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• The sixth Pentecostal World Conference is expected to become the first religious convention to be held in modern Israel when it convenes in Jerusalem May 19-21, 1961, Rev. Gayle F. Lewis, secretary of a planning committee, has announced at the Assemblies of God headquarters in Springfield, Mo. Preparations for the conference were recently completed during a meeting of the Pentecostal World Conference Advisory Committee in Rome, Italy.

• Directors of Christian Business Men's Committee International, at their mid-year Board meeting in Orlando, Florida, planned a post-Seattle Convention conference in Honolulu next year. The Seattle convention is scheduled for October 19-23, 1960, at the Olympic Hotel. It is expected that a number of CBMC delegates from the Far East, Australia and New Zealand will attend the Hawaii conference, along with CBMC members from the United States and Canada who will charter planes from Seattle in order to be present for the special event.

• This year 1959 marks the Silver Jubilee of Wycliffe Bible Translators which, with its sister organization the Summer Institute of Linguistics, has its headquarters in California. A specialized linguistic training program begun in 1942, the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators has increased until today it encompasses five institutes on campuses of the University of Washington at Seattle, University of North Dakota at Grand Forks and the University of Oklahoma at Norman, with sister programs in London, England and Melbourne, Australia. These institutes have trained more than 5,000 students many of whom have gone into faraway places to record living languages yet unwritten.—United Evangelical Action.

• A biography of Jonathan Blanchard, first president of Wheaton College, has been released by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich. Written by Dr. Clyde S. Kilby of the Wheaton college faculty, and titled "Minority of One," the book has been published as a tribute to Dr. Blanchard and in commemoration of the college's centennial year, 1860 to 1960. Mr. Frederic Babcock, Wheaton resident and editor of Chicago Tribune's *Magazine of Books*, says, "Dr. Kilby does a splendid job of picturing the settling of the West—not by commercially-minded pioneers bent on exploiting the frontier, but by hardy teachers and preachers bent on carrying the Christian culture of early New England to regions that needed it most."

• Ecuador's Auca Indian tribe continued to demonstrate friendliness to-

ward white missionary women in July 1959. In June, the Aucas welcomed two newcomers: Mrs. Marjorie Saint, wife of one of five missionary men slain by the Aucas 3½ years ago, and Miss Mardelle Senseny of the Gospel Missionary Union both spent several days with the jungle tribe. They were led down the trail by Mrs. Elisabeth Elliot and her four-year-old daughter. Mrs. Elliot, wife of another of the martyrs, planned to stay with the tribe for several months. At the same time, Miss Rachel Saint, sister-in-law to Mrs. Saint, came out of the jungle after four months of studying the Auca language.—Christianity Today.

Baptist Briefs

• **Dutch Baptists Increase.** When the Dutch Baptist Union met in Amsterdam May 5-7, Rev. T. Jansma, general secretary, reported a membership increase of 3.36 per cent in 1958. Eight new churches have been received into the union. Membership of Dutch Baptists as of January 1 was 7,933. There are 50 ordained ministers working among the Baptists of Holland. Dutch Baptist membership has doubled since 1932. Dutch Baptist churches give 15 to 20 per cent of their financial receipts to the union for cooperative work, and approximately \$100,000 (\$26,000) was received by the Union in 1958.

• **90th Annual Burma Convention Meets.** An attendance of 2,000 delegates plus 1,500 visitors was recorded at the 90th annual meeting of the Burma Baptist Convention in Rangoon, Burma. The convention theme was "The Task Before Us." Burma Baptists, who date their beginning from Dr. Adoniram Judson's landing on Burma soil in 1813, now operate as an indigenous group after almost 150 years of leadership through the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. 1957 statistics of the Convention show a total of 1,509 churches with 183,210 members. The churches baptized 8,383 new converts in 1957.

• **Indian Baptists Baptize 20,485.** India, where William Carey first brought the Baptist message in 1793, now has 3,375 Baptist churches with a membership of 401,022 baptized believers. These figures, announced by Rev. B. R. Moses, secretary of the Baptist Union of India, became available when Indian Baptists came together at Cuttack for their third All India Baptist Assembly. Representatives from

• Korean country people do not have watches, and so measure time by the sun and the ringing of church bells; and since Christian congregations have been growing so rapidly in Korea there has been a busy market for bells. In a rural district east of Taegu the number of churches has grown from a handful in 1945 to more than 110 today. In Taegu there were seven Presbyterian churches in 1940; today, more than 70. Eight years ago Kyong An presbytery reported 80 churches; today it has more than 200—not counting an additional 77 which formed a new presbytery. American missionary
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ten affiliated Baptist bodies in 12 states were present. They spoke 14 different languages and dialects. Statistics revealed the baptism of 20,485 new believers during 1958. A special offering, taken at the Assembly, was sent to Baptists in the Netherlands to help in construction of the John Smyth Memorial Baptist Church at Amsterdam.

• **Argentina Convention Celebrates Jubilee.** Four hundred delegates representing 125 churches attended jubilee sessions of the Baptist Convention of Argentina. Convention history dates back to 1909 with organization of the River Plata Baptist Convention, which included churches of Paraguay and Uruguay, as well as Argentina. The churches of Paraguay and Uruguay later established separate conventions as a result of the missionary enterprise of the Argentines. The convention has grown from five churches and a handful of believers in 1909 to 178 churches with 13,000 baptized believers in 1959. Seven new churches were received into the convention. A total of 784 baptisms were reported for 1958, an increase of 7 per cent over 1957.

• **French Baptists Grow.** Membership of 26 French Baptist churches, comprising the Federation of Evangelical Baptist Churches in France, has grown to 2,054, the first time the figure has exceeded 2,000. There were 124 baptisms in 1958. These figures were among the highlights of the report of Rev. Henri Vincent, president, to the annual Baptist congress. He said that in addition to 26 main churches in France, there are 24 other preaching centers. (Six churches and three annexes in Belgium, cooperating with the Federation, raise the total number
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Editorial

Our Finest Hour

As North American Baptists we are facing "our finest hour" in the fall months ahead. Seldom in our history have so many opportunities come within our grasp. The challenge of great tasks and unique responsibilities is more stirring than ever. Our outreach for Christ will be extended just as far as our hands of service for Christ can be stretched. This can be "our finest hour" if we rise to the challenge before us and respond to God's call for action through our denominational witness for Christ!

There is a rising tide of interest in evangelism among Baptists in our day. Every church of ours should be a part of this surging evangelistic movement. Every individual member should be concerned about the revival fires burning in his or her own heart. The ministry of "God's Volunteers" has awakened us to our responsibility in personal work and soul winning.

The second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance will soon be launched. We are united with 19 million other Baptists in this evangelistic program. But we have also prepared our own program of "Evangelism Through Bible Teaching and Training." A leaflet outlining the "Eighteen Steps" in this enriching program has been distributed in all of our churches. "Bible Reading Packets" are now available with inspiring material to be used by individuals and churches throughout the coming year. (See page nine of this issue).

Many years ago, Elder Robinson said, when he bade the Puritans farewell from the shores of Holland, as they embarked for the strange new land across the waters: "God has yet new light to break forth from his holy Word." That can be our experience in our churches in this finest hour of ours if we heed the exhortations and carry out the program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

But momentous events in our denomination are also preparing the way for "our finest hour." The ministry of the new District Secretaries has been a great blessing to our churches and pastors. The Denominational Advance Building Fund will soon get underway with its objective of a new building for our Publication House in Forest Park, Illinois, and a new seminary library in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. New Church Extension projects are being undertaken, bringing the total of such fields to more than forty. New presidents have assumed the leadership of our educational institutions with September 1st.

In our missionary outreach and witness for the Gospel, the months ahead can be "our finest hour." New appointments of missionaries for the Indian fields have been made. The great work for Christ in the Cameroons is victoriously meeting the tests of these days with their mounting tensions and baffling uncertainties. New mission fields in Japan have been started by us. Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel have returned to Austria to direct the work in that spiritually important field.

God always has his best in store for those who are faithful to his commission. The fields are white to harvest. Today's challenge is tremendous. The doors of God's opportunity are opening to us. This can be "our finest hour" if each one of us rises to the occasion with sacrificial living and giving for Christ our Lord.

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A native watcher in the Southern Cameroons, Africa, stands guard over a Guinea corn field, keeping birds and sea gulls away. He is also a symbol of the Africa rising to prominence in his new day!

From Colonialism to Freedom

A stimulating survey of the problems, opportunities, and the challenges of the New Africa, in which thirteen new states, like the original thirteen American states, have in recent years achieved their freedom from foreign rule.

By Dr. James H. Robinson of New York, N. Y.

ONLY A FEW YEARS ago it would have been prophecy to say that a new Africa was being born. Today, prophecy has become history. A new Africa is already here!

Colonialism, both the boon and the curse of Africa, is giving way to semi and completely autonomous governments. In 1914 there were only two independent states—Liberia and Ethiopia. By 1959 there were nine. In 1960 there will be thirteen and by 1965, very likely, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Sierra Leone will have either become free, or will hold a dominant share of their internal control and destiny. Recent events in Belgian Congo indicate that significant changes and developments in the political management of that vast land will also have taken place by this time.

THE TIDES OF TIME

The rapid development towards freedom in any area always has an accumulative effect upon the other areas of the continent. The Central Federated States, the Portuguese, and the South African areas will increasingly feel the impact of these political developments. Their uneasy proximity to the tremendous forces at work is building up terrible fears and tensions in the minds of Europeans, tensions that Europeans almost dare not admit, even to themselves.

Time in Africa is not on their side and constructive programs toward equalization have already been too long delayed. Never has a minority, no matter how enlightened, how cultured, how wealthy, or how powerful, been permanently able to force its will upon an overwhelming majority.

It is not likely that history will reverse itself to accommodate Europeans in this area. Their position may be unassailable for a short while, but only

for a short while. Nothing they can do—no matter how stringent or harsh the methods used to curb the rampant nationalism—can be more than temporary. The tides of time and world opinion—even the opinion of their friends—are against them.

Perhaps, the single most significant and important change in the new Africa is the new attitudes of self-respect and self-acceptance which Africans have for themselves. Second-class citizenship has become intolerable to them. They no longer cringe before what was once assumed to be white dominance and superiority. This new attitude has led them to a new discovery of Africa in which they have discovered a new interrelationship and responsibility beyond the old tribal boundaries and the political geographic lines drawn by the European powers. The recent All African Church Conference, the Conference of Independent States, the cross boundary consultations of African officials, and the new relationship between Ghana and Guinea are but the beginning.

At the same time, the whole world seems to be rediscovering Africa, even as Africans discover their continent anew and discover each other. This

THE AUTHOR

This is a remarkably lucid and keenly interpretive article on AFRICA and its problems today. The "Baptist Herald" is fortunate to present this article through the Associated Church Press to its readers. Every Baptist interested in missions should give this article undivided attention.

The author of this article is the distinguished Negro minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Master in New York City. His article is based on a recent four months tour of the entire continent of Africa.

EDITOR.

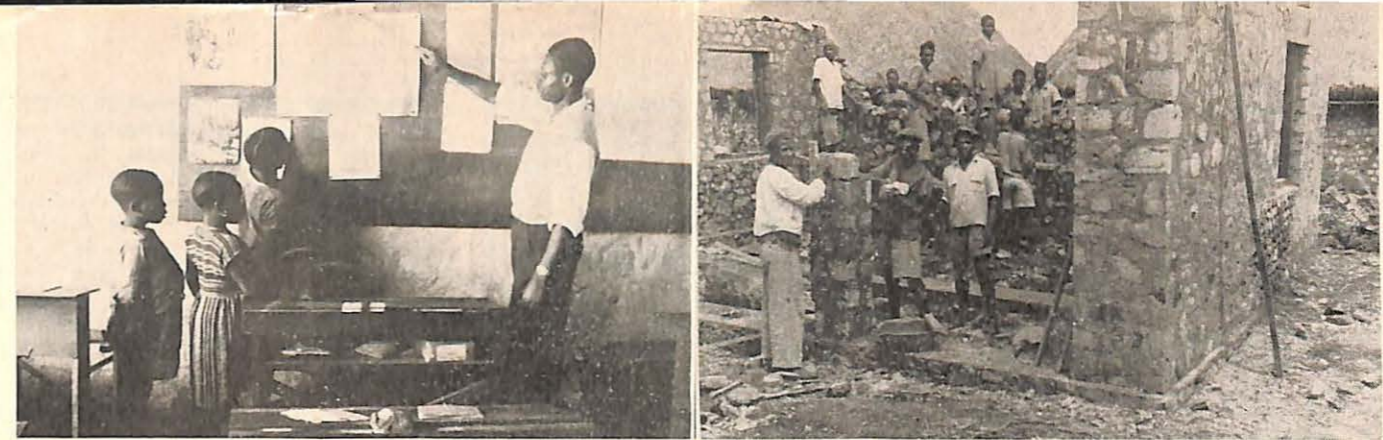
year, more than ever before, student groups, religious groups, politicians, economic, social and educational organizations, in increasing numbers are touring Africa. Almost every day Africa pushes itself into the newspapers and on the agenda of the United Nations and the so-called Communist bloc countries as well as a recrudescence of Islam have also discovered Africa.

REDISCOVERING AFRICA

Moreover, the utilization of Africa's tremendous potential in resources, which the modern technological world so greatly needs, has catapulted that continent into the center of the world's problems. Africans know full well, how great is the need of European, Eastern and Western nations for Africa's vast mineral resources. Since they possess this knowledge they are determined to utilize some of these resources for their own development and for a higher level of life for themselves.

In addition, they will increasingly demand a greater share of the profits and benefits derived from the new industrial revolution through which that continent is passing. It is very significant that three independent countries in Africa recently sent economic and trade missions to Israel, Japan, India, Pakistan and Indonesia—something most of us in the United States thought twenty years ago would probably not come for another century.

The new and the old in Africa will, of course, exist in juxtaposition for quite some time to come. Old cultures, mores, religions and patterns of life die hard. On the other hand, the older mores have never been submitted in history before to such a concentrated impact of new ideas from so many sources at one time. Where the old order gives way rapidly, a vacuum ensues before new, constructive adjust-



THE NEW LOOK IN AFRICA!

Teacher Elias (left) instructs children at the Mbongo New Hope Settlement school. Education is the new order of the day in Africa! Craftsmen teach masonry and carpentry to leprosy patients at Mbongo while putting up new houses for patients. Africa is engaged in a great building program.

ments acceptable to the people can take their place.

Quite naturally, many new forces flood into this vacuum. When the old tribal religions are outmoded and uprooted, Islam moves with a new enthusiasm and rapidly to replace it. Or the spiritual vacuum is filled by a new materialism and secularism which is taking deep root. The drive for progress, power, prestige, wealth increases the tendencies toward nationalism in Africa just as it has always done in the rest of the world. The vacuum left by the uprooting of the old family tribal, political structure can also quite easily be filled by the new insidious force from Eastern Europe that is known as Communism.

RAPID CHANGES IN AFRICA

Whatever anyone may have thought of the old family patterns and tribal customs, they were, nevertheless, a stabilizing influence. When these are broken and destroyed under the impact of nationalism, industrialization, and urbanization, many new and worse evils arise in their place. Consequently, the new Africa is fraught with many complexed and complexing sociological, economic, family, political, education and religious problems which will demand radical readjustments.

Africa, as Vice-President Richard Nixon has said, is the most rapidly changing area on the face of the earth. It not only has to face new religious, social, economic and political challenges; it has to face them all at the same time. This foreshortening of history in Africa is caused, first, by the desire of Africans to speed up their progress and to achieve full mastery of their destiny and, secondly, by the tremendous needs of the new outside forces which have discovered Africa's incalculable mineral wealth, and by the desire of the East and the West to win the human resources of Africa to their cause. Since Christianity is deeply involved in the past and in the future of Africa, the present situation demands the most rigorous re-examination of methods, strategies and techniques.

In the past, the Christian forces have made the most positive, constructive and profound impact upon Africa.

They have also made some significant advances and readjustments in recent years, but these are far too small and perhaps a little too late. Furthermore, the inability of the Christian forces to achieve the brotherhood which they proclaim is a detriment of greater hindrance to their future than perhaps most Christians believe.

CHRISTIAN FORCES IN AFRICA

It goes without saying that not only the non-Christian leaders, but even the most enlightened Christian leaders of Africa have many reservations regarding the Christian forces. This is especially so when they hear constant expressions about equality of opportunity in a responsible brotherhood for all men, and at the same time see that people of their color fail to receive equal treatment and to secure equal rights.

The new consciousness of color raises many questions about religious denominations which send missionaries to Africa who are all white and especially when they come from those lands where there are many people of African origin. It is a fair question,

and Africans are asking it, whether any denomination in Africa today ought to have missionary personnel which does not reflect a cross-section of the racial pattern of the United States. Furthermore, it would be foolish not to anticipate serious questions in the near future about denominations with missions in Africa who will not accept people of African descent in their home churches.

ARE AFRICANS READY?

Where missions are perhaps least aware of the new demands made upon them by modern Africa is in the new political orientation where Africans are in charge of the government. Perhaps the most consistently asked question in the United States is: "Are the Africans ready for their new freedom and are they able to organize and direct their own destinies?"

Such questions must be put within the framework of the fact that other forces are contending for dominant influence in Africa, who say to them join us and you can have this independence and self-determination tomorrow. And it would be valid to ask



A CHRISTIAN MOTHER WITH HER FAMILY

Mother Sarah, the wife of Headmaster Peter, with her new baby and admiring children in the Southern Cameroons, Africa.

whether any people who won their freedom were ready completely for it at the time they achieved it.

In respect to the formative period of our own history, some of the same problems then were quite similar to the problems facing the new nations in Africa. It would be fairer to judge new African nations by comparing their present development with the early years of our own history rather than making a comparison with our present development, which the question of their readiness implies. When all is said and done, the fact still remains that the time is never right and people are seldom, if ever, ready for a new modern advance. Nevertheless, historical forces and situations, and decent, discerning people of faith and courage, who discipline themselves to fulfill their destiny, help to make the time right.

TASK BEFORE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The task before the Christian church in the new Africa is gigantic but not impossible. Life is never without hope, and Christians are never without the help of God. However, these challenges are just in their formative stages. The greater challenges and larger responsibilities are yet to come as Africa moves from its early stages of development into full and complete freedom that will ultimately cover the whole continent.

The full impact of industrialization and new urbanization is still some time off in the future. Nationalism, the most powerful force reshaping the new Africa, is also only in its beginning stages. Absolutely no power on earth can stop its development, nor deny the fulfillment of its aims towards the destiny and freedom of all the peoples of Africa. Understanding leadership, assistance and guidance for nationalism can be a boon to Africa and help bring the African nations peacefully and constructively into the families of the world. But, unyielding opposition to it can only bring disaster for those Europeans who oppose freedom, partnership and self-determination in Africa. And resistance will greatly aid the objectives of the communist-bloc countries.

The powerful impact and influence which Mohammedanism is making on the whole of Africa also is yet to come. Islam is enhanced by nationalistic expectations and motivations in Africa because it can be, and very often is, identified with the hopes and aspirations of the masses of African people. It is foolish naivete for Christians to think that this new force will either be easily contained or neatly handled. For a long time to come, Islam can be expected to win many converts.

In addition to the support Islam gets because of its identification with the desire for freedom, since freedom is the greatest hunger in Africa, it has the other advantages of being led by



Two little girls of the Southern Cameroons, Africa, have learned the art of carrying their baby brother and sister on their backs.

a dark people who are indigenous, and it does not demand a tremendous break with the polygamous family pattern. It asks very little in the way of change from social, family, cultural and, in some cases, religious practices.

INROADS OF COMMUNISM

Most experts agree that communism has not yet made deep inroads in the African continent. There is, however, too great a tendency to write off both the actual and potential influence of communism. The leaders of communism do not purchase the services of Madison Avenue Public Relations Experts to inform the world of the full intent of their plans and strategies. Dr. Charles Malik, president of the United Nations General Assembly, only recently pointed out that, not only has communism not been budged one inch from an area it took control of, but that communist parties and sympathizers are at work more fervently than ever throughout the world.

The new African leaders can be trusted to weigh the evidence presented to them by all forces battling for influence in their land. Having experienced long years of domination, they will not easily throw off one yoke and accept another. On the other hand, it would be illusory to ignore the possibilities on communism's desire for influence in the continent which is the last remaining reservoir of mineral resources, and is, at the same time, the newest area where a great mass of people will add even more important human resources for the world.

Western nations have not yet begun to confront the full economic impact of the Russians in the African continent. The greatest thrust of this offensive is yet to come. We also have

yet to face the full impact of that tide of able bright, young Africans returning from universities in communist lands. Many will assume important positions in politics, education and government, and if the pattern used in other countries where the Russians have consular offices and embassies is any indication, who can tell what the power of this penetration will yield when there are Russian consular offices throughout Africa?

THE CHRISTIAN STRATEGY

To meet these new challenges of Africa, the Christian forces will have to have a more significant reorientation of their planning and action than heretofore. Some significant advances have been made by many denominations in the last five years. Indeed, the difference between Christian concepts about Africa at the present time and those of ten years ago is greater than the change in thinking, attitude and strategy which took place in the previous hundred years.

We cannot take great comfort in this advance. Former Prime Minister Garfield Todd of Southern Rhodesia once said, "Time is not on the side of the West." We must move forward with a much larger and a more significant program, better cooperative and coordinated efforts, deeper insights and, above all, with more speed. The foreshortening of history does not permit leisurely procedures.

The most important contribution that the Christian churches made to Africa in the past was providing schools, out of which have come most of Africa's new leadership. This is still the single, greatest contribution provided that it inspires those leaders with a deep and abiding faith in the ultimate aims of the Kingdom of God. Our efforts therefore to provide education for the training of leaders both in Africa, in Europe, and the United States, is the greatest challenge before us. It must be done with skill and intelligence, not with sentimentality which too often has characterized the support given to the education of individual Africans.

Africans do not need more missionary preachers from America. We must hasten the prospect, already begun in a few areas, of changing over from a mission enterprise to a partnership with fraternal workers in which African church leaders have equal voice, if not top leadership, and the sooner we work with them under their direction the better. Africa does not need preachers from us, because Africans can do it just as well. Many African Christian preachers would rank with the best of our preachers in America. What they have urgent need of are trained lay Christians who would come to them, work with, and under their direction in the many related fields of life, where they can help to prepare the great number of African leaders who are needed now and will be needed more so in the next two decades.

NEW LEADERSHIP AND RACE RELATIONS

Another great challenge which confronts the Christian church in the new Africa is the necessity of Christian leaders to evolve a new relationship to African political leaders and government officials. There was a time when all we had to do was to relate through European leaders. That day is done. It will never come again. Unhappily, Protestants have been far too squeamish about establishing close contacts and relationships with political and national government leaders at home as well as abroad. There may have been some good reasons, but those reasons were never good enough.

Many African leaders are brought to this country by government agencies, business firms and educational institutions, who received their training and their inspiration in Christian schools. Seldom do the Mission Boards and religious leaders ever recognize them or even know that they are in the country.

The third great challenge of the new Africa to the Christian conscience is seen in our attitude toward race relations in America and in Africa. The impact of the Christian witness cannot help but be blunted by what Africans see of race relations in the United States, in South Africa, and in the attitude of many European Christians who live in their land and violate their personalities by forcing them to take second place and thus deny the very brotherhood they so vehemently proclaim.

We have not yet been willing to admit that the dearth of creative relationships, understanding, and attitudes towards Africa springs from our attitudes toward American Negro citizens and Christians in our own land. That makes it difficult, if not impossible, to have high regard or intelligent



Dr. Eugene Stockdale (right) and Nurse Delores Henne (left) of the Mbingo New Hope Settlement with the hospital workers who show the fine leadership of tomorrow's youth in Africa!

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understanding of the people of Africa. This painful admission we shall have to accept in humility and then do something about it.

AFRICA'S IMPORTANCE TODAY!

Finally the Christian forces of the United States must arouse themselves to greater effort to influence their government to the urgency and need for an over-all African policy, and to arouse government, churches, institutions, and people to a gigantic cultural, economic and educational program in partnership with African leaders for the progress and future of emerging Africans. Whatever program we undertake must be undertaken not out of condescension, or out of a utilitarian concept because we must op-

pose Communism, but because it is right and it is necessary. It is good, because God requires us to assume greater moral responsibility for our whole world as well as for ourselves. Above all, it must be done in a partnership of equal responsibility and opportunity.

There is, fortunately, a growing awareness of the importance of Africa to the world and to ourselves. However, the secular publications within the last year have put the Christian publications and denominational information sources to shame in the constructive, creative and magnificent way that they have been helping in this new awareness. If the Christian witness of the modern means of publications and information at our disposal were as good or better than the secular press has demonstrated recently, we can expect that our people will respond to the call in the way that we have never dreamed. There are still pioneers in religion who are willing to march to the new kinds of frontiers presented by the new Africa. All we have to do is to enlighten them, inspire them, train them, inform them and open up the resources to send them forth.

It is as important to have Christian business men, consular officials, technical assistants, etc., as it is to have Christian missionaries, lay workers and fraternal partners on the continent of Africa. To be sure, all this will cost us much, but the gains will be greater. There will be risks, but the glorious future to be achieved is worth all the risks. There are many problems ahead, but they are not insoluble. When we listen to Africans as well as talk to them, we will understand that they want the same security, the same peace, the same freedom, the same future of abundant living that we wish for ourselves.

A Busy Life in Retirement

This fascinating autobiographical sketch shows how a retired minister and teacher with rich and full days of service has demonstrated the truth: "Look into the light, and the shadows will all be behind you!"

By Dr. Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, New York

WHAT I AM writing in this article is for the most part autobiographical—by request. It may be that some of the things that have kept me busy may be suggestive for others in retirement.

It is almost seven years since we left Sioux Falls, S. Dak., after almost 25 years of teaching in the North American Baptist Seminary. These years have passed very rapidly, primarily because they have been so rich and so full.

It was natural to gravitate to Rochester, New York, because this city gave me both my college education at the University of Rochester and my seminary training at the Rochester Baptist Seminary and at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. But there I also won many loyal friends and—a good and most helpful wife.

SERVICE AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

For two months after our arrival in Rochester, we were kept busy seeking a new dwelling place. Rents were high and the buying of a newly built home was prohibitive. By chance, shall I say, or rather by the hand of God, we were led to buy the home of a friend. In this home we have been quite happy.

One afternoon, after we were settled, our telephone rang. When I answered, I heard the voice of a former colleague and dear friend. He told me the Greece Baptist Church was looking for a religious educational director and urged me to try to get the position. I was induced to call the pastor of the church who was much interested and who promised to call on me that very afternoon.

When he came, I hold him of my Christian background and education. He urged me to present myself to the General Council of the church meeting the next day. They heard my statement, and, following the interview, called me to begin work immediately as associate pastor for one year.

I had no idea how busy I was going to be during that year. Nor could I have imagined how much joy and love one could experience in one short year. To prepare the soil for our Lay Evangelism Campaign, I visited nearly 500 families to encourage them to undergird the work of the Sunday School, and to help the boys and girls to make their commitment to Christ. Without exception, the families recognized the need and promised to help. When our evangelism program was launched under the able leadership of the pastor, Dr. Fred Dean, and the spirited cooperation of the lay people of the church, young and old, 125 persons

were added to the church, 60 young people by baptism after careful training for church membership, and 65 by personal commitment to Christ as Savior and Lord and by letter.

A RURAL INTERIM PASTORATE

Through the mediation of the pastor of Greece Baptist Church, I was called to be interim pastor for one year at the Ogden Baptist Church, located 16 miles west of Rochester. It was a small rural church of 135 members.

The church had been served by theological students for twenty years. For the members of the church, it was an appreciated change to have as pastor a man of ripe age and a rich Christian experience to speak to them Sunday after Sunday.

About fifteen children looked forward each Sunday to the story that the pastor brought to them in particular. My wife and I visited the members of the church two or three afternoons a week. This service was much appreciated by the members, especially the older members of the church. I also taught a young people's group on "How to Become a Christian" and on "How to Grow in the Christian Life."

As a result of this ministry I received 15 young people into the church by baptism. Ten others were received by letter and Christian experience. In various ways my wife and I endeared ourselves to these dear people so that after the first year we were invited to stay for another year. During that year it became possible for retired ministers to qualify for Social Security. I presented this matter to the church trustees who then presented it to the church. They welcomed us to stay another year, making it possible to secure Social Security. We shall always hold them in grateful memory for this kindness. This rural pastorate was one of the most delightful experiences of my life.

Since September 1, 1956, I have kept on preaching from time to time. In 1957, however, my doctor advised me to take it a little easier, and especially not to preach. My blood pressure had risen quite high so that it became necessary to follow the doctor's instructions. We have kept busy, however, visiting the hospitalized, the sick in their homes, and especially the aged. In the Andrews Street Church I have occasionally preached and have given various addresses to different groups in the church.

MY GARDEN AND BOOKS

During the last years, my program has changed materially. Three attacks of illness on my part and three occa-

sions of hospitalization of my wife have made it necessary. During this period I have had to assume many household duties which I have come to enjoy. I also spend an hour or two almost every day in the garden. I take a walk of a mile or two, the weather permitting. During my remaining leisure hours I spend considerable time in reading. We are avid readers of the local and world news. We read a number of monthly magazines. Our denominational papers we read with deep interest and also "Missions" and "The Christian Century." Last, but not least, the Bible plays an important part in this program.

I have read some very good books during the last three years. I mention just a few: three of the best on the Dead Sea Scrolls; Nels Ferre, "Christ and the Christian;" John Baillie, "The Life Everlasting," and Charles Salit, "Man in Search of Immortality." I have read with great interest Taylor Caldwell's, "Dear and Glorious Physician" (about Luke). One of the most rewarding, Jawaharlal Nehru, an autobiography, gives deep insight into the lives of Ghandi and Nehru and their impact upon India. Recently I became interested in the study of the Russian language. Without a teacher, I have found "the going" rather difficult. But I am pressing on.

Correspondence keeps us in touch with our loved ones, with friends of many years, and a number of our most beloved and honored denominational leaders.

Travel has occupied us during the summer months for a week or two. We have visited three Federal Prisons where our son-in-law, Dr. A. E. Kannwischer, has been chaplain. In each of these, in Lewisburg, Pa., in Tallahassee, Florida, and in Chillicothe, Ohio, I have preached to the prisoners. We have also visited Eastern Baptist College and Eastern Baptist Seminary several times.

A RICH LIFE OF SERVICE

There is a considerable number of aged and retired people in our neighborhood with whom I keep in friendly contact. To those who are sick or bereaved, and to those who are lonely and in need of encouragement, I seek to bring divine consolation.

Social gatherings of our retired ministers here in Rochester have been of great help. We come together with our wives and with our pastor, Rev. Arthur Weisser, and his wife. We gather about a table for refreshments. But the major part of our entertainment is just

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The Open Doors of Evangelism

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

IT IS INDEED an amazing thing that God has made the work of redemption to be a co-operative effort between God and man. In his wise providence, God has so ordained to take us into consideration in the outworking of his great redemptive purpose in the world.

OUR EVANGELISTIC OBJECTIVES

Surely, the almighty Creator of the universe could accomplish his work in this his world without the feeble efforts of our North American Baptist Conference. Yet he has called us into existence as a denomination, and for over a hundred years he has wonderfully used us to do his work. The Holy Spirit has led us as North American Baptists to a strategic place of world-wide service of Jesus Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit is prompting us to move forward in undertaking still greater things for God's glory and for the salvation of souls.

Our Department of Evangelism is suggesting an aggressive program of advance with specific objectives for 1960. In the colorful leaflet, "18 Steps for North American Baptist Churches," prepared by our promotional secretary, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, you will find our program of evangelism interestingly summarized. Also in the new Bible Reading Packet, available from our Forest Park office for 25 cents, you will find helpful material.

Approximately 60 per cent of our North American Baptist churches participated in the simultaneous revival campaign last spring. The souls that were won to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and who were brought into the fellowship of the church now need to be trained and enlisted in Christian service. The work of evangelism is not completed until those who have been evangelized have been led in turn to become evangelists.

We suggest for membership training such guides as *New Life* by Schroeder and Knight, *A Look At Baptists* by Dr. John Wobig, and *A Baptist Handbook* by Dr. George A. Lang. Also we have available free from our Forest Park office a "New Member's Packet" with helpful spiritual and denominational literature.

For 1960 we are especially emphasizing "Evangelism Through Bible Teaching" and are therefore at the present time enlisting evangelists and Bible teachers. Rather than to promote the use of vocational evangelists and Bible teachers, we are seeking in our fellowship to promote the use of pastor evangelists and Bible teachers.

It was decided to invite our pastors to volunteer as evangelists or

Bible teachers who will freely give eight days of their time during 1960 in support of our larger denominational program of evangelism. Each pastor who feels led by the Lord to volunteer for this service is to clear this matter with his own church and to register his decision with the Director of Evangelism. We are asking our churches prayerfully to support this program and to release their pastors for this important service.

PASTORS VOLUNTEERING AS EVANGELISTS

Approximately 100 pastors have thus far volunteered their services for 1960 and have registered their decision with our department of evangelism. Surely, God will honor and reward this voluntary offering on the part of his servants. We can hardly imagine what this sacrificial service on the part of our pastors can mean in terms of soul winning in and through our denomination.

Churches requesting the services of a pastor evangelist or Bible teacher may direct their request to the Director of Evangelism, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. It is expected that the church served by a volunteer evangelist or Bible teacher will receive an offering for the support of our denominational program of evangelism and send such offering to North American Baptists, Inc., Forest Park, Ill. The denomination will reimburse each volunteer or Bible teacher for his traveling expenses.

Our denominational evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier after a record in years of service will continue to be available to our churches. He is kept busy with campaigns and needs to be booked considerably in advance.

Two major phases of activities are necessary in any successful program of evangelism. One of these is the preaching done by the evangelist; the

other is the personal work done by personal soul winners. There is no question that such has been true ever since Pentecost.

TRAINING AS SOUL WINNERS

It is futile to say, "Go and be a soul winner," unless first of all members have been trained to be soul winners. Such training involves an understanding of God's plan of salvation, the importance of personal evangelism, and how to lead a soul to Christ.

To help achieve this objective, Soul Winner's Fellowships are being organized in our churches. Under the leadership of the pastor, consecrated Christian men, women and young people receive instruction and accept assignments in seeking the lost and helping to lead them to the Savior. It should be the desire of every North American Baptist Church to have a Soul Winner's Fellowship. A special Soul Winner's Packet is available from our office at a nominal price.

A new team of "God's Volunteers" under the leadership of Rev. Walter Hoffman will freely give eight months of their time to the ministry of personal visitation evangelism in our churches. This new team, which will begin its ministry in September 1959, consists of four girls and two young men. The girls are Miss Rose Cicansky of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; Miss Gladys Hoogestraat of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Miss Georgia Hunter of Tacoma, Washington; and Miss Jackie Young of St. Paul, Minnesota. The two young men are Donald Harrison and Glenn Neumann of St. Paul, Minnesota and Tacoma, Washington respectively.

We covet the prayerful support of every one of our North American Baptist churches that God might be able to lead us forward in a mighty evangelistic advance. May God indeed give us a great harvest of souls!

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The huge statue of Christ at the top of the Corcovado (Hunchback Mountain), rising 2200 feet above the city, can be seen from almost every section of Rio de Janeiro.

Christ Looks Down on Rio de Janeiro

In the jewel city of Rio de Janeiro and in Brazil, one of the world's largest republics, Baptists have found many open doors for witnessing to the Gospel and here they will hold their 10th Congress from June 26 to July 3, 1960.

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor

WHEN THE PEOPLE OF CORCOVADO MOUNTAIN

Brazil decided to commemorate the centenary of their country's independence in 1922, they refused to consider a monument honoring revolutionary leaders. Instead, they placed a huge stone statue of Christ the Redeemer on the highest peak overlooking their capital, Rio de Janeiro. This imposing Christ of the Corcovado looks down on the city today!

The story behind the statue is a stirring saga of a people's devotion. Brazil was in the grips of an economic crisis when the suggestion to build this monumental figure was made. But the contributions poured in from the people living in the remotest points in the vast, sprawling country. In all, \$125,000 were contributed, the first time such an amount had ever been raised by subscription in Brazil.

The hunchback mountain of Corcovado, 2200 feet high, was selected and its summit cleared. A Parisian sculptor, Paul Landowski, carved the statue out of indestructible soapstone found in Brazil's state of Minas Gerais and so far unknown in any other part of the world. It took five years to build in contrast to the 13 years required for the Statue of Liberty. On October 12, 1931 it was officially dedicated.

Today the 130 foot figure of Christ, formed like a cross, may be seen from all parts of Rio de Janeiro. Like a magnet, it draws the eyes of every tourist and of many of the citizens to its impressive heights. With quiet wonder people view the statue towering over them. The head alone is 13½ feet long and weighs 30 tons. The

hands are 10 feet in length and weigh 8 tons each. It is a distance of 92 feet across the outstretched arms to the finger tips. The total weight of the monument is 1,145 tons!

The most indelible impression of the Christ on Corcovado is made on the visitor as dusk envelops Rio de Janeiro. The boulevards of Ipanema, Copacabana and Botafogo become a diamond necklace on the black velvet of bay and sea. Like stars, lights begin to flicker on the summit of Sugar Loaf Mountain. In the canyons between the mountains, hundreds of gems sparkle, and across the darkness of steep slopes solitaires begin to glitter. Finally, high above the city, against the blackness of the night, floodlights illumine Christ the Redeemer. Then the spiritual significance of the white Figure with arms outstretched in perpetual benediction is most keenly felt.

WEEPING OVER RIO

But a strange sadness overtakes the evangelical tourist to Rio de Janeiro. He cannot escape the conviction that here on the Corcovado, Christ is weeping over the city of more than three million people. In this city you will find tremendous forces of spiritual darkness into which the light of Christ needs to shine. A materialistic interest has enslaved large portions of the population. This is evident, not only at "Carnival" time with its orgy of uninhibited fun making and with its brazen display of people who have seemingly sold out their souls to the devil for a night of revelry, but it is also evident in the secular pursuits of the people.

In spite of the fact that Catholicism had a long monopoly in Brazil,

material interests have always superceded spiritual ones, as a leaflet of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society reports. This is perhaps one reason why Romanism has never exercised as much political influence here in Brazil as in other countries. So complete has been this secularization that the Constitution of 1891 made no mention of the name of God.

But in sharp contrast, Baptists along with other evangelical groups have made amazing progress in bringing the Gospel to these people. In the state of Rio de Janeiro there are approximately 300 Baptist churches. Many of these have large church buildings and spiritually thriving congregations. We visited the First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro and were staggered with joy by seeing the spaciousness of the auditorium, by hearing about its Sunday School of several thousand and by learning about its tremendous witness for Christ under the leadership of Dr. John Soren. We spent some time in the beautiful building of the Baptist Seminary at Rio de Janeiro under the direction of Dr. A. Ben Oliver. There are about twice as many churches as there are pastors, and so the need for well trained ministers continues to be one of the most pressing needs of Brazil.

We toured the huge quonset-type building of the Baptist Publishing House (Southern Baptist) on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. The building contains more than 2000 square meters of ground space. In it we saw scores of linotype machines, printing presses, folding machines and other printing equipment going full blast in the important ministry of printing Bibles and Testaments, Sunday School literature, tracts, books, etc. At the present time, Brazil is second only to the United States in the distribution of Bibles and portions of the Scriptures. More than a million copies of the Scriptures, in whole or in part, have been printed in Portuguese by this Baptist House in Rio (see accompany-



RIO'S COPACABANA BEACH

The white sands of the world famous Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with its entrancing crescent of hundreds of apartment buildings.

ing picture). The living Christ has a faithful remnant of witnesses here in Brazil, proclaiming his Gospel vigorously!

LAND OF CONTRASTS

Brazil is essentially a land of contrasts. Stretching from the green, steaming jungles of the Amazon in the north, to the temperate climate of the south, Brazil is one of the world's largest republics. Its population of 37 million almost equals that of all the other South American republics combined. Rio de Janeiro is a symphony of beaches (such as the white sands of Copacabana Beach), hunchback mountains, tropical islands and towering skyscrapers. But it also has its festering sores of pitiful slums, of poverty stricken people, of a portion of the population that is enslaved by age-old superstitions such as black and white magic.

From 1500 to 1822 Brazil was under the colonial rule of the Portuguese. Its emergence as an independent empire in 1822 was achieved without the bloodshed which accompanied independence

movements in many other South American countries. In 1889 the emperor was deposed and a republic was proclaimed. The original constitution of 1891 has been superseded by one drawn up under the rule of Vargas in 1937, but Brazil has remained an independent and democratic country. Historically, Brazil has a long record of religious tolerance, and Protestant minorities have had little difficulty obtaining permanent residence visas.

PEOPLE OF BRAZIL

The Brazilian people are the descendants of the original Portuguese rulers, the indigenous Indian tribes and the many Negro slaves brought from Africa to work the plantations of the early colonists. In addition, groups of settlers and refugees from many European countries have made their way to Brazil, for there are still vast areas of undeveloped land to be settled. Nowhere else in South America does a tourist feel himself to be in a midst of a seething melting pot of peoples from all parts of the world.

It is estimated that between 50 to 60 per cent of the Brazilians are of predominantly European extraction. Negroes form 12 per cent of the population; 25 per cent are of mixed race; and less than 5 per cent are aboriginal Indians. The white element is the largest in the south around such large, modern cities as Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

BRASILIA, NEW CAPITAL

A new miracle city will be put on official display by Brazil on April 21, 1960. This is BRASILIA, the new capital, which is being hewn out of the jungles and being built as a planned city some 600 miles northwest of Rio de Janeiro. The outline of an aeroplane was the motif for the planning of this city. The main government buildings featuring the Square of the Three Powers—executive, legislative and judicial—are rapidly nearing completion. The judicial

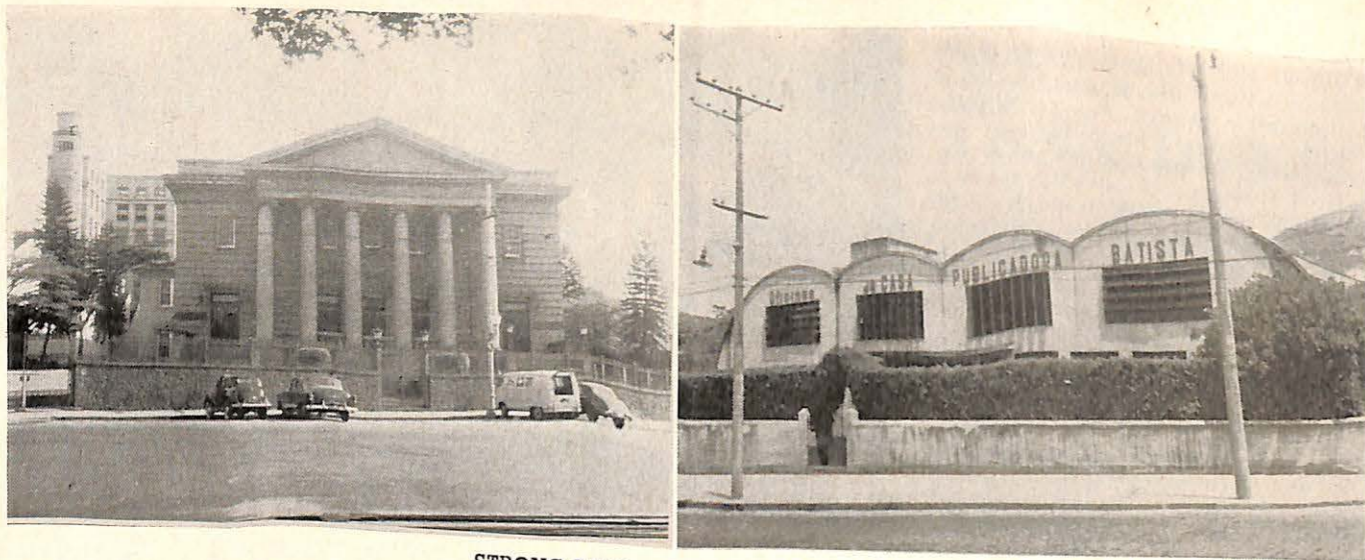


The huge granite cone known as Sugar Loaf Mountain stands like an alert sentinel over the harbor and city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



RIO DE JANEIRO AT NIGHT

At night the city of Rio de Janeiro is ablaze with millions of sparkling lights, many of them reflected in the calm waters of the harbor.



STRONG BAPTIST WITNESS IN BRAZIL

The First Baptist Church of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (left), with a seating capacity of several thousand, of which Rev. Joao Soren is the dynamic pastor. The front view of the quonset-type buildings of the Baptist Publication House in Rio de Janeiro (right). Brazil is now second only to the United States in the distribution of Bibles and portions of the Scriptures.

offices will occupy two 28 story skyscrapers. A man-made lake, created by a mammoth dam, will provide an adequate water supply for three million people. This new capital of Brazil will be linked to all parts of the nation by means of highways and air routes. BRASILIA is nothing short of miraculous among the great new cities of the modern world.

Southern Baptists have moved into Brasilia on the ground floor. Land in the new capital cannot be purchased. It is granted on an assignment basis to be used in perpetuity for the purpose indicated. The first school in the pioneer town was conducted by Baptists. An appropriate house of worship is being constructed in keeping with the architecture of Brasilia. Plans have been made for a Baptist bookstore and possibly a

missionary residence.

BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS

In the teeming city of Rio de Janeiro—as sparkling bright as a jewel—Baptists will hold their 10th Baptist World Congress from June 26 to July 3, 1960. The setting will be unique. It will be the first time in Baptist history that the Congress will be held in a country known as “a mission field.” But estimates have been made that about 15,000 to 17,000 people will attend from countries around the world and from the South American population. Meetings will be held in the Maracana Stadium seating about 20,000 people under roof. A large mass rally is being planned for the Sunday afternoon of the Congress to be held in the open air stadium nearby where a crowd of 150,000 people

can comfortably be seated. Plans are being made to have the evangelist Billy Graham address this huge crowd in the stadium.

Brazilians refer to their nation as the “Land of Tomorrow.” Certainly, Brazil has great potentialities of economic advancement, for growth and also for missionary outreach.

GOSPEL IN BRAZIL

Bringing the Gospel to Brazil is being accomplished by a witnessing and preaching ministry. Tract distribution, calling, and street meetings serve to arouse interest and form the first small nucleus of believers. Meetings in the home follow, and then, as the group grows through the combined efforts of Brazilian Christians and missionary, a hall is rented and furnished by the group. Eventually, the new church becomes large enough to build or buy a permanent building, and pay its own pastor. During this time of growth, the missionary's job is not only to preach the Gospel, but to train the Christians and to guide them toward the goal of an autonomous church.

Baptists who attend the Congress sessions in Rio de Janeiro will view with Brazilians their dream for “a new and better country.” But they will also be eye witnesses to the evangelical missionary work that is being done to present Christ to the Brazilian people. In Brazil we are confronted by gigantic tasks in a land with seemingly limitless possibilities. Baptists of the world need to focus their attention on Brazil, envisioning the eternal work of a single soul among these 37 million people, and entering boldly through the open doors of the Gospel into this South American country. Then Christ will come down from the Corcovado mountain to find his transforming abode in the hearts of the Brazilian people!

Featuring Tenth Baptist World Congress

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
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Literature upon request. Write Miss Marjorie V. Fellman, **BROWNELL TOUR DIRECTOR**, 302 North Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, or Corydon Travel Bureau, Board of Trade Bldg. Lobby, Chicago 4, Illinois.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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of Baptist centers in the two countries to 59, a substantial increase.) Reports of home mission enterprises and publishing work also showed increases. A total of 194,000 copies of *Croire et Servir*, monthly journal of the Federation, were distributed during the year for evangelistic purposes.

• **29,990 Baptisms In 1958.** Overseas churches related to Southern Baptist mission work reported 29,990 baptisms during 1958, an increase of 4,912 over 1957. These brought the total membership of the 3,229 churches to 416,750. This information was gleaned from the Foreign Mission Board's 1958 report, a compilation of figures and facts from the 38 countries and territories where Southern Baptist foreign missionaries serve. (Figures in the 1958 report include an estimated 392 churches and 123,000 members in China. No attempt was made to estimate baptisms by the China churches.) Two-thirds of the churches, or 2,156, are self-supporting; and total contributions through the churches and the 6,116 chapels and missions reached \$2,155,892.47. The churches were served by 1,953 national pastors and 122 missionary pastors.

• **Kachins Evangelize Headhunters.** When the Kachin Baptist Convention met in 1954, a Kachin school teacher related how in the Naga Hills, not far from his school, three Naga young people were selected for sacrifice to the evil spirits in connection with a big animist festival. Before the teach-

ANNUAL MEETING, DAKOTA CONFERENCE HOME, BISMARCK, N. DAK.

The annual business meeting of the Society of the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, North Dakota, will be held at the Home on October 6, 1959 at 10:00 A.M. The annual program will be held at 2:00 P.M. All members are urged to attend.
Orrin B. Enockson, Secretary.

From the Professor's Desk

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

Does the New Testament anywhere teach sinless perfection? I have in mind particularly such passages as I John 3:6, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: Whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him" and 5:18, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not..."

For a better understanding of these verses, it will help to know something of the situation which gave rise to them. The Epistle of John, from which they are taken, was written to oppose an early Christian heresy called Gnosticism. There were many ramifications of Gnostic teaching, but one of its principal beliefs, as its name suggests, was the superiority of knowledge (perhaps better, "enlightenment") to faith and conduct.

The Gnostics also believed in the essential evil of matter. On the religious side of things, this led them to deny the Incarnation. On the ethical side, it had a two-fold manifestation. Some of the Gnostics became ascetics. The body being evil, it must be treated with contempt. Others reacted in the opposite direction: since the body is incapable of being more vile than it is, and the soul, enlightened by superior knowledge, is incapable of corruption, the grossest sins can be indulged in. This anti-nomianism (lawlessness) is opposed in the Epistle of John. Such statements as, "If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth" (1:6), and "if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and

the truth is not in us" (1:8), make this abundantly clear.

The Gnostics claimed a knowledge of God. They claimed to be begotten of God but went right on practicing sin. Thus John bluntly says in 3:6, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not..." and in 5:18, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not..." Now in both of these verses the word *sinneth* is in the present tense, which indicates repetitive or continued action. It would better be translated *practice sin*.

John is saying that the true child of God is not a deliberate, habitual sinner. He is *not* saying that he does not sin, i.e., commit acts of sin. This is clear from his statement in 2:1 where he points out that when a Christian sins he has an advocate, one who pleads his case before God, in the blessed person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Christian lives in a world of sin. He should be growing more like his Savior each day, but he will inevitably commit acts of sin. Yet it is not sin but opposition to sin which is the ruling principle of his life. When he sins, he confesses and is forgiven. The sinner, on the other hand, by continuing in sin proves that he has really never known Christ.

er and others reached the place, two of them had been sacrificed. The teacher and his friends were able to purchase the third captive and thus save his life. The several thousand Kachins present at the Convention were shocked and deeply moved, and voted to begin missionary work among the Nagas, who inhabit the hills near the Burma-India border. An experienced preacher volunteered to go as the first missionary. Since 1954, schools have been opened in three villages. More than 80 Nagas have turned to Christ and have been baptized.

• **New Home for Refugees.** The relief arm of the Baptist World Alliance has reached thousands of miles across the Pacific Ocean to help find new

homes for Baptist refugees stranded in Asia after fleeing from oppression in Europe. More than 10,000 refugees are involved. Rev. A. Klaupiks, BWA relief coordinator, reported on his return to Washington after a six weeks' flying trip to Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand. Between 200 and 300 of these refugees are Baptists. If plans set in motion by Mr. Klaupiks materialize, these Baptist individuals and families will be relocated in Australia, establishing new homes and working in new jobs. There also will be a new Baptist old people's home for refugees, located in Sydney. Mr. Klaupiks' trip was in behalf of the BWA Relief Committee, headed by Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, Tenn., USA.

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We the Women

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

EDUCATION IS EVERYONE'S ADVANTAGE IN AMERICA

Recently it was your president's privilege to be one of ten delegates from the state of North Dakota to a National Conference on Education sponsored by the largest farm organization in the country, the American Farm Bureau Federation. This important conference was held on the beautiful campus of the University of Utah at Salt Lake City and proved to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Since September marks the beginning of a new school year, and since all of us are vitally concerned with the problems of education, and want the best possible education for our children, permit me to share with you some of the fine things I heard at this worthwhile conference.

To me it was most heartening to hear speaker after speaker assert that our schools must teach spiritual and moral values as well as academic subjects in order to develop well-rounded personalities and to educate the whole child. To be sure, it is basically the responsibility of the home and church to teach religion and spiritual and moral values, but our schools must also share in this important responsibility, if our democracy and the freedom, which is our richest heritage, are to survive.

We were also warned to beware of the insidious forces at work in our educational systems that would destroy our free enterprise system, and our God-given right to think and act for ourselves as individuals.

Dr. Floyd J. Andrews, Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Washington, said to us:

"There are forces at work in the United States today which, if successful, would concentrate the decision-making power in the hands of an all-powerful authority. These forces may be motivated by two different desires. One group may be communistic in nature with a desire to undermine our institutions and destroy them from within. The other force may be well meaning but misguided super-patriots who would oppose communism by using the restrictive methods of the communists themselves."

W. Cleon Skousen, Chief of Police of Salt Lake City and author of the book, "The Naked Communist," gave one of the finest addresses it has ever been my privilege to hear, when he spoke on "Today's Challenge to Education." He maintained that no educational system fully serves its purpose until it leads man to the higher plateau of learning, when he comes to a full recognition of the divine Creator

Showing the Way for Men!

By Mr. Al Quiring of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

"AND [Jehoshaphat] walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the sight of the Lord." Here, from II Chronicles 20:32, is a delineation of the great and wise King Jehoshaphat, who, following the godly ways of his father Asa, walked in righteousness before the Lord. I like to think of our Men's Brotherhood in the Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn., as exercising the same opportunity of leadership before our young men as Asa did before his son.

We find Asa in his appointed place, seeking fellowship among men who were wise in their counselling because they were lovers of God. We find him waiting upon the Word of the Lord to precipitate his movements. We find him leaning upon the arm of the Lord in utter and humble dependence, trusting the timetable, strategy and strength of the Almighty for victory over his powerful enemies. We find

him believing and expecting that God would honor his promises of reward for obedience.

As he gratefully accepted his many blessings, at the Word of the Lord Asa took courage to cleanse the nation of its abominations, its sin-traps, and to align the people in "covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul." His own heart, we read, was perfect all his days; and because his heart was anchored in faith and in steadfastness for the task, he delighted to draw others along with him, so that the people "sought [God] with their whole desire."

While we are thinking about Asa's example, let us in the North American Baptist Brotherhood be wise to order our steps in righteousness and obedience, depending on the Lord to make us aware of our responsibilities of leadership so that those who come after us will also seek God "with their whole desire."

REPORT OF LAYMEN'S
CONFERENCE, GREEN LAKE,
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WATCH FOR THESE IN FORTHCOMING ISSUES!

OUR HOLY BENEFACTOR

By Mrs. Jan Briand
of Startup, Washington

We all have a benefactor,
The Holy One above,
Who gave to every one of us
This world, with all his love.

How many of us do humble,
Before our life is done,
In thanks to God Almighty for
Another gift—his Son.

Do we really understand that
He gave us eyes to see,
Our ears to hear, and lips to speak,
All these, to you and me?

We all are set at certain times
To sin and to deceive,
Yet all he ever asks of us
Is simply: to believe.

So let us give our thanks in prayer
And walk along his way
To show that we are proud we're
heirs,
Yes, each and every day.

and asks, "O God, where art thou?" He challenged all parents to instill the fundamentals of religion in their children as the surest bulwark against Communism and atheism in our schools. He said the Communists and atheists are "scared to death" of anyone who practices the principles of Christ and lives according to the precepts of God.

NEW PROGRAM PACKET
FOR USE IN LAYMEN'S
MEETINGS

GOD OF REVIVAL

By Oswald J. Smith

God of Revival, meet us now,
As on thy name we call;
Forgive our sin and hear our pray'r,
Let show'rs of blessing fall.

God of Revival, search our hearts
And make us pure within;
Burn out the dross and purify;
Lord, cleanse us from all sin.

God of Revival, make us one,
That we may work with thee;
Help us to pray until at last
Thy mighty pow'r we see.

God of Revival, Love Divine,
Thy joy to us restore;
Pour out thy spirit as of old
And stir our hearts once more.

God of Revival, save, we pray,
Let not the sinner die;
O make us witnesses for thee,
For this we humbly cry.
The Sunday School Times

We parents do have a responsibility in the matters of schools and education. We must make it our business to know what is being taught, and by whom it is taught. If we, the taxpayers of America keep an eternal vigilance over our schools, they will remain the free institutions they were meant to be—so that "education is truly everyone's advantage."



What's Happening

• The German Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan has called Rev. Eduard Hornbacher as its pastor at a recent business meeting. He had already been serving for some months as the interim pastor. He accepted the call and is now the full time minister of the church.

• Rev. and Mrs. Kurt Marquardt of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, have announced the birth of a daughter on July 6th who has been named Bethel Jean. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Littman of Marion, Kansas, of the Strassburg Baptist Church have announced the birth of a son on June 19, who has been named Alan Charles.

• The Board of Missions has granted Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer of Emery, S. Dak., a leave of absence for one year beginning with October 1, 1959 from her ministry as missionary-nurse in the Cameroons. Her letter stated the reason for this request: "I realize how difficult it will be to leave my father who is very lonely since my mother's death. He has aged a great deal and has been failing since then."

• The Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Milton Zeeb, a third year student at the North American Baptist Seminary, to become the student pastor of the church. He came to the Seminary from Portland, Oregon. Mr. Zeeb has accepted the call and he and his family are living in the parsonage of the church. He has succeeded Rev. Henry Pfeifer, now pastor of the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

• Rev. B. F. Taylor has resigned as pastor of the Central Valley Baptist Church, Donna, Texas, and announced that he has accepted the call of the Calvary Baptist Church, Brawley, Calif. This is an independent Baptist Church with a membership of 186. Mr. Taylor began his ministry in the Brawley Church on August 9th. He had served the Donna Church since 1956. His new address will be given in a future issue.

• The Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., has extended a call to Rev. A. E. Van Kley of South Holland, Ill., which he has accepted. He served the church for several weeks on Sundays and on August 18 he and his wife and their daughter, Sharon, moved into the parsonage. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill. A more complete report and a picture of Brother Van Kley appear among the reports in this issue.

• A Hammond Spinnet Organ was presented to the Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N. Dak., by Mrs. William Fritzsche of Vancouver, B.C., the mother

of the pastor of the church, Rev. Bernard R. Fritzsche. Mrs. Fritzsche had inherited the organ from her sister, the late Miss Johanna Hoffman of Williston, N. Dak. The organ was dedicated in June at a morning service of the Grace Baptist Church. Plans are now being made to complete the sanctuary of the church.

• The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., has extended a call to Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and announced that he would begin his pastorate in the Vancouver church in September, succeeding Dr. A. S. Felberg, the new president of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. Mr. Patzia has served as pastor of the Ridgemont (formerly Conner) Baptist Church of East Detroit, Michigan, since 1947.

• The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Marks of Kelowna, B.C., was celebrated at the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna on Sunday evening, July 12. Rev. E. H. Nikkel led the program, featuring male chorus selections, a violin solo and a brief message. Congratulations were extended by representatives of various church organizations and gifts were presented. Mr. and Mrs. Marks were married in Lockwood, Sask., on July 12, 1934 by Rev. G. P. Schroeder. At present, Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Bonikowski, the parents of Mrs. Marks, are living with them.

• From July 13 to 18 the First German Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, held a Vacation Bible School with 36 children in attendance. On Sunday afternoon, July 19, the church held a picnic on the picturesque grounds of the Sanitarium of Saskatoon. A band played for awhile and the congregation sang for the patients of the Sanitarium in front of their open windows. Afterwards, a worship service was held with the children of the Vacation Bible School rendering a program. The parents of the children

GROSSERS' GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Grosser of River Forest, Illinois, are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday, September 15. Mr. Grosser has been the denominational treasurer for many years and he and Mrs. Grosser have held important positions of leadership in the Forest Park Baptist Church of which they are members. Cards and letters of congratulations can be sent to them at 7204 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

and other friends were in attendance. Rev. E. Hornbacher is pastor of the church.

• Rev. Edwin Michelson of McLaughlin, S. Dak., has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin and announced that he had accepted the call to become the Church Extension pastor in Wichita, Kansas. This call was sent to him by the Church Extension Committee of the denomination. He and his family began their ministry in Wichita, Kansas on September 1st with the hope of beginning a new North American Baptist Church and an important Church Extension project in this thriving city of Wichita. Mr. Michelson has served as pastor of the McLaughlin Church since 1956.

• At the Northern Conference sessions held in Yorkton, Sask., from July 8 to 12, recognition was accorded to Mr. Herman Streuber of Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the signing of the charter for the North American Baptist Immigration and Colonization Society. Mr. Streuber and Rev. H. P. Kayser of Mt. Clemens, Mich., are the two living charter members who helped to found this society. For 30 years it has rendered a tremendous service in the work of immigration and the settlement of Baptists from Germany and other European countries to Canada in conjunction with the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee and the denomination's Fellowship committee.

• Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of Chicago, Illinois, has accepted an appointment to become the Professor of Theology serving on the faculty of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa. He has succeeded Dr. Culbert G. Rutenber, at present a member of the faculty of the Anderson Newton Theological School of Newton Centre, Massachusetts. Dr. Bender has formerly served as a teacher on the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary and as the pastor of several of our churches. He was one of the guest speakers at the Laymen's Conference held at Green Lake, Wisconsin. He is a son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Bender, Cameroons missionaries.

• The Board of Missions has appointed Mr. Peter Dubois, a Christian Indian of the Muscowpetung Reserve in Saskatchewan, as the new missionary on the Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Two years ago he attended the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta. He has proven himself as a very earnest and talented Christian. Mr. Dubois and his family have moved to the Bull Reserve and are living in the missionary's home in connection with the Benke Memorial Chapel. From October 15 to May 1 he will study at the Christian Training Institute and serve the Indians on the Bull Reserve on weekends.

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Reviews of Good Religious Books

By Dr. Donald G. Davis of Los Angeles, California

WILSON'S DICTIONARY OF BIBLE TYPES

By Walter Lewis Wilson: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.; 519 pages; cloth; \$6.00.

THE FOUNDER of Kansas City Bible College has collected in this volume a wealth of material from the Bible, dealing with the types, shadows, signs, and symbols therein used. Each reference is clearly marked as to its being clearly a type, a probable or a possible type. Three lessons on "How to Study Types" are followed by an alphabetical arrangement of references with brief notes. Bible students will find a high devotional and practical use for this unusual book.

THINGS TO COME

By J. Dwight Pentecost; Dunham Publishing Co.; 633 pages; cloth; \$7.95.

Subtitled *A Study in Biblical Eschatology*, this would appear to be the most exhaustive treatment of premillennial prophecy yet to appear. Excellent introductory material on the methods and history of Christian prophecy will prepare the reader for the detailed presentation of the Bible covenants, the course of the present church age, the rapture of the church, the great tribulation, the millennial kingdom, the judgments, and the eternal state. The work is carefully documented and includes a detailed table of contents, bibliography, and subject and Scripture indexes. Pastors and teachers will find themselves turning often to this volume for reference.

A SURVEY OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

By Russell Bradley Jones; Baker Book House; 372 pages; cloth; \$5.95.

This excellent survey of the Bible contains many fine charts, outlines, maps, summaries, and bibliographies. Written by the Head of the Department of Bible and Religious Education at Carson-Newman College (Southern Baptist), it will be found to be true to the faith and a good guide for mastering the contents of the Bible.

THE WONDER OF THE WORD

By Gwynn McLendon Day; Fleming H. Revell Co.; 222 pages; cloth; \$2.50.

Books about the Bible continue to pour from the presses of the world. A Christian teacher has collected hundreds of illustrations of the power and authority of the Bible within these pages, and they will be found a mine of useful quotations and references for use by Christian workers. The material is carefully documented for those readers who like to dig into the sources.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF 2,585 ILLUSTRATIONS

By Henry Ward Beecher: Zondervan Publishing House; 675 pages; cloth; \$5.95.

These illustrations are not anecdotes but suggestive topical thoughts, by means of which truth can be presented. While this is a reprint of an earlier work, it will be found more profitable for ministers, perhaps, than many of the current books of sermon stories.

CHRIST'S KINGDOM AND COMING

By Jesse Wilson Hodges; Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.; 247 pages; cloth; \$3.00.

This critique of so-called dispensational teaching deserves a more extended review than can be given in these columns. Much of worth, even to the dispensationalist, will be found in these chapters. The false charge, so often repeated, however, that those who hold a dispensational approach to the Scriptures teach several different ways of salvation, indicates clearly that the author has not, in all his study, reached the heart of the problem which concerns him.

THE EPISTLES OF PAUL A TRANSLATION AND NOTES

By W. J. Conybeare; Baker Book House; 231 pages; cloth; \$2.50.

Here will be found the translation of the epistles of Paul together with the notes and comments as found in the

memorable *Life and Epistles of St. Paul* by Conybeare and Howson. The ample notes really transform this work from a translation into a compact commentary. The reviewer has made constant use of it for many years.

THIS WAY, PLEASE

By Roy O. McClain; Fleming H. Revell Co.; 217 pages; cloth; \$3.00.

These fourteen sermons were preached by the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, who has been heard by millions over "The Baptist Hour," official radio voice of the Southern Baptists. *Newsweek* named him among the ten greatest American preachers. Here is Southern Baptist preaching at its current best.

WOMAN TO WOMAN

By Eugenia Price; Zondervan Publishing House; 256 pages; \$2.95.

Writing on the theme, *The Difference It Makes When a Woman's Personality is Christ-Controlled*, Miss Price discusses such aspects of a woman's life as: her disposition, her conscious and sub-conscious mind, her reputation, her work, her appearance, her married life, her home, the lives of her children, her unmarried life, her friendships, her rebellions, her spiritual life, her understanding of human nature and God's nature, the way she faces life and the way she faces death. *WOMAN TO WOMAN* is not a book

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Book Reviews (Continued)

The Broken Wall by Marcus Barth (Judson Press, Philadelphia) 1959, 277 pp., \$2.00.

In preparing this study book for evangelism, Marcus Barth brushes aside consideration of methods and strikes at the essential nature and meaning of the Gospel as he understands it.

The reason for his concern to re-define the Gospel becomes apparent when he unfolds his concept of the message of evangelism in his scholarly and provocative exposition of Ephesians. The book revolves about Ephesians 2:14, "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."

For Barth this means all mankind is included in the redemptive work of Christ in such a manner that all are saved. Therefore, there can be no real distinction between the church and the world. To set the church apart from the world in any sense is a repudiation of Christ.

Those in the church recognize the perfect will of God, whereas those outside the church are saved but are not aware that the work of reconciliation was effective for them. Evangelism is to bring this knowledge to those who do not know. While decrying the position of the universalist, he builds a universal system of his own.

Spiritual death means nothing more than one might as well be dead as to live like the world. Hell has no reference to the future state of the sinner, but is a disciplinary act, here and now, for those who know God's will but refuse to do it.

If one can look beyond these views of Barth, there are sections that are stimulating and give a freshness to the book of Ephesians. The serious implications for the message of evangelism, however, are so insurmountable that the book will have little value as a study book for evangelism among our churches.—Review by Prof. Roy Seibel.

Germantown Church's 75th Anniversary

The Germantown Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., is our oldest church in North Dakota. It was founded before North Dakota became a state and before the Soo Line Railroad was built!

Report by Mrs. Albert Meth, Fessenden, N. Dak.

"THOU SHALT remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these 'seventy-five' years" (Duet. 8:2). As a traveler takes a backward look when he gets to a hill-top experience, in order that he may view the stones over which he stumbled and the flowers which he enjoyed on the way, so we of the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., took a backward look on Sunday, July 26th, and reviewed some of the events during the past seventy-five years of our church's history.

EARLY HISTORY

The first members settled in Pleasant Valley, eight miles south of Carrington, N. Dak. On Sept. 4, 1885 the church was recognized by our North American Baptist denomination as the First German Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak. There were 13 charter members.

It was in 1886 that some of these members moved to Germantown Township, Wells County, N. Dak., bringing with them the charter of the church. The first meetings were held in their homes, and later in a school house located a half-mile south of the present church.

In 1892 the church was recognized as the Germantown Baptist Church. During the same year the congregation decided to build a church because their meeting place in the school house was too small. The building of the church was started in the spring with Rev. John Jaeger acting as head carpenter. The church was built and financed almost entirely by members. On June 11, 1893 the present church

was dedicated.

The Germantown Church was organized before North Dakota became a state and before the Soo Line Railroad was built. It is the oldest North American Baptist church in the state of North Dakota. The first Conference in the state was held at the Germantown Church. (See accompanying picture of ministers).

24; A. P. Schultz, 1924-26; A. Alf, 1926-30; G. Palfenier, 1931-33; Otto Fiesel and R. Sigmund (supply pastors), 1934-35; D. Klein, 1935-44; W. Gerthe, 1945-46; D. Klein, 1948-51; E. Bunning, 1952-58; and G. J. Voegelé, 1958 to date.

The following men from our church have prepared for Christian service: Fred Hahn, August Heringer, Christ



Pastors and guests at the 75th anniversary festivities of the Germantown Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak.

Left to right: Rev. Gordon Voegelé, pastor; Rev. Elmer A. Bunning, former pastor; Mrs. Daniel Klein, wife of former pastor; Rev. O. W. Brenner, former pastor; Rev. Ervin Faul and Rev. Orville Meth, sons of the church; Rev. Martin De Boer, Rev. John Kastelein, Rev. Howard D. Westlund, Rev. David Zimmerman and Rev. Lorimer D. Potratz.

The following served our church as pastors: A. F. Braun, 1886-87; Wm. Achterberg, 1887-90; John Jaeger, 1891-97; Wm. Wahl, 1897-1913; O. W. Brenner, 1913-20; H. P. Kayser, 1920-

Edinger, Ervin Faul, Laurence Faul, Orville Meth and Elden Seibold. During the 75 years our church raised \$199,266 for local expenditures and gave \$103,975 for missions and benevolences, making a grand total of \$303,241.

JUBILEE SUNDAY'S FESTIVITIES

On July 26 a large crowd attended the forenoon, afternoon and evening services. This was a day of deep inspiration as we reviewed the sacrificial efforts of our forefathers and the blessings which God bestowed upon them. It was also a day of joy in seeing and visiting with former members and friends who came from as far away as Texas, California and New Jersey.

Challenging messages were brought during the Sunday School hour by Rev. Orville Meth, Rev. Elmer Bunning and Mrs. Daniel Klein. Rev. Ervin Faul of Calgary, Alberta, brought a very challenging and fitting message during the morning worship service.

In the afternoon greetings were

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Ministers in attendance at the Northwestern Conference sessions held at the Germantown Baptist Church of North Dakota, July 12-17, 1899, sixty years ago!

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 13, 1959

Theme: GOD'S CONCERN FOR ALL PEOPLE (JONAH)

Scripture: Jonah 3:1-2, 10; 4:1-11

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: A man who is interested in saving only himself and has no interest in saving others has a very selfish salvation.

INTRODUCTION: Outside of his mission to Nineveh, Jonah is practically unknown. The only other reference made to him in the Old Testament is in II Kings 14:15 in which he assures Jeroboam II that he will be victorious over the Syrians.

Jonah was a prophet of Israel, the northern kingdom. But while he was preaching to Israel and warning them, he was as much in need of instruction as was his nation. The motive of the story of Jonah is clear—to rebuke the spirit of the exclusiveness of Israel and its rejoicing over the calamities of outside nations. They thought Jehovah was for them, not for others. God's purpose was not to save Israel by indiscriminately destroying other nations. His purpose was to save Israel and thereby use Israel to save the other nations (I Kings 8:43).

Notice some of the peculiarities of Jonah as preacher and evangelist:

1. Ministers often pray for days and weeks, seeking guidance as to their preaching mission. More often they are strong in obedience, but occasionally express doubt as to guidance. Jonah was strong on guidance but weak in obedience.

2. Many ministers are afraid of failure in evangelistic efforts. Jonah was afraid of success.

3. Ministers become despondent when there are few or no conversions. Jonah was despondent because he had too many conversions.

4. Some evangelists have a hundred per cent negative response. Jonah had one hundred per cent positive response.

The book ends on an anti-climactic note. There should be one more chapter to make clear what happened to Jonah. It leaves us with the impression that everybody repented except the preacher.

I. GOD'S WAY — JONAH'S WAY. Jonah 3:1-2.

How often we plead and pray for God's unquestionable will for our lives! Jonah received the positive word of God. He was shown a positive place to preach. He was given a positive message to proclaim. Where God is so positive about everything, it is difficult to understand why Jonah was so negative!

II. GOD'S GRACIOUSNESS — JONAH'S UNGRACIOUSNESS. Jonah 3:10; 4:1-5.

ANNIVERSARY AT ARNPRIOR

Special services celebrating the 90th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, will be held on September 26 and 27, 1959 with Rev. Emanuel Wolff, Eastern District secretary, as guest speaker. All former pastors and members are invited to attend or to send a letter of greeting.

Eldon L. Janzen, pastor
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Arnprior, Ontario, Canada

When the calamities of life overtake us, we often take our resentment out on God and accuse him of deserting us and being angry with us without cause. But here was a prophet full of resentment, yet still able to see God's nature in all its clarity: "For I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness." How is it possible to be angry with God because he is good? Is it not because we enjoy seeing people get what is coming to them? We pride ourselves on our keen sense of justice, but it is justice without love and mercy. The essence of God's love and justice is found in Jesus Christ who died on the Cross so that we would not get what was coming to us!

III. GOD'S CONCERN—JONAH'S UNCONCERN. Jonah 4:6-11.

Here is a picture of man's perverted sense of values. Jonah was concerned about a gourd which grew up and withered in a night. And while he was concerned about gourds, God was concerned about souls which had eternal value. How often throughout our lives do we spend time and effort on the things that perish when we should be concerned about "treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matt. 6:20).

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: September 20, 1959

Theme: GOD'S PROMISE OF PEACE (ZECHARIAH)

Scripture: Zechariah 7:8-12; 8:4-8, 12-13

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: God's promises are often long in coming, but when they come they often burst upon us in all their fulness.

INTRODUCTION: The prophets Hag-

S. S. LESSON EDITOR

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gai and Zechariah should be studied together. They were post-exilic prophets who returned to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel and roused up the people to build the temple. The date of their prophesying was around 520 B.C. during the reign of Darius.

The Messianic prophecies of Zechariah are some of the most remarkable in the Old Testament. Placing the crown on the head of Joshua, the high priest, was a symbolic act signifying the Royal-Priestly Messiah (Zech. 6:9-15). The Triumphal Entry or the "Palm Sunday" prophecy of Christ entering Jerusalem on an ass is clearly indicated in Zechariah 9:9. Chapter eleven is significant for its mention of the thirty pieces of silver and the Potters Field as well as the rejection of the Shepherd. The piercing of Jesus is also mentioned in 12:10.

I. MAN'S UNRIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE. Zechariah 7:8-12.

This is a strange combination which people are still seeking today. In all ages and in all nations, there is a continual striving after peace but with the striving also a refusal to give up unrighteousness. Many people wish for war to cease simply because they long to go back to their normal sinful practices. They forget that their sin and injustice led to God's judgment.

No matter what efforts are made for peace they will fail unless judgment, and compassion are practiced. The Kingdom of God must be seated at the peace table along with all the other kingdoms.

II. GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE. Zechariah 8:4-8.

Here we see God's Kingdom and peace in comparison to the kingdom of man. It is a symbol of what Paul said in the New Testament: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14:17). True peace is a matter of the heart and mind and is the result of rightness with God. Zechariah reminds Israel that the peace which they want is possible only if "they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness."

III. GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED. Zechariah 8:12-13.

The number of Jews that actually left Babylon for Palestine was probably quite small. Many stayed behind because of the dangers of the journey and the comforts of their newly adopted homeland. Those who did return were quite enthusiastic at first but, because of the destruction of their homes and land, and the scorn and opposition of their neighbors, they became depressed and discouraged. These words of the prophet must have restored their strength and refreshed their spirits. The temple was completed, the land restored and their homes rebuilt. If God's promise was fulfilled in this instance, why not trust him all the way and accept the full and complete blessing of God?

Central District

Honorary Deacon in Baptist Church, Emery, S. D.

In recognition of his thirty-four years of continuous service as a deacon, the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., made Mr. Will Harms an honorary deacon. After the Emery church adopted a new constitution which limited the term of officers, Mr. Harms was not eligible to continue in office as a deacon. So in recognition of his faithful service the church voted to make him an honorary deacon. During all this time, Mr. Harms missed only one communion service.

The City of Emery celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary and the citizens of the community entered into the spirit by growing beards or mustaches. The churches of the community, including the Plum Creek and Baptist Church of Emery, entered some very fine floats in the parade.

Mrs. Herman Bleeker, Reporter

New Pastor at Baptist Church, Baileyville, Illinois

Rev. A. E. Van Kley of South Holland, Ill., has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Baileyville Baptist Church, Baileyville, Ill. He supplied the pulpit from July 12 to August 16. On August 18 Rev. and Mrs. Van Kley and their daughter, Sharon, moved into the Baileyville parsonage. They have two other children: Mrs. Loretta Miller, and Donald, who is to be married on September 29.

Mr. Van Kley is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill. While pursuing his studies at the school, he served as visitation pastor in the Moody Memorial Church of Chicago, assisting the late Dr. Harry Ironside. After his graduation, Mr. Van Kley served as pastor at several churches in Chicago, Kansas and Missouri. In our Baileyville Church he has succeeded Rev. Harold Sanders. Mrs. Elizabeth Renkema, Reporter.

Special Reception by Minnetrista Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn.

On Sunday evening, July 26, the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., gave a surprise pantry shower for Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Harfst to welcome them to St. Bonifacius. Mr. Harfst became pastor of our church in December 1958 after having been interim pastor for many months. But he and his wife were not able to move into the parsonage from their home in Coon Rapids, Minnesota until July 1959. Mr. Harfst has been attending classes at Bethel College in Minneapolis.

Ed Adam was master of ceremonies, and welcome speeches were given by Edgar Luedtke, Mrs. Mayda Berge, Mrs. Irene Maas, Warren Gregg and Wilmar Luedtke. Special music was by the double duet of Gerri Ledin, Pat

STUDENTS' FELLOWSHIP, ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS AREA

Young People of the Dakota and Northwestern Conference Churches: A students' fellowship is being organized in the St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minn. area.

Keep Oct. 17 OPEN to attend the opening fall rally!

If you should be attending school or working here in this area this fall, please contact:

Marge Kling, Secretary
Powell Hall, University of Minneapolis,
Minneapolis, Minnesota
(Fe 9-0531)

Rehbein, Evelyn Gregg and Arline Bruhn, who sang "Back of the Clouds." Another special number was by Wilmar Luedtke and Ed Adam who sang "There's No Friend Like Jesus." Mrs. Olga Adam accompanied on the organ. Lunch was served in the church living room by the ladies of the church.

Mrs. Cornelle Krotzer, Clerk.

Community Vacation Bible School In Aplington, Iowa

The annual community Vacation Bible School in Aplington, Iowa, was held for a nine-day period, beginning May 26, with the closing exercises held Sunday evening, June 7. This year's theme was "Living for Jesus in the Space Age." The average attendance was 210 with a registration total of 290: Baptists—93; Presbyterian—81; Reformed—95; other denominations—21. The registration 18 years ago, when the Vacation School was first introduced here, was 119 as compared with 290 this year. The missionary offering of \$221.30 was sent to the Pacific Garden Mission; American Bible Association; and KNWS Christian radio station.

Officers and teachers from the Bap-



Rev. A. E. Van Kley, pastor of the Baileyville Baptist Church, Baileyville, Illinois.

tist church included: Mrs. Harm Sherman, superintendent and girls' recreation supervisor; Mmes. Bernie Lindeman, Clarence Ostercamp, LeRoy Gieseke, Edwin Lindaman, Earl Stukenberg, Ed Frey, Kenneth Dreyer, Don Lindaman, Marlin Lindaman, Lawrence Dreyer. Rev. Donald Patet was in charge of primary, junior and intermediate music and was one of the high school instructors. Mrs. Gus Maifeld served as substitute teacher.

Mrs. Paul Voogd, Reporter

Activities of "Bethany Women" in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

In past years, three women's groups have been functioning in the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin: the Woman's Missionary Society, the Mary and Martha Class, and the Philea Regis Society. These groups are continuing as separate organizations, but during recent months they have cooperated with one another in activities, such as the observance of the Baptist Day of Prayer, the rally held when our missionary, Mrs. Alma Henderson, was the speaker, the Mother and Daughter banquet held in May, and a picnic in July.

At a business session, the name "Bethany Women" was adopted as well as a constitution and rules. An executive committee, consisting of the president and a member-at-large of each society, plus our pastor's wife, Mrs. Wilmer Quiring, who is an ex-officio member, plans the activities of the entire group. Through this united effort, our women are experiencing inspirational fellowship and are hoping to serve our Lord more efficiently.

Laura Weihe, Reporter

Farewell for Dr. and Mrs. Seecamp, Hebron, N. Dak.

On Sunday morning, June 28, Dr. C. H. Seecamp brought his farewell message to the congregation of the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak. It was just five years ago that Dr. Seecamp and his wife and three children, who are presently attending school in Minneapolis, Minn., came to serve us.

On the same Sunday evening the church gathered for a farewell program for the Seecamps. All the organizations of the church expressed their appreciation by presenting the pastor and his wife with a gift of money. The Men's Quartet and Men's Double Quartet, consisting of four sons and their fathers, sang two favorite songs. The choir sang two songs. A love offering was also received at this time for the pastor and his wife. Dr. and Mrs. Seecamp began their new ministry at La Crosse, Wis., on July 1st.

On Wednesday, June 24, after our weekly choir practice, we gathered in the basement of the church for a short farewell program in honor of Dr. Seecamp's faithful service as choir director. The choir presented the pastor with a personal gift at this gathering.

Mrs. John Stading, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School, Central Church, Waco, Texas

From June 1 to 5 the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, held a very successful Vacation Bible School with 130 pupils registered and with a daily average attendance of 120. Mrs. Vernon Ekrut was superintendent and was assisted by other members of the church on the teaching staff.

We are thankful to our heavenly Father for the three young people who gave their hearts to the Lord during the week of Bible School. On Friday night after a short program, a picnic was enjoyed by the students, parents and members of the church. Rev. L. B. Hinz is pastor of Central Baptist Church.

Mrs. Philip Kinsey, Reporter.

Beautiful Wedding Ceremony, Faith Church, Minneapolis

In the traditional setting of palms, ferns and flowers, a lovely summer wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon, July 25, at the Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn., when Miss Edith Grace Palfenier, daughter of our denominational evangelist and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. Palfenier, became the bride of Mr. Heinrich Treptan. Rev. H. Palfenier had the unique privilege, not only of giving his daughter away, but also to unite the couple in holy matrimony. Rev. A. Huber assisted in the ceremony. Mr. Arthur Thom was soloist and Mrs. Alvin Quiring was at the organ.

After a reception in the church parlors, the couple left by plane for New York and London, England, then to France and Germany to visit Mr. Treptan's parents. Upon their return they will reside in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Esther Adam, Reporter



The renovated kitchen of the Danzig Baptist Church near Tyndall, S. Dak.

Vacation School and Danzig Dedication Program, Tyndall,

June 1st marked the beginning of a week of blessing and fellowship for the children of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of Tyndall, South Dakota, for it was the first day of our Vacation Bible School. There were 19 teachers and assistant teachers with 68 students enrolled in 8 classes. The pastor, Rev. Rubin Herrmann, served as superintendent. The school offerings, which were given for missions, a-

mounted to \$33.65.

The Danzig Baptist Church was filled almost to overflowing Sunday evening, June 28, for the dedication of its improvements in the lower auditorium. Included in the project are seven individual classrooms which can be converted into a large fellowship hall, improvement of heating, and entirely new floor, men's and ladies' restrooms, and a modernized kitchen. The entire lower auditorium and adjoining rooms were newly decorated. Pastors who participated in the dedication service were as follows: Rev. E. Broeckel and Rev. W. Stein (former pastors); Rev. Edwin Voigt, a son of the church; Rev. Peter Wiens, Avon; Dr. George A. Lang; and Rev. J. C. Gunst as guest speaker. Rev. R. Herrmann presided at the service.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Reporter

Vacation Bible School at Ellinwood, Kansas

The First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas, held its Vacation Bible School June 8 to 12 with the theme, "Orbiting with Christ." We had a total enrollment of 77, of whom 66 were pupils. Rev. Merle Brenner was the director; Miss Nancee Byers, the secretary and pianist. Mrs. Alfred Scheufler and Mrs. August Kreuger were the cooks who prepared the noon meals for this all day school. The final program was given Sunday evening, June 14th, with the serving of refreshments and viewing the work displayed by the pupils. The following served as teachers: Beginners, Mrs. Harold DeWerff, Mrs. Howard Keeler, with Mrs. Fray Gideon assisting; Primary, Mrs. Jack DeWerff and Mrs. Devon Dewey; Intermediates, Mrs. Virgil Byers and Mrs. Robert Kasselmann; Juniors, Mrs. Raymond Eggers and Mrs. Leonard Kasselmann, with

Theo Dons of Sterling, Kansas, and Rev. Bob Clark of Salina, Kansas filled the pulpit in our church.

Mrs. Derril Widener, Reporter

Dakota Conference Sessions at Avon, South Dakota

The 51st annual Dakota Conference convened with the First Baptist Church at Avon, S. Dak., June 24-28, 1959. The keynote address was brought by Dr. George A. Lang on "Faith, the Principle of Life" from Hebrews 11:1. The following brought addresses, all relative to the subject of faith; Rev. Leland H. Friesen, "The Worship of Faith"; Dr. George A. Lang, "Faith at Work"; Rev. Walter Stein, "The Anticipation of Faith"; Rev. J. C. Gunst, "The Author and Finisher of our Faith." The missionary addresses were brought by our own Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee and inspired us to greater endeavor for missions. During the last half hour of the morning sessions the conference was led in periods of prayer by the following: Rev. J. C. Benke, Rev. Carl Weisser, and Rev. Thomas D. Lutz.

Our moderator, Rev. Henry Lang, very ably presided as we conducted the business of the conference. A summary of the church letters was given by the recording secretary, Rev. Willis Potratz. Tuesday evening was Sunday School night and the excellent and important work of the Sunday School was presented. On Friday afternoon the men presented the work of "Baptist Men," with Mr. Victor Joachim as speaker. In the evening the Woman's Missionary Union presented its program, with the young people presenting their program Saturday evening.

Sunday afternoon was a highlight of the conference as we all rejoiced in the commissioning of two new missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Zimbelman of Turtle Lake, N. D., for service in the Cameroons of Africa. A heartfelt expression of thanks was presented by the Thanks Committee to the host church; its pastor, Rev. Peter Wiens; and its many friends for their hospitality and to the School of Avon for the use of its new gymnasium.

Walter H. Klempel, Reporter

Northern District

Manitoba Association Sessions and Ordination at Minitonas

June 19-21 were days of refreshing for all attending the Manitoba Association which had its annual meeting at the First Baptist Church of Minitonas. Deeply appreciated were the special messages brought by the visitors who were: Rev. R. Schilke and Rev. W. Sturhahn. The themes which they developed were on "The Church's Witness."

In connection with these days it was a joy to have a candidate presented for ordination in the person of Mr. Arthur Boymook. The ordination message was given by Rev. R. Schilke which concluded the blessed days and was a real highlight for all. The church was especially pleased to have Mr. Boymook ordained, since he is a spiritual son of the Minitonas church.

L. Zilkie, Reporter

BAPTIST HERALD

New Parsonage for McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alta.

Another experience was climaxed in the young life of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., when the new parsonage was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, June 21. We are very fortunate to have building tradesmen of every kind in our membership, and all the work from plans to landscaping was supervised by some members of their respective trades. Under the supervision of a building committee, consisting of Charles Stelter, Sam Yeske and Al Lamprecht, the sub-contracts were let out to the various members of their particular trade.

This beautiful home of 1587 square feet with large living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms and a study was completed for only \$17,000 including a two car garage. Other features to be found in this house include a large picture window, fireplace, wall to wall rug in living room and master bedroom, underslab heating for the basement, plus the latest materials throughout. The basement is so arranged that it can easily be used for Sunday School classes when necessary.

We are also happy to report that about three-quarters of the above amount has been paid, and the remainder was borrowed through sale of debentures to our members repayable in three years. In addition to that, the Lord gave us grace and vision, so that our mission contributions for the past year, were the highest ever. The church, under the leadership of Rev. A. Lamprecht, is growing splendidly as God gives us grace.

Carl Lang, Reporter

Prayer and Service Circle, Whitemouth Church, Man.

On June 9 the Prayer and Service Circle of the Whitemouth Baptist Church, River Hills, Manitoba, met in the home of Mrs. O. Lueck for the election of officers. Mrs. J. Tiede, who has been our leader for many years, opened the service. It was our privilege to have our pastor, Rev. A. Gellert, as speaker. His theme was "The Woman's Service During the Life of Christ." Mrs. A. Gellert was elected as our new president for the coming year.

On June 28 we met in the church for our annual program. This featured songs, recitations and the play, "Seven Gates to Happiness." The offering was \$25.28. On July 11 we catered at a wedding by which we profited about \$130.00, part of which was used to purchase new dishes for our Circle. This past year we have been supporting two native medical students in the Bansa Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa.

Ida Grabke, Reporter

Rev. Arthur Gellert's Ordination, Whitemouth Church, Man.

It was a happy occasion for the Whitemouth Baptist Church, River Hills, Manitoba, to call an ordination council on July 1st to examine Mr. Arthur Gellert for the Gospel ministry. Five churches responded by sending 14 delegates for this purpose. Mr. Gellert has been serving the Whitemouth church as pastor since January. The organization was effected by the appointment of Rev. H. Waltereit as

September 3, 1959



The new \$17,000 parsonage of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., of which Rev. and Mrs. A. Lamprecht and family are the first occupants.

Moderator, and Rev. George Koehle as clerk.

Mr. Gellert was introduced to the council by Mr. H. Baber. The candidate then proceeded to give an account concerning his conversion experience, his call to the ministry, and doctrinal beliefs. After a period of questioning, the council met in closed session and unanimously recommended the ordination of Mr. Gellert.

The ordination service took place the same evening, with Rev. W. Sturhahn presiding. Rev. H. Waltereit brought the ordination message. Rev. W. Sturhahn led in the ordination prayer. The charge to the candidate was made by Rev. R. Zinser. Rev. D. Berg gave the charge to the church and Rev. W. Laser extended the hand of fellowship into the Christian ministry. Rev. Arthur Gellert closed the service with the benediction.

Walter Kretchmer, Clerk

Eastern District

Ground Breaking Ceremony, First Church, Norridge, Ill.

The First Baptist Church of Norridge, Ill., held its ground breaking ceremony on the site of the new church, adjoining the Central Baptist Home, on Sunday afternoon, June 21st, with Mr. Herbert Siemund presiding. The land covering an area 140 by 150 feet was donated by the Central Baptist Home. About 100 members and friends of the church were present. This church is a merger of the Grace and Humboldt Park churches of Chicago. The service was opened with Mr.

THANKS FROM LAURA REDDIG

Miss Laura E. Reddig wishes to express her "deepest gratitude to all who prayed and sent letters and cards of good wishes" for her recovery. She is making very satisfactory progress in her convalescence at Cathay, North Dakota, from the heart attack she suffered in Africa. It was the editor's privilege to preach in the Cathay Church recently with Miss Laura E. Reddig in the congregation and to learn personally concerning her encouraging recovery. Correspondence can be sent to her at Cathay, North Dakota. EDITOR.

Barbazet, interim minister of the former Grace Church giving the invocation. The church choir, under the direction of Miss Glee Maeck, organist and choir director, sang: "My God and I". The address was brought by Rev. G. Zimmerman, denominational Sunday School Union secretary.

Remarks were brought by the architect, Mr. Robert Stauber. The following then broke ground for the new church: Mr. Herman Siemund representing the former Humboldt Park Church; Mrs. Marie Wangelein, age 90, the oldest member of the church and Mr. John Stengel, the chairman of the building committee. Dr. M. Vanderbeck offered the dedicatory prayer and Rev. Walter Schmidt, pastor, closed with the benediction. It is estimated that when the building is completed and furnished it will cost between \$95,000 and \$100,000. The contractor has assured us that we can be in our new building by Christmas of this year.

Walter Schmidt, Pastor

Men's Brotherhood at Ridgemont Church, Detroit, Mich.

In August, 1958, a group of men of the Ridgemont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich., met after the Sunday evening service to discuss plans for the organization of a men's fellowship. After Rev. Otto Patzia and Rev. John Ziegler explained the necessity for laymen leadership, much enthusiasm was displayed by the men.

The following officers were elected: Egon Boesler, president; Gustave Wahl, vice-president; and Raymond Wegner, secretary-treasurer. The charter members also decided to call this new organization "Ridgemont Brotherhood." The committee, which includes both pastors, immediately drew up a constitution which was accepted by the group. Since then, we have had many inspiring speakers. Mr. Clarion Cook, president of "Baptist Men" in our Central Conference, spoke to us. Rev. S. Roland, who is presently working with the Protestant Youth Organization of Detroit, opened our eyes to the juvenile delinquency in Detroit. On Mother's Day we as laymen took over the Sunday evening service. Perhaps the highlight of our newly established "Brotherhood" was the sponsoring of a Father and Son Banquet, mainly because it was the first in the history of our church. Dr. Strauss, pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church, was guest speaker that evening.

Egon Boesler, President

Western District

Vacation School of Bethany Church, Portland, Ore.

The Bethany Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, recently completed a successful Vacation Bible School under the direction of Mrs. Nola Haberman and Rev. Arthur K. Schulz, our pastor. A registration of 138 with average attendance of 103 was most gratifying to the 28 faithful teachers and workers. Seven children were led to the Lord during the two week period. Evening classes for Teenagers proved a big success. A study of the tabernacle was made and a scale model was built by the class.

The daily offerings amounted to over \$100, this sum to be given to our missionaries Roland and Furne Rich to purchase a new canoe for their work among the Arabella Indians of Peru. A very fine demonstration program was held on Sunday evening, July 12, with all the pupils participating in songs, verses and flannelgraph story. A display and description of the symbolism of the various parts of the tabernacle was given by the Teenagers as well as a snappy Bible Quiz.

Merle Rich, Reporter

MARCH OF EVENTS

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Samuel Moffett says that the real secret of this phenomenal growth of the Church in that area is not the Korean pastor, much less the missionary, but humble, unassuming, witnessing lay Christians.—The Evangelical Christian.

● A new Japanese hymn book has been produced by the "Word of Life" Press in Japan. The need for a new one has long been felt, as there is only one other full-sized Japanese hymnal to be had, the one known as *Sambika*. This new selection of 550 hymns is called simply *Seika* (the Hymnal). It stresses those hymns that deal es-

JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS — N. A. B. GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	June, 1959	June, 1958	June, 1957
Atlantic	\$ 3,799.73	\$ 1,855.99	\$ 2,357.67
Central	6,028.78	4,199.53	5,056.12
Eastern	2,589.17	2,139.44	1,030.88
Northwestern	8,252.85	8,547.27	4,402.90
Southwestern	5,460.50	848.88	2,477.86
Southern	23.95	1,107.83	1,484.34
Pacific	6,321.35	2,336.51	4,104.44
Northern	3,881.41	7,274.66	4,085.15
Dakota	5,990.33	6,792.96	3,612.14
Total Contributions	\$ 42,348.07	\$ 35,103.07	\$ 28,611.50

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of June, 1959	\$ 36,393.28	\$ 5,954.79	\$ 42,348.07
For the month of June, 1958	31,959.55	3,143.52	35,103.07
For the month of June, 1957	26,885.93	1,725.57	28,611.50

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1959 to June 30, 1959	\$159,897.86	\$ 17,210.96	\$177,108.82
April 1, 1958 to June 30, 1958	139,810.41	14,557.52	153,367.93
April 1, 1957 to June 30, 1957	127,938.36	8,634.69	136,573.05

ANNUAL MEETING, MADISON, S. DAK., HOME

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of the North American Baptist Homes of Madison, South Dakota, will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 1959 at 8:00 P.M. at the West Center Street Baptist Church at Madison, South Dakota.

Herman Bleeker, Secretary.

pecially with the way of salvation and the life of victory. The work of editing and preparing the *Seika* has been done by a fellowship of eight Japanese denominations, including *Domei Kyodan*, the association of national churches. Arranged according to the classifications used in Colossians 3:16, "Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs," the *Seika* brings to Japan for the first time many beloved hymns, including "Jesus, I am Resting, Resting;" "Like a River Glorious;" and "How Great Thou Art."

—The Evangelical Christian.

● Brooks Hays, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, paid high tribute to his parents as he received the award for the lay churchman of the year from Religious Heritage of America at the 1959 Churchman Awards Dinner here. "My father and mother exposed me to the good influences of life from my earliest days," Hays said, as he reminisced over the spiritual contributions to his life. He also expressed appreciation for his consecrated wife, for his Christian teachers and others who had contributed to his religious faith. Religious Heritage of America is an inter-faith organization that is dedicated to the recognition of religious contributions to the life of America. Its slogan, "This Nation Under God," is designed to remind people that the foundations of America were laid by men and women who believed in God and his influence in human affairs.

A BUSY LIFE

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talking and revelling in the days and doings of yesteryears. The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board invited about 40 retired ministers, missionaries, and their wives to a most inviting luncheon and program. Commencement exercises and convocations have provided intellectual and spiritual stimulation as well as enjoyable dinner gatherings.

In conclusion may I call your attention to an inscription on our beautiful Rochester Public Library. It reads: "Look into the light, and the shadows will all be behind you." This we too have experienced and especially when we have looked into the LIGHT that streams from our Lord's life and death, for HE is our light and our salvation.

He Just Said

He did not talk of this or that
To make the earth and sea,
The constellations of the stars—
He just said, "Let there be."

He did not summon rod and lash
To execute his will;
When tempest tossed a tiny ship,
He just said, "Peace, be still."

When those who should have known
him best
Released a startled cry,
He did not turn to miracles,
He just said, "It is I."

His "It is I," and "Let there be,"
Have never passed away.
To know he is, to know he can,
Are all we need today.

—HELEN FRAZEE-BOWEN

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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His ministry is to be under the supervision of the missionary, Mr. Joseph Hufnagel, who resides on the Montana Reserve.

● Mr. David August Lutz, son of Rev. and Mrs. August Lutz of Meriden, Conn., graduated from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., cum laude, with a B. A. degree in Philosophy. He also received two prizes: the Herbert Tustin prize for the highest achievement in Philosophy and Psychology, and the Herbert Goodman Barrows prize for the highest standing in Greek. He was an outstanding leader in the Christian Association while at Bucknell University. He was awarded the Omicron Delta Kappa Key in recognition of conspicuous attainments and service in collegiate activities. For the past two years he was the recipient of an Alcoa Scholarship. He is entering Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., in September.

● The King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., held a reception for its new pastor, Rev. William E. Christensen, and his wife at a reception on Sunday, June 21. Baptist ministers from the Bridgeport area, New Haven, Meriden, Hamden, Connecticut and Boston, Massachusetts were among the 120 persons at the reception. Thirteen friends came from the city of Boston. Mr. Christensen was the assistant pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church in Boston, Mass., before receiving his Bachelor of Divinity degree recently from Gordon College Divinity School. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen are B. A. degree graduates of Houghton College, New York. Leaders of the King's Highway Church expressed their appreciation to the Christensens for their very fine ministry in their midst.

● Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel are sailing for Europe on September 4th, following a busy year of promotional work in the United States and Canada and of an interim ministry in several churches. Dr. Appel will continue his influential ministry as director of our Austrian mission field with frequent visits to various Baptist churches in Austria. Dr. Appel has also announced the arrival in this country on September 2 of Helmut Rabenau, 20 year old son of Mr. Richard Rabenau, the secretary of the Austrian Baptist Union, who will be studying at the San Jose State Teachers College, San Jose, Calif., during the next school year. He is a leader among the Baptist young people of Austria and can speak English quite fluently.

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BOOK REVIEWS

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of trite standard answers but is rather a thought-provoking, sometimes humorous commentary on life. Even those men who dare to read, WOMAN TO WOMAN, covertly or otherwise, will find it exciting and provocative.

REPENT OR ELSE

By Vance Havner; Fleming H. Revell Co.; 121 pages; cloth; \$2.00.

The letter of Christ to the seven churches of Asia in the Book of Revelation are the basis of a series of sermons. Dr. Havner's well known loyalty to Christ and the Bible, his incisive style, his fearless spirit, and his dry humor unite to make these messages thought provoking and challenging.

WORSHIPING WITH WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

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STORY OF THE BIBLE WORLD

By Nelson Beecher Keyes; C. S. Hammond and Co.; \$5.95.

Pictures of recent archaeological finds, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient ruins and the Bible lands as they look today illustrate a new book "Story of the Bible World" by Nelson Beecher Keyes. This new book combines the fascinating story of the Bible world with original full-color maps and photographs (many in color) so that it possesses a sustained dramatic impact for the layman, student and scholar. Maps and text are fully indexed. Another feature is a time chart, presenting a graphic outline of the historical setting of the Bible. Thirty new maps in full color illustrate the 30 chapters of text compiled by experts and based on the latest research. Important events appear on the maps in concise captions, and symbols and arrows permit the reader to follow migrations, campaigns and journeys step-by-step.

Obituary

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

MISS MARTHA SCHLABITZ of New York, N. Y.

Miss Martha Schlabitz of New York, N. Y., was born in Germany, February 15, 1875, and died on July 17, 1959, having reached the age of 84 years, 5 months and 2 days. She emigrated from Germany about 1888, making her home in New York City. She accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. She was then baptized and became a member of the Second German Baptist Church where she remained a loyal member until her death.

Miss Schlabitz was a practical nurse. Upon her retirement, she became a member of the Home of the Aged, 233 Henry Hudson Parkway, in New York City. She leaves to mourn many relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted on July 20, 1959 by Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann. May we all find comfort in the Words of our Master as he invites: "Come unto me, all ye who are weary and heavy laden, I will give you rest."

Second German Baptist Church
New York, N. Y.
SELMA BLISCHKE, Clerk

MR. OTTO M. ALBERS of Columbus, Nebraska

Mr. Otto M. Albers of Columbus, Nebraska was born at Columbus on July 30, 1902 and passed away to be with his Lord on July 11, 1959, passing away suddenly after having been in poor health for several years. He lived his entire life on the home farm. In his late youth he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and in 1923 he was baptized into the fellowship of the Shell Creek Baptist Church by the Rev. Henry Koch of which he remained a faithful member until his death.

On August 12, 1931, he was united in marriage to Stella Kohrs at Stafford, Kansas. He leaves to mourn his wife; three children: Mrs. Bernice Mohrman, Mrs. Lorena Miller, and Mark, all of Columbus; his aged mother, Mrs. Hulda Albers; and a sister Ella. The undersigned conducted the service, using the 103 Psalm as requested by the departed.

Shell Creek Baptist Church
Columbus, Nebraska
L. WACKER, Pastor

MRS. EDITH BONNET of Saskatoon, Sask.

Mrs. Edith Bonnet, nee Grunert, of Saskatoon, Sask., was born in Yorkton, Sask., on Feb. 10, 1895. At an early age she accepted the Lord as her Savior, was baptized by Rev. Fred Alf and became a member of the West Ebenezer Baptist Church. In 1918 she was married to Charlie Bonnet and their union was blessed with a daughter, Carrie, and a son, Clarence. Until 1935 the family lived on a farm in the Oreada district. During these years Mrs. Bonnet took an active part in the work of the West Ebenezer Church, serving for eight years as church organist. From 1935 until 1948 the family resided in Yorkton and then moved to Saskatoon.

For the past four years Mrs. Bonnet's illness kept her confined at home. However, she continued to radiate an inner peace and cheerfulness among all who came in contact with her. On July 7th she quietly passed away to be with her Lord. Left to mourn her passing, besides the immediate family, are two sisters: Mrs. F. Reiman of Ebenezer and Mrs. Irene Cookson of Coronach; and two brothers: Fred and John Grunert, both of Yorkton.

Yorkton, Saskatchewan
PAUL GALAMBOS, Pastor

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GERMANTOWN CHURCH

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read from former members and pastors who were unable to attend. Personal greetings were brought by two former pastors and two sons of the church who have prepared for Christian service. Pastors from five neighboring churches also brought anniversary greetings. The afternoon message was brought by Rev. O. W. Brenner, the oldest pastor of the church. He touched our hearts and inspired us ever to go forward as he reminded us of the faith of our forefathers. As we observed the radiant look on his face while he spoke to us, we couldn't help but share in the happiness which he felt to share in this observance.

A Fellowship Supper was served by the ladies of the church. In the evening Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., brought the final anniversary message. We are grateful to Dr. Leuschner for his message which inspired a personal rededication in our hearts.

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Special musical selections were rendered by the Germantown ladies sextet, male quartet, mixed quartet, duet and saxophone quartet. Several special numbers were also brought by neighboring churches. Our Sunday Mis-

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Our Jubilee was indeed a mountain-top experience. We were all lifted to new heights of spiritual blessing. It is our desire that we may ever keep in view the vision of our forefathers. The future depends on those who remain and those yet to join us in keeping the banner of the Cross high in our community. May our Motto as "The Church be the Highway" be "Forward With Christ."

The Larger Prayer

At first I prayed for Light—
Could I but see the way,
How gladly, swiftly would I walk
To everlasting day!

And next I prayed for Strength—
That I might tread the road
With firm, unfaltering feet, and win
The heaven's serene abode.

And then I asked for Faith—
Could I but trust my God,
I'd live enfolded in his peace,
Though foes were all abroad.

But now I pray for Love;
Deep love to God and man;
A living love that will not fail,
However dark his plan—

And Light and Strength and Faith
Are opening everywhere!
God only waited for me till
I prayed the larger prayer.
—The War Cry.

"It is always noontime somewhere,
And across the awakening continents
From shore to shore, somewhere,
Our prayers are rising evermore."

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