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What's Happening

Dr. Nunez, physician in charge, gave a clear and compact report concerning the Roger Williams Hospital in Milwaukee—"the small hospital with a soul." It has 40 beds. Size does not count but quality and service. Over 4000 patients have been treated since Dr. Nunez has been in charge. He has some of the outstanding surgeons and doctors of Milwaukee on the hospital staff. Dr. Nunez was introduced to the General Conference by Rev. O. R. Hauser.

Rev. Paul Gebauer sailed on September 7 on the steamer "Bremen" from New York for Germany, where he will visit his relatives and confer with Director F. W. Simoleit of the Cameroon Mission in Neu-Ruppin and also buy certain equipment. He intends to sail from Hamburg Oct. 3 on the Woermann line steamer "Toledo" for Cameroon and will be on his field at Soppo by the end of October. There he will work with Missionary C. J. Bender. Bro. Bender expects to return to America in June, 1932.

The Dakota Conference in its report to the General Conference at Detroit reported 596 baptisms during the last conference year, 1930-1931. During the three-year period 929 were baptized. The membership of the Conference is now 6226. Sunday school membership is 8798 and 2172 compose the membership in the young peoples societies.

The Northern Conference area comprises the four western provinces of Canada. It reports 45 churches with 4154 members. During 1930-1931 the baptisms were 339. There are 48 Sunday schools with 4066 pupils.

The Southwestern Conference met in Okeene, Okla., this year. Rev. Aug. Rosner of Shattuck was moderator. Rev. Geo. A. Lang of Lorraine, Kans., was elected missionary secretary of the conference. There are 24 churches reported with 2231 members. During the past conference year 120 were baptized. Two new church edifices were erected. Seven churches are pastorless at present. Mr. O. G. Graalman was re-elected conference treasurer.

The Northwestern Conference consists of 38 churches with 4337 members. During the three-year period 448 were baptized, of which 119 occurred during the last conference year.

The Atlantic Conference reported at Detroit that of its 27 churches 14 had baptisms last year and 13 reported no baptisms. The net gain for the year was only 30 members.

The Central Conference is still our largest conference numerically. It reports 6515 members. The Dakota Conference is crowding the Central pretty close.

The Eastern Conference is one of our smaller conferences. It numbers 15

churches with 2251 members. Of the 233 baptized during the last three years, 198 were from the Sunday school.

The Pacific Conference had 24 churches and reports 228 baptized in the three-year period. The membership is 2987. The hopefulness of the work among the young people was stressed by the conference reporter. There are young people's unions in California, Oregon and Washington.

The Texas Conference is the smallest of our nine conferences. It has 14 churches with a membership of 1050. During the three years 75 were baptized. There are 10 young people's societies with 520 members. This is a very hopeful aspect. The conference is not the least in giving for it reports \$30.00 given per member.

The new members of the School Committee elected at Detroit are as follows. For the three-year term Rev. G. Fetzer, Rev. D. Hamel and Rev. W. J. Zirbes. For the six-year term Rev. C. A. Daniel, Rev. Paul Wengel, Rev. H. R. Schroeder and Rev. C. W. Koller.

New members of the Publication Board, who also serve as trustees of the Publication Society for the next six years, until 1937, are Prof. H. von Berge, Rev. G. H. Schneck, Rev. John Leyboldt, Mr. Fred. A. Grosser and Rev. W. S. Argow.

Rev. G. Fetzer, Editor of "Der Sendbote," Mr. H. P. Donner, Manager of the Publication Society, Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., Secretary of the General Missionary Society, and Rev. A. P. Mihm and Rev. A. A. Schade, General and Field Secretaries of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, were all re-elected to their respective offices for a three-year term at the General Conference at Detroit.

Rev. A. Ittermann of Carbon, Alta., Can., pastor of the Freudental church, had the great joy of baptizing 34 persons on Sunday, Aug. 9, in Knee Hill Creek. Bro. Ittermann preached a forceful baptismal sermon on "Seven Reasons for Baptism" at the church, preceding the act of baptism. After the baptismal service in the afternoon all returned to church where altogether 37 received the hand of fellowship, one coming by letter and two by confession. It is estimated that about 700 were present at the baptism.

Mr. David Litke, a graduate of the German Department of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, has assumed the pastorate of the churches at Lyndock and Sebastopol, Ont., and began his work on Aug. 1.

The officers of the General Conference elected at Detroit and which officiate from now on are Prof. H. von Berge, Dayton, O., moderator; Rev. John Ley-

poldt, Detroit, Mich., vice-moderator; Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann, St. Paul, Minn., recording secretary; Rev. Benjamin Schlipf, Avon, S. Dak., statistical secretary.

The Plum Creek Baptist Church, near Emery, S. Dak., Rev. E. Gutsche, pastor, had the joy of baptizing twelve persons, most of them young folks, who are also willing to enter the ranks of the B. Y. P. U. This society, under the leadership of J. Ochsner, assisted by a staff of able co-workers, renders a monthly program, of which the August program was an outstanding success. The mixed and male choirs of the church do much in presenting the gospel in song and melody.

Rev. W. A. Zeckser of Gillett, Wis., baptized six persons in the Oconto River in the presence of a goodly audience. Rev. J. F. Meyer of Pound, Wis., preached the baptismal sermon. The church is grateful for this group of young people who have taken a stand for Christ. Bro. Zeckser has served the church for the last ten years and is still carrying on.

Rev. Gerlof Palfenier, formerly pastor at Hilda, Alta., Can., has become the new pastor of the church at Germantown, N. Dak. He entered upon his new ministry Sunday, Aug. 2.

No program works itself, but even the poorest program will get somewhere if somebody works it. Success is in the person, not in the program.

"The thunderous once-a-year sermon on giving is about like starving a cow to a shadow, then giving her ten bushels of meal and a wagon load of hay at once, expecting to get a barrel of milk the next morning."

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Some Goals to Strive for

(ADOPTED AT DETROIT BY Y. P. AND S. S. W. U.)

IN order that we as Christian young people may exert the widest and most helpful influence upon the world and thereby promote the coming of the Kingdom of God in all phases of human society we hereby declare it to be our purpose and intention to:

- a—Avoid all degrading indulgences and amusements.
- b—Give our support to all agencies seeking sobriety, law-observance, social justice, and the outlawry of war, as a means of settling international disputes.
- c—Maintain and promote the New Testament ideals of purity and moral conduct in personal and family relationships.
- d—Practice faithful stewardship of time and money as well as of personal influence.
- e—Engage in soul-winning and the building up of the church of Christ at home and throughout the ends of the earth.

The General Conference at Detroit

THE Twenty-Third General Conference of the German Baptist Churches of North America has now passed into history. It will rank as one of the best that has been held. It was thought that the current business depression would materially affect the conference attendance, but while that was true as far as the number of delegates was concerned, the number of registered visitors from outside was larger than usual and the number present at the day and night sessions reflected no visible decrease. Of course, the four strong local churches furnished a large evening contingent. We believe that there were more young people from a distance at this General Conference than ever before and this fact was a cause of rejoicing and one that signifies good for the future.

The Conference was characterized by a spirit of concord and harmony while preserving its independence of thought and freedom of action. There was no attempt on the part of anybody or any society to "shove something over" in any furtive or secretive way and it could never have been done

even if it had been attempted by any faction or clique. There were very important matters passed upon such as the ratification of the agreement between the Educational Union and the trustees of the Baptist Education Society of New York, defining clearer the relations between the German department and the parent institution, the adoption of a new constitution by the General Missionary Society, resolutions referring to the method of nomination and election of officials and important committees of the conference, etc. Clear statement of all the facts was fully presented, sufficient opportunity for discussion was given and then the spirit of unanimity revealed itself in an agreeable and wonderful way.

The Conference was one of innovations. There were some novel and brand-new ideas carried out in the conference program, such as the debate between the ministers and the laymen on Wednesday evening and the pageant given by the Missionary Society on Friday evening. Some of these would no doubt have been considered radical and unconventional some years ago, but we are living in a changing world and are adjusting ourselves to the demands of the times, we trust, without losing anything of old-time spiritual power. We wish to hold to the spiritual ideals of the fore-fathers while putting them into new forms.

The arrangements for the Conference were well-planned by the local committee of the Detroit churches and all that could minister to the comfort and welfare of the guests from abroad was considered and provided for. It was to be regretted that many of our pastors from far western churches were not able to be present, but cause for gratitude is abundant for the large number of delegates and visitors that could be present. Our earnest purpose now is to carry out the program during the next three years with God's help and to labor faithfully for the coming of the kingdom in our midst. The next General Conference will meet in Milwaukee in 1934.

Our Young People at Detroit

SPECIAL efforts were made this General Conference year to induce young people to attend our General Conference and the meetings of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union in connection therewith at Detroit. These endeavors were not in vain and certainly were realized to a larger extent than in any similar previous gatherings. As far as our observation goes, we believe a larger number of young people from various parts of the country attended the General Conference than ever before.

Our National Union not only desired them there, not only was highly gratified that so many were there, but also made provision to bring them together as young people, planned to make them acquainted with each other and provide some social gatherings and entertainment in the hours in-between regular program meetings. Noonday luncheon gatherings were held daily at the Y. M. C. A. with brief talks, pep songs and social games. On Thursday afternoon a young people's trip to Belle Island Park per buses with box lunches was held and proved a fine success. A "Get Acquainted Contest" provided a lot of good fun for many and furnished opportunity for contacts as they endeavored to get the greatest number of signatures of persons under 40 years of age.

The business session of the Union on Friday afternoon brought out one of the largest attendances of any day sessions and the interest was noticeable with which the reports were followed. The resolutions which were brought before the body (published on another page of this number) were carefully considered one by one, discussed and enthusiastically adopted.

The banquet of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union on Friday night at the Hotel Detroit broke all attendance records for gatherings of that kind. Over 500 sat down at table. Mr. Norman J. Boehm led the singing from a specially prepared song sheet. The acoustics of the banquet hall were poor and our time before the evening meeting was brief and these circumstances hindered somewhat in realizing all of the banquet program. Many were anxious to get a good seat for the Missionary pageant at the Conference church and this broke up the banquet earlier than intended. Yet a good time was had while we were together.

The results of the election gives us the following staff of officers for the next three years:

President: Walter Marklein, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Vice-President: Norman J. Boehm, Detroit, Mich.
 Recording Secretary: Miss Alice C. Baum, Chicago, Ill.

General Secretary: Rev. A. P. Mihm, Forest Park, Ill.

Field Secretary: Rev. A. A. Schade, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Union expressed its confidence in the work of its two secretaries by their reelection for another term.

The Council members for the next triennium who were all present, are as follows:

Atlantic Conference: Walter Marklein, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Eastern Conf.: Miss Florence Fischer, Buffalo, N. Y.

Central Conf.: Rev. A. F. Runtz, Peoria, Ill.

Northwestern Conf.: Elmer Wengel, Milwaukee, Wis.

Southwestern Conf.: O. G. Graalman, Okeene, Okla.

Dakota Conf.: Rev. R. Kaiser, Parkston, S. Dak.

Texas Conf.: Walter Schaible, Waco, Tex.

Pacific Conf.: Rev. A. Husmann, Tacoma, Wash.

Northern Conf.: Rev. A. Ittermann, Carbon, Alta.

The mass meeting under the auspices of the Union on Sunday afternoon was certainly one of the high points of the Conference week. President Walter W. Grosser presided in his genial manner. The orchestra's half hour of harmonious melody, the numbers by the Detroit Mass Choir and the Song service under the direction of "Uncle" Reuben Windisch all prepared to mellow and make receptive for the climaxes of the program.

In brief, well-chosen words Prof. A. Bretschneider of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, a former secretary of our Union, inducted the new officers of the Union into their responsible tasks, and introduced them and the new Council members to the great audience.

Then came one of the outstanding addresses of the whole conference. The speaker was Rev. Chas. W. Koller, pastor of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J. Bro. Koller is a product of the German Baptist churches in Texas. His pleasing personality, his soft southern accent and above all, his spiritual earnestness impress the listener. His topic was: "Slightly Soiled, Greatly Reduced in Price." It was a heart-searching address that challenged young people to avoid the soiling contact with the doubtful diversions of the world that lead to deterioration of character and hinder getting closer to that God-likeness which Jesus held out as our ideal of Christian life.

We hope to publish this address either in full or essential parts in an early number of the "Baptist Herald."

It was on this high level that our young people's part in the Conference program came to a close. A clean life, a separated life, a consecrated life, to be a vessel meet for the Master's use,—that was the deep, prayerful wish and resolution left in our hearts, that with God's help is our purpose for the coming days.

Gleams from the General Conference

☞ Moderator Prof. H. von Berge guided the Conference ship as a skillful pilot with firm hand through the calm and sometimes troubled parliamentary waters. He earnestly pled to be relieved from further official responsibilities but the Conference honored him with another term of office, thus evidencing its confidence in his leadership and fair and equitable rulings.

☞ "Old and New During Fifty Years," a pageant representing scenes from our own denominational missionary work was given before a capacity audience on Friday night, Aug. 28. It was presented in five parts: 1) "What the Old Veterans are thinking," portrayed by five students from Rochester. 2) "Experiences of the New Immigrants in Canada," given by Rev. F. A. Bloedow and six young people. 3) Commissioning of Rev. P. Gebauer as Missionary to Cameroon, 4) The Grateful Gypsies

from Bulgaria, in which part Miss Marion Strehle and Mr. H. Block starred, and 5) The Light of the Cross. This was a fitting climax to the whole Twenty flags from 18 different countries were massed and as each flag-bearer spoke of the mission work in the land represented by him the name of the country was electrically illuminated on a large transparency. In the center of this was a illuminated cross with the motto above, "The Light of the Cross Enlightens the World." Two other flags were also represented, one a black flag for the kingdom of darkness and the Christian flag for the kingdom of light. The pageant was under the direction of Mrs. Dorothea Rossbach Nast, who at the close was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses. The offering for missions in connection with the pageant in cash and pledges amounted to \$1031.20.

☞ The Governor of Michigan, the Hon. Wilbur M. Brucker, made a special trip from the Capitol at Lansing to address the Conference. He was introduced by Bro. Conrad J. Netting, who is a member of the Michigan legislature of long standing. It was through Bro. Netting's influence that the Conference was honored by the visit and address of the Governor of the state. Governor Brucker made a splendid speech on "Good Government and the Contribution of the Church thereto." He impressed us all as a man of high caliber, who has ideals and aims far beyond those of the ordinary politician who often seeks and occupies the governor's chair in our states.

☞ Rev. Bruno Luebeck, pastor of our church in South Chicago, who is under appointment for missionary service in China on Bro. J. Speicher's former field and who will be sent out by the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society in October, was introduced on Thursday night. He was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, just to let him know that we love and esteem him, regard him as one of our own and that we will remember him in our prayers.

☞ The red light on the pulpit was flashed by the moderator as a stop signal to the speakers at the Missionary Society's Golden Jubilee on Tuesday and to the debaters on Wednesday night. It was obeyed promptly in all cases and there were no talk traffic violations. We do not know whether it was flashed on the Governor of Michigan who was supposed to have 10 minutes and spoke nearly 30. "Just like some preachers," said the moderator.

☞ The Music and Singing at the Conference was of a high order throughout. The Mass Choir of 125 voices under the direction of Mr. G. C. Klepinger was a grand sight to behold, all garbed in white and a delight to hear as they rendered the beautiful songs of Zion. The choirs from the various Detroit churches all did excellently and measured up to high expectations. The orchestra under the direction of Mr. H. Skubick played as if its members had been together for a long while. Its selections were enjoyed by all. The solo numbers by "Uncle"

Reuben Windisch reached our hearts and his leadership of the Song services was such as to foster worship. A ladies quartet from Dayton was also greatly appreciated. Children of the heavenly king delight to sing—this was again demonstrated at our Conference in Detroit.

☞ The great Union Communion Service on Sunday night under the direction of two veterans in pastoral service, Rev. F. A. Licht and Rev. C. A. Daniel, assisted by a large group of deacons and pastors who acted as deacons in passing the bread and wine, was an impressive service and fittingly brought the Conference to a close with the thought of Christ's sacrifice and our brotherly love and fellowship to the forefront. The service could have been made still more devotional and impressive if the bread were broken beforehand and the choice of hymns brought more closely in accord with the thought of the Lord's supper.

☞ The devotional addresses in the "Quiet Half Hour," which closed each forenoon session, were brought to us by Prof. Lewis Kaiser. They were clearly thought out, masterful in delivery, statesman-like in their insight and outlook and proved the speaker as a man who had understanding of the times.

☞ Mr. Walter W. Grosser, our past president, showed himself to be "a master of assemblies" whether he presided at the Council members meetings, at the informal gatherings at the Y. M. C. A. or stood before the "big meetings" on Friday and Sunday. He worked hard to make the young people's end of the Conference a success and was happy to see his efforts turn out well.

☞ Two former presidents of our Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union were on the platform Sunday afternoon and we were all glad to see them. Bro. Henry Marks of St. Paul, Minn., was our first president, serving from 1922-1925, and Bro. Edw. W. Hoek of Detroit was his successor, serving from 1925-1928.

☞ Our new president, Mr. Walter Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., a member of our Second Church there, has been a faithful and enthusiastic worker in local B. Y. P. U. work as well as active in the Atlantic Conference. His election to the presidency was a happy and popular choice and we are sure he will be a leader with push, pep, purpose and perseverance. We hope to bring his picture and a more extended write-up of our new president in a later number of the "Herald."

☞ Missionary A. Orthner of Cameroon gave an extract from a pigeon English sermon of one of his native helpers. He confused "samples" with "disciples" and used to say to the Christians quoting Christ's words: "You are my samples." Disciples of Jesus should be samples of Christ. Bro. Orthner referred to a mail package received which was marked: "Samples without value." Are we such?

¶ An exceedingly great cause for thanksgiving was found in the report of the Finance Committee that only \$10,600 less was given for the Missionary and Benevolent Offering in this triennium as compared with 1925-1928. This in spite of the period of depression. The total of all gifts for the Missionary and Benevolent Offering and for all other purposes not under our control was over \$657,000.

¶ One of the most touching moments during the General Conference was the address of Missionary Geo. J. Geis, when he spoke of his long life-work in Burma, gave us his life-story and showed how his life has always been deeply rooted in our German Baptist work. In heart-stirring words, filled with strong emotion, he pleaded for the maintenance of this close relation with our churches and no lessening of prayer, sympathy and financial support. Moderator von Berge truly said at the close of the address: "We have looked into the heart of a missionary."

¶ The task of setting up the list of accredited and recognized ministers in our printed list in the little denominational hand-book (Notizbuch) was by resolution of the General Conference entrusted in future to a committee consisting of the Editor of "Der Sendbote," the Editor of "The Baptist Herald," the General Missionary Secretary and the Dean of our German Seminary in Rochester.

¶ Rev. Wm. Kuhn, the General Missionary Secretary was again elected transportation manager of the General Conference.

¶ Rev. Nicholas Dulity of Detroit brought greetings from the Hungarian Baptists of the United States. He was a member of the First German Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, So. Side (now Temple Church) when he began the first missionary work among his Hungarian brethren.

¶ Rev. Joseph Baier of South Africa brought greetings from the German Baptist Union of South Africa. It is composed of 11 churches and 7 pastors.

¶ Mrs. G. H. Schneck of Clifton, N. J., was re-elected president of the General Woman's Union (Allgemeiner Schwestern-Bund), Mrs. R. E. Hoefflin of New York City, recording secretary, and Mrs. O. E. Krueger of Pittsburgh, treasurer, and Mrs. Wm. Kuhn, editor of "Missions-Perlen." The women had a great banquet at the Hotel Detrouer—for women only—and 337 were present.

¶ "Not anxiously backwards, not impetuously forward, but 'sursum corda,' the hearts upward." These words of Neander, the great theologian to his students were quoted by Prof. L. Kaiser at the beginning of his last "Quiet Hour" address on Saturday. His text was Heb. 12:1, 2: "Looking unto Jesus." Jesus must be in the center of our vision and there he must stay. We must look to him because of our own helplessness and because he is omnipotent. And the results of looking unto him? A new enthusiasm and a mind to work. May our

minds not be diverted but concentrate with firm purpose on Christ so that these happy consequences may follow in our lives.

The Budget for 1931-1934

The Budget for all the various denominational purposes included in the Missionary and Benevolent Offering as recommended by the Finance Committee and adopted by the General Conference in Detroit is given in the following. The list also contains a comparison of the percentages of the past triennium with the percentages of the present triennium which has now begun.

1928-1931		1931-1934
26.50%	Home Missions	26.50%
16.50	Foreign Mission	16.50
4.	*Chapel Building Fund	1.50
5.	Superannuated Ministers	5.
7.	Minister's Pensions	7.
7.	Relief of Needy	7.
3.50	*Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union	4.
10.	*Seminary at Rochester	10.50
6.50	*Widows and Orphans	9.00
2.	*Old People's Home, Chicago	1.
2.	Old People's Home, Philadelphia	2.
1.	*Old People's Home, Portland Administration	1.50
5.	*Reserve Fund	5.
4.		3.50
100.00%		100.00%

*Changes for the Triennium 1931-1934.

Editorial Jottings

WE HOPE to present some of the notable addresses at the General Conference in our paper soon.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT for every "Baptist Herald" Booster is found on the last page of this number. Don't miss it.

ARE YOU a real friend of the "Baptist Herald"? Study page 16 and see how you can help to increase the number of our subscribers. We pledged help at Detroit. Let's do it.

OUR SERIAL STORY, "The Girl from Montana," concludes in this number. Did you like it? Drop us a card and let the Editor know. We hope to announce a good new story soon.

Beg Your Pardon

The Poem "Disappointment" on page sixteen, Aug. 15 issue, is by Mrs. William Schindler, not Mrs. Martin Schindler.

The Two Pictures of the Junior Department and the Teachers on page 15 of Sept. 1 number of the "Baptist Herald" were unfortunately misplaced. They belong to the report of the Church Vacation School of the Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., instead of the Clinton Hill School.

The Sunday School

Every Youth

Every youth has a quest to make,
For life is the king's highway;
And a joyous heart is the scrip we take
On the road of every day.

Every youth has his gifts to guard
As he fares to a far-off goal—
A body pure, and a mind unmarred,
And the light of a lovely soul.

Every youth has a task of his own,
For the Father has planned it so.
He seeks the way, and He alone
Can show him the path to go.

Every youth has a lovely Guide
From the vale to the mountain crest,
For the unseen Friend who walks beside
Is the way and the end of the quest.
—Exchange.

Following Up the Absentee

EVERETT ELLIS

It is safe to say that not one Sunday school in a hundred has a salaried superintendent or visitor. All of the work must be done by volunteers, and usually these volunteers are busy people. When they are too busy to make any calls at all their work is not likely to reach a very high degree of effectiveness.

The writer has for twenty-five years been treasurer of one of the largest Sunday schools in New England. It is a school so fortunate as to have a salaried superintendent and two salaried visitors. One day recently I asked one of the visitors to name some of the things that make the school so successful. Without a moments hesitation she said:

"Our system of following up absentees. If a member of a class is not in his place on Sunday we try to know, and before the sun sets on Monday, why he was absent. I take every class-book and go over it the first thing Monday morning, making a list of absentees. If possible we have the teacher of the class get in touch with the absentee. If not, I—or the other visitor—look him up."

Much can be done with the telephone in these days. I know of no better way of keeping the average attendance high than by following up absentees; and this following-up should always be done by the teacher if possible. The other day I was in the home of a boy who is a member of our school. I spoke to his mother about his regular attendance.

"Oh, yes," she said. "He almost never misses Sunday school. Last Sunday he said something about not going, and then added: 'Well, if I don't, the teacher or someone else will be around here within forty-eight hours to know why I wasn't there; and I wouldn't have a worth-while excuse; so I'd better go.'"

It often happens that the absentee has no "worth-while" excuse, and if he knows that someone will "be around" to inquire into the cause of his absence, he will be far more likely to go than not.

It is possible for even the busiest teachers to get into touch with absent scholars, either by writing or by telephone. It rather flatters the absentee to know that he has been missed. It is proof that the teacher has a real interest in him.

The public school keeps a sharp eye on its pupils. Every large city has its truant officer. If the pupils in our public schools were allowed to come and go at will there would be a great decrease in attendance. The pupils in the Sunday school should be looked after as carefully as the pupils in the public school. The following-up must naturally be of another kind. The truant officer goes to the home vested with authority to compel attendance. The Sunday school visitor can make no demands; no sharp words can be used; only love and kindness can prompt the visit. One must also have tact. Even the parents are sometimes "touchy," and may resent too keen inquiry into the cause of the absence of their children from Sunday school.

This much is certain: no school can afford to allow its scholars to be absent Sunday after Sunday without making the attempt to discover why they have not been present. The lack of such following-up may reasonably be taken as a sign that the school does not care. After many years of Sunday school experience, I feel sure that the best way to secure a high average attendance is to look carefully after the absentees. You will find that every successful school systematically does this. I should add, however, don't do it truant-officer fashion!—Adult Leader.

What Is Most Worth Our Doing?

Once upon a time there were two sisters, equal in talents, equal in opportunities.

Said one, answering a call, "I cannot teach. I do not know a thing about it."

So she took up her needle and a bit of linen and began to embroider a centerpiece for her table.

Said the other sister, "I cannot teach. I do not know a thing about it. But I ought to learn."

So she laid down her needle and went to a teachers' meeting.

At nightfall one had a few inches of lovely handwork to put before the eye; the other had empty hands, but an inspiration in her soul that made her say, "I might, I will."

The next day one sister plied her needle in and out of the linen and at night

had several inches to show when the other had only some notes in a book on which she had penciled, "Keys to Child-nature."

A few weeks later the doily was done and spread proudly upon the family table, and a boy had gone home from Sunday school thinking about a story he heard from his teacher.

A few months later the linen was in the washerwoman's hands, and at the same moment the boy was pondering a great truth, summoning his courage to follow it.

And when the months had grown to a full year one sister was tucking a tattered centerpiece into the ragbag, and the other had the heart of a boy prepared to lay before the heavenly Father.

It is just a question of what is most worth our doing.—Children's Leader.

The Custom of Jesus

Attention has been called in "The Sunday School World" to what may be called the religious habits of Jesus. First, we are told that at Nazareth where he had been brought up, "as his custom was he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." The people of Nazareth had a bad reputation, yet every Sunday Jesus went to church. The preaching would be poor, but Jesus went to church. He went to worship by prayer and meditation, and to let his heart be strengthened and refreshed by the word of God.

Again, he "went as he was wont to the Mount of Olives." It was his custom to go there for quiet prayer. How many of us have prayed in a garden? How many have a place where we are in the habit of praying? Jesus had.

Again, Mark describes Jesus as surrounded by the multitude, and "as he was wont he taught them again." Notice the connection between his three habits—public worship, private prayer, and teaching. What an example for Sunday school teachers!—The Australian Sunday School Teacher.

A Good Example

It is reported that after Gene Tunney had settled the matter as to who was really the champion in the ring, one of the tobacco companies sent him an offer for the use of his name. The company knew that Tunney did not smoke, but they said, "We will give you \$10,000 if you will sign your name to the following: 'All my friends use your kind of cigarettes.'" Ten thousand dollars just to sign his name. Mr. Tunney answered "No, I don't smoke, and will not lend my influence to start some young fellow doing what I do not do myself."

Your past should not trouble you if at present your relationship with God is right.

The Girl from Montana

By GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL

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(Conclusion)

The train was going rapidly now. It would not be long before the conductor would reach them. The man leaned over, and clasped the little gloved hand that lay in the girl's lap; and Elizabeth felt the great joy that had tantalized her for these three years in dreams and visions settle down about her in beautiful reality. She was his now forever. She need not run away again.

The conductor was not long in coming to them, and the matter-of-fact world had to be faced once more. The young man produced his card, and said a few words to the conductor, mentioning the name of his uncle, who, by the way, happened to be a director of the road; and then he explained the situation. It was very necessary that the young lady be recalled at once to her home because of a change in the circumstances. He had caught the train at West Philadelphia by automobile, coming as he was in his morning clothes, without baggage and with little money. Would the conductor be so kind as to put them off that they might return to the city by the shortest possible route?

The conductor glared and scolded, and said "people didn't know their own minds," and "wanted to move the earth." Then he eyed Elizabeth, and she smiled. He let a grim glimmer of what might have been a sour smile years ago peep out for an instant, and—he let them off.

They wandered delightedly about from one trolley to another until they found an automobile garage, and soon were speeding back to Philadelphia.

They waited for no ceremony, these two who had met and loved by the way in the wilderness. They went straight to Mrs. Benedict for her blessing, and then to the minister to arrange for his services; and within the week a quiet wedding-party entered the arched doors of the placid brown church with the lofty spire, and Elizabeth Bailey and George Benedict were united in the sacred bonds of matrimony.

There were present Mrs. Benedict and one or two intimate friends of the family, besides Grandmother Brady, Aunt Nan, and Lizzie.

Lizzie brought a dozen bread-and-butter-plates from the ten-cent store. They were adorned with cupids and much gilt. But Lizzie was disappointed. No display, no pomp and ceremony. Just a simple white dress and white veil. Lizzie did not understand that the veil had been in the Bailey family for generations, and that the dress was an heirloom also. It was worn because Grandmother Bailey had given it to her, and told her she wanted her to wear it on

her wedding-day. Sweet and beautiful she looked as she turned to walk down the aisle on her husband's arm, and she smiled at Grandmother Brady in a way that filled the grandmother's heart with pride and triumph. Elizabeth was not ashamed of the Bradys even among her fine friends. But Lizzie grumbled all the way home at the plainness of the ceremony, and the lack of bridesmaids and fuss and feathers.

The social column of the daily papers stated that young Mr. and Mrs. George Benedict were spending their honeymoon in an extended tour of the West, and Grandmother Brady so read it aloud at the breakfast table to the admiring family. Only Lizzie looked discontented:

"She just wore a dark blue tricotone one-piece dress and a little plain dark hat. She ain't got a bit of taste. Oh Boy! If I had her pocket book wouldn't I show the world? But anyhow I'm glad she went in a private car. There was a little class to her, though if t'had been mine I'd uv preferred ridin' in the parlor coach an' havin' folks see me and my fine husband. He's some looker, George Benedict is! Everybody turns to watch 'em as they go by, and they just sail along and never seem to notice. It's all perfectly thrown away on 'em. Gosh! I'd hate to be such a nut!"

"Now, Lizzie, you know you had'n't oughtta talk like that!" reproved her grandmother, "After her giving you all that money for your own wedding. A thousand dollars just to spend as you please on your cloes and a blow out, and house linens. Jest because she don't care for gewgaws like you do, you think she's a fool. But she's no fool. She's got a good head on her, and she'll get more in the long run out of life than you will. She's been real kind and loving to us all, and she didn't have any reason to neither. We never did much fer her. And look at how nice and common she's been with us all, not a bit high headed. I declare, Lizzie. I should think you'd be ashamed!"

"Oh, well," said Lizzie shrugging her shoulders indifferently, "She's all right in her way, only 'taint my way. And I'm thankful t'goodness that I had the nerve to speak up when she offered to give me my trousseau. She askt me would I druther hav her buy it for me, or have the money and pick it out m'self, and I spoke up right quick and says, 'Oh, cousin Bessie, I wouldn't think of givin' ya all that trouble. I'd take the money if it's all the same t'you', and she jest smiled and said all right, she expected I knew what I wanted better'n she did. So yes'teddy when I went down to the station to see her off she handed me a bank book. And—Oh, say, I forgot! She said there was a good-bye note

inside. I aint had time to look at it since. I went right to the movies on the dead run to get there 'fore the first show begun, and it's in my coat pocket. Wait 'till I get it. I spose it's some of her old religion! She's always preaching at me. It ain't that she says so much as that she's always *meanin'* it underneath everything, that gets my goat! It's sorta like having a piece of God round with you all the time watching you. You kinda hate to be enjoyin' yerself fer fear she won't think yer doin' it accordin' to the Bible."

Lizzie hurtled into the hall and brought back her coat, fumbling in the pocket.

"Yes, here 'tis, ma! Wanta see the figgers? You never had a whole thousand dollars in the bank t'wocet yerself, did ya?"

Mrs. Brady put on her spectacles and reached for the book, while Lizzie's mother got up and came behind her mother's chair to look over at the magic figures. Lizzie stooped for the little white note that had fluttered to her feet as she opened the book, but she had little interest to see what it said. She was more intent upon the new bank book.

It was Grandmother Brady that discovered it:

"Why, Lizzie! It ain't one thousand, it's five thousand, the book says! You don't 'spose she's made a mistake, do you?"

Lizzie seized the book and gazed, her jaw dropping open in amaze. "Let me have it!" demanded Lizzie's mother, reaching for the book.

"Where's yer note, Lizzie, mebbe it'll explain," said the excited Grandmother. Lizzie recovered the note which again had fluttered to the floor in the confusion and opening it began to read:

"Dear Lizzie," it read

"I've made it five thousand so you will have some over for furnishing your home, and if you will think you want the little bungalow out on the Pike you will find the deed at my lawyer's, all made out in your name. It's my wedding gift to you, so you can go to work and buy your furniture at once, and not wait till Dan gets a raise. And here's wishing you great happiness,

"Your loving cousin,
"ELIZABETH."

"There!" said Grandmother Brady sitting back with satisfaction and holding her hands composedly, "Whadd' I tell ya?"

"Mercy!" said Lizzie's mother, "Let me see that note! The idea of her giving all that money when she didn't have to!"

But Lizzie's face was a picture of joy. For once she lost her hard little worldly screwed-up expression and was wreathed in smiles of genuine eagerness:

"O Boy!" she exclaimed delightedly, dancing around the room, "Now we can have a victrola, an' a player-piano, and Dan'll get a Ford, one o' those limousine-kind! Won't I be some swell? What'll the girls at the store think now?"

"H'm! You'd much better get a wash-

ing machine and a lectric iron!" grumbled Grandmother Brady practically.

"Well, all I got to say about it is, she was an awful fool to trust you with so much money," said Lizzie's mother discontentedly, albeit with a pleased pride as she watched her giddy daughter fling on hat and coat to go down and tell Dan.

"I sh'll work in the store fer the rest of the week, jest to 'commodate 'em," she announced putting her head back in the door as she went out, "but not a day longer. I got a lot t'do. Say, won't I be some lady in the five-an'-ten the rest o' the week? Oh Boy! I'll tell the world!"

Meantime in their own private car the bride and groom were whirled on their way to the west, but they saw little of the scenery, being engaged in the all-absorbing story of each other's lives since they had parted.

And one bright morning they stepped down from the train at Malta and gazed about them.

The sun was shining clear and wonderful, and the little brown station stood drearily against the brightness of the day like a picture that has hung long on the wall of one's memory and is suddenly brought out and the dust wiped away.

They purchased a couple of horses, and with camp accoutrements following began their real wedding trip, over the road they had come together when they first met. Elizabeth had to show her husband where she had hidden while the men went by, and he drew her close in his arms and thanked God that she had escaped so miraculously.

It seemed so wonderful to be in the same places again, for nothing out here in the wilderness seemed much to have changed, and yet they two were so changed that the people they met did not seem to recognize them as ever having been that way before.

The dined sumptuously in the same coulee, and recalled little things they had said and done, and Elizabeth, now worldly wise, laughed at her own former ignorance as her husband reminded her of some questions she had asked him on that memorable journey. And ever through the beautiful journey he was telling her how wonderful she seemed to him, both then and now.

Not however, till they reached the old ranchhouse, where the woman had tried to persuade her to stay, did they stop for long.

Elizabeth had a tender feeling in her heart for that motherly woman who had sought to protect her, and felt a longing to let her know how safely she had been kept through the long journey and how good the Lord had been to her through the years. Also they both desired to reward the kind people for their hospitality in the time of need. So, in the early evening they rode up just as they did before the little old log house. But no friendly door flung open wide as they came near, and at first they thought the cabin deserted, till a candle flare suddenly shone forth in the bedroom, and then Benedict dismounted and knocked.

After some waiting the old man came to the door holding a candle high above his head. His face was haggard and worn, and the whole place looked dishevelled. His eyes had a weary look as he peered into the night and it was evident that he had no thought of ever having seen them before:

"I can't do much fer ye, strangers," he said, his voice sounding tired and discouraged. "If it's a woman ye have 'with ye, ye better ride on to the next ranch. My woman is sick. Very sick. There's nobody here with her but me, and I have all I can tend to. The house ain't kept very tidy. It's six weeks since she took to bed."

Elizabeth had sprung lightly to the ground and was now at the threshold:

"Oh, is she sick? I'm so sorry! Couldn't I do something for her? She was good to me once several years ago!"

The old man peered at her blinkingly, noting her slender beauty, the exquisite eager face, the dress that showed her of another world—and shook his head:

"I guess you made a mistake, lady. I don't remember ever seeing you before—"

"But I remember you," she said, eagerly stepping into the room. "Won't you please let me go to her?"

"Why, shore, lady, go right in ef you want to. She's layin' there in the bed. She ain't likely to get out of it again, I'm feared. The doctor says nothin' but a 'noperation will ever get her up, and we can't pay fer 'noperations. It's a long ways to the hospital in Chicago where he wants her sent, and M'ria and I, we ain't allowin' to part. It can't be many years—"

But Elizabeth was not waiting to hear. She had slipped into the old bedroom that she remembered now so well and was kneeling beside the bed talking to the white-faced woman on the thin pillow:

"Don't you remember me?" she asked, "I'm the girl you tried to get to stay with you once. The girl that came here with a man she had met in the wilderness. You told me things that I didn't know, and you were kind and wanted me to stay with you? Don't you remember me? I'm Elizabeth."

The woman reached out a bony hand and touched the fair young face that she could see but dimly in the flare of the candle that the old man now brought into the room:

"Why, yes, I remember," the woman said, her voice sounded alive yet in spite of her illness, "Yes, I remember you. You were a dear little girl, and I was so worried about you. I would have kept you for my own—but you wouldn't stay. And he was a nice looking young man, but I was afraid for you—You can't always tell about them—You *mostly* can't!"

"But he was all right, Mother!" Elizabeth's voice rang joyously through the cabin, "He took care of me and got me safely started toward my people, and now

he's my husband. I want you to see him. George, come here!"

The old woman half raised herself from the pillow and looked toward the young man in the doorway:

"You dont say! He's your husband! Well, now isn't that grand! Well, I certainly am glad! I was that worried—!"

They sat around the bed talking, Elizabeth telling briefly of her own experiences and her wedding trip which they were taking back over the old trail, and the old man and woman speaking of their trouble, the woman's breakdown and how the doctor at Malta said there was a chance she could get well if she went to a great doctor in Chicago, but how they had no money unless they sold the ranch and that nobody wanted to buy it.

"Oh, but we have money," laughed Elizabeth joyously, "and it's our turn now to help you. You helped us when we were in trouble. How soon can you start? I'm going to play you are my own father and mother. We can send them both, can't we, George?"

It was a long time before they settled themselves to sleep that night because there was so much planning to be done, and then Elizabeth and her husband had to get out their stores and cook a good supper for the two old people who had been living mostly on corn meal mush for several weeks.

And after the others were all asleep the old woman lay praying and thanking God for the two angels who had dropped down to help them in their distress.

The next morning George Benedict with one of the men who looked after their camping outfit went to Malta and got in touch with the Chicago doctor and hospital, and before he came back to the ranch that night everyting was arranged for the immediate start of the old people. He had planned for an automobile and the Malta doctor to be in attendance in a couple of days to get the invalid to the station.

Meantime Elizabeth had been going over the old woman's wardrobe which was scanty and coarse, and selecting garments from her own baggage that would do for the journey.

The old woman looked glorified as she touched the delicate garments with their embroidery and ribbons:

"Oh, dear child! Why, I couldn't wear a thing like that on my old worn-out body. Those things look like angel's clothes." She put a work-worn finger on the delicate tracery of embroidery and smoothed a pink satin ribbon bow.

But Elizabeth overruled her. It was nothing but a plain little garment she had bought for the trip. If the friend thought it was pretty she was glad, but nothing was too pretty for the woman who had taken her in in her distress and tried to help her and keep her safe.

The invalid was thin with her illness, and it was found that she could easily wear the girl's simple dress of dark blue with a white collar, and a little dark hat, and Elizabeth donned a khaki skirt and

brown cap and sweater herself and gladly arrayed her old friend in her bridal travelling gown for her journey. She had not brought a lot of things for her journey because she did not want to be bothered, but she could easily get more when she got to a large city, and what was money for but to cloth the naked and feed the hungry? She rejoiced in her ability to help this woman of the wilderness.

On the third day, garbed in Elizabeth's clothes, her husband fitted out in some of George Benedict's extra things, they started. They carried a bag containing some necessary changes, and some wonderful toilet accessories with silver monograms, enough to puzzle the most snobbish nurse, also there was a lucious silk kimona of Elizabeth's in the bag. The two old people were settled in the Benedict private car, and in due time hitched on to the Chicago express and hurried on their way. Before the younger pair went back to their pilgrimage they sent a series of telegrams arranging for every detail of the journey for the old couple, so that they would be met with cars and nurses and looked after most carefully.

And the thanksgiving and praise of the old people seemed to follow them like music as they rode happily on their way.

They paused at the little old school house where they had attended the Christian endeavor meeting, and Elizabeth looked half fearfully up the road where her evil pursuers had ridden by, and rode closer to her husband's side. So they passed on the way as nearly as Elizabeth could remember every step back as she had come, telling her husband all the details of the journey.

That night they camped in the little shelter where Benedict had come upon the girl that first time they met, and under the clear stars that seemed so near they knelt together and thanked God for his leading.

They went to the lonely cabin on the mountain, shut up and going to ruin now, and Benedict gazing at the surroundings and then looking at the delicate face of his lovely wife was reminded of a white flower he had once seen growing out of the blackness down in a coal mine, pure and clean without a smirch of soil.

They visited the seven graves in the wilderness, and standing reverently beside the sand-blown mounds she told him much of her early life that she had not told him before, and introduced him to her family, telling a bit about each that would make him see the loveable side of them. And they planned for seven simple white stones to be set up, bearing words from the book they loved. Over the care worn mother was to be written: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

It was on that trip that they planned what came to pass in due time. The little cabin was made over into a simple, pretty home, with vines planted

about the garden, and a garage with a sturdy little car; and not far away a church nestled into the side of the hill, built out of the stones that were native, with many sunny windows and a belfry in which bells rang out to the whole region round.

At first it seemed impractical to put a church out there away from the town, but Elizabeth said that it was centrally located, and high up where it could be seen from the settlements in the valleys, and was moreover on a main trail that was much travelled. She longed to have some such spot in the wilderness that could be a refuge for any who longed for better things.

When they went back they sent out two consecrated missionaries to occupy the new house and use the sturdy little car. They were to ring the bells, preach the gospel and play the organ and piano in the little church.

Over the pulpit there was a beautiful window bearing a picture of Christ, the Good Shepherd, and in clear letters above were the words: "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments, or no."

And underneath the picture were the words:

"In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me. In memory of His hidings,

"George and Elizabeth Benedict."

But in the beautiful home in Philadelphia, in an inner intimate room these words are exquisitely graven on the wall, "Let not your heart be troubled."

(THE END)

The Agreement Adopted

Some months ago the "Sub-Committee" of the School Committee brought the fact to the attention of the denomination that an Agreement between the German Department and the parent Institution at Rochester was in progress. Inasmuch as this Agreement was submitted to the General Conference at Detroit last week, a word concerning its reception would be in place.

In submitting the document, the historical relation of the two institutions, the present situation making a clearer definition of our mutual relations, the content and the effect of the agreement were clearly set forth. Several brethren, whose judgment carries considerable weight, spoke words of confidence and endorsement. A motion was made to adopt the agreement, which was duly voted with a "Ja," which came from the depths of conviction, that we were doing that which is for the best interest of the institution. Those who may have had misgivings concerning the wisdom of the course seem to have abandoned these in the light of the fuller knowledge which

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was brought to them on the general situation.

Should any brethren in our churches who did not have the privilege of attending the conference and who are therefore less able to appreciate the entire situation, cherish any doubt concerning the action, we would commend to them the spirit of the action of the Southwestern Conference which resolved and notified the General Conference as follows: "We have the confidence in the brethren who were elected by the General Conference to administer the affairs of our Seminary, that they guarded the best interests of the denomination in the Agreement, and are ready to abide by the decision of the General Conference." (The thought given from memory.) We are confident that all good Baptists, who are accustomed to abide by the democratic principle of majority rule, will follow the good example set by the folk of the Southwestern Conference, and trust in the wisdom, sincerity and the Christian loyalty of their brethren.

A. P. MIHM, Chairman.

ARTHUR A. SCHADE,

Secretary of the Committee.

Ordination of John Wobig

On August 19, 1931, at 2.00 P. M. a council of Baptist churches composed of 12 messengers from 7 churches convened at the call of the Immanuel Baptist Church at Wausau, Wis., to publicly ordain its new pastor, Mr. John Wobig, to the work of the gospel ministry.

After the candidate had given a very satisfactory relation of his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and views of Bible doctrine, the council retired into private session where it thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared its decision. The council very early reached a unanimous agreement that the candidate displayed every evidence of being fully qualified for the work of the gospel ministry, and consequently determined to ordain him at a public service to be held in the evening at 7.45 P. M. on August 19. The Rev. W. J. Appel, moderator of the council, was authorized to appoint a committee of three to arrange the program for the ordination service. The committee was composed of the Rev. H. J. Wheeler of Wausau, retired pastor and member of the local congregation, the Rev. J. F. Meyer, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Pound, and the candidate. The following program proved most acceptable:

Scripture and prayer by the Rev. H. J. Wheeler. Vocal solo, "O Love that will not let me go," by the Rev. Fred Erion. Ordination sermon by the Rev. J. F. Olthoff of Madison, S. Dak., Text: 1 Cor. 2:2. Welcoming the candidate into the brotherhood of ministers by the Rev. H. R. Palfenier of North Freedom, Wis. Charge to the candidate, the Rev. David Anderson of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Charge to the church, the Rev. J. F. Meyer of Pound, Wis. Benediction, the Rev. John Wobig.

FRED ERION, Clerk of the Council.

Resolutions Adopted at Detroit

The Council of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted and are herewith published in full for the benefit of our readers.

1. We wish to express our appreciation of the efficient service of our General Secretary, Bro. A. P. Mihm, as Executive of the Union, as Editor of "The Baptist Herald," and for the additional field work which he was enabled to do through the Grace of God.

In like manner we wish to express our highest appreciation of the teaching, lecturing and visitation as well as the literary work in both "Sendbote" and "Baptist Herald" of the Field Secretary, Bro. Arthur A. Schade.

Our expectations of these Secretaries have been realized in abundant measure.

2. We further express our delight and appreciation in the growing interest in the Kingdom of God as by the young people evidenced in the large and enthusiastic attendance at Assemblies, Conventions, Institutes, Schools, and even in our General Conference. Large throngs of young people from all sections of the country are taking an active interest in the work of the Union and the denomination. We are highly gratified to note that one of our excellent young business men, Bro. C. A. Daniel, Jr., of Detroit, showed his interest by sending greetings from distant Moscow.

3. We extend our thanks to the officers and Council Members who so faithfully discharged their duties during the past term.

4. We welcome the innovation of the entertaining and recreational program for young people, which was introduced at this Conference, and express our sincere gratitude to the originators and promoters of this popular feature.

5. We thank the General Conference for allotting the Union an additional half per cent on the budget, this providing the necessary funds for the ever expanding promotion of this important phase of our denominational enterprise.

6. To the Boosters of the "Baptist Herald" in our churches we give hearty thanks for their labors to increase the circulation of our paper. We still look forward to the goal of 5000 which was set some years ago and has never been attained. We therefore strongly urge not only our Boosters but all young people everywhere to make exceptional efforts to attain our goal. To this end call attention to and recommend taking advantage of, the introduction offer by the Publication Society, namely a four-months subscription, running from September to December for the nominal sum of 25 cents.

7. We welcome the news that our Publication Society is ready to issue in book form the study course: "The Church Training Its Youth for Christian Service" (Erziehung der Jugend zum Dienst), written by Bro. Schade, which appeared in installments in the "Sendbote," and herewith recommend it to all



Group of persons recently baptized into the fellowship of the Danzig Church, Wishek, N. Dak., by Rev. Chas. M. Knapp, June 7, 1931

pastors, students in our Seminary, and young people who are able to read the German language. It would, in the mind of the Council, be especially desirable to have it used as a basis for study courses in all churches where the German language is still largely used. We pledge ourselves to co-operate in its widest possible distribution and use.

8. Inasmuch as Bro. Schade is planning to issue a course on Sunday School Ideals in the "Sendbote," we recommend that this material appear simultaneously in the "Baptist Herald" on the page now devoted to Sunday school work and that the type be preserved looking forward toward a possible issuing of the course in book form.

9. We welcome the presentation of missionary material in the "Sendbote" and in occasional supplements in the "Baptist Herald" by our General Missionary Secretary, Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D.D. Inasmuch as the contents of the booklet written in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Missionary Society will appear in supplements of the "Baptist Herald" we recommend its use as a missionary study course in English as well as German-speaking groups.

10. All Young People's Conventions, Assemblies, Institutes and Conferences desiring the services of the Field or General Secretary are requested to place their invitations at the earliest possible date, and to seek to co-ordinate their plans with other similar organizations that the services of the secretaries may be most equitably and economically distributed.

11. Your Council sees great possibilities for service in the use of the Braese Loan Library, the distribution of dialogues and other program material from the Union office in Forest Park. This service could be greatly increased through a wider publicity and additional books. May the Lord put it into the heart of some one to share in the vision of the generous founder of the library, the late Bro. Otto Braese, and lead him to make possible this extended service by providing the necessary funds.

12. Due to the great amount of publicity given the meeting of the General Conference large numbers of young peo-

ple were moved to attend. Many of these are unable to understand programs and business when conducted in the German language, therefore the Council recommends that we request the General Program Committee and the co-operating societies in preparing their programs to make use of the opportunity of enlightening and interesting them in all the branches of our denominational work by a more extended use of the English language.

13. In order that we as Christian young people may exert the widest and most helpful influence upon the world, and thereby promote the coming of the Kingdom of God in all phases of human society we hereby declare it to be our purpose and intention to:

- a—Avoid all degrading indulgences and amusements.
- b—Give our support to all agencies seeking sobriety, law-observance, social justice, and the outlawry of war, as a means of settling international disputes.
- c—Maintain and promote the New Testament ideals of purity and moral conduct in personal and family relationships.
- d—Practice faithful stewardship of time and money as well as of personal influence.
- e—Engage in soul winning and the building up of the church of Christ at home and throughout the ends of the earth.

In conclusion therefore we appeal for the earnest consideration and faithful carrying out of the objectives here outlined, and further solicit your prayerful and co-operative support of our General and Field Secretaries in their work in the larger field.

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People very seldom lose their religion by a blowout. Usually it is just a slow leak.—Otis Moore.

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The secret of getting joy out of life is trying to put joy into the lives of others.

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Until you have divine approval of your life's plans, it is unwise to start to build.



Sunday School Class, Scottsbluff, Neb.
Miss Santa Clara Bens, Teacher

Southwestern Conference Young People at Okeene

The B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Workers' Union of the Southwestern Conference met in Okeene, Okla., August 14-15, 1931.

Friday evening the Union gave its program out on the church lawn. It seemed so good to worship God in his great out-of-doors! The program began with a song service. A beautiful piano trio from Okeene followed. Scripture was read by Werner Shanz of Gotebo, Okla. After a vocal solo by Stanley Geis of Durham, Kans., volunteer prayers were offered. Rev. and Mrs. J. Borchers sang a duet, after which the choir sang.

We were especially privileged in having as our speaker Rev. Paul Gebauer, new missionary to Cameroon. He pictured Moses as an ideal of youth. By faith Moses refused the pleasure of sin in order to choose God and receive life immortal. Many people seek perpetual youth in the material things of this world but do not find it because Jesus alone is the fountain of perpetual youth.

Saturday afternoon the Union had its business meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Herman Hildebrand of Stafford, Kans.; vice-president, Lucile Geis of Ingersoll, Okla.; secretary, Earl Geis also of Ingersoll; treasurer, Alvina Zernickow of Geary Co., Kans.; and Council member, O. G. Graalman of Okeene. The banner was given to the Okeene Union. Many of the societies have made splendid progress toward attaining the Standard of Excellence during the year. With the mission offering of Sunday afternoon, the Union has reached its goal of \$300 for the Bulgarian Mission. Our goal for the coming year is \$300 to our missionary Rev. Gebauer. After this meeting, the young folks went to an Indian reservation, 22 miles from Okeene, to witness the Indian

festivities. This was a real treat to those who had never seen such a colony of Indians in their brilliant costumes.

The conference days have been a blessing to the young folks. We as a Union express sincere gratitude to Rev. Gebauer for his inspiring addresses. We have learned to know and love him and hope that God may richly bless him in his work.

We also greatly appreciated the genuine hospitality of the Okeene people
DOROTHY KNOPF, Sec.

Central Conference Young People at Detroit

The meeting of the young people of the Central Conference took place at the Woodward Ave. Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, August 23. It was preceded by a half-hour of music rendered by an orchestra composed of members of the Detroit German Baptist churches. At 3 o'clock the meeting was formally opened by Mr. Walter Pieschke, president of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Central Conference. Rev. P. Wengel, pastor of the Bethel Church, led the song service. Mr. Edwin Strauss, president of the Detroit Union, read the scripture, and Mr. Walter Grosser, president of the National Young People's Union, led in prayer. Mrs. Edward Russell favored the congregation with a vocal solo. The one item of business of the meeting was the presentation of a resolution by Mr. Harold Rocho, chairman of the nominating committee, that the present officers of the association be retained for another year. This was unanimously carried.

The speaker of the afternoon was Prof. A. Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y. He spoke on the topic: "Mobilizing the Dream Power of Youth." The dreams he referred to were neither those which we dream at night nor the variety known as day dreams. The dreams that count are those that picture a future possibility—something not yet realized, but which may sometime be realized—in short, an ideal, a dream which can become the motivation of life.

Prof. Bretschneider went on to develop his theme by giving his convictions for believing that this dream power could be mobilized in spite of the forces of modern life working against the successful realization of such a dream. He closed by quoting from Oliver Wendell Holmes' "Chambered Nautilus":

"Build thee more stately mansions, oh my soul!"

His logical development and his choice of subject were especially appealing to young people and were largely responsible in making his address the success that it was.

After a congregational song, Prof. Bretschneider closed the meeting with prayer.
DOROTHY GROSSER, Sec.

Making a lower choice in the presence of a higher is sin.

Bazaar Old People's Home, Chicago

The annual Bazaar of the "Schwestern-Bund" of Chicago and vicinity will be held on October 8, 1931, at the Old Folks Home, 1851 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago.

We cordially invite the readers of the "Baptist Herald" to help us with their gifts, which will be gratefully appreciated, and most thankfully accepted.

The Young folks of the Humboldt Park Church have provided for a program for the evening. Please send your gifts direct to

German Baptist Home for the Aged,
1851 N. Spaulding Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

A Great Day at Lehr

'Twas a great day for our church at Lehr, N. Dak., on Sunday, Aug. 16. Together with the Berlin Church of Fredonia, we gathered at Clear Lake in the morning. After listening to selections by our choir and male chorus, Rev. A. Krombein of Fredonia preached. We then had our picnic dinner at the lake, with sufficient time to greet friends and enjoy the lovely day. After this we were again called together by open air concert by the choir and male choir, after which our Rev. J. J. Abel addressed the meeting. Bro. Abel then had the pleasure of going into the water and baptizing another group of 11 persons who had found salvation.

This was our second baptismal service since Bro. Abel commenced his work with us in May; on June 14 a group of 19 were baptized; 11 more were received into the church through letters and confession, bringing our total membership up to 203 at this time, and our church is growing. The Lord be praised. One young man from the Berlin church was also baptized on this day.

To make it a full day and our joy complete, the B. Y. P. U. of the church at Fredonia had consented to give us a return program for the program our young people gave over there in April. So we met again at our church in Lehr in the evening and let the young folks from Fredonia entertain us with a musical program. The church was packed, and the program was well rendered under the direction of their president, Bro. M. C. Buechler. It was greatly enjoyed by all. Our churches reveal many talents and the young people are willing to use them in the service of the Master.

WM. BAUER, Reporter.

Making pictures of our Father's blessings should pass through our minds as the fleecy clouds pass through the blue of our Father's sky.

Both expression and repression may be either a virtue or a vice; it depends upon whether heart thoughts are golden grain or merely chaff.

Stony Brook Institute

The ninth annual summer institute of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers of the Atlantic Conference was held this year again at Stony Brook, Long Island, July 25 to August 2. This year we experienced our smallest group. However, the quality was not less than in other years. Twenty-two students were enrolled. Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia acted as dean. The Revs. Koller, Hensel, Friedenber and Makowsky, the latter two appearing for the first time on our faculty, Mrs. Rauscher and Miss Hoelzen constituted the teaching staff.

The mornings were devoted to class work and open forums, led by the members of the student body. The courses offered and forums were intensely interesting and profitable. The morning devotions were also in the hands of the students. The evening vesper hours were conducted by several members of the faculty.

The recreation activities were under the direction of Harold Kruger of Brooklyn and he left no idle moment on our hands. Tennis, volley-ball, swimming and hikes received most attention.

Roland Wehger was elected president of the student body and Margaret Makowsky, secretary. Mr. Wehger was also elected editor-in-chief of the "Daily Steamshovel," so called because it "digs up the dirt." The daily issue was read to the amusement and consternation of the listeners.

It is to be regretted that more of our young people were not able to avail themselves of the splendid opportunity which this institute affords. We're looking forward to not less than fifty young people at our next institute.

MARGARET MAKOWSKY.

Young People's Society, Streeter, N. Dak.

Though we have been quiet for a long time, we have been at work for our Master. We thank God for the privileges he has given us as a young people's society to serve him. May we work for him more every day and not neglect this work so much!

The members of B. Y. P. U. have divided the society into three groups, having a leader for each group. We have one program each month. Each group gives one program every three months. The society meets once every three months for a business meeting. Group number one gave a program in Gackle, N. Dak., on a Sunday evening in June. And they returned an interesting program in Streeter on the evening of July 12.

TILLIE STUCKLE.

Unused talent is as useful as the foam on a pail of milk; but used talent should be as refreshing as the delicious draught beneath the foam.



Bellwood D. V. B. School

Daily Vacation Bible School at Bellwood, Ill.

From July 6 to 30 a Daily Vacation Bible School was held at our Bellwood Mission, a branch of the Oak Park Church. Our registration reached 171 with an average attendance of 108.

The morning was divided into five periods: worship, music and story telling, recreation, Bible Study, and handwork. We had two departments: Primary and beginners, and junior and intermediates. Because of lack of room we could only have the two departments. During the Bible study and handwork periods the boys and girls met in different rooms.

At our closing exercises on July 30 the chapel was filled with pupils, parents and friends. The children demonstrated to the visitors some of the things that they had learned during the four weeks. A number of choruses, songs, Bible verses, and several Bible passages were memorized. The handwork was also on display. Some very fine work was done in wood, sewing, basket weaving, paper cutting and folding. We had a fine staff of volunteer workers, 16 in number, who very willingly and cheerfully gave of their time to make the school the success that it was.

May God grant that the lessons taught in song, story telling, Bible study, play, and handwork may help to build clean characters, and above all that seed may have been sown that will spring up and bear fruit for life everlasting!

A. V. O.

Why should we be discouraged if our ability is small, our talents few? Did not God make the brook as well as the river, and is his blessing not upon both alike?

In the corner of a very crowded street-car sat a very thin lady, who seemed greatly discomfited by the pressure imposed upon her by an extremely fat lady, who sat next to her.

Turning to her weighty neighbor, the thin lady remarked, O, so sweetly, "They really should charge by weight on these cars."

To which the fat lady answered just as sweetly, "But if they did, deary, they couldn't afford to stop for some persons."—Elmira Star-Gazette.

Rating Them High

When Jesus deliberately displaced the weaker name and supplanted it by a stronger one, it was stated in these words: "And Simon he surnamed Peter" (Mark 3:16). The new name did not describe Peter as he was, but the man he might be. It was not the name of a man who had arrived, but the name of one who was on the journey.

Thus we see that Jesus thought of people in terms of what they would be. As Jowett once expressed it, "While they were still learning the alphabet, he saw them familiar with the highest literature; when they were just learning to walk he saw them as finished athletes."

Thus we see, also, that this was one of Christ's methods in training.

Napoleon said he made good soldiers by telling them that they were good soldiers.

Nearly everybody likes to live up to his reputation. It is good to capitalize people as our hopes see them.

In training our young people, in the home and in the church and in the school, is it not good to set their hands at noon? Will they not then feel morally obligated to strike twelve?

Does not the make-believe stuff show a hunger for the approval of others?

Do not kill a young person's enterprise to be a good person by giving that one a bad name!

Ought we not to expect good out of folks?

How could Jesus rate Peter, the curser and liar, so high? And Thomas, the doubter? And his very ordinary followers, "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth"?

He was visualizing men as his love required of them.

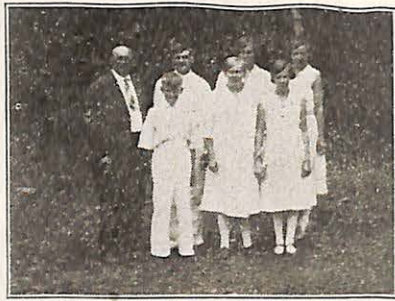
One of his methods of training was by making them ashamed to fall below his hopes and dreams for them.

Can we not learn much from this method of his as we deal these days with our young folks?—Church Administration.

The old-fashioned farmer was hard to convince.

"No," he declared. "I'll have no such contraption in my house. Pianners are bad things.

"Oh, but father," protested his daughter, "this is an upright piano."



Group of Young Folks baptized by Rev. Rev. W. A. Zeckser at Gillett, Wis.

Minnesota Mid-Summer Assembly of the G. B. Y. P. and S. S. W. U.

July 6 to 12, our Assembly days, are past but the memory of the happy times and the rich blessings enjoyed during that time, continues to linger with us.

Our young folks gathered at the Y. M. C. A. Camp at Lake Independence this year. The grounds were most beautiful and the cottages cool and comfy, while the meeting hall was equipped with very comfortable chairs. The meals were good, too.

The attendance was good. Most of the societies were represented on the grounds. An appropriate motto with the theme of the Assembly, "Saved to Serve," was presented to the Mound Prairie B. Y. P. U. for having the largest percentage of attendance.

As for the program it was as good as any we have ever had. Rev. Geo. J. Geis, our missionary from Myitkyina, Burma, and Rev. A. A. Schade were our visiting instructors, and Rev. H. R. Schroeder, dean of the Assembly, was another instructor. At 9 o'clock classes were called and the individual had the choice of two classes: Rev. Mr. Schroeder on "The Ethical Teachings of Jesus," or Rev. Mr. Schade on "Old Testament Study." At 9.45 we assembled together to hear Rev. Mr. Geis' lecture on "Winning India for Christ," in which he showed us many things about his work among the Kachins.

Mr. Geis has spent his entire life's work, a period of 39 years, working with the Kachins, living as well as preaching Christianity. The work that Mr. Geis has done has progressed to such a stage as to warrant the American Baptist Missionary Society to allow the work to be carried under less experienced hands. Due to Mr. Geis' ability as an organizer, he has been chosen to establish a Seminary for the training of native Christian leaders. We wish to express our admiration for Mr. Geis who, at a time in life when many men are thinking of retiring, is anxiously looking forward to the beginning of an entirely new phase of work.

After this course we again separated into two classes, Mr. Schroeder offering, "The Character of Jesus," and Mr. Schade, "Baptist History and Principles."

Following these classes we all assembled again for the Forum discussions led

by various young people in the state. The topics were: "What is an Ideal Young Women?" "What is an Ideal Young Man?" "What is an Ideal Home?" "What young people expect of their Church" and "What young people expect of their Pastor."

All of these classes and forums were most interesting and highly instructive, pointing the individual to the possibility and necessity of living the Christ-like life. The evening services as well as the classes all centered around the theme for the Assembly, "Saved to Serve." Special music was rendered by the various societies.

The afternoon was given over the organized sports, such as a canoe trip, track meet, volley ball, baseball, swimming, etc. The grounds were entirely under the supervision of the Y. M. C. A. and very rigid rules were adhered to so that the recreation was somewhat limited but our young folks responded in a spirit very pleasant to see and each did his share cheerfully, esteeming his neighbor more highly than himself.

At the annual banquet on Friday evening the results of the election were read. William Adam of Minneapolis was re-elected president; Milton Schroeder of Riverview, St. Paul, vice-president; Alice Maas of St. Bonifacius, secretary, and Rudolph Woyke of Minneapolis, treasurer. At the council meeting on Saturday Rev. H. R. Schroeder was re-elected dean of the Assembly.

Sunday proved a big day, with Bro. Geis preaching in the morning and Bro. Schade speaking in the afternoon on "Living for Jesus." He stressed the necessity of really living unselfishly for Jesus, with a thought for any and all the problems that confront our fellow men.

I am sure all those present at the Assembly went away feeling that "it was good to have been there." May God bless the various societies and the entire State Union so that we may work together and his name may be glorified!

SECRETARY.

The Wonders of America

ARTHUR A. SCHADE

The sizzling heat of the hottest summer seems to have spent its fury, and the cooler autumn breezes are blowing over the oats stubble as the fall showers fall upon the famished fields. People are doing much talking and some small measure of thinking about the causes and cures of the ills which afflict the world. Drought, depression and crime-waves are holding the center of the stage. Some think the planet is drying up. They catalog the drought of two summers, the diminished snowfall upon the Sierra Nevadas, drying up the wonderful falls of Yosemite, and the steady and continual dropping of the subterranean irrigation waters of California, as also the invasion of cultivated sections by the last herds of antelopes from the high Cascades to quench their parching thirst as evidences. The nervous anxiety over

water is fanned by the San Joaquin Valley cities' effort to restrain the cities about San Francisco Bay from grabbing the water supplies of the Sierras.

But those who lived through the drought of the nineties refuse to get excited. They still maintain "there is nothing new under the sun." The rains will return, the depression will pass, respect for law and order will be reestablished, for God still rules in the heavens. The minds that master the mighty beasts of the forest, that conquer the vast expanse of the ocean, that penetrate into the stratosphere and look around, will also master the subtle forces within which seem to brook no interference with their primitive satisfactions, and the maladjusted conditions which bring distress to untold multitudes.

In the meantime the Field Secretary has been on the jump, meeting with Church, Convention and Assembly groups, seeking to refresh the flames of love for Christ and zeal for his service, culling out of the mass of methodology which is new the principles which are true in the hope of bringing our Christian service to the highest standard of perfection. The Christians too are thinking and praying. They are subjecting their workmanship to a severe criticism. They long to be efficient channels through which spiritual forces may operate.

The jumps during the past months have taken me into the romantic regions of the West. While enjoying the delightful hospitality of Rev. Theodore Frey in La Salle and of relatives in Denver, Colo., I had the delightful experience of spending three most thrilling days of "Springtime in the Rockies." Estes and Rocky Mountain Parks, The Garden of the Gods and the Royal Gorge were some of the wonders of the world, which baffle all powers of description and reveal the astounding handiwork of the Creator.

The journey to the West Coast through the lonely desert arrayed now in a monotonous cloak of sagebrush, now in shrubs of endless variety and again in exquisite blooming cacti stirs the deeper moods of the soul. The vastness, loneliness and the parching atmosphere often cast a reverent hush over the soul.

Then again the numerous tours of the orange, avacoda, walnut, peach, cherry, fig, apricot, olive and grape groves of the vicinities of Anaheim, Wasco and Lodi, where our German Baptists are snugly settled, are suggestive of what Paradise must have been. Fortunately there is no tree of forbidden fruit in the midst of the gardens. Farmers cheerfully welcome the visitor to pluck and eat to heart's content. In the presence of such abundance one is nearly inclined to bewail his limited capacity, as the boy who wept at the wedding dinner because he could not eat any more. Unfortunately the industrious growers of these delicious fruits get little for their trouble. Large watermelons were selling in the field for five cents, the finest peaches human eyes ever beheld brought nine dollars a ton, and Oregon prune growers could get no bid whatsoever for their

prunes to date. When one contrasts the prices demanded for these products in Eastern cities, prices which are prohibitive for many people, he can become quite impatient with the clumsy and costly American system of distribution.

During the hot summer months in California all roads lead to refreshing beaches and the higher altitudes of the mountains. Thousands, yea hundreds of thousands rush to the briny surf, scantily clad, seeking refreshing and ultraviolet rays. Unfortunately some do not return. The undercurrents have a nasty way of carrying their victims out into the deep where they fail in their effort to drink the ocean dry. So the uninitiated is profusely warned against demonstrations of bravado. We were privileged to leave our footprints in the sands of several popular beaches.

A journey up the 6000 foot dizzy slopes of Mount Wilson to inspect the world's largest 100-inch telescope, and an invasion of the wonders of Yosemite Park with sidetrip into the Mariposa and Calaveras Big Trees, offered another treat. For these I am especially indebted to Bro. Otto Stabbert and Rev. Hege of Los Angeles, Rev. G. E. Lohr, Bro. Gatzert of Lodi and Rev. F. J. Reichle of San Francisco. These kind brothers considered no trouble, time or expense in transporting me to the places of wonder which everyone ought to see.

Yosemite National Park gave me the greatest thrill I had ever experienced in the wonders of nature. The Park comprises 1139 square miles, or 728,823 acres. In the midst of this lies the Valley, a mile wide and six or seven miles long, nearly completely enclosed with granite walls 3000 feet high with peaks up to 5000 feet above the valley floor. These walls are decorated with seven waterfalls, some of which drop as much as 2500 feet. The polished walls tell the story of glacier forces operating during the ice ages of the remote past. How one longs to be a geologist, that he might read the story of mighty forces of the past! As in other national parks of the West, the bears and deer come around to invade tent or automobile in quest of food, much to the amusement, and some times to the consternation of the tourists.

Another feature which can be seen only in the high Sierra regions of Yosemite Park is the grove of Sequoia big trees. We had the privilege of visiting both the Calaveras and the Mariposa groves. Some of these giants have stood to witness the coming and going of more than forty successive generations of men. They already had astonishing proportions when Abraham left Ur of the Chaldeans. And throughout the succeeding millenniums they have been busy at work adding to their staggering proportions.

But, after all, sightseeing was only a side issue, a recompense for the necessary absence from home and beloved family for more than 16 weeks to 10 days home. It was a helpful tonic to ward off homesickness. The real business and purpose

was work which called for all the reserves of physical strength and wisdom. It was my task to furnish heavy contributions at the Nebraska-Colorado Association, the Iowa, South Dakota, and California Young People's Conventions, and the Minnesota and Twin Rocks Assemblies. A week was spent at the Northern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, and a large number of churches were visited, at some of which a number of addresses were delivered and conference held with the young people's leaders and the teachers of the Bible school.

This close contact with the youth of our day as it is found in our churches is in itself an experience which cannot fail to thrill one who loves people. These young people are quite ready to reveal to a sympathetic mind what their thoughts and problems with reference to Christian truth and life are, and they long for guidance and help in laying hold of the abiding values of the Christian religion. As they listen, trust and accept, I am driven again and again to Christ for guidance, assurance and wisdom, that I might discharge this great responsible task in such a way, that he may be well pleased. The position brings not only delightful sightseeing trips, but staggering responsibilities which drive the mind on to diligent study and the heart to prayer for the fullest measure of his Spirit, so that all things may be seen in their true relation to Christ and Christian living. We shall appreciate an interest in the prayers of God's people.

The Summer Assemblies are growing in popularity and efficiency. A distinct improvement for this year was the preparation of a comprehensive syllabus of each course taught, so that time may not be wasted in much note-taking and to give the pupils the substance of the course in outline and compact statements, thus en-

abling them to study outside of class and to take with them a resumé of the material presented. The preparation of these courses involved a great deal of work on the part of the teachers, and much labor in making stencils, mimeographing and putting into books by the young people themselves. The preparation of the six courses prepared for Twin Rocks Assembly by the teachers, Wm. Graf, Assaf Husmann and myself, called for the writing of 117 stencils and involved a total of over 125 hours of work. The committee is ready to supply churches which care for copies of the courses looking toward teaching them in their churches, at a reasonable cost. The courses presented are as follows: "Music in the Church" and "Airplane View of the New Testament," by Husmann; "A Brief History of the German Baptists" and "Christian Ethics" by Graf, and "Psychology of Adolescence" and "Teaching in the Church School" by Schade. It might be well to get sample copies and look over them, so as to see if they are suitable for the desired purpose before ordering in large numbers. The writer also prepared courses for the Minnesota Assembly on "The Life and Times of the Prophets" and "Baptist Principles in their Historic Setting." I shall not seek to report in further detail on Assemblies and Conventions, as these no doubt have all prepared special reports.

Just a Minute

HERBERT M. COURSE

I have only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it,
Thrust upon me, can't refuse it.
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.
But it's up to me to use it,
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it.
Just a tiny little minute,
But eternity is in it!

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SECOND, Attention is directed to the special inducement announced in the opposite column of this issue of the "Herald." Your new subscriber can accordingly receive the paper for the last four months of the present year entirely free, provided he subscribes for next year at this time. This offer ought to land many new orders.

The booster-friends are earnestly requested to back up this year's campaign to the limit and to the achievement of the biggest success yet obtained in the way of circulation of this important denominational periodical.

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The publisher

H. P. Donner,
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Write Your Own Tag, Please

Which position, please, do you occupy in your church? Are you—

- An attender or an absentee?
- A pillar or a sleeper?
- A wing or a weight?
- A power or a problem?
- A promoter or a provoker?
- A giver or a getter?
- A goer or a gadder?
- A doer or a deadhead?
- A booter or a bucker?
- A supporter or a sponger?
- A soldier or a sorehead?
- A worker or worrier?
- A friend or a fault-finder?
- A helper or a hinderer?
- A campaigner or a camper?

—Western Syndicate.

Negro Evangelist Exhorts China's President

The doctors had given up the child. She was the daughter of a high Chinese official, and they had used every means they knew to save her life. Then a Mr. Carter, a Negro evangelist, asked the privilege of praying by her bedside. His prayers availed much. The child lived and grew in strength.

While Mr. Carter was at the bedside, President Chiang Kai-shek, who was recently baptized in the Christian faith, came to inquire about the little girl's condition. Mr. Carter began to exhort the President to repent. Madame Chiang rebuked him. "You must not talk that way to my husband," she said. "He is the President of China." "In the sight of God he is a sinner like any other man," said Mr. Carter, Negro evangelist. —Epworth Herald.

The Treasurer Says:

Forget the slander you have heard,
Forget the hasty, unkind word,
Forget the quarrel and the cause,
Forget the whole affair, because
Forgetting is the only way.
Forget the storms of yesterday,
Forget the chap whose sour face
Forgets to smile in any place.
Forget the trials you have had,
Forget the weather, if it's bad,
Forget the knocker, he's a freak,
Forget him seven days a week.
Forget you're not a millionaire,
Forget the gray streaks in your hair;
Forget the coffee, when it's cold.
Forget the kicks, forget to scold.
Forget the coalman and his weights,
Forget the heat in summer days;
Forget to ever get the blues,
BUT DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES. —Parish Messenger.

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Jack: "A hydrant, a cabbage, and a tomato ran a race. Which do you think won?"

Jim: "Don't know; which?"

Jack: "The cabbage came out ahead, the tomato is still to catchup, while the hydrant is still running."

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