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FILLING CHRISTMAS BASKETS

When our Lord fed the 5000 he directed his disciples: "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled 12 baskets with the fragments.

We propose gathering some of the fragments remaining from the blessing of God to fill the Christmas baskets for our denominational household.

Every church member, and every Sunday school and women's society and young people's society can surely make some contribution to these Christmas baskets, even though the contribution consists of but "fragments or crumbs."

The gathering of the fragments when the 5000 had been fed filled 12 baskets. If every member of ours will conscientiously give his or her "fragment," the Christmas baskets for our very needy denominational household will be filled.

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DON'T FAIL TO CARRY OUT YOUR DECISION

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What's Happening

In planning your Christmas gifts, remember a subscription to the "Baptist Herald" for some friend or loved one will make an acceptable gift and will last throughout the year.

Mrs. Ruth Stevener, wife of the late Rev. Eduard Stevener of Arnold, Pa., has accepted the position as pastor's assistant at Trinity Church, Swedesboro, N. J. Friends will please note the change of address.

Newly appointed boosters for the "Baptist Herald" will please send in name and address by postal card to Rev. A. P. Mihm, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. This is important for purpose of record and in order to keep in touch with our representatives in the churches.

In the November 15 issue of the "Baptist Herald" a typographical error in the report of the Eastern Conference occurred which greatly affected the correctness of the report. The paragraph beginning "Rev. Peter Geissler" should have read: "Rev. Peter Geissler preached on Wednesday evening on 'What the Present Need Wants to Tell us,' Rev. O. E. Krueger preached on Thursday evening on 'Carry On,' Professor Lewis Kaiser preached on Sunday morning on 'The Great Mystery.'"

A beautiful wedding was held in the Second German Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday evening, Nov. 1, when Rev. C. A. Daniel united in marriage Miss Martha Helen Untch and Mr. John Depner. The best man was John Untch and the bridesmaid was Miss Elizabeth Depner, both of Newcastle, Pa. Mr. Louis Gregsamer rendered several selections on the organ and Mr. Herbert Siemund sang a solo. The happy couple reside at 319 Webster Ave., Chicago. We wish them God's richest blessings.

Rev. D. Koester, who recently closed his work with the church at Canton, O., will devote three months of his time this winter in teaching at the Bible School to be conducted under the auspices of the Alberta Tri-Union at Trochu, Alberta. Rev. E. P. Wahl, pastor of the church at Trochu, is dean of the school. The church edifice at Trochu has been enlarged and equipped with a basement this fall in order to more efficiently house the school. The increase in the term of the school from one month as in the past to three months this winter is setting a new precedent and to be regarded as an advance step and a venture in faith.

Canada's population according to the census of 1931 was 10,376,786. Of this number 9,254,088 were British born, i. e. born either in Canada or in Great Britain or in British possessions. The number born in foreign countries was 1,122,698. Of these 39,163 were born in Germany. Of those born in Germany, 10,662 live in

Ontario, 3,561 in Manitoba, 9,832 in Saskatchewan, 8,121 in Alberta, 3,626 in British Columbia. This does not represent all the German-speaking people of Canada, as large contingents of them are listed under those born in Austria, Poland, Switzerland, Russia, Rumania, Hungary, Jugo-Slavia, etc. Many of our German Baptist people have come from these latter countries.

Two happy couples were united in the bonds of holy matrimony during the last few days in Glory Hills, Alberta. Miss Arpa Priebe of the Leduc Baptist Church became the bride of Leonard Jespersen. The wedding ceremony was held in the Leduc Baptist church Nov. 2, Rev. Philip Daum officiating. And Miss Emma Albrecht was united in marriage to Markus Hansen, both members of the Glory Hills Church. The service was held in their home church on November 3, Rev. Fred W. Benke officiating. Miss Irene Jespersen played the wedding march. Both weddings were attended by a large number of relatives and friends. After the service a delicious supper was served by both parties in the home of the bride's parents for the first mentioned couple at Leduc and for the second couple at Glory Hills. Both couples were recipients of many useful gifts. We wish them God's blessing and prosperity on their life's journey.

A New Dialogue

"Strictly Fresh Eggs." This dialogue presents in a humorous and pleasing fashion the great truth of missionary stewardship. Good for girls' classes, young people's and ladies aid societies. The dialogue has been written in both English and German by Gretchen Remmler. Presentation requires about 30 minutes. Write to Rev. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

Annual Report of the B. Y. P. U. of the First Church of Chicago

Again we have come to the close of another year and we can truly say, a blessed one. We felt God's guiding hand more from day to day.

During the past year we had 24 regular meetings with an average attendance of 30 members and 5 visitors. Nine Sunday afternoon programs were given at our Old People's Home.

We were happy to distribute baskets to some of our needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas time and also to distribute Christmas gifts at our Old People's Home.

Some of the subjects discussed during the year were: Personal Evangelism; What does it mean to be a Christian?; The Crusades; The Twenty-third Psalm; The Miracles of Jesus; A Mother's Day Program; The Life of Moody; A Bible

Contest; A Missionary Art Gallery; Famous Hymns and how they came to be written; How to become a Christian; The Wisdom of Solomon.

We had two special meetings, one a banquet, at which Mr. Schade was the main speaker, and the other one our annual Easter Sunrise Prayer Meeting at which Dr. Harms gave a very inspiring talk. The 75 members and friends who attended all felt the presence of the Lord as never before and decided to lead a more consecrated life.

A further blessing and inspiration was received by about 25 of our members who attended the annual Jugendbund Conference at Racine, Wis.

The outstanding recreational event of the year was a picnic at the Indiana Sand Dunes on July 4.

We are sorry to have lost four of our members. In March our Bro. Paul Meister was suddenly called to the heavenly home and on Sept. 1 the Lord called our Sister Agnes Albert. Their absence is keenly felt. A more joyful event—matrimony—was the occasion for the loss of two other members, Miss Elizabeth Weise and Miss Hildegard Puetter.

During the past year we took up seven new members, our present membership being 67.

The officers for the past year were: President, Mrs. Minnie Pankratz; vice-president, Arthur Pankratz; secretary, Mrs. Wilma Gardziella; financial secretary, Victor Loewen; treasurer, Julius Holz.

The newly elected officers are: President, Edward Meister; vice-president, Victor Loewen; secretary, Erica Pfeiffer; treasurer, Walter Loewen.

It is our prayer, that the new year may be even richer in blessings than the past.

WILMA GARDZIELLA.

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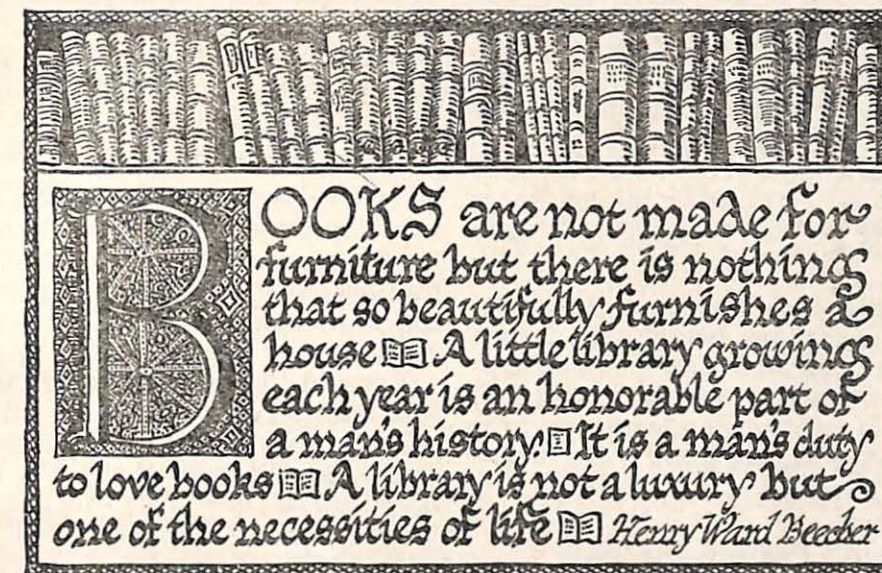
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Your Own Books

A BOOK of your own is worth a hundred books you borrow from your friends or get from the public library.

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Your own book will lead you to buy other books for yourself, and will finally persuade you to obtain that priceless possession, your own library.

Did you ever think of the "Hymnal" as deserving a place on your book shelf? A good hymn book is the best devotional reading there is, after the Bible Psalms. Those hymns were the blossoms that grew on holy lives: the red roses of spiritual passion and the white lilies of spiritual peace.

Joseph C. Lincoln

THE name of this famous American novelist, well-known for his "Cape Cod" Stories, will appear in the "Baptist Herald" during 1933. We have secured the serial rights for one of his best stories for the "Baptist Herald," the first installment of which will appear in the January 1, 1933, number. The following sketch of the author will interest our readers.

To find the man who made Cape Cod famous you navigate the busy main channel of Chatham village, veer sharply to port around the house with the blue blinds, and square away for Orleans.

Joe Lincoln's summer home is one of the show places of Cape Cod. Not that it is especially imposing—imposing things wouldn't be in keeping with Joe Lincoln. But it is Joe Lincoln's house, and everybody who knows the Cape knows Joe.

"The Cape," it was suggested to him, rather sadly, as he and a visitor sat on his big porch and looked out to sea, "the Cape, isn't what it used to be and maybe you're the man to blame for it.

"The world reads your books and then heads for Cape Cod. The world is tramping all over the place. Imagine having traffic lights on Cape Cod!"

Lincoln sat back in his wicker chair, clasped his hands over one uplifted knee, and inspected the ocean for a moment.

"Yes," he said, "it is changed." Then he shifted his tone. "But those traffic lights. We certainly do need them, don't we?" And that was that. He had too many important things on his mind to worry much over traffic lights.

"How did you happen to get into writing?" he was asked.

Lincoln's blue eyes twinkled beneath his bushy brows.

"I started out to be an artist," he said, smiling at the recollection. "I used to hope I could draw. Then I began to write little verses about the Cape, and before long my writings pushed out my drawings.

"I am a Cape Codder born. I was born in Brewster and all the men of the family had been deep-sea sailors. My grandfather was a captain, and my father was a captain at 21, and all before them had followed the sea. I knew them here. I used to spend my vacation on the Cape and I knew the longshore people—they were my people. So I began to write of them."

As Lincoln talks he makes an interesting study. He is a stocky chap, of medium height. His face is ruddy brown. His eyes are blue and look out happily from behind glasses. His hair and brows are, or were, of sandy hue, touched now with gray, for Joe Lincoln has reached the 60 mark. He beams good nature in every glance.

A New "Herald" Feature for 1933

AT various times we have been encouraged to start a department in the "Baptist Herald" in which the special and distinctive problems of young people could be discussed. The "question box" at many of our young people's conferences and at institutes and assemblies has proven to be a popular feature. Not all of our readers are privileged to attend these gatherings. We will endeavor to have an institution of this kind at your disposal in the "Baptist Herald" all the year round.

We would therefore request our young people to send in their problems, whether they touch on questions of Christian faith and life, problems of ethics and conduct, questions arising out of personal situations, problems of choosing a vocation, a life partner or a life work. Problems in church life, B. Y. P. U. work and in the Sunday school are also welcomed. It will not be necessary to sign your name to the letter and if you do, your confidence will be respected and guarded and no names revealed. We only request that any questions sent in flow out of a sincere mind and are not merely hypothetical and imagined but really arise out of some real life situation. Of course the Editor reserves his exercise of judicial right to reject any questions that may not be of proper character or are written just to arouse argument. The Editor will also call on his associates in the answering of these problems and will enlist other capable men and women in our ranks to aid in this department.

We invite our readers to make use freely of this new department. If we are meeting a long felt want by introducing it, kindly show it by responding and participating. Address your question or problem to

Young People's Problem Department, "Baptist Herald," Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

A Letter From President Marklein

Brooklyn, N. Y., November 15, 1932.

To the Pastors of our Churches and the Boosters of our "Baptist Herald."

Dear fellow-worker:—

In these days of depression we have suffered along with all other branches of our work. Particularly has this been so with our "Baptist Herald" subscriptions. In order to ward off a still greater reduction of our circulation we are inaugurating a

"One Thousand More" Campaign for 1933

You will receive along with this letter, some advertising material in the form of posters and a letter from our General Secretary, Bro. A. P. Mihm, but this particular letter is a personal appeal to you for your co-operation in making this campaign a success.

I would like to bring home to you, dear Pastor and Booster, that if you do not make a strenuous effort to get as many subscribers as possible, this campaign will fail. If we fail, it might mean that the "Herald" goes out of print.

If this should happen, I feel that it would be a serious and regrettable event in our denominational life because the "Herald" has served to bind together our far scattered field; it brings the doings of distant mission fields to our fireside; our friends of the West and Northwest and Southwest do not seem so far away to us of the East, because the "Herald" through its printed page paints pictures in our minds of their doings; individuals, doing a wonderful work and formerly unknown, have now become household heroes. Then there are the timely editorials and articles, the pages of interest and instruction to the Young People's Society officer or Sunday school worker, the humorous illustrations, the clean fiction story, all, or at least some of these must appeal to everyone in your church and community able to read.

Won't you therefore, dear fellow-worker, do your utmost this year to make our "One Thousand More" Campaign a success? And won't you get to work, right now, so that when the year 1933 is ushered in we can feel that the "Herald" has been secured for our Young People and Sunday School Workers and denomination?

Yours for a successful "One Thousand More" Campaign,

Walter R. Marklein, President.

Books Influence Lives

IN an article issued by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate, Orison Swett Marden says: "The right use of spare moments in reading and study is an indication of superior qualities. And in many historic cases the spare moments utilized for study were not spare in the sense of being the spare time of leisure. They were rather spared moments—moments spared from sleep, from mealtimes, from recreation.

"Carlyle said that a collection of books is a university. What a pity that the thousands of ambitions, energetic men and women who missed their opportunities for an education at the school age, and felt crippled by their loss, fail to catch the significance of this, fail to realize the tremendous cumulative possibilities of that great life-improver, that admirable substitute for a college or university education—reading.

"It is not the number of books," says Prof. William Mathews, "which a young man reads that makes him intelligent and well informed, but the number of well-chosen ones that he mastered, so that every valuable thought in them is a familiar friend."

It is possible that the career of the majority of criminals in prison today might have been vastly different if the character of their reading when they were young had been different; had it been uplifting, wholesome, instead of degrading.

"We all know how completely changed we sometimes are after reading a book which has taken a strong, vigorous hold upon us."

P. H. Welsheimer, writing in the "Christian Standard," cites the following instance of a book's potent influence:

"Are you giving proper vision to your children? Do it by placing in their hands the right kind of books to be read. When a lad, Champ Clark had placed in his hands by his father, Fiske's 'Life of Patrick Henry.' Young Clark was so impressed with the life of this great statesman that, while only a boy, he planned his career—determined to become a lawyer, then a congressman. This was the goal before him, and he went straight to the goal—practised law, then to Congress for twenty-six years. His father also encouraged him when a boy to read the Scripture for the beauty of the language therein to be found. Champ Clark became a great student of the Word, and of him it has been repeatedly said, that in his public addresses and his writings he used more Bible than any other public man in the last twenty-five years."

A Protest

MRS. GENE STRATTIN-PORTER, the famous author of the "Limberlost" books, which have sold, and still sell, in enormous numbers on both sides of the Atlantic, has written a protest against certain types of present-day fiction, which will receive support from all parts of the English-speaking world. "Personally," she says, "it is difficult for me to understand why indecencies that would not be permitted in life, and characters that would not be admitted into a home or a family circle in person on any consideration, should be allowed to come there between the covers of a book. Why should men and women be allowed to scatter broadcast on the pages of a book such matter as the Federal authorities would not allow for a minute on the pages of a letter? . . . No statistics are available

to prove how many girls and boys have formed wrong conceptions of life and the real purpose of living through having read books filled with prurient suggestions and intimate descriptions of men and women living illegally and immorally.

"If I do not want my daughter to carry a flask, smoke cigarets, appear in public half-clothed, and carry on illicit love affairs, then I should not put into her hands books, magazines, or newspapers filled with the descriptions of people who live such lives. There is a certain amount of authority that goes with matter which someone has thought enough of to set it in type and bind between the covers of a book. Printed matter has its influence even in magazine and newspaper form, and while the world has been going mad with unbridled sensualism, immodest dress, and risque dances in some quarters, it has gone equally far in others by putting these things in print. I could name half a dozen publications that shock my old-fashioned soul almost to paralysis.—British Weekly.

Editorial Jottings

NEW "HERALD" POSTERS for 1933 with letters from President Walter Marklein and from the General Secretary have been mailed to all "Baptist Herald" boosters of last year. If any have been overlooked or any have failed to receive them, drop a card to Rev. A. P. Mihm, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., and we will supply at once. Our slogan in this campaign is: "We need a Thousand More." This subscription goal can be reached by faithful, persistent, prayerful team work.

AT THE TIME of writing the Editor has been home again from the Deaconess Hospital in Cincinnati for more than a week. The broken leg is mending and doing as well as can be expected. To hobble around the house on crutches is a new experience. We are endeavoring to fulfil our editorial and secretarial duties as best we can at home. The ankle bones of the right leg were quite shattered by the fall and it will take several months before complete recovery is made. We are very grateful for the splendid treatment accorded to us at the Deaconess Hospital. We wish to thank all our friends, pastors and young people and Sunday school workers who sent flowers, letters, telegrams and cards expressing sympathy and good wishes. The preciousness of friendship and Christian fellowship have been tasted anew during these days of suffering and trial and have been cherished as never before. It is almost worth while undergoing such an accident to experience the love of those with whom we have been associated in the work at such a time. God sends compensations for every trial. He makes "all things work together for good to those that love him."

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Books are the legacies that genius leaves to mankind, to be delivered down from generation to generation, as presents to those that are yet unborn.—Addison.

Holidays

MRS. W. T. EDWARDS

The year begins with holidays
A new day full of cheer
When folks can start all over
On another brand new year.

Then February comes along
And brings us Lincoln's birth
And Washington's, we love them both
And celebrate their worth.

In March the Irish wear the green,
In April all get fooled;
Then May comes in to bring a queen,
With Beauty we are ruled.

Now, close to that a lovely day,
Our Mothers' Day most sweet;
Next the one that follows
Makes everything complete.

I like to think how Jesus
Began the Children's Day;
Blessing all the little ones
The mothers brought his way

July marks Independence Day,
The birthday of our nation.
While August has no holiday
Because it's all vacation.

September comes in with a bang,
For that's the day of labor.
The kiddies all go back to school
And glad is every neighbor.

October waits until the end
To give us Hallowe'en,
But it's worth waiting, think the lads,
Whose impish pranks we've seen.

When cold and snow begin to blow,
We know Thanksgiving's near,
And praise our God for blessings
Throughout the bounteous year.

The last is best of all they say,
So much we love December,
With winter fun and loving gifts,
Each dear one to remember.

So ends the year in holidays,
Peace in the hearts of men,
O, spirit of the Christ who came,
Reign on the earth again!

Kankakee, Ill.

All for Little

In London, at a strange auction indeed, three mummies were put up for sale. One was the preserved body of a great queen of Babylonia. One was the mummy of a famous Pharaoh of Egypt. The third was the body of a great king of Assyria. All three mummies were sold for 75 guineas. The total power and splendor of three world sovereigns sold for \$400. "The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

Utilizing the Depression—How Meriden Did It

As all other communities of this country, our little city of Meriden—situated among the picturesque hills of central Connecticut—has also suffered greatly because of unfavorable business conditions. As a result many of the members of the Liberty Street Baptist Church found themselves either completely or partially without employment last spring. There was more time than money. But of what value was time?

The basement of the church had long been an uninviting place because of its dampness and its shabby floor. Someone originated the idea that the members of the church might be able to renovate the entire basement during their spare time. Accordingly, the men went to work with a vengeance, tearing up the old floor, filling in the basement, and putting in a new floor as well as making other minor changes. The ladies of the church very graciously helped out on the finishing touches, as was only proper. The entire project cost only a trifle over \$350, and can be valued at \$1500.

On October 26, the men and boys of the church met at a banquet to celebrate the completion of the renovations. The committee in charge was composed of Vincent Nold, Henry Runge, Sr., and Adolph Kamens. Myron Schuster, treasurer of the church, spoke briefly, after which the executive secretary of our Meriden Chamber of Commerce delivered a timely address. Before the meeting closed, a men's club, with 20 charter members, had been organized.

The pastor of the church wishes to pay tribute to those whose spirit of loyalty and co-operation made the venture a success. May the same spirit prevail in all of our activities!

FRANK H. WOYKE.

The Meetings of Dr. Wm. Kuhn at Lorraine, Kans.

We were privileged to have with us Dr. William Kuhn, our General Missionary Secretary, from Sunday, October 30, to Friday night, November 4. Services were held every afternoon and evening. During the afternoon sessions Dr. Kuhn led a Bible study on the wonderful sermon of our Master, "The Sermon on the Mount," as recorded in Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7. "The Subjects of the Kingdom" was the general theme. The character, the mission, the righteousness and the dangers of the kingdom citizens were taken up respectively. A goodly attendance was present each day. These studies were practical, inspiring and uplifting.

Dr. Kuhn spoke on various subjects at the evening meetings. The attendance was very gratifying, for sometimes the main auditorium was filled to capacity with attentive listeners. The deepening of the spiritual life, a clearer understanding of God's revealed truths and a greater zeal for the kingdom's work were the aim and purpose of these meetings.

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We feel that in a measure at least we have approximated the purpose. On Friday evening in appreciation for the services of our General Missionary Secretary an offering was received which was laid on the altar for missionary purposes. We are grateful that it was possible for Dr. Kuhn to spend this time with us. The meetings were of great blessing to everyone present. We are continuing with two more weeks of evangelistic meetings. May God bless the efforts in the upbuilding of his Kingdom!

GEORGE A. LANG.

Tacoma Gives Successful Drama

The happy people who filled the German Baptist church were quick with their congratulations as soon as our pastor, Rev. A. Husmann, pronounced the benediction. Once again we were privileged to listen to a program rendered by our young people's classes, the King's Daughters and Knights of Honor classes.

Miss Marie Langenbach was in charge of the program. Miss Lucy Ahrens led the worship service, using "Dreams That Never Come True" as her topic.

The main feature of the evening was a play entitled, "The Dream That Came True." The story deals with the Walden family, whose very action and words expressed their love for money. Through the youngest child, Teddy, and the wealthy, but godly Morgan family—the Dream Came True, and the Waldens decided to have Christ as their God.

The biblical stories of Cain and Abel, Abraham and Isaac, Widow's Mite, Foolish Farmer, Rich Young Ruler, Lord of Talents, The Ten Virgins, and the Judgment Day, presented in pantomime, composed the dream, and showed the comparison of money-loving and God-fearing people.

The cast is as follows: Mr. Walden, Henry Schmunk, Jr.; Mrs. Walden, Alice Stuermer; Tommy Walden, James Schmidtke; Alice Walden, Ruth Nielsen; Teddy Walden, Anna May Heidt; Bobby Walden, Arthur Stolz; Mr. Morgan, Albert Ormay; Mrs. Morgan, Hazel Riepe; Reader, Lucy Ahrens; Spirit of Stewardship, Marie Langenbach; and cast of pantomimers.

Much credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stabbert, who directed the play. Guitar selections by Miss Myrtle Moesner and Mr. Byrne, a solo, "Come Ye Blessed," sung by Miss Eva Yost, and the offering concluded the program.

We hope that the K. D. and K. H. classes go on in their work, and prove to be a continual inspiration and blessing in their church.

Motorist's Wife: "What lovely fleecy clouds! I'd just love to be up there sitting on one of them."

Motorist: "All right. You drive the car."—Tit-Bits.

The Sunday School

The Youthful School

HILDA RICHMOND

Several newcomers had urged the establishment of a church school in the community. At last the old, dilapidated church was opened for the first session. There was no boom in the rural section; but four or five families moving in with growing children did make a difference in the feeble district school and in other ways. The older people had seen their boys and girls start downward as soon as they were old enough and had grown discouraged; but new blood and younger workers in the neighborhood made things look brighter.

"And now," said the prime mover in the new undertaking to the other newcomers, "let's see if we cannot keep this Sunday school youthful! I've lived in several places where everything was planned from an adult standpoint, but let's avoid that error."

Fortunately the others were of the same mind; for all had children and wanted the best for them. So the movement was launched without advertising that fact to any but the families that had worked so hard for the great event.

The very first Sunday the little children had the best places in the old church and appeared on the "platform," as one little boy called it, to sing a children's song that one of the women had taught them. From that very hour the children were first in every plan. Each child came to the "platform" many times yearly to recite memory work and to sing songs graded to their needs.

At socials the children had a prominent place on the program, and everything was planned for their special benefit. Of course, the older folks had their fair share, but that was not the lion's share.

Finally, when even the careless began to observe how much was done for the hitherto neglected children of the increasing school, a middle-aged man, a good Christian in his way, was heard to remark that if country people had followed the rule of thinking always of the boys and girls, there might be a different story to tell about the exodus of young people from the country.

What that rural school did might well be imitated by many larger organizations. Falling into the rut of thinking more of the older folks than the children in church school work is a very common fault. The best classrooms, the best equipment, and the best teachers are given to the adults. "Anyone can teach little children" is a common saying. The adults have their funds for class socials and enjoy entertainments at real ban-

quets; but the children are supposed to be satisfied with cocoa and cookies at their good times: not that the adults have too much, for a good social program is a fine thing for any church school class; but, rather, that the children and young people are overlooked.

Blessed are those church school leaders who have the vision of youth! A school that keeps youthful in tone will be a growing organization, and the Savior of little children will add his blessing to the work.—Church School Journal.

Children's Music

LEE McCRAE

Making Song Words Unmistakable

Much objection has been made—and rightfully—to the words of many of our favorite songs for little people because of their symbolism. All symbols are so much Greek to young minds, and ludicrous mistakes are made by the children because they are not understood. So we find them singing gleefully strange ideas such as: "A sun bean, a sun bean, Jesus wants me for a sun bean. A sun bean, a sun bean, I'll be a sun bean for him."

This particular song (and there are many like it) is a favorite because of its rhythmic swing, while the thought it is meant to carry is excellent. Instead of trying to explain how children can be like sunbeams, one Los Angeles leader has changed the words so that they cannot be misunderstood. Her pupils sing to that same melody:

"Jesus wants me for a helper,
To work for him each day.
In every way try to please him,
At home, at school, at play.

Chorus:

A helper, a helper! Jesus wants me for a helper.
A helper, a helper! I'll be a helper for him."

Singing Their Own Thoughts

The children of one Primary department greatly enjoy adding new "verses" to the old familiar song, "Praise Him, Praise Him."

After the first two verses the teacher asked, "What else can we do besides praise and serve?"

The words came fast, "Help," "Hear," "Honor," "Talk," "Pray to," "Think of," etc. Each was immediately put into song, though some had to be chanted in order to make the meter. The eager way in which they kept suggesting new thoughts and their keen diversity showed bright minds. At least a dozen times they sang the strain without seeming to tire, and several hands were still up when the leader changed the order of service—Primary Teacher's Quarterly.

A Protest Against Hurtful Heresies

Some very good people some time ago withdrew from some of their brethren on the ground that the group they were leaving had taken

God out of Christ
The blood out of the cross,
The Spirit out of the Bible,
Faith out of salvation,
The fire out of hell,
Life out of the grave, and
Water out of the baptistry.
No wonder they withdrew!

Rosie's Love

"I wish I had some money to buy grandma some flowers," said Mira.

"I'd like to give her many beautiful things to look at while she's sick," said May. "You know she could look at pictures in books when it wouldn't be good for her to read."

Edward had just come past the fruit-stand. "If I had money enough I'd buy grandma a big basket of grapes and cherries and other fruit," he said.

Rose was not talking about the wonderful things she would send grandma if she had lots of money. She got her magazine paste and an old book, and was busy with her own things she had in the house. Soon she had a scrap-book of pretty pictures made for grandmother.

That night Rose searched everywhere for wild flowers for her sick grandmother.

Some days after this she picked wild strawberries, and after hours of hard work had a quart for her. Rose did not have money to do things with, but love and thought showed her how to bring joy to others.

The Load of Sin

As an Indian evangelist was preaching, a flippant youth interrupted him. "You tell about the burden of sin. I feel none. How heavy is it? Eighty pounds? Ten pounds?"

The preacher answered, "Tell me, if you laid four hundred weight on a corpse, would it feel the load?"

"No, because it's dead," replied the youth.

The preacher said, "That spirit, too, is dead which feels no load of sin."—Guldax.

Many Kinds of Mosquitoes

Entomologists, people who study insects, tell us that there are 1500 species of mosquitoes known to scientists. Out of these there are 130 or 140 in the United States alone. However, a mosquito under any other name may bite as sharply.

German Baptists of Oklahoma

We are proud of our German Baptists of the State of Oklahoma. The reason why? Because we are happy in the service of the King and try to do our best in spreading the gospel and the good news to our neighbors. With the help of God we desire to build with Christ his glorious Kingdom. If we knew the exact number of German Baptists in the State of Oklahoma, including those that are in our English speaking Baptist churches and elsewhere, we would be surprised at the large number. At an Association of English Baptists the writer met quite a number of Baptists, who were formerly members of our German Baptist churches, and quite a number claimed to be of German descent. Several English Baptist ministers boasted of having a wife of German descent and they praise her highly for loyalty, piety and devotion, etc. We, as six German Baptist churches, are proud of our 500 members.

We met for our 1932 Association at Gotebo. A goodly number of delegates and visitors came to make the association a success. God did open the windows of heaven and poured down his blessings. If someone did not receive a blessing, it was his own fault. Good spiritual food was offered in abundance. The ministers of Oklahoma, F. W. Socolofsky, A. Rosner and Chas. Wagner, and the invited guest, Bro. P. Hintze of Hurnville, Texas, were faithful as ambassadors of Christ in bringing his message to his people and friends. We have a large number of men and women in our Association, who take a wholehearted interest in the kingdom of God. One of our foremost brethren is our missionary-colporteur Bro. H. G. Geis of Okeene, who is doing a wonderful work in his house-to-house-visits, testifying for his Lord and selling Bibles. God be with him!

Our host of young people are anxious to be on the firing line and they do not need to be asked twice to help. They know how to do it. A program was rendered on the Saturday evening in a very excellent way. They are also willing to receive instruction and to let the spirit of Christ lead them. As to our six churches we can say, that we have our ups and downs, but nevertheless, we believe in a none-stop advance, in none-stop work and in none-stop praying.

We, the Association of Oklahoma, thank the members of the Salem Church very much for your hospitality. We wish you God's blessing in your service. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life." CHAS. WAGNER.

A Nigerian district officer, finding his steward unsatisfactory, discharged him. Tom asked for a reference, so the district officer gave him the following:

"Tom has been my steward for ten months. He says he wants a good berth. Anyone who is looking for a good steward should give Tom a wide one."—Tid-Bits.

South Dakota Association at Plum Creek Church

The 45th South Dakota Association met with the Plum Creek church from Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Ideal weather made a good attendance possible. A great theme, "The Unchanging Christ," was set up by the program committee. Everyone present was eager to hear what would be said about it. The table was spread. Bro. W. Helwig preached the first night on "The Unchanging Christ changes the lives of those who believe on him with all their hearts." Next we heard some good papers from the brethren: E. Broeckel on "The Christ in the Old Testament;" A. Stelter, "The Christ in the Gospels;" F. W. Schaefer, "The Christ in the Epistles;" G. W. Pust, "Jesus in Church History;" E. Gutsche, "Jesus in the conception of men outside the Church" (past); M. DeBoer, "Jesus in the Church" (present); B. Schlipf, "Jesus in the conception of men outside the Church" (present); R. Kaiser, "Jesus and the Family;" J. G. Rott, "Jesus in our Midst," and J. L. Schmidt, "The Jesus of the Future." What a wealth of material! All to show the glory of Christ and to strengthen our faith in him.

Now let us turn to the reports from the different churches. It humbles us when we hear of the meagerly visited prayer-meetings, the prayerless churchmembers, the many unconverted young people in our midst and the joy we seem to manifest when the burden of giving is being made lighter. (May God forgive!) On the other hand we rejoice in seeing the Sunday school work progress and young people awakening to a more earnest and sincere Christian life and a desire for a real revival. (Thanks be to God!)

From the reports we go back to the sermons. Bro. M. DeBoer preached on "The love toward Christ," John 21:18. Bro. G. W. Pust on "The Changing and the Unchanging Christ," Luke 2:52; Heb. 13:8; Bro. H. C. Baum, visiting with us, on "Living a Life according to the will of God," Col. 4:12; Bro. B. Schlipf delivered a good "Mission Sermon" on the text Mark 16:15, 16; Bro. E. Broeckel brought the closing sermon, "Jesus alone," Matt. 17:8. A fine series of sermons,—everyone born of God and poured into the hearts of men.

Very much like these sermons were the devotional talks. The first one was given by Bro. M. DeBoer, "Remember Jesus Christ," 2 Tim. 2:8. He meditated upon the thought, "What we think, we are." The second was given by Bro. F. Blick on "The Center of Faith," John 14:1. He said, Jesus points to it by saying: "Believe in God, believe also in me." The third was given by Bro. A. A. Voigt, "Christ the same," Heb. 13:8. He pointed out that Jesus is the same in the experience of salvation.

Last but not least were the quiet half hours for which the program committee had made arrangements. Bro. J. F. Olt-hoff was the speaker. In the quietness

of the hour he aroused us to hear the voice of God. He spoke on: "The Call from Above," "The Call from Within," and "The Call from Without."

Another event of inspiration were the talks given to the Sunday school. Bro. A. Stelter used an object lesson to bring home in a simple way the words of Jesus: "Ye are the light of the world." Bro. B. Schlipf spoke on "Praying in Secret," and Bro. R. Kaiser using another object lesson on "Christ forgiving Sin." God bless our Sunday schools!

Another feature of the association was the music. We had the privilege of listening to solos, duets, trios, quartets (ladies and male) and the well-trained choir of the entertaining church. The music helped to bring about a spirit of praise and thankfulness. An offering for missions was taken which amounted to \$100.

We must say it was good to be in Plum Creek. Everything went smoothly under the able leadership of their minister. We would not forget the dear sisters who in the spirit of Christ served us with fine meals, and made us feel at home in every way. God bless the good people at Plum Creek! R. KAISER.

Go Thou and Do Likewise

Rev. J. Weinbender, pastor of our church at Glidden, Sask., has forwarded to us an encouraging report of the activity of the members in the Young People's Society who serve on the committee for distributing literature. The young people distributed missionary literature and the following letter:

"The Glidden Baptist Church, Glidden, Sask

To whom it may concern:

We are asking each friendly giver for an offering for the sake of our Lord and Missions. It will be designated to carry the gospel of salvation to a lost world, so that many a heart may be brought closer to our Lord and Savior.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9, 7.

May God bless you!

Thanking you,
The Committee:

KARL FRIED,
AUG. RENZ,
JOHN FRIED,
REV. J. WEINBENDER."

As a result of this effort these young people expect to have the fine sum of \$100 for our Missionary and Benevolent Offering. This means much for our treasury at this time. Would it not be well worth-while for some of our other young people to follow their example?

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Street-car Conductor: "Madam, this transfer has expired."
Irate Lady: "Well, you can't expect much else with the cars so poorly ventilated."

Diamond Jubilee in Cincinnati

From October 24-30 the Walnut Street German Baptist Church celebrated its 75th anniversary. On most of these days the weather was ideal. Above the pulpit in large golden letters, and along the walls in smaller letters signs with the inscription "75th Anniversary" reminded the visitors at once of the event. Large vases of beautiful flowers adorned the platform and window sills, while garlands of colorful foliage decorated the walls. A number of these floral tributes were sent in memory of former members of the church by relatives. Many letters of congratulation from former pastors and friends indicated the love and high esteem cherished by the spiritual sons and daughters of the mother church.

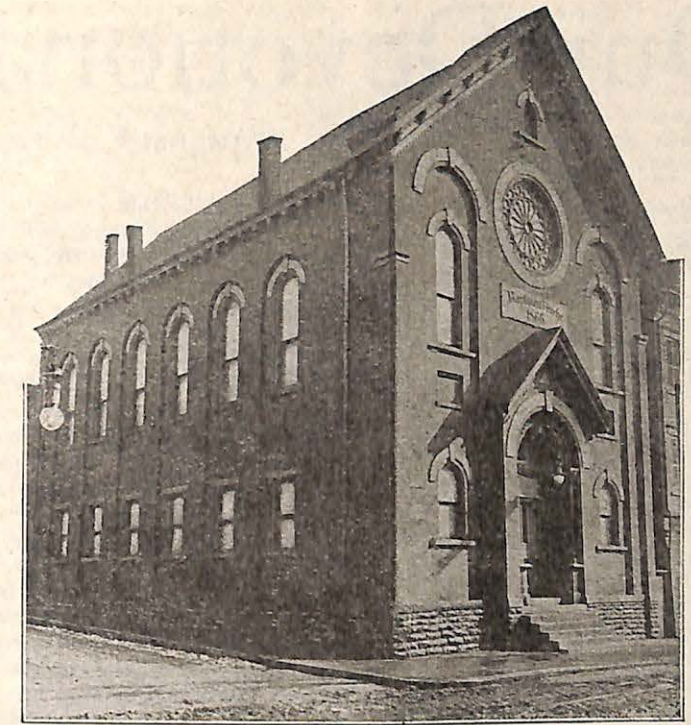
On Sunday morning, October 23, the beloved pastor, Rev. P. C. A. Menard, gave a historical sketch of the development and work of the church during the 75 years of its existence. Monday evening the official celebration began. Prof. H. von Berge brought the introductory message, founded on Heb. 12:1. In a very appropriate and inspiring way, he spoke of the cloud of witnesses interested in the celebration and applied their testimony to the past, present and future activity of the church. A robed choir of about 50 members—most of whom at one time had been members of the church—under direction of the capable Brother Walter A. Kuehn, helped much to lend dignity and inspiration to all the services of the week.

Tuesday night was devoted to the neighboring churches. Dr. G. Lawson of the Lincoln Park Baptist Church was the chief speaker. In an inspiring address he pointed to the sources of strength in a New Testament church. A number of pastors, including the associate secretary of the Baptist state work, followed. All the greetings and congratulations showed the high esteem accorded to the church and its pastor by the Christian forces of the community.

Wednesday was women's day. The afternoon meeting was devoted to reminiscences by members of the Ladies Aid. The president, Mrs. A. Antich, presided. A ladies quartet was rendered by the Mesdames L. Vielhauer, M. Antich, O. Menard and L. Schmidt. The chief addresses were given by Mrs. E. Dehnert, Mrs. E. Kuehn, Mrs. A. Thompson and Mrs. S. Daniel Bell.

Our General Secretary of the Y. P. & S. S. W. U., Bro. A. P. Mihm, was on his way to the meeting (accompanied by Rev. Menard and the undersigned) when, because of the rain, on Corvine St., he slipped, fell and broke his right leg near the ankle. We hastened to take him to the Deaconess Hospital, where a specialist of great reputation took care of him. While our brother's plans for the near future are upset, a complete recovery is in sight.

For the evening service, which also



Edifice of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

was under auspices of the Women's Missionary Society, Rev. A. P. Mihm was to be the speaker. In his absence the undersigned was asked to fill his place. Psalm 48:10 suggested some fitting thoughts for the occasion.

Friday evening at 6:15 the banquet started. About 175 persons had secured tickets and were served at two sittings. Some interesting short speeches seasoned the sumptuous feast and prepared for the meeting that was to follow. Rev. C. A. Daniel and Prof. F. W. C. Meyer, both sons of the church, were the principal speakers. Bro. Daniel in a very fascinating way related experiences of his early boyhood, his conversion, his persecution for Christ's sake, his call to the ministry, etc., thereby considerably portraying the deep spiritual life of the church life in days gone by. Prof. Meyer, his lifelong friend, in his inimitable way, supplemented and enlarged the picture. Others followed. A roll call revealed the fact that all the charter members have joined the heavenly church, while only 2 were members between 40 and 50 years. The meeting gave evidence to all present that remains true to this day: "As the mountains are around Jerusalem (Cincinnati) so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever" (Psalm 125:2).

The Sunday was the great day of the feast. Under the leadership of Bro. O. W. Schmidt the Sunday school was addressed by R. Brunner, E. Schmidt, Ed. Noll, F. W. C. Meyer, C. A. Daniel, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. G. N. Thomssen and Chr. Dippel. In the following service Prof. Meyer brought an inspiring message, based on the text Phil. 3:7: "Um Christi willen." Personal experiences and ob-

servations of his former Cincinnati life made it illuminating and interesting.

The B. Y. P. U. meeting, under the direction of its capable president, Miss Viola Hartman, kept step with the order of the day.

In the following final service the Misses Ruth and Viola Hartman, nieces of Rev. C. A. Daniel and Mrs. R. Suevern, conducted the opening exercises. They called on Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Dayton to lead in the opening prayer. After Rev. P. C. A. Menard had thanked all friends who in some way had helped to make the jubilee a success, Bro. Daniel took charge of the service. It was to be a consecration service for all present. With this object in view serious touching words were spoken first by F. W. C. Meyer, followed by C. A. Daniel. In front of the pulpit stood a cross with 128 candles, each representing a member of the church who during the 75 years once had labored with the church, but already had gone to glory. Dressed in white the Misses Hartman lighted the candles, while their uncle, C. A. Daniel, pointed to the practical lessons offered by the scene and its meaning for us. Deep impressions were made, no doubt new resolutions formed. May they be lasting. C. DIPPEL.

No Reflection on Rastus

Boss: "You're late this morning, Rastus!"

Rastus: "Well, sah, when ah looked in de glass dis morning ah couldn't see mahself there, so ah thought ah'd gone to work. Later ah discovered dat de glass had dropped outa de frame!"

Our Devotional Meeting

August F. Runtz

December 11, 1932

Practicing Brotherhood in Our Neighborhood

Luke 10:25-37

Three Philosophies of Life. Some one has said that there are but three philosophies of life concerning property. All three are illustrated here. First: What is yours is mine, and I mean to have it. That was the philosophy of the robbers as they relieved this man of his possessions. That is still the philosophy of many. And not all of these go about our streets at night armed with revolvers; some sit in high places and are highly respected. Second: What is mine is mine, and I mean to keep it. That was the philosophy of the priest and the Levite. They could not risk becoming ceremonially unclean. Nor could they afford to give of their time and their money. This class is also still quite active. Third: What is mine is yours, and you may use it. The Samaritan gave of his wine and of his time, he gave of his oil and of his toil, and he used his pence and he used his sense. Of what value is life anyway unless we can help those who are lying wounded on our byways of life?

A Changed Emphasis. The question, "Who is my neighbor?" brought forth this story, but the story ends with a question that changed the whole complexion of the matter: "Which was neighbor unto him?" The question is not, who is my neighbor? but to whom may I show the spirit of neighborliness? Jesus would have us know that we can be neighbors to every one who is in need, whether that need be physical, mental, moral, or spiritual.

Helping My Neighbor Discover the Best. If you knew that your neighbor was afflicted with some physical ailment, and you knew a cure for that ailment, what sort of neighbor would you be if you withheld that knowledge? But aren't many of our neighbors in need of Christ and what he can give?

December 18, 1932

Spreading the True Christmas Spirit

Phil. 4:14-19

The Spirit of Joy. There is no other day in the whole year on which there is such universal joy as on Christmas day. Its spirit transcends nation, race, and color. "Merry Christmas" it heard everywhere. The church bells peal forth the glad message. Beautiful Christmas carols and Christmas music are heard over the radio. Greetings are sent, not only from friend to friend, but from nation to nation. Children gather under Christmas trees or before fire-places, their hearts bubbling over with joy. Many

efforts are made that none shall be without something to make them happy on Christmas day. But the greatest and most abiding joy comes to those who have had a part in making others happy. The secret of Christmas joy is the secret of Christian joy. What a world this would be if the spirit of joy, of good will, of helpfulness, and the effort to bring joy to others would dominate our lives throughout the entire year! But isn't that the ultimate goal of Christ's coming to earth?

A Message of Glad Tidings. The angel's message was: "I bring you good tidings of great joy . . . for unto you is born a Savior." The good news was that God had given his most precious gift unto men. Here is the fundamental message of Christmas, that a loving Father gave his only begotten Son, that we might have eternal life through him. It is good news when someone decides to live, not for self, but for others. It is good news when a soul turns from its sinful ways to walk the "Jesus road"; it is such good news in fact, that there is joy in the presence of the angels of heaven. It is good news, news to make men and angels rejoice, when a young person dedicates his or her life to Christian service.

Cultivating the Spirit of Worship. The first act of the Wise men after they had found the child Jesus was to fall down and worship him. Worship ought to be given a much larger place in our lives today, not only at Christmas time but throughout the year. To receive all the joy of Christmas, and not worship him whose birth it commemorates, is to misunderstand the meaning of Christmas. To celebrate Christmas in a way that does not honor Christ is to adjudge ourselves unworthy of this greatest of all gifts. When we contemplate its mystery we will worship and adore him.

December 25, 1932

Christmas in Picture, Song, and Story

Luke 2:8-20

Christmas in Picture and Story. The most beautiful, delicate and best loved story of all Christendom is to be found in the second chapter of Luke's gospel. Artists have tried to catch its spirit, and depict their conceptions on canvas. Its very simplicity, however, makes it elusive. After they have done their best, our hearts still feel that brush and canvas cannot reveal all the hidden beauty. Many beautiful and inspiring pictures of the nativity have been painted, but how could an artist depict all the moods in the soul of a pure virgin mother, who herself is still astonished at the wonderful experience that God has graciously

granted her. How can he allow all the tenderness of a holy child's birth in a manger. How can even an artist soul grasp all the splendor and glory of myriad of angels bursting into song: "Glory to God in the highest," or the effect of such a demonstration of divine glory and reality of the unseen upon a little group of humble shepherds? It is all too much for human heart and hand.

Christmas in Song. The Christmas carols have been our best loved treasures of song. To the German people there is no song to compare with Franz Gruber's "Silent Night, Holy Night."

"Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds pray at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Golden beams from the eastern star,
Comes the glorious morn,
Comes the glorious morn."

It was after his return from a visit to Palestine that Phillips Brooks, a great American preacher, wrote his beautiful hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

"How silently, how silently,
The wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear can hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in."

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Facing Life Gallantly

1 Cor. 16:13, 14

"Stand fast": That means Loyalty. The language used here is that of soldiering. We are reminded of the story about the skeleton of a Roman soldier who was found standing erect at his post with sword and harness in place among the ashes of one of the cities of Italy that had been buried by a volcanic eruption. Loyal to his commander he had remained at his post of duty, even though it cost him his life. Such loyalty to our great Commander is sorely needed today. With that loyalty to him comes the loyalty to your church and group. We ought to know why we are Christians, and then be true to our convictions regardless of what others may say or think.

"Quit you like men, be strong": That means Courage. There is a negative and a positive quality in courage. It takes courage to refuse to do certain things, and it takes courage to do certain things.

"Thus shalt say no," is a strong word used in the Bible. That little word "no" is one of the greatest words in any language. It is almost the shortest word, yet it is hardest to pronounce. In the book of Esther we find the story of Queen Vashti answering the command of

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her drunken husband, the king, with a ringing "No." She knew that it would cost her her position, her wealth, her fame, her comforts, and perhaps even her life. But that "no" saved her character and her honor. We need young people with backbone enough to say "no" to even the semblance of wrong. We have too many "yessers" among our young people, and older folks too. They say yes to influences and invitations even though their conscience says no. No character has ever grown strong that has not learned to say no.

However, that is not the entire quality of courage. Courage must be positive also. This is military phraseology. A soldier must march forward. A Christian soldier must have the conviction to say and do certain things. Jesus told his disciples about trials that awaited them if they would be his followers. They would be persecuted, stoned, and slain. But he said: "I send you out," and they went. Think of the courage of Paul after they had stoned him at Lystra. We need redblooded Christians today: Christians with courage to speak and propagate the truths of the gospel. Let loyalty and courage be the watchword for 1933.

January 8, 1933

How May We Know God's Will?

Ps. 119:105-112

It is indeed heartening that there are many sincere folks who are diligently trying to know and do the will of God in their own lives. How may we know what his will is for us? That is the problem. It is never given to us all "cut and dried." It is not known without any effort on our own part to use the means that God has set at our disposal for our guidance. What are these means?

The Bible. As a symbol of the Bible the psalmist is using the little candle foot-lamp which the Oriental strapped to his sandal just above the toes. This lamp lit the way for his feet whenever he walked through the darkness. The Bible is such a lamp for our lives as we walk through the intricate ways of our earthly pilgrimage. God has revealed himself and his will in its pages. But we must be diligent readers of it, else it will do us no more good than the foot-lamp unlighted.

Conscience. Conscience has often been called the voice of God in the soul. It is that monitor of the soul which says: This is wrong, do not do it, or this is right and good, you ought to do it. And when we do that which we believe to be right our conscience is at peace, but when we refuse, our souls are ill at ease. We must be careful here, for conscience is not infallible. Moreover when our conscience does not prick us, it may simply have become dull through abuse or neglect. It can be and ought to be enlightened. God has given it to us as a guide to know his will.

Prayer. Whoever would know the will

of God for his life must seek diligently in prayer for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come and guide us. We must seek that guidance and follow where it leads one step at a time, cost what it may.

Reason. God has given us our reason and he expects us to use it. If we think honestly, and use these other means that God has set at our disposal, we shall probably discover the will of God. If we make a mistake, he will forgive us. But how can we presume upon his mercy when we have made no effort to know his will?

Experience. The experience of life may also be God-given means for us to know his will. How often we have prayed for guidance in a certain matter, and went ahead, feeling that we were doing right, only to find that we had made a mistake. It is here that folks often lose faith in any divine guidance. However, that experience may have been the only way in which God could reveal his will to us.

Under Africa's Sun

A. ORTHNER

In the homeland the weather often exerts a strong influence over the attendance at church services, even though there is not sufficient reason. The church is comfortably warm, there is an agreeable atmosphere, also opportunity for convenient transportation and the people have good clothes to wear. But here in the Bekom mountains it is quite different. I have often felt sorry on a cold rainy Sunday, to see the people who have come to our meetings crouched together on the seats with legs and arms folded. There are not many soaking-wet clothes to be seen because these church-goers do not wear any clothes. Neither is it very comfortable in this chapel made of clay with holes to serve as doors and windows, so that it is really surprising that the people come to the meetings at all. Nevertheless during the rainy season there has been a gratifying growth in attendance both at the services and in the Sunday school. We are anxious to build a chapel, and although there is little money at hand, we will nevertheless carry the stones together and make tile, trusting by the end of the year we will have a chapel to God's honor and glory. However, our task is not an easy one.

Satan Is Also Very Busy

Even though the Chief is friendly toward us (although recently not quite as much as before, since I did not order a set of false teeth for his highness' mouth), he acted like a diplomat at a disarmament conference. The more they talk of disarmament, the more they get ready in secret to take arms. He tries to keep people from attending our meetings because he is afraid of losing his power, as the influence of the Chief is so closely connected with the customs of the heathen.

The magicians support him in these views. However, we are very glad that the young people and children come to us more and more, and so are brought under the influence of the gospel and also learn the hymns which they then sing where others can hear them too.

At the Market Place

Near the station of Belo there is a market place where the people of the tribe gather together every week not only to buy or sell, but also to visit with each other and hear the latest news. Whoever has any news, is soon surrounded by a circle of willing listeners. Sometimes the police of the Chief come there to capture people for work and that causes fights and wounded ones. Assaultants and defenders come here to have their wounds dressed, and to pour out their troubles. One man begged me to set his teeth back into his mouth that had been knocked out. They believe the white man can do this. We make use of the opportunity we have at the market-place to invite people to our meetings. Sometimes we also sing there and preach the gospel. The European does not hold out very long in this market because the stench of the meat takes his breath away, and the appearance of it is not very good either. The barbecue from the large field-rats finds willing purchasers. These rats are roasted and smoked over the fire.

Why the Women Are Not There

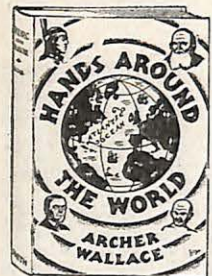
Although in most tribes the women are the main visitors in these market-places, here they are not found at all. I asked the reason for this and was told, that they used to come, but the women saw so many things they wanted to buy, and then pestered their husbands for them. These disappointed wives grew so sulky that the husbands complained, and so the elders of the tribe decided to forbid them to come to the market.

A Testimony

Not far from the station an old man lives who is growing blind. Recently when some of the elders of the tribe spoke disapprovingly of the Mission and the Christian faith, he told them the following: "Formerly you lived in such fear that if you were interrupted at meal-times and left even only for a few moments, you could not enjoy your food when you returned for fear some spirit had harmed the same in that short while. You did not even trust each other. Now you eat your food without fear and laugh about many things that you and your fathers did formerly. This has all come about because the Mission came to us and we have been enlightened. Many of us have reason to thank the Mission that we have lived to be old and are still living." This expression in favor of our Mission from a heathen is surely noteworthy, so we will continue to sow the seed and God will give the increase.

Belo-Bekom, September 1, 1932.

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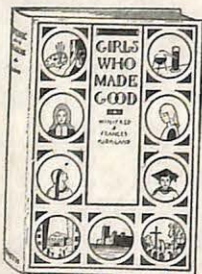
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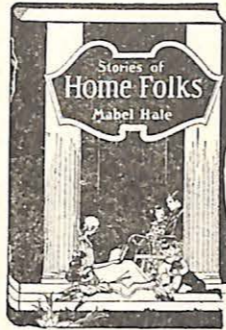
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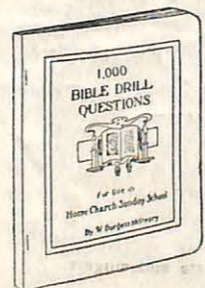
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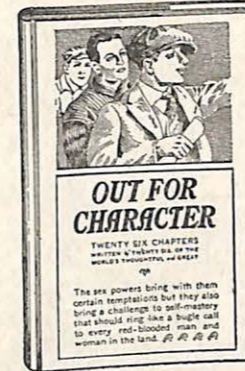


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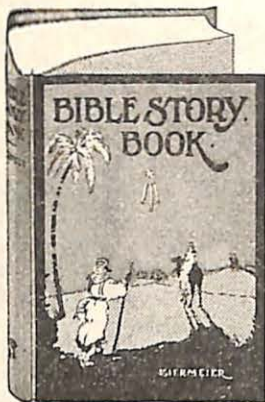
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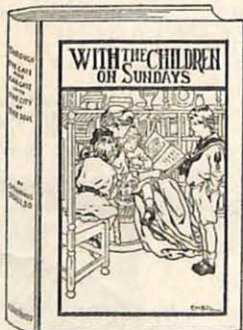
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