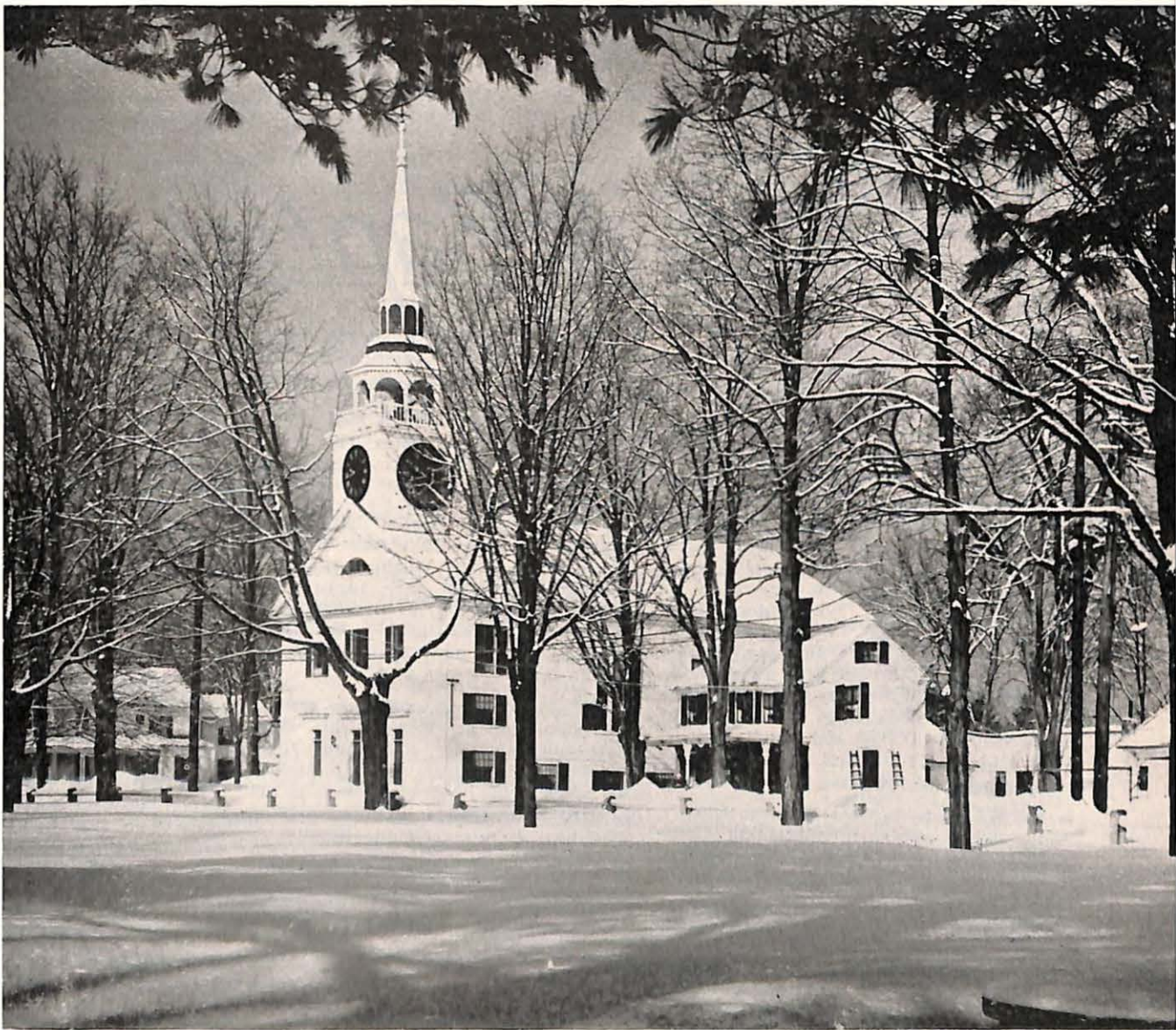


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● A total of 225 Presbyterian clergymen have been killed or kidnapped by North Korean forces during the two years of the war, the Korean Presbyterian Church reports. It said that most of the kidnapped clergymen are believed dead. The announcement said that 152 Presbyterian churches and chapels have been completely destroyed and another 468 had been damaged. There were 2,250 Presbyterian churches in Korea before the war.

● The divorce rate in 1954 was apparently the lowest since the end of World War II, Surgeon General Leonard Scheele, of the U.S. Public Health Service, said in his annual report on vital statistics. Although the compilation of statistics for the year will not be completed for several months, Dr. Scheele said that, on the basis of reports from 25 areas of the nation, the 1954 divorce rate dropped 4 per cent from comparable 1953 figures. This represents a total reduction of about 40 per cent from the post-war peak reached in 1946 and continues a trend that has been in progress since that year.

● Yaizu is the Japanese port to which the radio-activated fishing ship returned from the Bikini area with its crew of 23 sick men, who had been caught in a shower of hydrogen bomb ash on March 1. An American missionary had invited an evangelist to conduct a week's campaign in this port city, wondering how meetings there, of all places, would be received. Since anti-American feeling was high on account of the H-bomb incident. However, although there was at first a struggle against indifference, a real "break" came on the fifth night of the campaign, when more than ten, mostly young people, made open and clear decisions to repent and put their trust in Christ. By the end of the series of meetings, over 20 had made such decisions.

● The Standard Publishing Company, one of the nation's largest religious publishing houses, has been purchased by The Publishing Foundation of Cincinnati, Ohio, headed by Mr. John Bolten, Sr., of Andover, Massachusetts. The rumored price was in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000. According to Attorney Samuel S. Dennis II of the Foundation "no changes in the management or editorial staff or policies of the company are contemplated." The Standard company has been engaged in the publishing of religious periodicals and books since 1866. Standard employs over 400 persons and is now completing a new

\$1,000,000 plant in suburban Mount Healthy, Ohio. Transfer from downtown Cincinnati to the new site will take place next May or June.

● The Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., plans to move to a brand new campus near La Mirada, California. Since its founding in 1908 through efforts of the late Layman Stewart, pioneer of the Union Oil Co., the Institute has been housed at the Church of the Open Door in downtown Los Angeles. But it has long outgrown those facilities. The new campus, costing at the outset \$2,500,000, will be on a fifty-acre site and accommodate more than 1,000 students initially. Other facilities will be added to provide for between 1,500 and 2,000 young people. The institution is com-

Baptist Briefs

● **Bacone College, Muskogee, Okla.**, the only college for American Indians, opened its doors for its 75th year with students from 56 tribes, three countries and more than half the 48 states of the United States. This school is supported by the American Baptist Convention.

● **Alvin Dark, Baptist** ball player captain of the New York "Giants" who won the 1954 World Series, is a lifelong tither. He gave 10 per cent of his bonus (\$1,100) to his home town church at Lake Charles, Louisiana. He has signed a new contract with the Giants for two years at \$73,000.

● **In Austria only seven per cent** of the population are Evangelicals. Baptists number only 1,500, but there have been Baptist churches in Austria for many years, and they recently organized themselves into a Union. The Austrian Baptist Union became a member of the European Baptist Federation at the meeting of the Federation Council last September. Plans are maturing for the purchase of property for an assembly ground.

● **Headquarters of the Dutch Baptist Union** are to be moved January 20 from Haarlem to 77 Dalweg, Arnhem, Holland, according to the secretary, the Rev. T. Jansma. Property has been purchased by the Union for a general office and a home for the general secretary. In 1956 Dutch Baptists will celebrate the 75th anniversary of their Union. The 51 churches with

posed of four schools: the Bible Institute, Bible College, Talbot Theological Seminary and the School of Missionary Medicine. The latter will remain in downtown area because its students train in metropolitan hospitals.

● More than fifty major population centers in south Brazil have been selected as sites for simultaneous, intensive evangelistic campaigns directly following Youth for Christ International's Seventh World Congress on Evangelism to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, April 17-24 of this year. Teams of men including pastors and evangelists, musicians, children's workers, Christian business people, and the like will be selected to form these various teams which will be engaged in an evangelistic program. The program will include mass rallies and meetings, park and street meetings, children's meetings, programs geared to women, radio broadcasts, tract distribution and house-to-house visitation. Rev. James Savage, veteran South American missionary, is serving as Congress director.

6,800 members plan to raise a special fund at that time for home missionary work in the Southern part of Holland, to form a bridge across to the small Baptist activity in Belgium. Another goal for the Jubilee year is a national Baptist seminary. Dutch ministers have received training in Hamburg, Ruschlikon, London, Toulouse and Stockholm, but the need for a theological institution in the Netherlands had come to be recognized.

● **Only five years ago**, with the arrival of a missionary and a national pastor from China, Baptist missions began on the island of Formosa, called "Taiwan" by the Chinese. In a land area less than one-fourth the size of the state of Alabama, 240 miles long, 90 miles wide, 9 million people live. Five million are native Taiwanese, between two and three million are refugees from the mainland, and 140,000 are mountain aborigines. The religion of the people is Buddhism, but many liberal thinkers have no religion. Less than 30,000 are Christians. The 27 Southern Baptist missionaries at work in Formosa are located in the eight main population centers along the Western coast, serving primarily the Mandarin-speaking refugees from China. Taiwan has eleven organized Baptist churches and 25 chapels. Church membership as of June 30, 1954, was 2,704. Taiwan has only one national Baptist institution—a theological seminary located at Taipeh, with 65 students enrolled.

Editorial

This Is the Stone!

CHRIST IS THE CHIEF cornerstone of our salvation! This means that there is no "other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Every event in Jesus' life leading up to his crucifixion is the unfolding drama of God's redemption for man. This is central in our faith, even as the Cross of Christ is central in God's plan of salvation for all mankind.

We need to remember that the stone that was set at nought by men became God's keystone of salvation. When the stones for Solomon's Temple were cut and brought to Jerusalem, one piece was shaped so oddly that it was put aside. When the building was almost completed, it was found that this stone was intended for the keystone. The Apostle Peter proclaimed that Christ was this "stone which was set at nought by you builders, which is become the head of the corner" (Acts 4:11).

The Cross is a constant reminder of the sinfulness of man. Christ was despised and rejected of men. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). As Peter said on the day of Pentecost: "Him ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain" (Acts 2:24). But to such sinful men God has revealed his grace and redemption "in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

We should also remember that Christ who was crowded out by man's indifference toward him was always the center of God's revelation. The parable of the Good Samaritan also tells the story of man's response to Christ's ministry of mercy and redemptive love. Like the Levite and the priest, we just pass by indifferently with little concern over our spiritual needs or those of others. When Jesus realized that this was true of the people of Jerusalem, he wept bitterly over the city. "If thou hadst known, even thou, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes" (Luke 19:42).

Let us never forget that the Cross which was a curse and stumbling block to the Jews (and to others) as a sign of shame has become the object of our glorying! Our glory is in the Cross since the gift of eternal life has come to us through Christ's atoning death. "Now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). This is more than an experience for us. It is a new life and fullness of power "according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16). He who bears in his body and life these marks of the Lord Jesus finds sufficient reason to glory in the Cross.

At the Cross sinful men revealed the darkness of their hearts as they crucified the Prince of peace. But this stone, rejected by human builders, has become the Head of the corner, even Christ, as our peace and redeemer. This light of God's revelation shines upon the Cross of Calvary and has shined into our hearts with redemptive glory.

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The Meaning of the Cross

"I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross!"



In the Cross of Christ I Glory

By REV. EDGAR B. WESNER, Peoria, Illinois

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

IT MUST BE acknowledged that God is a wonderful mystery as to his being, his character and his ways of dealing with people. Christ as to his person, words and work of redemption is no less a cause for wonder. When the subject of sin and its consequences is raised, along with the future destiny of the saved and unsaved, there is hardly an end to the amazing mysteries of God's grace.

Some years ago I found myself very much perplexed as I wrestled with these mysteries which confront every seeker for truth. It wasn't until I looked to the Cross that light from above began to illuminate my darkened heart and understanding began to dawn in my soul. The Cross of Christ became the key that unlocked the great spiritual mysteries of life. As I observed the events which transpired around and upon the Cross, it became an instrument of revelation to me.

The Cross became a REVELATION OF MY SIN. It was at the Cross that sin found its full expression and showed itself in all of its heinousness. All classes of men united at the Cross in crucifying the Son of God. Their actions were a full manifestation of sin, exposing the utter depravity of the human heart and its revolt against all that is pure and holy and true. Could there be any act more diabolical, or anything more fiendish? Sin there surely gave vent to itself in all

its fulness, and showed what an awful monster it is when unchecked and unrestrained (Matt. 27:1-31).

As I pondered this revelation of sin, I saw myself numbered among the transgressors, a guilty soul, condemned, unclean, for I too had been antagonistic toward the Lord and in rebellion with his cause. "All have sinned," said the Word of God (Rom. 3:23), and I could not evade the issue. But as I continued to gaze at the Cross, I saw something more than a revelation of my sin.

The Cross also became a REVELATION OF GOD'S LOVE. "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). The Cross of Christ was the one, great manifestation of the love of God, for there the very fulness of that love was demonstrated in the giving of his only Son as a sacrifice for sinners. There a holy God, to whom sin is an abomination, gave the very darling of his heart, in order that sin might be put

away and sinners brought into fellowship with him.

God so loved the world, he so loved you and me, that he gave his Son unreservedly to death, even pouring upon his blessed head the vials of his wrath, so that he might offer to sinners a full and free salvation as a gift of his love. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). But on the Cross God gave his only Son as a sacrifice for his enemies. He suffered for sins, "the just for the unjust" (1 Peter 3:18).

So beholding the Cross, I came to view the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ as a full and complete remedy for all sin (Heb. 9:26). The whole question of sin as guilt, demanding the judgment of God, was there dealt with. I saw myself a sinner, who, coming to the Cross and by faith beholding Christ as personal Savior, was completely and eternally absolved from every sin and freed from all judgment. Now the unceasing testimony of my heart and life in response to God's love is "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14).

Jesus Paid the Debt I Owe

By REV. JOHN WOOD, Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas

IN THESE DAYS when many things in the realm of human experience seem to be rapidly changing and advancing, some feel the need to change the message of the Church of Jesus Christ. On the farm, as well as in the city, we have been improving our machinery and inventing new ways to improve our standards of living. Why not, then, have a new message for the Church? Do we have to go

back to the Book that is from 2,000 to 3,500 years old to find a message that was given to the first men of God? These are questions asked today.

Amidst all this tendency to have new things, there are still some things that have never changed. The basic laws of mathematics, chemistry and science have not changed. To use some very simple illustrations, we say: "Two plus two still equals four, while

water still boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit." Someone has also stated it this way: "No one has ever had to polish the moon or add coal to the sun." In spite of all the changes in our lives, these things have not and will never change.

Even though man seems to have changed in many ways, yet there is one thing in him that has not changed, and that is that he is a sinner. God's Word states it in this way: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Because of this fact, God's way of dealing with sin cannot change. The way of salvation from the judgment of sin by the blood of Jesus Christ shed at the Cross of Calvary is also the same. We can be definite as we say there is no Christianity without the Cross of Jesus Christ.

To me, a sinner saved by grace, the Cross means that a great debt has been paid. At the Cross, Jesus paid this debt I owe, by his precious blood. He suffered the burden and consequences of my sin there. No work, however great it might be, can begin to pay the debt I owe. But, thank God, it is as the hymn writer has written: "Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow."

Herein lays the power of the Cross. As repentant sinners meet Christ at the Cross, he takes them, lost and depraved as they are, and by grace through faith, gives them complete salvation. Every Christian has experienced this power of the Cross. Every sinner can experience it, for Jesus said: "Him that cometh to me

Conflict and Victory in the Cross

By REV. H. SCHAUER, Turtle Lake, North Dakota

NO ONE LIKES to face conflict. No one likes to face the Cross because it involves conflict. Jesu knew something of what was involved as he resolutely faced Jerusalem and the Cross (Matt. 16). He knew of the bitter conflict that was to be his.

"Not my will, but thine be done." "Except a man deny himself and take up his cross daily . . ." Paul talks about "dying daily." Someone has said the most bitter battles in life are not fought on the battlefield, but in the hearts of men. We might add, "in the hearts of Christian men and women who take up their cross daily" and daily "deny themselves."

This struggle is so severe because it involves man's will against God's. Basically, it is self and its assertions that keeps man from God. After winning this fundamental victory necessary to salvation, one's Christian growth, his surrendering to God, his "sanctification," if you please, involves a constant conflict with the desires of self over against the will and wooing of the divine Voice.

I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). And again he said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32). "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13).

We say, "Upon Christ was laid the entire load of man's sin." "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5).

The Holy Spirit is in this conflict with sin, "and when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin" (John 16:8a).

Man is involved in the struggle. "For that which I do I allow not; for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate that I do" (Rom. 7:15). If ever words spoke about conflict, they are these. They do not come from a weak-

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Jesus of Nazareth Passes By

By PAUL H. CONRAD

Whom do we seek in our questing for peace,
Or whom from sin's shame do we ask for release?
Why miss we the answer so wondrously nigh
When Jesus of Nazareth passes by?

Why look for easier pathways to tread,
With no self-denial, no crosses to dread,
Thus missing the way to that haven on high,
As Jesus of Nazareth passes by?

His restless advance can nevermore cease;
Your life is his business, your wealth his increase;
He pauses to save you, to sup and to sigh—
Yes, Jesus of Nazareth passes by.

There's healing and cleansing, forgiveness and grace
In a touch of his hand, or a look from his face;
Lay hold on his garment with welcoming cry,
For Jesus of Nazareth passes by!

—Watchman-Examiner

ling, either. They are the words of a strong man; strong of mind, of body, of faith. The greater the desire for purity and holiness, the more severe the struggle becomes. It is most obvious in the strong man of God. The saints are most aware of their shortcomings and the conflict involved as they take up the "Cross" which alone can crucify sin.

Although the Cross seemed to bring death, to be defeated by death, it actually was the final victory over death. "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:26.)

We all have to undergo physical death, if Christ tarries. The Cross proved that. Spiritual victory we all can have. The Cross established that for all time. The forces seeking to prevent spiritual life, to suffocate it after it has commenced, are ever at work. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12).

From God's Word we see the fact of this conflict. From experiences we know its reality. Where then lies the secret, the promise of victory, victory not only in the daily skirmishes, but the final triumph? After a long discussion of life and death, mortality and immortality, the battle-scarred warrior, the Apostle Paul, gives us the secret. "But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15-57).



Students of the 3rd year graduating class (1954) of the Ndu Bible Training School who will soon be ordained as Baptist pastors (left); and (right) students of the Preliminary Training Class at Soppo, Africa, with Miss Eleanor Schuler, missionary, at extreme right

Missionary Opportunities in the Cameroons

By REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

EVERY MISSIONARY called of God to regions beyond has dreams and visions of the limitless possibilities of service among the heathen. The Apostle Paul in true missionary fashion had these visions. When he wrote his letter to the Romans, he expressed his "great desire these many years" to go to Rome and preach the Gospel of Christ there also. But long before he got to Rome, he was not satisfied to reach that city only but desired to go as far as Spain, the very frontiers of the world in his day. He chose places where he had not previously been and where the Gospel of Christ had not previously been preached. Rome had the Gospel at the time of his writing that letter. That is why he wanted to push onward, to seek new opportunities and to find new obligations.

THE BRITISH CAMEROONS

I remember hearing our own Apostle Paul to the Cameroons say while at home during his last furlough that there are no more new frontiers on the mission field in the Cameroons, and he who seeks the adventure of such a new frontier is bound for disappointment. The British Cameroons of West Africa is not a land of sprawling cities of teeming millions. It is much more a land of tropical jungles and high plateau grasslands, of mountains and valleys crisscrossed by many streams and swamps. The extreme areas of each have little population. The entire country can boast of over one million population, consisting of many villages and many tribes and many languages. The greatest population center is possibly at Kumba, a town of some 15,000. Nowhere does this narrow strip of the Cameroons reach a greater width than 100 miles and a total length of some 700 miles.

Yet almost everywhere there are people in smaller and larger villages in bamboo huts and under thatched roofs. From the motor road one only

sees those huts that are strung alongside of it to form a village, or those that become visible on the side of a hill or as one looks down into the valley. By the thousands they are hidden behind the dense jungles of the coastal areas, or in clusters of bushes in the valleys of the uplands, or even by the tall elephant grass found so profusely in Bamenda Province.

OPEN DOORS OF SERVICE

It is this village life that becomes an open door to service to the missionary who seeks to enter through it. One can live in a great center of population all his life, yet remain almost a total stranger. In our modern cities neighbors do not know their neighbors. In village life every one knows every one else. The missionary may not have the time to come to know every one in the surrounding villages of his area station, but he can rest assured that every one knows him and observes his work. The many requests that are made of him give evidence that his service is wanted and appreciated.

Our missionaries are unable to fulfill all the requests. Every village would like to have its own school, its own church, its own dispensary, its own maternity center, yes, its own hospital. Few villages are willing to provide the means, few have counted the cost, but all would have the prestige. Thus each decision to consider a request needs wisdom and tact and a full realization of the actual need. All too often the apparent need is an expression of a selfish desire. But who is not human enough to understand it?

Many times the requests for schools, churches and hospitals were expressed to the "Big Massa from America" as I was called and referred to during my eight weeks in the Cameroons. Why couldn't their village have a church of stone or brick with a zinc roof like the one on the main station?

Why had not a school been built when the village was willing to give the site without charge (land cannot be sold)?

"Why had the school been discontinued and the building been allowed to cave in?" asked one chief as he showed us the remains of the building on the hill. "Why cannot a missionary come and make his village a main station and do what is being done in other places?" With tears in his eyes he pointed to the other villages of other chiefs where we have a thriving mission, expressing at the same time his sorrow over his refusal some twenty years ago to grant the request of the missionary for a mission site. I am not at all sure whether the tears were genuine tears of repentance.

When will Baptists start a college, a girls school, and provide scholarships for the training of Cameroons' youth? Those were the questions asked by individuals, students in college, and members of the House of Assembly, as well as by delegations, and more than hinted at by British officials.

These many requests cannot be considered for more than one reason. But it does gladden our heart to see that there is no lack of opportunity for service, a service that is much needed and for the need of which there is an awakening and a consciousness among Cameroons' youth.

VITAL POINTS OF CONTACT

It is a well established fact that the church which has the children in its Sunday School and the young people in its youth department is the church with the future. The importance of the Sunday School cannot be minimized. Many of our churches which have undertaken remodeling and building programs have done so with a special emphasis on the educational units of the church. They have rightly come to see the importance of touching young lives, winning them for

Christ and molding them through Christian teaching into characters worthy of the name of Christ. In the Cameroons these vital points of contact go beyond the Sunday School. They must be found in the Christian Day School.

Secular education in primary schools in the Cameroons is mostly carried on by missions. There are very few public schools or Native Authority schools and the few that are there have their problems to such a degree that missions are being asked to take over some of them. Most of the primary schools are thus Roman Catholic, Basel or Baptist. The establishments of primary schools must be in accord with the British Nigerian educational code, and the British Provincial Educational officer has jurisdiction over them.

That mission which has the greatest influence in the area or village gets the right to establish a primary school or Christian Day School. The right comes usually by an invitation from the chief and his people, for without such an invitation it becomes next to impossible for a mission to establish such a school. The teachers in these schools are native but the management thus far in our mission has been in the hands of our missionaries. When such a school is established and grows to a certain degree (usually to Standard IV), the government reimburses through periodic grants for most, if not all, of the operating expenses.

The daily curriculum allows for daily devotions and a certain amount of Christian teaching. Here the seed of the Word of God is being sown in this, what may be termed, a multiple Sunday School. Through this teaching and these contacts with the children the home is also influenced and the mission receives its opportunities of witnessing for the Lord. One can readily understand that mission work would become tenfold more difficult were we to neglect the establishment of such schools and by our neglect let other faiths establish them and thereby win the children for their cause.

TRAINING PROGRAM

These Christian Day Schools pose their problems. One of the main difficulties is perhaps the teaching staff, where to get the required number of teachers and also the right kind of teachers. After all, education is not our primary purpose; it is only the existing channel for the program of evangelism. Lose these vital contacts and you lose the opportunities of evangelism. To partly solve the problem requires a training center for prospective teachers. Last year we began the first year of such a training program known as the Preliminary Teacher Training Class. This year we began the first year of a further two-year course known as the Elementary Teacher Training School. Temporarily this school is at Soppo. Within the



The large student body of one of our Baptist Mission Schools at Belo in the Cameroons, Africa, with Miss Berneice Westerman, missionary, at the extreme left

year a permanent location must be selected.

One of the requirements of our mission for the employment of a Christian Day School teacher is that he have, wherever possible, at least one year at our Bible School, preferably before he goes into training for a teacher. Such a year is of inestimable value toward the Christian influence in these schools. We seek the welfare of the soul and not merely the development of the mind by the imparting of knowledge.

MINISTRY OF HEALING

Here at home we can easily go to the corner drugstore for a well-known and medically recommended remedy for our minor ailments. Or we see our doctor and get a prescription for our major ailments. If necessary, we become hospitalized and are assured the best of medical care. The heathen takes recourse to the medicine man in his tribe who seeks the cause of the illness to be an evil spirit rather than physical and so prescribes a remedy to drive away the evil spirit. Consequently, where healing does not come as a natural course, it never comes. There is thus undue suffering and a high rate of mortality.

Jesus in his earthly ministry healed the sick and gave life to the dying. Such a service is a part of the blessed Gospel of Christ which we are privileged to proclaim. Not at every station can we minister to these physical needs, but at most of them we do through our dispensaries and maternity centers wherever our missionary nurses are available and have received permission according to Nigerian medical regulations.

The white man's medicine is greatly desired, but not by all. There are still those who because of fear and superstition will prefer their own medicine, though it may mean death, rather than to come to the missionary. Happily, their number is fast diminishing. The missionary's med-

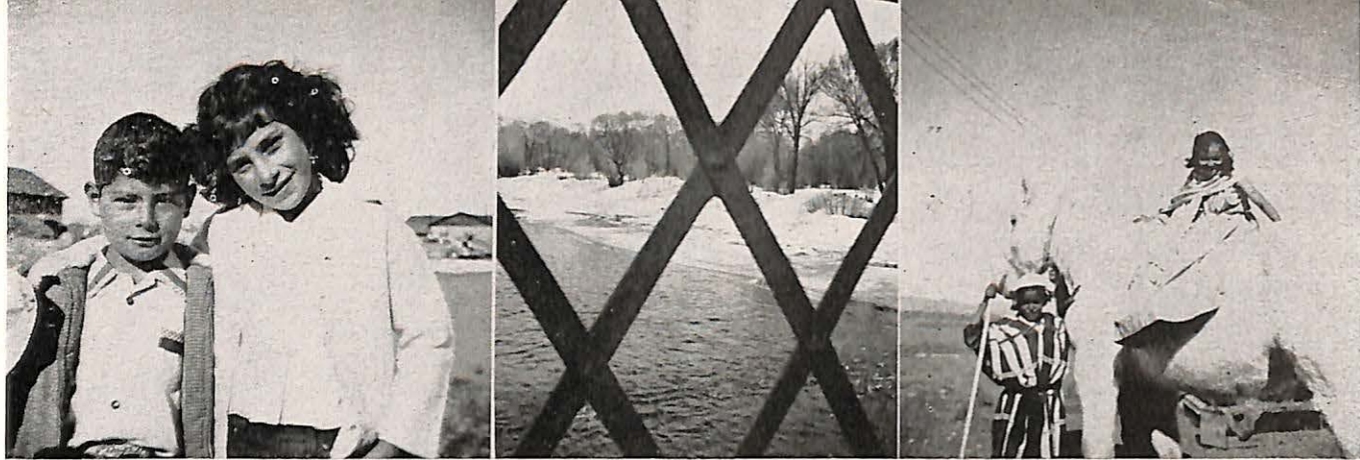
icine of healing is potent, both in the physical and spiritual realm: the latter, because Christ takes the central part in the administering of the medicine.

BANSO BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Banso Baptist Hospital has an envied reputation as a place where the healing powers freely flow. This is not because of the new buildings dedicated last June, nor the better beds used first in this new hospital, nor the electricity provided by the power plant, nor anything in the line of equipment. We are glad for what we have, but there are still many things which will have to be done and provided to make this plant modern and up-to-date. Not the works of man's hand in a beautiful setting of God's nature but rather those who serve so unstintingly give Banso the envied reputation it has. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee is beloved by the people. The chief and his Council "have taken him in." He and the missionary nurses through their service and devotion for the sake of Christ leave an indelible impression upon the patients.

Hope for the hopeless is God's message of love. The plight of those who have contracted leprosy is indeed a pitiful one. They become the curse of the land, the concern of the government, the object of pity to him whose heart is moved by their plight. Among them we have established these past three years our latest outlet of missionary concern and missionary love as another channel of God's mercy. Limited as we were these past years as to the number of patients to be admitted, we do praise God for this time of waiting and for answered prayers. Now that Dr. Kenneth W. Jones is on the field, we will be able to take in the many who desire to come and remain with us until new hope has not only been envisioned but also realized.

To our Woman's Missionary Societies in our churches at home I
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Levi and Betty Jo (left), brother and sister from the Spanish section of Center, Colorado, and (right) the Spanish representation of "Mary" and "Joseph" of the Christmas story being photographed with a wintry view of the famous Rio Grande River in the center

Little Spanish Angels of Colorado

By MISS FLORENCE EISELE of Center, Colorado
Spanish-American Missionary

Who's afraid of the small white sheep?

The Christmas sheep?
The shepherds' sheep?
Who's afraid . . . ?

WELL, your city bred missionary was, for one, and all five little, town bred shepherds were too! Although the San Luis Valley of Colorado moves and pants with great flocks of sheep, these little "brownies" had had contact with only one sheep at a time; the pet lamb, bought in the spring, nursed on a bottle, tied close to the small adobe house, and later slaughtered for a great family celebration. Your missionary has never been even so fortunate. There's no place for a pet lamb in the city!

But when we decided to show colored slides of our own Spanish Mission children on the screen for the Christmas programs (instead of buying a commercial film strip), we didn't know what excitement was in store for us. Early in November we gathered together all the costumes, made hats for the Wise Men, crepe paper robes for the angels, and a very practical manger.

EXCITEMENT ON THE RANCH

Bravely we got up in the Center Mission one Sunday morning, and announced that we would "shoot" the Christmas story scenes on the following Saturday, and would all the children please come! They came, too, in all their mussy Saturday play clothes, with unwashed faces and uncombed hair. For portraying shepherds they looked fine, but it was hard to distinguish the angels!

However, we began by dressing Mary and Joseph, the chief angel and the shepherds first. Then while Helen Lohse helped the messy little angels get into their fragile paper costumes, I bundled the aforementioned group into the station wagon, and we rode out to

one of the nearby ranches for pre-arranged "shots" with the wary sheep and the nervous horse.

While the five little shepherds were wildly running around to see the pigs and cows, and the chief angel in crepe paper couldn't be kept off of the apple tree swing, the patient rancher was corralling his impatient sheep into a corner of the yard. Finally, I corralled my little brown shepherds into the same yard, but each kind of animal stayed as far away from the other kind as possible!

It amused me to hear the red-turbaned shepherd ask the white-turbaned shepherd, "You're not afraid, are you?" and to hear him answer back, "Nah." (But both ignored my shouted attempts to move them closer to the sheep.) For that matter, the sheep moved back a foot or more every time I was able to get my little shepherds moved back a foot! But finally we "shot" for whatever we could get.

"HOLD THAT POSE!"

Our small, frightened Mary, tossed high up onto the first horse she had ever sat upon, certainly must have felt kinship with that earlier Virgin. Her equally small Joseph held manfully onto the bridle of the huge white beauty, while the rancher hid behind the big legs and comforted the animal. Later, I breathed a sigh of relief as we lifted Mary down and planned to leave.

But the small shepherds were begging for rides. Having at last come so close to a real horse, they were determined to ride it, come what may. So the patient rancher led them one by one around the yard, while the warm sun beat down on beast and shepherd alike, causing deep rivulets of dark perspiration to run down from under strange, colorful turbans, and small, brown hands clutched firmly onto a silky, white mane.

When we finally returned to our own Mission Center, we found a distracted

Helen Lohse and a dozen little bedraggled and tired angels, scattering toys every which way. But we finally managed to get all that picture-taking completed, thanking God for a quiet, sunny day in which to do it.

On the next weekend we followed the same procedure in Del Norte and Monte Vista, omitting the sheep and horse scenes, however, for lack of rancher friends in that area. But the days were cloudy and windy and terribly cold, and the angels' gowns blew up and around to show their patched and faded jeans.

Each scene had to be posed and held. "Just until the sun comes out from behind that cloud. It'll only be a minute!" The children couldn't be kept down, even in the cold, and an early Christmas excitement prevailed. Big brothers, with nothing to do, also managed to get underfoot, and added to the colorful confusion.

SPANISH YOUTH CHOIR

In between all this, we managed the Christmas party with its colorful Pinata, gave a night's rest, on our living room couch, to a drunken neighbor mother, intervened in her family brawl a night later, chauffeured children twice from this dentist-less town to an office 15 miles away, held our usual Bible clubs on weekday afternoons, supervised our usual patio nursery class of three small ones (who quarrel with stones, run away with the toys, take wet wash off of our lines and scatter our kindling), trimmed the Mission Chapel with paper streamers, and the Mission's trees with balloons, distributed about 18 boxes of used clothing, mimeographed three sets of 100 Christmas programs, and generally tried to make ourselves useful.

With all the pictures taken, we concentrated on getting the program gift bags filled, and the gifts of toys and new clothing (which had been coming in from our churches for

weeks) assembled. We set aside three full days for the job, and were sympathetically amused at the Appel's neighbor, who had come in to help, and who was saying over and over, "My, but isn't this something? Simply something!" That about describes it, too!

Another exciting feature of the weeks of Christmas preparation was Helen Lohse's attempts to train a three Mission Spanish youth choir. It meant meeting in one of the three towns and taking children to it from the other two towns in our cars. It meant forcibly separating them from their bubble gum, quick tempers and newly acquired girl friends. It meant more than we could ever begin to tell you!

But seemingly it was all accomplished, and they sang in one splendid group at all three Christmas programs, while the colored slides of their younger brothers and sisters portrayed the Christmas story on the screen to the evident delight of all who were present.

The large attendance at all our programs was a complete surprise to us. Fortunately we had borrowed large buildings, since our small Missions wouldn't have held more than the choir group. At each place we had over one hundred guests, and in the Lariat area of Monte Vista (where last year two mothers attended the program) almost 150 came this year. The programs were held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights of Christmas week, and by the last of those evenings almost everything was letter perfect! Finally!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We had planned that taking the choir caroling on Christmas Eve would just about climax the week. They had never gone caroling before, and most of them loved it, in spite of the cold. We started at 6:00 P.M. fortunately, because at our very first stop we began to see the generous, joyous Christmas hospitality of the very poor. No, we simply couldn't leave without coming in and sampling the hard candy on the plate under the little tree. And so it went!

Our most lovely contact, perhaps, came in the Lariat area of Monte Vista, where, with noses pressed against the window, we sang to a family of Spanish Christians of the better class, where party-clad children played under a big shiny tree. The frail, smiling, dressing-gowned mother had just returned from a two-year's stay in the T. B. Sanitarium at Denver, Colo., and I know that our many carols completed a wonderfully happy day for them.

Your missionaries' happy day didn't end until the choir had had a late chocolate and cookie supper at our home in Center, and then were driven back to their respective towns and homes.



Mt. Blanca (14,363 feet) in the Sangre de Cristo Range of mountains which rise majestically over the floor of the San Luis Valley in Colorado

At last, we thought it was all over for the year, and thankfully flopped into bed, planning to give ourselves a long, lazy rest. But we had forgotten the quaint, traditional Christmas custom in this area, of the throngs of early-bird, dawn-patrol Spanish children, shouting, "Creemas, Creemas, Creemas," at the top of their voices at every household door, expecting a treat to be dropped into their already bulging bags. So we put on our robes, buttoned on our smiles, and gaily entered into the absolutely fascinating

"Creemas game," seeing through tear dimmed eyes that they were all wearing the warm caps and mittens and socks which we had given them the day before; your gifts of love to them!

The "Creemas" shouts could be heard for blocks in this crisp mountain air, and were better than early morning church bells, calling to the weary, to the sorrowing and to the indifferent, that Christ had truly come! And we ourselves felt, with renewed wonder, that indeed HE had!

MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CAMEROONS

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would give a word of encouragement. You have a definite part in this ministry of healing through your supplies of White Cross which you send and without which this ministry in the Cameroons would most certainly become much more difficult and much more expensive. On behalf of our missionaries at Bansa, Mbingo and the various dispensaries and maternity centers, we say "Thank you!"

TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP

Some of our main stations have more than forty churches in their area. One can readily see that the missionary cannot give much time to each. Neither is that necessary in the program of the indigenous church. The native Christian should take the responsibility of evangelization, of church organization and leadership. The accomplishment of this plan of the indigenous church calls for the training of native personnel for the various offices and positions of leadership within the church. Our missionaries had this vision, pursued it these years and today we can see the fruit of such labor.

Under Missionary S. Donald Gannstrom a Bible School was begun at Belo in 1947. In 1950 this school was moved to Mbem and placed under the supervision of Missionary Earl Ahrens. In 1954 Ndu became the permanent

place of our Bible Training School. The fruit of this venture is seen everywhere. Many of our young native Christians have received only one year of Bible training, yet this one year has given them a love for the Word and a zeal to witness for their Lord. Even with one year of Bible training many of them have become church teachers (licensed preachers) and are leading the churches in the great program of witnessing to the power of God.

At Mbem the first week-end in November the Kaka Conference convened with an attendance of about one thousand. In a meeting of the various representatives forming the Field Church Council, I learned to what extent the churches had accepted the practical side of the teaching of stewardship. They deducted the tithe from the salary of the church teachers at the time of payment and placed it in the church treasury. What is preached to the congregation must first be practiced by the preacher!

The year 1954 has been a milestone in the history of our Ndu Bible Training School. It was the first year that the school was extended to a third year class from which seven promising young men graduated. These plus the former full-time native evangelists have now also been recommended

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Baptist Sunday School girls of Ujiamada, Japan, view the poster (left) inviting the children to come to Vacation Bible School; one of "the live wires" of the Sunday School (center) with the dog of the missionary; and (right) Bible School girls hold "faces" in their hands on which the divisions of the Bible are named

Winning the Japanese for Christ

By MISS FLORENCE MILLER, One of Our Seven Missionaries in Japan

IT WAS LATE SPRING and reports of preparation for Vacation Bible School were coming to me from many friends at home. "If we could only have one for our children here in Yamada," I thought. "But our teachers are all inexperienced. None of them even knows what a Vacation Bible School is like. What would we use as material? Trying to find something suitable in Japanese which would give the teachers sufficient helps would be a problem."

With these and many more doubts and questions in my mind, I suggested the idea to my co-worker. She became enthusiastic immediately. That was very encouraging, so I ventured a little further and proposed it to one of the other Sunday School teachers. She, too, seemed willing to undertake the project. So we called the teachers together to discuss suitable dates for holding the Bible School. We learned that the public school vacation begins about July 22 and ends about August 22. It was just during this period, that I had planned to be away for vacation. When the teachers heard that I planned to be gone during that time, they were a little disappointed but were willing to go ahead without me.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We had only four teachers, so we divided the school into two sessions, one week for beginners and primary children and the other week for juniors and intermediates. We enlisted some high school and college girls, as well as some mothers with free time to act as assistants to the teachers. These assistants were not all Christians, but their responsibility was primarily with the handwork. Most of them had attended church quite regularly and seemed to show real interest. We thought it might bring them into a closer relationship with the church.

We found that the Gospel Light Press material, which has been partially translated by the Japan Sunday School Union, could be adapted for use in Bible School. We wanted each pupil to have his own workbook but it was rather expensive to provide

these for them so we sent a note home with each pupil inquiring whether the child could attend and whether he could purchase his own study book. Almost all of them were able to buy their own books. We gave a few to those who could not.

About a week before the school was to open, the teachers gathered at my home to discuss the daily schedule, make plans for recreation, make demonstration samples of the pupil's handwork, and plan the picnic which was to culminate each week of study. Some of the older boys cut down the tall grass in the vacant lot near the church so that it could be used for the recreation period.

All too soon, the opening day of school was upon us. I was able to be with them for the first day only. My observation of that day assured me that all would be in good hands and I could leave without being missed too much. When I returned, I found the teachers busily engaged in last minute drill for the program which they had planned for the parents. They had also set up an attractive display of the pupils' handwork.

The attendance during the first week averaged about 40 and the second week about 60. This was just about equal to our average Sunday School attendance. Now that a be-

FLORENCE MILLER

Missionary Florence Miller is now living in Kyoto, Japan, in an apartment in the home of a Kyoto University professor. The apartment is shared with Yamamoto San, her Christian co-worker who is studying at a nearby Bible School. Miss Miller is engaged in further language studies. The town of Ujiamada is now officially called Ise, and Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut are serving as our missionaries there.

ginning has been made, I am sure the children and teachers will look forward to a Vacation Bible School each summer.

Another special activity during the summer was a two week English Bible class. Sometime in May a mother who had attended our meetings twice requested, when her daughter returned from college in Tokyo, that I teach her English conversation, even if it were only for 30 minutes a day. These requests for English are not at all unusual, so I don't usually give them much serious thought, but quickly reply that I myself am a student of Japanese and must give all of my time for that. However, I told her I would consider it and let her know. She did not come to church after that and I had not yet given her an answer although it was already July and her daughter would soon be home.

ENGLISH BIBLE CLASS

One day two young women came to the door asking me to teach them English. They said they were home for vacation from college in Tokyo. I discovered that they were friends of the other girl, attending the same college, a nominal Christian Women's College. I hated to refuse them and so offered to teach them English Bible. They were very glad to study the Bible, for they also study it in college, undoubtedly as literature, but at least they had some familiarity with parts of it.

These three girls plus three from our church who were interested made up the class. We studied an hour a day for two weeks. Our Scripture was selected passages from the Gospel of John. I felt that the Lord used that short period to create a desire to be a real Christian in the hearts of at least two of the girls.

One of them wrote to me in a letter a short time later, "I am not worthy to be a real Christian, but I will do all I can to improve myself." She has not yet grasped the principle of salvation by faith, but the desire to be a good Christian was evident. These two girls later helped us as assistants in Vacation Bible School.

Buildings of Baylor

Welcome to the Baylor University Campus for the General Conference sessions, June 6-12, 1955

By C. E. BRYANT, Director of Public Relations, Baylor University, Waco, Texas



The new, five-story Tidwell Bible Building on Baylor University Campus, Waco, Texas, where some of the North American Baptist General Conference meetings will be held

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY is growing so rapidly that the graduate of a decade ago scarcely knows the campus. New buildings—large and beautiful structures—seem to be springing up everywhere.

It is a good token: this growth of a revered Baptist institution in an age when many denominational institutions have fallen by the wayside because of finances, or have lost their church connections in an effort to avoid such a catastrophe.

Baylor looks still more optimistically to the future. President W. R. White envisions the day about 1960 when Baylor's enrollment will hit 8,000, as compared with its current 5,000—a phenomenal figure in itself. These students come from 45 states and 20 foreign countries, the out-of-staters forming about 20 per cent of the enrollment.

We make note of these things because we feel that you, as North American Baptists, will take pride in Baylor when you visit the campus for your convention. Remember also that Baylor is 110 years old, older than the state of Texas itself, and that her founders were among those heroes who won the Lone Star Republic's freedom from Mexico in 1836.

TIDWELL BIBLE BUILDING

Baylor's campus plot at Waco now consists of 23 permanent-type buildings and about the same number of temporary structures which were raised hurriedly just after World War II, to accommodate the flood of GI's. They are being replaced as rapidly as possible in the new development program.

The Tidwell Bible Building, one of the handsomest of the new structures, a five-story white brick building, appropriately denotes the school's religious background, and will house the religion and other related departments. It was financed largely by the

gifts of friends and former students of the late Dr. Josiah Blake Tidwell, who taught Bible at Baylor for 35 years and is known in religious circles nationally for his books on biblical interpretation.

Some of the sessions of the North American Baptist Convention will be held in this building. Thoroughly air-conditioned, the building's 500-seat chapel, classrooms and lounges make a lovely meeting place and refuge in the summertime heat of the southwest.

The Tidwell building is simple in its architecture. Its conservative lines are typical of the theologian whose name it bears. Its chief trim are two rows of carved stones, at the building's third and fifth floor levels, depicting scenes from Biblical stories.

ARMSTRONG-BROWNING LIBRARY

Showplace of the Baylor campus is the \$2,000,000 Armstrong-Browning Library, a three-story marble structure serving as a memorial to Robert Browning, great English Christian poet. Baylor's famous Browning collection, consisting of memorabilia from first editions, manuscripts and personal items of the poet and his wife, Elizabeth Barrett, are housed here and attract literature scholars from all the world. The collection was gathered by the late Dr. A. J. Armstrong, for 40 years head of Baylor's English department. Money for the building's erection was secured largely by Dr. Armstrong's solicitation of former students and wealthy friends.

Many pages could be written of the building's beauty—in fact many newspapers and magazines have devoted that much space to their description of it. Being a poor boy himself, I believe the mention of the price carries more significance as to the beauty and symbolism and rarity of the building than anything I can say in describing it. But when I made that very state-

ment to the late Marris McLean, who, with his wife, contributed \$300,000 for the building's Foyer of Meditation, he objected: "When people see a figure with that many zeros, they think it's a typographical error." We invite you to come see the building.

Dr. Armstrong's hope for the building, and his reason for its lavishness, was this: "I hope that some student, sitting in its rooms, may be inspired from this beauty to become another Browning, another Shakespeare, another Truett. If that happens to even one student through all the years ahead, the price will be repaid."

STUDENT UNION BUILDING

There are two new dormitories on the campus, both having gone into full service in September 1954. They are completely modern and air-conditioned. Work is just beginning, as we write these lines, on a building for the Baylor University School of Law, and Baylor hopes to be erecting, by the time your convention meets, a new structure for the Baylor School of Business.

The Student Union Building, a vast center for campus activities, including a cafeteria, bookstores, barber and beauty shops and entertainment facilities, is another place where you'll spend much of your time. Whenever you have a few minutes or an hour to spare, its lounges invite you to relax. Pat Neff Hall, a towered structure named for the school's former president and former governor of Texas, is the Baylor administration building, located in the heart of the campus. And Waco Hall, with 2,500 seats, is the main auditorium and meeting place.

Classroom, library and dormitory buildings constitute the rest of the Baylor campus plant. Not all are adequate—but Baylor friends are determined to make them so in the current \$50,000,000 development program.



Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

6. THE OUTREACH OF THE CHURCH

FROM THE DAY of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, the Gospel spread in all directions. The New Testament records only a fraction of the missionary activity of the Church but gives indication of its outreach in every direction. Jesus' last words to his disciples on earth were soon to be fulfilled: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The rest of the book of Acts records certain lines of this expansion.

Luke mentions Jews and proselytes (Gentiles who had turned Jews) in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost from 15 areas throughout the known world of that day. Acts 2:41 states that 3,000 Jews were saved that day after Peter's sermon, and undoubtedly many of these were visitors from these widely separated countries. In returning to their homes they would have taken the story of salvation with them. For example, it is known that some 30,000 to 40,000 Jews lived in their own community in Rome. What was more natural than that an assembly of Christians should gather there?

When Paul wrote his letter to the Roman Church about 56 A.D., he could greet by name twenty-five relatives and friends whom he had known previously (Romans 16). Had the Apostle Peter founded the Roman Church and held a 25-year bishopric there, as the older Roman Catholic historians claimed, how could Peter have failed to find a place in this list? Paul's later epistles written from Rome and Luke's account of Paul's two-year imprisonment in Rome

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

ENGAGEMENTS:

The Lord willing we shall be in Gotebo, Okla., from March 27 to April 8. From there we go to our church in Chancellor, S. Dak., from April 10 to 24.

WE THANK GOD:

A stalwart young man comes to me just before the service. His whole demeanor shows his agitation and vital concern. Before I can even ask him what he wants, he says: "What must I do to be saved?" I say to listen

to the message of the Word and when the invitation is given he is the first one to come into the prayerroom. Oh, how he pours out his heart in prayer and confession of sin! He arises from his knees a redeemed soul with the joy of heaven in his eyes.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray that the spirit of true intercession may descend upon us as a people of God so that the wonders of God's grace may become visible in the hearts and lives of many in the days that lie ahead. Pray for us!

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

March 16 (Wednesday)—Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, New York. Centenary Jubilee Program.
March 27 (Sunday)—Dedication of Parma Heights Building, Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. R. Schilke

March 13 (Sunday)—Wausau, Wis.
March 20 (Sunday P.M.)—Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Illinois.
March 22 (Tuesday)—East Side Church, Chicago, Illinois.
March 24-25 — North American Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
March 27 (Sunday)—Trinity and Northside Churches, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Rev. L. Bienert

March 21-25—Southwestern Conference Christian Workers' Conferences.
March 28-April 1 — Leadership Training Course, Immanuel Church, Loyal, Oklahoma.

Dr. M. L. Leuchner

March 20-22—Missoula, Montana.
March 27 (Sunday) — Calvary Church, Billings, Montana.

Southwestern Conference, Christian Workers Conferences

Rev. L. Bienert and Miss Ruth Bathauer
March 21—Beatrice, Nebraska.
March 23—Ellinwood, Kansas.
March 25—Bessie, Oklahoma.

Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Centenary Jubilee—Rev. Paul Wengel, Pastor

March 13-20—Guest Speakers: Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Dr. Wm. A. Mueller, Dr. Norman A. Paulin, Dr. A. E. Kannwischer, and Miss Alethea S. Kose.

MARCH DATES

Special Meetings at Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois

March 10—Workshop Meeting for Denominational Leaders.
March 11—Summer Visitation Committee.
March 12—Student Placement Committee.

Bible Day, Sunday, March 13.

Offerings for distribution of Bibles and Christian literature.

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Roger Williams Press ... NEWS By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER

"CAN YOU LIFT yourself by your bootstraps?" Your response to this question would be a definite NO, and rightly so when we are thinking of individuals. However, there is a way by which a group of people can lift themselves by their bootstraps, and we are now thinking of our denomination and its publishing house.

At the present time clerks are busy with orders for Sunday School teaching material. Every Sunday School teaching material order sent to Roger Williams Press means a substantial profit for the press and, consequently, for the denomination. So here is the logic. The denomination can lift itself when orders for Sunday School teaching material, church supplies, books and Bibles are placed with the denominational publishing house.

Getting back to the Sunday School teaching material, your publishing house is in a position to furnish the material from practically all publishing houses in the United States. We will furnish the order blanks about six weeks in advance, and schools ordering from more than one publisher can send all of their orders in one envelope to Roger Williams Press. Their orders have the right over everything and we will do everything possible to process them quickly and properly.

May we suggest some arithmetic. Assuming that there is a \$10 profit and assuming that each one of our schools orders its material from its own publishing house, multiply this \$10 by the number of our schools and you will begin to relize the amount of profit and recognize the fact that the denomination can lift itself. All of this is at no extra cost, because our schools pay no more by ordering their material at Roger Williams Press.

If your school is not ordering from our denominational publishing house, write for order blanks and other information and then join the many schools who are helping to lift by ordering at home. When this happens and profits are made for the cause of the kingdom, then there is purpose for all the excitement, work and joy when our Sunday School orders come rolling in.

DR. O. E. KRUEGER

On Thursday, Feb. 10, Dr. O. E. Krueger underwent surgery at the Genesee Hospital in Rochester, N. Y. The operation was successful, but the time of convalescence may be prolonged. He will be encouraged by your letters. His address is 48 Clairmount St., Rochester 21, N. Y.

BOOK REVIEWS

CHURCH AND STATE IN LUTHER AND CALVIN. By William A. Mueller, Broadman Press. 184 pages. \$2.50

Dr. William A. Mueller, formerly pastor of our Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., ad at present professor of philosophy at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., deals brilliantly with the problem of the relation of church and state in this book. He points out in the preface that the Biblical attitude in this matter is a Yes and No attitude (by no means uniform). Then he determines what Martin Luther and John Calvin, the two most outstanding Protestant reformers of the 16th century, thought of the nature, purpose and scope of the church and its relation to the state. He brings a great array of quotations from all kinds of reliable sources (well documented and indexed) to bear upon every point but he never forgets his Baptist background and convictions. The great reformers and the state churches of the Continent with their pronouncements are viewed in the strong light of Scriptural scrutiny by this author. This is a book which represents the lifework of Dr. Mueller as a result of extensive research work, several trips to Germany, and much profound thought. His conclusion is prophetic in utterance: "If we grasp the deeper intentions of the reformers, we shall increasingly realize that all

human institutions are subject to corruption and, hence, under God's judgment." This is a timely, interpretive volume that every thinking Baptist should carefully read.

MY SPIRITUAL DIARY. By Dale Evans Rogers. Fleming H. Revell Company. 144 pages. \$2.00.

If you are a fan of Roy Rogers and of his wife, Dale Evans, and know something about their fervent Christian faith (even Evangelist Billy Graham has used them in his campaigns), you will love this autobiography of Mrs. Dale Evans Rogers. These are brief colorful entries in her diary (usually a page in length for each entry) setting down her faith, hope, philosophy and spiritual adventuring so that she might know how weak and strong she was. Her intimate prayer is humbly typical of the book's contents: "Put Your hand over mine, Lord God, that this writing may be honest and reverent." You'll be blessed, strengthened, enriched and inspired by this book! You'll smile and cry over the author's experiences! You'll marvel at the beauty of her soul and at the wondrous things that God can do! You'll walk with the author along the long, hard road from defeat to ultimate victory—and then you will thank God for this sweet woman who has helped you spiritually through the reading of this book!

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for ordination and so another step forward has been taken. These men will be the first native men to be ordained since the Cameroons Baptist Mission began this mission enterprise.

We look toward the Ndu Bible Training School as the greatest means for the establishment of a strong indigenous church. We rejoice that the native Christians have this same outlook and that there are many young men who look toward Ndu with the hope of spending at least one year there before they seek further training for whatever they feel led to undertake.

BEYOND OUR ABILITY

To consider the various and manifold requests, to further expand in response to the need would call for an increase in our missionary staff by at least one-fourth. The request for such an increase in our missionary staff has already been made by our missionary body on the field. We face this stark question. How much of a greater obligation dare we and can we

take upon ourselves as North American Baptists?

The Lord has given us the opportunities. The Lord has also given us the young people who would be ready even now to go and more who stand in training with an eye to the regions beyond. Why can we not at once meet the requests and send those who feel called to go? The reason is that we must also count the cost if we are to be wise builders.

Many of our people give sacrificially for our missionary cause. We praise God for them. Many of our people give sacrificially, but our own missionary cause does not benefit by their giving because of their divided loyalty. But there are also those who have not yet learned the principle of stewardship. If they would give God what rightfully belongs to him, we could advance far beyond our present ability. To take upon ourselves these obligations that come with these opportunities truly requires a venture of faith, but perhaps even a greater venture of faithfulness.

We...the Women

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

A TIME TO LAUGH

Doing business for the King of kings in this day calls for sober thinking. Therefore, Christians all too seldom take the scriptural admonition to heart that there is "a time to laugh," and that "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine." From the joy and laughter of children, so dear to the heart of Jesus Christ, one can learn much.

Anne Elizabeth Gebauer, 12 years of age (April 23), attended Headmaster Mbako's wedding in the Cameroons of Africa. She is the daughter of the field superintendent, and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer. The following account is Anne's first attempt as a reporter. Relax as you enjoy her bit of humor. Then thank God that missionary children are happy and can share the thoughts of their hearts that "maketh cheerful."

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MBAKO'S WEDDING

By ANNE ELIZABETH GEBAUER

Sunday dawned bright and early. Everybody was in good spirit. Headmaster Mbako was to be married.

We all filed into church to see the wedding. The church teacher announced rather grimly that one of the chief relatives was not present. He was to be married next week. We had to wait.

Next week arrived and the church teacher again announced that they couldn't be married because Bertha was to be given away only on a "country Sunday"; that was Monday. Mbako would be married Tuesday. Good-night! when next?

Tuesday arrived. The drum knocked at 8:00 A.M. Church couldn't manage to get started on time anyway, so it started at 10:00 A.M. finally.

We were singing, when in came Mr. Mbako in his dark green and bright aqua shirt. Bertha Bi was on his arm. She had a frilly nightcap on with a long piece of white cloth behind. All mama's best flowers were in her hand. Very elegant dress she wore—white with puffed sleeves and no belt, so it hung like a sack. Very elegant, indeed!

The train bearers wore trousers and dirty white shirts. After them came the bridesmaid, not maids. Then half a dozen boys.

They sat down. Then prayer. Then they stood up. Mbako very carefully stepped over the train. Then Uncle Akenje answered questions. Then Bertha answered, but she didn't talk loud enough. Then Mbako nodded and

said yes. Then the church teacher preached a sermon about their duties to each other. (He was fond of being long winded.) More prayer. Poor Bertha! (By the way it's pronounced "Beneetea" out here.) She was getting warmer and warmer all along.

The church teacher announced that it was time to join hands now. Bertha gave the left. That confused Mbako, so he did too. And the church teacher kept saying, "No, the other." Finally Bertha gave the left and Mbako the right. Oh, joyous moment; they were married.

All during the service Mbako was very solemn. He was probably thinking, as Walt said later, about the twenty pounds he had lost because of the girl on his arm. But she was worth it. Maybe!

Mama told me not to laugh. Should I walk out or have cramps?

Walter, my brother, said it was the funniest wedding he had seen in

years, which wasn't unusual because he hadn't seen any other.

Then they walked out. Walt and I were watching. The bride and groom weren't moving, strange to say. How could they? They were stuck in the door. Mbako, you know, was as wide as his wife and the deaconess together. And they were all trying to get out together. Finally they backed out and got through. Mbako forgot his "solemn" and grinned like a hyena while being escorted home.

Aunty Teresa was throwing out the chairs, because there wasn't room for all the people and the chairs.

Everybody was in. What a reception, to say nothing of the cake that wasn't, and the presents that consisted of two given by Gebauers.

Everybody trooped out to the party outside. I did, too.

Walter and Kengong, his African friend, climbed and sat down right over the wedding couple's heads. Keng picked, aimed, and "bombs away" it fell. Kerplunk, right on the bride's nightcap. She didn't dare look up for fear the cap would fall off. But Mbako caught them in the act of throwing another at the train bearer. Glorious wedding!

I suppose I should say, "Long live their happiness and many be their children!"

Christian Training Institute

Report of the Day of Prayer held at the C.T.I., Edmonton, Alberta

By REV. E. W. KLATT, Member of the Faculty

CHRISTMAS and the New Year's activities were over at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. The words, "We had a blessed time during the holidays," probably sum up the expression of the students. January 3rd arrived. What then? Well, once again we saw the halls and rooms teeming with student life and activity.

At 8:35 A.M. the oft-heard bell once again signaled for both faculty and students to return to the class rooms. Apparently all were glad to see one another again. The classes were begun with prayer, further assignments were made, followed by the period of instruction. Everyone was once more deeply engrossed in learning, for they realized that "a little learning is a dangerous thing," especially shortly before exams.

HEARTSEARCHING PRAYER

Several days passed by. Then the president of the Christian Training Institute, Rev. E. P. Wahl, announced Prayer Day in chapel for the Christian Training Institute faculty and students to be observed January 10. The theme was "Day of Prayer," and the theme song, "Have Thine Own Way." The text was taken from Deu-

teronomy 31:12, "Gather the people together, men and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within the gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord, thy God, and observe to do all the words of his law."

The "Minutes of Quiet Devotion" were a time of heartsearching for each student in his own room. Only God and the student were present. The effects of this hour of prayer were by no means insignificant, and are in part expressed in this simple verse of poetry by the writer of this article:

"What wondrous things in prayer
are wrought
As strong men yield to Christ's own
thought,
'Tis then that God can speak to
man,
And seek his will for life's whole
span."

During the "Minutes of Quiet Devotion" God did search the hearts of the students. Testimonies in a later meeting bore witness of that fact.

At 10:30 A.M. faculty and students met in the chapel for the first service. Rev. Karl Korella, a faculty member of the C.T.I., served as chairman, and

Rev. H. Schumacher, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alta., delivered a spiritually enlightening message on the thought of the will of God.

At the afternoon meeting Rev. E. W. Klatt, a faculty member, served as chairman, and Brigadier T. Bruce Jennings of the Salvation Army of Edmonton delivered a spiritually encouraging message as he indicated certain encouraging factors, even as Paul experienced them amid opposition and distress at Philippi (Acts 16). It can be added that our students have an opportunity to serve at the Salvation Army twice a month.

Immediately after the afternoon service the group was divided into three smaller groups—the faculty under the leadership of Rev. Otto Schmidt, the young women under the leadership of Frieda Freitag, one of the students; and the young men under one of the students. These groups met separately but simultaneously for an hour of guided prayer.



Faculty members of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, join the students in prayer for the Day of Prayer on Jan. 3, 1955

Eager hearts awaited the evening meeting with expectations. Rev. E. P. Wahl was the chairman, and Rev. Albert Johnson, a former C.T.I. faculty member, and now pastor of a Swedish Baptist Church in Edmonton, spoke on Genesis 17:1, ". . . I am the Almighty God, walk before me and be thou perfect." This was a message designed to challenge the students in their Christian walk.

The variety of emphases in the three messages of the day was appreciated. Under the direction of Rev. E. Link, a faculty member, the services were spiritually beautified by both vocal and instrumental music. Opportunity was also given for testimony, individual prayer, as well as a litany of prayer. The unfolding of time will reveal the importance of this day.

C.B.Y. Fellowship

By LAWRENCE BIENERT, Youth Director

SPRINGTIME is also rally time for many of our CBY Fellowships. A rally may be held for our youth groups within a city, an association, a state, or a conference. The purpose of a rally should be quite evident. It is a time for young people to get together to learn, to be inspired, to enjoy Christian fellowship, and to make future plans.

WHEN TO HOLD RALLIES

The time for your rally is a very important question to consider since some of your young people will be working at jobs, while others will be attending school. Youth rallies are usually held at the end of the week when young people are free from school and also possibly from work. A long week-end such as Memorial Day or Labor Day gives special opportunity for all CBY members to attend.

Some rallies begin Friday night and end on Saturday or Sunday. Others begin on Saturday and conclude Saturday night or Sunday. The time and the local situation. If you are planning for a rally which lasts for more than one day, then you must consider providing food and also sleeping accommodations. Any effort you put forth will be very worthwhile in spiritual blessings.

Whether planning for a General Conference or a youth rally, a number of committees must be on the job. The program committee, often consisting of the executive committee, decides on the program and asks people to participate. The arrangements committee, consisting of members of the host church, arranges for permission to use the church or other meeting place for the rally. The members of this committee will make arrangements for the meals and also sleeping arrangements. It is well for the host church to contact all youth groups in advance to ascertain the number of young people who will need lodging and also to get an estimate in preparing for the meals.

The publicity committee must be active enough in Advance to build up some real enthusiasm. Of course, the program must make detailed arrangements early enough to give the publicity committee something to work on.

YOUTH COMPASS PROGRAMS

See your present issue of YOUTH COMPASS for the Palm Sunday program, "Shadows of Triumph," and the Easter program, "Easter—The Hope of the Church." Preparations for these programs should be made well in advance.

Regional youth papers as well as local newspapers carry such publicity. Eye catching posters which give detailed information should be sent to all CBY Fellowships.

This committee also takes care of printing programs. Programs may be single sheets or in booklet form. Booklets stating the theme, words of songs, items on the program, and extra pages for notes are of special value. Also make sure that there are enough song books on hand for the rally.

YOUR RALLY PROGRAM

The program for your rally will vary from year to year. Among other things you will have devotional speakers, panel discussions, a guest speaker or speakers, business meeting, and a banquet or fellowship. If the rally is held near some point of interest, then you will also want to include a tour in your program. Variety in programs keeps rallies interesting and stimulating.

It is a good plan to build your program around a theme. This may be a song, a Bible verse, or even a slogan. This theme should be printed in a prominent place in the program. A large banner or poster with the words printed in outstanding letters always helps to keep the theme uppermost in our mind. Decorations for the banquet or fellowship can also center around the rally theme.

The youth rally is a time for exchanging ideas. One way of doing this is to present a telecast or radio presentation of a "Meet the Presidents" program. In a program such as this the presidents of all the CBY Fellowships represented go before the imitation microphones and cameras to

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Sunday School Lessons

A LESSON PLAN

Date: March 20, 1955

Theme: **THE LIFE OF THE NEW MAN**

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:5-10; 1 Timothy 4:12; 1 John 2:1-6.

PURPOSE: To help us understand the nature of the life of a Christian.

GETTING STARTED: An inspirational classic that has brought untold blessings to countless numbers of Christians is Hannah Whitall Smith's "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life." More than any book I know, it helps the Christian—the new man—to enjoy the new life that is his in Christ and to live it to the full. And isn't that really one of the great needs among Christians today? God has given us a priceless treasure in this new life that is ours. Yet how few of us make the fullest use of that treasure and learn to live with the radiance, the power, the purity, the winsomeness that our Lord desires for every one of his followers! All too often we are strong on profession but tragically weak on expression; and what the world notes is not our profession but our expression. Nothing could give the Christian cause such a shot-in-the-arm as that those of us who profess to be new creatures in Christ live that life so fully and radiantly that unbelieving men could not but be attracted by it and come to seek the Life-giver who alone makes this life possible.

Developing the Theme: Note the following elements in such a life:

I. ITS SOURCE.

1. Without Colossians 3:1a and 3, the opening verses in today's lesson cannot really be understood or applied.

2. The new life has its source in the experience of regeneration, which makes the believer a partaker of the life of Christ himself. Thus the indwelling Christ is the spring from which this life flows.

II. ITS POINT OF REFERENCE.

1. Not things on earth: its customs, pleasures, goals (Col. 3:2b, 5); nor the habits of an old life (Col. 3:9b); nor the opinions of men (1 Tim. 4:12).

2. But the things that belong to godliness (Col. 3:1-2); that express the life of Christ within the heart (Col. 3:3); that are worthy of a life that is meant to grow more and more Christlike (Col. 3:10).

III. ITS DISCIPLINE.

The new life puts forth real moral effort.

1. It rejects all sins of the flesh (Col. 3:5), all sins of the disposition (Col. 3:8), and everything that in any way harms another man (Col. 3:8-9).

2. It strives to do that which is Christlike, to grow in every Christian virtue, to be faithful to the will and command of God (1 John 2:3-5).

IV. ITS MOTIVE.

1. To live a life worthy of one who has been made a new man (Col. 3:10).

2. To be an example and inspiration to others (1 Tim. 4:12).

3. To live a life free from sin (1 John 2:1a).

4. To follow in the footsteps of Jesus (1 John 2:6).

V. ITS RESOURCE.

1. The indwelling Christ, who lives in us and empowers us to live a life worthy of him (Col. 3:10).

2. The exalted Christ, who intercedes for us, bringing us forgiveness and a growing power over sin (1 John 2:1-2).

A LESSON PLAN

Date: March 27, 1955.

Theme: **THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER.**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:13-16; Romans 13:8-10; 1 Peter 4:12-16.

PURPOSE: To indicate the Christian's responsibilities toward the social order.

GETTING STARTED: Let a statement by Alexander Maclaren, great preacher of the last century, serve as our starting point today: "There are the people who think that Christian men and women should be very tepidly interested in anything except what they call the preaching of the Gospel and the saving of men's souls. But these do not exhaust the function of the church in the world nor the duty of the church to society. We have to learn from the metaphor of the parable. The dough is not kept on one shelf and the leaven on another; the bit of leaven is plunged into the heart of the mass. We Christians are not doing our duty unless we fling our-

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selves frankly and energetically into all the currents of the national life, commercial, political, municipal, intellectual, and make our influence felt in them all."

Developing the Theme:

I. THE CHRISTIAN HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THE SOCIAL ORDER.

1. He is a part, a citizen, of that order and therefore cannot speak himself free of the duties of responsible citizenship.

2. He is also a disciple of a Master, who assigned "the earth" and "the world" (Matt. 5:13-14) to him as his place of operation and responsibility. Therefore, he cannot be a faithful disciple and ignore the social order and his responsibility toward it (Matt. 5:13-15).

II. THE NATURE OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

1. He is to live a life of positive goodness—a goodness that expresses itself in good deeds done wherever they are needed (Matt. 5:16).

2. With Christlike character he is to stand up against the moral corruption of his day and be the moral preservative of society (Matt. 5:13).

3. He is to bring the light of Christ's truth to bear in every place, on every situation (Matt. 5:14-15).

4. In all the many and intricate relationships of society he will make love his aim and the basis of all his actions (Romans 13:8-10).

5. He will fight against every evil; but he will fight it, not with evil, but with love and positive good will (Rom. 12:21).

6. He will stand his ground and bear his Christian testimony against everything that is un-Christlike, regardless of the consequences to himself (1 Peter 4:12-16), knowing that he is but following in the footsteps of his Master and that, in the end, great reward will be his (1 Peter 4:13-14).

Applying the Lesson:

1. How do a "personal" Gospel and a "social" Gospel relate to one another in the proclamation and application of the Christian message?

2. What should be our attitude toward proclamations made by churches and groups of churches on great social issues of our day?

3. In case war comes, would you favor the use of atomic weapons? Why?

What's Happening

● The Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, has extended a call to Rev. Howard Schenke to which he has responded favorably. He began his ministry there in January. The reception for him was held on Thursday evening, Jan. 27. He has succeeded Rev. A. R. Kingman, former pastor.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., has extended a call to Rev. T. J. Haire who has accepted the call and who began his ministry at the church on February 20th. He has succeeded Rev. H. Schatz, now serving as the Northern Conference worker. A report giving more information about the Temple Church pastor will appear in a forthcoming issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., hopes to move into the basement of its new church in March. The new edifice is located at 2010 Boston Boulevard in the southwestern section of Lansing. This is the former Holmes Street Church. According to its pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler, the new church edifice will cost about \$150,000 when completed.

● Rev. and Mrs. R. Schilke of Oak Park, Ill., have announced the birth of a daughter to them on Jan. 31st who has been named Linda Kay. This is their fourth child. Rev. and Mrs. Bert Milner of Moosehorn, Man., have also announced the birth of a son on January 13 who has been named Phillip. This is their second child. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schmidt of Arnprior, Ont., have announced the birth of a son on Jan. 28th who has been named Paul Alan.

● Youth Week was observed by the Bethel Church, Salem, Ore., from Jan. 30 to Feb. 6. The young people were in charge of the prayer meeting and conducted a Musical Request Program on Sunday evening, Feb. 6. The annual business meeting of the church was held on Wednesday, Jan. 19. On Sunday, Jan. 23, Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, Camerons missionaries, spoke at both services and Rudolph Woyke is pastor of the church.

● The Emanuel Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alta., Canada, has extended a call to Mr. Joseph Hufnagel, a graduate of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., and a son of the church, to serve as pastor until a new minister for the church can be

found. This action was recently approved by the General Missionary Committee which is supporting the church financially. Mr. Hufnagel began his ministry at the Valleyview Church on September 1, 1954, succeeding Rev. Eldon Janzen, now of Fenwood, Saskatchewan.

● Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, S. Dakota, served as a speaker at the Northern State Teachers College of Aberdeen during the recent "Religious Emphasis Week" held at the school. He spoke and led a discussion on "Religion and the Family." At Christmas time the play, "Christmas in the Cobbler's Shop," was enthusiastically received by a capacity congregation. Mr. Lutz brought a radio message on Christmas morning with another church in Aberdeen assisting. The Calvary Baptist Church is bringing the morning radio devotions from 8:45 to 9:45 A.M. daily in March.

● Miss Eleanor Weisenburger is studying at Mile End Hospital, London, England, for a full year beginning with October 1954, completing a course in midwifery. This will qualify her for this kind of nurses' services at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Camerons. Rev. G. Ben Lawrence is studying at London University, London, England, until July 1, 1955, preparing himself for the assignment as Supervisor of Schools in the Camerons. He and his family will be given a brief furlough at home in Oregon following the completion of his studies, and they will return to the Camerons in Africa by Jan. 1956.

● The Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., has announced the appointment of a new church secretary. She is Miss Roxie Hoover. On Sunday evening, Jan. 16, Rev. Emil Gruen of the American Board of Missions to the Jews presented the color film, "I Found My Messiah" to an audience of about 200. The Church Extension Committee is considering several pieces of property for a change of location of the church. From March 6 to 13 Dr. Torrey Johnson is serving as evangelist at the Clinton Hill Church. Mr. J. Stratton Shufelt is assisting him as song leader and Gospel soloist. Rev. Sidney Larson is the pastor of the church.

● The Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., held a "Hymn Festival" on Sunday evening, Jan. 30, as a part of Youth Week observance. The Junior Choir directed by Mrs.

Alma Ziegenthaler sang several selections. Betty Dieterle, Dave Hoover and Phyllis McCullen spoke on the hymns, "What a Friend," "Rescue the Perishing" and "Stand Up for Jesus." At the morning worship service on Jan. 30 Miss Janice M. Corbett was installed as the new church worker by the pastor, Rev. Peter M. Kemper. On Sunday evening, Feb. 6, the play, "God's Arithmetic," directed by Mrs. Peter M. Kemper, was presented by the young people.

● On Sunday, Feb. 6, two new members were received into the Zion Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., by its pastor, Rev. Ernst J. Sakowski, bringing the membership total of the church to 107. A farewell service for the United Brethren Church congregation, which formerly owned the building, was held on Sunday evening, Jan. 30. The Men's Choir of the Zion Baptist Church as well as Mr. Sakowski participated in this service. The choir is under the direction of Mr. Nathan Niess. The Zion Church now has full use of this fine edifice, holding German worship services at 10:45 A.M. and at 4:00 P.M. every Sunday. The church is located at 5277 N. 36th Street at West Rohr Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

● On Sunday evening, December 5, the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., held its farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. John Grygo and family. The members of the East Side Church joined with them for the service. There were several vocal selections by members of both churches. Rev. H. P. Schroeder of the East Side Church brought the message of the evening. The representatives of the church, Sunday School and Woman's Mission Society expressed their words of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Grygo and their son, Roland. They also presented them with gifts as a token of appreciation.

● Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, for the second year is allowing its pastor, Rex. John W. Walkup, an extra month of leave so that he may engage in the work of evangelism. This allowance is in addition to two weeks granted for this purpose each year. Since returning to the pastorate in July 1953, after several years of traveling in Christian work, Mr. Walkup has conducted special meetings in our churches at Martin, N. Dak.; Chancellor, S. Dak.; and the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta. Arrangements are now being completed for engagements with our churches in Okeene, Okla.; and the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

● The Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., held a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. John Engel and family on Sunday evening, Jan. 23. Mr. Jacob Rust, deacon, was in charge of the (Continued on Page 23)

Our Denomination in ACTION

Central Conference

Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., Opens New \$60,000 Wing for Sunday School Departments

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., announced the opening of its new wing recently, according to a report from Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor. The new addition, costing approximately \$60,000 will accommodate four Sunday School departments and two adult classes.

The four departments are: Nursery I (Infants); Nursery II (Toddlers); Nursery III (ages 2 and 3); and the Beginners (ages 4 and 5). Each of these departments are self-contained with its own washroom and drinking fountain. Attractive color schemes are used throughout.

The two adult classes are using the Mission Room. In the Mission Room there are interesting items concerning missions, literature, pictures, etc. A large mural will soon be painted on one end of the room depicting mission scenes at home and around the world. There is also comfortable furniture in this room to use when classes are not in session.

Jim Lowe, Youth and Activities Dir.

Encouraging Reports at Annual Business Meeting, First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Michigan

The First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., held its annual dinner and business meeting on Wednesday evening, Jan. 26, in Fellowship Hall of the church. There were 175 people in attendance. At the business meeting, conducted by the church moderator, Walter Marquardt, the following officers were elected for the fiscal year of 1955: moderator, Walter Mar-



Members of the Woman's Missionary Guild, Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., at the 10th anniversary meeting of the Guild

quardt; clerk, Arthur Abraham; treasurer, Sigfried Beimfohr; auditors, Mrs. Herbert Seel and Mrs. Olive Bartz; deacons, Lester Dogger and Doyle Barkmeier; trustees, Henry Bartz; financial secretaries, Gay Teichert and Dan Pschigada; Sunday School general superintendent, Gus Beimfohr; church historian, Mrs. Olive Bartz; church reporter, Mrs. George Schack.

Reports were received from the various church committees, covering activities during the past year. The pastor, Rev. L. H. Broeker, in his report to the church reflected upon events which had a vital part in our church life during the past year. Among these were the evangelistic crusade conducted by George Sweeting and Harold DeCou; the outstanding week of Bible Conference when we had several outstanding speakers and various features; and the evening when we surprised our pastor by giving a program in his honor.



The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., with the new \$60,000 Sunday School wing shown at the right

During the year we received 64 new members; 33 by baptism, 20 by letter and 11 by experience. Our losses during the year were 11; two by letter, four by erasure, and five by death, among whom was our pastor emeritus, Rev. Thomas Stoeri. With the 64 additions we had during the year and 11 losses, our net gain was 63, placing our present membership at 511.

Mrs. George Schack, Reporter.

Tenth Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Guild, Colonial Village Church, Lansing, Mich.

On Friday, Jan. 14th, the Woman's Missionary Guild of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., celebrated its tenth anniversary of the founding of the organization. The Guild was organized in 1945 by Mrs. Lily Riffel, wife of Rev. Herman Riffel, our pastor at that time.

Our anniversary meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Jack Baker. After the business session, Mrs. Otto Perry led the devotions. Mrs. Arthur Stobert and Mrs. Robert Baker furnished special music, and Mrs. Harold Hess, our Bible teacher, presented to us a heart-searching talk from God's Word.

The Guild has much for which to thank God for in its accomplishments during the past ten years. In 1948 we were able to send a great many packages of clothing to Europe to help the serious situation there. Mission work has always been the foremost project of our group, and we have given much in packages and offerings to the Cameroons mission as well as to various missions here at home.

During the past year we were privileged to purchase and install an automatic dryer in the home of Mrs. Ruth Woods, a handicapped mother of two small children. In this next year we hope to purchase an accordion door to be used in the Sunday School of our new church.

May our prayer be as we go into our next year together in anticipation of the work in the new location of our church, that we will go forward ever "Fervent in Spirit, Serving the Lord," the motto of the Guild these ten years.

Mrs. Evelyn Stobert, Reporter.

Building Improvements and Lenten Services at State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois

During the months of November and December, the men of the State Park Baptist Church in Peoria, Ill., remodeled the church basement. The walls were refinished and a tile ceiling was added. Beautiful fluorescent light fixtures were installed and plans were made to purchase new chairs. It was a real joy to see our men accomplish this task at such a great saving to the church. This project was especially beneficial to our church in that it not only resulted in physical blessing but spiritual as well.

The State Park Church is planning its annual series of pre-Easter services on the theme, "The Cross of Christ." These services will be conducted on the seven Thursdays pre-

ceding Easter. The series began on Thursday, Feb. 24th. Among the special speakers of the series are two sons of the church: Rev. Arthur Vinz, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dixon, Ill., and Rev. Robert Smith, pastor of the Covenant Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois. Dr. M. L. Leuschner will also be one of our guest speakers during this series. The crucial phase of the series will be a week of evangelistic services, March 14-20, with Rev. Roy Seibel of Emery, S. Dak., as our evangelist.

The State Park Baptist Sunday School is at present sponsoring its first Leadership Training Course. Although our Sunday School has cooperated in other city-wide training programs, a need was felt in conducting our own school this year. The response has been gratifying. We have over twenty people taking the course, "The Life of Christ," for credit, with many others auditing. Rev. E. B. Wesner is teaching the course on subsequent Wednesday evenings.

Edgar B. Wesner, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference

CBY of Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., Holds Special Holiday Programs

During the month of December, the Senior CBY of the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn., was very busy in the planning and carrying out of various programs. A few days preceding Christmas, a group of 20 young people went caroling at the Crippled Children's Hospital and then to the Union Train Depot. Later we also caroled at the homes of 30 of our church members.

Our choir presented a Candlelight Christmas Musical on the Sunday before Christmas. After the service, the choir was honored with a party given by some of our church members.

On Christmas Eve a special Candlelight Service was held from 11 to 12 P.M. Christmas organ music was played for a half hour preceding the service. The program consisted of numbers by our young people's male quartet, solos, duets, readings, poems and a short inspirational talk by our president, Ralph Hildebrandt.

Members of our Sunday School presented a program on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26th. The younger scholars presented the Christmas story in recitations, songs and pieces, and the young people's and junior classes gave a three-act play. This program proved to be a challenge to all who attended.

On New Year's Eve the Sunday School and Senior CBY planned and presented the program for the annual Watchnight Service from 9 to 12 P.M. A film on the life of Paul was shown, and we enjoyed an hour of refreshments, games and singing. We then ushered in the New Year with prayer.

Rosemary Leibl, Reporter.



The Senior Choir of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, with Mr. Charles F. Lehr, director, at the extreme left. Miss Jean Dreyer is the organ accompanist

Outstanding Evangelistic Meetings at Calvary Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa

Evangelist Cedric Sears of Wheaton, Ill., held his first campaign in the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, from January 2 to 9. Before the week was out, a number of people had requested the pastor, Rev. R. C. MacCormack, to "bring this man back again." So it is, that Dr. Sears won his way quickly into the hearts of our people with his clear and convincing preaching.

Rev. Cedric Sears is vice-president of Youth For Christ International, and for five years was director of the Chicagoland Youth for Christ. He is a man of outstanding qualities and has also had a nationwide radio ministry.

The large crowds overtaxed the seating capacity on several nights. Sister churches at Aplington and Steamboat Rock canceled some of their Week of Prayer meetings to attend in a body. Dr. Sears spoke over Waterloo radio stations four times as arranged by the pastor. One of these was the 25-year-old program by Rev. Hilmore Cedarholm, released over 15 stations; another was with Dr. W. E. Pietsch which reaches a nationwide audience over 50,000 watt KXEL. He also addressed the local Butler County Ministerial Association.

Several found the Lord as Savior during the meetings. On the final night about 200 people raised their hands to indicate that this ministry had blessed and revived them spiritually. An additional single meeting was held when Rev. Cedric Sears and Rev. Irv. Chambers were in our church on Feb. 2nd while on their way for meetings in Calgary, Alberta. We believe that the Gospel-centered preaching of this outstanding evangelist would bring blessing to any church.

Ronald C. MacCormack, Pastor.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"It is not what we take up but what we give up that makes us rich."—Henry Ward Beecher.

Radio Ministry and Special Choir Programs at Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa

The Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, rejoices in the blessings bestowed upon us in recent months. We are especially grateful for the special attendances and the harmonious spirit of our people.

We rejoice in the fact that a son of our church, Dr. Eugene Stockdale, was accepted for medical missionary service in the Cameroons. Some months ago we were grateful in being able to ordain a young man for the Gospel ministry, Rev. Gordon Huisinga. A week of inspiring services was conducted the latter part of September by the Rev. Herman Mauch of Bluefield, W. Va. Pictures of the Holy Land taken by Mr. Mauch, were shown at the evening services.

The church conducted a radio ministry throughout 1954. It was our privilege to broadcast a fifteen-minute program each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. This broadcast was made possible by one of our families. The annual Thanksgiving offering was the highest in recent years, amounting to nearly \$3600. We have been able to contribute approximately \$1600 toward our Church Extension program. Eight individuals have joined the \$100 Club.

We have a special word of appreciation for our three splendid choirs. The Junior and Intermediate Choirs combined their musical talents in the presentation of an inspiring musical program presented Sunday evening, December 5. Somewhat later, Sunday, December 26, the Senior Choir presented a very fine program of Christmas music. Both presentations were a blessing to the congregation. The ministry of music rendered by the three beautifully robed choirs is always a genuine blessing.

We look forward with confidence to a year of blessing and consecrated service rendered in the name of our Lord and Master. It will be our privilege to entertain the Northwestern Conference, May 27-30. We are seeking to "serve the Lord with gladness" throughout 1955.

Frank Veninga, Pastor.

Ministry of the Junior Choir of the Elgin Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa

The Junior Choir of the Elgin Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, was started about twelve years ago by Mrs. Guy Probert. That original choir is now serving as a majority of our adult church choir.

The Junior Choir has always been fortunate to be under capable leadership. When Dr. Arthur Ittermann resigned two years ago, I was appointed by him to carry on the work, which I have certainly enjoyed and expect to perform to the best of my ability, with God's help.

During the Sunday evening service of Dec. 12th, we dedicated our white capes with red bows. Since then our choir has rendered a song for each Sunday evening service. Before we sang regularly for our Sunday night services, our choir rendered a special number for the midweek service.

Each Thursday night prior to the "Hour of Power" midweek service, we meet at 7:30 P.M. to practice. Mrs. Arbie Schroeder, our church organist, is our accompanist.

Mrs. Edward F. Krueger,
Junior Choir Leader.



The Junior Choir of the Elgin Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, with Mrs. Edward Krueger, director, in back row, center

dians," was presented by Mrs. Henry Borger, Mrs. Henry Scheideman, Mrs. Rudolph Wyler, Mrs. Henry Barnett and Mrs. Paul Schulz. Mrs. Katie Vaughan delivered a wonderful Christmas poem, "The Dream." Special music was sung by a group of ladies, "Behold Ye Bethlehem" and "Rose of Sharon."

Mrs. Charles Wagner, Secretary.

Crusade for Christ With Dr. Merv Rosell at Costa Mesa, California

A blessed eight-day Crusade for Christ was held in the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., January 2 to 9, under the leadership of the nationally known evangelist, Dr. Merv Rosell, who was ably assisted by Mr. Bill Carle, a former Metropolitan Opera singer. These special meetings were characterized by a wonderful spirit of prayer.

Every day saw several different prayer groups in action. A large 24 hour Prayer Clock mounted in the foyer bore the names of those maintaining a 24 hour round-the-clock prayer vigil. A cottage prayer meeting was held daily at the bedside of a woman in a cast. A group of noble

women with unsaved husbands met daily at 1:00 P.M., and another larger group met each evening at 7:00 P.M. Even a group of Juniors met at the same hour in earnest prayer for the salvation of loved ones. Finally, several deacons and their wives met in an all-night prayer meeting.

Having laid hold in faith believing, and pleading the promises of God, there was great joy as our prayers were wondrously answered. These blessings overflowed the bounds of our church, and several neighboring churches shared in this glorious ingathering of souls. The records show that there were 54 first time decisions for Christ, mostly of promising young people and young adults. Five entire families were saved. Some 20 persons came forward seeking assurance, and 20 others came seeking a deeper spiritual life. Some 200 young people responded to the evangelist's challenge, to live a life of purity and victory, while as many more definitely dedicated themselves to soul winning. An instruction class is being conducted for the converts by the pastor, Rev. P. G. Neumann.

F. W. Bartel, Reporter.

Zenith Avenue Baptist Sunday School in Home of Bartels, Santa Ana, California

The way of the Lord is often quite mysterious, but in the end it is always wonderful and perfect. This was our experience when late in 1953 I was suddenly stricken with serious illness, requiring immediate hospitalization and major surgery, which plucked us out of the midst of a busy and blessed pastorate in our Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia, and transplanted us to southern California to recuperate. We can now see that we were providentially led to Costa Mesa, where the wonderful Christian fellowship and the spiritual nurture of our First Baptist Church under the vital leadership of Pastor P. G. Neumann, also the glorious winter sunshine of southern California, contributed to a speedy and complete recovery.

Then, as health and strength returned, we suddenly found that the Lord had a new challenging service awaiting us on our own back doorstep. For some time Mr. Neuman and his people had had their eyes on Santa Ana Heights, a new housing area just outside Costa Mesa, without any church or Sunday School, and had been burdened about the need of opening a mission there. Upon being asked to undertake this new work, after earnest prayer, we were led to our present location, and the way was found to finance this project without outside help.

Thus it came about, that we could open our Zenith Avenue Baptist Sunday School in the patio of our home on May 9, 1954 with 36 present. The blessing of God was manifest from the beginning, and the interest and attendance have increased until we have reached a high of 102, which taxes the capacity of our three bed-

room home. In a most wonderful way the Lord answered our prayer and provided necessary chairs, tables, hymnals, the use of a piano, and separated workers as needed.

The original four classes have increased to eleven, and the first four workers have become twelve. Forty decisions for Christ have been recorded, and each individual dealt with by an efficient personal worker. We were led to challenge First Baptist Sunday School of Costa Mesa (our mother church, only five years old!) to reach an average attendance of 1005 before we reach an attendance of 205, and adopted as our motto, "205 before 55." While we did not reach this goal, owing in part to the overcrowding of our home, it has made us realize, that our home is only a temporary expedient, and that the larger facilities of a chapel are urgently needed.

Now that the excellent adjoining lots, for which we have been praying, are becoming available to us through the timely help of our denominational Church Extension Department, this seems like the crowning evidence, that God is indeed moving in our midst, leading us on to greater victories.

F. W. Bartel, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Fifteen Young People Baptized at First German Baptist Church, Ashley, North Dakota

The Watchnight Service for the First German Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., will long be remembered as a time of great joy. On this evening 15 young people were baptized upon confession of their faith in Christ. These and a fine family of four, one son being among the candidates, came into the fellowship of the church.

Several of those who were baptized had accepted Christ under the ministry of Rev. J. J. Renz. Others had this experience during evangelistic services in the preaching stations during October. During one week in November Dr. T. W. Bender of Chicago, Ill., served as evangelist in Ashley which resulted in the conversion of several young people, and also in the spiritual strengthening of God's people.

Recently a Baldwin electric organ was purchased. This was dedicated to a special service on Sunday evening, January 30. The 28-voice Men's Chorus and 30-voice Mixed Choir rendered special music at this service.

A. W. Bibelheimer, Pastor.

Northern Conference

Recent Programs and Activities at the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

We of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., can praise God for his excellent greatness shown



Fifteen young people who were baptized at the Watchnight Service of the First German Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., by Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer

to us as we labor for him. Every organization has been working faithfully, and the Lord has blessed abundantly.

The choir has been an inspiration serving in the Sunday services. It presented the cantata, "City of the Star." On that same evening White Christmas was also observed.

The Sunday School with its growing attendance has received many blessed moments studying God's Word, and the scholars have presented fitting programs.

The CBY has been having its regular meetings which have helped to strengthen them in their Christian lives. The furnishing of the platform in the church has been one of the projects undertaken by the young people.

The Woman's Missionary Union in the presentation of its third anniversary program again impressed upon our minds the importance of Christian mission-minded women and their untiring work for the Lord.

Lillian Fillenberg, Reporter.

Youth Rally and Song Festival for Northern Manitoba Young People at Minitonas

After months of planning Rev. I. Faszer, Youth Director of the Manitoba Tri Union, was able to realize a visit to each of the Manitoba Tri Union CBY's with Rev. L. Bienert, our denominational Youth Director. This was something new, not only for the Tri Union, but also for Mr. Bienert who had this fine opportunity to get to know all these CBY's by fellowshiping with them.

We report only that portion that has to do with the northern churches of Ochre River, Swan River and Minitonas. The tour began as listed above and in each case the Tri Union cause was presented by Mr. Faszer and our denominational cause was presented by Mr. Bienert. Rev. R. Kanwischer, our Tri Union Music Director, accompanied the tour to see that the music was rehearsed for the coming rally and festival.

On Jan. 22 a Youth Rally was held in the Minitonas church with all CBY's well represented. Mr. Faszer was the chairman and Rev. L. Bienert the

speaker. There was good variety in the numbers presented, and the massed choir directed by Mr. Kanwischer added to the blessing.

The Song Festival on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 23, was the grand climax. Rev. R. H. Zepik had the privilege to be the chairman. The program arranged by the Tri Union Youth director, consisted of massed choir, choir, quartet and trio numbers. The speakers were Rev. E. H. Nikkel and Rev. L. Bienert. The offering of \$148 went to the Tri Union project, the Bible School at Ndu, Camerouns.

R. H. Zepik, Reporter.

Week of Prayer and Teachers' Training Course at McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg

We of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, followed the program outlined for the Week of Prayer set aside by our denomination. The ministers of our three German Baptist churches in Winnipeg agreed to combine the meetings, and beginning Monday night a service was held in the individual churches to study and learn how to pray effectively. On Tuesday and Thursday, the ministers exchanged pulpits. On Wednesday and Friday, combined meetings were held in the Mission and McDermot Avenue Churches, respectively.

The auditoriums were filled to capacity. We were thrilled as we felt the Spirit of God in our midst and heard the prayers of God's children.

We also had the privilege of conducting a Teachers' Training Course from Jan. 10 to 14 with Rev. J. C. Gunst teaching in English, "The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism" and Prof. H. Lueck teaching in German, "The Four Gospels." The evenings were well attended with approximately 150 persons every night. The two German Baptist churches in our vicinity, Morris and Oak Bank, were invited to attend.

May the spirit of evangelism continue in our midst throughout the coming years, and may great things be accomplished as a result of this training course. Rev. H. J. Waltereit is pastor of our church.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School group of the Zenith Avenue Baptist Mission at Santa Ana Heights, California

Special Meetings and Christmas Concert at Emanuel Baptist Church, Valleyview, Alberta

Evangelistic meetings were held from November 28 to Dec. 5 at the Emanuel Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alta., under the leadership of Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist. We report with joy that the Lord richly blessed our combined efforts and answered our prayers in that there were eight decisions for Christ during that time.

On Thursday, Dec. 23, our CBY and Church Choir presented a Christmas concert. The choir sang a number of Christmas carols after which the CBY presented a play. Mr. Joseph Hufnagel is serving as our pastor at present.

Jacob Hufnagel, Reporter.

Seven Converts Are Baptized and Received Into Zion Church, Drumheller, Alberta

The Zion Baptist Church near Drumheller, Alta., held revival meetings from October 25 to November 5, with Rev. Erwin J. Faul of Calgary, Alberta. Mr. Faul brought dynamic, Holy Spirit filled messages which stirred the hearts of the listeners. Christians were edified and some unsaved accepted Christ as their personal Savior. The meetings were well attended each night during the two weeks.

On December 19, it was my privilege with unspeakable joy to baptize seven candidates upon their confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. (The baptismal service was conducted in the Carbon Baptist Church, since Zion has no baptistry.) Then on December 31 in our Watchnight Service the hand of fellowship was extended to the seven baptized converts, and they were received into the church. We closed the year with the partaking of the Lord's Supper, and entered into the New year with prayer.

Furthermore the Zion CBY has undertaken a project which they are finding both interesting and a source of rich blessing. The Mission Commission "adopted" an Indian family of the Bull Tribe on the Hobbema Reservation near Wetaskiwin, Alberta. On December 10 a team went to the reservation to present a program at the Benke Memorial Chapel and delivered a Christmas package to their "adopted" family. It was a long day filled with new experiences and blessings for all, and according to a letter received from Missionary Neuman, much appreciated by the Indians.

William Effa, Pastor.

Baptist Young People of Olds, Alberta, Present Play to Boost Organ Fund

New Year's Sunday began with a memorable day of blessing for the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta. Four new members were added to our group—three by baptism, and one by testimony.



Seven young people baptized by Rev. William Effa (center, back row) of the Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alberta

Last November our young people officially opened an organ fund for the church. At that time it was thought that the campaign for funds for the organ might well spread over several years. During the Christmas season an organ was placed "on demonstration" in the church. So enthusiastic were the people with the lovely music, and more so after an evening's recital by Don Croning (well known player for the Janz quartet), that the organ thermometer went up by leaps and bounds. Now the young people are happy to see that their project is almost at its completion, for there is enough money on hand to keep the "demonstrator" organ as a "permanent" fixture. May the beautiful harmony which comes from this fine Hammond organ enrich the musical ministry in our church!

At the Watchnight Service the young people presented the play, "The Lamp Burned Low," written by Mrs. Viola Pahl. The father in the play resorts to social drinking in order to boost his business sales. His son finds out what a hypocrite his father has been, and almost loses faith over the experience. The actors: Rev. Fred Pahl, Harry Unger, Gordon Weidman, Walter Unger, Walter Witt, Eldon Schalin, Kenneth Unger, Rosemary Weidman, Linda Lutz and Pearl Huber, bring out the scriptural truths in a most dramatic manner. The play is being taken to various churches throughout Alberta, and the proceeds from the play will help to make up the deficit in the organ fund.

V. A. Pahl, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Central Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Yorkton, Sask.

We as the members of the Woman's Missionary Society in Yorkton, Sask., have reason to thank our Lord for his grace and kindness. We praise his Name for help, comfort and blessings which he bestowed upon us during the past year. We were able to hold our regular meetings. We also studied the following topics: "The Members in the Service of Our Lord," "Prayer, Faith, Service," and "Stories of Songs We Love to Sing." Finally we held our Christmas program with great joy.

From the gifts we received from our members we supported the fol-

lowing branches of our mission work: Indian Mission, Leper Hospital, in the Camerons, Benevolent Society in Yorkton, Haven of Rest, C.T.I., Message of Hope Broadcast. Besides this, we sent several White Cross parcels to Africa, and a collection of used clothes to Rev. Wm. Sturhahn for distribution in Europe. Furthermore, our sisters made more than 400 visits to elderly and sick people.

During the last year we lost three honorary members of our circle: Mrs. Ida Katzberg who departed to stay with her children in British Columbia, Mrs. Dolly Gabert and Mrs. Henrietta Toronitz, who followed the call of the Lord into their eternal home.

On Sunday, November 28, we held our annual meeting to which our neighboring churches were invited. Two dialogues were presented: "The Women Who Never Know" and "Der Ruf des Kreuzes," several songs, solos, duets, trios and quartets. Our pastor, Rev. Alfred Lueck, brought the message. The offering of \$322.20 was given to the Building Fund of our church.

Tabea Lueck, Reporter.

Music Festival for the Central Alberta and Saskatchewan Churches at Lethbridge, Alberta

Music plays an important part in our Central Alberta and Saskatchewan churches, and our annual Music Festival is a special event. Our Bethany Church at Lethbridge, Alta., was host to the program which took place on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5.

The week preceding, we had a music course in four of our more centrally located churches conducted by our guest conductor, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Winnipeg. Mr. Sturhahn arranged the course along practical clinical-laboratory lines; singly or in small groups prospective directors were taught the rudiments of conducting, brought to the front and practiced conducting while the audience sang.

For the weekend the choirs converged at Lethbridge for final mass choir practice. We enjoyed the hospitality of the pastor, Rev. O. Ertis, and his kind people. The Germanic style food and bedding were a unique experience and served as the center of conversation for many on the trip home.

As the bright sunshine of southern Alberta shone through the new windows of the Lethbridge church, the singers united their voices in the first mass choir number, "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Gone," by Sir George T. Eluey. A total of 17 special musical numbers were brought, including church choirs, duets, instrumental numbers, mixed and male quartets. Other mass choir selections included "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "At Even Ere the Sun Was Set" by Edmund Turner. The program was brought to a climatic ending as the Mass Choir sang "Lobe den Herrn, o meine Seele."

With praises to God re-echoing in our hearts we turned homeward, grateful for his blessing, and grateful to all who led and took part in this "Sängerfest."

Alphonz Lamprecht, Reporter.

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service. Those extending best wishes from the church were Walter Weinholz, deacon; Robert Rust for the Sunday School; Wesley Michelson for the CBY; Mrs. Harry Schultz for the Mission Circle; Albert Seibel for the choir and men's chorus; Jacob Eckart for the men's organization, and Deanne Weinholz for the Prayer Band. Music was given by the men's chorus, senior choir, and a solo by Victor Michelson. The guest speaker for the evening was Rev. George Robinson of Jamestown, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Engel spoke words of appreciation to the church. Two weeks of evangelistic services were held in the Martin Baptist Church from Jan. 10 to 23, with Rev. George Robinson of Jamestown, N. Dak., as evangelist. The church was filled to capacity each evening as he presented his stirring messages. Several persons were won for the Lord.

CBY FELLOWSHIP

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ask and answer questions. The topic for such a broadcast could be, "New Ideas Which Help Build Attendance and Increase Membership."

For this part of the program the room is made to look like a radio or television studio with cameramen and engineers on hand, and making use of fake microphones and cameras. The presidents, all informed by mail regarding the subject of the program and what they are to do, ask for ideas and give ideas which are helpful. The moderator conducts the program and gives a summary at the close of this part of the program.

The studio audience is then given an opportunity to ask the panel members questions and also to contribute ideas. These ideas may all be written down during the program, then compiled and published in your regional paper. Don't forget to send a copy of these ideas to your Youth Director, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Your rally offers a splendid opportunity to give special emphasis to your summer camp or assembly. Try to give as much publicity as possible in order to create a keen interest and enthusiasm. Make special mention of the time, the place, facilities and guest speakers. The more information you can give, the more enthusiasm will be generated. This is also an excellent opportunity to hear a report on your regional or conference mission project. If you have not met your goal as yet, you will still have time to do some last minute promotional work. In addition to the above suggestions, you will also want to make some definite plans for future CBY activities.

OBITUARY

(A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries, except for those of our pastors and their wives. If possible, limit the obituary notices to 250 words. Send them to the Editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.)

MRS. LUCY RICHTER of Madison, South Dakota.

Mrs. Lucy Richter, nee Grosser, of Madison, S. Dak., was born October 26, 1875 in Forest Park, Illinois. She was married to John Richter on May 19, 1931. He preceded her in death on February 8, 1954. She enjoyed fair health until Sunday, January 16, 1955 when she unexpectedly passed away to be with her Lord. She attained the age of more than 79 years.

She is survived by two step-children: Hilmer Richter of Madison and Mrs. Carol Wellman of DeSmet, S. Dak.; three brothers: Ed, Fred and Gust Grosser of Chicago, Ill.; and one sister, Mrs. Ida Marks of Waverly, Iowa; besides many other relatives and friends.

Lucy Richter was always interested in the work of the Lord. She was converted as a girl and united with the Forest Park Baptist Church. She became a member of the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., following her marriage to John Richter in 1931. She was an active worker and witness for her Lord within her church and otherwise.

We know that the words of her Master to her will be: "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

West Center Street Baptist Church,
Madison, South Dakota.
FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor.

MRS. MINNIE WIESE of Corona, South Dakota

Mrs. Minnie Wiese, nee Ross, of Corona, S. Dak., was born March 25, 1877 in Germany, and died at the home of her daughter, Mary, on Oct. 1, 1954 after a lingering illness.

At the age of 18 years she came to America, making her home with friends near Little Rock, Iowa, until her marriage to Albert Wiese on Feb. 23, 1901. The couple then lived in Iowa until 1910, when they moved to a farm near Corona, S. Dak., on which they continued to live until they retired in the town of Corona, in 1939.

Early in her youth she was converted to God, and in 1910 on confession of her faith she was baptized and became one of the charter members of the First Baptist Church at Corona, of which she continued to be a loyal and highly honored member to her death. Her husband preceded her in death on Aug. 20, 1947, also formerly one infant daughter.

She leaves to mourn her departure, two sons: Ben of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; George of Corona; and four daughters: Mary, Mrs. Ibling Harms of Corona, S. Dak.; Sarah, Mrs. Leonard Davis, and Jennie, Mrs. Paul Hamilton, both of Milbank, S. Dak.; and Martha, Mrs. Wm. Morrison of Rochester, New York; as well as many other relatives and friends, who all look forward to a blessed reunion in our heavenly Father's House.

Corona, South Dakota

H. LOHR, Pastor.

MR. KARL MEIDINGER of Lehr, North Dakota

Mr. Karl Meidinger of Lehr, N. Dak., was born Jan. 25, 1890, in the Berlin District, McIntosh County, N. Dak., and passed on to his heavenly reward, at his home after an extended illness, on Jan. 12, 1955.

On March 1, 1914 he was united with Johanna Fey in holy wedlock. This union was blessed with five children. In 1917 he was saved through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord, and later that same year was baptized by Rev. Fuxa and added to the Berlin Baptist Church.

Mr. Meidinger was a life-long resident of North Dakota. He farmed south of Fredonia till 1928, at which time he and his family took charge of a farm north of

Lehr. In that year he also became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr. He will long be remembered by those who knew him because of his faithfulness to his church.

Brother Meidinger was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister. He is survived by his wife; two sons: Arthur and Clarence of Lehr, N. Dak.; three daughters: Mrs. Loraine Wentz of Napoleon, N. Dak.; Mrs. Violet Kessler of Lodi, Calif.; and Mrs. Agnes Wolf of Fredonia, N. Dak.; five brothers; four sisters; five grandchildren; and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the church on Jan. 17, 1955, with Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., bringing the German message and the pastor speaking words of comfort in the English language.

Lehr, North Dakota
GEORGE W. BREITKREUZ, Pastor.

MRS. PAUL C. GIEGLER of Forest Park, Illinois

Mrs. Martha Marie Giegler of Forest Park, Ill., beloved wife of Mr. Paul C. Giegler, was born April 20, 1885 in Berlin, Germany. At the age of twelve she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized upon confession of her faith by Rev. Schilling and received into the fellowship of the Moabit Baptist Church, Berlin.

In September, 1903 she came with her parents to America. She became a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church where she was active in Sunday School, the Sewing Circle and the Church Choir. She also served as secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society. Her sincere testimony and willingness to serve have meant much to the growth and welfare of the church.

On August 8, 1907 she was united in marriage with Mr. Paul C. Giegler with whom she shared joys and sorrows for 48 years. After many years of quiet suffering, of which she seldom complained, she was called to her reward on Jan. 1, 1955. She leaves to mourn her departure her loving husband; one son, Helmut; one daughter, Irma Koch; two brothers: Mr. Richard Bartsch and Otto Krieger; five grandchildren and a large circle of friends. Funeral services were conducted on Jan. 3. May the Lord of comfort be with the bereaved.

Forest Park Baptist Church,
Forest Park, Illinois
R. KERN, Pastor.

MRS. G. F. KOCH of Ellinwood, Kansas

Mrs. G. F. (Minnie) Koch of Ellinwood, Kans., the daughter of Elias and Christine Scheufler, was born September 19, 1880, at Ellinwood, Kans., and was called to her heavenly reward on the Lord's Day, January 9, 1955, while being treated in the Ellinwood District Hospital. She was 74 years of age.

In the days of her youth she remembered her Creator and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior from sin and upon her confession of faith was baptized into the membership of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood on May 26, 1895, where she remained a faithful member for nearly 60 years until the time of her death.

On May 8, 1903, she was united in marriage to Gus Koch by Rev. E. Umbach, then pastor of this church. The Lord was pleased to bless this Christian home with seven children, all of whom are living: Mrs. Hulda Ringering, wife of Rev. Oliver Ringering of Shattuck, Okla.; and sons: Elmer, Orville, Marion and Harry, and Mrs. Ruth DeWerff and Mrs. Ruby Eggers, all of Ellinwood. In 1953 this couple joyously celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with all of their children and grandchildren present for the occasion.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Elmer C. Strauss, pastor, who took as his text 1 Corinthians 13:13. He was assisted by Rev. Theo. W. Dons, former pastor.

The blessed hope of reunion with loved ones and resurrection in Christ is left to her husband, seven children, 23 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and the members of this church, besides hosts of relatives, friends, and neighbors. Four grandchildren preceded her in death.

Ellinwood, Kansas
ELMER C. STRAUSS, Pastor.

Our New "North American Hymnal"

By REV. PAUL WENGEL, Chairman of the Denomination's Hymnal Committee

EVERYWHERE THERE are the same questions: "What about the new hymnal? When will it be ready? What will it be called? How many hymns will it contain? Will it be a bilingual hymnal? Will it contain translations of the old German hymns and chorales?"

It will soon be two years since the Publication Board considered the possibility of printing our own denominational hymnal. In the days of a predominantly German-speaking fellowship, we had always been a one-hymnal denomination. Of course, that does not take into account the wide use of the "Singvoeglein," which was used for the Sunday School. For evangelistic and prayer meetings, there were the "Evangeliumslieder" and "Evangeliumssänger" containing many translated Gospel songs. Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch was the compiler of the latter two hymnals, and a splendid job he did. He was himself the translator of over a hundred of these songs, that were sung into the souls of two generations of our constituents.

NEW HYMNAL NEEDED

Although these hymnals had a large place in the life of our beloved denomination, the "Glaubensharfe" continued to be the one dignified medium of worship next to the Bible. It enjoyed a number of printings and a revision in 1916. This revision was carried out by a committee consisting of Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch, the pastors Otto Koenig, F. Friedrich and William Appel, with Professor Herman von Berge as its able chairman. The "Neue Glaubensharfe" will stand as a glori-

ous monument to the abilities and devotion to our cause by these men.

However, the last 25 years have shown an inevitable trend toward the use of the English language in our corporate worship. Little by little the German was discarded and with it our German hymnals with their many gems of exalted worship as well as those in a lighter vein and unforgettable lilt. That these songs had an abiding place in the hearts of constituents in the fellowship was evidenced many times when they broke forth in the melodies of these old songs, though they had long since forgotten much of the language.

The Publication Board concluded that such a heritage must be conserved. A hymnal committee was promptly named and instructed to proceed with the compilation. The committee consists of:

Dr. Herman von Berge, Honorary Chairman;

Rev. E. J. Baumgartner;
Rev. Assaph Husmann;
Dr. Martin L. Leuschner;
Mrs. Emma B. Meier;
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Rev. Paul Wengel.

The Work Committee, consisting of Mrs. Meier and the brethren Husmann, Pankratz and Wengel, met during the Christmas holidays one year ago and again in February 1954. The result of that work was presented to the Publication Board in March 1954. It resolved to recommend the project to the General Council, which responded

wholeheartedly. By August 1954, the manuscript was in the hands of the printer for the final bids. Copy is now in the hands of the composer and the proof sheets are beginning to come in.

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