 13:1.

It was natural that the church at Antioch should have the vision of a world mission rather than the church at Jerusalem. The church at Jerusalem was still quite Jewish. Even though they were a Christian group, they continued to take part in the temple worship.

The church in Antioch, on the other hand, was more free of national and local influence. They were more representative in race and color and social standing. Because they represented various parts of the world they already had a world-outlook. They were men of outstanding talents and their abilities went far beyond those needed in a local church. They saw the need of Christ in their community, but they also saw the great need of Christ in the world.

II. THE FIRST MISSIONARIES AND THE WORLD MISSION. Acts 13:2-4.

Great missionary movements are always born of faithful churches whose members are disciplined in service and sacrifice. Notice these significant words, "As they ministered to the

Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said" Consecration to the Lord's work and a strict adherence to the requirements of moral discipline prepare the heart and mind to receive God's message. They were faithful in little, and now they were to be faithful in much.

When God needs men for a great work, he does not want the ordinary man with an ordinary talent. Rather he demands the best that the church has to offer. The church did not argue with the leading of the Holy Spirit and say that Paul and Barnabas were indispensable in the work of the church. They strengthened their conviction of God's leading by fasting and prayer, by laying their hands on them and sending them away. They sent them away and the Holy Ghost sent them forth.

III. THE JEWS AND THE WORLD MISSION. Acts 13:13-14.

Wherever Paul and Barnabas went, the synagogue was usually the first object of their mission. It was a strategic contact point. First of all, it was the Jew who knew more about God than anyone else. It was the Jew who expected the Messiah. What better place was there in which to introduce Jesus Christ? Paul was also true to the sequence of the Gospel—"to the Jew first and also the Greek."

IV. THE GENTILES AND THE WORLD MISSION. Acts 13:44-49.

It is strange that the Jew who was the first object of God's love and the Gospel should be the first and most bitter enemy of the Gospel. And yet it was because of their enmity that the Gospel came more directly to the Gentiles. "Even the wrath of man shall praise thee" (Ps. 76:10). There was anger and envy among the Jews, but there was gladness and glory among the Gentiles.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: January 10, 1960

Theme: STRENGTHENING NEW CHURCHES

Scripture: Acts 14:19-28

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A new church is not a strong church unless it is a growing church.

INTRODUCTION: Paul and Barnabas started out from Antioch to conquer the world. It seems ridiculous to the imagination. And yet even their worst enemies admitted that "these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also" (Acts 17:

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6). Something was happening in the world and to the world. Jesus Christ had plans for the whole world, and here were his apostles already putting those plans into effect. In the light of Caesar and Rome it seemed absurd to compete with these conquerors of the world. But the Roman Caesars and the Roman legions are gone and Jesus Christ and his Gospel are established more securely than ever.

One of the surprising elements in the establishment of new churches was the fact that they grew and flourished under the leadership of laymen. It was natural, therefore, for Paul to visit these churches and help them through advice and experience to become more firmly grounded in truth and love.

These churches became stronger because there were a number of factors which contributed to their strength. These should also be in evidence in our churches today. There was some bold witnessing. It got them into trouble occasionally, but there were usually results. They paid more attention to spreading instead of merely existing. A living church must be a growing church. There was little or no complacency because there was always a measure of suffering and persecution present. They were constantly in the process of being stirred up, which kept them from being simmered down.

I. STRENGTH IN DANGER. Acts 14:19, 20.

The powers of persuasion are strong on the side of wrong as well as on the side of right. Paul and Barnabas persuaded the people of Lystra to such a degree that they were willing to make gods out of them, calling them Mercury and Jupiter. But in the midst of great success, there is also great danger. These same people were persuaded by the Jews who came from Antioch and Iconium so that Paul was stoned and left for dead. He was lifted up to heaven one day and dragged out of the city the next day. Yet only in time of danger can our strength be tested.

II. STRENGTH IN COURAGE. Acts 14:21, 22.

It takes a wise man of God to know when to run from danger and when to meet danger. Courage is necessary for both, for only "fools will enter where angels fear to tread." Paul's courage is evident in that, when he gained consciousness and arose, he returned to the city in which he was stoned and from which he was dragged out. And even more courage was needed to return to the cities of Antioch and Iconium from which his enemies originally came. When Paul therefore preached about tribulation, it was not merely a thought that came to his mind, but an experience which he felt in both soul and body.

III. STRENGTH IN LEADERSHIP. Acts 14:23.

Paul realized that he could not remain long in one church. His time

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BAPTIST HERALD

Our Denomination in ACTION

Central District

Mr. Doye's 83rd Birthday Celebration, Waco, Texas

Mr. Fritz Doye of Waco, Texas, was honored recently by the Central Baptist Church with a birthday dinner, celebrating his 83rd birthday. Hosts for the affair were his pastor, Rev. L. B. Hinz, and the board of deacons, Junior Deacons and Honorary Deacons of the Central Baptist Church. The wives



Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Doye of Waco, Texas, at the 83rd birthday dinner arranged for Mr. Doye by the Central Baptist Church.

of the deacons together with Mrs. Hinz prepared and served the dinner. The pastor and several of the deacons spoke informally, relating the services rendered to our church by Mr. Doye. Lavonda Hinz paid special tribute to Mr. Doye through a poem which she composed and read at the gathering.

Mr. Doye has served as deacon of the Central Church for a number of years. He has also served as trustee and is presently honorary deacon and chairman of the church finance committee. In addition to this, he is a generous financial contributor to the church and denominational missionary enterprises. Mr. and Mrs. Doye are parents of Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Missionary Nurse to the Cameroons, Africa.

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter

Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. John Litz

On Sunday, October 11, 1959 an Open House reception was held at the Riverview Baptist Church, Saint Paul, Minn., from 3-5 p.m. This reception was in honor of the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Litz, former members of the Riverview Church, but at present members of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California.

Mr. and Mrs. John Litz were born and married in Verlianian, Russia; married on October 8, 1908; came to America that same year. They stayed in Chicago until 1911, came to St. Paul in 1911 and took up residence at Wentworth Ave., where they lived until 1953, and then moved to Lodi, California where they still reside. There were born to them five children—four sons, one daughter: Arthur, Reu-

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ben, Herman (died in Air Force 1944), Harold and Esther. They have fifteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

S. D. Ganstrom, Pastor

Pastor's Reception by Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn.

A reception by the Baptist Church, Randolph, Minn., to welcome our pastor, Rev. Eleon Sandau, who came to us from the Immanuel Church of Loyal, Oklahoma, was held on Sunday evening, Nov. 8. The service, which was led by the Sunday School superintendent, Willis Moorhouse, was begun with song, Scripture and prayer. Welcome talks were given by Milton Eckstrom, chairman of the deacon board; Paul Miller, the Sunday School superintendent of the children's department; Mrs. Paul Miller, president of the Mission Circle; Marjorie Magnuson, CBY president; Rev. William Fritze, pastor of the local Methodist Church; and Dr.

ing. Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of "God's Volunteers," read Scripture and led in prayer. Mr. Henry Fluth, moderator, used Eph. 11:12-13 as a basis for his remarks.

Rev. Donald Ganstrom, Rev. Wm. Jeschke and Rev. H. P. Schroeder of St. Paul, and Rev. Eleon Sandau of Randolph, Minn., spoke encouraging words of welcome. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District secretary, heartily welcomed our pastor and family. The choir, under the direction of Alvin Quiring, rendered an appropriate number. We were also thrilled with a vibra harp solo played by Mrs. Walter Hoffman. Both Mr. and Mrs. Zimbelman responded with grateful appreciation for the many kindnesses and warm friendly spirit shown to them. They are especially pleased with the lovely new parsonage with its pantry well stocked with food and other household supplies.

Mrs. John Adam, Reporter

God's Blessings at Bethel Church, Harvey, N. Dak.

We thank the Lord for his goodness to us in Harvey, N. Dak. We have been richly blessed by the presentation of the Word of God as our pastor, Rev. John C. Kastelein, brought to us the teaching of the book of James each Sunday morning, verse by verse. It was also a real joy to see 10 converts follow Christ in the waters of baptism and come into the fellowship of the church recently.

Pastor Kastelein is now bringing a series of prophetic messages each Sunday night in the light of present day world conditions. It is really marvelous how God's Word shows us the things that will come to pass upon this old world.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, we had another great day at our church when we had our Harvest Mission Festival. Rev. J. C. Gunst, our Central District secretary, brought us two good messages that day. A fine meal was served by the ladies of our church after the morning service, and all God's people had a wonderful day together.

Mrs. Leonard Keszler, Church Clerk



Mr. and Mrs. John Litz of Lodi, Calif., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration held at the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Theodore Huggenvick, pastor of St. Marks Lutheran Church.

A duet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lufi; Sharon Miller rendered a piano solo; and Mrs. Leonard Engler read three poems entitled "Others," "The Sunday Morning Service," and "The Parson's Prayer." Rev. Eleon Sandau responded with words of appreciation and the service closed with singing "Blest Be the Tie."

Edna Miller, Clerk

Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn., Welcomes New Pastor

A reception for a new pastor is always a festive and happy occasion, and this was especially true on Friday evening, Nov. 6, for the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Zimbelman and their two children, Jane and Robert, were officially welcomed to our church and community with an interesting program, and with Mr. Theodore Hirsch, chairman of the deacon board, presid-



Rev. John Kastelein, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. Dak., and 10 young people whom he recently baptized.



Ground is broken for the new addition to the Jeffers Baptist Church, Jeffers, Minn., with Duane Carlblom (left, foreground) and Rev. David J. Miller, pastor, at the right (holding shovel).

Ground Breaking Ceremony, Church Addition, Jeffers, Minn.

Members of the Jeffers Baptist Church, Jeffers, Minn., broke ground for an addition to their church Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4. The pastor, Rev. David J. Miller, led the service. The chairman of the building committee, Duane Carlblom, was then handed the spade and he turned the first shovel of earth; Pastor Miller turned the second. The group was then led in devotions by the pastor.

The present church was built in 1912 and has progressed through the years to what is now known as the Baptist Church of Jeffers. The church was remodeled a few years back, which was a great improvement, but the congregation has outgrown the efforts of the building committee of that time. The current building committee consists of Duane Carlblom, chairman; Denny Amsden, treasurer; Donald Nelson, Jack Potter, Frank Courts, Louis Lohmeyer, Mrs. Fred VanGerpen and Mrs. Fred Smith.

The building is to be a basement 40 by 50 feet, plus an extra room 16 by 20 for the purpose of an entrance in the superstructure. It will include a 16 by 20 kitchen all modern, a second rest room, and Sunday School rooms. The cost is expected to go near \$7,000 when finished. Work has begun but is being hindered by the untimely winter weather that has hit this area.

David J. Miller, Pastor

Ladies' Circle, Rapid City, S. D., Sponsors Rally

Things were buzzing in Rapid City, S. Dak., the end of September. "Cleaning Day" was declared and history was made as a swarm of 12 busy, cheerful women descended upon the South Canyon Baptist Church on Sept. 25th. This was the largest group ever to gather for this annual event. Then Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer came for our annual Missionary Rally on Oct. 1st. Once again history was made that night when 73 people gathered in the church basement for the supper served by the ladies in honor of our missionary guest. Our beloved "Myrt." as we all have come to know her, did a wonderful job of displaying her African curios. The children of the church spent a good deal of time handling these articles and asking questions of the missionary. The evening closed with Miss Weeldreyer showing colored slides of the work in Africa.

Friday, Oct. 2, was "Open House"

the town Diamond Jubilee parade and received a first prize ribbon. On the float was displayed a covered wagon to represent the past; a mounted rocket to represent the present; between them was mounted "GOD IS LOVE" and behind it the open Bible and Cross which represented the hope for the future. In this hope the church will continue to serve in its place at Napoleon. Rev. Henry Lang is pastor of the church.

Henry Lang, Pastor

Harvest Festival and Pastor's Farewell, Durham, Kansas

On Sunday, Oct. 11, the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, observed Harvest and Mission Festival with Rev. Lawrence Bienert of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. The Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Strassburg Church and the M. B. Church of Tampa were guests throughout the day. The evening service was devoted to a dedication of the new church wing and improvements which have recently been made.

The new church wing, a building project which began in 1954, has given us more room in the sanctuary, a suitable prayer room, committee room and class room and also houses a study for the pastor. The basement of the wing provides more class room space as well as a fellowship room. Since 1958, the following improvements have been made: new pews and pulpit furniture, a new Hamilton piano, platform and choir loft carpeted, sanctuary floors tiled, and the kitchen redecorated. Memorials were donated consisting of Communion Table in memory of Mrs. Helena Schlehner, Clergy Seats in memory of Solomon Schuber, and Pulpit in memory of Merna Zimmerman.

On Oct. 25, Rev. Norman Miller brought his farewell message to the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have served our church faithfully for the past five years, and have now gone to serve the North Freedom and Rock Springs Baptist Churches of Wisconsin. All the organizations of the church expressed their appreciation. Mr. and Mrs. Miller received a gift of money and letters and cards of appreciation.

Mrs. Dean Duke, Reporter



At the Missionary Exhibit in the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, missionary, (left to right), appeared in colorful African dress next to Mrs. Everett Crooks, president of the Missionary Society; Mr. Crooks, S. S. superintendent; and Rev. Loren Weber, pastor.

Annual Program, Woman's Mission Circle, Parkston, S. D.

The Woman's Mission Circle of the Baptist Church at Parkston, S. Dak., presented its annual fall program on Sunday evening, Nov. 1st. The president, Mrs. Albert Radel, was in charge of the program. The song service was led by Mr. Elmer Buenning, Mrs. Gus Radel and Mrs. Douglas Deffenbough led the devotions. Special music was furnished by the Ladies' Chorus; a saxophone solo by Jane Buenning; a piano solo by Bob Veninga of Sioux Falls; a vocal and instrumental solo by Fred Penner, a student at the Sioux Falls Seminary.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Frank Veninga, whose husband is the president of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls. She challenged us with the inspirational message, "Why Give to Missions?" The offering was sent to our denominational headquarters toward the \$60,000 Project of the Woman's Union. The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Elmer Buenning.

Mrs. N. Leland Koth, Secretary

Inspiring Service and Commendable Offerings, Herreid, S. Dak.

The Herreid Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., has been the scene of much activity during the past few months. On Sunday, Oct. 14, our annual Mission Festival was observed with the Artas Church participating. Rev. H. Palfenier, the mission speaker, delivered an inspiring message. Our evangelistic meetings followed immediately thereafter and continued for two weeks, with Rev. H. Palfenier as the evangelist. God's people were revived and three precious souls were won for Christ.

On Sunday, Nov. 1, Rev. Eldon Schroeder of Elgin, Iowa, was here concerning the Denominational Advance Building Fund, soliciting for donations and pledges. The total offerings for the Mission Festival and for evangelism amounted to \$3,976. Cash for the Denominational Building Fund amounted to \$977.54 and \$870 in pledges. Grand total for missions and the Building Fund was \$5,823.45. We are grateful for this fine response and know that the Lord is blessing us as we continue in his service. Miss Ruth Bathauer, children's worker, was with us Nov. 29 to Dec. 4 conducting the course, "Building a Better Sunday School."

Mrs. E. A. Bischke, Reporter

Sessions of the Kansas Association at Bison

The Kansas Association met at Bison from Oct. 19 to 21 in their beautiful new sanctuary. The Lord gave us many blessings as we planned our work for another year. At present, there is only one church in the Kansas Association that is without a pastor, the First Baptist Church of Durham. Rev. N. Miller, who has devoted over five years of faithful service in the Kansas Association, will be greatly missed by all as he serves in his new pastorate at North Freedom, Wisconsin.

The work of Church Extension in Wichita and Junction City is very encouraging. Already there is great interest of many people in Wichita. In



A front view of the first-unit Chapel and Christian Education Building of the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., with the choir singing and participating pastors on the platform at the Dedication Service, Oct. 25, 1959.

the first service held in the school that was rented, there were 17 people in attendance. Junction City has not yet been able to secure a meeting place because of the schoolboard rulings. Professor Roy Seibel was our guest speaker at the Association. Through his messages we were challenged to claim, through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives, the real "Christian Joy" that was so much a part of the early Christians.

Gerold Neugebauer, Reporter

Birthday Party, Ladies' Mission Circle, Mott, N. Dak.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, Ladies' Mission Circle of the First Baptist Church, Mott, N. Dak., which meets regularly each third Tuesday of the month, met for its annual Birthday Party. Our husbands and families were our special guests. After devotions and a short business session, a program entitled "Long Trails" was given. After this, a special program was given honoring Mrs. Marshall Phillips, our oldest member. Our first number on this program was an instrumental number by Mrs. Darlene Fiedler on the clarinet. Mrs. Selma Auch, president of our circle, spoke a few words of appreciation in behalf of the circle for Mrs. Phillip's kindly and willing help in every phase

of the work of the circle. After this, Kurt Blickensderfer, our Sunday School superintendent, spoke in behalf of the school, mentioning her faithful work as teacher of the adult class. Rudy Fiedler, deacon, then spoke words of appreciation for her services rendered to the church. After this, our president, Selma Auch, presented Mrs. Phillips with a gift from the circle which was a picture by Sallman of "The Head of Christ." Mrs. Phillips then responded by thanking our circle.

Mrs. C. E. Schwartz, Secretary

Eastern District

Dedication of Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

For members and friends of Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Sunday, Oct. 25, was a day of great blessing as the first-unit Chapel and Christian Educational Building was officially dedicated to the Lord. Bethel's pastor, Rev. Albert Fadenrecht, presided at the services. Rev. Peter Geissler and Rev. Paul Loth, former pastors at Bethel, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Forest Park, Ill., and several local Baptist pastors were present to assist in the dedication.

At the 10:30 A.M. Worship Hour, Mr. Geissler read from God's Word and gave the morning prayer. Mr. Gieseke brought greetings and words of spiritual challenge. Rev. Paul Loth brought the message, "The Centrality of Christ." At the 3:00 P.M. official Dedication Service, Mr. Gieseke gave the dedicatory address, "The Cost of Dedication." Mr. Loth offered the dedicatory prayer. The Bethel Choir sang appropriate anthems at both services, and Mrs. Albert Fadenrecht played a violin solo.

The members' response to giving toward the debt retirement was most gratifying, as was the capacity attendance at the service. We thank the visiting ministers for their heartwarming and challenging messages. Dedication Sunday will always remain a wonderful day in the memory of members of Bethel Church.

Mrs. Irene Stocker, Reporter

DENOMINATIONAL PLACE MATS

Very attractive Place Mats (14 by 9½ inches) with the story of our denominational enterprise are available from the office at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. Our mission fields are described and the work of our various denominational societies is listed. These two color Place Mats are sent free to all churches that will receive a missionary offering in connection with the occasion. Otherwise, the Place mats are available at the small charge of two cents for each mat. Use them at your church banquets and dinners as well as at social occasions for your church organizations.

Workers' Conference at Redeemer Church, Warren, Michigan

Rally Day, Nov. 1st, was a record day for the Redeemer Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., with 427 in Sunday School. With the increased facilities which our new building affords, we expect to see a consistent increase. Our Workers' Conference began Oct. 28 with Rev. Joseph Wade of Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, as our guest speaker. He brought a challenging message on our increased responsibility with our increased blessing. Our Workers' Banquet was held in the Fellowship Hall on Friday evening. Dr. Tom Malone, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Pontiac, gave the message.

Dr. Dean Dalton, Head of GOSPEL LIGHT, was with us for all the Sunday services. He stressed the enrichment of our program, enlistment of our leadership and challenge of extending our outreach. He also conducted a forum on Christian Education in the local church at the afternoon service. His evening message mainly dealt with the qualities of a good Sunday School worker. Each of these men chose timely themes and presented them in the most challenging manner. We of the Redeemer Baptist Church feel that the effects of these messages will be lasting.

Ruby R. Smith, Periodical Secretary

Western District

California Women's Missionary Union Meeting at Anaheim

The annual program of the Women's Missionary Union of the California Association was held at the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., on Friday afternoon, Nov. 6. The service was led by the president, Mrs. Fred David of the Upper Bay Church, Santa Ana Heights. Mrs. Martha Zachay of Anaheim's Bethel Church led the inspiration. The welcome was given by Mrs. Alfred Hartmann of the Magnolia Church. Mrs. Clarence Walth of the Willow Rancho Church of Sacramento read the Scripture passage, after which Mrs. Donald Davis of the Berean Church of Los Angeles led in prayer. The Women's Chorus of the Bethel Church of Anaheim supplied the special music.

We were privileged to hear our returned missionary from the Cameroons, Rev. Ben Lawrence. He spoke on the continuing importance of prayer in mission work. A very informative question and answer period followed. The offering was designated for three denominational missionary programs: Advance Offering designated for kitchen facilities in Forest Park Offices, Japan, and Church Extension. The results of the W.M.U. election were as follows: Mrs. Robert Schreiber, Lodi, president; Mrs. Henry Hengstler, Los Angeles, vice-president; and Mrs. John Vanderbeck, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. John Vanderbeck, Reporter

Baptism and Men's Banquet, Elk Grove, California

On Sunday, Nov. 1, at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., our pastor, Rev. W. Berkan, brought a message, "Why Baptism?" and bap-

tized the following: Elaine Mosier, Patty Veit and Richard Veit. At the communion service those who had been baptized and the following others were received by letter: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mosier and Darrel, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Veit and Roberta. The above are two complete families.

The Baptist Youth Club has been holding its meetings twice a month under the sponsorship of Mrs. Leonard Fandrich and the pastor, Rev. W. Berkan. They have elected the following officers: president, Billy Adam; vice-president, Jimmy Tracy; treasurer, Paul Wagemann; secretary, Lois Gibson. The adult sponsor gives a lesson and reads a chapter from the "Sugar Creek Gang." The attendance has been 24 to 27 children, ages 9-13 years.

The Men's Brotherhood held its annual banquet on Nov. 10 with the members' wives and friends as guests. The men's quartet sang several numbers. Following the meal, the guest speaker for the evening was Rev. A. Buhler of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif. About 75 attended this occasion.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

Women's Sessions at the Oregon Association in Portland

The Baptist Women of the Oregon Association had their business meeting and program Friday afternoon, Nov. 5th, during the association meetings at the Immanuel Church in Portland, Ore. Mrs. John Wobig is the outgoing president, and Mrs. Martha Becker the outgoing White Cross chairman. Mrs. Merle Rich of Bethany was elected the new president and Mrs. Mabel Voth of Salt Creek the new White Cross chairman. Our program began with congregational singing led by Mrs. Everett Barker of Salem, Oregon. Mrs. Lena Gieser, president of the Immanuel society, welcomed us.

Mrs. Mars of the Southwood Baptist Church read the Scripture passage, after which Mrs. Schultz our vice-president led in prayer. Mrs. Wobig introduced the old and new officers. Dr. Ralph Powell of our Seminary gave the installation message. The Ladies' Chorus of the Bethany Guild sang, "It Pays To Serve Jesus." Mrs. Marjorie Lawrence gave the story of an African girl in the form of an autobiography. Mrs. Lois Hart of Salt Creek sang "Then Jesus Came." The Glencullen ladies presented a skit called, "Tea With three T's." Time Talent and Tithes. The offering which amounted to \$74.00 was divided equally between our \$60,000 Woman's Union Project and the Denominational Advance Building Fund.

Lydia Tilgner, Secretary

Vancouver's Ebenezer's Church Welcomes Rev. & Mrs. O. Patzia

Sunday, November 1st, was a day prayerfully anticipated by the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C. We welcomed into our midst Rev. and Mrs. Otto Patzia and their daughter Nancy, our new pastor and his family. Mr. Patzia spoke at both morning services to eager and attentive audiences. The official service of induction, with an estimated 670 persons present, was held in the evening with our assistant pastor, Rev. Philip Daum, officiating. Heartfelt words of welcome were forthcoming from representatives of the various branches of the church as well

as from ministers and officers of local churches and organizations. The choirs rendered special musical selections of praise and thanksgiving for the mercies of God.

Letters of best wishes and encouragement were read. Of particular interest was a letter from Dr. A. S. Felberg who preceded Mr. Patzia as pastor of our church and a letter from Rev. Ruben Kern, whom Dr. Felberg succeeded. Though separated by many miles, it was heartwarming to know that their thoughts were with us on this joyous occasion. Words of appreciation were spoken by Rev. and Mrs. Otto Patzia for the warm welcome and material kindnesses showered upon them. Mr. Patzia expressed the desire to work together with the church in proclaiming the Word and winning souls to Christ.

THE LONG SEARCH

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"I couldn't live here," she said. "Everywhere I went I would see my aunt and I couldn't bear it. When Mother died I wanted to get out of that house as quickly as I could. Everywhere I turned I would see things that reminded me of her and brought back all the pain of missing her."

"I understand," he agreed as his eyes became serious.

How he wished his mother were living now! If she were, he would not be on this wild scheme of revenge and there would be more peace in his heart than he could ever hope to have again.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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and talent and ability were needed in all the churches. He felt the burden and "the care of all the churches" (II Cor. 11:28). It was important that the churches be strengthened by strong and capable leadership. Elders were ordained carefully and prayerfully. And beyond that, Paul knew there must be a great deal of faith and trust. He revealed this when he "commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed."

IV. STRENGTH IN CONFERENCE. Acts 14:24-28.

One of the significant phases in our lesson today is the thought expressed in these words, "And when they were come and gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them." Usually when we come together for conferences, we talk about what we have done in our church programs to strengthen and to establish our churches. We discuss methods and organization, educational and worship facilities. But this conference in this early church was simply a matter of "what God had done with them." God can still do great things with us if we too will go through the open door of faith, wherever that door may lead.

Obituary

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

MR. BEN D. GRAF of Portland, Oregon

Mr. Ben D. Graf of Portland, Ore., was born Dec. 23, 1888 at Portland, Oregon and passed away suddenly at his home on Oct. 26, 1959 at the age of 70 years, 10 months and 3 days. He was united in marriage to Hulda Scheel on Dec. 4, 1918. The union was blessed with five children. In 1903 Ben D. Graf was converted to a living faith in Christ. That same year he was baptized by Rev. Larn at the Montaville Baptist Church. On May 27, 1909 he united with the Bethany Baptist Church, faithfully serving for many years as deacon and treasurer.

Services were conducted on Oct. 29th at the Bethany Baptist Church with Rev. Arthur K. Schulz and Dr. John Wobig in charge. The deceased leaves to mourn: his wife, Hulda; two sons: Captain Robert of Hawaii and Douglas of Bethany; two daughters: Mrs. Margery Boyrie of Castro Valley, Calif.; and Mrs. Marilyn Bixby of Newberg; two brothers: Dr. Sam H. Graf of Corvallis, Oregon, and Herman A. Graf of Milwaukee, Wis.; one sister, Mrs. Anna Schenk of Hemet, Calif.; 5 grandchildren and a host of friends.

Bethany Baptist Church
Portland, Oregon
ARTHUR K. SCHULZ, Pastor

MRS. LENA RUST of Mercer, North Dakota

Mrs. Lena Rust, nee Mehrer, of Mercer N. Dak., was born Feb. 23, 1883 at Atmacha, Roumania. She was married to Samuel Rust on Feb. 7, 1901. In 1902 they came to the United States and lived north of Mercer, N. D., on a farm until 1943 when they retired and moved to Mercer. She was converted in Heinrich Wagner's home in 1904 and baptized by Rev. Benj. Schlipf. She became a member of the Tabor Baptist Church of which she was a faithful member until her passing. She was also a member of the Ladies' Aid. She was the last charter member of this church.

She leaves to mourn her passing 5 sons: Vernon of Monroe, Wash.; Jake, Andrew, Sam Jr., and John, all of Mercer; 7 daughters: Mrs. John (Katie) Miller, Mrs. Elmer (Esther) Peterson, Mrs. Emel (Heln) Russ, Mrs. Meinhardt, (Elvina) Fielder, Mrs. Edwin (Mary) Fiedler, all of Mercer; Mrs. Emanuel (Lydia) Bauer of Butte and Mrs. Arnold (Erdina) Fiedler, Minot, N. Dak.; 3 brothers, 23 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She reached the age of 76 years, 8 months and 11 days. She died Nov. 4, 1959 in the Turtle Lake Hospital.

Mercer Baptist Church,
Mercer North Dakota
A. KROMBEIN, Pastor

MR. HENRY FREDERICK of Millet, Alberta

Mr. Henry Frederick of Millet, Alta., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick, was born on March 4, 1907, and departed this life on Oct. 22, 1959, reaching the age of 52 years, 7 months and 18 days. He spent his entire lifetime in the Frederickshain District, which was named after his pioneer parents. Here he attended public school and, at the age of 17, he was converted and joined the First Baptist Church.

On August 7, 1935 he was united in marriage to Gladys Ganske. To this union one son, Dolliver, was born. He shared the joys and blessings of married life with his beloved wife for almost 25 years. Besides serving as a trustee of the First Baptist Church, he also served in various other capacities in his church while a member. His sudden passing is mourned by his faithful wife and one son, Dolliver, and one sister, (Bertha) Mrs. Adolph Hammer of Leduc. Besides this there are many other relatives, friends and neighbors who mourn his passing.

First Baptist Church
Leduc, Alberta
FRED J. KNALSON, Pastor

MRS. JACOB BRENNEISE of Washburn, North Dakota

On Nov. 5, 1959 a funeral service for Mrs. Jacob Brenneise was held at the Washburn High School auditorium, Washburn, N. Dak., under the direction of Rev. Harold E. Weiss of Turtle Lake with Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck serving with a German mes-

Church Giving in the U.S.

Our Conference Is 14th Among All Church Bodies

The latest statistics on church giving in the United States have recently been released. A total membership of 37,528,592 persons is reported by the 49 bodies this year. The financial figures are gathered from the annual compilation of church membership by the Bureau of Research and Survey of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. and published in the "Yearbook of American Churches."

It is most gratifying to see our North American Baptist General Conference in 14th place in this list of "Highest Per-member Gifts—All Purposes." That list through No. 14 is given below. In another listing for "Highest Per-member Gifts for Benevolences" our North American Baptist General Conference occupies 18th place. We can praise God for the commendable stewardship of our people in the service of Christ and his Gospel!

1. Free Methodist Church	---	\$243.95
2. Seventh-Day Adventists	---	217.31
3. Pilgrim Holiness Church	-	194.85
4. Evangelical Free Church of America	-----	182.27
5. Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Inc.	-----	153.87
6. Brethren in Christ	-----	153.57
7. Evangelical Covenant Church of America	-----	151.84
8. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	-----	150.58
9. Church of the Nazarene	--	133.07
10. United Brethren in Christ	-----	132.82
11. Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting	-----	120.05
12. Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	-----	110.66
13. Mennonite: General Conference	-----	107.97
14. North American Baptist General Conference	-----	106.53

OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS—N.A.B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Oct., 1959	Oct., 1958	Oct., 1957
Atlantic	\$ 3,542.38	\$ 4,313.85	\$ 3,602.80
Central	12,536.53	8,630.57	8,142.69
Dakota	17,469.45	22,330.41	17,501.96
Eastern	4,926.04	3,367.50	4,958.31
Northern	10,274.27	18,630.72	8,909.96
Northwestern	9,731.10	6,908.57	5,697.25
Pacific	10,587.88	10,999.75	13,328.37
Southern	1,842.96	343.46	1,476.58
Southwestern	12,835.76	13,193.25	5,761.35
Total Contributions	\$ 83,746.37	\$88,718.08	\$ 69,379.27

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of October, 1959	\$ 70,798.48	\$12,947.89	\$ 83,746.37
For the month of October, 1958	84,726.20	3,991.88	88,718.08
For the month of October, 1957	63,493.89	5,885.38	69,379.27

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1959 to October 31, 1959	-----	\$326,421.92	\$49,702.28	\$376,124.20
April 1, 1958 to October 31, 1958	-----	324,452.14	28,750.75	353,202.89
April 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	-----	281,710.12	23,021.79	304,731.91

sage. Music was supplied by Mrs. Bertha Mittleider and Mrs. Edward Grueneich of Washburn and Mrs. L. Klein of Turtle Lake. Mrs. Brenneise, at the age of 78, passed on to her eternal reward on Nov. 1 at the Bismarck Hospital. She was born in Avon, S. Dak., on Aug. 27, 1881, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Giedd. She was married to Jacob Brenneise in Washburn on Nov. 15, 1906.

After her conversion and baptism, she became a member of the Washburn Baptist Church as well as the Ladies' Missionary Society. Mrs. Brenneise always had a radiant testimony for her Lord and Savior. God blessed their marriage with 53 happy years. Preceding Mrs. Brenneise in death were her parents, 4 children and 4 brothers. To mourn her passing are her husband, one son, four daughters 24 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and one brother. Underwood, North Dakota
HAROLD E. WEISS, Officiating Pastor

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BAPTIST BRIEFS

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young man's country," said Mr. Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. "This wonderful turnout of consecrated young people—in their first meeting since the Cuban revolution—speaks well for the future of the island nation."

● **Baptists in Czechoslovakia.** The Baptist Church at Prague, Czechoslovakia, was filled with perhaps 600 people when Henry Cook of London, Yakov Zhidkov of Moscow, Harry Lonn of Stockholm and Garfield Williams of Geneva visited there last May. It was baptism day, and some worshippers had come as many as 120 kilometers (75 miles). Nineteen candidates were baptized, ten of them men and all of them over 30 years of age. There are about 4,000 Baptists in Czechoslovakia, worshipping in 26 churches and 86 preaching stations. The churches are served by 21 ministers and 124 lay preachers, and they conduct at least three services each week. One hundred and five baptisms were recorded in 1958.

● **Pray Like Russian Baptists.** Hubert H. Humphrey, a member of the United States Senate, has joined a chorus of American churchmen in urging prayers for peace. But he warned that the American people would "have to do some very sincere praying if they are equal to the Russian Christians with whom I worshipped last winter in Moscow's Baptist church." "If you want to pray for peace," Senator Humphrey admonished a group of church leaders, "I say just pray as earnestly as those Russian Baptists do. I have never heard such hymn singing in my life, either. My wife and I felt we had been through one of the greatest spiritual experiences of our lives just to worship for an hour with these devout Christians."

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS
and
A JOYOUS NEW YEAR
to
Every Reader of the
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from the
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WE, THE WOMEN

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light attention upon a forgotten promise or reveal with startling clarity what must be done; —could be as comforting as a hot water bottle, and as undemanding; —can become a rock of encouragement and hope.

Give yourself away in your Christmas greetings! No manufactured picture or verse can satisfy as that bit of you—your personal message, your individual touch!

Make a red-letter New Year for yourself and others! That former pastor now retired, the Sunday School teacher, the art or music instructor, the camp counselor, the uncle or others who contributed wisdom, inspiration, direction and greater values to your life—surprise them with your sincere gratitude! Seek out choice tidbits of advice from that golden wedding couple, the popular evangelist, from punch-packing speakers and authors.

"Give yourself away" is but a paraphrase of "cast your bread upon the waters." Each letter you write includes a bit of you; so write often! Rescue those minutes which usually end in useless oblivion. Keep writing supplies handy and write throughout the day. Adorn God's priceless moments for

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