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Moonlight in French Village

Courtesy Chicago Art Institute

What's Happening

Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke of the Second Church, Portland, Oreg., had the pleasure of baptizing two believers in the Lord on Sunday, July 27. One of the candidates is a student in the Western Baptist Seminary in Portland.

Rev. H. Hirsch, pastor at North Freedom, Wis., has resigned after serving our church there for almost six years. Bro. Hirsch goes to the church at Minneapolis, Minn., succeeding Rev. W. J. Appel and begins his new pastorate on Sept. 16.

Rev. G. Schroeder, pastor of the Ebenezer East church, Sask., reports tent-meetings held 5 miles west of Ebenezer from June 22 to July 8 at which our General Evangelist H. C. Baum preached every night. The churches participating were revived though the conversions were not large in number. A missionary offering close to \$175 was given the last Sunday of the meetings.

Rev. Aug. G. Lang, who recently closed his pastorate in Buffalo Center, Iowa, was the recipient of many love gifts from various church organizations at the last service which he held. A beautiful lamp was presented by the pastor's Bible class; he also received a watch of white gold from the church and various gifts from the B. Y. P. U. The Buffalo Center Sunday school numbers nearly 200 and the attendance at the evening church services often ran over 200. A flourishing Junior Society is also active.

The Thirty-ninth Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America was held in San Francisco, July 9 to 13. Twenty-seven hundred delegates gathered of which however only 317 were from outside of California. Geographical distance and economic depression combined to make the convention largely a California young people's rally. The new president of the Union is J. Milton Johnson, a member of the First Swedish Baptist Church of Los Angeles and a capable leader in young people's work in that city. The 1931 convention will be at Washington, D. C.

Following the G. B. Y. P. and S. S. W. Convention at Lodi, Cal., July 17-20, at which General Secretary A. P. Mihm was the main speaker, he visited the churches at San Francisco, at Wasco, the First German at Los Angeles and the church at Anaheim. The little church at San Francisco appreciated the two evenings given them; one evening was given to Wasco, where a fine turnout of young people in spite of a warm night greeted the visiting speaker. Sunday morning, July 27, was spent at Los Angeles, First and the evening at Anaheim. Fine audiences were found at both places with visitors present from many other states. The work at Los Angeles has prospered greatly under Bro. M. Leuschner's min-

istry. We were delighted with the imposing edifice at Anaheim and its harmonious, worship-creating auditorium and other arrangements for modern day church work. A pipe-organ valued at \$8,000 is being installed. Bro. O. R. Schroeder is happy in his ministry.

Washington G. B. Y. P. & S. S. W. Conference

at Spokane, Wash., Aug. 30th, 31st and Sept. 1st, 1930

Central Theme: LIVING

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

7.30 P. M.: Opening Exercises. Sermon, Rev. A. Husmann. Welcome. Response. First Oration. Second Oration.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9.45 A. M.: Sunday school. Talks by Rev. A. A. Schade, Rev. N. Christensen and Rev. O. Ratschkowsky.

11 A. M.: Morning Service. Sermon by F. W. Mueller, Vancouver.

2.30 P. M.: Song Service. Roll Call with Responses.

2.50 P. M.: Address: "Is Life Nourishment?" Oscar V. Luchs, Seattle. Address: "Is Life Activity?" Palmer Graf, Spokane. Address by Rev. A. A. Schade.

7.30 P. M.: Song Service. Scripture. Prayer.

8 P. M.: Address: "Is Life Growth?" Miss Frieda Klingbeil, Colfax. Address: "Balance," Clarence Stabbert, Tacoma.

8.30 P. M.: Address by Rev. A. A. Schade.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9.30 A. M.: Devotional Service, led by Rev. R. M. Klingbeil.

10 A. M.: Business Session.

10.45 A. M.: Address: "Methods," by Rev. A. A. Schade.

11.30 A. M.: Closing Consecration Meeting, led by Rev. C. E. Schoenleber.

Monday afternoon: Outing or Picnic.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Program of the B. Y. P. U. and S. S. W. U. of the Southwestern Conference

Saturday afternoon, August 23

2-2.20: Devotional period, Oliver Ringering.

2.20-3.15: Business.

Special musical selection, Bison, local. Address, A. P. Mihm: "The Place of the Sunday School in the Church's Program."

Sunday afternoon, August 24

Song Service, children and juniors, Rev. Wiebe.

Address to children and juniors, Miss Schlotthauer.

Presentation of banner.

Special musical selection, Ellinwood local.

Address, A. P. Mihm: "The Challenge of Today."

The above program is to be given in connection with our Southwestern Conference at Stafford this year. We hope many of our young people will attend the Conference and the Young People's service at Stafford. Our Conference will be quite centrally located this year, and as many as possible should avail themselves of the opportunity to receive the blessings of these meetings. Come to Stafford with prayerful hearts and you will not be disappointed.

A. R. SANDOW, President.

Wedding-Bells at Lebanon, Wis.

On the 13th of July the oldest church of our state was the scene of a charming event. Thorwald Bender, the son of our missionary C. J. Bender, and Gertrude Jaeger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jaeger, members of the Lebanon church, were united in holy wedlock, henceforth to travel the way of life together. The writer had the honor to perform the ceremony.

The wedding took place at three in the afternoon, and the people came from far and near to witness the ceremony; the groom's mother, sister and brother were present from Chicago. The wedding was everything a wedding should be, beautiful and yet simple. After the dinner, which was served at the bride's home, the newly married couple left on an extended honey-moon trip. May the Lord bless them and make them a blessing in their new relationship.

Bro. Bender has been supplying the church at Lebanon for several years, while continuing his studies at the Northern Baptist Seminary and the Lewis Institute, Chicago. His ministry in the Lebanon church has been signally blessed, and the work much revived.

H. PALFENIER.

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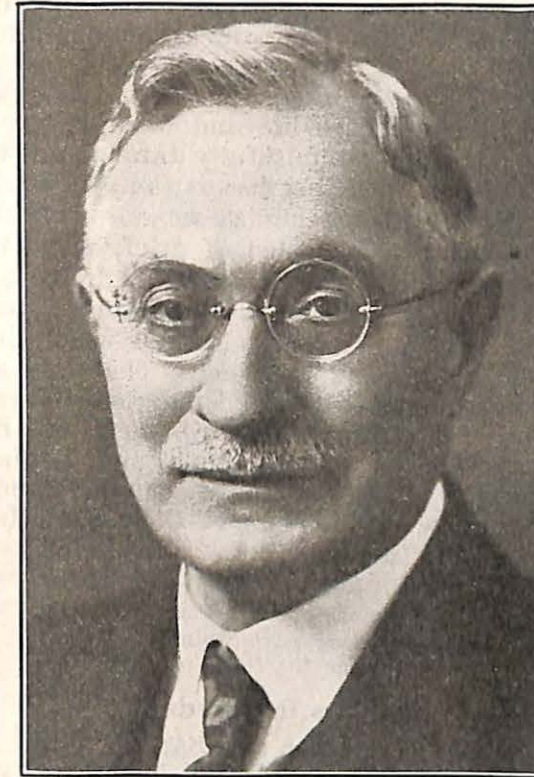
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† Jacob Speicher—Missionary

RIDING on the train from Stockton to San Francisco, two days after the California Young People's Convention at Lodi, we were glancing over the morning San Francisco newspaper, when a small telegraph item caught our eye. Deeply shocked, we rubbed our eyes and read it again. It gave the sad news to the world that Missionary Jacob Speicher had died a few days previous in Swatow following an attack of typhoid fever.

Last summer he and Mrs. Speicher had been guests in the editor's home; we had again met him at the Eastern conference in Pittsburgh and enjoyed his deeply spiritual talks on Philippians, Chapter three; we had rejoiced with him over his unshaken faith in the progress of the gospel in troubled China to which he was eager to return at an age when many men in professional life are ready to retire from the responsibilities and burdens of life; we lately were glad to hear of his being honored by Rochester University with the degree of doctor of divinity. And now his Master had called him to heavenly honors and to enter into the joy of his Lord.

We bow in reverent submission to the divine will, assured, that even where we do not understand, the Lord of Love makes no mistakes.

It was the Editor's privilege to have been a classmate and close friend of Dr. Speicher ever since he came to Rochester to prepare himself for the min-

istry. He was a devoted and diligent student; he possessed a sterling character, was a warm-hearted friend, a genial companion and a winsome follower of his Savior. His long record of self-sacrificing work for the gospel in China speaks for itself and shines brightly in the host of missionaries who have labored in China. The world is poorer for his going and heaven richer because of his being with the Lord. We commend his dear wife, the faithful companion and helper in his labors and his children to the comfort of the Heavenly Father. Many who cherished his friendship and prayed for his work, will prize his memory and will be spurred on to more faithful labors for our Christ.

Who will heed the Master's call for laborers and from our German Baptist ranks enter into the work of the foreign field? Indeed some years have elapsed since young men have entered into foreign missionary work among Asia's teeming millions from our German Baptist churches. We need successors to workers like Dr. Speicher. May some of the choicest respond to the Lord's call: "Here am I, send me!"

Missionary Jacob Speicher Passes On

PROF. LEWIS KAISER, D. D.

THE NEWS that was cabled from Swatow, China, July 16, reporting the death of Rev. Jacob Speicher after a short illness, brought on by an attack of typhoid fever, brings deep sorrow to many hearts and homes in our churches. There have been no further communications as yet.

It is only about 5 months ago that he and Mrs. Speicher bade adieu to the homeland after a brief furlough to return to their distant field of labor. Dr. Speicher was then apparently in excellent health and was enthusiastically looking forward to the new tasks ahead. He had been appointed Associate President of the Theological Seminary at Swatow and was rejoicing over the prospect of devoting the remaining years of his active life to the training of native preachers.

The need of more thoroughly equipped native leaders has become most insistent, since the conduct of Baptist work in China has been turned over so largely to native leadership. Mr. Speicher was eminently fitted for this new task. It is another instance of the mysterious leadings of providence, that our brother was stricken down by a dread and deadly disease so soon after he had entered upon these new duties. We have however implicit confidence in the wise and gracious purposes of our heavenly Father, even though his ways are often past finding out.

Mr. Speicher was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., July 27, 1866. He went as a young man to Philadelphia and 'was there converted and baptized into the

membership of what was then the Third German Church, during the pastorate of the deceased Rev. John Schmitt. He immediately sought to be active in Christian work and soon was deeply stirred with the desire to dedicate his life to the gospel ministry and, if it should please the Lord, to mission work among the heathen. He went to Rochester to get the necessary training and spent 8 years of study there 1887—1895. He had been a student in the German Department of the Seminary for a few years, then for two years in the University of Rochester and finally completed the full course in the English Department of the Seminary, graduating from this institution in 1895.

During all these years he held firmly to his purpose of going to the foreign field. With this desire he applied to the Board of the "American Baptist Foreign Mission Society" at Boston and received an appointment to the field in South China. This year of his graduation 1895 marks the beginning of his eventful career as a missionary of the cross. In May of that year he was ordained at Philadelphia, in September joined in marriage with Miss Anna Kaiser, who has been through all these 35 years not only his loving wife but also his efficient co-worker.

Dr. Speicher gave himself with untiring zeal and devotion to his divinely appointed task. He was active in a variety of ways and filled a number of important positions. During 1895—1913, he was evangelist and pastor of the native church at Kityang; 1913—1918, editorial secretary of the "China Baptist Publication Society" with headquarters at Canton; 1918—1929 pastor of the church at Swatow and director of the "Christian Institute", an affiliate organization, founded by him for educational and philanthropic purposes; in 1929 Associate (foreign) President of the Theological Seminary at Swatow.

He also did a prodigious amount of literary work, editing for a time two small publications, one in Chinese and one in English; translating many books, tracts and pamphlets into Chinese. Among the books translated into Chinese are: W. Rauschenbusch's "Dare we be Christians," "A Theology for the Social Gospel," Torrey's "What the Bible teaches," Tholuck's "Sermon on the Mount." He is also the author of "The Conquest of the Cross in China" (English). He was an indefatigable worker, with a fertile mind, a wide range of interests and of tireless industry. A recognized leader, wise and sane, aggressive and resourceful, of deep spirituality and exemplary in life and character, the death of Dr. Speicher entails a keenly felt loss upon the mission in South China and indeed upon the cause of the kingdom of God.

Bro. Speicher always kept in close touch with our German churches. He was a member of the "Fleischman Memorial" Church of Philadelphia. When home on furlough he preferred to itinerate in our own churches and his messages were always eagerly heard. But he was also held in high regard in English-speaking circles. Dr. Franklin, the foreign Secretary of the "American Baptist Foreign Mission Society," speaks in the highest terms of

Mr. Speicher's personality and of his record as a missionary. At the June Commencement of the University of Rochester the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him in recognition of his "eminent services." But these earthly honors fade into utter insignificance in the presence of the Master, as he welcomes his servant: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Our Christian sympathies go out to the stricken widow who shared the life and work of her husband so lovingly and faithfully through all these long years. After all her loss is the greater. Yet we are sure—knowing her as we do—that she is bravely bearing her burden of grief, while trustfully looking up to him who has never failed her in past trials and afflictions. Bro. Speicher was the father of four children, the eldest of which died a few years ago in early manhood. The other three are in this country, a married daughter Margaret (Mrs. Morris Cochrane), whose home is in Albion, Michigan, and two sons, Joseph and Benjamin. They are all members of Baptist churches and are sure to treasure the memory of their noble father as their greatest heritage.

"Lives of good men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

Baptists in Sweden

WRITING of "Sweden and Baptist Work" Prof. C. H. Lager says in a late issue of the "Western Baptist":

Eighty years have passed since the beginning. The Baptists of Sweden have had an almost phenomenal growth. The regular Baptists have about 70,000 members, nearly 800 churches, one college and two theological seminaries, a highly educated ministry, and about 125 missionaries of their own in foreign lands, Africa, India, China, Russia and elsewhere. A large number of Baptists are members of Parliament. There are also other Baptist organizations, which if counted would more than double the above figures. The Baptist movement in Sweden, beginning at an opportune time, when the seriously minded souls within a cold and dead state church were crying for a genuine revival and reality in religion, also brought into existence the Swedish Methodist Church, Salvation Army and, particularly the "Free Church." The latter is an influential power and counts over 200,000 members, many of whom are baptized. The Baptists in Sweden also started work among the Swedish settlers in the United States, where today the Swedish Baptists are as strong as in the old Fatherland.

Money Talks

AND it says—
Catch me and keep me if you can, but I have wings. Find me and bind me and I mysteriously disappear. Dig and delve, scratch and scrape, grind and grasp in order to get me, and lo, I am a broken bauble and a busting bubble.

Save me and store me for worthy ends—for budget and bonds, for rainy days, for self-improvement and for service of others, and I will be as faithful a servant as you are honest a master.

Hide me and hoard me for selfish ends, to see my glitter and glow, to hear my clink and crackle, to feel my pressure and power, and I will canker and corrode in your hands, I will pauperize your mind, poison your soul, paralyze your will.

Give me and guide me to serve and save others, to meet and match entrenched human need with incarnate human love, to share and to spend my brightest and best, and I will come back and crown you with satisfaction and success.

I am you! You will be what you make me.—
Presbyterian Magazine.

Women of the Bible

MRS. R. E. MARTIN

(Concluded)

The Shunammite Woman

Ask a dozen Bible students, "Who is the one woman the Bible calls great?" and even they would be likely to give a wide variety of answers. To us she is known as the Shunammite woman. She was a domestic, a homemaker, living on the outskirts of a small village. Her husband was a farmer. In her early days of life she had no children and that fact shadowed her life, but she did not complain. She was religious, generous, and she was hospitable. To these last three characteristics she owed the friendship that brought her the happiness which she desired above all else, and won for her the place of honor on the Bible records. She recognized the Prophet Elisha's noble mission. She knew of his long journeys and frequent fatigue. She felt honored to serve him so she planned for his comfort. They made a little chamber on the wall and set there a candlestick, a seat and a bed, so that when the prophet Elisha should come he could turn in thither. It is well worth reading as to what happened afterward. The fulfillment of her long desire for a son, the growth of the son, his illness and his miraculous recovery at the hand of the prophet Elisha.

The Bible does not tell us her name, but of all the women whose biographies it records it speaks of her alone as "great," the Bible's finest title. She was just a small town woman who loved her husband, wanted motherhood, baked good bread and kept a clean guest room. It is a beautiful, wistful story of friendship and its reward.

The Samaritan Woman

The whole community first to hear attentively the message of Jesus was neither Nazareth nor Jerusalem. The place of his youth cast him out and the city where Jesus was received and acknowledged was Sychar, a village in Samaria, close by Jacob's well. This well is still in existence. Upon its curb one day sat Jesus. It is the one spot on earth where we can locate a square yard just where he sat or stood. Jesus again wearied by constant service for

others, in natural and supernatural ways, was sitting at the well to rest, while his disciples had gone into the town to buy food. A Samaritan woman came to draw water. It has been suggested that the woman came at noon rather than at night, as was the custom, that she might avoid the woman gossips who frequented the well at eventide as a social center.

Jesus saw an opportunity for social service. He tactfully prefaced his reform with a request. Doubtless, he was thirsty as well as weary. Here follows the conversation with which most of us are familiar. The Samaritan woman believed the message, the truth which he had never spoken to any one and was not to tell to his disciples until some weeks afterwards. The woman left her waterpot and went into the city and told all the sublime truth of his ministry. Her neighbors, too, believed. First, because of her testimony and then because their own hearts told them that he spoke the truth. Thus was the first community on earth evangelized with the Christian message. Who carried the message? A woman who had not been by any means what society terms a good woman, but who was kind enough to do a kindness to a Jew, in giving him a cup of water, and who received from him in turn and passed it on to others, a drink of the water of life.

Dorcas

Dorcas cannot be listed in with the ten most prominent women of the Bible, but as members of the Ladies Aid we can well afford to give this model of generosity, lovable disposition and uprightness due consideration.

In this twentieth century there is more kinship with Lydia, seller of purple, than with Dorcas, seamstress and housekeeper. Luke calls her a disciple, but we have no further truth on this. She must have been wealthy, for many widows shared her bounty. When it was thought she was dead all the widows stood weeping and showing the coats and garments, Dorcas made while she was with them. The disciples sent immediately for Peter of whom all had heard. It is likely that Peter knew Dorcas by reputation if not personally, for he came at once. He sent out all the mourners, then he knelt in prayer. "Tabitha, arise," were the words that brought life. What was her part in the resurrection? Her past life of clean living; her devout faith and obedience. She was restored to years of service for others. One may believe that she became a friend and helper to Peter and the other apostles in the many ways in which her generous heart and ample resources could serve them.

When I read over this story I wonder if it wasn't her life that inspired some women to organize the first Ladies Aid Societies. "Dorcas societies" were more active in churches in older generations than they are today. Groups of women with willing hands and generous hearts thus commemorated the practical noble woman friend of Joppa.

So the stories go, and so I say again there is nothing more beautiful than the Bible's tribute to woman.



Group at Mound Assembly, Minnesota
Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, July 7-13, 1930

The Minnesota Assembly at Mound

Monday evening, July 7, witnessed the opening of the eighth annual assembly of the Minnesota German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, which was held at Lake Minnetonka. The water was refreshing, and the sun, blazing in all its power, was magnificent and inspiring.

Rev. H. R. Schroeder opened the assembly Monday evening with an address on, "The Heavenly Pattern, or the Ideals of Youth." Before retiring for the night, everybody went down to the lake for a moonlight swim. This was enjoyed immensely, as some of the older young people gave a good demonstration of how to splash water.

We thank our God especially for the presence and work of our two good Young People's Secretaries, namely Rev. A. P. Mihm and Rev. A. A. Schade. These two brethren, with their keen intellect, happy disposition, and many other delightful qualities which we are unable to express, have found a warm spot in the hearts of the Minnesota young people.

We will not attempt to tell you of the contents of their addresses and classes, for that would occupy too much space, but we say with no dissimulation that they were extremely instructive and inspiring. Tuesday evening Rev. Mihm spoke on, "Looking at Leadership." He again preached Sunday morning and used as his subject, "Growing in the Christian Life." On Thursday evening Rev. Schade delivered a message on, "Jesus' Law of Living." At the closing meeting Sunday afternoon he brought a very vivid address, namely, "The Responsibility of Youth for Christian Progress." Each of the above two secretaries taught two classes daily, beginning Tuesday and continuing through Saturday. The topics were as follows:

First Period

Rev. A. A. Schade—Adolescent Psychology.

Rev. A. P. Mihm—"The Bible—What It Is and How to Study It.

Second Period

Rev. A. A. Schade—Church History.

Rev. A. P. Mihm—Christian Ethics.

May God grant that we live up to these true teachings, and that we make our lives to shine as the stars in the heavens!

We do not want to say too much now, but things are already beginning to wind up for other interesting gatherings, and we beg you to keep your eyes on the "Baptist Herald" for further announcements from the State of Minnesota.

RUDOLPH WOYKE, Sec.

Trenton Hi-Lites

This is station T. B. C. broad-casting the news which has accumulated since you have last heard from us.

Rev. F. L. Strobel preached the baccalaureate sermon, however there were only two graduates belonging to our church.

On June 17, the quartet from Rochester entertained in Trenton. The songs, prayers, and short talks were received in an appreciative manner by the full house.

Elmer Ranz, who is preparing for the ministry, preached on June 8 for Rev. Strobel who was visiting in Burlington, Ia., at that time. We are proud of Mr. Ranz and are certain that he will be a successful minister even though he came from a small town.

Mrs. Richee, Mrs. Strobel and Mrs. Willeke directed the Children's Day program on June 15. The name of the program was "Children's Hosannah." It was delightfully different from the regular "speeches" on Children's Day.

Twelve of our Sunday school boys and girls have received diplomas for attending the Daily Vacation Bible School conducted by the Evang. Church during June. Next year our Sunday school intends to aid in the teaching of this school which was so successful this year.

July 4—ask the Sunday school children what golden hours that day holds for them. As usual the Sunday school picnic was held in Ranz's Grove. Almost all our members were present and

we were honored by the presence of a few St. Louis Park Church members.

Beginning on the first Sunday in July our church will join the Evangelical and Methodist churches in union meetings during July and August. Until last year the union meetings were held in the city park. The novelty has worn off and it is found that more is gained from the meetings when they are held in a church building.

Now this station T. B. C., will sign off. Although we are a weak station, you'll have to admit that we do create quite a bit of static or noise every once in a while.

ALICE WILLEKE, Reporter.

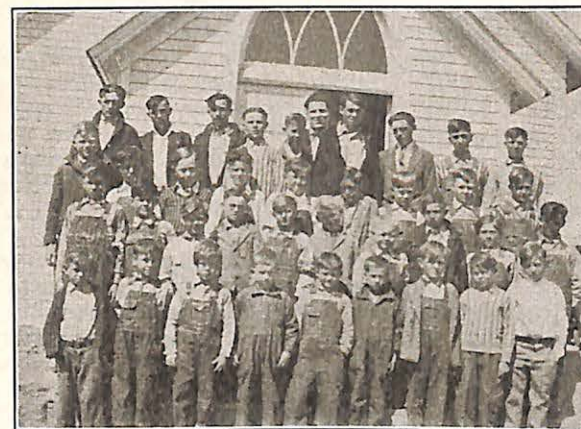
B. Y. P. U. of Greenvine, Texas

On Wednesday night, July 2, the B. Y. P. U. of Greenvine, Texas, celebrated its anniversary. Again another year of work and prayer has ended. But we are very thankful for the opportunity of beginning a new year of work and prayer. We are of good cheer for the promise of our Lord, because he said, I will be with you every day unto the end of the world. We as B. Y. P. U. had planned to have our anniversary on June 15. We were intending to have Rev. L. Gassner of Cottonwood as our speaker and also other visitors with us. But our plans and thoughts are not always God's plans. So he changed our plans and we had our program Wednesday night, July 2. The afternoon was spent on the church lawn. The nice shade trees made it a very cool and comfortable place. Our church Band played several selections and also delicious refreshments were given consisting of cake, sandwiches and coffee, which were enjoyed by all.

Our program at night was attended by a large number, including friends from Brenham and Cedar Hill. The program, well rendered, consisted of one number played by our orchestra, one guitar number, a duet, two double quartets, two male quartets, a choir selection and two dialogues entitled: "The Voice of the Sermon on the Mount" and "The Young People's Society and its Benefit." Reports were given by the secretary and treasurer. Both reports of our activities during the past year showed that we had not been idle. We have had 22 meetings during the past year. These were as follows: 2 programs, 10 prayer meetings, 7 Bible studies and 3 business meetings. Our Juniors class of 13 members is doing excellent work. By the kind help of our pastor, Rev. Mindrup, and his beloved wife we can say that in all these meetings we were greatly blessed. Our earnest prayer is that God may crown our work with his glory and that we may be faithful unto him.

ESTHER BERNSHAUSEN.

Most of us criticize others and excuse ourselves. It would at least have the advantage of novelty if we reversed the process. And some very good results might come of it.



Boys of Station Antelope, N. Dak.



Girls of Station Antelope, N. Dak.

Hebron Daily Vacation Bible School

This institution it not new to our Eastern churches but it is only a newly born babe to Hebron and for the Dakota churches.

When I mentioned D. V. B. S. the people immediately expressed a hearty longing for this institution and pledged their support. As a proof for this statement the large enrollment alone will suffice. We had 97 children enrolled of which you will find 93 on the inserted pictures. Behind the back row of boys you will find Rev. Schweitzer and in the back row of girls on the extreme right you will find Mrs. Schweitzer upon whom the entire burden of teaching this large number of children was resting. It was a hard and often nerve-wrecking work but we feel the good that has been done for these precious young souls is worth all the toil a minister can possibly invest, especially in this part of the country where our young people are suffering spiritually in their homes and Sunday schools.

It was with great opposition that we removed the German A B C from our Sunday schools. It is very saddening to hear from a large school as this that Jesus was born in Jerusalem, Antioch, Nazareth, etc. They have learned more in these few weeks than previously in their life time. The children showed a hunger and longing for the spiritual things in the interest and ambition they manifested.

We had four weeks of school with five hours daily. We covered the following subjects: German reading, singing, Bible study, music and memory work. The children have done remarkably well in every study and as a token of appreciation three handsome prizes were awarded to the three honor students in each station.

The parents also showed their gratitude in material ways and I believe that D. V. B. S. is here to stay. I would recommend this wonderful institution to other ministers and Sunday school teachers as a means to a better end. You will have children and young people who are spiritually better educated, you will

save more souls and you will have a better church in the future.

WM. E. SCHWEITZER.

Kansas B. Y. P. U. and S. S. W. U.

We as a committee appointed by the president to draw up special plans as duties for the promotion committee recommend the following to be adopted by the convention as objectives and duties for the promotion committee.

1. Sunday School Objectives:

A. We recommend the use of the Keystone graded lessons in each Sunday school.

B. A teacher's training class should be conducted in each school.

2. Mission Objectives:

A. That we as a convention have as a definite goal the raising of the sum of \$250 for the coming year.

B. That each local society have some definite plan by means of which its contribution can be made to the general fund.

C. We recommend that this \$250 fund be used in the Cameroon field.

3. Civic Objectives:

We recommend the study of civic problems such as the tobacco evil, prohibition enforcement, world peace, and proper reading material for all ages. Special Sundays may be designated by the promotion committee for the study of each or any of these problems.

4. B. Y. P. U. Objectives:

That the committee co-operate with the "Baptist Herald" booster to secure a greater circulation for the "Herald."

B. We recommend the use of the "Young People's Leader" or the "Senior B. Y. P. U. Quarterly."

5. General Objectives:

A. The promotion committee is to ask the pastor's co-operation in the carrying out of the above objectives.

B. The promotion committee is to act as a clearing house to which any questions or problems may be directed. In case of need this committee shall have the authority to call on our general secretaries or other competent outside help.

Amendment to Clause No. 2 on Missionary Objectives:

Each local society not already having a special missionary goal shall have Cameroon as the objective in raising the money for the Union.

STANLEY F. GEIS,

Member of Promotion Committee.

Oak Park Society Gives Missionary Playlet

"Ordered South," a playlet, was given by the Oak Park, Ill., Baptist Young People's Society on Sunday evening, July 20, in place of the usual sermon. Rev. Theo. Dons, pastor, gave the young people this evening to devote to a missionary program.

The offering taken went toward the fund which the young people are using to support Romanus, one of God's workers in Assam.

After a short address by Rev. Dons, the first of the three scenes was set and the playlet began. The story centered about Frank Jameson, just graduated from the University and who earnestly believed it his work to go to the mission fields in South Africa rather than to follow in the footsteps of his father and be a successful mining engineer. His father, friends, and fiancée tried to dissuade him, but to no avail. Two years passed. Frank's father and friends had come to see as he did aided by his letters from Africa. Jean, his fiancée, decided to go to Africa to help him in his work for the Lord.

The characters and cast were:

Frank Jameson . . . William H. Maxant
Oliver Jameson . . . Edwin A. Maxant
Frank's father
Jean Munro . . . Louise M. Miske
Frank's fiancée

Clarke Harvey . . . Raymond W. Rappuhn
A shrewd, successful mining engineer of middle age, just returned from South Africa

Eleanor Gardiner . . . Gerda M. Albrecht
Philips Lawry . . . Walter R. Brunken
Friends of Frank and Jean

MYRTLE BOYER, Sec.

GINGER ELLA

By ETHEL HUESTON

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(Continuation)

As the church rose to sing the doxology, Ginger crawled out the basement window, and crossed the lawn to the parsonage. If any of them asked her, she could certainly say she had been in, she not at church. The door was unlocked, so she went in, and began to set the table for dinner. And as a centerpiece, she arranged a wide blue bowl with a single, fat, red geranium, and around it she placed ten dollar bills, one, two three, four and five.

"Money," shrieked the mercenary twins, when they saw it.

"A miracle," added Helen. "Fancy the old geranium sprouting bills."

"The miracle," said Ginger with dignity, "is merely that Joplin Westbury—a very spiritual man, father—in his own way—felt that perhaps we might need a little extra money, for odds and ends, perhaps shoes for the twins, and a dress for me, and the grocery bill, and the operation fund,—and so he paid five months' advance on his subscription. Fifty dollars for the parsonage in spot cash, which, if you ask me, is worth a hundred in subscriptions to go to the treasurer."

"But how did it happen—"
"Oh, in a very general way. He ran across me—quite accidentally—and told me to bring it to you. He is going to credit himself on the books."

The twins glowed at her. Patent leather pumps they wanted. Helen smiled at her. The grocery bill was of two months' accumulation. Mr. Tolliver, a little pale, heard Ginger's nonchalant recital. His sensitive lips were tightly compressed.

"I see the hand of the Lord in this, Ellen," he said gently. "Girls, I want you to think of it. Do you not see how a loving Father looks after us in our need? Last month it was the Beauty Pageant. Now it is an unexpected impulse on the part of Joplin Westbury. But always some way is provided to take us to Chicago for the needed treatments. Perhaps this time I shall come back with eyes that see. We need never worry, girls. God is taking care of us. Even the blind must see the hand of the Lord in this."

His smile was of such innocence, his voice broke with such humble gratitude, that the avaricious smile quickly froze upon the four young faces. Anguished eyes flashed like a quick warning from one to another.

"Be glad.—Oh, be glad!—Don't give it away!"

Ginger was the first to speak. "Oh, darling," she gasped, "I think it is perfectly wonderful. You shall go tomorrow."

When she met John Westbury on the

street a few days later, he frowned at her. "I see you are not wearing the new dress. Saving to show off at church, I suppose. And I must say, I thought the least you could do was to patronize my store when you bought it. I suppose you went to that cheap Fair Store to save nine cents."

Ginger laughed joyously, as she tucked a small hand warmly through his arm. "Oh, dear Mr. Westbury," she chuckled, "such a good joke on you. . . . You aren't going to get a bit of trade out of your fifty dollars.—A good joke on me too, in away.—You see, father is going to take the fifty dollars to go to Chicago. His eyes again. He said he saw the hand of the Lord in it." Ginger laughed, with young enjoyment, but not without a certain tenderness for her father's lack of suspicion.

Joplin Westbury still frowned.

"Well, how did you feel about that?"
"Oh, Mr. Westbury, I felt like crying for father, he is such a sweet old lamb. And I felt like hating myself, I am such a vain little beast. And I wish with all my heart that next Sunday was Children's Day all over again. For I would wear my dead dove, and sit on the front pew, and thank God."

CHAPTER VII

And yet, that same afternoon, Ginger, slipping unexpectedly into her father's room, which was both bedroom and study for him, found him sitting dejectedly at his table, his head drooping wearily on his hand. She ran to him with the quick outpouring of sympathy always occasioned by his great helplessness, and swept him into a tender, hot embrace.

"It's Ellen," he said. "That hug is unmistakable."

He smiled at her.
"Oh, father, how can you look so sorry when the hand of the Lord has just shuffled fifty dollars into the pot?"

"It's a good thing I understand you, you awful daughter. A stranger would infer from your line of talk that you are a vulgar little irreverent. But fortunately I know what lies behind that snappy little tongue."

"But that is only scolding me," she said slyly. "It's not answering my question."

He sighed a little. "Well, sit here in my lap. Certainly, I should not reprove you for irreverence, in the face of my own faint-heartedness. As you yourself would say, as soon as I buck up in one direction, I get cold feet in the other."

Ginger laughed, caressing him sympathetically. "Go on."

"Well, this is a secret between us two.—It is the trip to Chicago."

"Why, you have the money," Ginger's amazement was great. The limitations

of earth, to the young, are always monetary.

"But Helen's wedding is next week."
"But, darling, you will be back in plenty of time for that."

"Oh, Ginger, I am a selfish and vain old man. I so much, so very much, want to see Helen at her marriage. You don't understand it, Ginger, but there is something divinely beautiful about a sweet girl on the threshold of marriage. It gives a momentary glory even to a selfish, vain, light-minded one. But about a good girl, like Helen, there is something heavenly.—I did want to see her in that heavenly light."

"But, darling," Ginger's eyes were wet, "go to Chicago. Perhaps you can take off the bandages. Perhaps you will be able to see her."

"Yes," he said slowly. "Perhaps. And perhaps, on the other hand, I shall not."
"But then you would be no worse off than now, at any rate."

"Oh, yes, I would be. On Helen's account. Now she has the hope that I am better, that I shall soon be well. But suppose I come back knowing it is a vain hope. Suppose the blindness is absolute. Suppose Helen would have to go to her marriage with that knowledge in her heart? And Ginger," his voice sank to a whisper, "if she knew that, would she go at all?"

Ginger clung to him. His fears were grounded but too well. Helen would not go.

"What shall we do, dear?" she whispered in the low voice of a wise woman.
"We shall wait," he said firmly, but he sighed a little.

They sat for a while in silence. "Father," she said at last, "don't you think people are awfully wonderful?"

"Well, perhaps. In what way?" He spoke guardedly.

"Well, ordinarily, folks just go along selfishly and scheme for how much they can get out of things, and want their own way about everything. But in a pinch, one always seems to be thinking of some one else."

"Many people hold a vastly different opinion of the world's general goodness."

"Well, I've studied people a whole lot, and under the surface, I don't honestly think they are half bad. Now look how vain Marjory is,—but in the Beauty Pageant she thought only of getting that prize for you, dear. And Helen,—if it came to a clash between Horace and us,—why, can't you see Horace dusting it down the boulevard? And you, darling, wanting to see her, but not willing to risk killing her hope.—Yes, really, father, if you ask me, we—as a world, I mean—are not such a disgrace to the cosmos."

But when she had left him, she went to her studio in the attic and wept a little. She knew one thing, her father had definite fears as to the ultimate outcome of his difficulty. Suppose he should become permanently blind—he was afraid of it—suppose. . . .

Ginger writhed impotently. Sixteen. Sixteen stingy little years to show for

her existence! But, being young, she quickly recovered her confidence. Young, yes, but it was the age of youth. She would do something, something great, something quickly— She removed all traces of her tears, crossed carefully to the trap-door, and descended.

In the living-room she found her three sisters. Helen was mending a frayed cuff for her father as prosaically as though in two weeks she would not be a bride trembling at the altar of her marriage. Miriam was straightening up the desk with an air of great distaste. Marjory was delicately powdering her nose, watching the operation in the mirror of a small metal case.

"Marjory, where did you get that vanity?" Ginger demanded.

Marjory closed it hastily and put it in her pocket. But Ginger insisted.

"Marjory, let me see that vanity. That's brand-new. Where did you get it?"

Marjory, thus driven, produced the article and confessed to an extravagance. She had bought it. It had cost twenty-five cents. She had bought it from Alice Ideman. And at last, thoroughly committed, she explained in detail.

"It's really a very cute idea, Helen," she said volubly, hoping by many words to distract from the money phase of the transaction. "You see, the compact costs a quarter. Alice had to sell four of them, and each one of the four who bought, had to promise to sell four more. Then when Alice sends her dollar to the company, for the four she sold, they send her a solid silver one. Just lovely. This one, of course, is just a cheap old thing. But the powder is quite good."

"Did you promise to sell four?"
"Yes. I had to. And when I sell them, I send my dollar to the company, and they send me a silver one. Isn't it a cute idea?"

"It is like the old chain letter idea—"

"Exactly. Where you had to copy the prayer—"

"Or break the chain—"

"And it goes on—"

"All over the world."
"Why, they'll sell thousands and thousands of them."

"And everybody who buys one, will sell four more—"

"And it all started from one. One, single, solitary, little one."

The girls talked on and on. But Ginger drew herself away from them, sat enraptured in impenetrable thought. She remembered the old chain letters. They had come with some frequency a few years ago—prayers for almost everything,—for the sick, for foreign missions, for prohibition, for fundamentalism, for the second coming of the Lord, for the release of anarchistic prisoners condemned to death—

"And everybody sends it on to so many more, and every one of them sends it to so many more, and they send it—"

Ginger got up suddenly and went out of the room. She walked dizzily. She went up-stairs, got the short ladder from the linen closet, and balanced it against the wall under the trap-door. She noticed

that her hands trembled. But she climbed carefully,—the ladder was old,—pushed up the trap-door, and pulled herself through the opening. From force of habit, for she was not then thinking of trap-doors, she locked it behind her, and made her way carefully over the beams to her sanctuary under the dormer-window. There she sat down heavily, to think. She thought, and thought, and thought, until her bright eyes were so wide, so bright, so blue, that of a sudden they seemed to hurt her, and she shut them hard. Her two small hands were gripped so tightly, with fingers interlaced so closely, that suddenly she knew they were throbbing with pain, half paralyzed, so that she had to work them apart, slowly, a finger at a time. But she did not stop thinking.

"Chain letter—on and on—all over the world—thousands and thousands—and nobody dares to stop because nobody would dare to break the chain—for the blind—a home for the blind—on and on and on."

Suddenly Ginger burst into low nervous laughter, and laughed and cried and twisted her little hands, and rocked back and forth on the stool in ecstasy.

"Oh, oh, how heavenly, how perfectly heavenly! I never could have thought of such a brilliant thing. Oh, as father says. I see the hand of the Lord in this!"

She pulled the stool to the low table which she used as a desk, and seated herself with a professional briskness indicative of the oneness of purpose which prompted her. Selecting three pencils from a large number in the drawer, she sharpened them briskly. Then she drew her pad of paper toward her, and opened it. Upon the first page were these lines:

*"O, come to the shore where the seashells sing,
Where the great waves rock and the seagulls wing."*

This was blackly scratched out.

*"O, come to the plains where the winds blow free,
Where the—"*

This also was scratched out.

*"Where the stately mountains kiss the blue,
Where—"*

Scratched out.—It was natural, no doubt, that Ginger Ella, in the great, green, hilly farmland of Iowa should write of oceans, plains and mountains.

On the second page was a formal title.

THE DEVIL DECIDES
A Novel in Three Parts
BY ELLEN TOLLIVER
CHAPTER I

Beneath this a closely written paragraph was heavily blackened beyond deciphering. Ginger barely glanced at it. Page after page she turned, impatiently, and at last, half-way through the tablet, she came upon a free sheet. This she studied intently, chewing her pencil. She wrote a hasty line, and quickly scratched it out. Again she wrote, again she frowned

ingly discarded it. Several times she repeated this painful process, but at last, as so often happens, persistent effort brought inspiration, and she wrote fluently, without a pause for thought.

Our parsonage home for the blind is sadly in need of funds to carry on its noble work. Will you not contribute Ten Cents to this very worthy cause? And complete the chain of good vibrations by sending copies of this letter to three of your friends in whom you have confidence? In this way, this valuable institution will enlarge its circle of friends and will be enabled to continue its care of the unfortunate and needy blind.

We depend on you.
Do not break the chain.

E. Tolliver, Treasurer.
Red Thrush, Iowa.

Ginger was greatly pleased with the formal tone of this letter. She knew very well that if she received such an appeal, she would contribute gladly—if she had the money. She read it over and over, adding a word, omitting a word, substituting a word, until the final version seemed impossible of improvement.

The question to whom the letter should be sent was subjected to deep thought. Indeed, it was more than thought, so deep it was. For Ginger, closing both eyes tightly, and pursing her lips, willed all active thought from her mind in order to pave the way for an inspiration from the Divine. Ginger, it must be admitted, believed in hunches. But while she thus wooed intuitive guidance, she weighed the matter from its logical aspects also.

Men, she knew, were more susceptible than women to personal appeal—particularly when the personal appeals came from not unattractive girls. But women were more superstitious and would be more reluctant to bring upon themselves the implied curse that would result from a breaking of the chain. Women, then.

As for location, she was not particular, except that it would be best to start at some distance from Red Thrush. Methodist interests are closely allied in neighboring towns, and she realized the importance of protecting the family name. Now Ginger herself was deeply enamored of the chain letter idea, to her it smacked absolutely of the hand of Providence. But one could never know just how fathers and older sisters would react to things, hence she realized it would be the part of discretion to avoid questions whose answers could not be evaded. Ginger's unfailing resource in an emergency was the daily press. She got the last issue of the "Burlington Hawkeye," and studied its columns. Now, theoretically, a chain should start from a single link, but she was not willing to trust the foundation of her fortunes to one small dime which might not be forthcoming. One woman selected from the "Hawkeye" might have died in the interim of publication and the present; she might have removed to another address; she might be blind herself and thus not be able to read the touching appeal of the

parsonage home; she might not have ten cents.

So Ginger decided upon three as a fair start. "Three links are better than one," she said thoughtfully. "And if it starts three chains, so much the better."

Whenever she came to the name of a woman mentioned prominently, she put her finger on the place, closed her eyes, and tried to get a vibration about it. Finally the three letters were written, enclosed in envelopes, addressed, and Ginger took them at once to the corner mail box, and put them in.

"Ah," she breathed ecstatically, as she turned back toward the parsonage. Her heart was as light as the wings of a butterfly, it seemed to carry her home. Already the old house looked a new place to her, a rosy place, bright with flowers, fresh paint, new furniture.—Thousands upon thousands.—Helen herself had said it.—Thousands upon thousands—

"Oh, I wish I had asked for quarters," she thought. "Such a very good cause,—nobody could begrudge it."

Arrived home, she did an unusual thing. She went to the up-stairs telephone, and, softly, called Eddy Jackson. "Hello, is that you, Eddy? This is Ginger. I just called up."

"What did you want?" Eddy was frankly curious. Ginger Ella never called up unless she wanted something.

"Nothing. Not a thing. I just called up. I feel awfully good. Isn't it a lovely day?"

"Ginger, what's the matter with you?"

"Nothing."

"Are you sick?"

"No, I feel wonderful. Oh, Eddy, don't you feel—just wonderful."

"Do you want to go for a ride?"

"Oh, Eddy. I'd adore it. Just me. Very fast, will you? Oh, very fast, or I shall run away from you! But I won't tell you what I did, so you needn't ask me."

Ginger's rapture was beautiful. She glowed with it. She shone with it. Her heart wept with joy over it. She, Ginger Ella, youngest, ridiculous, baby daughter, would take care of all of them. They would not need Helen, let her marry her mathematical pretender. The twins could go to normal, or to real college if they liked, or to a fashionable finishing school. And father, poor darling, should go to the hospital and stay for months with pretty nurses to wait on him, and he should go to the mountains for air, and to the seashore, and eat fried chicken three times a day.—She, Ginger, would do those things.—Thousands upon thousands—

Eddy Jackson had been in the midst of a very interesting experiment in his laboratory when Ginger called but with one last reluctant look at the microscope he went to the house to dress, in prompt obedience to the unaccustomed summons. He wasted no time. In just thirty minutes he was sounding his siren before the parsonage. Ginger, still wrapped in her radiant aura, ran down the flagstone path and leaped in.

"Quick, quick," she urged. "Hurry!

If the other girls see us, they will want to go too."

"And you don't want them?"

"I don't want anybody. I just want to think. Drive fast."

Eddy turned the machine quickly toward the country, and selected a shady lane.

"You're a queer kid," he said. "I'll bet you want to ask my advice about something."

"I'll bet I don't. Besides, it is too late now, for it is done. I did it myself, and asked nobody's advice at all. So I'll get all the credit."

"All the punishment, more likely. You're up to something."

"Yes,—yes, I am. Oh, Eddy! Something—wonderful."

She lapsed then into a smiling, misty-eyed reflectiveness. Her eyes seemed to swim in a dusky mist. The curve of her smiling lips was tremulous. Eddy Jackson studied her intently in the mirror over his steering wheel.

(To be continued)

Will Some Father Answer Tommy's Question?

"Daddy," said Tommy to his father, as he stood by his side in their new garage admiring their new car, "is this the best motor car in the world?"

"I wouldn't say that," said his father. "There are cars that cost more; but still, for it's price, there isn't anything to beat it. And it cost a lot of money."

"Is that why you've got such a nice house for it?" asked Tommy.

"Of course," said his father. "A machine built like that, my son, must be considered an investment, and a good business man always takes care of his investments."

"And that's why you watch it so much, and keep a man to look after it?" proceeded Tommy.

"Certainly," was the reply. "A careful man is bound to look well after his investments, and see that they are always in good order. That's only common sense, my boy. You surely understand that much."

"Yes, daddy, I do," said Tommy, and then, after a few moments of quiet, given to thought, he raised his voice again.

"Daddy," he said, a little whistfully, "you don't think me much of an investment, do you?"—Methodist Recorder.

Identification

"Have you seen that gorgeous formal in O, you know who's window? It's a sort of a funny color. Almost purple but with a little pink in it and a bluish cast. You wouldn't exactly call it mauve. It has little jiggers all around the skirt that loop up with a little silver whickie on one side and has a long flowy thing on the shoulder with little whatnots on the end and a sort of pinky, yellow dohicky at the waist."

"O, you mean the one with the green what-you-may-call-'ems on it?"

"Yeah, that's it!"—Wisconsin Octopus.

45th Annual Report of Randolph, Minn., B. Y. P. U.

Another year, June 1929-30, has passed by as if on wings, and again we raise our hearts in gratitude to the giver of all good. How swiftly that year has passed, and we look back upon it as a year of blessed fellowship with the Heavenly Father.

We feel especially grateful to our pastor and his wife who have never failed to give us help, encouragement and guidance in anything we have attempted.

We have been able to have all of our meetings, which fall usually upon the first Sunday of each month. These meetings have never failed to give us inspiration and benefit. They have included many phases of work from home talent to speakers from foreign fields. Some meetings stand out in our memory with a special meaning, particularly those which we had on "Mother's Day" and another when the society gave a missionary play entitled "The Challenge of the Cross."

We have again, as in previous years, contributed to the upkeep of a native-born missionary and also for many local purposes.

Under the able supervision of Mrs. Wedel we have attempted to sponsor a junior organization, which met each Sunday afternoon. We feel that the Juniors are in the hands of one especially fitted to guide them and help them become better endeavorers in the coming years.

And now that we face again a new year it is the sincere wish of our society that with the help of our Heavenly Father we may do far more for his blessed kingdom in the future than in the past.

Officers for the past year were, Mrs. Arthur Miller, president; Alvin Engler, vice-president; Paul Miller, treasurer, and secretary, FLORETTA E. LEGLER.

Smiles

Examinations! Sagging shoulders and desolate air, shining noses (too tired to care); hair all bessey—perfect sights! Eyes all hollow, no sleep at nights. Lips that droop and just can't grin; cross and crabby, don't care a pin. Feet that drag and shuffle along; no pep for a thing, everything's wrong. Coughs and sniffles and sneezes all day; traces of colds that won't go away. Crying and fretting and lots of whines. But it's not us, it's just the times — Examinations! — Pacific Weekly.

Our current expenses and building funds put our churches on our own street corners, but benevolence budgets put our churches on the world map.—A. W. Beaven.

Persistence is a great characteristic of leadership. Do not quit just because the band is not playing all the time.

Stay with the task—It takes a lot of kindling to start a fire with green wood.



Group at B. Y. P. U. Assembly at Wishek, N. Dak., June 24-29, 1930

B. Y. P. U. Assembly at Wishek, N. Dak., June 24-29

Do we look happy? Well, we are just as happy as we can be! Why? We've had the first real B. Y. P. U. Institute in the Central Dakotas. The blessings we have enjoyed during this time no one but those who attended can know. We met new friends, learned new truths, and received such a wonderful blessing that we are all happy.

We met the first time for re-organization at Wishek, N. Dak. Five of our societies were represented—Ashley, N. Dak., Bismarck, N. Dak., Lehr, N. Dak., Venturia, N. Dak., and Wishek, N. Dak. Those societies who were not there know now that they want to be with us again next year. We began our meetings Tuesday night, June 24th, with an address by Rev. A. A. Schade, of Pittsburgh, Pa. Our morning sessions were opened by devotions led by Ernest W. Herr, Arthur Koth, Rev. Benning, and Edna Stading. After devotions we scattered to our respective classes. Rev. Schade conducted two distinctive courses at our assembly, one on "Our Young People's Work," the other on "Improving Our Sunday School Work." Both courses were well attended and exceedingly interesting—an inspiration to all who attended.

In the course on Young People's Work we were shown the dangers of making the young people's meeting simply a "little church service." The purpose of the B. Y. P. U. is essentially to train, since training is the birthright of the B. Y. P. U. In the interesting manner characteristic of Rev. Schade, we were given the field of training and shown how proper training could be brought about by the right kind of organization and correct methods of preparing and presenting programs.

In his second course Rev. Schade outlined for us three possibilities for improvement in our Sunday schools:

1. In the organization, division, and grading of pupils.

2. In the methods of teaching.

3. In the selection of lesson material. He then proceeded to discuss each in detail and suggested the proper methods to be followed in each case.

As young people—the future leaders of the church, we should put forth every effort to put these suggestions into practice so that other young people may receive an even better religious foundation than we were able to receive.

Rev. F. E. Stockton, Baptist Missionary Supt. of the Dakotas, gave the "Life Sketch and Characterization of Paul." After his course I'm sure all who were in this class felt they had acquired a new and human-like friend in Paul. We have so many things in common. We felt Paul was an older brother passing on to us advice we did not resent taking. All of us wanted to build our lives along the same pattern he did. Paul was a friend, had many friends from mere acquaintances to special friends. Under Dr. Stockton's guidance we spent many profitable and enjoyable hours.

Wednesday night a program made up of selections from each represented society was given. In talent we are not lacking—we have only kept it hidden too long. Readings, solos, duets, choruses—each was well given and enjoyed so much. This is the evening that each society has a chance to make itself feel host. Next years program will be twice as good, because every society in the district will be represented.

Thursday afternoon we held our business meeting. Mr. Chester Bueening of Ashley, N. Dak., was elected president. We feel sure that under his leadership for this next year our next assembly will be bigger and better. Rev. C. M. Knapp, of Wishek, N. Dak., was elected vice-president and Senior Advisor. Esther W. Knapp of Wishek, N. Dak., secretary and Ruby Bueening of Ashley, treasurer. From our previous organization, which had ceased to exist, we carried over almost one hundred dollars. A represent-

ative from each society represented, with the assembly officers were chosen to act as an Executive and Promotion Committee. Members other than the officers are: Alma Meidinger, Ashley; Kathryn Barbe, Bismarck; Clara Kessler, Lehr; Arthur Hagel, Venturia; Ernest Herr, Wishek; each one of the committee is going back to his home to tell others of the wonderful time we had, and most of all to help us grow as an assembly in size, spirit, and co-operation.

Friday afternoon we had our picnic at Red Lake. We left for the lake at almost 2 o'clock. Water was great and many enjoyed a swim. Even the Dakotas can boast of their places to swim. The launch was hired for the afternoon and all who wanted could ride. Games? All kinds—those that made you think and those that made you run. If you want a good time come with us the next time we play "Streets and Alleys" with Rev. Schade. (It may be next year, plan to come.) After all this sport we had a lovely lunch served by the Wishek B. Y. P. U. We're not saying how much we did eat, but we enjoyed it. As a surprise the Rochester Male Quartette came out. They sang for us and we enjoyed having them with us. Some of the boys we knew before and we welcomed them so much the more. After the last songs had drifted away, we left for home.

Saturday afternoon we closed our business session with big plans, hopes, and ambitions for the next year. Dr. Stockton left us with words that came from his heart into ours. They remain there for us to ponder over many times.

Sunday morning Rev. Schade gave us his final message. That we may do those things which we were told to do is our wish. Sunday night the Rochester Quartette was with us, and again we were happy to be with them. After it was all over and good-byes were being said each one wished more had been there to enjoy God's blessing and the joys we all had experienced during these days.

SECRETARY.



United Church Choir, Streeter, N. Dak.

Streeter Baptist Church Choir

The united choir, whose picture you find in this issue, brings to all young people and readers of the "Baptist Herald" greetings. During the days of the "Zentral-Vereinigung," held in Streeter from June 4-8, it was our great privilege to glorify the Lord and to edify the Vereinigung with our songs. The rehearsals for this occasion were oftentimes tiresome and trying, both to the members of the choir and to our director, Rev. B. W. Krentz, but as 72 voices followed the baton from the plaintive, pleading pianissimo of "Hear us, O Father," to the strains of the most jubilant *accelerando fortissimo* in "All hail to Thee, Immanuel," we could feel the Spirit of the Lord move among the members of the choir and the nearly 3000 people in and around the spacious Vereinigungs-tent. This was our highest reward for whatever effort was put into the rehearsals.

Mr. A. D. Lebedoff is responsible for the glazed name plate, and the two young men directly behind it in the front row are Rev. B. W. Krentz, director, at the left, and Irwin Ruff, pianist, at the right.

May the Lord continue to bless the choir of our church and our pastor, as well as those who labor in his name so that some day "When the roll is called up yonder" there shall be a united choir of all the redeemed join in singing "All Hail to Thee, Immanuel."

MRS. B. W. KRENTZ.

Item from Indianapolis

A "Musical Program," sponsored by the young people of Bethel Church, was given Wednesday, July 1.

It consisted of a short dialogue, piano duet by Martha Schaefer and Ruth Schaefer, vocal duet by Martha Schaefer and Mrs. Alfred Mock, piano number by Irene Postal, vocal solo by Mrs. Wm. Pohlkotte. A poem was read by Ruth Schaefer and Rev. Bredy rendered a very interesting talk.

Refreshments were served to all the guests.

The girls of the "Lookout Club" are giving a Lawn Social in August and are looking forward to a very large crowd.

Surprise on a Worthy Pastor

"Say it with flowers!" What? Birthdays! Any one of any particular importance or prominence? Yes, it was so at this time! Who? Our beloved pastor, Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke. And therefore this report to give you a few details.

This birthday which we consider important, occurred when he still was on the homeward trail from the Pacific Conference which took place at Los Angeles, Cal. But nevertheless a committee planned a pleasant surprise for him on his return in which they succeeded. We as a church are pleased to look forward and pleased to look behind and count each birthday of our pastor with a grateful mind, and we sincerely hope many more of his birthdays may befall us. We all echoed with the same voice, "Heaven give you many, many more merry and joyful birthdays!"

Mr. G. Reutter had charge of the program. The different organizations of the church took part in song, music and word, and what a happy look of contentment and thankfulness was on our pastor's face as he sat listening attentively. Mr. Daniel Freitag congratulated him most heartily in behalf of the church and presented him with a check to show him in a meager way our love, esteem and appreciation of his many kindnesses, his willingness to serve at all times, and his faithfulness on all occasions.

One of the Juniors presented him with a beautiful basket of roses. Undoubtedly the majority of our friends know that Portland is known as the "City of Roses." Nowhere in the world are there more beautiful roses grown, and now they still are in their prime beauty.

We, the Second Church, are trying to form a habit of thankfulness and especially so for our pastor who helps us, with God's help, to provide an armor against all the little frets of life, as well as against the more serious trials of mankind. A very high place should be accorded to gratitude. If gratitude is not a habit, we find we will easily slip into a path of grumbling, fretfulness and anxiety.

Rev. Wuttke expressed his deep appreciation of all small tokens of love shown him. After that the "Willing Workers"

class served ice cream and cake. And thus ended another happy evening. Knowing that "all things work together for good to them that love God," we trustingly shall endeavor to make this world a bit brighter for one another, and only with God's assured help can we do it!

LYDIA C. MOSER.

Chicago Sunday School Rally

Sunday afternoon May 25 was a great day for the Sunday schools of Chicago and vicinity. It was their 6th annual rally at the First Church and every one came determined to make it the best yet.

After the devotional introduction, Rev. J. A. Pankratz extended a cordial welcome to all present.

The musical numbers were supplied by the First Church orchestra and Mr. Arthur Pankratz gave an organ solo in which he played the chimes which the choir had presented to the church and dedicated to their former organist deceased Otto Albert.

We were very fortunate to obtain Rev. Herschel Griffen of Rogers Park as our speaker for the afternoon. His talk on "Pioneering for Jesus" was helpful and inspiring.

Roll was called showing 9 schools present with an attendance of 535, a percentage of 52. Each school responded with a song or Bible verse. The Second and Morton Park schools were original with their songs.

Our president, Mr. H. Siemund, then presented Morton Park with the flag for having the highest percentage of scholars present, Englewood the flag-stand and Bellwood the tassel as each of these schools have a flag.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Pankratz and all went on their homeward way rejoicing, with a song in their hearts for the blessings received.

OLGA M. JUSTIN.

Terse Sayings

"Be faithful and you will be remembered long after you are gone."

"A blade of grass grows upward. Do you?"

"Shouts don't count, but hard thinking does."

"You must put your whole self into your job to make it count."

"You can't stand still. If you don't go forward, you slip back."

"Remember that every time you walk down a street you can preach a sermon."

"The dark spot in our sunshine is the shadow of ourselves."

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Show your faith by your works, but do not make a show of your good deeds.

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A selfish man may escape the penitentiary; but he imprisons his better nature.

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Plant the flag of the Kingdom of heaven in the unclaimed areas of your personality.

The Brotherhood

He was a heavy-browed, firm-looking man,
And when he came to till the farm
Beside my father's,
We children were half scared of him.
We could not tell just why,
But in the manner children will affect,
We were afraid,—
Because.

But when the winter softened to the spring,
And spring had mellowed to the joyous June,
And haying-time had come,
This man, in mowing his green, waving fields,
Left splotches of the grass uncut,
Here, there, about the meadows,
Wherever his keen, sympathetic eyes
Could find the nest of bobolink or lark.

And since that time we have been fond of him,
And he of us; for they that love the birds
And little peoples of the field,
Will treat with kindness their brother man.

—Nixon Waterman,
in "Our Dumb Animals."

The Northern Conference

The 1930 Northern Conference held its annual session with the Southey church of Saskatchewan from July 9-13. The spirit of unity, of fellowship and love which prevailed, a program of high spiritual caliber made the conference one of the best.

The presence of our General Missionary Secretary, Dr. Kuhn, and our General Evangelist, Bro. Baum, during the entire conference period was greatly appreciated. The conference expressed its regret over the absence of a number of its preachers by passing an unanimous resolution that all the churches of the conference should be informed that it is not only their privilege but duty to see to it that their pastors be sent to the conference-sessions.

Rev. H. Schatz brought the opening message, speaking on "The Christian's Sign of Recognition" based on John 13:35. In the three morning half-hour devotion periods the brethren Baum, Kepl and Jacksteit brought the thought "How can we bear fruit, more fruit, much fruit?" before the conference. The general topic of the conference program, "Prayer in the Life of the Children of God," was ably presented. The brethren H. P. Kayser, J. Luebeck, F. A. Bloedow and Dr. Kuhn rendering fine discourses on the subject. The evening meetings in which Dr. Kuhn, Rev. Baum, Rev. Adler, Rev. E. Fenske and Rev. A. Ittermann addressed the audience were all of a very inspiring nature.

"In the last day, that great day of the feast" (Sunday), Dr. Kuhn preached the missionary sermon in the Southey church while Bro. Potzner did likewise at an

overflow meeting in the Town-Hall. In the afternoon Bro. Kraemer rendered a splendid exposition on "The Second Coming of Our Lord." The overflow meeting in the afternoon was addressed in the English language by the Reporter. The missionary offering for the day amounted to somewhat over \$900—in cash and subscriptions.

The elected officers are: Aug. Kraemer, chairman, and J. Luebeck, vice-chairman, C. B. Thole and Ph. Potzner, secretaries, and A. Ittermann, president of the Young People's Alliance. H. Streuber was again elected treasurer by acclamation. No change was made in the missionary committee.

The statistics showed that the conference now consists of 46 churches with a total membership of over 4000. 279 baptisms were reported. The exact number could not be established because a number of churches had failed to send in any report. There are at present 25 active ministers in the conference. Several churches are vacant and new missionary fields could easily be opened if the financial condition of our general missionary treasury would permit. Owing to the somewhat meager crop of last year and the general depression not so much money as in some other years was raised for our General Missionary and Benevolent Offering. The reports showed \$51,574.44 were raised for local purposes and \$9,674.81 for the general work (it must be remembered that certain reports were missing).

Edmonton invited the conference to hold its next session in their midst. The invitation was accepted with thanks. May God continue to bless his work in the Northern Conference and make every member a hard-working member for the kingdom of our Lord, so that still greater victories might be reported next year in Edmonton!

E. P. WAHL.

It Pleased Sioux Falls College to Honor

While in Madison, S. Dak., attending the State Young People's Convention in early July, I was privileged to spend a few days in the hospitable home of our brother and sister J. F. Olthoff. In "browsing" about in another man's study and home I spied an imposing Latin parchment which had been kept carefully concealed in cardboard carton. While I am not much at reading Latin, yet I managed to decipher the contents of the parchment, which is a secret altogether too good to keep, and which I long to share with the readers of the "Baptist Herald."

Here it is; read and rejoice over it, for it is a rose planted by the wayside rather than upon the grave of a man who has distinguished himself as a true Christian shepherd, a kind, Christian brother, and a devoted Christian friend. Our Baptist College at Sioux Falls at the June Commencement formally expressed and authorized what is recognized and felt in wide circles, that Brother J. F. Olthoff,

should, by virtue of the distinguished service which he has rendered the cause of Christ, especially in his home State of South Dakota, be now and henceforth addressed as "Doctor Olthoff," not only by the merchant who would sell him a suit of clothes, or an insurance policy, but by his fellow pastors and parishioners as well. It therefore conferred upon him the honorary degree of "Doctor of Divinity."

May I presume on behalf of his many friends to express to him our hearty congratulations? It is an honor which is well placed. Sioux Falls College is also doing itself credit in placing this honor upon one who can bear it so worthily. The Baptists of the Northwest rejoice in this attention which their college is giving to the achievement of their pastors.

ARTHUR A. SCHADE.

Faithful Service Worthily Recognized

Temple Church, Pittsburgh. At the morning service on July 6 Dr. A. V. Riggs made a very happy presentation speech. He called on the brethren Peter Kase, Walter Brubach, and Herman Rubel to come forward, giving the impression that they were to be censured. They soon discovered that it was to be a recognition service. Bro. Peter Kase had held the office of financial secretary 21 years and was presented with a fine German Bible (Menge' Translation). Bro. Brubach had served as treasurer 16 years and Bro. Rubel had been assistant financial secretary 14 years. These received a Morocco Bible in Moffat's translation. All had done faithful work without remuneration. These brethren would not stand for reelection, desiring that others should have the opportunity and responsibility of office. The church felt that some expression of appreciation of their service should be given and chose a committee to arrange for such an event. We were all happy "to give honor to whom honor is due."

O. E. KRUEGER.

Baptisms at Burstall, Sask.

It is with great joy that we can report of having a baptismal service, once again after eight years. On Sunday, July 13, our pastor, Rev. A. Bandzmer, baptized 5 adults. In the morning the Sunday school was opened by our supt., John Schmidt. Rev. Bandzmer spoke to the Sunday school, also three brethren from neighboring churches spoke to the school. After the Sunday school, Rev. Bandzmer preached the baptismal sermon in the Gnadefeld church. At 2.30 we all gathered by the Saskatchewan river. We all had a great blessing from our dear Lord, to know that there are still souls being saved, and that they are willing to follow the Lord in baptism.

A week ago we received 3 members by letter in our church. The dear people came from Germany some time ago. There are others who will join our church in the near future. JOHN SCHMIDT.

Necessary Things

A man must study and learn to know
How to build a school and make it go;
And a man must yearn, and a man must
pray
For a bigger school and a better day.

And these things are good, and they must
be done;
But there's something else ere the race
is won,
A man must labor and never shirk,
For to knowledge and prayer must be
added—Work!

Vacation Bible School at Ebenezer, Detroit

Again this year Ebenezer at Detroit, The Friendly Church, sponsored a Daily Vacation Bible School from July 6th to 31st, inclusive.

The school this year was under the direction and leadership of Rev. Herbert Gezork, newly elected secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union of Germany, and who for the past few years has been completing his studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky.

Rev. Gezork, a capable leader of youth, was assisted by four teachers covering various departments and age groups. With an initial enrollment of 75, the attendance, consisting of American, English, Negro, Italian, Polish, German, and Roumanian, with possibly the Negro and Italian representation the largest, increased to a peak of 133 present. The daily average attendance was 115.

The program followed included singing, devotional period, Bible stories, and memorizing. Recess was followed by handwork, flag salutes, and educational movies twice weekly.

A most interesting Demonstration Program was put on at the close of the school on the evening of July 31st. A surprising amount of knowledge had been absorbed by the pupils in so short a time and the exhibition of their learnings, including a three-scene pageant of the Life of David, would have been a credit to any group much older in years and accustomed to Christian environment. The congregation and the pastor, Rev. John Leyboldt, who whole-heartedly gave their support to the school showed their interest by a large attendance at the closing exercises which were followed by a social time and refreshments.

In the experience of the Ebenezer Church, whose vacation schools have been among the largest in the city of Detroit, it was found that the essentials for a good summer school are: energetic and capable leadership, sincere teachers, with less stress laid on handwork and more on Bible knowledge which really should be the purpose of any vacation Bible school, sufficiently well planned publicity including a neighborhood canvas, and support and interest of the members.

Ebenezer rejoices that in this cosmopolitan city and neighborhood it can be

of service to the community, appreciation for which has been expressed by adults not affiliated with the church and whose children have benefited by the school and a percentage of whom have been drawn to Sunday school attendance through the influence of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

Rev. Gezork, of winning personality, beloved and held in high esteem wherever his contact has been felt, besides supplying the pulpit of the Burns Avenue Church the early part of this summer and conducting a course on "Modern Social Problems and the Church" at the Linwood Park Assembly the week of August 4th to 10th, has also supplied the pulpit of the Ebenezer Church each Sunday in August during the vacation of the pastor.

N. J. B.

Children's Home, St. Joseph, Mich.

The annual meeting of the trustees during June was one of the largest in years. A report of progress for the past year was received with unusual enthusiasm and satisfaction.

The new additions to our building and equipment have added materially to the comfort and practicability of the home. We have an institution for our dependent youngsters for which we can thank God. We can be proud of it. It has been made what it is because of the faithful interest which our membership has manifested during the years of its being.

The recent additions to our building were made possible through popular subscription. A large part of the cost has already been assured. The unpaid balance must come from additional subscriptions. We are depending upon our young people's societies and Sunday schools to aid in making us debt-free by next June. A contribution large or small from an individual or a group for this purpose, will be gratefully received. Designate your gift for Building Fund.

The children, about 50 of them, are happy. Father and Mother Steiger are highly esteemed and loved by all. These few lines express to our loyal denomination the thank you of the boys and girls who have their beautiful home made possible because of your love and interest in them.

WALTER GROSSER, Recording Sec.

Colfax, Wash., Young People Help Renovate Church

Hear ye! Hear ye! Colfax is not dead yet even though not much is heard from us. Yes, we have had difficulties to overcome, but likewise and much greater have been the blessings experienced.

During the past year, with the help of God, we were able to burn the last note of debt against us. Truly, God does not withhold his blessing from us if we do, what we do, gladly.

Recently a group of the young folks gathered enough funds to re-decorate the

interior of the church. It, no doubt, meant a real sacrifice for many but it's the gift that we give, that hurts a little, that can be truly called a sacrifice.

About the middle of July we had the privilege of entertaining guests from the different churches in Eastern Washington at a pre-convention; the regular B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Workers' Convention following in September. This was the first of its kind to be tried here. So much good was derived that it no doubt will be an established occurrence from year to year.

We have a short devotional service each Sunday preceding the regular evening service; different members taking part in leading the meetings. The first Sunday evening of each month is turned over to us. Various things take place at these occasions, such as: Question Box evening, character sketches, verse contests, musical evenings, etc.

Although our work often seems in vain it encourages us to find that God appreciates every effort made, no matter how small it may seem.

It is our aim to continue in his work, growing in wisdom and grace doing what we do to glorify him whom we pattern after.

REPORTER.

Union Baptismal Service in North Dakota

For July 20th the Hebron church and pastor were invited to Beulah to a joint baptismal service. At first it seemed an unusual pleasure to know that 24 souls were ready to follow Christ in this holy ordinance but our joy became even greater when the number of candidates grew to 34,—10 from Hebron and 24 from Beulah. We had a joint massmeeting in the morning at which Rev. Wm. Schweitzer preached on the theme: "The new man," Eph. 4:22. During the noon hour 24 of the candidates were examined and to our sorrow one of them was not accepted. At three o'clock, we gathered at the "Knife River" near Beulah. Rev. Daniel Klein presided. Rev. Schweitzer again preached to several hundred people on the theme: "The threefold Unity," Eph. 4:5.

After the rendering of two numbers by the Hebron Male Quartette baptism was begun. The 34 candidates were baptized alternately by the respective ministers. The candidates ranged from the age of 10 to middle-age and from children to married fathers and mothers. After this sacred and beautiful act we gathered for the Lords supper where the hand of fellowship was extended and a charge to a Christian and godly life was given.

Some of these candidates were baptized under great opposition by their relatives of other faiths. May God richly bless all the candidates and sustain them in a Christ devoted life, which means to fight a good fight, to finish the course and to keep faith in the one Lord.

WM. E. SCHWEITZER.

Wisconsin's Baptist Youth Meet at North Freedom

The Young People's Assembly of the German Baptist churches of Wisconsin met in annual session at North Freedom, July 15-18. Everyone helped to make the meetings successful and profitable. The local society and church led by their pastor, Rev. H. Hirsch, planned for every comfort of the delegates. The sessions brought many spiritual blessings.

We had the privilege and pleasure of having Rev. A. A. Schade with us. Surely he brought us, in message, much for thought and meditation. Ten of the fourteen Y. P. societies of our state responded to Roll Call at the opening session on Tuesday night. Rev. Schade gave the address of the evening on "The Responsibility of Youth." On Wednesday evening, Rev. Paul Zoschke of Racine spoke on "Great Spiritual Values of Everyday Life." Thursday night was program night for which each society present provided one or more numbers.

The morning devotional meetings were led by Rev. J. F. Meyer of Pound and Mr. Emanuel Wolfe who spoke on the topic "Loyalty to God," "Loyalty to the Church," "Making the Most of Life."

During the forenoon sessions character sketches of the three Gospel writers and their Gospels were given by Rev. F. Erion, Rev. A. Rohde, Rev. L. B. Holzer speaking on Matthew, Mark and John respectively.

Rev. A. A. Schade spoke on each of the following topics in each of the morning sessions, "Ideals to be Attained in our Sunday Schools," "Ideals to be Attained in our Y. P. Societies" and "Preparation and Presentation of Y. P. Programs."

We regret to report that Mr. A. Tieman who was to speak on "Art in Nature and Religion" was absent due to illness. We wish him a speedy recovery. Rev. H. Hirsch and Rev. Paul Zoschke substituted for Mr. Tieman by giving us very interesting sketches of two missionaries, Alfred Saker and Lottie Moon. On Friday Rev. Palfenier gave a very helpful talk on "The Menace of the Movies."

Surely our recreational trips must not be overlooked. On Wednesday afternoon we drove to Devils Lake where we enjoyed a climb over the bluffs, under the leadership of Miss Erma Bender of Ableman. Many of the young folks enjoyed swimming also. On the afternoon of the last day about 50 of the convention folk took a trip through Wisconsin Dells which everyone enjoyed immensely. The fifteen mile trip on the Wisconsin River was made by launch and we were privileged to have an Indian chief, White Thunder, for our guide.

Rev. A. A. Schade gave the closing address for the assembly. A remarkable spirit prevailed and God seemed present in our fellowship with one another. We all missed our dean, Rev. E. Mueller, whose absence was due to illness. We pray for his speedy recovery.

The officers for the coming year are:

Dean, Rev. L. B. Holzer; President, Margaret Widder, Milwaukee; Vice President, Frances Krueger, Lebanon; Secretary, Edna Voeck, North Freedom; Treasurer, Emily Gross, Pound; State Boosters, Mrs. Clifford Williston, Pound, Wm. H. Wengel, Milwaukee.

Surely, everyone felt lifted up to higher levels of devotion and service and we hope to meet next year with our friends in Wausau, Wisconsin.

EDNA VOECK, Sec.

Pleasant Ridge, S. Dak.

This church is one of the youngest in the Dakota Conference. For over two years Bro. Freigang was the pastor. Since the beginning of May the church is pastorless and the missionary visits it off and on. From July 6th to the 20th we had revival services with this church. By the direction of the missionary committee the brothers Trautner and Lohse helped us in this work.

Although it was harvest time the members and their children attended quite regularly. Our people had to come a distance of from 10 to 50 miles to attend these meetings. We visited all our people and many others in their homes. In doing this we drove over 1,200 miles with brother Trautner's car.

The word of God was proclaimed in the power of the Spirit by our brethren and the members gladly gave themselves over to prayer and testimony. The church was greatly revived and encouraged and one young lady found the Savior.

May this church yet become a blessing to many others.

C. A. GRUHN.

Bro. A. G. Lang Commences His Work at Parkersburg, Ia.

After being without a pastor for a period of over one year the church of Parkersburg, Ia., was very fortunate in securing Bro. Lang as their pastor. Bro. Lang accepted our call which was extended to him in the spring and informed us that he would begin his work early in July. The church had been looking forward to the day of his coming with joy.

On the second day of July a large van containing all the belongings of Bro. Lang appeared on the scene and a number of members who were present helped unload and it wasn't long before all of the household goods were put into the home which our church recently purchased.

Thursday evening being the mid-week prayer night, Bro. and Sister Lang came to the church expecting to take charge of the services. They were very pleasantly surprised when they saw the number of automobiles parked around the church and even more so when they saw Bro. Lohr of Aplington taking charge of the services. In fact, the church had prepared a reception for their new pastor and wife and had asked Bro. Lohr to act as toastmaster.

Bro. Brenner of Sheffield and Bro. C. Swyter of Steamboat Rock were also present.



Station Hebron, N. Dak.

Bro. Lohr very ably handled the situation and, apologizing to Bro. Lang for invading his premises, proceeded with the program in a very able manner.

The services were opened with song, reading of Scripture by Bro. Brenner, and invocation by Bro. Swyter. The congregation was favored with several selections by a male quartet and a piano solo. Bro. Bicker, deacon of the church, welcomed Brother and Sister Lang in behalf of the church; R. H. Mulder in behalf of the Sunday school; Mrs. Huisinga, Sr., in behalf of the Ladies' Aid; and Mrs. Burt Heerts in behalf of the Sunshine Club. Bro. Brenner and Bro. Swyter spoke in behalf of their respective churches as did Bro. Lohr in behalf of our neighbor church, Aplington. Rev. Caskey, pastor of the Congregational church at Parkersburg, as well as Rev. Davis, pastor of the Methodist church, spoke in behalf of their respective churches. To all of which Bro. Lang responded most heartily.

After the services ice cream and cake was served to all present, the church being filled to capacity.

It is the prayer of the church that the coming of Bro. and Sister Lang may be a blessing to the church and community and that the efforts of our new pastor and wife together with the efforts of the church may lead to the glorification of God's name.

BY ONE PRESENT.

The Secret of Emptiness

Warning of the peril of inner bankruptcy, Halford E. Luccock, in "The International Journal of Religious Education," relates the following:

"Mark Twain's little daughter Susie once put a question to her father which quite unconsciously was a profound observation on life. Mark Twain with his family was making what proved to be a triumphant tour of Europe. All the rulers invited him to dine with them. Once, on receiving an invitation from the Emperor of Germany, little Susie said to her father, 'You will soon know everybody except God, won't you, papa?'"

The secret of the emptiness of life is the fact that a man knows everybody except God.

The German Baptists' Life Association

860 Walden Ave., Buffalo, New York



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IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS Thrift and Foresight for Children

DO YOU want your children to live their lives as you have lived yours? Do you want them to follow in your footsteps?

Probably not. You want your children to follow a better defined purpose in life than you did. You want them to have more opportunities than you had, and you want them to take advantage of their opportunities in a better way than you did. You want them to reach a higher places in life and be more prosperous.

We often hear the saying, "If my kid has the stuff in him, he will come out all right." This is all right as far as it goes, but there are many temptations you would have your child guarded against. And you, as a parent, have seen more of the world and can guide your child through some of its difficulties.

Develop Foresight

You can form the habits of your child.

One of the greatest habits a child can develop is thrift. Thrift is grounded on foresight. By encouraging thrift in a youngster, he learns to look ahead and organize his future for success.

The greatest movement in this age for developing character and independence is family life insurance. The best thrift is preparation for the future through insurance.

The father takes protection for the mother and children. The mother is insured for the benefit of her children, or to make up a part of the financial loss if she dies. That loss is big. Mother is the greatest wage earner in the home; try to hire somebody to do half her work and see what it costs.

Specialize in Family Protection

Then the children are covered by insurance for modest sums, and this protection is just as necessary as it is for father and mother.

And the modern way of family protection is to take it in a corporation that specializes in family protection, where father, mother and the youngsters can have a voice in managing the business and financial affairs, in which nobody takes a profit, in which safe and sound protection is furnished on an economical plan.

Insure your children in the Baptist Insurance Association at a few cents a month. When they reach age 16 they automatically become full members with more insurance.

Learn to Protect

There is no better way to teach children the benefits of thrift and foresight. With life insurance, they protect their parents. When they grow up, they have acquired the habit of thrift for themselves and protection for their loved ones.

Besides the necessary funeral expense protection in juvenile insurance, the youngsters learn the value of insurance. This results in their taking adequate insurance at the earliest possible age for adults, and thus obtain the lowest rates. Many people today wish they had avoided the error of waiting until late in life to take life insurance, for their advanced age requires them to pay higher rates. Everybody wishes that his insurance had been taken earlier in life.

Sound Protection

Your German Baptists' Insurance Association is not run for profit. It has no collectors going from door to door, and for their wages keeping part of every collection they make. The payments to this insurance society are made at meeting, or when the parents pay their rates.

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