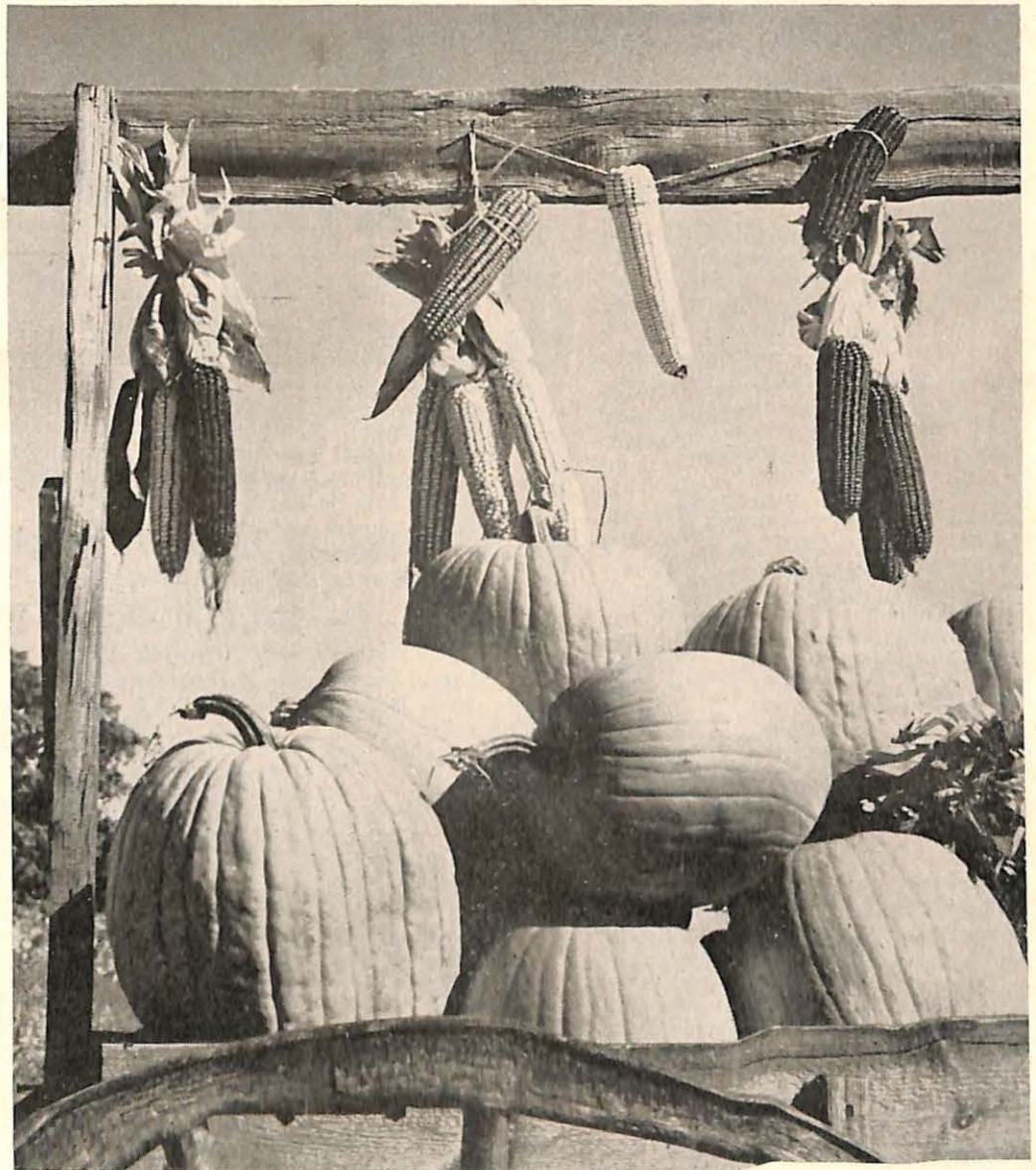


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• A permit to build and operate a 5-kilowatt radio station at Nome, Alaska, was granted the Evangelical Covenant Church of America by the Federal Communications Commission. It will be the only radio station within a radius of 500 miles, the nearest stations being at Fairbanks, and Anchorage. Besides Christian programs, the Arctic station will "render services to the community." It is hoped the station can be on the air before Christmas.

• Dr. Haldor Lillenas, of Pasadena, California, well-known gospel song writer, died suddenly of a heart attack, August 19, 1959, at his vacation cottage at Aspen, Colo. The memorial service was held at the First Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Mo., Saturday, August 22, 1959. During his long and efficient career as evangelist, pastor and music editor, Dr. Lillenas wrote over 3,000 gospel songs. His better known titles are: "Wonderful Peace," "Living Forever," "Jesus Will Walk With Me," "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," "Holiness For Evermore," "Where They Need No Sun," and "My Wonderful Lord."

—Moody Monthly

• The big event of August in Brazil was the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the coming of Presbyterianism to this country. Ashbel Simonton, an American missionary, arrived in Rio de Janeiro on Aug. 12, 1859. He established Brazil's first Presbyterian church, in Rio, in 1862. The Presbyterian Church of Brazil is conservative in its theology, supporting neither the World Council of Churches nor the International Council. Dr. John A. Mackay of Princeton Theological Seminary, who was in Brazil for the 18th General Assembly of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches delivered the opening centennial address. More than 2,000 people came to the Presbyterian Church in Sao Paulo (the "Evangelical Cathedral") to hear his address.

—The Christian Century

• President Carlos P. Garcia of the Philippine Islands has endorsed a Philippine Bible House campaign to distribute 120,000 copies of the Sermon on the Mount. The campaign is part of a crusade for higher morality in public office sponsored by the International Christian Leadership group. The president called the Sermon on the Mount a rich source of spiritual inspiration. "I have always maintained that whatever institutions man may build for his political and economic advancement cannot long endure if they are not founded on the rock of moral practices and upright living," he said, adding that "the word of God should be the nation's chief guide."

—The Christian Century

• Fifty-six per cent of New York City's population are of foreign birth or parentage; in Chicago and Cleveland, the percentage is 45; in Detroit, 41; in San Francisco, 40. A timely article in *Progress* (organ of the Bible Christian Union) calls "for many missionary-hearted believers who will do their utmost to help reach these foreign-speaking people for the Lord. Many believers in America are of foreign background themselves . . . Could not some of these believers set about regaining the language for the sake of souls in this country?"

—HIS Magazine

• Violence against Protestants in Colombia has erupted again with the latest incident reported from La Plata in the state of Huila, according to Dr.

Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals. The latest incident occurred on Sept. 3 when a mob of several hundred Roman Catholics in procession from their church and under the leadership of outstanding townspeople (including school teachers and an ex-mayor) destroyed evangelical church property valued at 10,000 pesos \$ 1,200). Before construction on the chapel was started in July, authorization had been granted by the Ministries of Justice and Government in Bogota and by the Secretary of Government in Huila State. After the attack, however, the governor of the state declared that it was best to suspend construction until official permission might be granted by the Roman Catholic authorities in Bogota.



Baptist Briefs

• **Dr. Ohrn in Europe.** Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, filled several engagements in Europe during September. His busy itinerary included attendance at the annual sessions of the European Baptist Federation Executive Committee in Holland, and the delivering of lectures at both Bethel Seminary in Stockholm and Bristol Baptist College in London. He participated also in the 75th anniversary celebration of his former church at Oslo. In early October, he participated in installation ceremonies in London for Dr. Erik Ruden as the Alliance's Associate Secretary for Europe.

• **Mission Plans Expansion in Ghana.** Expansion was the primary consideration at the recent annual meeting of the Ghana Baptist Mission, held at Kumasi. Southern Baptist (U. S. A.) missionaries discussed the possibility of opening Baptist work in four new stations in 1960. The SBC has 31 missionaries in Ghana. "National developments in Ghana make it imperative that our total program be set up quickly," Missionary G. Clayton Bond said. "Along with other influences, education and travel are causing a breakdown of tribal religion. The people are adopting new creeds. Much of what is offered them is tragic."

• **J. M. Dawson Honored.** Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, 80, a Baptist minister, editor and denominational worker for more than 50 years, was named the recipient of the first Texas Baptist Elder Statesman Award. The award was presented in day-long ceremonies

at the old Independence Baptist Church, one of Texas Baptists' historical sites. Now retired and living in Austin, Dr. Dawson was pastor in Texas for more than 30 years, then served as the first executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C.

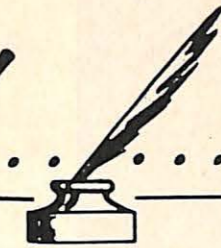
• **Czechoslovak Baptist Churches.** Of the 32 Czechoslovak Baptist churches in the United States, all but 2 resulted from the direct missionary outreach of the American Convention, and its agencies, especially the ABHMS. This was brought out on the 50th anniversary program of the Czechoslovak Baptist Convention held in Cleveland in July. Students of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago were instrumental in starting the First Czech Church in Chicago in 1888. The Czechoslovak churches for many years supported missionary work in their home country in cooperation with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

—The Watchman-Examiner

• **Baptists Plan Watchnight Services.** Plans are under way for members of the six major Baptist groups in North America to observe New Year's Eve watchnight services dedicated to the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The practice began last year to usher in B. J. A., the five-year evangelistic effort representing eighteen million Baptists in the United States and Canada. A service has been prepared by Harvey Cox, program associate, division of evangelism, American Baptist Home

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Editorial



At God's Command

"Missions is the act of making Christ known to everyone, no matter who the people are and where they might live. And the missionary is that person who knows himself sent and empowered by God to witness, to evangelize and to establish churches among people ignorant of God's love and grace in giving his Only Begotten Son as the Savior and Lord."

In such clear and concise words, Dr. George A. Dunger, professor of missions at our Seminary, has written a superb study course book on missions entitled, "At God's Command." He radiates the conviction that missions is one of the most fascinating, exciting, challenging, consequential and rewarding studies since the church came into existence. He would like to believe that all Christian young people and every church of ours should be mission-minded with intensity and fervor. Those who read this new book by Dr. Dunger and make a study of its contents will find their lives enriched with a new and fresh understanding of their missionary task.

This is not an easy book to read but it is immensely rewarding. Dr. Dunger says: "Missions has never been easy. This study course book will not be easy. It means reading, re-reading, studying, thinking, praying, searching the Scripture, exploring the mind, sharing of knowledge and experience, developing new plans for new insights and mapping out ways and means to reach the goal." But the end result will be glorious. Dr. Dunger expresses it in this way: "The Lord Jesus Christ walks before you!"

In this 94 page book, "At God's Command," the author deals with the topics: What Is Missions?, The Bible and Missions, Reasons for Missions, and The Goals of Missions, A positive note is sounded on every page with a stirring challenge in each chapter of the book. "Christian missions have proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Gospel message presented to the people in the power of the Holy Spirit has achieved miraculous changes, even in the temporal condition of the people."

Dr. Dunger describes the program of Christian missions as "of highest importance" in this 20th century. He presents a variety of practical suggestions for missionary education in the local Sunday School and church organizations. He shows how the teenager can be challenged by the thrilling program and tasks of missions. The commission of Christ to every Christian is given an exalted place in every heart stirring page of this book.

The author pictures the mission fields and tasks in the Cameroons and Japan and on the home fields and through Church Extension. He writes out of his own experiences as a missionary in Africa and from an intensive study of this subject. A closing chapter deals with a missionary's qualifications in the light of the needs of today's world.

Throughout the book, Dr. Dunger views the missionary as the personal representative of the Lord Jesus Christ. This book, "At God's Command," the fifth of a series published by our denomination, is available for \$1.00 per copy postpaid or 70 cents each when ordered in lots of ten copies or more. This can be YOUR BOOK of the year!

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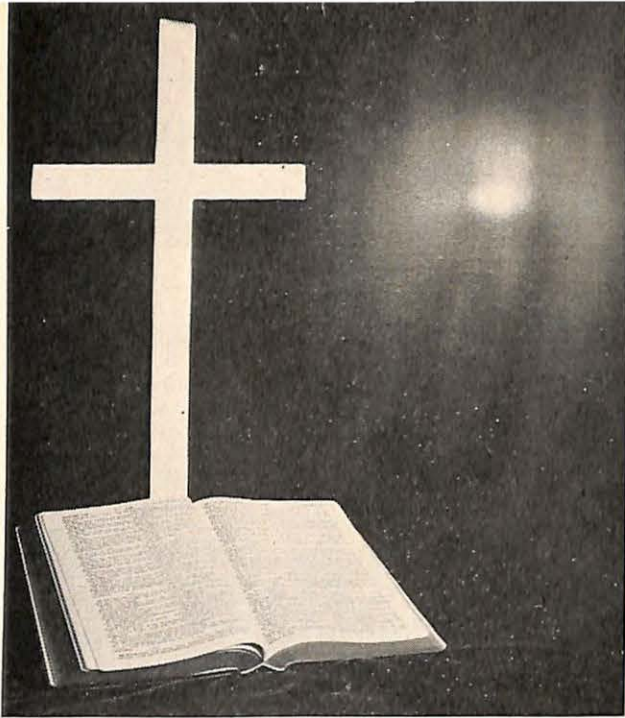
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"This is the will of God, even your sanctification."

The Holy Spirit in Sanctification

"Sanctification is the Christianizing of the Christian."

By Rev. R. R. Hoffman of Trochu, Alberta, Canada

IN HIS RECENT book, "The Holy Spirit In Your Life," Andrew Blackwood in the first chapter discusses the subject of the Holy Spirit using this phrase, "The Half Known God." He directs the reader's attention to the experience of the Ephesian believers who "had not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Dr. Edmond put it this way in an article some time ago: "There are voices crying, as that of the Baptist in the wilderness, saying, 'One standeth among you whom ye know not.' This one likewise was foretold in the ancient Scriptures, was announced by the Savior at the Last Supper, and came, in his fulness, on Pentecost."

It seems, however, that not only has the Person of the Holy Spirit been forgotten, but the work of the Holy Spirit even more so. This is most tragic, for we are thereby tying God's hands, and therefore he cannot effectively work through us as his children.

MEANING OF SANCTIFICATION

A. H. Strong, in his "Systematic Theology," defines sanctification as "that continuous operation of the Holy Spirit, by which the Holy Disposition imparted in regeneration is maintained and strengthened" (Page 869). A simple definition of the word "Sanctify" may be "to set apart, or the state of being set apart." Basically it is the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, by which he grows in grace "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13).

Sanctification is not sinless perfection. We are not and cannot be perfectly sinless in this life, in the body of this flesh. Only in Glory, with Christ, being glorified, will we be "like him (perfectly sinless) for we shall see him as he is." Clarke in his "Chris-

tian Theology" says: "Sanctification does not mean perfection reached, but the progress of the divine life toward perfection. Sanctification is the Christianizing of the Christian" (page 366).

GOD'S ULTIMATE DESIRE FOR US

Sanctification is not the final or ultimate experience of the Christian life. It is not the final state of the Christian in the reckoning of God. I am told that the term "saint" is another meaning for the same root word "sanctify" in Hebrew and Greek. But sainthood relates only to our position in the reckoning of God. It is never to be associated with our quality of daily life. All too often, we are saints in the making one moment and sinners the next. But the Holy Spirit, seeks daily to bring us to that ultimate desire of God for us.

E. G. Robinson says: "Sanctification consists negatively, in the removal of the penal consequences of sin from the moral nature." In other words, the Holy Spirit first of all sets us apart from the guilt and penalty of sin through regeneration, and "there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1a). This is a MUST in the life of an individual who desires the experience of positive sanctification.

E. G. Robinson further says that positive sanctification is "the progressive implanting and growth of a new principle of life." The work once begun by the Holy Spirit is to be con-

tinued and strengthened. This requires much discipline and God-like living. We have several summary statements concerning this by the Apostle Paul, as for example Ephesians 4 and Colossians 3:8-17, wherein we are both told to "put off" and to "put on" in the process of positive sanctification.

YIELD YOURSELVES TO GOD

This great work of sanctification (setting apart) is performed by the Holy Spirit in response to our surrender and yielding to him. We have therefore many Scripture passages which call us to surrender to this work of the Holy Spirit in us. For example: "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:11, 13).

A student asked the president of Oberlin College whether he could not take a shorter course than the one prescribed. "Oh yes," replied the president. "But then it depends on what you want to make of yourself. When God wants to make an oak, he takes a hundred years. When he wants to make a squash, he takes six months."

So also in the work of the Holy Spirit, we need continually to yield to his control and effectual working that he might sanctify us wholly. (I Thessalonians 5:23). And yet how many of God's children have grieved the Holy Spirit! How many have quenched the Holy Spirit, even beyond the recognition of his still small voice! Beloved, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification." Will you not therefore "present your body a living sacrifice"? Will you not "yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness"?

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

Nov. 22-29, 1959

Give generously to the Lord's work through your church's Thanksgiving Offering!

How Much Does a Missionary Cost?

A great deal more is involved in being a missionary than the things usually considered: training, support, ministry.

By Duane Engholm and Reprinted from "Moody Monthly" With Permission

MISSIONARIES are no different from any other people in the things they like and in the things they want. I know. I am a missionary.

We are not a "special brand" whose desires and ambitions automatically change by the application of the name "missionary." It's no easier for me to get up at 5:30 or 6:00 in the morning than it is for you. But I know that if there's going to be any quiet time during the day, it's got to be then or not at all!

And what about some of the things we've left behind in the States? Sure we'd love to go on a nice, long, travel vacation with a trailer and motorboat in tow! And when the rains come, and the house is full of soggy clothes, and callers come—either individually or for meetings—don't you suppose we wish we had a dryer?

For that matter, you've no idea how often we long for even a common hamburger and a malted milk shake, or a rootbeer stand where we could drop in for a cooling drink.

We don't begrudge any of these things to anyone who has access to them—not by any means. I only mean to point out that it takes discipline to "forget those things which are behind" and concentrate instead on the major task at hand.

What am I getting at? Simply this: It costs to be a missionary! And what is the cost?

IT COSTS YOUR LIFE

First of all, a missionary costs a life. "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 10:39). As far as we are concerned, this is our life's work; we're in it for good. Years ago we sat down and "counted the cost" and realized then that there could be no turning back. We recognized from Ezekiel 33 our responsibility to the lost and agreed that the Lord should have our lives for his service in Japan.

But a missionary costs more than a life; a missionary costs love. "Lovest thou me? Feed my lambs" (John 21:15). Frankly, it is difficult to imagine a more unresponsive people than the Japanese. During a meeting I can be pouring out my heart, literally crying and pleading with the hearts of those who listen—and get nothing but a blank expression. How much easier it would be, instead of persisting in love, to have the attitude, "Well, if that's all you care about your own soul, then goodbye!"

A missionary costs patience. "In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience" (II

Cor. 6:4). Ah, the patience and time it required to see Nobuko-san come to a decision for Christ!

She came one day back in early 1957, wanting help with her English lessons. For some reason we said yes to her, even though our standard answer is, "No private English lessons." (We'd be absolutely swamped if we did.) So for nearly a year Nobuko-san came to the house, almost weekly.

Charlene, my wife, kept working with her, setting many other things aside to do it. Finally she began coming to the Sunday meetings. Then one Sunday afternoon in February it happened. Haltingly Nobuko-san told how unhappy she was and how she realized, finally, that the Lord Jesus loved even her, that because Mrs. Engholm had been so kind and helpful to her she had been impressed to inquire about the Bible further. She made a decision that day for Christ. What a lesson that was to us!

HEART-BURDENS OF PRAYER

Not the least of the costs of a missionary is prayer. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38). At present Japan is more of a sowing field than a harvest field, but we are trusting that God will cause it, through the entrance of the Word, to become a harvest field soon.



A MISSIONARY IN ACTION

Dr. Eugene Stockdale (with umbrella), medical missionary at the New Hope Settlement, Camerouns, confers with an African chief while on trek to neighboring villages.

The need for intercessory prayer cannot be over-emphasized.

Satan controls the minds which are darkened and bound in sin—and he does not let men go without a struggle. Here in Japan the struggle is more violent than one finds it in America. Please, look again at what the Lord has commanded us to do in and through prayer, and ask God to give you a real heart-burden for the people in bondage to sin!

A SEVERE DISCIPLINE

Still another cost of a missionary is discipline. There's learning the language, for one thing. It's no picnic, believe me. A United Nations committee recently came up with the information that of the 13 most difficult languages in the world, the Japanese language tops them all. This is no surprise to any student of Japanese! It requires severe discipline to keep plugging away at it. And it would be so much easier, so much more pleasant, to idly flip the pages of a magazine.

We have to discipline ourselves in the amount of contact we have with other missionaries. Naturally it's much easier to converse in English; of course we like to discuss our mutual problems. And it goes without saying that we like to spend an hour or two in pleasant conversation over a cup of coffee with American friends. But we must necessarily limit this type of contact, or those who observe us will soon get the feeling that we prefer the company of Americans to that of Japanese—which just isn't true.

Yes, it costs discipline. However, let me assure you that I speak to you not as one who already attained, but as one who is still learning.

DAILY DECISIONS

Finally, a missionary costs decision. "Who then is willing to consecrate his service, this day, unto the Lord?" (I Chron. 29:5). That verse implies daily decision. Even though we made our decision long ago to serve the Lord in Japan, even though we are actually here, even though we are located right in the middle of the mission field, so to speak, yet every day is a new day, and we can either use it to full advantage or sort of slide along and coast through.

There is no one here to stand over us and tell us we have to start the day's work at 8:30 a. m. We have no time clock to punch. No one sees us if we don't work right up until 5:00 p. m. And our allowance comes to us every month (praise the Lord!) whether we are sick, whether we work

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Camp Tomoshihi in Japan

The Story of Our Mission's First Young People's Camp in Japan by Miss Florence Miller, Missionary

WITH GREAT anticipation, both missionaries and Japanese workers planned for our first young people's camp in Japan. With the prayer that through this camp many young people might come to know Christ, the Light of the World, the name "Camp Tomoshihi" was adopted. "Tomoshihi" means "a light." "Seeking the Best" was the theme chosen for the three days of camp. We hoped that all would come to camp with that attitude, for we were confident that earnest seekers after truth would surely find him who is the Truth.

32 YOUNG PEOPLE AT CAMP

We were fortunate in being able to secure the Mennonite Brethren Camp site near Osaka for the three days from August 25 to 28. The camp is located in lovely surroundings and is quite well furnished. There, away from the bustle of crowded homes and noisy cities, thirty-two young people gathered for Bible study and Christian fellowship. Of these, ten were university students, sixteen were high school students, and the rest were working young people.

They came from all kinds of backgrounds. Some were from the smallest villages; others came from the refinement of cultured Kyoto. Some came earnestly seeking to know God. Others came with a communistic, atheistic philosophy that closed their minds to the possibility that the Bible might be true.

To carry out the program of the camp, we rallied all of our missionaries and Japanese workers, making a total of seven missionaries and their children, two evangelists, and three Bible School students. Responsibilities

were divided amongst all. The program resembled the usual pattern of most camps with study classes in the morning, discussion times and recreation in the afternoon, stunts and games after supper, and concluding with an evangelistic service and cabin devotions. To make the camp appealing to non-Christians as well as to be-



CHOW TIME

Campers at Camp Tomoshihi brought their own rice for "chow time" and paid about 60 cents per day.

lievers, classes were conducted in both English and Japanese.

ENJOYABLE CAMP ACTIVITIES

The camp proved profitable for the missionaries in acquainting them more intimately with the likes and dislikes of Japanese youth. We found them serious-minded with regard to study and in their consideration of social and political problems as well as in inquiring about religious matters and personal problems. On the other hand, there were some who felt that the messages were too serious and lacked humor. They found them boring and tended to go to sleep.

They all enjoyed sports such as ping

pong, softball, volley ball, and swimming. The clear mountain stream with its swift current provided some exciting swimming, especially for beginners who found it fun going downstream but were not strong enough to swim back against the current. The Japanese young people are excellent actors and put on some good perform-

ances. All in all, we found them very cooperative in abiding by the rules of the camp and in participation of the program.

CAMP'S SPIRITUAL RESULTS

The spiritual results of the camp are difficult to record, for it was a time of seed planting in the hearts of most of the young people. However, we were privileged to see the fruit from earlier planting in the hearts of two high school girls who had been attending the Ise Church. One responded to an invitation given at the close of an evangelistic message, and the other came to her counsellor asking to be shown the way of salvation. Both girls went home rejoicing. Many questions were asked of the counsellors and teachers privately, indicating a sincere desire to know more about Christianity.

At the campfire on the closing night, each person present commented on the thing that had been most helpful or enjoyable to him during the three days. The remarks were most interesting. They had observed things which we had not anticipated. For example, one said that he had been impressed by the family relationships between husband and wife, and parent and child. Another said that he had been surprised to see the joy and happiness which characterized Christians as a whole.

Almost all said that they were glad they had come and hoped to come again next year. Pray that the seed sown may not be snatched away by the wicked one, but that it may still spring up unto eternal life.



OUR FIRST YOUTH CAMP IN JAPAN

Japanese young people and missionaries at the first young people's camp held by our Mission in Japan. It was called Camp Tomoshihi, which means A LIGHT.

Historic Days at Our Seminary

God has placed before the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., a future which beckons with broadening vistas to conquer!

By Prof. Roy Seibel, Director of Public Relations

THE SCROLL of history moved at a quickened pace for the first two weeks of the new seminary year as most significant events took place in rapid-fire succession at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

It all began on Sept. 14, as new and returning students gathered in the library and seminary office to register for the new year. One could see the tenseness of the new students slowly relax into a comfortable feeling of belonging as the student council members greeted them and introduced them to their fellow students. Before the day was spent, they could look about them with a new assurance because this was now "home."

FOURTEEN NEW STUDENTS

Professor Martha Leypoldt happily closed the record file and announced that 14 new students had registered with another to report at a later date. The beginning student body numbers 37.

A glance at the incoming student register reveals the fact that they have come from the Pacific to the Atlantic Conferences. The wide distribution of conferences represented reveals that the seminary continues to enjoy solid support from all quarters of our denomination.

Swelling the ranks of the present student body is the new team of "God's Volunteers" who are training at the seminary. This affords another opportunity for the seminary to contribute to the continued progress of our larger denominational program.

Routine class schedules yielded to an accelerated program on Tuesday, Sept. 15, to allow time for an extended chapel service. From the very first, emphasis was placed upon the spiritual foundations of seminary training. It is most appropriate that the school year should begin in a chapel worship service. The spirit of prayer and thanksgiving continued in all the chapel services throughout the week.

Thursday afternoon, which was set aside for a get acquainted picnic, was cool and crisp with the unmistakable chill of fall in the air. This, however, did not dampen the enthusiasm of the students as they enjoyed outdoor sports. That evening the warm and cheery atmosphere of the fellowship hall welcomed everyone to a very pleasant evening around heavily loaded picnic tables.

This school year will long be remembered as one marked by significant historic firsts. For the first time in 15 years, the school is under the leadership of a new president. Presi-

dent Frank Veninga assumed the responsibilities of this office Sept. 1st when Dr. George Lang, due to health limitations, found it necessary to resign as president.

From the first day President Veninga revealed an earnestness and dedication to this post to which he was called. In his address, "Straight Thinking in Tangled Times," delivered at the Fall Convocation, Friday night, Sept. 18, he declared that in these days of confusion and change it was important to rethink our way through our fundamental concepts of God in his Triune Person in order that we have the proper perspective to accomplish our commission as God's servants.

In preparation for his new post, President Veninga spent 18 years in

Interest in academic pursuits led President Veninga to study in the Milwaukee State Teacher's College and at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. He returned to the seminary in 1951 to receive the B. D. degree. It was this same interest that led him to give our seminary his active support as a member of the board of trustees for many years prior to his call to become the president.

FLAVIUS MARTIN FROM AFRICA

Among the many responsibilities in his new office was the completion of plans for two significant first-time events in the history of the seminary. From Sept. 22 to 24 the Denominational Workshop was conducted in the seminary which was attended by the



FLAVIUS MARTIN ARRIVES IN SIOUX FALLS

Flavius Martin, student from the Southern Cameroons, Africa, is greeted at the Sioux Falls Airport by Dr. George A. Dunger (right to left), a person hidden from view, President Frank Veninga, Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. Emanuel Wolff.

the ministry and general denominational service. After completing seminary training at our seminary while it was located in Rochester, New York, he was ordained May 27, 1941 and began a four-year ministry in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. From there he moved to Peoria, Illinois.

In 1952 he became the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Aplington, Iowa. He served the Temple Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., from 1956 until 1958 when he was called to serve in the newly created position of Eastern Conference Secretary.

general secretaries, district secretaries, and representatives from the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Canada. This afforded an unusual opportunity to catch something of the true spirit of the denomination in action.

Another history making "first" was the arrival of Flavius Martin in Sioux Falls on Monday, Sept. 21. Mr. Martin is the first student from our Cameroons mission field to study in our seminary. To mark this significant moment a delegation of seminary

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The Gospel Light in Kumba

A Graphic Review of the Past Year's Experiences in Kumba, Southern Cameroons, by Missionary Elmer C. Strauss

THE "Addabanana, Mashabanana, Cutabanana" or just "Haveabanana" advertisements no doubt originate in North America, but many bananas originate in the vicinity of our Kumba Mission Station in the Southern Cameroons, Africa. For in an average month, about 400,000 stems of bananas are exported.

Although we four Strausses have been in the midst of these bananas and eaten our share during the Hendersons' furlough year, we did not realize the diversified usage until reading the clever advertisements from home. However, we have not seen any "Fryabanana" advertisements. We like them fried, too. Six things we share with you from our observation of one short year.

THE KUMBA PEOPLE

The Village of Kumba has over 15,000 people and is the second largest and the fastest growing village in the Southern Cameroons. Strangers now outnumber the Kumba natives. We would place the people into four classes: 1. Pagans; 2. Civilized Pagans; 3. Christianized Pagans and 4. New Testament Believers. Were we not all pagans before we became believers?

Our score of churches in Kumba field are lights among an estimated 75,000 people. A few villages can be reached by motor road in the dry season. The ready smiles on the faces of these people do not reveal the fears of their immortal souls. Few people realize that there is any marked difference between Baptists and Catholics since both are imported religions

"STANDING IN THE GAP"

Since about 1943, I have been able to sing with true meaning the song, "I Will Go Where You Want Me to Go, Dear Lord." The Lord in his time brought us to the Cameroons. We are happy here! But even out here we must continue to sing with meaning the same song. For after standing in the gap here at Kumba during the Hendersons' furlough, we have been informed that beginning November 1959, we will stand in the gap soon to be created by the furlough of Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang. We are now beginning our second year on the Cameroons Mission Field.

Missionary Elmer C. Strauss.

and supposedly based on the Bible.

It is assumed that the white man's religion is an appropriate stepping stone on the road of progress from the bush to civilization. But we thank God for those who smile because of the inner peace which God gives through faith in his Son as the only Savior. Some have found Christianity as the stepping stone from death unto life!

THEIR HEALTH

Few natives are sound in health. Masses suffer from fevers, pains and ulcers. A concise understanding and belief in the most elementary principles of hygiene could reduce much of their suffering. But they are steeped

in customs, traditions and habits. Some school teachers, who even teach the advantages of boiling drinking water, fail to boil their own. Chronic illness is almost synonymous with life.

Children run naked until they are of school age. Their noses run, too. A piece of cloth, if they had it, would be about their loins and much too valuable to wipe one's nose. A high percentage of children die before reaching school age. But these children are loveable. When they see the white man, they call and wave and smile and, if he responds, they run to him with the hope of shaking his white hand.

One hospital and one doctor serves all of Kumba Division's 75,000 people. There are a few dispensaries in the bush. Native "doctors" thrive on this sick society.

Our health has been good. We render praise to our Great Physician for his care, our thanks to you for your intercession in behalf of your missionaries and our gratitude to medical research for the 2,300 anti-malarial pills we have swallowed in the past year.

EAR CATCHERS

"You done come" is a phrase which greets us upon coming to a place for the first time. It means, "We are glad to see you." But it struck us as if they had been waiting a long time for our arrival and ministry in their midst. Yes, 47 of us "done come" because you have sent us as your missionaries.

We spread ourselves among 2,000,000 Cameroonians. We multiply ourselves by working through the pastors, church teachers, evangelists and school teachers even as our Lord sent the seventy "... into every city and place, whither he himself would come."

"Welcome" seems to be the standard greeting we receive in the market, the post office or at the petrol pump. The missionary is "welcome"!

EYE CATCHERS

Imagine our astonishment when we saw natives wearing old T-shirts advertising a Motor Car Agency in Iowa and other such places as Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Canyon! Probably they are old clothes from home which someone salvaged with more primitive people in mind as potential customers.

We never realized how slowly a man can move and still say he is working. If the headman does not stand over the workers and compel them to work, why not sleep for a few hours? But even those who sleep never fail to awaken at the sound of the quitting signal. Although the steel industry and the railroads talk about

"featherbedding" it could have started in Africa. Yes, two speeds: Slow and Stop!

Would your eyes enlarge if you saw two men walking together down the road holding hands? It is not uncommon.

These people use their heads. We have seen a man carry a 55 gallon steel drum on his head weighing 175 pounds. Another man staggered along the road carrying a bamboo balanced across his head. The bamboo was 40 feet long and very heavy.

HEART BREAKERS

A pastor and I made a trek to visit churches and schools. In the center of one village, we saw the Ju-ju altar where sacrifices were offered. The rocks were stained with blood. "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us" (Hebrews 9:12). Yet they are without excuse, for our Baptist brethren, though few in number, have built a small mud church from which the Gospel light shines into the heathen darkness.

As we left the village, we met ten husky carriers with baskets suspended from a bamboo pole over one shoulder. Each basket contained twelve large bottles of "white man made whiskey." With burdened heart the pastor said that these pagan villagers would buy and consume all this whiskey from these assumed smugglers until their "money done finish." But they did not have money for the required school fees, school clothes for their children or even three cents for an exercise book.

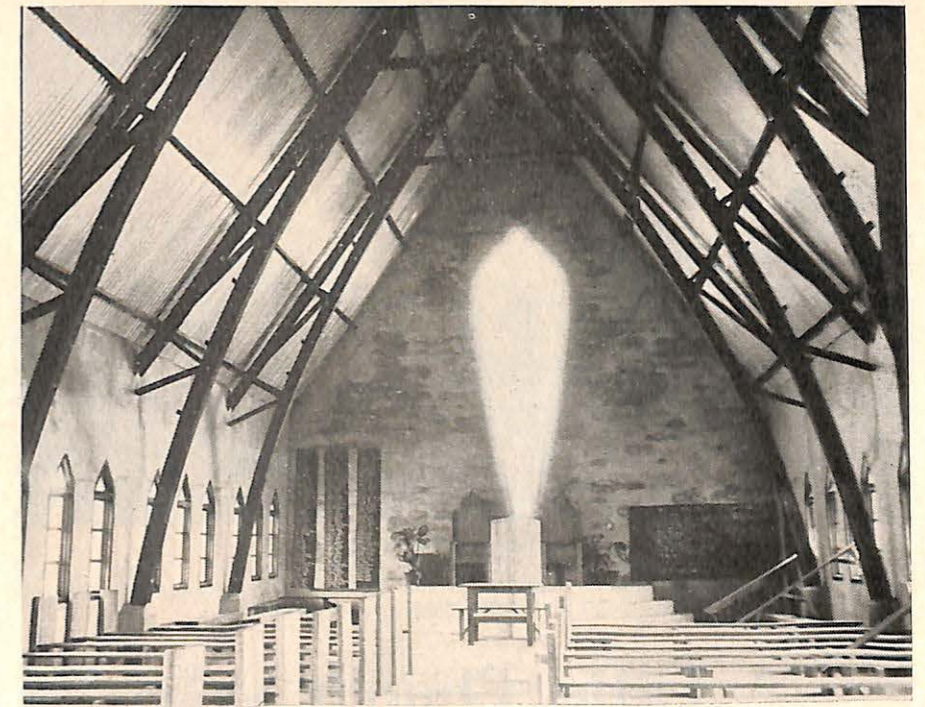
One white man brings the exalting Gospel while another sends degrading spirits. One brings eternal life to those dead in trespasses and sins; the other seeks to bind both body and soul. And so the battle is set in array in these immortal souls. Yes, Heart Breakers!

HEART LIFTERS

We end on a joyous note. Some missionary agencies who have worked among their converts for many years are now considering converting their results and their programs into native hands. But our relatively young work has been indigenous for some time. We thank God for fellow-workers who have searched the Scriptures and then have put their findings to work.

Our Baptist witness has taken root in native soil. The Cameroons Baptist Convention is composed only of native Baptists. Although it may still be classed as an adolescent, it is sending forth its own members to evangelize and to plant churches. And all the darkness in the world cannot hide the light of even one small candle.

From what we have seen with our eyes, we are glad for every investment we have made in missionary work while we were still at home.



THE KUMBA BAPTIST CHURCH

The worshipful sanctuary of the Baptist Church in the village of Kumba, Southern Cameroons, photographed by Rev. E. Arthur McAsh on his tour of the Cameroons mission fields. This Baptist church on the hill has let its light shine brightly for Christ.

A MISSIONARY'S COST

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overtime, or whether we are lazy and do nothing at all.

So it costs daily decision, backed with strong discipline. Some of the decisions are sticklers. For instance, the other day a neighbor lady came to inform us that in a few weeks there would be a neighborhood "matsuri," or festival, in honor of the neighborhood god, of all things!

Moreover the lady said that each member of the neighborhood association was expected to take part either by dancing or singing or having the children join in carrying the portable shrine. Of course we had no doubt what our answer would be! But the problem was how to explain to the lady and the rest of the neighborhood without making ourselves look "stand-offish." The Japanese may be unresponsive to the gospel, but they are super-sensitive to an imagined offense!

WHO BEARS THE COST?

Now let me pose a question: *Who bears the cost?* Who will give a life? Who will express his love in more than mere words?

I must add, these are not mere academic questions, but sincere utterances from the heart. Where are the young men and women who will join us on the mission field? Where are the wage-earners who will back them, see them through training, then send them to the field and follow them with fervent intercession? Where are the prayer warriors who will sacrifice even a half-hour each day to the greatest task in the world today,

joining in spiritual battle for the souls of men?

Where are the people who will open their hearts for an honest appraisal, and then act upon the known will of God and do what he wants them to do? Where are the church members who will look upon the world through the eyes of the Savior and be moved with compassion as they see 75 per cent of the world ignorant of Jesus Christ?

Seventy-five per cent! Tell me, how can we possibly be aware of this, then read Ezekiel 33, and go on with life as usual?

SEMINARY'S HISTORIC DAYS

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representatives and denominational secretaries was present at the airport to welcome Mr. Martin to the seminary. It is hoped that Mr. Martin will be the forerunner of many more to follow.

The historic days of the first two weeks of school were climaxed by the decision of the seminary library building committee to locate the new library building east of the present building and to accept the basic floor plan of the new building.

Though event crowded upon event in those two weeks, each will make its continued impact on the future course of the seminary and will live long in the memories of those who experienced them. God has been most gracious in these days, and he places before us a future which beckons with broadening vistas to conquer!



The Kumba Baptist Church (at left above the trees and bush), set on a hill, that shines forth with the Gospel of Christ into the surrounding spiritual darkness.



THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG MISSION

The Calvary Baptist Church of Glidden, Sask., located in a prairie town with 110 population.

A Little Church With a Great Ministry

The Story of the Calvary Baptist Church, Glidden, Sask., of 28 Members Far Out in the Canadian Prairie.

By Rev. E. Hahn, Pastor of the Church

THE SIGHT of a large church often gives the impression to the viewer that here is a successful Christian venture. The physical characteristics, though, are not a perfect measure of success. The achievement of the intended goal is what makes for success.

Today many small churches seem to be on the verge of dying out, and it is sometimes felt that they have not been successful. This judgment is especially hard to understand in regard to some of our mission-supported churches. If the goal has been large congregations and self-support, then perhaps the judgment is just. But reaching the intended goal on a spiritual level is something that cannot be measured in such a fashion.

It is significant that many of these smaller churches have been "the home ground" for many of the pastors and missionaries of our day. It is also true that these churches, even today, are continuing to produce leaders among God's people for the purpose of sending them into the world as his ambassadors. In any case, these small mission churches do show progress. Although their numbers may not count in the millions, yet definite fruit is being borne for the Kingdom.

A LITTLE, PRAIRIE TOWN

To understand some of the blessings, as well as the problems of one of these small mission-supported churches, we shall take into account the

geography, the history and the future of the little church in Glidden, Saskatchewan.

Geographically, Glidden is located at the veritable mid-point of a straight line drawn from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to Medicine Hat, Alberta; and of one drawn from Calgary, Alberta to Regina, Saskatchewan. The closest and most accessible of these cities is Saskatoon which is over 150 miles away. As such, Glidden presents a definitely rural type of ministry.

Physically, Glidden is located on a relatively flat plain with an occasional break in the flatness to introduce a small hill or a wet weather slough. On a clear evening, one has very little difficulty seeing the lights of the town of Kindersley seventeen miles to the north, or the lights of Eatonia eleven miles to the west.

DANGEROUS HAZARDS

Being an out-of-the-way rural community has meant that the benefits of progress have been slow in reaching Glidden. Only within the past decade did gravel roads find their way to Glidden, and until the past year the closest paved highway linking it with a city was over fifty miles away. At the end of this year, it is hoped that the highway running north and south through town will be gravelled. Many people are only too thankful when the pavement reaches their town, but that is about the way we feel, knowing

that this highway will finally be gravelled.

What has this to do with the progress of the church? Just this—because of the geographical and physical location of the town, both weather and the roads sometimes become dangerous hazards. Within the past year alone, these hazards have confronted us. Two Sunday services had to be cancelled on account of muddy roads. During the winter, there is a constant hazard in attending evening services, because of the sudden snow storms and blizzards which plague our area during that time of the year. In spite of these, the church has been a staunch witness in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ ever since its humble beginnings.

It was in 1920 that a group of Christian farmers gathered in a prairie farmhouse for the purpose of prayer and Bible study. Within a matter of time, the group banded together to form a congregation which is now known as the Calvary Baptist Church of Glidden.

The first building which they acquired as a house of worship was only 16 by 32 feet in size. It had originally been built as a parsonage for a church in a distant community and was moved by the farmers across the South Saskatchewan River in bitterly cold winter weather, in order to be sure of the strength of the ice. It was first set down on a farm nine miles south of town. Then in 1936, it was moved into the village of Glidden.

A LARGER CHURCH

The work continued to grow through the years. Since travel was almost unthinkable for the greater portion of the winter, no permanent pastor was secured for a good many years. For the summer months, a student pastor was usually brought in through the help of the Board of Missions of our denomination. For the Sundays of the other months, when travel was possible, local men conducted Bible studies and thus the work survived.

Toward the beginning of the 1950's, the church had suffered many setbacks. Many members were found in a backslidden condition spiritually, and it appeared as though the work would go under. However, a new generation had reached maturity in these years, and they on a basis of faith sought to turn the tide and to revive the work. The result was that in 1956 a new building was needed to accommodate the crowd of people.

To alleviate the need, the Rosenfeld Church building from Golden Prairie, Sask., was purchased and moved some 90 miles to Glidden. Once again it was necessary to undertake this work in the 40 degree below zero weather of winter, since there is no way of crossing the quarter-mile wide river other than over the ice. There are no bridges in the vicinity to this day. In September 1957, it was dedicated on its new location. Shortly thereafter, the old church building was sold and moved

to Kerrobert where it now serves a small Pentecostal congregation.

EVERYBODY HELPS!

Since its dedication, the entire interior of the newly-acquired structure has been renovated. Propane furnaces have been installed; classrooms have been constructed in the basement; and the entire main floor was remodelled.

Even the youngsters have helped in fixing up the new church. During their Daily Vacation Bible School, the older boys constructed tables for the classrooms. During a second year, they built benches while the girls worked on the planter boxes for the front of the church.

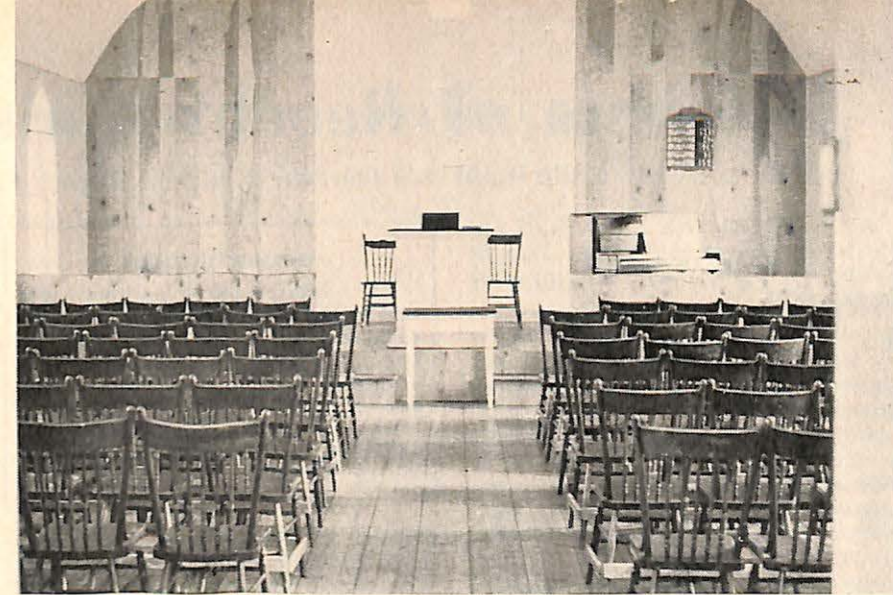
Presently all that still needs to be done is covering for the floor, and the purchasing of church pews to replace the old wooden chairs that presently are being used.

Over the years, attendance at the worship services has been good, even though the membership has been small. At present, the membership stands at 28 which is an increase of five over the past year. Attendance at the Sunday services is fairly constant at 60 to 65, which reaches an occasional high of 80 or 85.

SPIRITUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Our church is the only Baptist church within an area of over 2,000 square miles. Thus the majority of those who attend the services travel considerable distances to get to church. They come from 17 miles to the north, 22 miles to the southwest, 23 miles to the west, 21 miles from the east and 10 to 15 miles from the south. Of the members themselves, only four have less than 6 to 9 miles to church, and two of these are the pastor and his wife.

Glidden is a village with a population of around 110. Of this number, about 12 attend the services. The on-



THE SANCTUARY WITH ITS SPIRITUAL SIMPLICITY

The interior of Glidden's Calvary Baptist Church, showing the white pulpit from which the earnest young preacher, Rev. E. Hahn, proclaims the Gospel. The church is hoping to purchase new pews for the sanctuary.

ly other religious organization functioning in town is a Sunday School operated by the United Church of Canada. As a whole, the town would be described as primarily Protestant.

This then constitutes our physical description, but once again we say, "The physical is not a perfect measure of success. Success is dependent upon the achievement of the intended goal." For this reason we must ask, "What have we achieved spiritually?" This much is certain: we have become

an established witness in our area. Many souls have been won to Christ, and young people from our community, those who attended Sunday School here, have gone into full-time Christian work as ministers and missionaries. It is true that to this day the church has continued under mission support. But, with the Lord's help, we are making definite advances toward permanent self-support.

OPEN DOORS BEFORE US

In the future, we have open doors before us. No doubt, we shall continue to draw folk from every corner of our wide area. In order to reach some of the distant towns more adequately, it may mean the founding of new churches. In the town of Kindersley alone, we realize a great need for a Baptist church. Yes, there are three evangelical type churches, but they are not satisfying the needs of the community which is primarily Protestant. In the town of Eatonia which has a population of 650, there is no evangelical work at all. These centers offer definite possibilities.

In any case, we are presently concerned with our own little village and we are praying that God will use us in being a true testimony at home. In so doing, we will have to face a few obstacles, too. First, we will need to overcome some of our theological waywardness. Secondly, we will have to stay with the fact that we are a family type church in which one-half of the membership is related, and to overcome the problems connected therewith we will need to increase from the outside. This is what we are seeking to do.

In a day when it seems that the smaller churches are dying out, we wish to express ourselves as those having HOPE. Our further prayer is that we might be missionaries at home as well as abroad. Yes, as a small church we do have hope—and a big future in our own special way!

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The congregation of the Calvary Baptist Church, Glidden, Saskatchewan, at worship on a Sunday morning. Many of these people have traveled 20 miles to come to church.

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Reviews of Recent Christian Books

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

A GUIDE TO THE PARABLES OF JESUS by Hillyer H. Straton—Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company—198 pages—\$3.50.

MANY BOOKS on the parables of Jesus have been published. But "A Guide to the Parables of Jesus" by the outstanding Baptist preacher, Dr. Hillyer H. Straton, is undoubtedly the best for many years. Laymen will find it down-to-earth and fascinating with Scriptural simplicity. Ministers can "feast" on this book for themselves and in sermonic preparation. Dr. Straton believes in Biblical preaching. This book grew out of his preaching ministry of six years. In these 21 compact expositions on the parables of Jesus, we feel the intrinsic joy and glow of these matchless stories.

Dr. Straton shows how "Jesus stands supreme among literary figures because of his parables; no one else remotely approaches him." But the Lord used his parables with divine revelation like windows through which we can look on the grace of heaven and on man's need. "In and through the matchless words of Jesus, especially in the parables, we catch a true vision of the type of world God has planned." Dr. Straton's treatment of the parables of Luke 15 and those on prayer are especially remarkable. This is a book you will love and treasure, adding immeasurably to your own study of Jesus' parables.

BAPTIST CONCEPTS OF THE CHURCH. Edited by Winthrop S. Hudson—The Judson Press—236 pages—\$3.00.

Baptists have never been in agreement on their concepts of the church. Throughout the years of Baptist history, there have been continuous theological discussions on this subject which have produced rifts and divisions. It is therefore important to know what Baptists in the past have taught about the church, what organizational patterns they have followed, and what changes have taken place in their concept of the church and in their views of the church in its wider relationships. This theological and scholarly volume contains a comprehensive study of this subject by foremost Baptist historians representing years of research and conferences. Its subject matter will prove to be stimulating for discussion groups and for a deeper study on the doctrine of the church in the light of the stream of Baptist history and thought!

A SPIRITUAL CLINIC by J. Oswald Sanders. Moody Press—160 pages—\$2.75.

This is a comprehensive handbook on the Christian life. Dr. Sanders, general director of the China Inland

BOOK ORDERS

All books reviewed on this page, and other books as well, can be ordered from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. Orders can now be received for Dr. George A. Dunger's book, "At God's Command." (See Editorial). All orders will be promptly filled.

Mission for Australia and New Zealand, finds the answers to the complex strains and problems which the Christian worker encounters in the contemporary world, not in tranquilizers or stimulants, but in the application of scriptural principles. The method of treatment varies. But the author always has one basic solution—"a correct relationship with the Triune God, who is adequate for every emergency and competent to deal with the intricacies of every heart."

Among the subjects presented with clarity and with elucidation of scriptural principles are: Overcoming Tension and Strain; Despondency: Its Cause and Cure; The Function of Conscience; Conditions of Spiritual Leadership; What Constitutes a Missionary Call?; The Art of Praying With Authority; and The Strategic Use of Time. This book will have a dynamic and therapeutic effect upon your life and will help you to "go blithely into the new day" with a heart at perfect rest in God who is sufficient.

SEEKING TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD. By Hillyer C. Rice—The Warner Press—128 Pages—Cloth Binding, \$2.50; Paper Binding, \$1.25.

Many people, young and old, strive to know God's will. It is a much discussed subject. The author believes profoundly that "God has a will for us; we need to know what it is." But the spiritual problem is that "God rarely has our surrendered wills upon which he can create his plan. We often seek to adjust God's blueprint to our faulty foundations. It will not fit!" In this fine little book, Dr. Rice gives lucid, Scriptural directions to people with problems how they can find God's will for everyday living.

Mission Study Books on Africa

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor

AFRICA DISTURBED by Emory and Myrta Ross. Friendship Press—184 pages—Paper back—\$1.95.

THIS IS A superb, powerful mission study book in Africa. It has been written by two former missionaries in Africa who have made this

continent their "favorite subject." The disturbances in Africa are analyzed from the point of view of hundreds of Africans. Important conclusions are reached regarding the challenge of Africa today to the Christian church and to the modern program of Christian missions.

AT LIFE'S CROSSROADS. By Paul W. Milhouse—The Warner Press—112 Pages—\$2.50.

What does the Bible say to us about the crucial situations we face in life? This book is a guide to the study of major crossroad experiences in the lives of a few well-known Bible people. The experiences of Abraham at Mt. Moriah, Jacob at Bethel, Moses at Mt. Horeb, Herod at his birthday banquet, a public official who interviewed Jesus, and Paul on the road to Damascus have been selected for study because the situations these men faced were similar to many of our own. The reading of this book will help you to mould your Christian attitudes and decisions at your crossroads of life!

SOUTHERN BAPTIST PREACHING. Edited by H. C. Brown, Jr.—Broadman Press—227 Pages—\$4.00.

The book is a delightful open window into the lives of 22 outstanding Baptist ministers behind the pulpit! With each sermon is a brief biographical sketch of the preacher and a statement of several pages as to how he prepares to preach. Ministerial students will read this interesting book and seek to develop similar qualities in themselves. Mature pastors can test themselves in comparison with these Southern Baptist preachers. Laymen can find spiritual inspiration just by reading these choice sermons.

The names of some of the contributors and preachers and their sermon topics will show you the breadth and variety of the contemporary evangelical pulpit: C. Oscar Johnson, A Light in the Valley; Billy Graham, The Suffering Savior on a Crimson Cross; Robert G. Lee, It Is Finished; Theodore F. Adams (president of the Baptist World Alliance), The World Is Not Yet—But Ought to Be; Duke K. McCall, Help from a Broken Heart; Perry F. Webb, Sr. (guest speaker at the 1955 General Conference in Waco, Texas), I Am a Millionaire; and Caspar C. Warren (first chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee), Living Your Life at Its Best. In this volume you can sample Baptist preaching at its best and sit at the feet of some of God's choice ministers.

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THE WAY IN AFRICA by George Wayland Carpenter. Friendship Press—160 pages—Paper back, \$1.50.

The author served in Africa for over a quarter of a century as a Baptist missionary. In this interpretive book on Africa, he shows how Christian missionaries are still modern day pioneers who must overcome the new frontiers in this continent. Only so can the Gospel be carried into all the world. But these are also our frontiers. Africa is watching us and our lives.

Dr. Carpenter believes implicitly that Christ is Lord in this great missionary program in Africa. That which we have offered as our service he has taken and made his own among the Africans. "The church of Christ continues to live and to grow in Africa. Its witness may be poor and inadequate, but the Word of God continues to be spoken and heard. It answers the deepest need of lost, hungry, bewildered souls. It gives us a standing-ground outside ourselves in the grace and love of God, a basis of moral judgment in the mind of Christ, a release from sin in the Cross. "Christ and his Word are the true way of Africa!" This conviction is propounded and illustrated graphically throughout this fine book!

JUNGLES AHEAD by Esther D. Horner. Friendship Press—118 pages—Paper back, \$1.50.

There are many jungles in Africa, but not all jungles are forest, grass, sand or city. There are the old unconquered jungles of fear and ignorance, tribal hatreds and colonial injustices, poverty and disease. The six true stories in this book are about young men and women of Africa who have discovered that there is no jungle so dense that it cannot be penetrated with the Light that "shines in the darkness."

This is a beautifully illustrated book about African Christians which will enable you to see the jungle clearings in Africa and to have these faces etched sharply in your memory. It is a wonderful missionary book for young people and women to show to them the glory of Christian missions and the spiritual joy and capacity for growth in Christ in the lives of these African Christians.

From the Professor's Desk

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

Can you suggest some simple rules which might serve as a guide in interpreting the parables of Jesus?

Perhaps it would be well first to say something about the word *parable* itself. It derives from two Greek words which mean to *place along side of* for the purpose of comparison. A parable thus is an analogy between earthly elements and spiritual realities.

The first and most basic principle of interpretation is that a *parable has one point and only one point*. It is because this rule of interpretation has been violated that the parables of Jesus have been consistently misinterpreted in the history of the church. Thus we find Augustine interpreting the parable of "The Good Samaritan" as follows:

"The 'certain man' who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho is Adam. Jerusalem is the heavenly city of peace from which he fell, and Jericho our human mortality to which he went. The robbers are the Devil and his angels, who stripped Adam of his immortality. The priest and the Levite are the priesthood and ministry of the Old Testament which could not save. The Good Samaritan is Christ himself. The binding up of the traveller's wounds is the restraint of sin, while the oil poured in is the comfort of hope. The beast is the flesh in which Christ came to earth; the inn is the Church; the innkeeper the Apostle Paul; and the two pence, the commandments of love!"

This is far-fetched to be sure, but similar interpretations of parables are still in vogue in some circles today.

It was the German scholar, Adolph

Jülicher, who put an end to such maltreatment of the parables. In 1899 he published his now famous *Die Gleichnisse Jesu*, the chief thesis of which was that the parables must not be treated allegorically. They have one point, and one point only. It must be said, however, that although Jülicher's thesis is basically correct, there are parables which contain some allegory (e. g., the parable of The Wicked Vinedressers in which the owner is God, his servants, the Prophets, and the Beloved Son, Christ himself).

The second principle is that the *parables must be interpreted in close association with the mission for which Jesus Christ came into the world*. Jülicher failed to see this. For him the parables were simply a means of conveying moral truth. But in the context of the New Testament they are far more than that. Their chief subject is the Kingdom of God which our Lord came to establish. Thus, there is a series of parables which teach how this Kingdom comes and grows (e. g., The Mustard Seed, The Leaven.)

Another group relates what the blessings of that Kingdom are (e. g., The Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Prodigal Son), while a third group teaches the principles of discipleship of the Kingdom (e. g., The Tower Builder, The Warring King).

A last group has to do with the crises of the Kingdom (e. g., The Wicked Vinedressers)—Jesus' death and resurrection by means of which the Kingdom came to power. No adequate interpretation of these delightful stories of Jesus will disassociate them from the redemptive mission he came to accomplish for all mankind.

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Our guest editor, Mrs. Fred Paul, a member of the Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn., is an outstanding lay-woman in our denominational family. Her active participation in a number of community and school affairs has placed her in positions of leadership wherein her Christian influence is vitally felt. In 1955 she was a delegate to President Eisenhower's White House Conference on Education. At present, she is vice-president of the St. Paul Board of Education as well as a member of the National Citizens Council for Better Schools. We are happy to present her thought-provoking message in this column.

"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

By Mrs. Fred L. Paul

Again we come to that time of year when activities which have been semi-dormant during the summer months become re-activated for a busy season ahead. Numerous requests will be made of citizens to interest themselves in a wide variety of causes, some worthy, and some not so worthy. Just what should be the Christian's response to such requests for volunteer services in a community?

There are many instances in the Scriptures which encourage Christians to make correct and profitable use of their time. There are also many charges given Christians to engage in good works. In particular, Paul writes in Ephesians 5, verses 15 and 16: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, *redeeming the time*, because the days are evil."

Never were these words more *fraught with meaning* than today. Present conditions in many areas of our daily life should cause us grave concern. There are many unmet social, health and family needs facing many of our people, as well as problems peculiar to the youth of our land which must be faced and solutions sought. Attention must also be given to the major problems facing public education today, namely, man-power, housing and supplies—to mention but a few.

Yes, days such as these should serve to stir Christians everywhere to intensify their efforts to "redeem the time." The broad definition of the word "redeem" is "to improve conditions of anything by money, endeavor, devotion, sacrifice or the like." In light of this definition, let us endeavor to answer the question asked earlier relative to the response of Christians toward meeting these needs. We should respond according to the abilities and talents with which God has endowed us. This response should be two-fold:

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Senior CBYF Program Ideas

By Richard Rabenhorst, Member of the CBY Fellowship Executive Committee

ATENTION! All CBYF officers, Program Commissions, and all other members! In our day of special attractions, there has never been such an urgent need for CBY Fellowship programs that will draw attention. To keep your youth group active and alive, the programs you choose must present the right challenge at the right time.

Each member of your group needs to be led in the various aspects of his Christian life. Your neglect of presenting challenging and inspirational programs geared to his period of Christian growth may be the cause of his immature Christian character. As a CBY Fellowship member, you are commissioned to do everything for your group "as to the Lord." For Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord."

Since you know of the importance of Christ-directed programs, your first step should be to decide when to hold the program meetings at a time when the programs would be received most effectively.

The following CBY Fellowship program ideas have been presented by Northwestern Conference CBY Fellowship members.

VARIETIES IN MUSIC

1. Sing hymns of an author and present his biography.
2. Have a Hi-Fi record night. Each member brings his favorite Christian record, explains why it is his favorite and then plays it.
3. Stress meaning of words in songs. Read stanzas occasionally and make members conscious of testimonies, consecrations, etc., given in the songs.
4. Occasionally sing motion songs.
5. Play melodies of songs and have groups guessing titles.
6. Have concentrated hymn studies, perhaps favorite hymns of group.

VARIETIES IN SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER

1. Incorporate special CBY Fellowship prayer session on regular mid-week prayer night.
2. Have prayer lists for each member. Begin a "Missionary of the Month" program. The North American Baptist missionaries are especially remembered in prayer during the month on which they have a birthday. Present a biography of a missionary at your meeting and send him or her birthday greetings.
3. Encourage members to present special prayer requests.
4. Instead of regular Scripture reading have favorite verses, and testimony why it is the individual's favorite.
5. Give explanation and application

of short Scripture verses rather than just reading them.

6. Study types, methods, purposes, and patterns of prayer.

7. Study prayers given in Bible, such as Christ's prayers.

8. Study how to pray and types of prayer: prayers of praise, prayers of intercession, prayers of repentance, etc.

VARIETIES IN DISCUSSION GROUPS

1. Pick interesting topics vital to young people with a question or suggestion box.
2. Have you ever discussed "Love, Courtship and Marriage"? Use visual aids.
3. Have a study of what North American Baptists believe.
4. Have a detailed study of religions and cults.
5. Have debates, panel discussions and skits on varied subjects.

VARIETIES IN QUIZ SESSIONS

1. Have you ever played Tic Tac Toe? This can be done with two teams consisting of nine players each. Have chairs arranged in Tic Toe Toe formation. Have the x's and the o's answer Bible questions and take their proper chairs.
2. Have a quiz session on Scripture references related to various topics. For example: salvation, comfort, guidance, and other practical Christian workers' subjects.
3. Play \$64,000 question, Challenge, and What's My Line with Bible questions and characters.
4. Assign books of the Bible and have a detailed quiz on certain chapters.
5. Bible character studies and quizzes always are good.
6. Have a baseball quiz: (Not on baseball but played in the same manner with correct answers being hits, runs, and home runs. Wrong answers or no answers in given time are strikes and ultimately outs.)
7. Have a Baptist Beliefs' quiz.
8. Use "Twenty Questions" with Bible characters, missionaries, and books of the Bible.

Have you ever had a funeral service for your CBY Fellowship? If it seems dead, maybe you should bury it. Possibly this sounds absurd, but it is a means of stressing that it needs to be spiritually and physically awakened.

For help in presenting a complete Christian program about "Love, Courtship, and Marriage," obtain filmstrips and record narrations about such topics as "Going Steady," "Falling in Love," "Conduct on a Date," "When Should I Marry." Similar filmstrips

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What's Happening

● The German Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. John Goetze of Kitchener, Ontario, to which he has responded favorably. He has announced that he would begin his ministry in the Milwaukee church on January 15, 1960. He has served as the first full-time pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Kitchener since 1954.

● The Ridgmont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich., has extended a call to Rev. Walter Stein of Grand Forks, N. Dak., pastor of the Grace Baptist Church since 1955. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Ridgmont Church on Jan. 1, 1960, succeeding Rev. Otto Patzia, pastor-elect of the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

● Rev. Harold Sailer of Calgary, Alberta, who was recently ordained at the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, has accepted the call extended to him from the Bethel Chapel, Ames, Iowa. Rev. and Mrs. H. Sailer began their ministry at Ames on Sept. 27th. Bethel Chapel, an Interdenominational Church, is looking forward to a continuation of blessings under the leadership of its new pastor.

● The Dickinson County Baptist Church near Elmo, Kansas, has extended a call to Rev. J. G. Neugebauer of Dallas, Texas. He served formerly as pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, Gotebo, Okla., until he went to Texas a year ago for further studies. Recently Mr. Neugebauer married again, his first wife having passed away several years ago. He and his wife began their ministry in the Dickinson County Church on Sept. 6. Rev. Walter Weber was the previous minister of the church.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, N. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 11, with Rev. Howard Westlund of Carrington, N. Dak., as the guest speaker. The Alfred Baptist Church held its Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 13, with Rev. V. H. Prendinger, pastor of the Berlin Church, Fredonia, N. Dak., as the speaker. Rev. Bernard Edinger, pastor of the Grace Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., has begun a new series of studies on "The Ten Commandments."

● Rev. Lester N. Schoen, pastor of the Folsomdale Baptist Church, Cowlesville, N. Y., since April 1, 1959, has reported several interesting events in the church's life. Two baptismal services have been held, one in the early summer at a great outdoor service held at a beautiful private lake with about

200 people in attendance. Later "a song fest" was held at the same lake with several churches participating. Thus far, twelve new members have been received into the church through baptism and two others by letter. All branches of the church are active and are praising the Lord for his bountiful blessings.

● The First Baptist Church, Saint Joseph, Mich., held its annual Rally Day and Promotion Sunday on Sept. 27. Guests for the day were members of a quartet from Fort Wayne Bible College together with their accompanist. The annual Complimentary Dinner to Sunday School workers was held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 13. A series of Teacher Training Courses is being planned for the next few years until the spring of 1962 with Mrs. Richard Lewis as teacher. The first course on "New Testament Survey" is being conducted these fall months. Rev. L. H. Broeker is pastor of the church.

● The First Baptist Sunday School, Ellinwood, Kansas, held Rally Day on Oct. 4 with a goal of 150. A new Youth Program was recently launched with Training Union studies each Sunday evening at 8:15 p. m. following a brief Gospel service. On Sunday evening, Oct. 18, Rev. Edwin Michelson of Wichita, Kansas, served as guest speaker, reporting about the Wichita Church Extension project. From Nov. 9 to 15 the special Fall meetings are being held with Dr. Walter Wessel of the Seminary faculty teaching the epistle of James in lectures entitled, "A Plea for Vital Christianity."

● On Sunday morning, Sept. 27, the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., was honored to welcome to its service the Premier of the Southern Cameroons, His Excellency John N. Foncha, and the Minister of Public Works, The Honorable Solomon T. Muna. They were on a mission to the United Nations. On Friday evening, Oct. 2, Mr. Harold Johns of Forest Park, Ill., showed pictures of Africa and the Holy Land at the Prayer Fellowship Hour. On Rally Sunday, Oct. 4, Dr. Walter Macoskey, a son of the church, was the guest speaker. Rev. Paul F. Zoschke is the pastor of the church.

● The Baptist Home for the Aged, Portland, Oregon, has announced that the superintendent and matron, Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Berndt, have resigned and have brought their ministry there to a close. Mr. Berndt and his family left for Lodi, California, where they have established their residence. The Portland Home for the Aged has also announced the appointment of Rev.

and Mrs. Henry Barnet as the new superintendent and matron. They are already serving at the Home. Mr. Barnet was formerly pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Berndt had served the Portland Home since 1955.

● The Church Extension project in Winnipeg, Manitoba, maintained by the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg and the Church Extension Committee of the denomination, scheduled its first service on October 25. Rev. R. E. Grabke is the pastor. The temporary meeting place is the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium (3rd floor) across the street from the Hudson's Bay Store. Mrs. Russell Jenkins served as the guest soloist at the first services, all of which are being conducted in English. Mr. and Mrs. Grabke, after a honeymoon trip through the Canadian Rockies to Victoria and Glacier National Park, have been successful in locating very fine living accommodations in Winnipeg.

● Rev. G. Ben Lawrence, Cameroons missionary on furlough in the United States, is spending the months of October, November and December in a busy promotional program. He has visited churches and taken part in missionary conferences in the middle west and east as far as Rochester, N. Y. Early in November he and his wife were on the programs of the Oregon and California Associations. Later in November he will visit Alberta churches and speak in chapel services at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, besides visiting our Washington churches. He will spend the spring semester of 1960 in further studies at the Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, Portland, Oregon.

● An ordination council was convened by the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., on Sept. 18 for its pastor, Mr. William E. Christensen. Thirty-two delegates representing 18 churches participated. On Friday evening, Sept. 25, the ordination service was held by the church with Rev. Herbert Freeman presiding. Dr. Lloyd Kalland of the Gordon Divinity School, brought the ordination message and Rev. Stanley Washburn offered the ordination prayer. Others taking part in the service were Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm of Boston, Mass., Rev. A. Husmann of New York, N. Y., and Rev. Donald Mostrom of Union City, N. J. Rev. William E. Christensen, pastor of the Bridgeport church since June 1959, pronounced the benediction.

● A group of five families from the western suburbs of Chicago, Ill., held informal services last July to explore the possibilities for a new North American Baptist church in the Lombard-Glen Ellyn-Wheaton area. On August 6 they voted to be affiliated with the N. A. B. Conference and chose the name, Glenbard Baptist Church. At present, they are meeting

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The Long Search

By Sallie Lee Bell

A Prize-winning Christian Novel Laid in Texas.

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SYNOPSIS

James Thornton was an embittered young man. His father had been sent to prison by the false testimony and accusation of a business partner, Thomas Martin. There in prison his father had died and some time later his mother passed away from a broken heart. Now James Thornton was in a bus riding across Texas and bound for New Orleans, where he hoped to have his revenge on Thomas Martin. A young woman boarded the bus and sat next to him. Her mother had died and she was on her way to New Orleans to live with an aunt. Thornton tried to comfort her. "In time you will get over the keenness of your grief and you will be happy again," he said to her.

CHAPTER TWO

"IS THAT the way you feel?" she asked hopefully. "I don't seem to want to face the future without her."

"I haven't had time to think about myself or what life may hold for me," he said as the cloud of his obsession settled upon him again.

After he had accomplished his mission, what would life hold for him? Prison? Execution? Flight from the law? Constant fear of pursuit and capture? He refused to think what would happen afterwards. First let him find the man he sought, then he could begin to think of the consequences and plan for what might happen.

"But you're pretty young yourself," she offered with a smile. "Life can still hold the same for you that you say it can hold for me." The tears had been wiped away and she was in command of her emotions once more. "Mother used to say that for one who loved the Lord, the best was always ahead."

He turned surprised eyes upon her. "Your mother must have been a religious person to say something like that."

He had never heard his mother make a statement like that. In fact, he had never heard her say much about God, even though she was sweet and gentle and uncomplaining.

"My mother was a Christian," she replied. A look of sadness shadowed her expressive face. "She often talked to me about being one, but I was never interested and I am sure that I must have grieved her by my indifference." She uttered a sigh, so deep and so profound that it seemed to reach his own deep sorrow. "The last words she said to me I'll never forget. She said, 'I'm going home, darling. I shall be looking for you. Promise me that you will follow on to know the Lord.'" Once more she fought back the tears.

"Did you promise?" He was interested in spite of himself. He no longer resented her presence and he had forgotten his desire to be alone.

She shook her head. "Somehow I couldn't, because I felt that I wouldn't be telling the truth. I didn't have any desire to live as she did. She told me one day that I should be careful not to turn the Lord away, for I might turn Him away for the last time and then I would never have another opportunity to accept salvation. While she was waiting for me to promise her what she asked, she just closed her eyes and left me. That's what hurts so, that I didn't promise."

"It's just as well you didn't make a promise that you didn't want to keep," he offered, trying to comfort her. "Sometimes people ask impossible things on their deathbeds and it isn't fair to those who are left."

"But I should have given her that promise. It is something that I should try to keep, but I just don't feel any desire to keep it."

He had no answer for that and a silence fell between them.

"Wouldn't you rather sit by the window?" he asked presently.

"No. I'm all right here. I don't really care to look out. I'd rather rest and try to forget."

"Try to go to sleep," he advised. "That will help."

She smiled and laid her head against the seat and closed her eyes.

He looked at her again as her eyes remained closed and he resented the sympathy he had for her. He did not want to be interested in anyone. He had a sinister task to perform and there must be no room for sympathy or interest in anyone until that task was completed. He turned his gaze once more to the seared plains. How he wished that he could forget! But he had nursed this scheme of vengeance too long. It had grown until it had become a monster within him, controlling his every thought and coloring every purpose that he might have had in his past life, and now taking hold of his whole future. Where it would end he did not know and, just now, he did not care.

The bus stopped and the passengers piled out for dinner, glad of the opportunity to walk about and break the monotony of the ride. Texas might be a wonderful state, James said to himself, but the beauty of it must be somewhere off in the far spaces. He had not encountered any of it on this trip.

He rose and stretched himself, then turned to see if the girl was still asleep. She had sat quietly for so long that he was sure she must have been sleeping, but when he stood she opened her eyes and looked inquiringly at him.

"We're stopping to eat," he told her. "You'd better go and get something. The night will be long and you'll get hungry."

She rose and stood in the aisle while he went ahead, then she followed. He had not asked her to accompany him, but she followed him nevertheless and sat down opposite him at the only unoccupied table.

"Do you mind if I sit here?" she asked.

"Of course not." He managed a smile. "What will you have?" he asked as he looked over the menu.

"I think I'll just take a doughnut and coffee."

He thought she was ordering this because she did not have money for a full meal and again he felt sorry for her. The shadows under her eyes told of sleepless nights and of grief. He could understand what she had experienced, for the memory of his own experience was fresh and the poignancy of his grief was still there, though he had tried to bury it when he started on his search.

"You'd better eat more than that," he advised. "We won't stop again until morning for breakfast. I'm going to order a good thick steak. That will be enough for both of us. How about some fried potatoes and a salad?" He felt that he was being extravagant, for he did not have much money himself, but she reminded him of a little lost kitten and he wanted to see her eat a good meal and enjoy it.

"I couldn't let you do that," she demurred. "I could order the potatoes and the salad and share them with you."

"You can order something for breakfast, but let me do this now. The order will be more than I can eat and there's no use letting good food go to waste."

He gave the order without further comment and as they waited for it to be filled, they sat silent for a time looking at the other passengers.

"I wonder what they find to talk about," he remarked. "Some people always seem to be talking, but they never seem to say anything worthwhile."

"I've always wished that I could talk easily." She smiled ruefully. "Mother used to say that sometimes silence is golden, but I'm afraid that's not the truth with me. It's just plain stupid."

"That remark wasn't stupid. In fact, it sounded wise." He gave her a smile that was a little more friendly. She was not only a little lost kitten, she was a lovely girl, as fragile as a costly bit of china, with delicate coloring and features that would grace a miniature.

His interest in her and his admiration of her beauty were purely impersonal. No thought of romance entered his mind. He had no time for romance. Romance and murder would not mix. The thought of what he planned to do brought another feeling of revulsion, but he grimly tried to conquer this unpleasant sensation as their order came and they began to eat. She protested as he piled her plate with potatoes and gave her half of the steak, but he only smiled as he set the plate before her.

"You look as if you need a few thick steaks. They would put a few pounds on you and bring back the color to your cheeks."

"I haven't felt like eating for a long time," she said while her eyes clouded. "While Mother was sick I was anxious about her, then when she died, I just couldn't eat. I really am enjoying this," she added brightly. "This steak must have come from some of our good Texas beef."

"I suppose those uninteresting plains are good for something after all," he remarked. "They look like a lot of waste land to me."

"Without them there would be no good cattle grazing grounds and people would be wishing for steaks that they'd never get."

"Now I call that saying the right words at the right time and spoken like a Texan," he said.

She laughed. He observed how her face became alight and animated when she laughed. He thought that perhaps this was the first time she had laughed in quite some time.

"I didn't know that I could do it," she remarked with a twinkle in her deep gray eyes.

"Have you ever been to New Orleans?" he asked.

"No. My aunt moved there after my father died and then Mother and I couldn't afford to visit her. Mother worked until she got sick and I worked after I finished school. I do hope my aunt will be there to meet me as she said she would. I'd feel lost in that city if she weren't there."

"I'm sure she will be if she said she would."

He was hoping she would be there. He didn't want this girl on his hands when he reached New Orleans. He had his own affairs to attend to. The little lost kitten would be a nuisance if her aunt didn't appear.

"Have you ever been to New Orleans?" she asked.

"No. I've lived in the west all of my life."

"Are you going there for a visit or just on business?"

"I'm going on business."

He could feel the sudden gravity in his voice and he could feel the grimness of that business once more enveloping him with its sinister hold. He wished he could forget it, but its hold upon him was too strong.

She noticed the sudden change, the shadow in his eyes, the grim lines about his mouth and she wondered about it.

"I hope everything will work out all right for you," she said. "You have helped to make this trip pleasant when I was dreading it so much."

"I'm glad if I helped," he replied.

She hoped that his business would work out all right! If she only knew what that business was she would shun him as if he had the plague. If it did work out all right he would never see her again, that was certain. He would be on his way, fleeing from the law. All the rest of his life he would be fleeing even if no one pursued him. He would be fleeing from his own guilty conscience, and from

that there would be no escape. But he would have paid the debt and just now that was all that mattered. Somewhere in New Orleans there was a man who must suffer as he had made his father suffer. Not in the same way. That would be too good for him. Long years in prison, even in mental anguish would be far too good. He would still be alive. He must make him suffer both physical as well as mental anguish before he died. First he must find that man. That might take time and he was anxious to begin his search as soon as he had reached the city.

"You must be thinking about your mother," she ventured timidly as she saw the dark look upon his face.

He recovered himself with an effort. "I was thinking about that business of mine," he told her truthfully. "But that can wait. Let's have some ice cream to top off this meal."

When they returned to the bus they talked for a while, then they settled back for the long night ride. Presently the lights were turned out and all was silent, but James could not sleep. Once during the night the bus stopped to let a passenger leave. He opened his eyes and looked about him and saw that the girl was also awake. She gave him a faint smile.

"I can't sleep very well. I'm not used to this noise," she said.

"Neither am I. You never did tell me your name," he remarked.

"It's Faith. Faith Ransom."

"Faith Ransom," he repeated. "That's pretty."

"Mother said it was typical. She said that Ransom was what Jesus did when He shed His blood for our sins and that we have to accept the gift of eternal life through faith, so when she married Daddy and I came along, she said that Faith fitted so well with Ransom that she could not name me anything else. I'm sure that I disappointed her when I never did have the faith she hoped and prayed that I would have."

"Perhaps someday you will." His words carried no conviction to himself, for he knew nothing of the faith she mentioned, but he had to say something, for sadness had overshadowed her again.

"I do want to feel that I shall see her again. She used to say that God would answer the prayer of faith and then she would smile and say that that meant me." She was silent a moment, then she said, "You never did tell me your name."

"I'm James Thornton." "My father's name was James. Mother used to call him Jimmie. He never would let anyone else call him that. Said it sounded too silly, as if he were just a kid. Mother used to tell him that he was just like a little boy to her. I'll always love that name."

There was no coquetry in her eyes as they looked into his. She was not really thinking of him, he knew, but of her father and mother who were gone. The lights went out and the bus

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Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 22, 1959

Theme: PHILIP, WILLING
EVANGELIST

Scripture: Acts 8:4-6; 26-38

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God would not ask us to be willing if he did not know that we are able.

INTRODUCTION: In a measure all teaching and preaching are evangelism. If any evangelist is one who proclaims good tidings, then every Christian can be called an evangelist, simply by witnessing to what Christ has done for him. But before we can have any measure of success in evangelism we must, first, like Philip, be willing. When our willingness is once united with God's purpose, then the opportunities will present themselves wherever we go.

One of the most meaningful sayings of Jesus, found in John 7:17, illustrates the power of willingness: "If any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority" (RSV). As long as we merely assent to God's will intellectually as a doctrine but never put it into practice, we will never know the fullness of his will in our lives.

It was not enough for Philip to believe that it was God's will to save the Ethiopian; he had to be willing to put God's will into effect.

If we were to look for a key note to the lesson, it could best be expressed in these words: It is God's will that you be willing!

I. ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES AND GOD'S WILL. Acts 8:4-6.

Many Christians pull in the reins of their willingness as soon as they encounter difficulty. God does not map out the route for our lives on a four-lane thoroughway. Remember it is a narrow way—a way that often leads through dangers, through valleys, over mountains, around detours, and yet it always has God's will as its goal. Paul said, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (I Cor. 16:9).

Philip and these early Christians were scattered abroad. Circumstances which were supposedly against them were looked upon as being for them. They simply used the opportunity to spread the Word. Philip was already on the third phase of the Great Commission—Jerusalem, Judea and now Samaria.

II. THE INDIVIDUAL AND GOD'S WILL. Acts 8:26-29.

How often we have heard complaints of ministers and churches who have talked about the elaborate plans they made for evangelistic services and the expenses involved, but in spite of all their efforts only one or two souls were saved. Very seldom is such a re-

vival referred to as successful. But here we have an evangelist going on a special campaign to win one soul. There is no doubt that it is God's will to save that soul. But how much are we willing to give, how much are we willing to work, how far are we willing to go to put God's will into effect? The value of one soul has not changed. It is still worth more than the whole world.

III. THE SCRIPTURES AND GOD'S WILL. Acts 8:30-35.

There are other ways of finding God's will: through prayer, through circumstances, through understanding friends, through the Holy Spirit. But even these, to a great extent, are dependent on whether we are willing to read the Scriptures. God will open his Word to you only if you are willing to open it first.

The Ethiopian opened the Scriptures; Philip opened his understanding; and the Holy Spirit opened his heart.

IV. BAPTISM AND GOD'S WILL. Acts 8:36-38.

This is one of the clearest illustrations of the method and meaning of New Testament baptism. It ought to lead every Baptist teacher and pastor to encourage the believer to obedience in following the Lord in this holy ordinance. The eunuch went on his way rejoicing, knowing that he was willing to follow Christ all the way.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: November 29, 1959

Theme: SAUL CONFRONTED BY
CHRIST

Scripture: Acts 9:1-9

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The chief of sinners comes face to face with the Chief Shepherd. (see I Tim. 1:15; I Peter 5:4).

INTRODUCTION: If we were to write a book on the great conversions in history, then certainly Saul of Tarsus would still be on top of the list. No other event recorded in the New Testament, outside of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, equals in importance the dramatic conversion of Saul. Besides the four gospels, very little would have been added to the New Testament. Paul was a prolific writer, preacher, organizer and traveler. Someone looked at a beautiful cathedral and said, "It shows what

God can do if only he had some money." Paul is one of a few outstanding examples of whom it can be said, "It shows what the Holy Spirit can do if only he had a man."

Every one of us has the opportunity of being confronted by Christ on the Damascus Road. Perhaps not in the same melodramatic way in which Paul was confronted, yet he appears there, nevertheless. But it seems more people take a detour when they come close to the Damascus Road than on any other highway. They are afraid of being "held up" by Christ. For here on this road you must ask the three most important questions in your life:

1. What wilt thou have me do?
2. What wilt thou have me be?
3. Where wilt thou have me go?

Paul performed the right action; he became the right being; and he found the right direction. What a difference it made in his life!

I. SAUL'S HATRED. Acts 9:1-2.

In the strictest sense of the term, Paul was zealously true to the teaching and training of his generation, and the generations before him. He was indoctrinated and brain-washed to such a degree that he could not help but hate anything that interfered with his religiously disciplined life. But instead of making a saint out of him, it made him only a bigger sinner. Luke, his most intimate friend, pictures him as a dragon monster "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord."

II. GOD'S LOVE. Acts 9:3-7.

Here is God's love and concern manifested at their greatest degree. How the great love of Jesus Christ can penetrate the great hate of such a man is a miracle which cannot be explained. Saul was almost at the gate of Damascus planning to commit his greatest sin. Instead, God opened the gate of grace and he was able to enter and become the greatest saint. There is no sin, no matter how dark, that cannot be penetrated by the light from heaven. Paul could truly say from experience, "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20).

III. SAUL'S DARKNESS. Acts 9:8-9.

Saul was living in sin and hatred so long that he was not accustomed to light and love. The darkness which Saul experienced now was merely external darkness. His soul was now alight with the love of Christ. It was, no doubt, providential that the outer light was denied him for a while so that the inner light could grow stronger and brighter.

In the story of Saul of Tarsus, we see more clearly the nature and significance of conversion. We must be careful not to over-emphasize the method of conversion. It is important to note that, throughout Paul's long ministry, never does he impose on anyone the same method and condition of his experience as a proof of conversion.

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Eastern District

1959 Institute for Pastors And S. S. Superintendents

The 1959 project of the Atlantic Conference Sunday School Committee was an Institute for pastors and superintendents, held Sept. 11 and 12, on the campus of Northeastern Bible Institute in Essex Fells, N. J. Fifteen of our 22 churches were represented. Following the supper hour on Sept. 11, a general assembly was held during which Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm of Boston addressed the group on "Partners in Christ's Service." The first workshop, ENLISTING THE HOME, followed and was conducted by the local conference S. S. Secretary, Rev. H. J. Freeman of Hamden, Conn.

On Saturday morning two workshops, LESSON EVALUATION and TEACHER TRAINING, were conducted by Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of our Sunday School Union. The last workshop, ATTENDANCE BUILDING, was ably conducted by Rev. William Lincoln.

The excellent services of Mr. Zimmerman were well received and greatly appreciated by all. From comments heard and observations made this project was well worth the effort and may be repeated after three years. Tentative plans of the conference S. S. Committee call for three or four regional conferences next year.

Herbert J. Freeman, Reporter

Eventful Services, Bethel Church, Amherst, N. Y.

Sunday, Sept. 13, was a wonderful day for the members and friends of Bethel Baptist Church, Amherst, New York, (formerly of Buffalo, N. Y.), as this marked the first worship service in the new church building at 1749 Millersport Highway. We have gone forward with the Lord as our Captain, under the capable leadership of our beloved pastor, Rev. Albert Fadenrecht. This first service was a combined Sunday School Rally and Morning Worship Hour, with recitations and songs by the children, a vocal solo by Miss Carolyn David, and an illustrated message by Rev. Edward Sanders, Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship in the Buffalo area. During the worship hour, the choir sang "Lord God Almighty." Our pastor brought a most fitting message on the theme, "A Spiritual Home."

The evening service gave special recognition to our young people returning to school, and testimonies were given by several who are leaving for college. Miss Beth Kroeker sang, and our pastor brought a brief message on "By Faith." The first baptismal service in the new church was held on Sunday evening, Sept. 27, with 8 persons following the Lord in Christian baptism. Already we have gained many new friends in the area to which the Lord has directed us.

Mrs. Irene Stocker, Reporter

Eastern Conference Women's Missionary Union Sessions

The Eastern Conference Women's Union held its annual meeting in Killaloe, Ont., on Sept. 4 and 5. Rev. Arthur McAsh, pastor of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., added to the festive occasion with his illustrated report, based on his recent visit abroad to our mission fields in the Cameroons. Mrs. Arthur Weisser, our president from Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Arthur Hartman from the Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y., read the Scripture alternately, and Mrs. M. Kuehl from Killaloe, Ont., led in prayer. On Saturday morning we met for breakfast and our business session. Mrs. Robert Kemnitzer from the Temple Church of Buffalo, N. Y. led us in our devotions and Mrs. L. Kauffeldt from the Arnprior Church led in prayer.

The newly elected officers are: president, Mrs. R. Mikolon, Erie, Penn.; vice-president, Mrs. L. Kauffeldt, Arnprior, Ont.; vice-president, Mrs. A. Harrison, Erie, Penn.; secretary, Mrs. W. C. Damrau, Buffalo, N. Y.; treasurer, Mrs. R. Portenier, Erie, Penn. The past president, Mrs. Arthur Weisser, deserves our heartfelt thanks for her services and fine leadership during her years of office. It is our fervent prayer that we, the women, can attain the goal set before us, to raise \$2,000 for the triennium.

Gretna Damrau, Secretary

Central District

Baptism of 13 Converts, Calvary Church, Corn, Okla.

We at the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Okla., can recount many blessings which God has graciously shared with us recently. On Sunday evening, Aug. 30, thirteen candidates followed their Lord in baptism. In the picture they are (back row—left to right): David Block, Floyd Ruhl, Rev. Jack Block (pastor), Kenneth Flaming and



Twelve of the 13 young people who were baptized by Rev. Jack Block (center, back row), pastor of the Calvary Church, Corn, Okla.

Timothy Franz; (front row): Bonnie Franz, Pamela Unger, Susan Thiessen, Charlotte Nikkel, Patty Richert, Jeanne Richert, Linda Kosanke, Frances Ratzlaff and Patsy Kroeker (not pictured). They along with Mrs. Kenneth Flaming, who was received by church letter, were welcomed into the fellowship of the church by Rev. Jack Block, our pastor.

Mrs. A. W. Leppke, Reporter

Recent Events at Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak.

A farewell service on August 30 was tendered by the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak., to the Edwin Michelson family, as they have left this field for Church Extension work at Wichita, Kansas. Rev. Edwin Michelson was our pastor for 3½ years. The Michelsons are missed in the church and community where everyone learned to know and to love them. A handkerchief shower was given in our Woman's Missionary Society for Mrs. Michelson previously. Mr. Michelson was also remembered.

During the month of August our church gained 3 members by letters. We were privileged to have as guest speaker for our Mission and Harvest Festival on Sept. 30th, Dr. Ralph Powell of our Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He delivered the morning and afternoon messages. At noon everyone was invited to a pot-luck dinner. In spite of poor crops this past season, our people did very well in laying up treasures of \$1,040 for the Lord's work. The Sunday School rendered a Promotion Rally Day program during the worship period on Sept. 27. Mr. Leo Friez, our superintendent, was in charge of the program.

Mrs. C. E. Aldinger, Reporter

Ordination of Rev. Kenneth Howe, Stafford, Kansas

Ten churches with twenty-six messengers convened at the invitation of the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas, to examine Mr. Kenneth Howe, a candidate for ordination to the ministry. Rev. Merle L. Brenner and Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher were elected moderator and clerk of this council.

With clarity and preciseness, Mr. Howe humbly presented his conversion experience, call to the ministry and doctrinal beliefs. The council was impressed by the influence of the Christian home upon the life and ministry of this young man. After a period of significant questioning, the council recommended that the Calvary Baptist Church proceed with the public ordination of our brother.

The candidate's pastor, Rev. Hans J. Wilke, gave the ordination message and all in attendance rejoiced to see this public acknowledgment of the leading of the Lord in the setting apart of this young minister whom we pray will be greatly used of God as pastor of the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Washington.

Douglas H. Gallagher, Council Clerk

Events at Rosenfeld Church Near Anamoose, N. Dak.

From May 25-29 the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of Anamoose, N. Dak., had its annual Vacation Bible School. The Lord blessed us with 29 fine pupils and 8 consecrated teachers and workers.

It was our privilege to do some remodeling on our church during the past summer. New windows were put in as well as redecorating the exterior and interior. We put \$1,300 into this project. On August 23 we had a dedication for these improvements with Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. We had wonderful weather for the occasion, and at present only a few dollars remain to be paid. For this we are indeed grateful to the Lord, our God. Arnold Friez, Pastor

Baptism and Bible Studies, Steamboat Rock, Iowa

Recently, following a Sunday evening service in the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, it was our happy privilege to witness twelve of our young people follow the Lord in baptism. The baptismal service was conducted by our pastor, Rev. Kurt Marquardt. Eleven of these were given the right hand of fellowship and received into the membership of our church at our communion service.

During the week of Sept. 13-18 our hearts were inspired and challenged with the messages brought to us by Dr. S. F. Logsdon, former pastor of Moody Memorial Church of Chicago, also author of several Christian books. The blessings received from the expounded Word of God during these days will be long remembered.

Verna Luiken, Reporter

Shell Creek Church, Nebraska, Reports of Blessings

The Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Nebr., can look back upon the past summer with many enjoyable spiritual blessings. We had a fine Vacation Bible School, and this year we participated in the Scripture memory program set up by our denominational worker, Miss Ruth Bathauer. We were happy for 22 children completing this course and receiving awards. Our Ladies' Mission Society also held a Family Night picnic in the park. Following the supper, the ladies held an open air program centering around the importance of the Christian Home.

From Sept. 9-16 we held special revival meetings with Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer from Ashley, N. Dak., in charge. Our hearts rejoiced with two who came forward and made a profession of faith on Saturday morning during the junior meeting.

Mrs. Allen Mohrmann, Church Clerk

Farewell Service for Pastor, Immanuel Church, Oklahoma

On Sunday, Sept. 27, Rev. and Mrs. Eleon Sandau brought their ministry to a close at the Immanuel Church of Loyal, Oklahoma. It was with regret that we saw them leave our church. But we praise God for their four years of faithful service in our midst. During the morning service, we witnessed the baptism of three children. One young woman joined the church

through testimony. The hand of fellowship was extended to them during the communion service.

In the evening a farewell service was held for Mr. and Mrs. Sandau and their family. After a challenging farewell message by the pastor, Mr. Sam Geis was in charge of the service. Representatives of the various organizations of the church expressed their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Sandau for faithful service and wishing them God's richest blessing at Randolph, Minn. The church presented the Sandaus with a gift of money and the Woman's Missionary Union presented Mrs. Sandau with a gift.

Mrs. Sam Geis, Reporter

Encouraging Events, Baptist Church, Buffalo Center, Ia.

The First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, is happy to report seven baptisms during the summer. Our Sunday School is growing following a contest in May. Less than two years after dedicating our new Sunday School rooms, we celebrated the payment of all indebtedness (\$11,000) with a note burning ceremony, in which our trustees took part.

Our mission giving for this year has been around \$12,000. One of our missionaries receives full support and a number of others are given partial support. The latest additions to this group are the Les Magees, who are missionary appointees to Brazil. Mrs. Magee is a member of our church.

The Mission Band Guest Day was held on Oct. 21 with Rev. Ralph Cook of the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield as speaker. "The Bible and Tomorrow" series of meetings by Pastor Cook were then held from Oct. 22 to 30. Rev. W. G. Gerthe is the pastor of our church.

Mrs. Joe Jurgens, Reporter

43rd Anniversary Program, Women's Society, Lehr, N. Dak.

Thanks be to God for the prayers he has answered. We as the Ladies' Aid of the Ebenezer Church, Lehr, N. Dak., gave that as our testimony at our 43rd anniversary. Only one charter member is left, namely, Mrs. Anna Kessler. She was presented with a gift by our vice-president, Mrs. John Kranzler, from our Ladies' Aid while Mrs. E. S. Fenske, our president, made appropriate remarks. The members of the Berlin Baptist Church and Rev. and Mrs. Victor Prendinger were invited to enjoy the evening with us.

The following program was presented with Mrs. E. S. Fenske, our president, in charge: two group songs, musical numbers, poem, and the dialogue, "I Love to Tell the Story." The offering was a little over \$66.00. The following report was given by our secretary, Mrs. J. Schopp. We were able to raise \$1,043.32, which was spent as follows: new hymnals for our church; women's mission project; White Cross medical supplies, jackets and blankets for Crystal Springs youth camp. Sacrifice offering is given one month each year. We also gave a missionary tea with Miss Eleonor Weisenburger as speaker. We have not failed to remember our Old People's Home with gifts and food. At present we total 24 members and one honorary member.

Mrs. Jacob Schopp, Reporter

Farewell for Pastor and Family, Randolph, Minn.

On August 30 members and friends of the Randolph Baptist Church, Randolph, Minnesota, met after the morning service for a pot-luck dinner honoring Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Itterman and family, this being their last Sunday in the pastorate of the church, before going to Hutchinson, Minn.

After a bountiful meal, the program was presented. Thoughts fitting for the occasion were expressed by the chairman of the deacon board, the moderator, the president of the Woman's Missionary Society, and the assistant Sunday School superintendent. Several numbers were sung by the male quartet, this being the last Sunday before George Engler, who was a member of the quartet and also Sunday School superintendent, moved to Watertown, Wisconsin. (The church had given a farewell program for Mr. and Mrs. Engler and family the previous Sunday evening.) A gift was given to the Ittermans from the church, and each of their two sons was given a gift by their Sunday School classes. Mr. and Mrs. Itterman responded with words of appreciation.

Edna Miller, Clerk

Closing and Opening Church Doors, Cherokee, Okla.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, the Bethel Baptist Church, Cherokee, Okla., held Homecoming Day in the church at Ingersoll. This was the last service in the old church building which was dedicated in 1918. The history of the church was reviewed and many memories of the Lord's blessings and the happy fellowship in the years gone by were recalled. Some of those present were descendants or relatives of those few, who first met together to worship soon after the opening of the Cherokee Strip in 1892.

A special service was conducted by our pastor, Rev. Kenneth Unruh, for the closing of the doors of the old church. We were comforted by the thought that, although the doors of the old church were being closed, we are looking forward to the opening of new doors in the city of Cherokee. On the following Sunday, Sept. 20, we met for the first service in the new church and for the cornerstone laying exercises. It too was a blessed day with good attendance. Under the leadership of our pastor we have begun a program of visitation.

Mrs. Herbert A. Meyer, Reporter

Building Improvements and Mission Festival, Selfridge

It's only a small group of Baptists here in Selfridge, N. Dak., but we are determined to keep the Gospel light shining for the King. Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. David Litke, the parsonage has been completely renovated. New walls, woodwork with birch doors in butternut stain decorate all of the downstairs. The bathroom has been tiled and furnished with a nice vanity and large mirror. New birch cabinets are in the kitchen which also sports a new Philco refrigerator supplied by the Ladies' Aid. A 108 inch picture window and wall to wall tweed rug with heavy padding help to complete the large living room. New inlaid carpeting has

been placed in the bath, utility, kitchen and study. To make the house complete a built-on garage has been added. Sept. 6th was designated as dedication Sunday and an offering of \$650.00 received to help defray the costs of materials.

On Sept. 27th Rev. and Mrs. Allan Strohschein spent the Sunday in our midst as the guest speaker for the Harvest Mission Festival. A delicious lunch furnished by the ladies of the church served to make the day a real church family affair. An offering in the amount of \$525 was received.

Henry Geigle, Clerk

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. A. Van Kley, Baileyville, Ill.

Members and friends of the Baptist Church, Baileyville, Ill., held a surprise reception for their new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. A. VanKley and daughter, Sharon, on Sept. 17. Ben Zimmerman presided. A program was given with various leaders of different organizations of the church taking part: Relman DeVries, deacon, represented the church; Mrs. Alvin Manus, president of the King's Daughters, for the society; James Hartman for the Sunday School; and Jack Birkholz for the CBY.

Several vocal and musical numbers were enjoyed. Rev. Beldin of Freeport, who supplied the church on Thursday evening prayer meeting and Rev. Squibb of Rockford, who served the church as interim pastor, both spoke words of greeting. Rev. J. Abel, visiting pastor, spoke briefly and reminisced of events when he served the church 35 years ago. Pastor and Mrs. VanKley were presented with a large supply of groceries. Both responded with words of gratitude and thanks-giving.

Mrs. Herman Renkema, Reporter

Dedication of Educational Unit, Bethany Church, Milwaukee

Sunday, Sept. 20, was a red letter day for the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., for it marked the dedication of our \$70,000 educational unit. This structure, which includes a kitchen, adds ten classrooms to the Sunday School. On this day, the School, under the able leadership of Miss Marie Baudisch, met in the beautiful new addition. Dr. John Leyboldt, a former pastor, delivered an inspiring message.

The service which followed was led by our beloved pastor, Rev. Wilmer Quiring. The architect presented the keys to Mr. William Erbach, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who accepted them on behalf of the church. The choir anthem, "Sanctus," was directed by Mr. Kenneth Miller and accompanied by Mrs. Fred Abitz at the organ. Dr. Leyboldt led in the dedicatory prayer. The challenging dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary.

In the evening, a community service was held to which neighboring churches had been invited. After words of welcome, Ben Anderson led a song service. The choir sang, "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place." In honor of Mr. Quiring's eight-year ministry at Bethany, the church presented him with a statement of appreciation and a money gift. After a song by our ladies' sextet, letters from the Racine

and Watertown churches were read. Dr. Ezra Roth spoke on behalf of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention. Greetings were extended by Mr. Emil Quade for the Immanuel Church, Mr. Emil Brenner for the Zion German Church, Rev. Rudolph Woyke for Temple Church, Rev. John Kroeker for Bethel German Church, and Rev. Edgar Klatt for the Kenosha Church. Dr. Leyboldt represented our North American Baptist Conference.

Laura Weihe, Reporter

Minnesota Association Meets With Minnetrista Baptist Church

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Association was held at the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., from Sept. 18-20. The theme, "All Scripture . . . is Profitable," taken from II Timothy 3:16, 17 was presented to us by Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., Dr. C. H. Seecamp, LaCrosse, Wis., and Rev. Curtis B. Akenson, Minneapolis, Minn.

Our moderator, Rev. Donald Gantstrom, presided at our business sessions. A report on the Brookpark Extension project of Minneapolis was given by Rev. A. Huber, the pastor. The association voted to donate a gift to the Brookpark Extension project to be used for rental fees and to encourage all associational churches and Sunday Schools to assist the project in various ways. An important decision made by the association was to establish a Laura Reddig Scholarship Fund for nursing students of the North American Baptist churches, preferably of the Minnesota Association, who are training at the Mounds-Midway School of Nursing in St. Paul, Minn. The following officers were elected: moderator, Dr. C. H. Seecamp; vice-moderator, Mr. Theodore Hirsch; secretary, Rev. T. Harfst; treasurer, Mr. Myron Ziemi; Mission Committee, Mr. Edward Adam.

On Saturday afternoon simultaneous workshops were directed by Mrs. D. Harfst, Misses Betty and Alma Zimmerman, Mr. Milton Jahn, and Mr. Al Ahlquist. In the evening simultaneous suppers were held in various churches in the area for the Woman's Missionary Union, Baptist Men, and C. B. Y. Fellowship.

Mrs. Ben Woyke, Reporter



Vacation Bible School children of the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon, taking part in the "Adventurama Program."

Western District

Women's and S. S. Meetings, Elk Grove, California

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., held its 34th anniversary program on Sept. 27. The song service was led by Mrs. Henry Rauser. The welcome was by the president of the society, Mrs. Ed Kammerer; Scripture reading by the vice-president, Mrs. Roy Dolliver; solo by Mrs. Alvin Adam; prayer by Mrs. Ed Kammerer; and musical reading by Miss Theo Wuttke. The mission offering amounted to \$150. The speaker for the evening was our pastor, Rev. Walter Berkan, his topic being "Women of Distinction."

Sunday School week was held from Sept. 27 to Oct. 4. It was a week of intensive activity aimed at the improvement of the Sunday School. Sunday morning was Rally Day with prizes given for the class that had the largest percentage of increase in attendance. Monday night the teachers and officers of the church school had a meeting to evaluate the aims and goals of the work. On Tuesday night the choir conducted a special prayer service on behalf of the Sunday School. On Wednesday evening the pastor's topic was "The Model Sunday School Teacher." On Thursday night the parents of the school children attended Parents' Night at the public school system. On Friday night, volunteers gathered to visit new people and those who have needs. Sunday was PROMOTION DAY. At this time there was also a dedication service for all teachers and officers.

Mrs. Leonard Fandrich, Reporter

Vacation Bible School, Sherwood Baptist Church of Oregon

"Adventuring With Christ" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School at the Stafford Baptist Church, Sherwood, Oregon. We praise the Lord for an enrollment of 124 children and an average daily attendance of 100. Our 24 teachers and helpers rendered a fine service in guiding these youngsters through the King's Adventureland. Those on the staff were: Counsellor, Rev. E. A. Gerlitz; Director, Mrs. Sally Opper; Nursery Supt., Mrs. Terry Jones; Helpers, Mrs. Arlene Phillips, Linda Jo Raicy and Alice Payne; Beginner Supt., Mrs. Vivian Crawford; Teachers and Helpers, Mrs. Lois Stevens, Mrs. Edna Waite, Danny Lundy and Janice Keller; Primary Supt., Mrs. Jean Angell; Teachers and Helpers, Mrs. Lillian Gerlitz, Mrs. Marge Warner, Mrs. Carol Manuel, Larry Young, Barbara Angell and Joey Shade; Junior Supt., Mrs. Edith Sothorn; Teachers and Helpers, Mrs. Martha Miller and Mrs. Gladys Payne.

Total of daily mission offerings amounted to \$51.05 which was sent to further the Gospel in our mission field in Africa. An "Adventurama Program" was given Friday night at the close of the Bible School. Each department presented recitations, songs and skits. Highlight of the program was a Knighting Ceremony.

Mrs. Sally Opper, Reporter



Some of the 350 enrolled scholars and 54 teachers and workers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California.

Vacation School of Magnolia Church, Anaheim, California

With the theme, "Adventuring with Christ," 25 young people made decisions for Christ during Vacation Bible School held August 3-14 at the Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif. Eighteen of those decisions were for salvation and seven of the young people consecrated their lives for Christian service. Eight departments, under the direction of Barbara Lindsay, were served by superintendents and 54 teachers and workers. An enrollment of 350 shared adventures in Christian living and working and participated in sharing their experiences in a demonstration night at which 550 were present. Handcraft, woodwork, copper work, picture mosaics and other craft articles were displayed.

Robert Roloff presided. Rev. Edward Kopf of Odessa, Wash., and Rev. F. W. Klein of Colfax, Wash., gave words of welcome and encouragement. It was learned that Mr. Klein, during his ministry at Stafford, Kansas some years before, had the privilege to baptize Mr. Howe.

The various organizations of the church welcomed the new pastor and his wife into their midst and promised full support to them. Joan Schmautz and Robert Roloff sang a duet. Several choruses were sung by the group. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Howe both responded and spoke words of appreciation. They were especially grateful for the pantry shower which was given them. A fine spirit of fellowship prevailed throughout the evening, and we are eagerly looking forward to the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Howe in our

Reception for Minister, First Church, Lodi, California

The members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., had the joy of welcoming Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Buhler and their children, Donna and Ross, on Sunday evening, Sept. 20th, as their pastor and family. We are truly thankful for their safe arrival, and for the leading of the Lord in the calling of the Buhlers. Mr. A. R. Heinle, chairman of the Executive Board, was in charge of the reception program, and he called upon the various department heads to express the welcome of the church. Mrs. Bertha Schopp represented the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. Dorothy Dehr represented the Sunday School and the young people of the church; and Adolph Bertsch the Board of Deacons and the entire membership of the church.

Words of greeting were expressed by Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Temple Baptist in Lodi; Mr. Ed Neher, representing the congregation of the Elk Grove Baptist Church; Mr. Marvin Renke representing the congregation of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento; and Rev. G. G. Rauser as representative of the future church in Lincoln Village. The church presented the Buhlers with a large supply of groceries as a welcome gift. It is our prayer that we might be found busy at all times for our Lord.

Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Reporter

Magnolia Baptist Missionary Society Activities, Anaheim

The Magnolia Baptist Missionary Society of Anaheim, Calif., has divided into four circles named for women on the mission field. They are the Rich Circle, the Strauss Circle, the Weeldreyer Circle and the Schultz Circle. The Circles learn about the work of these missionaries and pray especially for them. The Rich Circle and their husbands entertained their missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Roland Rich, at a dinner on Thursday night, Sept. 24.

The September general meeting was held at the church on Sept. 14. The devotional chairman, Mrs. Betty Hartmann, led the group in devotions. A skit on the life of Dr. and Mrs. Chaffee was presented. Miss Virginia Ross spoke on the Lord's leading in her life, and her experiences in Costa Rica and Mexico where she has served as a nurse on the mission field.

Mrs. Marian Hartman, president of the Missionary Society, conducted the business meeting. Plans were completed for serving the Association Meeting at our church November 5-8. The



Rev. Herbert Schauer, pastor of the Baptist Church, Startup, Washington, and 12 persons whom he recently baptized. (See report for names).

church and to our continued efforts in the work of the Lord.

Vivian Buettgenbach, Clerk

Baptism of 12 Converts at Startup, Washington

A baptismal service was held Sunday, August 16, by the Startup Baptist Church, Startup, Wash., for 12 persons who chose to take this step. Held at Garland Mineral Springs near Index, Wash., the gloomy, rainy Sunday was a day of rejoicing for the church and all those involved with Rev. Herbert Schauer, pastor of the church, conducting the service and baptism. Subsequently eleven of the twelve united with the church.

Those baptized were: (left to right, front row) Sandra Nettle, Linda Stanton, Judy James, Esther Hawley, Linda Reece, Billy Stanton; (back row) Rev. Herbert Schauer, Mrs. John Lotz, Dale Hawley, Dennis Fadden, Mr. and Mrs. Edm. Briand.

Mrs. Esther Crain, Reporter

Reception for New Pastor at Spokane, Washington

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 16, a reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Howe at the Terrace Heights Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash. The evening began with a potluck supper, after which a program was held.

kitchen was completed before this and the Missionary Society bought dishes and otherwise equipped the kitchen. The Weeldreyer Circle served the birthday luncheon, peach shortcake topped with burning candles, at beautifully decorated tables, one for each season of the year.

Mrs. Ellen Froslic, Reporter

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geared to Junior CBY Fellowship members may also be obtained. Write for information: Moody Book Store, LaSalle Street at Chicago Avenue, Chicago 10, Illinois.

Be sure to use the excellent program suggestions given in the *Youth Compass* that are geared just for you.

Do you know what the regional CBY Fellowship's duties, conference CBY Fellowship's duties, CBY Fellowship Council, Executive Committee, and General Secretary's duties are and how they operate? An article in this year's February issue of *Youth Compass* will give you program material that will acquaint you with the organization and function of our CBY Fellowship and how you fit in the picture.

Programs about further Christian training in colleges, seminaries, universities, and Bible schools are especially needed during the fall season. This year's September issue of the *Youth Compass* gives you many program suggestions relating to this subject. Make it a habit to use the *Youth Compass* regularly in your program arrangement.

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in the use of these CBY Fellowship program ideas and give you new ideas that can best help your CBY Fellowship members in their Christian life.

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WE, THE WOMEN

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in action and in prayer.

As Christians, ours is a dual responsibility. Our first concern should always be for the souls of men. Secondly, we should participate actively as citizens in our communities. Christians can exert a powerful influence for good if they will engage in community improvement programs, take an active part in citizens committees, PTA's, and other civic projects of the community, as well as actively support worthy candidates for all levels of government. Christian women (as well as men,) should consider running for public office, especially as members of boards of education, if qualified and led of the Lord to do so. Tragically it can be said that all too frequently Christians lose ground in a community by default!

We have a tremendous responsibility to give dedicated and devoted leadership and service so as to stem the tide of evil so that the blessed Gospel can yet be preached for the salvation of souls. So respond we must, while it is yet day, and in full measure of our capabilities, remembering that our Savior gave his all to "redeem" us.

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in the Faith Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn which is available on a favorable week to week rental basis. On Sept. 2nd the group extended a call to Rev. Connie Salios of Bellwood, Ill., to become their pastor and also requested the denominational Church Extension Committee to help with the salary of the pastor. Rev. Connie Salios has responded favorably to the call and began his ministry with the new church on Nov. 1st. He served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., since 1953.

● This is a slight correction of a news item pertaining to the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., that appeared in the Oct. 15 issue. The church has extended a call to Rev. Robert Zimbelman of Hartford, Conn., pastor of the Blue Hills Baptist Church, who began his ministry in the Minneapolis church on Nov. 1st. He was formerly pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., before serving several American Baptist Convention churches. He is a spiritual son of our McClusky, N. Dak., church. In Minneapolis he has succeeded Rev. Adam Huber, now Church Extension pastor in the city. The pulpit of the Faith Church has been supplied in the interim of six months by Rev. Chris Weintz of Bethel College and by visiting pastors and leaders of the church. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Central District Secretary; Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist; and Rev. Walter Hoffman, director of "God's Volunteers"; and their families are members of the church.

Obituaries

MRS. LYDIA PRITZKAU of Chicago, Illinois

Mrs. Lydia Pritzkau of Chicago, Ill., was born on May 19, 1878, in Old-Danzig, Russia, and passed to her Christian reward on Sept. 2, 1959. She became a Christian at an early age. In 1896 she was married to John Pritzkau. Nine children were born to them, but six died in infancy. The three sons who grew to manhood are presently in Siberia. She lost her husband in 1949 by death, and in 1951 came to Chicago, where she became a member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church. She was a member of this church at the time she went to join the Church above.

Foster Ave. Baptist Church
Chicago, Illinois
FRED SONNENBERG, Pastor

MR. ADOLPH ROTH of Leduc, Alberta

Mr. Adolph Roth of Leduc, Alta., was born in Malinowka, Poland, on Oct. 23, 1878 and passed away on August 10, 1959, at the age of 80 years. He was united in marriage in October, 1897 to Juliana Kause with whom he shared the joys and blessings of married life for over 62 years. To this union 8 children were born. Mr. Roth was baptized on June 23, 1924, by Rev. E. P. Wahl at the First Baptist Church southeast of Leduc. After coming to Leduc, Mr. and Mrs. Roth united with the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife: six children: David and Asaph of Leduc; Fred of Freedom; Lydia Seivers of Russia; Martha Plitt of Millet; and Emma Posien of Leduc; 25 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. One son, Gustave, and one daughter, Hilda, preceded him in death. Mr. Roth served his Lord and Master for many years according to the strength that the Lord gave him.

Temple Baptist Church
Leduc, Alberta
RAYMOND HARSCH, Pastor

MR. RUDOLPH HOFFMAN of Nokomis, Saskatchewan

Mr. Rudolph Hoffman of Nokomis, Sask., was born Oct. 19, 1887, at Plum Coulee, Manitoba, and went to be with the Lord, Sept. 10, 1959, having reached the age of 71 years, 10 months and 22 days. In 1905 he came west with his parents and family and in 1907 he was united in marriage with Nathalia Litwin, after which they spent some time in Tacoma, Wash. In 1914, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman settled on a farm in the Nokomis area. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1957.

In 1907, Rudolph Hoffman was baptized upon confession of his faith in Christ, and was received into the Nokomis Baptist Church. He was a faithful member of this church and served his Lord faithfully in the offices of treasurer, trustee and also as a deacon for many years and for the past three years he had been honorary deacon. He leaves to mourn his wife, Nathalia; two daughters: Viola, Mrs. Octave Bossaer, of North Battleford, Sask.; and Edna, Mrs. Ed. Weisner, of Nokomis; 4 grandchildren, 5 sisters and 3 brothers, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Nokomis, Saskatchewan
EDMOND HOHN, Pastor

MR. HELMUTH WOBIG of Buffalo, New York

Death came Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1959, in Deaconess Hospital, Buffalo, New York, to Helmuth Wobig, age 79, the third member of his family to die within two weeks. His brother, William H., Sr., died Tuesday, Sept. 15, and another brother, Fred, of Michigan, two weeks previously. Mr. Wobig was a member of Bethel Baptist Church of Amherst (formerly Buffalo), N. Y., and over the years served as choir director, deacon, trustee, and founder of a male quartet.

He was editor of New York State Gideon News for several years, and served on the Board of Directors of the City Mission and Baptist Life Insurance Association. He was director emeritus of the Buffalo Bible Institute.

Mr. Wobig married the former Bertha H. Weber, who died in 1938. Surviving are three sons: Gordon H., Donald P., and Orrin A.; two daughters: Mrs. Irving Kroecker, and Mrs. Rudy Hjelm; four sisters: the Misses Ida, Mary, and Lydia Wobig, and Mrs. George Westphal; a brother, Samuel; eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Bethel Baptist Church
Amherst, New York
ALBERT FADENRECHT, Pastor

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

NOV. 22 to 29

In the midst of the local church building and improvement projects and the denominational Advance Fund Campaign—

**LET US NOT FORGET
TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD!**

YOUR THANKSGIVING GIFTS

will go toward the support of mission fields and work of our denomination, proclaiming Christ's Gospel to All the World.

*Give Sacrificially to Your
Church's Thanksgiving Offering*
NOVEMBER 22 — 29, 1959

Universal Bible Week, Dec. 6 - 13

Worldwide Bible Reading Program, Thanksgiving to Christmas

"THE EVERLASTING LIGHT" is the theme that has been chosen for the Worldwide Bible Reading program, sponsored each year by the American Bible Society from Thanksgiving to Christmas, according to Dr. James Z. Nettinga, director of the program. This is the 16th consecutive year for the reading program.

December 6 to 13 has been designated as Universal Bible Week so that all churches may celebrate the Bible's Day according to their church calendar. The week begins on the second Sunday in Advent and the high point is reached on Universal Bible Sunday,

December 13.

Over fifty denominations have helped in the selection of the theme as well as a poster. The poster illustrating the theme, is beautifully designed and printed in red and black on a yellow background.

Packets containing these features and other materials to help in the observance will be mailed early in the fall to pastors across the United States. The "Bookmarks" containing a suggested list of daily readings for the 31-day period, Thanksgiving to Christmas, will, as usual be available to churches, schools, libraries and other institutions as well as individuals.

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Mission Societies, which will appear in the December, 1959, issue of *The Baptist Leader*, and which will be made available to all North American Baptist churches.

• **Dr. Gardner Taylor Visits Australia.** Dr. and Mrs. Gardner Taylor of Concord Baptist Church, New York City, (Negro Baptist leaders), have been visiting Sydney, Canberra and Tasmania, as well as the Australian Baptist Assembly at Perth. In highly laudatory words, *The Australian Baptist*, newspaper, editorializes: "To say that Dr. Taylor has fulfilled all expectations is an understatement. Mrs. Taylor's charm has added to the pleasure of the visit. Dr. Taylor's preaching is sanely scriptural and full of sound doctrinal content. He succeeds in his preacher's purpose of using the scriptures to reveal Christ. He speaks in vivid word pictures which burn in his heart before they flame upon his lips."

• **Tibetan Refugees Welcomed.** Tibetan refugees who fled into Assam are being aided by personnel at Baptist mission hospitals in Tezpur and Gauhati. The hospital in Tezpur is operated by the Baptist General Conference of America (formerly Swedish). About 7,000 Tibetans are now living in a refugee township nearby. A team of national nurses who serve at an American Baptist-directed mission hospital at Gauhati some 90 miles away, has been loaned to help at the Tezpur camp. Approximately 10,000 refugees have crossed the border since the time of the uprisings against communist rule in Tibet.

• **Goal of 3,649,999 Baptisms.** A goal of 3,649,999 baptisms in the next five years has been announced by the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Leonard Sanderson, evangelism secretary of the S. B. C. Home Mission Board, said this goal, which is more than one-third of the Convention's present 9,000,000 members, may be considered "fantastic" by some people. But he asserted it could be reached

THE LONG SEARCH

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got under way again and they continued the long night ride in silence. Finally they both slept and did not stir until the first rays of the sun shone through the window across their faces.

They had entered Louisiana and the scene had changed. Instead of sun-scorched plains there were willows and moss-covered oaks, sluggish bayous, fields of rice and vast fields of tall cotton.

They passed along the borders of plantations where sugar cane grew high, with the long, slender leaves waving gently in the early morning breeze. It was cooler along the way, for they were not too far from the Gulf. The passengers who boarded the bus spoke in the peculiar Cajun dialect that was English with a foreign accent and an occasional French word thrown in unconsciously. Many of these South Louisiana people spoke only Cajun. They chattered volubly and loudly as the bus sped on toward New Orleans.

The traffic increased as they neared the city and the highway widened, giving them the opportunity for better speed. Motels with swimming pools in small courtyards dotted the highway, and then they passed under the approach to the Mississippi River Bridge.

Faith watched the scene eagerly and with growing excitement as the bus crossed one of the overpasses and turned down toward Canal Street. They looked out the front of the bus and the wide street with its neutral ground in the middle stretched before them as far as they could see, toward the river which was hidden from view by docks and the ferry landing.

"It's beautiful!" she exclaimed.

"I don't think there is another street like it in America," James remarked.

The bus turned in at the station and the passengers began getting their possessions together and crowding into the aisle, eager to get out. James got her bag down and offered to carry it out for her.

"Thanks again for being so kind to me," she said as they followed the others outside. "Perhaps we shall meet again. If we don't, I want to wish you success in your business and in everything that life can bring you."

"Thanks," he replied. "And may you soon be happy again."

Success in his business! Again the cloud descended over him. If she only knew what would be involved if her wish should come true!

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by progressive annual increases in the number of baptisms. "Businessmen all over the country are getting ready for a big business boom," he pointed out. "There is no reason why we shouldn't also." The S. B. C. baptismal record for a single year to date is 416,867, made in 1955. Informed sources say baptisms this year will exceed 500,000.