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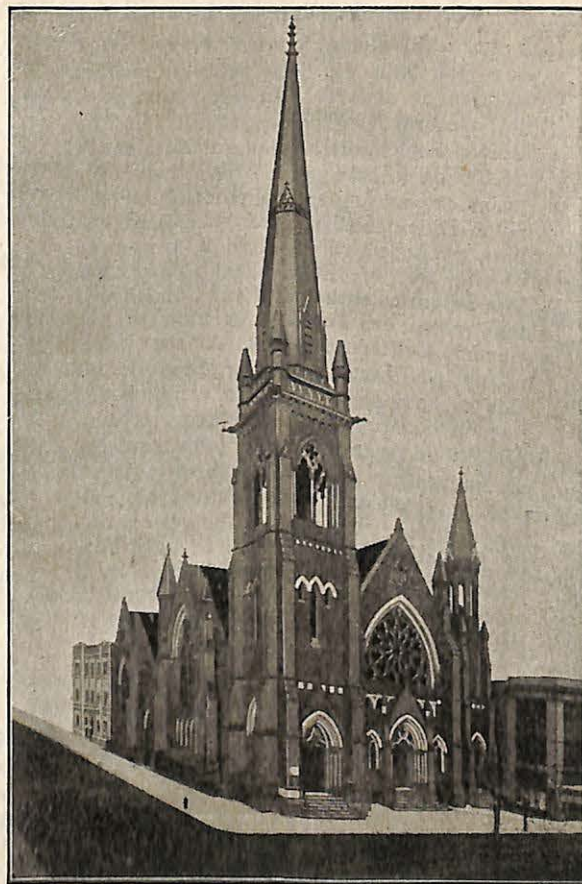
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# What's Happening

Prof. Lewis Kaiser of Rochester is supplying the pulpit of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., during the month of July while the pastor, Rev. Chas. W. Koller, is on his vacation.

The General Conference is specially featured in this number of the "Baptist Herald" and it is full of information for all delegates and visitors. Please read it all carefully and promptly send notice of your coming to the address given. It would be well for delegates to preserve this copy for the required information about the conference.

An eight pound baby girl was born on July 2 to the home of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Paul Blatt, Calvary Baptist Church, Pekin, Ill. The happy parents named their second child Norma Lois. Their first born, Justin Dwight, two years old, was also born at the Pekin parsonage. The parish and friends are very generous with their congratulations and gifts.

On Sunday, June 28, Rev. R. A. Klein, pastor of the Mt. Zion Church, Geary Co., Kans., had the pleasure of baptizing six young converts. Some of these are the fruits of the revival meetings held in February, in which Bro. R. A. Sandow of the Ebenezer Church, Dillon, assisted. Rev. G. M. Pankratz and Rev. R. A. Sandow took part in the out-of-door service preceding the baptism, which took place in the Lyons Creek.

## Conference Motorists—Attention!

To the many who will drive to Detroit in their own cars for the General Conference of the German Baptists of North America, August 24-30, the following will be important information. Of course, many will already know the roads leading into Detroit, but those that don't may write to the Detroit Convention & Tourist Bureau, Stroh Building, or Publicity Director N. J. Boehm, 5269 Yorkshire Road, Detroit; and a road map, showing arteries leading into Detroit, will be mailed to you without cost. Persons arriving in Detroit who do not know how to get to their hosts' homes, or those that will be staying at a hotel, are urged, after Sunday, August 23, to be directed to the Woodward Avenue Baptist Church, in whose auditorium the sessions of the conference will be held, or the official hotel of the conference, "The Detrouter." At either the church or the hotel you will find committee members who will be glad to be of service to you.

The Woodward Avenue Church is on Woodward Avenue, Detroit's main artery, at Winder Street; "The Detrouter" is on Woodward Avenue at Adelaide Street, one block from the church. Ample parking facilities are found at both.

A word of caution to motorists—While Detroit police are courteous and will direct visitors wherever possible, the

breaking of traffic rules is not countenanced. You are urged to observe the automatic traffic lights which control traffic along main streets and intersections. Do not start on the amber light, and do not travel faster than 20 miles per hour in the downtown and business section, nor faster than 30 miles per hour anywhere else in Detroit. Lock your car always when parking (except in lots where this is not allowed). Detroit is a large city, and the Conference Committee cannot vouch for the integrity of all its inhabitants.

Any other questions directed to Publicity Department will be promptly answered. Pleasant journey!

ON TO DETROIT!  
BOOST! BOOST! BOOST!

## Golden Jubilee at Detroit

Our own General Missionary Society can look back on fifty years of united missionary activity. In connection with the General Conference at Detroit the Golden Jubilee of the General Missionary Society is to be observed. As these fifty years are an important part of our denominational history, a Jubilee Book has been published which is to be presented at the time of the General Conference. The actual celebration of the Jubilee will take place on Tuesday evening of the General Conference week. A most interesting program has been prepared for this occasion. In order to visualize our own missionary work and bring it concretely to the attention of our members an interesting pageant has been written. This pageant will be presented on Friday evening. We believe the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the General Missionary Society will prove to be a most attractive and inspirational feature of the program of the General Conference.

WILLIAM KUHN,  
General Missionary Secretary.

## Important Notice General Conference Delegates and Guests

Your pastor has in his possession Registration Cards, copy of which you will find elsewhere in this paper. It is essential if you are coming to Detroit, that you fill in this card in detail. You may ask, "Is it necessary to fill in this information if I know who my host will be for my stay in Detroit and I have already made arrangements with him?" Our answer is, Yes. This information is necessary for the successful and efficient placing and housing of our visitors. Will you, therefore, and at once take care of this matter, either handing same to your pastor or mail in direct to the Chairman of the Housing Committee, Rev. Wm. E. Schmitt, 5465 Burns Ave., Detroit, Mich. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated. Your card

must be in by August 10 for us to secure lodging in private homes. Requests will be considered in order of their reaching the Housing Committee in Detroit.

N. J. B.

## Registration—General Conference—Detroit

All delegates and guests at the General Conference at Detroit are expected to register at the Conference Church upon their arrival. The registration fee is \$1.00, which is used to help defray expenses of the conference. You will receive a conference envelope containing conference program, badge, beautifully illustrated booklet of Detroit, conference information, etc.

You are urged to do this as early as possible so that we may have an intelligent check on delegates and representatives of our churches in order that we may function efficiently when the conference gets under way.

Registration desks will be in the foyers of the Woodward Avenue Church, Kindly co-operate with the committee in charge of this important phase of the conference.

N. J. B.

## Attention, Young People of Southwestern Conference!

The G. B. Y. P. & S. S. W. U. of the Southwestern Conference will meet in connection with the Southwestern Conference at Okeene, Okla., August 12-16.

The Union will meet on Friday evening, August 14, and Saturday afternoon, August 15.

Rev. Paul Gebauer has kindly consented to speak at each of these meetings. A short business meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Looking forward to meeting many of the young people of the Southwest.

Yours in his service,  
HERMAN HILDEBRAND, Pres.

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## Why You Should Attend the General Conference of German Baptists of North America

(Prize Essay in Contest)

WOULD you experience the most glorious, heavenly, soul-stirring and inspiring time of your life? Would you have a blessed time of sweet fellowship with those of "kindred mind"?

If you have never been in the midst of a vast multitude of happy German Baptist folk who have gathered from far and near to worship God, who sing praises unto him and cherish the same ideals, then you must attend our Detroit Conference.

Are you a discouraged minister—weary of your seemingly fruitless labors? Plan to come to our Conference. You will have the privilege of hearing the greatest preachers. When the encouraging reports of our whole denominational work are given, and you see how the Lord is blessing our various conferences, your own problems will seem as nothing and you will again happily resume your tasks with renewed vigor.

Are you a Sunday school or Young People's worker and long for new inspiration and material? Attend our Conference. The glowing ardor, the contagious enthusiasm of our youth cannot help but inspire and spur you on to greater activities.

A friendly city of picturesque parks, refreshing lakes, magnificent churches, museums and lofty factories invites you. On to Detroit!

Minneapolis, Minn.

Esther Adam.

## Young People—Attend the General Conference Detroit

YOU may have attended conferences or conventions where insufficient preparations for the welfare and entertainment of guests outside of conference sessions have been made. Of course, we are all human, but here in Detroit a committee is discussing and planning every phase of the conference so that your stay in Detroit will be flawless and long to be remembered.

You may think that it will be hard to attend session after session of the conference. We have provided for diversion of every imaginable sort. Between the morning and afternoon sessions, busses will transport you to interesting sections of the city—to Belle Isle, the beautiful—an afternoon will be devoted to the Ford factory—you will be shown the commercial, the artistic, and the beautiful of Detroit. The four Detroit churches, as churches and individuals, throw open their arms to welcome you and treat you royally. For the young people especially, a committee of Detroit's youth headed by our national President, Walter Grosser of Chicago,

are planning things that we cannot divulge here, except to say that they will be things that will really interest the young people and will leave you enthusiastically appreciative, and as having enjoyed entertainment different from what you may have expected before reading this message.

One of the highlights of the Young People's Program will be the mammoth Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union Banquet at the Detrouter Hotel. This will cost only seventy-five cents by special arrangement with the management of the Detrouter Hotel. We are expecting well over 600 at this banquet. You will want to be there.

The local Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the four churches headed by their President, Edwin F. Strauss, extend to you all a hearty welcome and assure you that everything within their power will be done to keep you busily engaged enjoying yourself, Detroit, the conference, and the fellowship of each other. Come—and prove what you read here.

N. J. B.

## On to the General Conference! August 24-30, 1931 Detroit, Mich.

THIS terrible depression has caused many a pastor or church officer to become a pessimist. Come to Detroit and shake off that depressing feeling. The motto of this convention is significant—"EBENEZER" (get out your Bible dictionary and look up the meaning).

About 1600 members of the four German Baptist churches in this city heartily invite our fellow Baptists to come and receive a great blessing. They are determined that the present financial depression shall be no bar to their exercising Christian hospitality.

Preparations have been made to entertain at least 300 guests in the homes of members and friends. We want to announce that all guests who are entertained in the homes will receive **Lodging and Breakfast Free.** This means "First Come—First Served."

Notify the Housing Committee now!  
Rev. William E. Schmitt,  
5465 Burns Ave.,  
Detroit, Mich.

## Au Revoir a Detroit.

Bethel Church,  
Second Church,  
Ebenezer Church,  
Burns Ave. Church.

The Committee  
Paul Wengel, Chairman,  
John Leypoldt, Secretary.



### Housing for the General Conference at Detroit

YOUR pastor has been supplied with application cards for housing at the General Conference in Detroit, August 24-31. While we cannot guarantee to fill every request for lodging, we will endeavor to place you in the order in which your request is received by the Housing Committee Chairman. We wish to call your attention to the fact that the Conference Church is in the heart of Detroit, and members of our Detroit churches live as far as 12 miles from the downtown section, and considerable time will be consumed in transportation. For those who desire to be near the church, we urge you to register at the Detroit Hotel, hotel headquarters of the conference, which is just one block from the church and which offers very attractive rates. It is not essential that you make reservations for hotel accommodations beforehand unless you so desire. If, however, you expect lodging in the home of a member of the Detroit churches, it is essential that you make immediate application, if you have not already done so. For your convenience, we print a copy of the application card which you may use if you have not been supplied. Fill in and mail to Rev. William E. Schmitt, 5465 Burns Ave., Detroit, Mich., before Aug. 10. N. J. B.

#### Hotels and Rates General Conference

THE Detroit Council of German Baptist Churches, after extensive investigation, is in a position to recommend the following hotels and rates as the best accommodations at the lowest possible cost to you.

The "Detroit Hotel" has been chosen the Official Hotel Headquarters of the Conference. It is located only one block from the scene of activity, the Conference Church. Here you will find good-sized rooms, clean, quiet, and homey, at very attractive rates. The Committee heartily recommends that the delegates and visitors centralize at this hotel. The hotel is under Christian management, and the management promises to leave nothing undone for the comfort and convenience of the guests. You are reminded that Detroit is a very large city and sometimes hours are consumed in transportation from the outskirts to central downtown. Therefore the tremendous saving of time by staying at the "Detroit."

Following are the rates of the preferred hotels:

#### HOTEL DETROITER—HEADQUARTERS

One block north of Conference Church

Rates:

Single room with bath---\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00  
Double room with bath---\$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00  
Three in one room-----\$5.00

#### HOTEL EDDYSTONE

One block west, two blocks north of Conference Church

Rates:

Single room with bath-----\$2.00, \$2.50  
Double room, one bed -----\$3.50, \$4.00

Double room, twin beds-----\$4.00, \$4.50  
Three in one room-----\$5.00, \$5.50  
Four in one room-----\$6.00, \$6.50

Y. W. C. A. (new building)

Two blocks south, one block east of Conference Church

Rates:

\$1.50 per bed.

Y. M. C. A.

Five blocks south, one block east of Conference Church

Rates:

\$1.00, \$1.25 per day.

\$6.50 per week (single).

\$9.00 per week (double).

\$12.00 per week (twin beds).

It is not essential that you send in your reservation for hotel accommodation unless you so desire. The Publicity Committee will be glad to be of service to you upon your request.

N. J. B.

#### Conference Choir—Detroit

FROM present indications the General Conference to be held in Detroit, August 24-30, will have one of the finest Conference Choirs ever assembled. If the saying "As the music is—so is the Conference" is correct, then Detroit will see the greatest General Conference of German Baptist history in North America.

The augmented choirs of the four Detroit churches have merged and form a great choir of 125 voices, and will sing under the direction of Glen L. Klepinger, supervisor of music in a Detroit High School. This great ensemble will serve to glorify various services of the Conference. The individual church choirs and orchestras will also take part on different evenings.

Our own beloved Reuben Windisch of Philadelphia, Pa., will lead the congregational singing and bring joy to our hearts.

Of course, instrumental and vocal offerings will intersperse the meetings.

So come to Detroit and bring your best voice with you because you will want to join in these praises in song that we will have together.

N. J. B.

#### Information Booth

IN the foyer of the Conference Church will be an information booth with several capable attendants in constant charge. Here we will try to answer all questions asked. Here you may obtain information regarding hotels, parking, sight seeing, directions as to how to get somewhere, trolley, bus and taxi information, how to get to our various churches, time of sessions, restaurants, etc., etc. Anyone paging another person or seeking a certain pastor will be accommodated here. Mail and messages will be received here during the conference. Address c/o General Conference, Woodward Avenue Baptist Church.

N. J. B.

### Precision

F. L. STROBEL

When lens-helped eyes, keen minds, trained hands  
God's wondrous works explore,  
Precision greets them everywhere,  
Just as in days of yore.

Man boasts of instruments so fine,  
One-thousandth of an inch  
Is measured with the slightest touch;  
He claims, it is a cinch.

O God, with all our rules and tools  
We check our own with thine;  
Ours possibly are accurate,  
Thine truly are sublime.

So in the tool-house of thy love  
Where such precision reigns,  
May we take pains to measure right  
Life's greatest, highest aims.

Trenton, Ill.

### Why Do People Go to Church?

SOME time ago "The American Magazine" conducted a questionnaire on the subject, "Why do people go or do not go to church?" Bushels of replies were received and from them two sets of answers were selected. We reprint these answers giving the reasons why some go to church and others do not. Thus:

First, the ten leading reasons why they do not go.

1. They object to the ritual as boresome or menial.
2. They prefer to worship in the open air.
3. They object to the insincerity of certain church-members.
4. They object to what they call the commercialism of the church.
5. Church services call up painful childhood memories.
6. They stay away because of rows with the minister or with some church officer or member.
7. They have been sickened by revival meetings.
8. They like to sleep late.
9. Prefer to spend the day in some form of outing.
10. They regard much of the church service as superstition.

The ten reasons most frequently mentioned for attending church are these:

1. They were brought up to go.
2. Like to meet their friends at church.
3. Go as an example to their children.
4. Think it a wholesome thing to be identified with the church.
5. Like to sing hymns with the congregation.
6. Enjoy the beauty of the service.
7. Need the comfort the church can give in time of trouble.

8. Go to church to forget petty cares.
9. To find strength and inspiration.
10. To seek the peace "which passeth all understanding."

### Testing-Times

ALL material used in the construction of bridges or of large buildings must be tested before it is sent out for use. Steel beams are tested on a large scale. They must be able to stand a pressure of thousands of pounds to the square inch, many times the estimated strain that is likely to be put upon them after they are in place. This is to insure absolute safety in the structure for which they have been designed. What happens when there are weak places, invisible flaws in the materials, for instance, in a great steel beam? It gives away under the test and has to be worked over in the foundry. Far better is it that the crash should come in the testing-machine than in the floor of a great auditorium filled with people.

Many of the experiences which God permits young people to pass through are tests to bring out the best that is in them and to prepare them for places of usefulness and honor in the world. Hard experiences should not be dodged, but welcomed as opportunities to prove one's worth. He who always has an easy life never knows the real meaning or the real joy of life.

### The Fourth R

IN quaint phrase long ago the three r's—reading, writin', and 'rithmetic—were set down as the fundamentals of an education. But it was not long before someone was wise enough to say: Teach a boy his three r's without religion, and you teach him the fourth r of rascaldom. Someone else has also arisen to say there are three other r's that need attention today: respectability, reverence, and righteousness. So the r's of culture should be linked with the r's of character.

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Eleven-year-old David S. Nutt of Cleveland baked a banana cake for President Hoover when the President attended a convention of the American Bankers' Association. "If you ever want a job as a baker," said the President, "come to the White House and I will make you a chef."

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You are entitled to cast a ballot for righteousness; do not be a slacker.

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Feed your soul on the Bible; why be undernourished when food is abundant?

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Foresight is worth while if we are saved from the necessity of seeing our mistakes.

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Make friends of good books: they can keep a secret and reveal many a mystery to you.





South Dakota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union at Emery

### South Dakota Young People's Convention

#### The Place:

The tenth annual convention of our B. Y. P. U. and S. S. W. Union, which met at Emery, S. Dak., deservedly won a lasting place in our memory. Our watchword, "We Serve," was well lived by the Emery hosts, who gave us a warm welcome in hearty words and most practical deeds. The gracious hospitality of church members and Rev. G. W. Pust's genuine friendliness created a homelike atmosphere of welcome.

#### A. A. Schade:

We, in turn, were delighted to welcome into our midst the understanding friend of the young people, Rev. A. A. Schade, our Field Secretary. He has proven himself such a practical and wholehearted friend that a convention without him would be a sad one, indeed. Four thought-provoking addresses were forcibly presented, and a consecration service as well as an open forum were led by our Field Secretary during the Convention. We found the open forum decidedly helpful, especially since it was conducted by as clear and diplomatic a mind as Rev. Schade's. W. H. Bayles:

Rev. W. H. Bayles, the Dakota Director of Religious Education, with enthusiasm that does not age, brought to us a stirring challenge based on "If Ye had Faith, Ye would." He also made an interesting survey of our aim in Christian education, and we spontaneously admire his Christian sincerity.

#### Devotions:

A devotional spirit was fostered by various ministers who, preceding each session, gave us the benefit of carefully prepared thoughts in relation to important passages in the Bible.

#### B. Y. P. U. Topics:

"Stewardship" was the main topic discussed by the various societies. It was subdivided into: Stewardship of Talents—of Calling—of Influence—of Time—and of Substance. The audience divided into eager discussion groups after papers

on these subjects had been presented. We find this plan very worthwhile. We also listened to a carefully written paper on "What responsibility have the young people toward their church?"

#### Sunday School Topics:

Those interested in Sunday school work found satisfaction in hearing the opinion of others on "The Home and the Church versus the Sunday School" as well as "The Teacher and her Pupils," followed by wide-awake discussions of the same topics. Later "The Responsibility of the Sunday School towards its Community" was brought to our attention.

#### Arthur A. Voigt:

This convention, however, was memorable in another way. It marked our president's ten year of splendid, untiring service. Those who know Arthur A. Voigt—to friends just "Art"—will always remember the cordial smile and handshake which are so much a part of him. Though re-elected, Mr. Voigt resigned. He has presided over this convention ever since its organization and has proven a real father to this Union during its infancy and early childhood. As a token of affection and gratitude the convention in presenting him with a Bible, leaving him to select the translation.

#### New Officers:

The new officers are: H. Schrenk, Parkston, president; William Lang, Tyndall, vice-president; Hazel Schroeder, Chancellor, secretary; Ed. Dirksen, Madison, treasurer. May their service be as satisfying to them as it will be beneficial to us!

#### Conclusion:

I feel sure that the 346 young people, who registered at this convention, left with a clear conception of our duties and shortcomings as well as a desire to follow the ideals which the Lord himself has given us, in all their fulness, in all their grand proportions.

M. M. SCHLIPP, Reporter.

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To keep God's money through life and make a donation to charity at death is questionable stewardship.

### News from the Illinois Orient

Everyone enjoys a surprise and especially those who are taken unawares by a host of their friends. The Silver Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Veerman was a delightful occasion for such a gathering by friends and members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Pekin, Ill., at the church on the evening of July 2. The venerable couple were inveigled to the celebration under the pretense of a young people's social upon the eve of their anniversary and were taken completely by surprise.

An evening of impromptu speeches and songs under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Ralph Paul Blatt, produced congratulations and best wishes with the recollection of many memories. Mr. and Mrs. Veerman were presented with a purse of money as a token of love from the group.

Another successful season of the Vacation Church School of the Calvary Baptist Church, Pekin, Ill., came to a close on Friday, June 26, with a picnic for the children and teachers in an out-of-town grove. In the terrible heat of Thursday night, June 25, the children presented to their parents and friends their exhibition program.

An average of 73 children were present each day during the three weeks of the school under the leadership of twelve teachers and the principal, Rev. Ralph Paul Blatt, minister. Three departments were formed for the pupils from the ages of three to twelve. Contacts, with more or less results, were made with about 100 children of the church and community. This is the third school during the period of the present pastorate.

THE CALVARY TOWER REPORTER.

### B. Y. P. U., Whitemouth, Manitoba

On May 25 we celebrated our 27th anniversary. We sponsored a program and everybody that attended received a blessing.

We had the opportunity of having amongst us Rev. H. P. Kayser (president of the B. Y. P. U. of Manitoba) and his wife, also Miss Mary Epp, missionary from Bolivia, and Miss Bertha Knopf, missionary of the German Baptist Church of Winnipeg.

We held 16 meetings during the last year. They consisted of programs, prayer meetings, and missionary meetings.

The new officers are as follows: Martha Rempel, president; Waldemar Rempel, vice-president; Gerhard Shostack, secretary; Rudolph Kuhn, treasurer. The program committee consists of the following: Violet Herzog, Clara Kuhn, Robert Zotzman and Waldemar Rempel.

We had the privilege of winning 10 members during last year, so that our present membership is 47. May God bless us in the future!

V. HERZOG, Reporter.

### Musical Program at Killaloe, Ont.

The Ladies Aid and Sunday school work hand in hand.

Last year the Ladies Aid took care of the expense for our church fence and the Sunday school for that of the cemetery. For some time we felt that we ought to have our own piano in our town church, so we would not need to move one there every year for our Christmas programs. So we decided to get a piano and now we have a fine instrument, which is used in Sunday school and prayer meetings.

Next we planned to give a musical program and made arrangements for it. When the day came (Mother's Day) it was raining all day, but nevertheless every seat in our big, roomy church was taken. Many of our Catholic friends came out to hear the singing and music. A well prepared program, consisting of vocal solos, duets, piano, organ, clarinet and violin pieces were played. We tried to get our young people to take part, and they willingly did. Our smallest singers in the Cradle Roll sang with all their heart the first song on the program, "Mother Dear."

We enclose a picture of them, which was taken at our Cradle Roll Picnic in June. Hope it will be good enough to go into the "Baptist Herald."

These little ones are a fine promising group for our work in later years at Killaloe.

REPORTER.

### Mothers and Daughters Entertainment By Busy Bees Sewing Circle, First German Baptist Church of Harlem, New York City

We are still hearing pleased comments on our Mother's and Daughter's entertainment, which took place on Tuesday evening, June 16, in the lower meeting room of our church. Although the weather was typically "Busy Bees" weather—that is a heavy rain was falling—and we had the pleasure of entertaining about 50 visitors, our hearts were filled with gratitude toward the mothers and daughters who ventured out despite the unfavorable weather.

The meeting room was tastefully decorated with many flowers, crepe paper, festoons, etc.

The program offered was simple, but most enjoyable to every one present, as we have been told since. We began with a short hymn sing, followed by scripture reading and prayer. Our president, Miss Ethel Ehrenstein, then welcomed the assembly and asked the ladies to feel absolutely at home. Following this, the members of the Busy Bee Sewing Circle rendered their greetings to mothers by singing "We Greet You" in English and German so that all would be greeted. Then we heard a recitation in German and an alto solo, a piano duet, a little sketch, "Tom's Arrival," with three members of the Bees Society enacting very comical roles. Then a soprano solo,



Cradle Roll Picnic, Killaloe, Ontario

and after that the *surprise* of the evening occurred. We had arranged beforehand to secure various photos and snapshots of our mothers and these were thrown onto the screen and caused much laughter and astonishment on the part of the ladies, who didn't know their pictures were to be shown.

As a finale to the program, we had the great pleasure of presenting flowers to dear Mrs. Gruler, as being the oldest mother present, and to Mrs. Young, who was the youngest grandmother there. With the singing of another hymn, our program ended, and then our visitors were escorted to the tables which were beautified with flowers and lighted candles in our society colors, blue and gold. Coffee and home-baked cake was served. All in all the evening was a very pleasant one, as we are sure our guests will agree. We were very happy to have this opportunity to entertain our dear mothers.

### Daily Vacation Bible School at Lorraine, Kansas

June 12 marked the conclusion of our second annual Vacation Bible School. We began on May 25, the Monday after the closing of the public schools, and continued for three weeks. Sessions were held every week day morning except Saturday from 9-11.30 o'clock. The enrollment was 73 pupils besides the teachers. The enthusiasm and interest of the pupils were evidenced by the unusually high average attendance of 66.

### Our Fruitful Language

A girl named Anna showed her raisins when she made a date with a prune, for whom she doesn't care a fig. She is said to be a peach, and they make a Bartlett pear. She is the apple of his eye, and while she has a cherry disposition, she frequently hands him a lemon. This is plum wrong, and he ought to ban Anna, but our saying is fruitless.



D. V. B. S. at Lorraine, Kans.



# The Girl from Montana

By GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL

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(Continuation)

The first pocket-money she had been given she saved up, and before long had enough to send the forty dollars to the address the man in the wilderness had given her. But with it she sent no word. It was like her to think she had no right.

She went out more and more with her grandmother among the fashionable old families in Philadelphia society, though as yet she was not supposed to be "out," being still in school; but in all her goings she neither saw nor heard of George Trescott Benedict.

Often she looked upon the beautiful women that came to her grandmother's house, who smiled and talked to her, and wondered which of them might be the lady to whom his heart was bound. She fancied she must be most sweet and lovely in every way, else such as he could not care for her; so she would pick out this one and that one; and then, as some disagreeable or glaring fault would appear, she would drop that one for another. There were only a few, after all, that she felt were good enough for the man who had become her ideal.

But sometimes in her dreams he would come and talk with her, and smile as he used to do when they rode together; and he would lay his hand on the mane of her horse—there were always the horses in her dreams. She liked to think of it when she rode in the park, and to think how pleasant it would be if he could be riding there beside her, and they might talk of a great many things that had happened since he left her alone. She felt she would like to tell him of how she had found a friend in Jesus Christ. He would be glad to know about it, she was sure. He seemed to be one who was interested in such things not like other people who were all engaged in the world.

Sometimes she felt afraid something had happened to him. He might have been thrown from that terrible train and killed, perhaps; and no one knew anything about it. But as her experience grew wider, and she travelled on the trains herself, of course this fear grew less. She came to understand that the world was wide, and many things might have taken him away from his home.

Perhaps the money she had sent reached him safely, but she had put in no address. It had not seemed right that she should. It would seem to draw his attention to her, and she felt "the lady" would not like that. Perhaps they were married by this time, and had gone far away to some charmed land to live. Perhaps—a great many things. Only this fact remained; he never came any more into the horizon of her life; and therefore she must try to forget him, and be glad that God had given her a friend in

him for her time of need. Some day in the eternal home perhaps she would meet him and thank him for his kindness to her, and then they might tell each other all about the journey through the great wilderness of earth after they had parted. The links in Elizabeth's theology had been well supplied by this time, and her belief in the hereafter was strong and simple like a child's.

She had one great longing, however, that he, her friend, who had in a way been the first to help her toward higher things, and to save her from the wilderness, might know Jesus Christ as he had not known him when they were together. And so in her daily prayer she often talked with her heavenly Father about him, until she came to have an abiding faith that some day, somehow, he would learn the truth about his Christ.

During the third season of Elizabeth's life in Philadelphia her grandmother decided that it was high time to bring out this bud of promise, who was by this time developing into a more beautiful girl than even her fondest hopes had pictured.

So Elizabeth "came out," and Grandmother Brady read her doings and sayings in the society columns with her morning coffee and an air of deep satisfaction. Aunt Nan listened with her nose in the air. She could never understand why Elizabeth should have privileges beyond her Lizzie. It was the Bailey in her, of course, and mother ought not to think well of it. But Grandmother Brady felt that, while Elizabeth's success was doubtless due in large part to the Bailey in her, still, she was a Brady, and the Brady had not hindered her. It was a step upward for the Bradys.

Lizzie listened, and with pride retailed at the ten-cent store the doings of "my cousin, Elizabeth Bailey," and the other girls listened with awe.

And so it came on to be the spring-time of the third year that Elizabeth had spent in Philadelphia.

## Chapter XV AN EVENTFUL PICNIC

It was summer and it was June. There was to be a picnic, and Elizabeth was going.

Grandmother Brady had managed it. It seemed to her that, if Elizabeth could go, her cup of pride would be full to overflowing; so after much argument, pro and con, with her daughter and Lizzie, she set herself down to pen the invitation. Aunt Nan was decidedly against it. She did not wish to have Lizzie outshone. She had been working nights for two weeks on an elaborate organdie, with pink roses all over it, for Lizzie to wear.

It had yards and yards of cheap lace and insertion, and a whole bolt of pink ribbons of various widths. The hat was a marvel of impossible roses, just calculated for the worst kind of a wreck if a thunder-shower should come up at a Sunday school picnic. Lizzie's mother was even thinking of getting her a pink chiffon parasol to carry; but the family treasury was well-nigh depleted, and it was doubtful whether that would be possible. After all that, it did not seem pleasant to have Lizzie put in the shade by a fine lady-cousin in silks and jewels.

But Grandmother Brady had waited long for her triumph. She decided above all things to walk among her friends, and introduce her granddaughter, Elizabeth Bailey, and inadvertently remark: "You must have seen my granddaughter's name in the paper often, Mrs. Babcock. She was giving a party in Rittenhouse Square the other day."

Elizabeth would likely be married soon, and perhaps go off somewhere away from Philadelphia—New York or Europe there was no telling what great fortune might come to her. Now the time was ripe for triumph if ever, and when things are ripe they must be picked. Mrs. Brady proceeded to pick.

She gathered together at great pains pen, paper, and ink. A pencil would be inadequate when the note was going to Rittenhouse Square. She sat down when Nan and Lizzie had left for their day's work, and constructed her sentences with great care.

"Dear Bessie—" Elizabeth had never asked her not to call her that, although she fairly detested the name. But still it had been her mother's name, and was likely dear to her grandmother. It seemed disloyalty to her mother to suggest that she be called "Elizabeth." So Grandmother Brady serenely continued to call her "Bessie" to the end of her days. Elizabeth decided that to care much about such little things, in a world where there were so many great things, would be as bad as to give one's mind entirely over to the pursuit of fashion.

The letter proceeded laboriously:

"Our Sunday school is going to have a picnic out to Willow Grove. It's on Tuesday. We're going in the trolley. I'd be pleased if you would go 'long with us. We will spend the day, and take our dinner and supper along, and wouldn't get home till late; so you could stay overnight here with us, and not go back home till after breakfast. You needn't bring no lunch; for we've got a lot of things planned, and it ain't worth while. But if you wanted to bring some candy, you might. I ain't got time to make any, and what you buy at our grocery might not be fine enough fer you. I want you to go real bad. I've never took my two granddaughters off to anything yet, and your Grandmother Bailey has you to things all the time. I hope you can manage to come. I am going to pay all the expenses. Your old Christian Deaver

you used to 'tend is going to be there; so you'll have a good time. Lizzie has a new pink organdie, with roses on her hat; and we're thinking of getting her a pink umbrella if it don't cost too much. The kind with chiffon flounces on it. You'll have a good time, for there's lots of side-shows out to Willow Grove, and we're going to see everything there is to see. There's going to be some music too. A man with a name that sounds like swearing is going to make it. I don't remember it just now, but you can see it advertised round on the trolley cars. He comes to Willow Grove every year. Now please let me hear if you will go at once, as I want to know how much cake to make.

"Your loving grandmother,  
"ELIZABETH BRADY."

Elizabeth laughed and cried over this note. It pleased her to have her grandmother show kindness to her. She felt that whatever she did for Grandmother Brady was in a sense showing her love to her own mother; so she brushed aside several engagements, much to the annoyance of her Grandmother Bailey, who could not understand why she wanted to go down to Flora Street for two days and a night just in the beginning of warm weather. True, there was not much going on just now between seasons, and Elizabeth could do as she pleased; but she might get a fever in such a crowded neighborhood. It wasn't in the least wise. However, if she must, she must. Grandmother Bailey was on the whole lenient. Elizabeth was too much of a success, and too willing to please her in all things, for her to care to cross her wishes.

So Elizabeth wrote on her fine note-paper bearing the Bailey crest in silver:

"Dear Grandmother: I shall be delighted to go to the picnic with you, and I'll bring a nice box of candy, Huyler's best. I'm sure you'll think it's the best you ever tasted. Don't get Lizzie a parasol; I'm going to bring her one to surprise her. I'll be at the house by eight o'clock.

"Your loving granddaughter,  
"ELIZABETH."

Mrs. Brady read this note with satisfaction and handed it over to her daughter to read with a gleam of triumph in her eyes at the supper-table. She knew the gift of the pink parasol would go far toward reconciling Aunt Nan to the addition to their party. Elizabeth never did things by halves, and the parasol would be all that could be desired without straining the family pocketbook any further.

So Elizabeth went to the picnic in a cool white dimity, plainly made, with tiny frills of itself, edged with narrow lace that did not shout to the unknowing multitude, "I am real!" but was content with being so; and with a white Panama hat adorned with only a white silken scarf, but whose texture was possible only at a fabulous price. The shape reminded Elizabeth of the old felt hat be-

longing to her brother, which she had worn on her long trip across the continent. She had put it on in the hat-store one day; and her grandmother, when she found how exquisite a piece of weaving the hat was, at once purchased it for her. It was stylish to wear those soft hats in all sorts of odd shapes. Madam Bailey thought it would be just the thing for the seashore.

Her hair was worn in a low coil in her neck, making the general appearance and contour of her head much as it had been three years before. She wore no jewelry, save the unobtrusive gold buckle at her belt and the plain gold hat-pin which fastened her hat. There was nothing about her which marked her as one of the "four hundred." She did not even wear her gloves, but carried them in her hand, and threw them carelessly upon the table when she arrived in Flora Street. Long, soft white ones, they lay there in their costly elegance beside Lizzie's post-card album that the livery-stable man gave her on her birthday, all the long day while Elizabeth was at Willow Grove, and Lizzie sweltered around under her pink parasol in long white silk gloves.

Grandmother Brady surveyed Elizabeth with decided disapproval. It seemed too bad on this her day of triumph, and after she had given a hint, as it were, about Lizzie's fine clothes, that the girl should be so blind or stubborn or both as to come around in that plain rig. Just a common white dress, and an old hat that might have been worn about a livery-stable. It was mortifying in the extreme. She expected a light silk, and kid gloves, and a beflowered hat. Why, Lizzie looked a great deal finer. Did Mrs. Bailey rig her out this way for spite? she wondered.

But, as it was too late to send Elizabeth back for more fitting garments, the old lady resigned herself to her disappointment. The pink parasol was lovely, and Lizzie was wild over it. Even Aunt Nan seemed mollified. It gave her great satisfaction to look the two girls over. Her own outshone the one from Rittenhouse Square by many counts, so thought the mother; but all day long, as she walked behind them or viewed them from afar, she could not understand why it was that the people who passed them always looked twice at Elizabeth and only once at Lizzie. It seemed, after all, that clothes did not make the girl. It was disappointing.

The box of candy was all that could possibly be desired. It was ample for the needs of them all, including the two youths from the livery-stable who had attached themselves to their party from the early morning. In fact, it was two boxes, one of the most delectable chocolates of all imaginable kinds, and the other of mixed candies and candied fruit. Both boxes bore the magic name "Huyler's" on the covers. Lizzie had often passed Huyler's, taking her noon walk on Chestnut Street, and looked enviously at the girls who walked in and out with

white square bundles tied with gold cord as if it were an everyday affair. And now she was actually eating all she pleased of those renowned candies. It was like belonging to the great elite.

It was a long day and a pleasant one even to Elizabeth. She had never been to Willow Grove before, and the strange blending of sweet nature and Vanity Fair charmed her. It was a rest after the winter's round of monotonous engagements. Even the loud-voiced awkward youths from the livery-stable did not annoy her extremely. She took them as part of the whole, and did not pay much attention to them. They were rather shy of her, giving the most of their attention to Lizzie, much to the satisfaction of Aunt Nan.

They mounted the horses in the merry-go-rounds, and tried each one several times. Elizabeth wondered why anybody desired that sort of amusement, and after her first trip would have been glad to sit with her grandmother and watch the others, only that the old lady seemed so much to desire to have her get on with the rest. She would not do anything to spoil the pleasure of the others if she could help it; so she obediently seated herself in a great sea-shell drawn by a spoiled plaster nymph, and whirled on till Lizzie declared it was time to go to something else.

They went into the Old Mill, and down into the Mimic Mine, and sailed through the painted Venice, eating candy and chewing gum and shouting. All but Elizabeth. Elizabeth would not chew gum nor talk loud. It was not her way. But she smiled serenely on the rest, and did not let it worry her that some one might recognize the popular Miss Bailey in so ill-bred a crowd. She knew that it was their way, and they could have no other. They were having a good time, and she was part of it for today. They weighed one another on the scales with many jokes and much laughter, and went to see all the moving pictures in the place. They ate their lunch under the trees, and then at last the music began.

They seated themselves on the outskirts of the company, for Lizzie declared that it was the only pleasant place to be. She did not want to go "way up front." She had a boy on either side of her, and she kept the seat shaking with laughter. Now and then a weary guard would look distressedly down the line, and motion for less noise; but they giggled on. Elizabeth was glad they were so far back that they might not annoy more people than was necessary.

But the music was good, and she watched the leader with great satisfaction. She noticed there were many people given up to the pleasure of it. The melody went to her soul, and thrilled through it. She had not had much music in her life. The last three years, of course, she had been occasionally to the Academy of Music; but, though her grandmother had a box there, she very seldom had time to attend concerts. Sometimes, when Melba, or Caruso, or



some world-renowned favorite was there, she would take Elizabeth for an hour, usually slipping out just after the favorite solo with noticeable loftiness, as if the orchestra were the common dust of the earth, and she only condescended to come for the soloist. So Elizabeth had scarcely known the delight of a whole concert of fine orchestral music.

She heard Lizzie talking.

"Yes, that's Walter Damrosch! Ain't that name fierce? Grandma thinks it's kind of wicked to pernoince it that way. They say he's fine, but I must say I liked the band they had last year better. It played a whole lot of lively things, and once they had a rattle-box and a squeaking thing that cried like a baby right out in the music, and everybody just roared laughing. I tell you that was great. I don't care much for this here kind of music myself. Do you?" And Jim and Joe both agreed that they didn't, either. Elizabeth smiled, and kept on enjoying it.

Peanuts were the order of the day, and their assertive crackle broke in upon the finest passages. Elizabeth wished her cousin would take a walk; and by and by she did, politely inviting Elizabeth to go along; but she declined, and they were left to sit through the remainder of the afternoon concert.

After supper they watched the lights come out, Elizabeth thinking about the description of the heavenly city as one after another of the buildings blazed out against the darkening blue of the June night. The music was about to begin. Indeed, it could be heard already in the distance, and drew the girl irresistibly. For the first time that day she made a move, and the others followed, half wearied of their dissipations, and not knowing exactly what to do next.

They stood the first half of the concert very well, but at the intermission they wandered out to view the electric fountain with its many-colored fluctuations, and to take a row in the tiny sheet of water. Elizabeth remained sitting where she was, and watched the fountain. Even her grandmother and aunt grew restless, and wanted to walk again. They said they had enough music, and did not want to hear any more. They could hear it well enough, anyway, from further off. They believed they would have some ice-cream. Didn't Elizabeth want some?

She smiled sweetly. Would grandmother mind if she sat right here and heard the second part of the concert? She loved music, and this was fine. She didn't feel like eating another thing to-night. So the two ladies, thinking the girl quite queer that she didn't want ice-cream, went off to enjoy theirs with a clear conscience; and Elizabeth drew a long breath, and sat back with her eyes closed, to rest and breathe in the sweet sounds that were beginning to float out delicately as if to feel whether the atmosphere were right for what was to come after.

It was just at the close of this won-

derful music, which the program said was Mendelssohn's "Spring Song," when Elizabeth looked up to meet the eyes of some one who stood near in the aisle watching her, and there beside her stood the man of the wilderness!

He was looking at her face, drinking in the beauty of the profile and wondering whether he were right. Could it be that this was his little brown friend, the maid of the wilderness? This girl with the lovely, refined face, the intellectual brow, the dainty fineness of manner? She looked like some white angel dropped down into that motley company of Sunday-school picknickers and city pleasure-seekers. The noise and clatter of the place seemed far away from her. She was absorbed utterly in the sweet sounds.

When she looked up and saw him, the smile that flashed out upon her face was like the sunshine upon a day that has hitherto been still and almost sad. The eyes said, "You are come at last!" The curve of the lips said, "I am glad you are here!"

He went to her like one who had been hungry for the sight of her for a long time, and after he had grasped her hand they stood so for a moment while the hum and gentle clatter of talk that always starts between numbers seethed around them and hid the few words they spoke at first.

"O, I have so longed to know if you were safe!" said the man as soon as he could speak.

Then straightway the girl forgot all her three years of training, and her success as a debutante, and became the grave, shy thing she had been to him when he first saw her, looking up with awed delight into the face she had seen in her dreams for so long, and yet might not long for.

The orchestra began again, and they sat in silence, listening. But yet their souls seemed to speak to each other through the medium of the music, as if the intervening years were being bridged and brought together in the space of those few waves of melody.

"I have found out," said Elizabeth, looking up shyly with a great light in her eyes. "I have found out what it all means. Have you? O, I have wanted so much to know whether you had found out too!"

"Found out what?" he asked half sadly that he did not understand.

"Found out how God hides us. Found what a friend Jesus Christ can be."

"You are just the same," said the man with satisfaction in his eyes. "You have not been changed nor spoiled. They could not spoil you."

"Have you found out too?" she asked softly. She looked up into his eyes with wistful longing. She wanted this thing so very much. It had been in her prayers for so long.

He could not withdraw his own glance. He did not wish to. He longed to be able to answer what she wished.

"A little, perhaps," he said doubtfully.

"Not so much as I would like to. Will you help me?"

"He will help you. You will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart," she said earnestly. "It says so in His book."

Then came more music, wistful, searching, tender. Did it speak of the things of heaven to other souls there than those two?

He stooped down, and said in a low tone that somehow seemed to blend with the music like the words that fitted it,

"I will try with all my heart if you will help me."

She smiled her answer, brimming back with deep delight.

Into the final lingering notes of an andante from one of Beethoven's sublime symphonies clashed the loud voice of Lizzie

"O Bess! Bess! B-es-see! I say, Bessie! Ma says we'll have to go over by the cars now if we want to get a seat. The concert's most out, and there'll be a fierce rush. Come on! And grandma says, bring your friend along with you if you want." This last with a smirking recognition of the man, who had turned around wondering to see who was speaking.

With a quick, searching glance that took in bedraggled organdie, rose hat, and pink parasol, and set them aside for what they were worth, George Benedict observed and classified Lizzie.

"Will you excuse yourself, and let me take you home a little later?" he asked in a low tone. "The crowd will be very great, and I have my automobile here."

She looked at him gratefully, and assented. She had much to tell him. She leaned across the seats, and spoke in a clear tone to her cousin.

"I will come a little later," she said, smiling with her Rittenhouse Square look that always made Lizzie a little afraid of her. "Tell grandmother I have found an old friend I have not seen for a long time. I will be there almost as soon as you are."

They waited while Lizzie explained, and the grandmother and aunt nodded a reluctant assent. Aunt Nan frowned. Elizabeth might have brought her friend along, and introduced him to Lizzie. Did Elizabeth think Lizzie wasn't good enough to be introduced?

He wrapped her in a great soft rug that was in the automobile, and tucked her in beside him; and she felt as if the long, hard days that had passed since they had met were all forgotten and obliterated in this night of delight. Not all the attention of all the fine men she had met in society had ever been like this, so gentle, so perfect. She had forgotten the lady so completely as if she had never heard of her. She wanted now to tell her friend about her heavenly Friend.

He let her talk, and watched her glowing earnest face by the dim light of the sky; for the moon had come out to crown the night with beauty, and the unnatural brilliance of electric blaze, with

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### Home Mission News Items

Rev. J. Weinbender has had an encouraging beginning on his new field at Glidden, Sask. As the result of two weeks revival services 15 persons were converted and they are looking forward to a baptismal service in the near future.

Rev. Theo. Frey, La Salle, Colo., reports nine baptisms. The attendance of strangers in the services is encouraging.

Miss Hulda Brueckmann, Chicago, finds real joy in her visitation work, not only among the sick, but in seeking to bring Christ to those who know him not. She has come in contact with several new families, and during the past quarter four adults have followed the Lord in baptism. May there be others to follow!

Rev. J. G. Rott, Unityville, S. Dak., writes that they are having well attended meetings and a fine spirit prevails. The young people are also actively at work.

Daily Vacation Bible School at Randolph, Minn.

"This is the first time the Baptist church has had a Vacation Bible School conducted under its own leadership. We, of course, had it open for all the children in the community, but our teaching force was all from our church. Parents have told us that their children gained more Bible knowledge and learned more verses than in a whole year in Sunday school." H. C. WEDEL.

German School at Kyle, Texas

During several weeks this summer Rev. C. H. Edinger conducted a German Bible School and reports an attendance of about 22 scholars.

Rev. E. Huber, Plevna, Mont., reports that they have been holding revival meetings, but owing to weather conditions they were obliged to bring them to a close. However, the desire was awakened in a number of the hearts of those present to seek the Lord. May this desire grow stronger so that they may truly search for him with all their hearts!

Rev. E. Bonikowsky, Lockwood, Sask., expressed his joy that God is still saving sinners and leading them to his fold. Recently seven persons were buried with Christ in baptism at the church in Esk, and they are looking forward to baptizing five candidates at Lockwood in the near future.

Revival at Minitonas, Man.

God has wonderfully blessed the efforts of Rev. A. Knaut, who conducted revival services for about two weeks in our church at Minitonas, which is pastorless at the present time. During these meetings 41 persons were converted, mostly adults. After the baptismal service Bro. Knaut had the joy of extending the hand of fellowship to 51 new members, 41 by baptism, 8 upon confession of faith and 2 by letter.



The First German Baptist Church Building in Detroit

Miss Minnie Gebhardt, Cleveland, O., writes: "There is no greater joy than to see sinners awakened to their need of Christ and come to us and ask: 'What must I do to be saved?'" She tells of a father, who, after his wife and daughter were converted, felt the separation very keenly and began to realize his own need of a Savior. He longed for peace, and then he too accepted Christ.

Miss Gebhardt also states that Bro. Blum is weaving "The Pilgrim's Progress" into the evening services, bringing out spiritual lessons for both seeker and saint.

Blessings at Rosenfeld

Twenty-five persons have been added to the church at Rosenfeld, Sask., this past quarter. The pastor, Rev. H. Schatz, is glad to report that as the result of revival meetings held there, 21 persons were converted and baptized. Four others also received the hand of fellowship. May God continue to bless our church at Rosenfeld!

Rev. Emil Becker, Hutchinson, Minn., reports progress in the work on his field. Four persons were baptized recently and two others united with the church upon confession of their faith. The attendance in the Sunday school has increased to such an extent during the past year, that it has become necessary to provide more space for the Primary Department. This is very encouraging.

Rev. Jacob Herman, Kenosha, Wis., is finding "Joy in service" on the field at Kenosha. In the future he expects to baptize 7 candidates. The members are showing missionary interest and a good number of strangers also attend the meetings.

Rev. A. G. Lang, Parkersburg, Iowa, states that the attendance in our Sunday school there has so increased that they are planning to build a basement to have more space. In these times of financial depression this is quite an undertaking, but he is confident that with God's help it can be done. The evening services are well attended by strangers and the church is praying for a spiritual awakening in their midst.

Grace Baptist Vacation School,

Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, pastor, Racine, Wis., enjoyed a record attendance this year with an enrolment of 120 boys and girls. The average attendance was 85 for the period of three weeks. The school was divided into 4 grades under the supervision of 7 teachers. Treats and special attractions were eliminated from the program this year, proving that the Bible school itself was sufficient to hold the interest of the children.

The offering taken each morning was designated for the work of Dr. F. W. Meyer in the Philippine Islands. The children were especially eager in this undertaking since they had learned to know the Meyer family during the past year. The offering amounted to \$10.41. At the closing exercises, to which parents and friends were invited, a demonstration of the school program was given. This included worship, music, Bible, memory and school assembly.

A dramatic presentation, "The Flag That Flies Highest," telling the story of the Christian flag, was given by the Intermediate group as a special feature. Thus, again, we have caught a vision of what Jesus meant when he said, "Let the children come unto me."

Happenings at Sheboygan, Wis.

On June 21 we received two sisters by baptism. The one comes from the Roman Catholic and the other from the Lutheran Church.

On June 23 the Young People's Society gave their annual program, which consisted of various musical and literary numbers and a lecture by Rev. A. W. Barnlund.

Shortly after, on June 28, the Woman's Missionary Society gave their annual program. This was made up of several readings, a few musical numbers, various selections by the Guenther orchestra and a short talk by the pastor on, "Why Missions?" Both societies are a great blessing to the church.

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# Our Churches in Detroit



Present Bethel Church Building

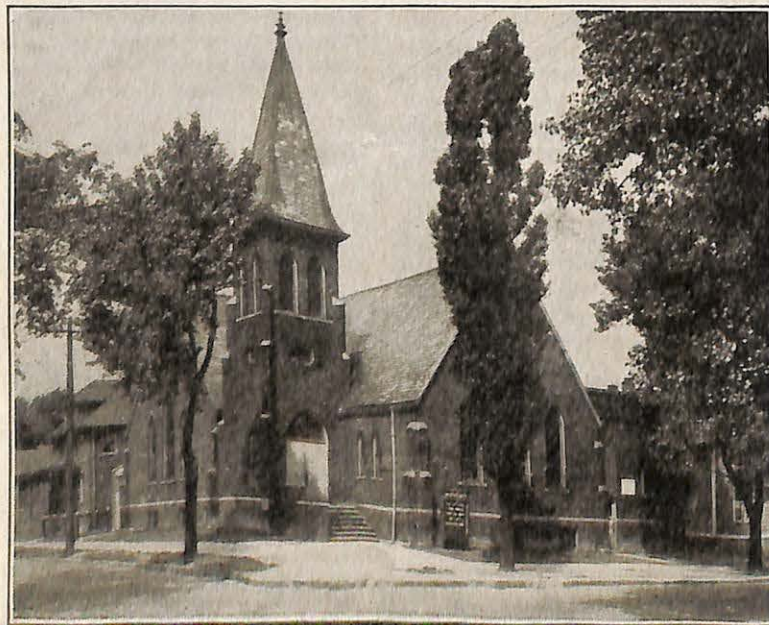
## Bethel Baptist Church

A detailed historical sketch of the Bethel Church would develop into considerable length. Organized in 1863 as the First German Baptist Church of Detroit through the foresight and love of Christ of Carl Bock, it now ranks as one of the finest and strongest churches of our denomination. After meeting for some time, the church selected Rev. A. Ludwig as their pastor. Since then the following have served the church: Rev. Conrad Jung was pastor to 1875. During his pastorate the first meeting place costing \$500 was erected. The congregation grew and developed quite a few faithful workers, some of whom are still active. Rev. H. Fellmann—1876-1880; Rev. F. C. Koehler—1880-1886. During this pastorate the church showed healthy progress, became self-supporting, enlarged its church building, and started the Second German Baptist Church.

Rev. R. Otto next served the church during the period 1886-1894. In 1888 a new and fine large edifice was erected at an expense of \$18,000. This meant real sacrifice for the faithful. Rev. J.



Rev. Paul Wengel  
Pastor Bethel Baptist Church



Second German Baptist Church

H. Moehlmann succeeded Rev. Otto, and for eighteen years was the beloved pastor of this church. During this time the Third Church was organized, and a little later the Ebenezer Church. Rev. C. A. Daniel was called by the church in 1913 and served a number of years. Rev. Frank Kaiser was pastor from 1922-1928. Rev. Paul Wengel, the present pastor, came to the Bethel Church, as it is now called, February 1, 1929.

During all these years the church, from a humble beginning, prospered and grew. The Sunday school now has an enrolment of 525. The present church membership is 499, week day school enrolment 144. 90 members have been received into the church during Rev. Wengel's pastorate. All educational work is under the direction of Director of Religious Education, Alethea G. Kose.

The church now occupies one of the most beautiful sites in the city of Detroit, valued at \$200,000. It also owns a modern commodious parsonage valued at approximately \$17,000.

From this brief summary you can see what God hath wrought with and through those that love him.

## The Second German Church, Detroit

The Second German Church was organized in 1884 with a membership of 58. It was always located on the west side of the city, formerly on 25th Street near Michigan. The First Church had sustained this work financially as well as provided workers on the field. After launching out, accompanied with the good wishes and blessings of the Mother church, they called Rev. A. Freitag as their pastor. In less than two years the building the English church had first loaned and later presented them proved inadequate. More room and a baptistry were essential for effective work. The lot on 18th and Linden Streets was purchased. The church was financially unable to build. The English pastor and his church came to the rescue and also advised moving the chapel and enlarging it with the necessary remodeling.

Rev. Freitag resigned in 1892 and the church called Rev. F. Bueermann who remained with them until 1900. Under his leadership monies were collected and the present building erected and dedicated. The old church building was remodeled for service as a parsonage. In 1900 Rev. G. Mengel became the pastor. Rev. G. Eichler became his successor in 1908 and served faithfully until 1912. Under Rev. R. F. Fehlberg's leadership, 1912-1922, the dilapidated parsonage was sold and a modern building erected; also a pipeorgan was installed into the church. Rev. A. Bredy became the pastor



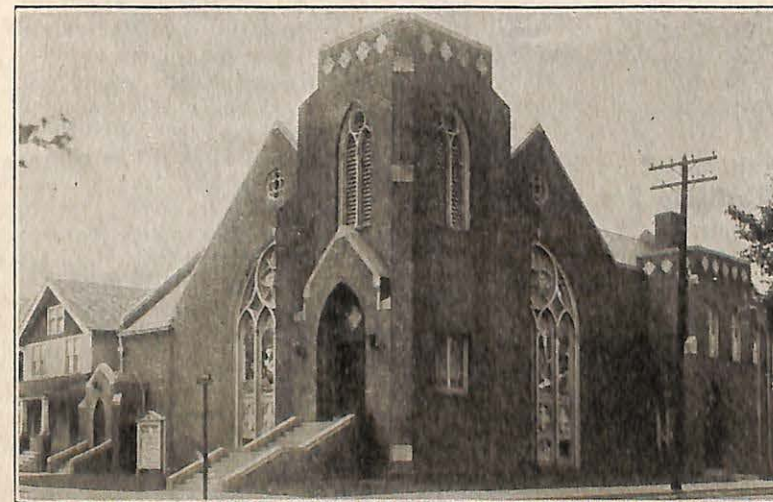
Rev. E. G. Kliese  
Pastor Second German Baptist Church

in 1923; the church excavated the basement of the church and constructed a room that is practical for many purposes. It also arranged a kitchen, and installed a modern steam heating plant at an expense of nearly \$10,000.

Early in 1930 Rev. E. G. Kliese became our pastor and we are endeavoring to liquidate our remaining debt by 1934, when we expect to celebrate our Golden Jubilee. Our present membership is 176.

## The Burns Avenue Baptist Church

The Burns Avenue Baptist Church was organized in January, 1897, with 82 members from the First Church. Meetings were first held in a chapel, a gift from the mother-church, on Grandy and Trombley Avenues. As the work of the church developed a chapel was erected on the corner of Burns Avenue and Chapin Street. This building, however, soon proved to be too small for the growing needs of the church. In the year 1915 the present house of worship was built and ten years later the Sunday school



Burns Ave. Baptist Church and Parsonage

room was enlarged and other improvements were made. The church also conducts a mission Sunday school in a chapel, corner Liberal and Chalmers Avenues, and has a mission in Ford City, Canada, where services are held every Sunday and Thursday evening. These services are in charge of the brethren of the church.

Since the church was organized the following pastors served as undershepherds: F. G. Wolter, who had been serving the First church before the new church was organized, until March 1897; H. Becker, April 1897, until May, 1899; G. F. Ehrhorn, January 1900, until 1903; A. Ludwig, 1903 until March, 1904; F. G. Wolter, March, 1905, until March, 1909; P. C. A. Menard, September, 1910, until October, 1911; Benjamin Graf, November, 1911, until 1929; William E. Schmitt, since July, 1930.

During these 34 years 307 members were added to the church by baptism; 398 were received by letter; 71 came into the fellowship of the church by exper-



Rev. Wm. E. Schmitt  
Pastor Burns Ave. Baptist Church

ience. 162 members united with other churches; 225 were excluded; 50 members went to their heavenly reward. The present membership is 421.

In looking over the past, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God and our love is rekindled for the arduous task that is before us. May we be found faithful to our heritage and trust in our Lord and Master, who will continue to lead us from victory unto victory. The Burns Ave. Church also extends a hearty invitation to all to come to Detroit.



Rev. J. Leypoldt  
Pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church

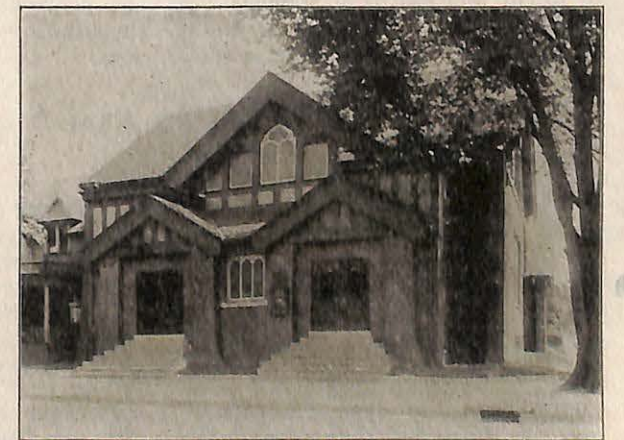
## The Ebenezer Church

The youngest daughter of the Bethel Church is by no means the smallest.

In 1898 the Ebenezer Church was organized with 62 members. Four months later a place of worship was dedicated. In Rev. W. F. Raebel the church secured the proper leader, who laid a good foundation. Under the leadership of his successor, Rev. W. Appel, Sr., 1903-1908, the work increased so wonderfully that it was necessary to erect the present house of worship, which was dedicated in 1908.

In 1909 Rev. G. Mengel became the

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Ebenezer Baptist Church



# Our Devotional Meeting

August F. Runtz

August 16, 1931

## What Nature Teaches About God

Psalm 147:1-20

*A Giver of Life.* As we observe nature we realize that life can come only from life. There is no such thing as spontaneous life. The great oak may be in the acorn, but if the life of that acorn were killed and it were then placed in a perfectly sterilized container and sealed up air-tight it could lie there for ages and no life would appear. Scientists have experimented and proved by sterilizing and sealing otherwise animate objects into glass jars that life is not spontaneous, neither can it be produced; it can come only from life. Life did not evolve upon this earth of its own account, it took a God of life to give the life.

*A God of Beauty.* If you have ever looked upon a beautiful painting you have realized that something of the beauty of the artist's soul may be discovered in the picture. However, no artist can produce a picture greater than his own soul. Now look at the little flower of the field, at thundering Niagara, at the majesty of the mountain and the ocean. Look at the stars in their splendor, the sunrise and the indescribable sunset. The most awe-inspiring scene the writer has ever witnessed, was when he saw the entire half of the sky one mass of flitting, shaking, shooting, vari-colored flame. We were dumbfounded with the sight of it all. When you see all this beauty remember that the Creator of it must of necessity be a Being of beauty.

*Nature does not teach us that God is Love.* We say, and correctly so, that God sends the sunshine and the rain, we must also say that he sends the hurricane, which tears across the country uprooting trees, devastating whole towns, leaving ruin and death in its wake. But at such times we doubt whether God really is a God of love after all. Nature may tell us that God is omnipotent, but it does not tell us that his power is coupled with love. It took a divine revelation as we have it in our Bible, and especially as God is revealed to us in Christ Jesus, to demonstrate to us that God is love; that his mercy endureth forever; that he forgiveth sin and iniquity and transgression; that he will take away our guilt and shame.

August 23, 1931

## Bible Truths Based on Nature

Gal. 6:7-9; John 15:1-8

*A Source of Life.* Read Jesus' words in John 15:1-8 carefully. Who does not know that when a branch is cut off a tree it soon withers and dies. Jesus said that

that was true of our spiritual life as well. "We must be personally united to him, and from him draw our spiritual life, and so grow into his image. As the branch draws its sap by a continuous flow from the vine, and becomes identified with it in character, and bears its fruit, and dies when separated from it, so we must abide in a living Christ, draw our spiritual sustenance from him, become more and more Christlike in our nature, and bear his fruit in our lives."

*The Dependableness of God's Laws.* Some years ago a group of British astronomers had gone to Africa to observe an eclipse of the sun. Everything was in readiness, and one of the men with watch in hand said "If we made no mistake in our calculations the eclipse ought to begin now." And it did. The appearance of a comet can be calculated to the minute a million years in advance. Why? Because God's laws are absolutely dependable. The laws that operate in the moral and spiritual world are just as dependable. No one can spend his time in "loose" living without paying a terrible price. No one can fill his soul with vile pictures or the ooze and slime of the gutter without it being indelibly printed on his character. No one can fill his soul with good deeds, a noble life, and pure thoughts without reaping peace and joy and satisfaction.

*A Time of Harvest.* Why does the farmer sow his wheat? Not simply that it look beautiful and green and tall during the summer months, but for the harvest. Both nature and the Bible tell us that the harvest is the one supreme goal of life, everything centers about that; and this harvest will be after its own kind. "Men do not gather grapes off thorns, or figs off thistles." Our life is not for this world only, but for the great day of reaping when our life here shall end. Friend, what will the harvest be? Will it be "corruption" or "life everlasting"? Whatever it is, it will be no more, and no less, than the proper harvest of the kind of sowing practiced here and now.

August 30, 1931

## What Does the Bible Say About Missions?

Matt. 28:18-20

*The Old Testament and Missions.* Every nation and race of men on earth has a contribution to make toward the advancement of civilization. To Israel was given the most wonderful task of all; she was the conveyor of spiritual truth. God had revealed himself to patriarch and prophet who in turn were to be the leaders in spreading the knowledge of God. People perish because of a lack of knowledge of God.

Therefore to Israel was given a knowledge beyond her own bounds. "I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth" (Isa. 49:6). "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9). But Israel forgot her mission and proved faithless to her trust. She vied with other nations in building up an earthly kingdom and forgot that to her had been entrusted the task of enlightening a world that lay in spiritual darkness. The book of Jonah shows how Israel in her narrowness and selfishness was failing in her specific task.

*The New Testament and Missions.* The Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world..." (Matt. 28:18-20) is the great missionary command of the New Testament. Christ is the true Light which lighteth every man, that cometh into the world. (John 1:9.) John the Baptist is to "give the knowledge of salvation." The apostles are to be witnesses "both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Of Paul, Ananias is told, that "he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." The risen Lord tells Paul that he is to go to the Gentiles "to open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins." "God will have all men to be saved."

September 6, 1931

## Prayer: Jesus' Teaching and Example

Luke 11:1-13

*Prayer and the Important Events of Jesus' Life.* Prayer plays an important part in all the outstanding events of Christ's life. In that beautiful experience when he was baptized, we are told that "as he was praying" the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit came upon him. Before choosing the twelve apostles Jesus continued all night in prayer to God. Here was a task that required much wisdom, for these men were to carry on the work for which he was giving his life. And he turns to God for guidance. On the Mount of Transfiguration, as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered and his raiment was white and glistening. For the strengthening of their faith the disciples needed some such assurance that he was the Son of God.

The greatest battle of Jesus' life was fought in the Garden of Gethsemane, where he prayed the Father to remove the bitter cup from him. Even in this

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terrific struggle he did not attempt to change God's plan by his prayer, but he did learn to understand God's plan in relation to himself, and said: "Thy will be done." When they crucified him, there was a prayer on his lips for his enemies and when his earthly life ended it was with a prayer.

"Lord, teach us to pray." As we listen to Jesus pray, and as we hear what he has to say about prayer we are astonished at the wide scope of his prayers. To him, prayer is the hallowing, the honoring, the lifting up of God's name for worship and adoration. And "underlying every true prayer is the deep wish, born of a supreme and filial love for God, that in all that he does for us, and enables us to do, his name may be hallowed. We come to the true spirit of prayer only as his name is in our thought above every name."

Prayer for him was also fellowship with the Father. How many nights he spent "talking things over" with God we do not know, but we are led to believe that there were many. Prayer had a place in his prayers for he said: "Ask and ye shall receive." Jesus prayed for himself, he prayed for his friends, he prayed for his enemies.

## A Quiet Talk With God Each Day

### Daily Bible Readers' Course

Aug. 10-16. What Nature Teaches About God. Ps. 147:1-20.

" 10. God is Wise. Job 12:7-16.

" 11. God is Powerful. Job 37:1-24.

" 12. God is Majestic. Ps. 19:1-6.

" 13. God is Righteous. Rom. 1:18-25.

" 14. God's Goodness. Acts 14:11-18.

" 15. God is Dependable. Ps. 104:10-24.

" 16. God Honors Men. Ps. 8:1-9.

" 17-23. Bible Truths Based on Nature. Gal. 6:7-9; John 15:1-8.

" 17. Value of Industry. Prov. 6:6-11.

" 18. Life's Just Rewards. Gal. 6:7-9.

" 19. The Proof of Value. Matt. 7:15-23.

" 20. God's Care for His Own. Luke 12:22-26.

" 21. Union with Christ. John 15:1-8.

" 22. Need of Spiritual Nourishment. Ps. 1:1-6.

" 23. Continuity of Life. 1 Cor. 15:35-49.

" 24-30. What Does the Bible Say About Missions? Matt. 28:18-20.

" 24. Abraham a Missionary. Gen. 12:1-9.

" 25. Moses a Missionary. Exod. 3:9-17.

" 26. Jonah a Missionary. Jonah 3:1-10.

" 27. Amos a Missionary. Amos 7:10-17.

" 28. Jesus a Missionary. Luke 19:1-10.

Aug. 29. Paul a Missionary. Acts 22:6-21.

" 30. The Church Is Missionary. Matt. 28:18-20.

" 31-Sept. 6. Prayer: Jesus' Teaching and Example. Luke 11:1-13.

" 31. Jesus Prayed Much. Luke 6:12-19.

Sept. 1. Jesus Taught Others to Pray. Matt. 6:8-15.

" 2. Prayer and Strength. Mark 1:35-39.

" 3. Prayer as Communion. Matt. 6:5-8.

" 4. Prayer as Petition. Luke 11:5-13.

" 5. Prayer as Consecration. Matt. 26:36-46.

" 6. The Spirit of Prayer. Luke 18:9-14.

## The Ebenezer Church

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pastor and during his ministry of four years faithful service was rendered. During the period from 1914-1925 Rev. J. G. Draewell rendered valuable service. It was during his ministry that the language problem made itself felt. Since 1926 Rev. J. Leypoldt has been with us.

Our Sunday school has become the largest in the denomination. One outstanding feature of the Ebenezer Church is her missionary spirit which manifests itself in her missionary contributions. For a number of years the Ebenezer Church with regard to missionary gifts has been the banner church of the Central Conference.

She has given the late Rev. Fred Lang, Miss Frieda Appel, Mrs. G. Orthner, Miss Edith Koppin and now Rev. aul Gebauer for foreign service. In the homeland, Rev. Wm. Appel, Rev. Albert Lang, Rev. August Lang, Rev. F. Alf and Rev. Alfred Engel have gone forth from our midst. Present membership is 503. When visiting Detroit you are always welcome at Ebenezer.

## Thirty-Seventh Pacific Conference at Bethany

Even though the many delegates and guests of the thirty-seventh Pacific Conference were greeted by almost un-ending showers of "Oregon Mist," it was soon found that it would take more than rain to dampen the enthusiasm which they had carried with them from all parts of the Pacific Coast. We were even favored by two carloads of "enthusiasm" from Rochester, N. Y.

The conference was opened on Wednesday evening, June 17, at the Bethany German Baptist church. Rev. G. W. Rutsch of Salem, in the opening address, reminded us of our responsibility in relating to others the great deeds of God.

Each morning session of the conference was begun with a devotional service and ended with a quiet half hour.

The sessions of Thursday morning and afternoon was devoted mainly to the business of the Conference. Reports

were read by G. E. Lohr, Mission Secretary; G. Schunke, treasurer of the Conference. Reports on the Old People's Home and Widows and Orphans Support were also given. The newly elected officers of the Conference are as follows: Chairman, O. R. Schroeder, Anaheim; vice-president, A. Husman, Tacoma; secretary, F. J. Reichle, San Francisco; treasurer, G. Schunke, Salem; Statistician, F. Bueermann, Salem.

Thursday evening everyone enjoyed a very instructive message on the topic, "The Personality and Work of the Holy Spirit," by O. R. Schroeder.

Friday morning was featured by two talks. The first, "Is our denomination at the present time crowded with a surplus of divinely appointed ministers of the gospel?" by R. M. Klingbeil, was followed by a lively discussion. The second speaker was N. Christensen, whose talk was concerned principally with the many difficulties which often confront our church organizations and who is to blame for them. Friday afternoon was given over largely to the work of the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society. Friday evening brought about a great rise of enthusiasm in the song service given in the interests of our Sunday schools, which was followed by two short talks by Rev. Husman and Rev. Reschke. These splendid talks were well received.

Saturday morning was devoted to more business, but on Saturday afternoon all business was forgotten as the guests were taken on excursions to the numerous points of scenic interest near Portland.

The spirit of the conference reached the high point on Sunday when hundreds of visitors crowded the church to its capacity limit. The interesting points of this days program were many, including short talks by superintendents during the Sunday school period; an inspiring sermon, "Thy Kingdom Come," by Rev. Reichle in the forenoon; a young people's meeting in the afternoon during which everyone listened to the great voice of Rev. Ratschkowsky in a talk, "Things Needful," especially intended for young folks; and finally the closing addresses in the evening by Rev. Graf and Rev. Schweitzer. The entire day was marked especially by the beautiful music of the organ, the Bethany orchestra and choir, the choirs of the First and Second churches of Portland and the combined choirs of Salem and Salt Creek.

The guests of the conference cannot help but long remember the hearty hospitality shown them by the devoted people of Bethany and the great outpouring of the Spirit of the Master throughout the entire meeting.

BERT KLINGBEIL.

## A Worrier

"Is he a good rabbit dog?" inquired the hunter after inspecting the animal.

"I'll say he is!" the dealer replied with pride. "You should have seen the way he went after my wife's new seal-skin coat!"—American Legion Weekly.



### The Girl from Montana

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all the glitter and noise of Willow Grove, died into the dim, sweet night as those two sped on toward the city. The heart of the man kept singing, singing, singing: "I have found her at last! She is safe!"

"I have prayed for you always," he said in one of the pauses. It was just as they were coming into Flora Street. The urchins were all out on the sidewalk yet, for the night was hot; and they gathered about, and ran hooting after the car as it slowed at the door. "I am sure He did hide you safely, and I shall thank Him for answering my prayer. And now I am coming to see you. May I come tomorrow?"

There was great gladness in her eyes. "Yes," she said.

The Bradys had arrived from the corner trolley, and were hovering about the door self-assertively. It was most apparent to an onlooker that this was a good opportunity for an introduction, but the two young people were entirely oblivious. The man touched his hat gravely, a look of great admiration in his eyes, and said, "Good night" like a benediction. Then the girl turned and went into the plain little home and to her belligerent relatives with a light in her eyes and a joy in her steps that had not been there earlier in the day. The dreams that visited her hard pillow that night were heavenly and sweet.

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### Twenty-Five Years a Sunday School Superintendent

In our day and age, when service is the watchword to success in business life, we sometimes fail to recognize unselfish service given by men and women in the Master's business. So our church at Dayton, Ohio, felt this duty and opportunity to recognize the twenty-five years of continuous service of Bro. John Tapper as Sunday school superintendent. In his honor the church gave a surprise banquet on June 24.

It was easy to give a banquet, but not

so easy to arrange a surprise, as Bro. Tapper is very active in all church affairs. So we resorted to a little diplomacy. As June 24 was our annual church business meeting night, it was tactfully proposed on this evening to give special recognition to all new members who have joined our church during the last year, and also to serve a light lunch.

But Bro. Tapper's face brightened up as he entered the room (delayed 15 minutes through clever tactics of H. Martin, his assistant,) and found instead of a light lunch the tables decorated for a banquet, and saw many of his intimate friends and relatives gathered around them, not forgetting the large sign, "25 Years Service." He was welcomed with an appropriate song.

Our pastor, Rev. Elmer J. Baumgartner, who was chiefly responsible for all the arrangements, acted as toastmaster. He explained the real purpose of this gathering, and a motion was then carried to postpone our business meeting for one week. The church clerk then read the names of all the 32 new members received during the year. The pastor, in his brief address to them referred to the fact that close co-operation and love among one another is necessary in the life of the church.

An appropriate program had been arranged for the evening with our pastor as first speaker, who gave the recognition address on behalf of the church. He disclosed the news that June 24 is also the birthday of Bro. Tapper and so a double celebration. N. Martin, assistant superintendent, spoke on behalf of our Sunday school. Then Bro. Tapper was presented with a 9 tube radio set, and Mrs. Tapper with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Rev. Soneborn, pastor of a neighboring Lutheran church, spoke on behalf of the weekday Bible school of Religious Education in which Mr. Tapper is very active. Mr. Geo. Garwood, S. S. Superintendent of the Third Street Baptist Church, spoke on behalf of the Baptist Sunday schools of the city.

Another speaker was Mr. Wm. Hartman, vice-president of the National Cash Register Co., who referred to the fine Christian character of Bro. Tapper in his daily work. But the principal speaker was Rev. Arthur A. Schade, Field Secretary of our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. In his splendid and well received address Bro. Schade spoke of the high ideals of the Sunday school in our Christian life.

The program was interspersed with selections by a male quartet and two poems, one by Karl Koeker in the German language and one by Prof. H. von Berge in the English language. Bro. Tapper was now called upon to say a few words, and with much emotion in his heart, he expressed his gratitude at this demonstration of affection on the part of the church. All who know him with his friendly face, hope that he may serve as our superintendent for many years to come. The happy gathering was then brought to close with the song: "God be with you till we meet again."

H. K.

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