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Yes, I tithed.

By Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Portland, Oregon,
Western District Secretary

But why?

There are various answers and reasons given for tithing. Each person has come to this decision in his own way through some unique discovery, experience or circumstance of life. Let me relate mine.

Tithing for me became a practice as a result of my definition of a Christian. I did some private thinking about it. Being a Christian means that I am no longer sole lord of my life. That prerogative belongs to Christ, for in redemption I became his property. His Lordship covers my time, talents, and my money as well. To make decisions regarding any of these without reference to him is stark unchristian behavior and is condemned by the pattern of life becoming the Christian and spelled out in the New Testament.

I am deeply disturbed by the gulf that, in fact, does exist between our conceived set of doctrines and those by which we operate our lives. This gulf must be narrowed and bridged, and I happen to hold firmly that one of the most effective means of spanning that embarrassing chasm is a personally adopted program of tithing. I hold that I owe this kind of faithful practice to Christ, to myself, and to a watchful world which is disenchanting with a fractional and inconsistent Christian and Christianity. Years ago such a decision was personally made in a reflective moment, and I have stayed by it ever since.

Since the day tithing began in my life, I have made neither more nor less money. However, I do believe that I have retained more because tithing tends to discipline our spending habits. I am fully aware that such discipline runs contrary to present day economic currents of thought and planning. Nevertheless, I aver that it is urgently incumbent upon us all. Our failure as North American Baptists to meet our budget in stride is due to our spending habits, not the lack of money.

Being the first nation in the history of mankind to spend more for "wants" than we do for "needs," and with "easy" money and still "easier credit" tempting every man, woman and child to spend more and more, the paramount blessing of a personally adopted program of tithing, speaking to the immediate needs of the hour, is its ability to tutor us in the grace of giving and spending. The two belong together.

If you want to be rich, - - - GIVE!

If you want to be poor, - - - GRASP!

If you want to be needy, - - - HOARD!

If you want abundance, - - - SCATTER!

FRONT COVER

One of Colorado's picturesque lakes is shown on the front cover. Such places bring many joys to vacationers in August. On such adventures every Christian can offer this prayer by Henry van Dyke:

"Lord, the newness of this day
Calls me to an untried way:
Let me gladly take the road,
Give me strength to bear my load,
Thou my guide and helper be—
I will travel through with Thee."

BAPTIST CONGRESS ISSUE

The August 26 number of the "Baptist Herald" will take you to Miami Beach, Florida to share in the memorable sessions of the 11th Baptist World Congress. Every exciting hour of that Congress will be described with human interest accounts, pictures, excerpts of addresses, and the story of the lasting blessings of this Congress for Baptists around the world. Watch for these Congress highlights and join the 17,787 Baptists at these epoch making sessions.

MISSION NEWS AND NEEDS . . .

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS. Twelve young people from our NAB churches will soon be in training for an entire month (September) at the Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., preparing for their evangelistic witness across the length and breadth of this continent. Along with their directors, Rev. E. W. Klatt and Rev. Connie Salios, these two teams of six young people in each team will conduct evangelistic campaigns and carry out visitation schedules in approximately 40 churches and communities from October 1965 to May 1966. Pray for these twelve young people and for their evangelistic ministry to which they are dedicating themselves as "unto the Lord."

SHORT TERM MISSIONARIES. The Board of Missions has appointed eight young people as God's Volunteers for Cameroon under the new program which has been started with financial assistance from the Federal Republic of Cameroon. These young people will be teaching in our secondary schools of Cameroon for the next two years. The entire group will be at the Forest Park headquarters office from August 17 to 21 for an orientation course. A Missionary Rally is being planned for Friday evening, August 20, at the Forest Park Baptist Church. Remember these young people in your prayers since they will be giving a Christian witness in their teaching ministry to the Cameroonians.

EXTENSION BUILDERS, SEPT. Church Extension Builders will resume their monthly contributions of \$1.00 in September, designating their gifts for the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church of Richmond, British Columbia. North American Baptists have recently been increasing in numbers and in Christian influence in the Vancouver, B. C., vicinity. This new church is evidence of our evangelistic concern in this thriving and booming suburb of Richmond, B. C., with Rev. Ervin B. Strauss as pastor. Have you enlisted as a Church Extension Builder? Find out more about this ministry from your pastor.

CONTRIBUTIONS, JUNE 1965. On page 22 of this issue you will see the contribution totals of gifts by our church people toward the Missionary and Service Program of the denomination in June. It is a fairly optimistic report with \$60,188.79 having been given during the month of June. The total giving for the current fiscal year to June 30, 1965 was \$173,930.08 which is about \$1,000 higher than was given for the first three months of last year.

NEXT ISSUE

11th BAPTIST CONGRESS IN MIAMI BEACH

Full Report With Pictures

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Editorial

The Right Perspective In Life

The noblest desire of a Christian is to get the right perspective in life, to maintain a clear sense of the difference between things temporal and things eternal. But so often we don't know how or we find the going difficult in reaching this Christian perspective. Then some mountain top experience in our spiritual pilgrimage gives us such a fleeting glimpse of the eternal glory. Our attendance at the epoch making Baptist World Congress sessions in Miami Beach, Florida (to be reported in the next issue) gives us the larger view of Baptists and their stand for Christ and the truth in all countries of the world. Our faithful reading of the Bible can reveal to us a new vista of God's truth. Blessed is the Christian who has learned how to find the right perspective in life!

Every Christian must open his eyes to the things that are eternal as over against the ephemeral things. In the intense struggles of life in which might and evil seem to be victorious, the Christian believes that the greatest power is love—the love of God revealed in Christ and lived radiantly by his followers—"the love that never fails." All about him are evidences that seem to give the lie to this Christian assertion of faith. But the perspective of the Christian still keeps his eyes on the eternal truths of God's revelation. We then know what Emerson meant by these words: "The lesson of life is to believe what the years and the centuries say against the hours." This was the Apostle Paul's bold assertion and confident faith. "For which cause we faint not, . . . while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; . . . for the things which are not seen are eternal" (II Corinthians 4:16, 18).

The Christian always maintains the viewpoint of the larger fellowship as over against the limited local outlook. He can never be provincial. He has sympathies as broad as the needs of the world. He sees all men and women as "of one blood for all nations to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26). He meets the tests of life with an eye on history and ultimate triumph, with his heart set on the revealed will of God. He thrills to such a statement of Woodrow Wilson: "I would rather go down in defeat with a cause that is destined to ultimate victory than to win today in a cause doomed to ultimate defeat." Such a faith is buttressed by fellowship with fellow Baptists at the memorable sessions of the recent Congress.

So the Christian is always concerned that he might think God's thoughts after him, that his perspective will be that of God's outlook as over against man's little opinions. We all need this perspective. We must be kept from temptation into which Peter fell as in a snare when Jesus said to him: "You look at things from man's point of view and not from God's" (Matt. 16:23, Phillips' Translation). With the Psalmist of old we must learn the lesson when he prayed: "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Then we shall be spiritually content in all circumstances and shall meet all tests of life victoriously with this divine outlook on life, the right perspective that God wants us to maintain.

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WHEN DEATH COMES

Those who come to this Garden at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Calif., read these words on a memorial plaque:

"God in his boundless love hath wrought this holy, quiet, hallowed spot. In shining sun and twilight still He teacheth us to know his will."

A Sermon by Rev. Donald N. Miller,

Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota



Thorvaldsen's famous statue of "The Christ" in a quiet garden consecrated to meditation and prayer in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Calif.

Text: I Corinthians 15:51-58

THERE IS perhaps no experience of life more shocking than the experience of death! In that one moment so much of that which has been made tender by the bonds of human affection is severed. It is not easy to part with loved ones. Even when there has been preparation, the pain cuts deep. And as a minister of the Christian Gospel, I have always regarded it as part of my responsibility to help prepare people for death before it comes.

But there is one aspect of death that we, both as ministers and laymen, have consistently neglected. And that is the more mechanical aspect of death and burial, usually called "funeral arrangements." Perhaps the reason we have remained silent is because they involve such poignant relationships.

Personally, I share the view of Bruce E. Rahtjen, pastor at Holley, N. Y., who in an article in the "New Christian Advocate" (March 1959) said, "Much has been said about the near-barbarous nature of our funeral customs today, but few of us have done anything about it. . . . The time has come for us to decide what funeral practices are compatible with our Christian beliefs concerning life and death. . . . As ministers we owe it to our people to become well informed on these matters, to decide what we believe is fitting and proper at funerals as they relate to our Christian faith, and then to share these views with our congregations."

Thus, I should like to express my

personal convictions on the goal of developing a more Christian funeral. Even as I do so, I am well aware of the fact that all of the convictions herein expressed will not be welcomed with open arms by everyone, since we all have personal preferences of what we like or dislike in funeral practices, and also these are deeply entrenched. Then again local customs vary.

Nevertheless, Christian stewardship demands that our "funeral arrangements" be in harmony with our Christian beliefs concerning life and death. And since death takes no holiday but sooner or later affects all of us, the following suggestions are offered as a guide to our thinking.

CALL YOUR PASTOR

First, when death comes there are three calls that should be made immediately. It does not matter much which one is made first; that will depend partly on the circumstances. But as a general rule, it is best first to call your doctor, for it is he who must certify that the person has actually died and is beyond hope medically. A funeral director cannot remove the body until this certification has been made.

The second person you should call is the pastor, even in the middle of the night, when death comes or if it seems imminent. Not only will the pastor offer words of comfort and counsel with you as to the most suitable way in which to handle the many things that need to be done at this difficult time, but his very presence will be a source of refuge and

strength.

The third person you should call is the funeral director. It has been my experience that, generally speaking, funeral directors are gentlemen of the highest order—kind, gracious, understanding, and honest. Among the various things he will want to discuss with you is the time and place of the funeral service.

No final arrangements, however, should be made without first consulting the pastor. Whether the funeral service is held in the church or the funeral home, the service is under the leadership of the pastor. Frequently, funeral directors in an effort to be helpful carry the major responsibility of the religious service, making arrangements even for the music or prayer circle prior to the service, thus usurping the office of the pastor. This is not right!

Not only is it an act of courtesy and proper recognition of the office of the pastor to consult him first before making final arrangements as to time and place of services, but it is also a safeguard. Frequently, the pastor has other important engagements or certain facilities of the church are not available. Along this same line of thinking, it is strongly urged that you use your present pastor instead of calling in a former pastor or other pastor-friend. If you should desire another pastor to share in the service, then let the invitation go through your pastor.

After these three calls have been made, there are at least five questions that must be answered.

RESIST EXTRAVAGANT EXPENDITURES

The first question is: "How much shall we spend for the funeral?" According to Jessica Mitford's estimate, ("The American Way of Death" by Jessica Mitford, Simon and Schuster, 1963; \$4.95) based on the 1960 U. S. Department of Commerce figures, the average cost of a "regular adult funeral" is approximately \$1,450. This is a "package deal" including everything—casket, funeral director's fee, cemetery plot, opening of the grave, flowers, clothes, newspaper notices, and extra limousines.

Except for the purchase of a home or car, the funeral bill is the largest single item of expense that the average family is called upon to pay. And we are reminded of the fact that many families go into debt in order to give their loved one what is commonly called "a decent burial."

But it is good to remember that "a decent burial" does not have to be extravagant, nor is it in keeping with the New Testament emphasis on the living spirit. It is agreed that the body of the deceased should be respected, for if we do not respect the body of the dead, the time will come when we do not respect the body of the living either. But the New Testament makes it clear that eternal life is not dependent on the beauty of a bronze casket or the prolonged preservation of an embalmed body.

As a matter of fact, where burial according to state laws can be arranged within 24 hours of death, no embalming is necessary. Also, cremation, to which there is no Scriptural objection, is a growing practice and may be preferable because of its practical advantages. The money, thus, saved by a more reasonably priced funeral might better be used to pay off outstanding bills or to put one's children through school.

Those who argue that an extravagant funeral is "an occasion when feelings of guilt and remorse are satisfied," and it therefore has therapeutic value, ought not to forget that true forgiveness is found only in the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

HOLD THE SERVICE IN CHURCH

A second question that must be answered is: "Where shall the funeral service be held?" There is a growing tendency for funeral services to be held in the funeral home. No doubt there are some valid reasons for this shift in setting, but I believe it is a move in the wrong direction for any person who is in "good standing" in the Christian church, and for a number of reasons.

First, it is in church that a member in "good standing" has had his most meaningful experiences of life. It may be that, before he was old enough to walk, his parents carried him to church to be dedicated to the Lord. Later he made his profession of faith and was baptized in church. It is in church that



"The Finding of Moses," one of many beautiful statues in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, Calif., which speak of life and love, victory and joy, peace and tranquility.

he was married; that he spent a good part of his life, worshipping and working. It was to the church and through the church that he gave a good share of his money. How fitting, then, that this last act of life should also be carried out in the church!

Second, it is in church that we find the most meaningful symbols of the Christian faith—the cross, communion table, pulpit, open Bible, the hymnal, and the baptistry. All of these symbols and many rich associations connected with them help to give the Christian the assurance and comfort he needs. These represent the deep and lasting experiences of his life. Then why not let them speak in this sacred setting? Why go elsewhere?

There are, as we have already indicated, some reasons for this shift in setting but, as a general principle, let members in "good standing" be buried from the church.

KEEP THE CASKET CLOSED

A third question that must be answered is: "Shall the casket be left open or closed during the service?" Actually, there are three things that can be done.

The casket can be left open throughout the entire service. Or it can be closed just prior to the beginning of the service and then opened for a final viewing. Then, again, the casket can be closed prior to the beginning of the service and remain closed.

The latter seems to be the more Christian thing to do. For if the casket is left open throughout the entire service, the attention is on the dead body and not on the living Christ; and there is not much hope in that!

On the other hand, if the casket is

closed just prior to the beginning of the service and then opened for a final viewing at the conclusion of the service, usually everything constructive that might have been accomplished has been undone.

Much preferred is the growing practice of closing the casket just prior to the service and leaving it closed. In fact, there is a growing feeling that public viewings should be eliminated altogether. Why not have the last memories of our loved ones be those of mother or father at the dinner table or in a favorite chair reading a book, planting flowers, playing a game, or a thousand other moments forever precious in our lives or theirs?

Increasing numbers of families today, particularly on the west coast, are following this practice. There is no viewing; only a private committal service at the graveside. Shortly thereafter, that same day, evening, or the following Sunday, a brief memorial service is held in the church. Without the impediment of body and casket, our thoughts have greater opportunity to rise to God.

STRIKE A VICTORIOUS NOTE

A fourth question that must be answered is: "What shall be the nature of the funeral service itself?" It seems to me that Paul strikes the proper note in the latter part of the 15th chapter of I Corinthians; also in the latter part of Romans 8. Let the pastor read passages of Scripture that declare the good news of the Easter morning—the resurrection of the dead to new life, and let him read it in a victorious mood.

This is not the time for a eulogy in the sermon. Rather it is an opportunity to re-affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, to celebrate a victory, and to offer comfort and strength to the bereaved. A pastor should not be expected to praise the deceased. Frequently, the people assembled know the life of the dead even better than the pastor. Let a life well-lived speak for itself!

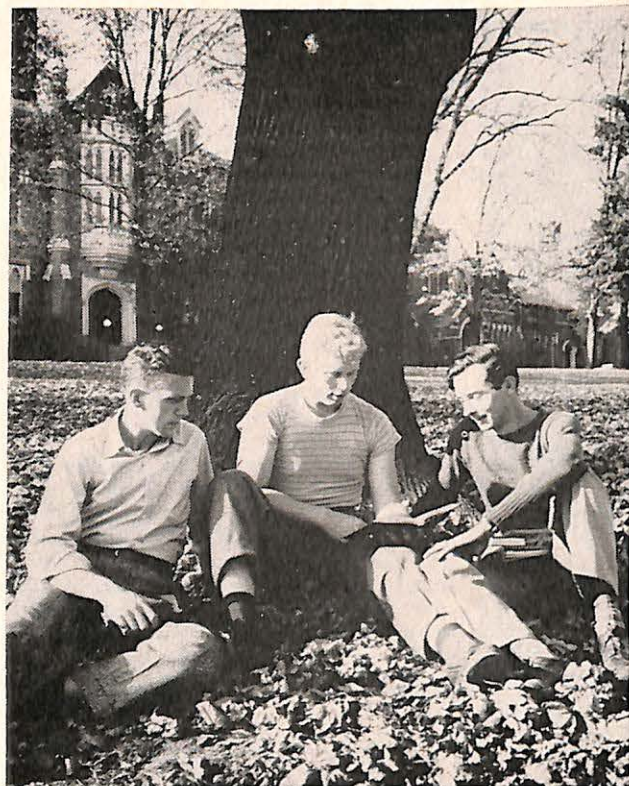
Music is also an important part of the funeral service because it can give comfort and strength by pointing to the hope of the resurrection. Care should be taken, however, lest an old favorite, overly-sentimental in words and tune, deny the Christian Gospel. The great Easter hymns are always appropriate.

DISCOURAGE DISPLAY OF FLOWERS

A final question that must be answered is: "What shall our attitude be toward the sending of flowers?" Personally, I would not want to see a funeral at which there were no flowers present. That would be a little too austere and bare for me! Flowers can offer a ministry of comfort.

But on the other hand, it is a practice of questionable worth for a congregation of friends to spend two or

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College days will soon be here again, filled with infinite possibilities and opportunities for young people in this exciting period of their lives. (Luoma Photo).

The Changing Student: Rejection or Support?

The first in a series of two articles depicting the contemporary church's responsibility and opportunity in ministering to college young people.

By Mr. Robert Veninga
of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The Date: Early September
The Place: Your Home Town

The Scene: An 18-year-old boy has just finished placing the last suitcase into his car. There is excitement in the air, for in the near future our friend will live in a college community. After saying good-bye to his parents, the car heads for the highway—and the boy begins a new way of life!

What is going to happen to this young man who is bristling with excitement about college? Will he succeed, or will he be a drop-out? The home church could well hold the key to this question. *The purpose of this article is to illustrate that the home church has a distinctive ministry to the student who is away at school.* A church's ministry does not end when the student leaves his home town. Far from it! The truth of the matter is that the church should be entering a new phase of ministry to the student. The following suggestions are made with the hope that *your church* will carry on an effective ministry to those who are attending college in a distant city.

STUDENT CRISES

Let us first consider some of the challenging situations which will face our 18-year-old friend as he arrives on the college campus. As he drives to his dormitory, it must be remembered that he is embarking on a new way of life. It is a new world for him! When he was in high school he may have known everybody, and may have been looked upon as one of the leaders. When he enters college, he may know

no one, or at best only a handful of students.

Dormitory life offers quite a challenge to our young friend. After living with a family of three, four or five, he is suddenly surrounded by scores of other individuals. It may have been that in high school all the decisions were made for him by his parents. This is not the case in college. He is on his own completely! He is faced with liberals, fundamentalists, and some who aren't too sure what they believe. His time is now his own. There is no one around to tell him to study. Yes, it really is a new world!

In view of the fact that the young person is entering a new type of life, it is imperative that before the student leaves for college the pastor and competent lay people prepare him for the experiences which await him. Perhaps during the month of August, the prospective students can be "rounded up" so that a good heart-to-heart visit can be had with them. At such a meeting the pastor can deal frankly with feelings of loneliness, frustration and fear which students may have during the first semester of study. He can talk with them about the management of time, dormitory life and their religious commitment. The students should be permitted to ask questions and freely talk about their expectations with regard to college.

Before the evening is over, the sensitive pastor can say, "Now I want you to know that I want to help all I can. If problems come your way, regardless of what they are, I hope

that you will drop me a line, or when you are home come over and see me." This cements a relationship which will bring lasting dividends.

A church which is person-centered should realize that once the young person has left home a major crisis often comes in the life of the parents. This is one of the crises in the developmental pilgrimage of the individual which is often neglected by ministers. It must be remembered that the parents as well as the students have to adjust to a new way of life. When parents have centered their lives around the child, it is a shocking experience for them to realize that Johnny really has left home. A simple question addressed to the parents by a sensitive pastor or layman, such as, "How are you getting along now that Mary is off to school?", will show the parents that the church is concerned about their family situation. If problems have arisen, it will provide an opportunity for the parents to share their feelings and concerns.

CAMPUS PARENTS' KLUB

Furthermore, you may find it helpful to organize a "Campus Parents' Klub." Once a week the parents of college students can gather in order to share what has been happening to their son or daughter at college. The informal coffee hour could be climaxed with a time of prayer for the young people away at school. The college parents will be grateful for such understanding.

While the student is away at school,
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Is the Grass Greener Over There?

Pastor and church people need to search their souls to deter hasty and needless pastoral changes. Sometimes there are weeds and thistles and thorns on the other side!

By Dr. Frank Veninga, President
of the North American Baptist Seminary



"In my travels I have found that churches are baffled and pastors are perplexed due to the frequent 'turn over' in the pulpits." (Luoma Photo).

HEARING of my resignation from a church where it had been my happy privilege to serve nearly seven years, a discouraged pastor requested that I recommend him to the church I was soon to leave. Although I have forgotten much of the content of his letter, one sentence remains, "I am sick and tired of scraping the bottom of the barrel. I need to move into a greener pasture." Just what the "bottom of the barrel" is, or what constitutes a "greener pasture", is left to the imagination.

PASTORAL CHANGES

A spokesman for his denomination boldly declared in Seminary chapel, "The large turn-over in our denomination is of grave concern." The average pastorate is two and one-half years. Said the speaker, "Business would not approve such practice among its executives, why should the church?"

Changes in pastorates are, of course, unavoidable and are a necessity. Few men are called to spend a life-time in one church. Short duration pastorates are, however, avoidable and are frequently unnecessary. These are often due to misunderstanding, lack of love, impatience, disappointment, or disillusionment. Often they are depressing experiences, both to the pastor and to the congregation. The realistic pastor will readily agree that it is not too illogical to say that it takes a year or longer to survive the effects of a pastoral change.

I sensed a restlessness and uneasiness while ministering in two pastor-

less Presbyterian churches in recent months. The officials asked, "What's wrong with us? Why can't we keep our pastor?" The encouraging note was their grateful attitude to the Seminary for assisting in time of spiritual need.

In my travels I have sensed a similar spirit of unrest among our churches and pastors. Churches are baffled and pastors are perplexed due to the frequent "turn over" in the pulpits.

A SERIOUS QUESTION

Churches stand accused by the pastor for their inflexibility, lack of vision, theological bickering, loss of evangelistic fervor, irregular attendance, and their failure to support his program. He soon determines that he is "wasting his time," and he casts his lot for a "greener pasture." Not realizing, however, he may be far better off where he is than in what appears to be greener pastures in a neighboring state or the west coast.

It always takes a year to gain momentum in a new situation. The

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This article first appeared in the "Seminary Bulletin." Several ministers requested that it appear in the "Baptist Herald" so that all of our church people could read it.

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"greener pasture" may soon be drab and dreary. Human nature is the same everywhere and problems are inescapable. The pastor might seriously and prayerfully ask, "Do I really need a new church?"

The same is true of the church. While the church may conclude that a new minister is the shot-in-the-arm they need, a forced change may result in little or no improvement and it may lead to a worse situation. It may well be that the pastor the church now has is of far more value where he is than he would be in a new situation. The church might earnestly petition the Shepherd of the flock, "Do we really need a new pastor?"

BLEST BE THE TIE

Pastoral changes are costly, both to the church and to the pastor. These usually impair the on-going program of the church. Pastor and people need to search their souls to deter hasty and needless changes. No, the pasture is not always greener on the other side. There may be weeds, and thistles, and thorns!

In tense moments which are bound to come between pastor and people, it is mutually profitable to practice the simple philosophy of the third stanza of that familiar hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"—

*"We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear."*

Then, and only then, will there be a greener pasture — perhaps right where you are!



CAMEROON LEPROUS PATIENTS "ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND"

With great pride and joy leprosy patients entered the new hospital ward of the Mbingo New Hope Settlement (left) carrying hospital goods and equipment with them. At the right three young leprosy school girls are shown with their "cargo" on moving day!

"Big Day" for the Leprous Patients

The colorful story of the construction of the new 25 bed unit at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients, the excitement of "Moving Day," and the blessing of the "Dedication Service" as 11,551 out-patients among many others praised God for the hospital and clinics ministering to them in Christ's Name.

By Rosemarie Hackmann, Missionary-nurse at the New Hope Settlement, Cameroon

THE LANDROVER bumped along the narrow, dirt road. Up one hill and down another, steadily making its way toward the Bamenda New Hope Settlement in Cameroon, West Africa. It was May 1964, and the beginning of a year of new and varied experiences, challenges and adjustments.

The first adjustments came when I took up my duties (which were to range from nursing supervisor to scrub nurse to pharmacist and sometimes diagnostician) in the 33 bed hospital. Here there were no high-low beds or intercoms, no electricity or telephones, and no disposable this or that. Instead there were cement floors, wooden beds

with grass mattresses, bush lamps, and door to door messengers. And I discovered that almost everything that is disposable in the United States can be sterilized and used over again in Africa!

The weeks and months that have passed since then have been filled with many memorable experiences. Probably the highlight of the past year was the completion and opening of our 25 bed leprosy unit at the New Hope Settlement.

CONSTRUCTION WORK

When I arrived at the Settlement, construction on the new unit had been under way for about six months. However, there was still much to be done

since building is a slow process with most of it being done by hand.

The place really began to hum with activity about four months before the "official" day when a shipment of 17 used hospital beds arrived from the United States. (This was enough for one 12 bed ward and two small rooms. The rest of the wards still have the wooden beds.) There was great excitement as each one was unpacked, assembled and made ready for its several coats of paint!

Then there was the hiring and teaching of additional hospital staff. Out of 120 applicants we chose twenty boys and four girls. So in addition to learning their nursing procedures, they also helped with the painting and var-



NEW HOSPITAL UNIT AT THE NEW HOPE SETTLEMENT

The 25 bed unit for leprosy patients at the Mbingo New Hope Settlement (left) which is now "bulging at the seams" with patients and activities. Right: Hospital and Missionary Staff (left to right in picture, 2nd row, seated) Rosemarie Hackmann; Gideon Ngong, Out-patient Worker; Samuel Jam, Registered Nurse; Clement Kah, Registered Nurse; Enoch Jingwi, Laboratory Technician; Dr. Eugene Stockdale and Miss A. Ziolkowski, Nurse.

nishing in the new hospital.

The days and weeks fairly flew by. Four days before the "Big Day" was moving day! Each worker was given his special instructions, and each patient was given a large paper sack. Then clutching all their earthly goods in their stubby fingers or balancing them steadily on their heads, the procession began. Some hobbling along, others in wheel chairs, singing their praises to God, they made their way into the "Promised Land."

DEDICATION SERVICE

The Dedication Service was held on December 12th with many local dignitaries in attendance. There were greetings from the local chief and District Officer. Special music by Mr. Donald Witt was featured. The hospital staff also joined their voices in four-part harmony as they sang, "Come Thou Almighty King" and "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Then the message from Rev. George W. Lang who challenged us again to dedicate ourselves to the work which God has given us to do.

Following the prayer of dedication, the ribbon was cut by the Honorable A. Jua (now the new Prime Minister of West Cameroon) and the 25 bed unit was declared officially open! However, when the festivities ended the chorus of "Serve the Lord with Gladness" still rang in our hearts. . . . "To our Creator true praises belong; great is his mercy, wonderful is his name; we gladly serve him, his great love proclaim."

Today our 25 bed unit is literally bulging at the seams. White Cross cases are often called into action for substitute beds when we run short of others.

There have been many other experiences such as baptismal services, weddings, an ordination service and church visitation here at the Settlement.

I was introduced to church visitation three weeks after my arrival in Cameroon by the veteran trekker, Miss Minnie Kuhn. That particular visit and those that have followed have been times of spiritual refreshment.

11,551 OUT-PATIENT VISITS

A recent visit to a small bush church made me aware again of the faithfulness of these people. In spite of the fact that there was no church teacher or one literate person among the 44 members they came to sing, pray and share God's Word which they had "hidden in their hearts."

The opportunities to present the Gospel continue, not only to the leprosy patients but to the general patients who come daily to out-patient clinics. We realize how large our "congregation" has been when we see that there were 11,551 out-patient visits in 1964. Each day the message went forth, perhaps some hearing for the first time about the Savior who died for them. We don't know how long we will be allowed openly to present the Gospel.

THE CHANGING STUDENT: REJECTION OR SUPPORT?

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the church should keep in close contact with him via letters. My heart cries out when college students tell me that they have never had a letter from their home church. The church must keep in touch with its young people, assuring them of its concern and care. It may be that in your church you have an individual who is recuperating from a recent illness and has time on his hands. Such an individual would be useful in this capacity.

Once the student has returned home for a Thanksgiving, Christmas or spring vacation, it is very important that the pastor and the church accept him for what he is. I cannot over-emphasize this fact. Many students during their college years move from a faith inherited from their parents to an acquired faith. There is often a struggle involved in moving toward a mature faith. Naturally it involves questions, doubts and honest soul-searching. The student must never be condemned for his honest doubting. Even one of Christ's disciples had this characteristic!

When the student returns to his home, accept him for what he is. Certainly he has changed his perspectives, but would we not hope that his concepts would grow and mature while he is away at school? In working closely with students over the past several years, I have been grateful for those home churches which have been sympathetic and have helped their own students in arriving at a mature faith. The sensitive pastor will make an effort to talk with the young people when they are home for a holiday, and he will always provide a climate in which the student can freely talk about his personal struggle to arrive at his own faith. The student should feel that the home church will support him through every phase of life.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

There is one other area to which every church should give top priority if it wants to carry on an effective ministry to its students. In almost every congregation there are young people who will need financial assistance if they are to receive a college education. The church's greatest investment is not always in church buildings, beautiful parsonages, or massive educational units. There are other areas to which the 20th century church must give prominent consideration.

One of these is the investment of Already in some areas witnessing in the market is illegal. We are reminded again of I Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Continue to pray that we may be able to meet the physical and spiritual needs of these people here in Cameroon.

financial resources in the lives of promising college students. In view of the fact that college costs are constantly increasing, may I suggest that your fellowship consider setting up a Church Scholarship and Loan Committee. Properly administered, this would enable a spiritual son or daughter who would not normally be able to attend college to receive an education. Students who have been the beneficiaries of such Christian love will always have a warm glow in their hearts when they think about their home church.

THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY

What then is the home church's responsibility to the college student?

1. The sensitive church fellowship will prepare the student for the experiences which are before him.
2. The sensitive church fellowship will minister to the family once the student has left home.
3. The sensitive church fellowship will keep in contact with the student while he is attending school.
4. The sensitive church fellowship will accept the student for what he is, helping him to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ."
5. The sensitive church fellowship will consider making an investment in the lives of promising young people who are in need of financial assistance.

Yes, college days are here again, and they are filled with infinite possibilities and opportunities for our young people. Mr. Pastor, Mr. Layman: you, YES YOU, have a unique opportunity of serving these students while they are in this exciting period of life!

WHEN DEATH COMES

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three hundred dollars for flowers. It is certainly not in keeping with good Christian stewardship. Perhaps it is best for the family only to buy a spray of flowers for the casket and then to encourage all others to send a "living memorial," a financial gift in the name of the deceased to the church or other worthy cause. A simple suggestion in the obituary notice can be, "Flowers gratefully declined. Tributes may be sent to the Memorial Fund of _____."

Changes in funeral practices are long overdue. Many people are looking for a more Christian way to bury their dead. The best time to consider these changes is before the death of a loved one. Personally, I have made arrangements for my own funeral to be carried out in harmony with these suggestions. May I recommend that you discuss them with your family now.

"Christian faith is the trusting of one's life to the Supreme Being, there to be rested, kept, guided, molded, governed, and possessed forever."

—Horace Bushnell

Indian Christians of the Bull Reserve

Story of a recent baptismal service and of the heart warming testimonies of the Indian Christians concerning their new life in Christ as they were added to the church of 25 at the Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church.

By Rev. R. Neuman, Missionary to the Indians on the Bull Reserve, Wetaskiwin, Alberta

AS I PREPARE this article for "Baptist Herald" readers, I am mindful of the tract on baptism published by someone who tried to explain the act of baptism. He said, "If a man is born again, he must be given other gifts of another life, and this is exactly what baptism does." Of course, this is most unfortunate. The truth of baptism in this kind of teaching is a far cry from the real truth. The result is that many believe they are "born again" only if they are baptized.

Let us hear the testimony of some of the Indian people on the Bull Reserve who were recently baptized in the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta and joined the Benke Memorial Indian Baptist Church. All of them, except for the two younger ones, had been sprinkled (they thought it was baptism) as infants with no knowledge of its true meaning or significance. Hear their testimonies!

JACOB AND NANCY BULL

Jacob and Nancy Bull belonged to another denomination. They say, "We were brought up this way and didn't know any better. Now that we have come to church here and have heard

from the Word of God the true way, we believe it is right that, after making our own personal decisions for Christ as Savior and Lord, we want to be baptized the true way." Nancy has a fair education and does the Bible reading in the home to the family. The father has no education whatsoever. His son, 10 years of age, reads and explains much for his father, and daddy is proud.

JACK BULL

Jack Bull says, "I have waited many years for this time. When Mr. Neuman was here on the Bull Reserve 10 years ago, I told him of a dream I had. Inside I was fighting which church to go to. One night in a dream, God told me and showed me what to do and where to go. By coming to this church, I have learned how to be saved. The reason I waited to be baptized is that I wanted my wife to be baptized with me. The day came, but my wife got sick; so I had to be baptized alone. I know she will be baptized some time later. I am happy to be a Christian and to belong to this church."

Theresa Bull has quite another story. She says, "I was a rather un-

fortunate girl. My father was a drinker and still is. Mother could not take care of all of us, so I was given to the Roman Catholic School here at Hobbema. There I stayed until I was 16 years old. Not until I came to the Baptist church on the Bull Reserve did I hear the Gospel preached so plain and true. My understanding was further opened when I went to Bible School one winter on the Bull Reserve. At first the teaching seemed so strange to me, and I found it hard to understand, but it was so wonderful! I just couldn't seem to get enough. There were many questions I asked the teachers. After that week of Bible School, I gave my heart to Jesus in simple faith. It is all quite new to me as yet, but I was baptized in obedience to my Lord's command and am a member of the church here. I need God's help to grow and to be a true Christian."

Both Harvey Crane and Madeline Bull come from Christian homes. They are younger persons. Both of them will make very fine young people and workers in our church here on the Indian Reserve.

THE BAPTISMAL SERVICE

In the testimonies of these people we have the true teaching of the Bible that a mere rite cannot affect the attitude of God toward the sinner. There must be confession of sin and faith in Christ. There is no warrant for baptism of little children in the hope that some day they will accept Christ. Baptism is only for those who have first believed in Jesus as their personal Savior.

Rev. William Sturhahn, Northern District secretary and supervisor of our Indian work, brought the message that Sunday to a church nearly filled with white people and Indians. His message was entitled, "And They Were Baptized." His text was Ephesians 4:5, with supplementary reading from Matthew 3:13-17 and Acts 8:36-39. The appropriate outline dealt with the following points:

1. Records of baptismal scenes of different ages have common factors such as "on confession of faith" and "by immersion."
2. The pleasure of God, expressed to Jesus, is to all who are obedient.
3. Baptism is the door into the fellowship of the local church after a conversion experience.
4. "Be ye faithful unto death to receive the crown of life."

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BAPTISM OF 5 INDIAN CHRISTIANS ON THE BULL RESERVE

Back row (left to right): Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Mission Field coordinator; Harvey Crane and Jacob Bull of the Indian Reserve in Alberta who were baptized; and Rev. Dave Harrison and Rev. R. Neuman, Missionaries.
Front row: Madeline Bull, Nancy Bull and Theresa Bull who were also baptized on confession of their faith in Christ.



BOOK REVIEWS

By Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Promotional Assistant

YOU CAN HAVE JOY! by Arnold Prater. Zondervan—1965—120 pages—\$2.95.

The author is no advocate of a superficial joy which is sometimes measured by the number and loudness of the "Amen's" or "Hallelujahs." Nor does he recommend that a Christian shut himself off from the world in order to protect his religious equilibrium. Assurance and faith are emphasized in these messages rather than an escape from hardship and trouble.

His personal testimony in chapter eight is a strong and meaningful witness to the real abiding presence which is experienced in his own life.

PARSON TO PARSON by Adolph Bedale. Baker—1964—149 pages—\$2.95.

Most pastors are so busy that they have no time for self-examination. Too often they are so concerned about the problems of the parishioners that their own problems go by unnoticed. Some fail to realize that if the weaknesses in their own personality could be overcome they would be more effective in dealing with personality deficiencies in the people whom they are trying to help.

The author is unusually frank in discussing all of the problems, temptations and deficiencies in the life and work of the pastor. He recognizes, however, the tremendous burdens of the conscientious servant of God. Any pastor, longing and praying to be a better minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, will find help and encouragement from this volume.

THINGS WHICH BECOME SOUND DOCTRINE by J. Dwight Pentecost. Revell—1965—159 pages—\$3.50.

Doctrinal sermons are at a premium in our generation. Is it because sound doctrine takes too much sound thinking? There may also be a lack of sound listening.

Dr. Pentecost has courageously tackled 14 great doctrinal concepts such as depravity, grace, regeneration, imputation, substitution, repentance, reconciliation, propitiation, justification, sanctification, security, predestination and resurrection. Many of these doctrines are implied in modern day pulpits, but the author has taken them one by one and given them strong Scriptural authority and interpretation.

PRELUDE TO THE CROSS AND OTHER SERMONS by Paul P. Fryhling. Baker—1965—149 pages—\$2.50.

As is usual of books such as the above the material is highly inspirational and informative. The messages are well developed and not too "wordy." Illustrative material, including poetry, is used conservatively. Chapter VII of the Resurrection Messages has an unusually long title for a short but interesting sermon.

New thought and inspiration on the cross and resurrection are always appreciated, and these two volumes can be helpful to both minister and layman.

GOD'S WORD INTO ENGLISH by Dewey M. Beegle. Eerdmans—1965—230 pages—\$2.25 (paper).

This is not only a paperback copy of an earlier volume published in 1960; it is also a revised edition. Books which require this type of scholarship and research are expensive. At this price any serious student of the Bible can avail himself of this valuable material. The translation boom has affected the Christian world and more study groups have shown an interest in the history of the Scriptures.

In addition to his excellent treatment of the Bible into English, the author has included a helpful summary of the more recent translations. This should prove particularly profitable to those who have difficulty choosing a translation which would be most helpful to them in understanding the Word of God. In their eagerness to make the Bible as plain and clear as possible the translators have also added a measure of confusion among ordinary Christians. For this reason alone Dr. Beegle's contribution may be very informative for individuals and study groups.

OPEN LETTER TO EVANGELICALS by R. E. O. White. Eerdmans—1964

BOOK ORDERS

All books reviewed on these pages, as well as others, can be ordered for you by the Roger Williams Book Store. These orders of yours will receive prompt attention. Send good Christian books as appropriate gifts to friends or pastors.

ROGER WILLIAMS PRESS
7308 Madison Street
Forest Park, Illinois

—276 pages—\$4.95.

This is a devotional and homiletical commentary on the First Epistle of John. The title, however is not as limited as indicated. In his chapter on the evangelical experience the author clearly states that it is not evangelicals alone who make much of religious experience. Nevertheless, they do make more of this subjective test of Christian truth than do some others who also think in terms of tradition and ecclesiastical institutions.

It is a highly commendable commentary, practical in its topical and homiletical content and inspirational in its devotional contribution. In part two, the author shares some contemporary reflections, and has spread out the First Epistle of John and related it to the entire scope of the Christian Gospel according to evangelical interpretation. One of the most timely and informative chapters discusses Evangelicals and Ecumenicity.

GOD AND HUMAN SUFFERING by James D. Bryden. Broadman—1965—128 pages—\$1.95.

In an age in which life in the world is becoming more confused and increasingly meaningless, many people are looking to the church for better and clearer answers to their questions. God's relationship to human suffering still takes precedence over other problems because his great love and compassion often seem so far removed from the world's pain and misery.

According to the author a dual problem is involved. The layman demands a "pat" answer—a brief, systematic treatment of the problem of suffering. The minister, on the other hand, is often evasive and vague. He is better prepared to give comfort rather than answers. Or as a last resort he can give advice on how to make the best of a mess.

A very thoughtful and meaningful treatment is found in the summary. If the reader feels he does not have all the answers he will at least be convinced that he has a better understanding of the nature of suffering. The book was originally published in 1953 under the title, "Letters to Mark."

NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY, COLOSSIANS AND PHILEMON by William Hendriksen. Baker—1964—243 pages—\$6.95.

This is the fifth volume of the New Testament Commentary and the others will be announced as soon as they become available. It is strongly evangelical in its approach, but based on the latest biblical scholarship. Since Dr. Hendriksen is an able linguist he has taken the liberty of making his own translation of the text into modern English.

The portions of the commentary reveal a notable gift of expressing profound truths in simple and interesting

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SPEAK UP!

An Open Forum for communication among North American Baptists moderated by **Dr. A. Dale Ihrle**, minister of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., and General Conference Moderator.

WHY THIS CRISIS IN THE PASTORAL MINISTRY TODAY?

Dear Brother Ihrle:

That there is a crisis in the pastoral ministry today is rather evident—many pastors seem to have a harried look about them; anger and dissatisfaction are frequently and openly expressed; some men are leaving the pastoral ministry in favor of other avenues of service; not a few pastors are asked to resign; there is a frequent "turnover" of pastors; and few young men today are attracted to the pastoral ministry.

I do not know whether this crisis exists any more or less in our denomination than in other groups. I only know it's there. What are the reasons for this crisis and what can be done to bring the Christian church out of it?

Sincerely yours,
(Name withheld by request)

ANSWER BY DR. IHRLE

The things you say are true, but the crisis goes deeper than the ministry. These are days of heart-searching for the entire Christian church. Among the things we need to face are:

1. The authority of the scientific method has replaced the authority of divine revelation in the minds of most men. For example, when a small-pox epidemic would strike a nation in other times, men would be driven to their knees or go to the church for supernatural help from the heavenly Father, on whom they were inwardly dependent. Now they line up at the local medical center for wonder drugs and immunization shots. Men used to pray for rain in a time of drought; now they turn to engineers and to the government for irrigation projects. Men used to endure poverty or old age with a hopelessness which drove them to their knees; now they ask and receive from the government sufficient minimum help and social aid or security to sustain them.

DEDICATION OF SCIENTISTS

Science has accomplished its victories by the demonstration of visible results. These derive from the sheer dedication and unbelievably hard work and terribly long hours sustained by the scholars and research men who are the servants of science. Has their dedication been more apparent than that of the clergymen? They have gone from stage to stage with a brutal honesty, even honesty about their own

failures. Have Christians been that honest?

2. The churches may have become too much a part of the affluent society and too self-oriented. I fear that the kind of people who respond to the church of our time are different from those who responded in the first century or two. They are generally people who are seeking something for themselves—security, respectability, social comradeship, inspiring cultural contributions (entertaining or stimulating sermons, excellent music, etc.).

In the first century the people who became Christians were a daring and revolutionary people. They wanted to exalt Christ through their split with cultural patterns. They were seeking to serve Christ if it meant disenfranchisement, rejection, sacrifice and death. Modern believers tend to notice what the majority opinion says, and then add, "Me too."

IMPEDIMENTS IN THE CHURCH

3. Ministers may be more aware of these things than our lay people. This may explain why so many of them are leaving the ministry. They may be tired of catering to the self-indulgences and self-centered demands and petty prejudices of pseudo-Christians. They may feel that they can serve Christ better in some secular occupation where they are able to live shoulder to shoulder with people who are in need. These really needy ones are not apt to come to the church as long as the church is a collection of self-satisfied, respectable club-members who bolster their own egos by feeling truly spiritual or truly orthodox. (I am not saying that these things are true, but that somehow we have projected a testimony which has led the outsiders to believe that they are.)

The ministers may believe that they can serve Christ better without the impediments which have held down the church. And these impediments may be the fault of a weak ministry which has been too afraid of offending "the establishment" to be honest in the pulpit. The condition of the church is in large part a responsibility of the clergy. Possibly their resignations are being wrought by God. Possibly the church will be better off without the impediment of a weak, security-minded ministry. What do you think?

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WHO WILL COME TO THE CHRISTIAN WORKER'S DEFENSE?

Dear Dr. Ihrle:

Your recent "Speak Up" contribution in the *Baptist Herald* concerning "Leadership in Our Church" awakened considerable interest in me. I, for one, even though I am not now associated with an NAB church, would like to urge you to continue the debate.

I was a bit disappointed, however, that the first reply was primarily a defense of those of our church workers who do not fit into your questioner's category. They should have a pat on the back once in a while, but the other workers who no doubt sacrifice much time, talent and funds as they serve as sincerely as they know how, without realizing that they render this service perhaps from a sense of inferiority for which they compensate, or from a sense of guilt for which they atone, these workers need genuine understanding and help. Your column may be a first step in this direction.

I agree with you that one of our primary needs is good leadership education. But what is more important in such education than the personal development of the leader? Far too often we are first concerned with the content of our teaching or methods of teaching, not realizing that the effectiveness of the teacher depends in large measure upon the degree to which the teacher has clarified his motives for service. Why not, as part of our leadership education, plan some group discussion among older and prospective leaders under the guidance of a qualified counselor, and centered on the question, "Why do we want to serve?"

Leaders who discover that they may have served to compensate for feelings of inferiority or to atone for feelings of guilt, will therefore not have to surrender their position of leadership. What will happen is that they begin

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● Recently Rev. Walter F. Berkan of Elk Grove, Calif., presented his resignation to the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove which he has served as the pastor since 1959. His resignation will be effective on Sept. 12th. Mr. Berkan has announced that he will continue his studies at Sacramento State College in Sacramento, Calif., for a more effective Christian ministry.

● On Sunday, June 13, Rev. Eldon Schroeder, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., baptized 15 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Mr. and Mrs. William Meisch of the church celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 11. Open House was held at the Herb Martell home in the afternoon where Mr. and Mrs. Meisch were honored by children and friends.

● Rev. and Mrs. Henry Schumacher of Medicine Hat, Alberta have announced the birth of a daughter, Deborah Anne, who was born to them on June 24. Mr. Schumacher is the pastor of the Temple Baptist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Loren Fischer of Anaheim, Calif., have announced the birth of a son, named Matthew, on June 30. Mr. Fischer is the assistant pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church of Anaheim.

● On August 21 Miss Karen Lee Brachlow of Minneapolis, Minn. and Mr. Lyle W. Grenz of Billings, Montana will be married in a ceremony to be held in Minneapolis. Both are former members of God's Volunteers teams. Lyle is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Richard Grenz of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana. Karen Lee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin J. Brachlow of the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis.

● From June 15 to 17 Rev. Fred A. David of Portland, Oregon, chaplain of the Veterans Administration, attended a "Seminar for Veterans Administration Chaplains" at the Hilton Hotel in Portland. The following subjects were seriously considered during the Seminar: 1) Special ministry in crisis situations; 2) The human side of medical care; and 3) Patient oriented preaching. The Seminar began with a helpful administrative session with central office personnel.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta has extended a call to Rev. Jake Leverette of Victorville, Calif., to which a favorable reply has been given. Mr. Leverette began his ministry in the Wetaskiwin church on June 20, succeeding Rev. W. W. Sibley, now pastor of the Meadowlark Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta. A reception was held for the Leverette family on Sunday afternoon, June 20, which is reported elsewhere in this issue.

● On Sunday, June 13, Rev. Joseph Hoden, pastor of the Walnut Street

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT BAILEYVILLE, ILL.

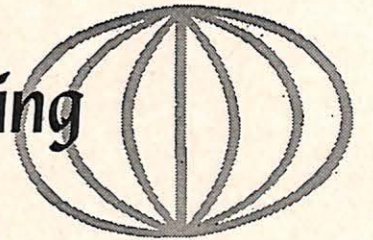
August 12-15, 1965

The First Baptist Church of Baileyville, Illinois will hold its Centennial Services in their church August 12-15, 1965. We invite all of our "Baptist Herald" friends to come and share in this time of anticipated blessing, if possible.

Lyman F. Erickson, Pastor

Spanish American mission field in the towns of Center, Del Norte and Monte Vista, Colorado attended camp at the Beaver Creek Youth Camp in the Rio Grande National Forest. The camp was jointly sponsored by the Sargent Community Church, which provided all of the camp facilities and food, and by the Spanish-American Baptist Mission of the San Luis Valley, which provided the staff and program. Rev. Earl H. Ahrens served as the camp director. Among the teacher-counselors were

what's happening



Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., baptized three young people on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior. On Sunday, June 6, Dr. Ralph E. Powell of the Seminary Faculty, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., served as the guest speaker at both services of the church. "The King's Heralds" of the NAB Seminary presented a musical concert on Friday evening, June 4th. The challenging film, "In His Steps," based on the best seller book of Charles M. Sheldon, was shown on Sunday evening, June 13.

● The Cameroon missionaries, Miss Geraldine Glasenapp and Miss Betty Mantay, left Douala, Africa by Pan American plane on Tuesday morning, July 6, and flew directly to the United States via Dahomey, Liberia and Dakar, Senegal. They arrived in New York City that same night at 10:30 P.M. Miss Glasenapp will make her home in Milwaukee, Wis., during her furlough and Miss Mantay in Springside, Saskatchewan. They spent several days at the denominational headquarters, undergoing medical examinations, following their return to this country.

● From June 13 to 19 twenty-six boys and girls, ages 10 to 14, from the

HYMNALS NEEDED

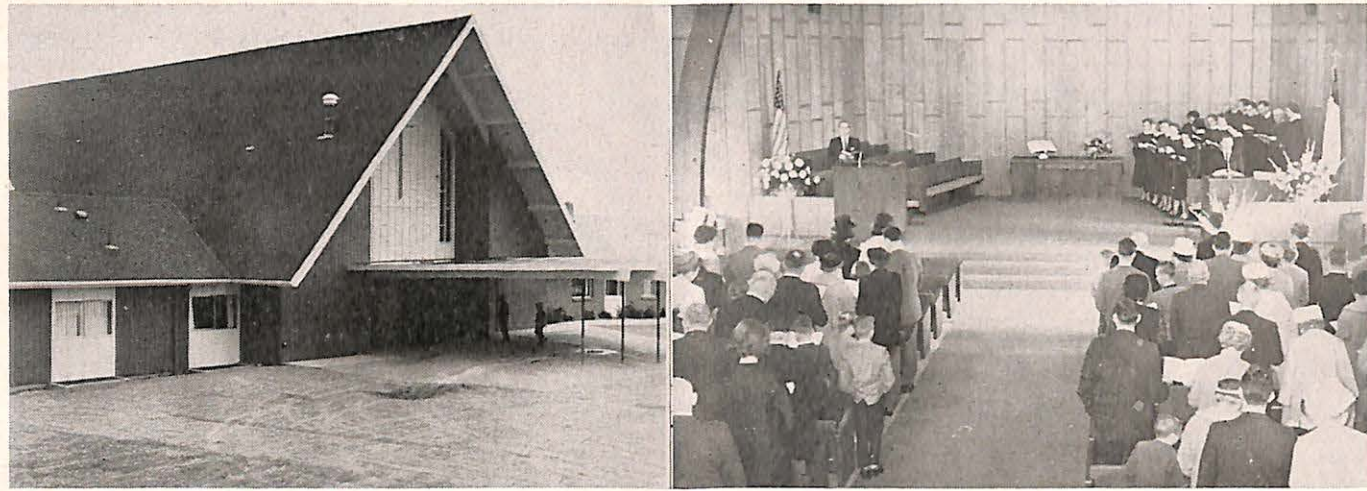
Because of the loss of our library of choir music in the fire of the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota, we would like 30 used hymnals—Broadman, American, Tabernacle. Selected Gospel Songs (Ausgewählte Lieder), etc.—or other choir books. We would be willing to pay postage to Venturia or to inform you as to cost of books. Before sending any books, please contact Venturia Baptist Church Choir, Venturia, North Dakota.

Rev. David Keiry, Mr. Paul Michelson, and Miss Mary Ann Madril. Mr. Allen Schantz of Saguache, Colorado was one of the special guests at the evening programs.

● Dr. Arthur A. Schade of Gillette, Wyoming has announced that he has retired from active service, effective July 1, 1965, following a faithful ministry as pastor, Seminary professor and administrator and promotional secretary of Homes for the Aged. With the dedication of the Northeast Wyoming Retirement and Care Home at Gillette, Wyoming on June 27, he had completed the fourth project for the South Dakota Hospital and Home Association. Dr. and Mrs. Schade plan to spend the next few months visiting with children and friends and traveling. On Dec. 5, 1965 Dr. Schade will reach his 80th milestone of life, and for this reason he felt that an announcement of retirement should be made. Dr. and Mrs. Schade will make their home in the Retirement Home at Gillette, Wyoming.

● On Sunday evening, July 11, "The Ministry of the Campus Crusade" was dramatically presented at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. by several of the college students from the church. This ministry of evangelism to college students by "Campus Crusade" was portrayed by Conrad Koch of Northwestern University, Charles Danish of the University of Illinois, Dwight Anderson of Northwestern University, and Edward Giegler of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. In the morning service musical selections were presented by Miss Louanne Fuchs, instructor in piano and theory at Redlands University, Redlands, Calif., and Mr. Richard Fuchs,

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The new edifice of the Riviera Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon (left) showing the congregation, choir and pastor, Rev. Arthur Brust, on Dedication Sunday (right).

Dedication of the Riviera Church, Salem, Oregon

Story of the building and dedication of this \$141,500 church edifice by Mrs. Marc Saucy, Church Clerk

IT WAS with great anticipation that members and friends of the Riviera Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon awaited the first service in the new sanctuary in April 1965.

In December 1963 under the leadership of Rev. Everett A. Barker, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, it was voted to consummate a consolidation of the church with its extension ministry located in the Brush College Community in West Salem and thus relocating the church.

Representatives of both groups were appointed as a planning committee. This committee appointed a building committee to serve in the construction of a new sanctuary.

Rev. Arthur Brust, who was laboring with us as Church Extension pastor, was called as pastor of the consolidated work, replacing Mr. Barker who had accepted a pastorate in Lorraine, Kansas.

In May 1964 the consolidated work was renamed "Riviera Baptist Church." Ground breaking services for a new sanctuary were held in June with Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, as speaker.

The contract for construction was let in August and the work progressed favorably, in spite of delays and winter weather. Many were the work nights and long and arduous the hours of volunteer labor donated to the painting and cleaning of the lower departments of the sanctuary.

We praise the Lord that the results of all sacrifices have been most gratifying. The laminated beams forming the Gothic arch blend with the carefully chosen furnishings to give a restful, worshipful atmosphere to the attractive auditorium. Upon entering, the divided chancel permits the eye to rest upon the elevated open Bible on the

communion table under the raised golden cross.

The nearly perfect acoustic properties make worship a meaningful experience to all who enter.

"GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE"

The dedication services were held April 29-30 with the formal dedication May 2nd. Prof. Gerald Borchert from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought two inspiring messages on the theme, "God Calls His People."

The sanctuary was erected at an approximate cost of \$141,500. The seating capacity of 450 proved adequate for the well attended Pacific Conference sessions convening in our midst June 16-20.



The worshipful sanctuary of the Riviera Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon showing the open Bible on the communion table under the raised golden cross.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE SESSIONS. The 71st annual Pacific Conference sessions convened at the Riviera Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon, June 16-20. The theme of the conference was, "Making Men Whole." This theme was most emphatically developed by the various speakers. Dr. Donald Madvig, professor of our Seminary, Missionary Ben Lawrence, and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Western District secretary, represented our general denominational workers. The entire conference was a delightful challenge. The program was well organized. It provided special activities for every age group. Special activities were planned for the children so that the parents could be free to attend the business sessions. Business transactions were carried out with order and a sense of spiritual obligation.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Appel were given special recognition for their 50 years of pastoral service. At the Missionary Service, which concluded the sessions, Missionary Ben Lawrence exposed the challenge of missions as he spoke of our mission field in the Cameroon. Two young ladies from the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, were commissioned as mission teachers to Africa under the God's Volunteer Plan. We thank God for his unique blessing at this Conference and the wonderful hospitality of the Riviera Baptist Church with its pastor, Rev. A. Brust. (Paul Siewert, Reporter).

MOMENTS WITH GOD

The first printing of 8000 copies of the denominational quarterly, "Moments With God," will soon be coming from the presses. Your church or individual orders MUST be received soon for copies of this first edition, "Oct. — Nov. — Dec. 1965."

See announcement on page 24 about the sending of such orders.

Third Building for Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

Report of ground breaking service for the new \$200,000 Educational Unit by Mrs. Thelma F. Fischer, Church Reporter

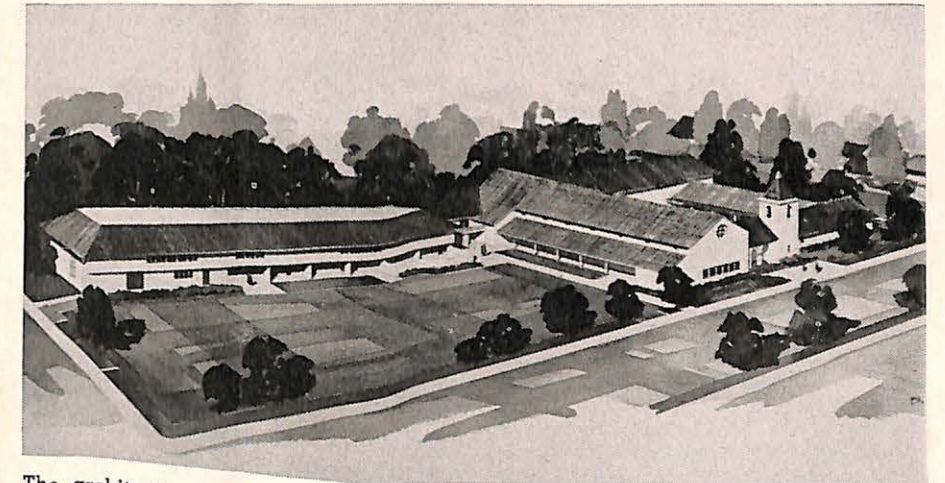
ON SUNDAY, May 16, members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., were privileged to break ground for their third building program since the inception of the church in 1948. The Scripture chosen for the ground breaking service was taken from Psalm 24. This was preceded by our Director of Christian Education, Robert Radcliffe, reminding us of the purpose of Christian education.

The history and progress of the building plans were again presented to the congregation gathered for this memorable occasion, and also at this time the blueprints were given by the chairman of the Building Committee

in full in 1951. Construction on the sanctuary started in July of 1955 at a cost of \$154,000, which was paid off in December of 1962. The total church membership is now 621.

We praise the Lord for his leading and directing in the lives of the mem-

bers and friends of Temple Baptist Church, and we are especially mindful of the challenge which is being placed before us that, as we build additional educational facilities, we will allow the Lord to lead in winning souls for Christ.



The architect's sketch for the \$200,000 Education Building (left) of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, California for which ground was broken on Sunday, May 16, 1965.

DEDICATION OF EDUCATIONAL WING, AUBURN, MICH.

AUBURN, MICH. On Sunday, May 9, members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich., met to dedicate a fine educational wing. The new addition provides ten large classrooms, pastor's study, ladies' rest room, spacious hallways and cloakroom facilities. The festivities began with the use of the new facilities for the Sunday school hour. At the morning service Prof. Donald Madvig of our Seminary at Sioux Falls spoke on the "Church's Concern For Her Youth." The dedication service was at 3:00 P.M. with Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, moderator of our NAB Conference and pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, speaking on the subject "The

Church God Uses." Mr. Dennis Kee, the Sunday school superintendent, led the dedicatory response, Prof. Madvig led in the prayer of dedication, and Mr. Bert Braun, chairman of the building committee, presented a resume of the building program. A tour of the facilities and refreshments followed the afternoon service. During the evening service Mr. William Partington, moderator of the church, presented the pastor and his wife with a substantial monetary gift as a token of the church's appreciation. Dr. Ihrie's message, "The Man God Uses," closed the day of rejoicing. (Mrs. Joe Franko, Reporter).



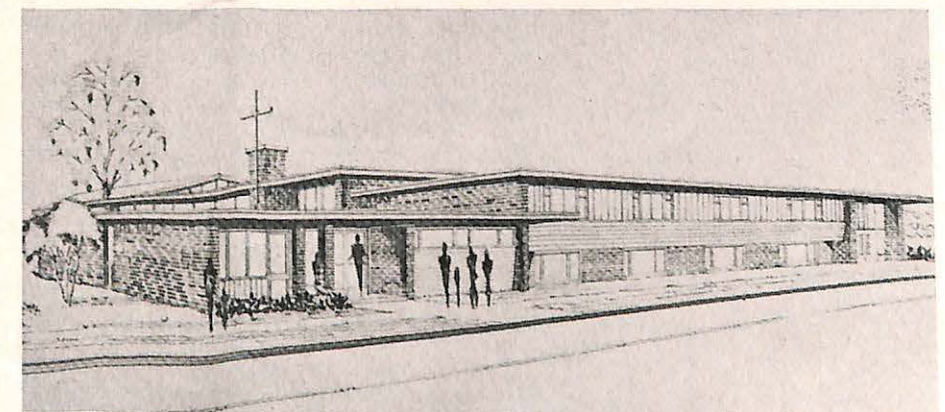
Rev. Eldon Schroeder, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., takes part in the ground breaking ceremony for the new Educational Wing.

to the construction supervisor. The prayer of dedication and the benediction were given by Rev. Eldon Schroeder, pastor, and by Mr. Robert Radcliffe, respectively.

The new addition will consist of a two-story structure containing 16,000 square feet of floor space with a red tiled roof to match the Spanish architecture of the present sanctuary. The addition will provide nursery facilities and additional classrooms for adult, college, high school, junior high and primary groups.

Nicholas A. Tomich of Sacramento, Calif., who is the architect, has been working with the building committee, our pastor and director of Christian education. The approximate cost of the new addition will be \$200,000. The first building phase of the church was started in 1948 with 174 charter members. The lots, which were purchased at this time, together with the buildings, cost a total of \$78,222, and this was paid off

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The new Educational Wing of the First Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich., which was dedicated to God's glory and for the use of the Sunday school and the church's educational ministry on May 9, 1965.



sunday school lessons

REV. B. C. SCHREIBER, FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 22, 1965

Theme: THE PASSIONS OF THE FLESH

Scripture: Galatians 5:13-26

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: "No one has the right to do as he pleases except as he pleases to do what is right."

INTRODUCTION: The temptations of the flesh are often strong and serious. Because they are so obvious to ourselves and to others, they affect our outward mode of life and our relationships with others. The sins of the spirit can often be covered to a certain degree with an outward cloak of righteousness. Only you and God are aware of some of these deep-seated sins. But the sins of the flesh are not easily hidden. In no time at all they are proclaimed from the housetops.

Our reputation and character are judged primarily by what people see. Sometimes people look for character deficiencies in us in order to draw attention away from their own sins and weaknesses. Even in our churches, our sense of justice is not always as high as it should be. People are excluded from the membership for committing adultery, a sin of the flesh, but not for pride, a sin of the spirit. They are excluded for committing robbery, but not for robbing God.

While studying this lesson we ought to be aware of the importance of the flesh and the spirit as a unifying force in our lives. The body ought to be thought of as the temple of the Holy Spirit, and therefore it should be kept clean and holy. Our spiritual lives must be lived according to the rules of the spirit in order to keep our bodies healthy.

I. FREEDOM AND THE CHRISTIAN. Galatians 5:13-15.

Some of the Jewish Christians challenged Paul's apostleship and upset many of the Christians by teaching salvation through obedience to the law. It was difficult for the apostle to explain that salvation by grace did not mean that all restrictions on conduct were lifted. Liberty did not mean unrestricted license. They were not free to sin, but free from the desire to sin; not free to do as they pleased, but free to do as God pleased. When Jesus Christ freed us from the law, he gave us the best of all substitutes—love. Personal wants and desires have now become a minimum and the needs of others are given our maximum attention.

II. THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE FLESH. Galatians 5:16-21.

Yielding to the worst in human nature can be avoided if we yield the best in us to the Holy Spirit. The presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit are the best defense against the lust of the flesh. As soon as we get out of step with God, the civil war begins in which the flesh and spirit come into conflict. If we have only our own strength to depend upon we are soon lost. Perhaps a good sign to put in front of the list of the sins of the flesh as enumerated by Paul should read: BEWARE! or DANGER!

III. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. Galatians 5:22-26.

Paul seems to be at his best when he makes a comparison. Here too, we have the feeling that we are coming out of the dungeon into bright sunlight; out of the slums into a beautiful park. The nine varieties of the fruit of the Spirit are so inclusive that we can think of nothing to add. When we are truly filled with the Holy Spirit then there will be no room for evil spirits and for sinful passions.

Questions for Discussion

1. How is it possible for some people who are not Christians to be morally loving and good?
2. Can you deny the passions of the flesh by living in a monastery?
3. How can we be in the world and yet not of the world?

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: August 29, 1965

Theme: THE PRESSURES FROM WITHOUT

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: We need a strong spiritual fitness program—not a strength found in will power, but a strength found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION: These last lessons emphasized three areas in our lives which must be carefully watched and screened in order not to let them hinder our Christian growth. Two areas have already been discussed. The mind, spirit and heart must continually be surrendered and dedicated to God in order to bring every thought into subjection to Christ. Last week we attempted to describe the weaknesses of the flesh, which concerns the second area of growth. These are often difficult to divide since the passions of the flesh affect our thoughts and our thoughts affect our passions.

Today we enter a third area in the Christian warfare. Some of the greatest and most dangerous hindrances to our growth spring from the external pressures which come to us. The Chris-

tian is literally surrounded as well as filled with dangers. Our own strength is inadequate for coping with such an impossible task. Jesus Christ is aware of the struggle and danger, and he has made us aware of the cure. "In the world ye shall have tribulations; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." It makes no difference, therefore if the world is against us as long as Christ is for us.

I. THE DANGERS FROM WITHOUT. Ephesians 6:10-13.

The opponents or enemies which Paul mentions are difficult to describe, and hard to pin down because they are not easily seen nor recognized. We know how to deal with a flesh and blood enemy, but how can we go about doing battle with the demonic powers which enter the hearts of men. And yet they are real and dangerous.

Perhaps Paul is referring to the fact that the warfare between Satan and God is real and is constantly going on all around us. Evil forces come in all shapes and sizes. We are told that the Devil comes as an angel of light or as a roaring lion, depending on which disguise suits him the best.

II. THE CHRISTIAN'S ARMOR. Ephesians 6:14-20.

While Paul was a prisoner, he noticed how well armored the Roman soldier was. He found a wonderful and meaningful comparison and elaborated on an illustration of protection and preparedness for the Christian soldier which is a classic even for the present.

Your loins girt about with truth. . . Like the sword which hung from the belt, truth must be in easy reach for split-second use. If it is lost the Christian has nothing on which to depend. Without Christ who is the truth we are lost.

The breastplate of righteousness. . . This was protection for the most vital organ in the body, the heart. A pure heart is the Christian's best defense.

Your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. . . The Christian must be ready to go at a moment's notice, wherever God needs him.

The shield of faith. . . A good, strong faith is our only shield against the fiery passions which seem at times to overwhelm us.

The helmet of salvation. . . Salvation includes the head and the heart. It is a matter of mind and emotion.

The sword of the Spirit. . . Be ready at all times to give an answer for your faith in order to strike down any intellectual opposition and doubt.

Praying always. . . Just as the Roman soldier thought constantly about

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OUR DENOMINATION IN ACTION

special events

WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO. On Tuesday evening, June 24, it was our privilege at the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., to have the Biola College Quartet present a program of music and testimonies. Musical offerings ranged from sacred classics to gospel song arrangements and spirituals. This quartet is touring the U. S. until August 15, conducting over 65 services. One member of the quartet, James Rueb, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rueb, is a member of the Willow Rancho Church. Several other college students are home for the summer months and have been a blessing to the church as they use their talents for the Lord. (Mrs. W. W. Rueb, Reporter).

TEMPLE, LODI, CALIF. On Sunday afternoon, May 30, members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., had the privilege of witnessing a most inspiring service when several memorial gifts were dedicated to the glory of God. Mrs. Vera Gaskill furnished the entire Prayer Room in honor of her husband, Herbert G. Gaskill, who passed away in 1964, with four pews providing ample seating for small groups in prayer and meditation. The front portion is appropriately furnished with a small lectern and low prayer rail for kneeling. Sallman's picture, "Heart's Door?", hangs above a small table on which is placed an open Bible. The entire room has a covering of maroon carpet which lends an atmosphere of silence for prayer and reverence. Herb and Vera had moved to Lodi approximately two years prior to his death, and became members of Temple Church soon after coming to Lodi, and here Herb was faithful to his Lord as well as to his church. This memorial honors the Lord, and it was with gratitude that the church accepted this gift in his memory. (Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Reporter).

REGINA, SASK. On Sunday, June 27, it was our privilege at the Faith Church, Regina, Sask., to dedicate unto God and for use in the services of our church 200 new church hymnals. For some time we have felt the need of an appropriate church hymnal for our morning worship services and for the more evangelistic services of the evening. Our search ended when we considered the *North American Hymnal*, and when we observed the excellent choice of hymns and selections found therein. We thank God that through the generosity and kindness of members and friends, the funds became available for the new hymnals. Sunday evening of June 27th, just a

week and a half before the Northern Conference was to meet with us, we were privileged to dedicate them unto God. Neatly stacked on the table before the pulpit, and in the formation of the cross, the hymnals spoke to us even before we actually handled them. The mixed choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Jake Janz, rendered special selections out of the hymnal. The congregation rejoiced to sing as the first selection: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" and in prayer of thanksgiving we dedicated them to the Lord. The Song Festival that followed thrilled our hearts and challenged us to greater devotion and faithfulness to him who has redeemed us for his own. (Henry Pfeifer, Pastor).

Vacation Bible Schools

BISMARCK, N. DAK. A Vacation Bible School was held by the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., from June 7 to 11. Some of the children worked at missionary objects, and beautiful art work was created by the senior groups. On the closing evening of June 13 a special program was presented by the school children for the benefit of parents and friends. The average daily attendance was 101 children. In addition, there were 23 workers and helpers. The offerings of \$45 were designated for the support of the work by Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, missionaries in Japan. (Mrs. Robert Cooper, Reporter).

RAPID CITY, S. DAK. A Vacation Bible School was held at the South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak., from June 7-18. We had an average attendance of 73 pupils, with 82 as our highest number. We had approximately 25 teachers and helpers; some only helping for one day, but the work of all was greatly appreciated. At the closing program on Friday evening, there were 150 people in attendance. Several new families were reached through the Bible School and the parents showed their grateful thanks during the coffee hour that followed the program. The Ladies Mission Circle provided the cool-ade and coffee served during the school. Cookies were supplied by church members and the mothers. Daily offerings of \$49.14 went to missions. (Mrs. John Kwyzla, Jr., Reporter).

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS. The Vacation Bible School recently held by the Highland Baptist Church of Junction City, Kansas, had an enrollment of 43 children with an average attendance of 31. Even the Kansas flood waters which closed the road directly into Junction City did not prevent the Vacation Bible School teachers from coming to the school in a long and round about detour to carry out faithfully

their task of teaching. Most of the teachers traveled 15 miles each way. A closing program was presented on June 13 during the Sunday school hour of the church. The manual display had been well arranged and was greatly admired by parents and friends. This program was followed by a picnic dinner in Continental Park on Sunday afternoon. Two of the Vacation School pupils accepted Christ as their Savior, for which we have been especially grateful. The offering of the pupils amounted to \$20. (Mr. Charlie Zoschke, Reporter).

VENTURIA, N. DAK. "Proclaiming Christ As Peace" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held by the Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., May 28—June 2. The classes were held in the Venturia Public School. It was a great blessing to see 31 boys and girls attending our school and eager to hear the Gospel message. Nine teachers made the lessons plain for everyone to understand the truths of Christ. The school was directed by Mrs. Delbert Bender and assisted by Mrs. Milton Falkenberg. On the final day a very interesting program was rendered, after which parents and friends were invited to view a splendid display of handcraft materials. The offering which the girls and boys brought throughout the week was designated for our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. David Keiry of the Spanish American Field. Rev. Milton Falkenberg is the pastor of the Venturia Baptist Church. (Mrs. Howard Breitling, Reporter).

FOREST PARK, ILL. Vacation Bible School was held at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., from June 21-25. A total of 69 boys and girls, a staff of 29 teachers and helpers, with our pastor, Rev. H. J. Freeman, as director, went "Discovering With Christ," using the Gospel Light material. They had assigned to them from our denominational headquarters office the mission project of our Spanish American work. Their daily offerings totalled \$54. With the offering taken on Friday evening, we were pleased to contribute \$113 toward this mission project. The closing program was an inspiration to all present as the boys and girls recited Scripture verses, sang songs, played in rhythm bands and the Junior Hi department presented a pantomime. The leaders of the various departments were: Mrs. Gordon Loux, Kindergarten; Cathryn Cramer, Primary; Mrs. Dan Granzow, Junior; and Mrs. Hollis Barber, Junior Hi. After the program, various awards were presented to the boys and girls before everyone went down to the lower auditorium to view the display of work books and handwork. (E. Redlich, Reporter).

TEMPLE, LODI, CALIF. On Thursday evening, June 24, a Vacation Bible School Demonstration program was held at the Temple Church, Lodi, Calif., which ended two weeks of a well attended and well planned Bible School. Mrs. Sterling Willis was our Vacation Bible School director, assisted by 73 teachers and helpers. The total enrollment for the day sessions was 219, with an average attendance of 195 students. This included children through the sixth grade. Children and young people from the seventh grade through the

college age had a separate Bible School session during the evening hours of the same two weeks. This was called "Teen Challenge" and their topic was "Personal Evangelism." The student enrollment for the evening sessions was 40, with an average attendance of 32. The young people went on a visitation program several times during the two weeks, and on several nights they built and painted equipment for the Lincoln Village Church in Sacramento. (Thelma Fischer, Reporter).



Rev. E. H. Nikkel of the Trinity Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., with three baptismal candidates.

ling. These were received into the church along with Mr. and Mrs. H. Link. On a recent Sunday afternoon, the Girls Missionary Guild held a tea for their prayer partners at the home of their director, Mrs. Ida Hemmerling. Mrs. Sandra Stober, a co-hostess poured. A recognition service of the faithful service of our pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. E. Nikkel was held on June 6. Mr. Nikkel terminated his ministry at the end of June. The church presented them with a tree lamp and a gift of money. We are happy that we do not need to say farewell to them since retiring in our midst. On Saturday night, June 19, the Awana Pioneer Boys and their dads and the male choir, which is sponsoring the club, had an outing at Gyro Park. Mr. Al Hait is the director of the Awana Boys. (Miss Rose Leschert, Reporter).

MARTIN, N. DAK. A worshipful service was held by the Martin Baptist Church, Martin, N. Dak., on Sunday morning, June 6, when 16 new members were received into the fellowship of the church by the pastor, Rev. R. Grueneich. While one member was received by testimony, 15 followed the Lord in baptism. This was the first baptismal service in our new church building. Joining with us for this service was Rev. A. Auch and his four converts from the Anamoose Baptist Church. The members received into the fellowship of the Anamoose Baptist church were Dwight Hornbacker, John Hornbacker, Mrs. Donald Frueh, and Mrs. Martin Rauser. Those candidates baptized by our pastor were Sandra Michelson, Vicki Dockter, Debbie Kessler, Carla Kessler, Linda Frueh, Nancy Frueh, Kenneth Putz, Donna Karges, Daniel Grueneich, Randy Marzolf, John Allen Sommers, Terry Rust, Owen Rust, Ronald Kouba and Jim Rust. (Mrs. Wesley W. Michelson, Reporter)

BISMARCK, N. DAK. Recently a baptismal service was held by the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., when our pastor, Rev. Allan Strohschein, baptized three persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Six others were received into the church's membership by transfer of letter at

the following communion service. We thank God for our wonderful pastor and his family. It is our prayer that he will continue in this work as the good shepherd of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Mrs. Robert W. Cooper, Reporter).

RIDGEMONT, EAST DETROIT, MICH. A baptismal service was held by the Ridgemont Baptist Church, East Detroit, Mich., on Sunday morning, June 20, with our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, in charge. We shared this glorious day with our sister church, Bethel, in Windsor, Canada. Rev. A. Luck from Windsor brought the message, "What does the Bible say about baptism?" Rev. H. J. Waltereit baptized 4 people from the Bethel Church and 14 from our own congregation. Our hearts rejoiced as the hand of church membership was extended to 16 new members at the Lord's Supper at the evening service. We are grateful for this wonderful experience! (Manfred Neumann, Reporter).

GOODRICH, N. DAK. The First Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., held a week of evangelistic meetings with Rev. Wm. Hoover of Anaheim, Calif., from May 26 to June 2 at the school gymnasium, with the community and neighboring churches taking part. Our special thanks goes to the Harvey and Martin churches for their fine cooperation. Rev. Elmo Tahran of the Crestview Baptist Church, Minot, N. Dak., led the song services and directed a youth choir and various vocal and musical numbers. The spirit of God was felt in our midst and two young people made decisions for Christ, with many others rededicating their lives.

A successful Vacation Bible School was held from June 7-11 under the direction of Rev. Jacob Ehman, pastor, with 63 children enrolled. The boys and girls mission contest was of daily interest. Our total mission giving during the week was \$55.54 designated for the American Bible Society. On Sunday evening the closing program was held when the children joyfully presented what they had learned in song and memory work. (Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Reporter).

Conferences and Camps

NAB COLORADO CAMP. The NAB Colorado Camp, which is the combination of the First Baptist Church of LaSalle and their Extension Church, the Sherwood Park Baptist Church of Greeley, enjoyed a wonderful three days, June 11-13, at Covenant Heights Bible Camp south of Estes Park. There were 15 children and three adults from Sherwood Park and 27 children and 5 adults from LaSalle and our missionary making a total of 51 campers. The counselors were: Rev. Raymond Harsch, Mrs. Adam Moser, Merle Schramm, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Mrs. Albert Jerke, Mrs. Harry Jerke, Mrs. Harry Strohauser, and Missionary Ruby Salzman of Cameroon, Africa. Seven decisions were



The North American Baptist Colorado Camp held in June at the Covenant Heights Bible Camp in Estes Park, Colorado.

made for the Lord. This year Mr. Harsch was the Camp Dean and Mr. Michelson the Camp Pastor. We ended our camp with a Missionary Rally on Sunday, June 13. Many of our church members joined us for this occasion by 10:30 A.M. (Neoma Strohauser, Camp Secretary).

ONTARIO ASSOCIATION SESSIONS. The First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario was host to the 62nd Ontario Association from June 3-6. The theme was "The Great I Am's of Jesus." Guest speakers were Rev. D. Fuchs of Forest Park, Ill., director of Evangelism and Church Extension; and Miss Tina Schmidt, Cameroon missionary now at home on furlough. On Friday morning, after the business session, Rev. P. Hunsicker of Killaloe, Ontario brought the message, "Christ, the Secret of Christian Radiancy." On

Friday evening the Woman's Missionary Union, with Mrs. Percy Getz of Killaloe as president, was in charge. Miss Schmidt spoke about her ministry in the Federal Republic of Cameroon. The young people of the Association churches were in charge of the Saturday evening meeting with Karen Kuehl of Killaloe, president, leading the program. At this service we were privileged to hear the Three Sons Gospel Team of Ottawa witnessing to us in music and testimony. The local Baptist Men were in charge of the Sunday afternoon program with Mr. Reuben Yahn serving as president. At that time we were favored by three musical selections by the mass male choir of the Ontario churches. Rev. D. Fuchs brought the closing message. All who attended were spiritually uplifted and blessed by the inspiring messages. (Mrs. J. G. Kuehl, Reporter).

ANNIVERSARIES & RECEPTIONS

HOISINGTON, KANSAS. The Calvary Baptist Church, Hoisington, Kansas held a fellowship dinner on Sunday afternoon, June 27, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arlyn Thielenhaus who were married on June 5. Mrs. Dick Justice, Primary Superintendent, presented to them a box of groceries, brought by the Sunday school children. Gifts were also presented to them from the Sunday school by Fred Schlegel and from the church by Thomas Bonham. We thank God for these dedicated young people who have served us so faithfully. Mr. Thielenhaus as a student of Sterling College has been our pastor and Mrs. Thielenhaus has been our Sunday school and church pianist. May God bless them as they continue in the Lord's work! (Mrs. Frederick Schlegel, Reporter).

WETASKIWIN, ALTA. On Sunday, June 20, the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alberta held a reception for its new pastor, Rev. Jake Lever-

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EDITOR.

ette, his wife and family who came to us from Victorville, Calif. A program was presented in the afternoon with Mr. Leroy Dickau in charge. A welcome was extended by representatives of various church departments: Mr. Elmer Dickau, Sunday school superintendent; Mr. Gordon Tauber on behalf of the Fellowship Group; Jerry Zilke for the young people and choir; and Mrs. D. Dickau, Woman's Missionary Union. Rev. W. Klassen of the Covenant Mission Church; Captain R. Perry of the Salvation Army on behalf of the Wetaskiwin Ministerial Association; Rev. R. Neuman of the Indian Bull Reserve; and Mr. Wilbur Brandt of the Ebenezer Baptist Church also brought messages of welcome. A duet was rendered by the Lindahl sisters. Other special numbers were a trio by Mrs. D. Schmidt, Mrs. E. Dickau and Mrs. W. Ohlman and a solo by Shirley Hurd, and final words of welcome were by Mr. E. Hurd. Rev. and Mrs. Jake Leverette responded with words of appreciation for the kindness shown to them, for the newly decorated parsonage and also for the groceries which had been placed in the home by the ladies of the church. (Mrs. Herman Schielke, Reporter).

evangelistic services & baptisms

BETHANY, MILWAUKEE, WISC. On May 16, members of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisc., were richly blessed. Debra Garrett, Charlotte Hall, Ronald Meier, Robert DiFrances, Douglas Jones and Loren Kopf (pictured from left to right in the picture) followed the Lord in baptism. They were welcomed into the church by Rev. Walter Schmidt, pastor, on June 6. Pray for these young people that they may have strength to follow the Lord's will. (Lynne Dudek, Reporter).



Three young people who were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ at the Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Calif., on June 13.

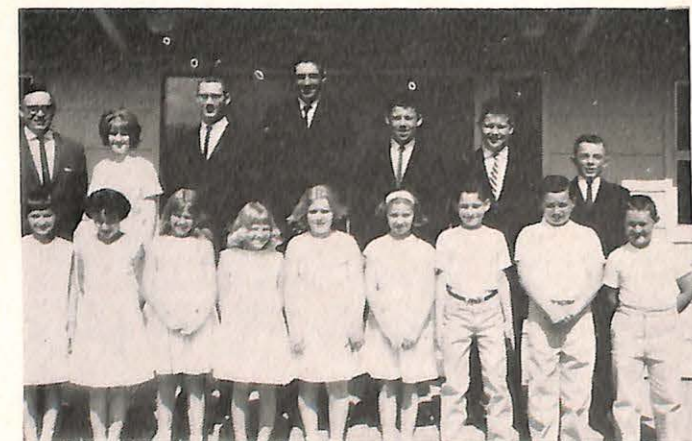
young people into the waters of baptism. Instruction classes, designed to establish these young Christians in their faith, had been held on several preceding Sundays. Recently five adults were added to the church by letter and testimony. Baptismal candidates in the accompanying picture are: (left to right) Victor Brunmeier, Lucille Patton, and Michael Hill. (Mrs. W. W. Rueb, Reporter).

TRINITY, KELOWNA, B. C. The Trinity Church of Kelowna, B. C., had the joy of witnessing another baptismal service at which Rev. E. Nikkel had the privilege of baptizing his youngest daughter, Mrs. Ruth (Peter) Epp; also Dennis Schlenker and Donna Hemmer-



Rev. Walter Schmidt (left), pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., with 6 baptismal candidates.

WILLOW RANCHO, SACRAMENTO. June was a month of many blessings for the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif. On Sunday, June 13, Dr. Louis Johnson led three



Rev. R. Grueneich (left, rear row), pastor of the Baptist Church, Martin, North Dakota with 15 young people who were baptized on June 6 in the first baptismal service held in the new church edifice.

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These tributes to the late Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich., although being published belatedly, still speak today of the radiance of this faithful minister's life and service. EDITOR.

Tributes to Rev. L. H. Broeker

Letters of personal tribute to the late pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., edited by Miss Joyce Batek.

SINCE THE homegoing of our beloved pastor, Rev. L. H. Broeker, we of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., have been comforted by the words of tribute which have come from so many who loved him and to whom he meant so very much. Especially gratifying was a letter from our missionaries in Japan who thought of us during their annual meeting. Scores of letters have come from those who sat under his ministry throughout the years, from former churches and from men like Wendell P. Loveless and Mel Johnson. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., wrote these words just the day before he died and so he never heard them read: "Your life and influence have meant so much to me over the long years." Rev. C. B. Nordland of the Moody Bible Institute wrote of the many years of fellowship they had enjoyed together.

BIRTHDAY CLUB, CHICAGO

From Anaheim, Calif., Rev. Wm. Hoover wrote these words to the church: "You as a church were singularly blessed of the Lord in that God gave him to you for 29 long years. He was indeed a gracious pastor but you were also a very gracious people, for it takes both to have such a happy association for so many years." Word was received from a Birthday Club started by the pastor in 1919 at Aiken Institute, Chicago, Ill., and from another class of couples started at the Albany Park Church of Chicago who have enjoyed 37 years of fellowship since he started the class.

Dr. Sam Bradford, who held meet-

ings in our church several times, wrote: "My first reaction was shock that one so strong and unconquerable could die. My mind raced back to our visit at his hospital bedside for the mark of death was truly upon him. My soul grieved to behold that indomitable spirit captive in a broken and weakened body. How sweet must have been his experience as he laid his all at the feet of his beloved Savior and heard his words, 'Well done.' Though eulogies may have been spoken, though granite may be raised to mark his grave, his true monument will be the dedicated hearts and lives in his beloved church whose testimony and faithfulness carry on the witness that he bore among them."

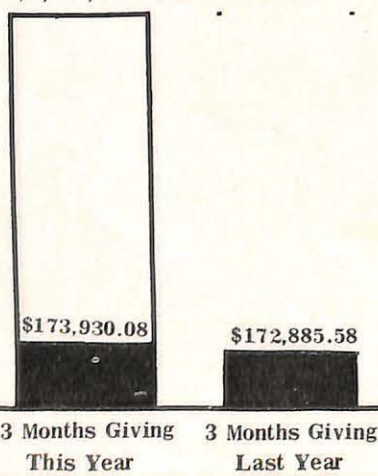
REV. RONALD MAYFORTH

One of the most heart warming letters came from one of the sons of his own church. Rev. Ronald Mayforth of Madison, S. Dak., wrote: "Words are inadequate to express all that Brother Broeker has meant to me and now to my ministry. One thinks of his stirring pulpit ministry and prays that he might have a double portion. One thinks of his Spirit-filled prayers that lifted all who followed right to the very heart of God. If I could pray any prayer now, it would be: 'Thank you, Lord, for allowing my life to be influenced by this great man of God; thank you for giving him rest from his many tireless labors; help me and many others to be like him in our love for thee and for the flock; help us all to love Christ and to live for him and like him as did our beloved pastor.'"

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CONTRIBUTIONS SUMMARY

June, 1965

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	June 1965	June 1964	June 1963
Atlantic	\$ 4,574.40	\$ 3,653.29	\$ 1,798.85
Central	14,638.31	6,266.02	10,776.25
Dakota	6,719.10	6,403.58	6,576.99
Eastern	953.32	1,164.13	1,379.75
Northern	4,183.47	2,357.04	2,116.34
Northwestern	6,311.54	9,180.43	5,740.21
Pacific	16,911.77	8,062.25	5,084.66
Southern	104.40	283.56	3,001.00
Southwestern	3,470.43	4,438.40	1,803.69
Inter-Conference	2,322.05	1,646.25	1,926.39
Total Contributions	\$ 60,188.79	\$ 43,454.95	\$ 40,204.13

Contributions Received	Budget	Other	Total
For the month of June 65	\$ 56,579.07	\$ 3,609.72	\$ 60,188.79
For the month of June 64	36,987.42	6,467.53	43,454.95
For the month of June 63	35,470.88	4,733.25	40,204.13

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Through the month of June 65	\$164,033.00	\$ 9,897.08	\$173,930.08
Through the month of June 64	159,031.11	13,854.47	172,885.58
Through the month of June 63	157,596.66	16,617.97	174,214.63

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Obituary

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

MR. ARTHUR TRIPKE

of Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. Arthur Tripke of Philadelphia, Pa., was born April 19, 1908 in Poland, and passed away April 21, 1965. He became a Christian at 13 years of age. In 1923 he came to the United States, settled near Philadelphia, and joined the Pilgrim Baptist Church, where he was a faithful and respected member at time of death. In 1941 he married Elli Rein. Two children—Arthur William and Jean Anne—blessed their home. These, his wife, and a brother, Herbert, will miss him, as will the church and friends. Blessed are they who die in the Lord. The service of memory was held in the Pilgrim Baptist Church on April 24.

Pilgrim Baptist Church
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
FRED SONNENBERG, Pastor

ALLAN A. E. BERTSCH

of Drumheller, Alberta
Allan Adam Edward Bertsch of Drumheller, Alta., beloved infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bertsch, passed away in Drumheller, June 20. Their first son, Timothy, preceded Allan in death about one year and 4 months ago. Both were only three months old.

Besides his parents he is survived by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Forsch; a grandmother, Mrs. Viola Bertsch of Carbon; and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freitag. It is our prayer that the Lord, who has Allan in his care, will comfort and continue to bless his parents and all who had grown close and so dear to him. Jeremiah 31:15-16 was used by Rev. Fred H. Ohlmann, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, to comfort all present at the service.

Zion Baptist Church
Drumheller, Alberta
F. H. OHLMANN, Pastor

MRS. MAGDALENA HEUPEL

of Ashley, North Dakota
Mrs. Magdalena Heupel, nee Katherina Schrenk, of Ashley, N. Dak., was born March 13, 1894, south of Venturia, N. Dak., in McPherson County, S. Dak. She grew to womanhood in this vicinity and on Feb. 3, 1916 she was united in marriage to Simon Heupel in the Bertsch Baptist Church, south of Venturia, but they made their home on a farm 9 miles south of Ashley, N. Dak. They retired from farming in 1949 and moved to Ashley. Her husband Simon died in 1961. Early in her youth she professed her faith in Christ, was baptized and united with the Bertsch Baptist church. After her marriage she joined the Johannestahl Baptist Church, then later the Ashley Baptist Church when they retired and moved to Ashley. Here she was a faithful member of the Ashley church.

She passed away suddenly at the farm home of her son, Albert, May 26, 1965, after reaching the age of 71 years, 2 months, and 13 days. She leaves to mourn her death the following children: Edwin, Eureka, S. Dak.; Adolph, Venturia, N. Dak.; Albert, Greenway, S. Dak.; Theophil, Ashley, N. Dak.; Herbert, Eureka, S. Dak., and Edna (Mrs. Walter Helfenstein), Eureka, S. Dak.; and 7 brothers and 3 sisters.

Ashley, North Dakota
ISADOR FASZER, Pastor

MOMENTS WITH GOD

Have you placed your church order or individual subscription to this devotional quarterly for Oct.—Nov.—Dec. 1965? The printing of the first edition will be completed in a few days. We shall probably exhaust the supply late in August or early in September. ACT NOW, and you will not be disappointed.

August 12, 1965

Rev. Joseph B. Kornalewski of Kelowna, B. C.

A memorial tribute to this faithful servant of God who died on June 19, 1965 by Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba

"LORD, he whom thou lovest, is dead." This was the first reaction to the news of the sudden passing of our friend and brother, Rev. Joseph Benjamin Kornalewski of Kelowna, B. C. God called his servant to his heavenly home and reward, for which he had prepared many of his fellow-men. For some weeks Mr. Kornalewski had not felt too well, but he continued in his ministry of preaching and counselling at an undiminished pace. On Friday, June 18, his heart failed and on the following day he went home.

Born near Koenigsberg, Germany in 1897 he immigrated to Canada in 1930. His home background and training was strict Roman Catholicism. Working in the Yorkton-Ebenezer farm community he associated with Baptists. It was during an evangelistic campaign held in Ebenezer, West Sask., by Rev. Wm. Hoover when he became converted to and saved by Jesus Christ. In order to witness to his newly found Savior, he felt the need of Bible preparation. For one year he and his friend, Rev. Cornelius Remple, studied at the Winnipeg Bible Institute and then in 1937 they joined the student body in our Rochester Seminary. Here he studied for three years.

In 1940 he took on the pastorate of the Fredricksheim Church near Leduc, Alberta. In 1946 he accepted the call to the First Baptist Church at Minitonas, Manitoba, and from here he resettled to Kelowna, B. C. in 1952—for the next five years as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church and following that as founder and builder of a home and hospital for aged people. During the past 16 years—since 1948—he and his wife carried on a radio ministry in the German language under the name "Streams of Blessings."

An evangelistic zeal and appeal strongly characterized his ministry. As a personal evangelist he dealt straight with the basic issues of sin and salvation. As a pulpit evangelist he was sought by our churches and could draw crowds of people to the services. He used no gimmicks in presenting the claims of Christ. His illustrations were taken from his rich storehouse of personal experiences. His messages were often accentuated by many tears, which he called "precious pearls." It was during his ministry in Minitonas that this church sent many of its fine young men through our seminary into the Christian ministry. These pastors will bless his memory!

A genuine concern for elderly people motivated Mr. Kornalewski and Adela to build a home in Kelowna, B. C., in which they could accommodate and look after 15 to 20 guests. This ministry expanded to the degree that they erected a nursing hospital, "Still-



Rev. J. B. KORNALEWSKI
of Kelowna, British Columbia
† 1897 — 1965 †

waters," in Kelowna. This hospital is unique. Equipped with the most modern facilities, staffed with 40 employees, the Kornalewskis cared for 70-80 bedridden, aged people. Before his passing, Brother Kornalewski was still able to make plans for an enlargement of 30 beds.

In 1940 the young pastor was married to Adela Schmuland, his good and faithful helpmeet, who has so ably assisted her husband in all his undertakings of faith for the Lord. They reared two boys, David and Timothy. The funeral service, held in the large Grace Baptist Church, which was built under Brother Kornalewski's ministry, was characterized by an atmosphere of calm repose and complete trust in the Lord. Rev. E. H. Nikkel was in charge; Rev. A. Kluttig, the local pastor, spoke a few words of faith in the German language; Rev. C. T. Remple, pastor of Temple Church, Calgary, Alta., had rushed down to give his "old friend" a last escort; and Rev. Wm. Sturhahn also came from Winnipeg, Man., upon special invitation of the family to bring a message of consolation and strength.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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war so we must think constantly about Christ. The best way is through prayer.

Questions for Discussion

1. What kind of terminology would Paul use today if he were comparing the Christian life to warfare?
2. What are some of the principalities and powers that are a danger to the believer today?
3. Why did not Paul ask his friends to pray him out of prison?

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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second year student at the Oak Park High School. The morning sermon, "Beauty for Ashes," was brought by Rev. John E. Grygo, editor of German publications.

INDIANS OF BULL RESERVE

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It was a blessed service and a solemn occasion for all of us. We thank God, in spite of the problems and the difficulties encountered in winning precious souls to Christ, that the "power of God in the Gospel still singles out and demonstrates the marvelous grace of God in the lives of our Indian people."

25 INDIAN CHURCH MEMBERS

The present church membership on the Bull Reserve stands at 25. The organization is less than two years old. God has manifested himself to the Indians. They have responded, and a fellowship of believers has been established. God be praised and glorified!

As missionaries to the Indians for 15 years, we leave the work with mixed feelings. It will ever remain a paramount challenge to us, to pray, support, and recruit funds and men for the Indian work. I know we have many Baptist people with us in this worthy pursuit.

SPEAK UP!

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to serve indeed, but not primarily for "numbers" and other external success measures. They will serve, knowing their limitations, and they will welcome personal growth in the spirit of Christ.

Please don't duel with the high school principal, but help the "Christian Layman."

Sincerely yours,
Gunter E. Rochow
Hamilton, Ontario

ANSWER BY DR. IHRIE

Dear Brother:

Your point is certainly well taken. Leaders need a careful searching of heart to make sure their motives are Christian and not just compensatory. Your idea of discussion groups shared by older Christians is one way this could be accomplished. Every man and woman who is doing anything in the program of Christ on earth is a V.I.P. in the sight of God. These may be the only true ambassadors of Christ on earth. It is not enough that they be engaged in activities, but they must

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be working at the things which really bear fruit for God.

Among the things which are given priority in the Bible are works of charity ("Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these. . .") and care of the indigent ("True religion and undefiled is visiting the fatherless and the widows. . .") and witnessing ("Whatever ye do in word or in deed. . .") and using your gifts to his glory (apostles, teachers, miracles, tongues, charity, etc.). Now these do not come out in any necessarily prominent or dramatic way. They are usually rendered to Christ unobtrusively. They all carry the mark of the cross about them—the elimination of self.

Praise God for his servants on earth! I heard of a Christian who was quite critical of the manners and methods of a fellow believer. He expressed his criticism to a friend who replied, "Well, he's doing *his* best for the Lord—what are you doing?" Good answer! All such workers for Christ need to be encouraged—never down-graded.

BOOK REVIEWS

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language. This is almost a necessity for those who study the writings of Paul, because the great apostle does not have the reputation of proclaiming a simple theology in simple terms.

The entire arrangement of the material, from the introduction to the critical notes, is given the best possible treatment so that the student of the Bible will find a wealth of inspiration and information, and ministers will find adequate help for sermon preparation.

In his introduction Dr. Hendriksen gives the reasons for the study of these books and relates his commentary to present day interests in the space age, ecumenicity, Christ's deity, pragmatism, race relations and the renewed interest in the doctrine of last things.

PEACE SHALL DESTROY MANY by Rudy Wiebe. Wm. B. Eerdmans—1962—239 pages—\$3.95.

Many in our denomination who have come out of the Mennonite background will understand and appreciate this novel. The strong desire of some of these Mennonites to seek freedom to practice their religious beliefs and their rigid code, which prevents them from showing a loving and tolerant spirit in their own group, leaves much to be desired for a true Christian witness. The experience of Deacon Block's daughter, Elizabeth, reminds one of Nathaniel Hawthorne's reaction to Puritanism in his book, *THE SCARLET LETTER*. Their strong religious principles and extreme pacifism do not always reveal a mind at peace within.

The book is well-written by a man who knows and understands the problems of these people, for he is one of them. It is truthful and believable novel.