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## An Affirmation of Faith

**I AFFIRM** my faith in the reality of the spiritual world, in the sacred voice of duty, in the compelling power of truth and holiness, in prayer, in the life eternal, in him who is the life of my life and the reality behind all things invisible. I rejoice to believe in God.

I affirm my faith in the kingdom of God and my hope in its final triumph. I determine by faith to live day by day within the higher order, and divine peace of my fatherland, and carry its spirit and laws into all my dealings in the world that is now.

I make an act of love toward all fellow men. I accept them as they are, with all their sins and failures, and declare my solidarity with them. If they have wronged or grieved me, I place my mind within the all-comprehending and all-loving mind of God, and here and now forgive. I desire to minister God's love to men and offer no hindrance to the free flow of his love through me.

I affirm my faith in life. I call life good and not evil. I accept the limitations of my own life and believe it is possible for me to live a beautiful and Christ-like life within the conditions set for me, I know that I can be more than conqueror.

Walter Rauschenbusch.



## What's Happening

Rev. Hugo F. Schade, formerly of Cleveland, O., is now the pastor of the church at New Dundee, Ontario, Can.

Rev. A. Felberg, formerly pastor at Nokomis, Sask., has accepted the call of the McDermott Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man., and will begin his new pastorate in July.

Rev. Assaf Husmann of Tacoma, Wash., has accepted the call of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., and will begin his ministry with his new charge on July 15.

Rev. G. P. Schroeder has resigned as pastor of the church at Ebenezer, East, Sask., and become the new shepherd of the church at Nokomis, Sask. He began his ministry with the Nokomis church in April.

The church at Aplington, Ia., Rev. Herman Lohr, pastor, is rebuilding its house of worship, recently destroyed by fire, on a new location. The new edifice is substantially constructed of hollow tile. It is expected to be ready for occupancy by September. In the meanwhile services are being held in the auditorium of the High School.

Mrs. Steinhaus, the mother-in-law of Dr. Chas. W. Koller, pastor of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J., who made her home with Bro. and Sister Koller, died very suddenly and peacefully on April 19 and was buried on April 23. She was over eighty years of age. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, baptized six persons on Palm Sunday evening. The Sunrise Easter Service was attended by 60 young people. Miss Ruth C. Doescher brought an inspiring message. The Primary department of the Sunday school sent fifty large chocolate eggs to the children of our Orphanage in St. Joseph, Mich.

At the annual meeting of the General Missionary Committee, held in Forest Park, Ill., April 10-12, the Rev. O. E. Krueger of Pittsburgh, Pa., was elected chairman; Rev. S. Blum of Cleveland, vice-chairman, and Rev. J. F. Olthoff of Madison, S. Dak., recording secretary. A resumé of the appropriations for the coming year can be found on another page of this issue.

The Third German Church, Bronx, New York City, reports rich blessings. The pastor, Rev. J. F. Niebuhr, had the joy of baptizing four souls on Palm Sunday, one, an elderly woman, who had a wonderful old-fashioned conversion, two Jewish children, a girl and her brother, and a boy of ten. On April 29,

a mother and daughter were baptized. The church closed its financial year with a small balance in the treasury.

The Board of Directors of the German Baptists' Life Association met in Buffalo, N. Y., on April 13 with president pro tem. Mr. Henry Marks of St. Paul, Minn., presiding. The purpose of this meeting was to bring the Constitution of the Association into accord with the legal requirements of the State of New York in which the Association is incorporated. The local societies will receive further information about these points and action taken from the Associational Headquarters in Buffalo.

The church at Bismarck, N. Dak., Rev. J. J. Lippert, pastor, had evangelistic meetings for nearly five weeks. Rev. G. Rauser of the Rosenfeld church assisted for several weeks in German and Rev. W. A. Weyrauch of the Jamestown Baptist Church preached the other weeks in English. Thirteen professed conversion. Four of the new converts were recently baptized, among whom was pastor Lippert's oldest son. At Medina, N. Dak., special meetings were conducted for three weeks and four professed conversion. Rev. J. J. Abel of Lehr assisted here.

The church at Scottsbluff, Nebr., had a reception celebration for their new pastor, Rev. Albert Alf, and family on March 4. Rev. Theodore Frey of La Salle, Colo., was present by invitation and acted as master of ceremony, preaching at the Sunday morning service. Bro. Alf preached his first sermon as pastor in the afternoon. The reception proper was in the evening service with various representatives of the church and societies speaking words of welcome to the new pastor. Bro. Frey also spoke. Refreshments were served at the close in the lower rooms.

"The Christian Endeavor World," the organ of the Christian Endeavor movement, will in future appear as a Quarterly instead of monthly. The present subscribers will also receive the "Christian Herald," a monthly, for the present year. Up to a few years ago, the "Christian Endeavor World" appeared weekly. Then it became a monthly magazine and now it is partly merged and further restricted in its publication and appearance. No doubt this is a move for economy due to the present situation. Our religious papers, for both young and old, are having a hard struggle to subsist in these days. The moral? Get behind the papers that serve you with all your might so that they survive and grow.

### Anniversary Day at the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia

According to a time-honored custom Anniversary Day will again be celebrated on Memorial Day, May 30. It is a beautiful custom to decorate the graves of our fallen heroes on that day and even more beautiful to show a sympathetic interest in those who, after fighting the battle of life, are resting for a little while before their departure in the German Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia.

Meals will be served noon and evening at a very reasonable price. The Home will be open for inspection and the grounds will furnish ample opportunity for promenading and the playing of games.

As usual the program will be rendered in the chapel during the afternoon; chief speaker will be the Rev. J. G. Draewell, who has been a member of the board for the past six years and is now closing his ministry in Philadelphia, and the Rev. Eric Oesterle of the First Baptist Church, Collingswood, N. J.

The orchestra of the Second German Baptist Church under the direction of Mr. Herman Zachay will furnish music in the social hall before and during mealtime.

Friends and patrons of the Home who would like to send donations of cash or merchandise may send direct to the address of the Home, 7023 Rising Sun Ave., where they will be gratefully received and properly credited. A very hearty welcome is extended to all to make the coming anniversary a great day in the history of the Home.

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### Young People in Summer Conference

MANY of our state Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Unions will hold their conventions and institutes during the summer months from now on. In various places assemblies will be held. Our young people and Sunday school workers ought to plan to attend these gatherings and to take them into their vacation plans, combining in a happy way the instructional and the recreational.

Many times young people in the local churches feel that there are only a few of them interested in the work of the church. When they come to these gatherings, they meet a large group of representative young people and they see that there are more of them interested in Christian work than they had supposed. One girl who attended her first institute last summer said, "I didn't know there were so many nice girls." She had a new vision of people. A young man who attended said near the end of the week, "I never knew that a Christian could have a time like this." He had a new vision of the kind of people that compose the Christian group. No normal young person can live through an assembly or conference experience and come out uninfluenced. The wholesome friendships with choice young people from other churches, the faculty leadership which molds character, influence lives and often convince youth that Christianity is not a long-faced experience but the living of a more abundant life.

The young people at these assemblies and institutes get a new vision of the church. In class study, in personal contacts with missionaries and church leaders, the significance and service of the churches is presented in such a way as to arouse a new sense of its value and importance. They often see their denomination in a new light and are impelled to a greater loyalty to it because of the new contact they have made. They get new visions of the opportunities for personal Christian service as well. They are led to see that assisting in the work of their own churches is a desirable thing to do. Anything that assists in providing better trained leadership in the church is a help.

A deepened sense of spiritual values on the part of its members is a real need of the church. It is seldom that a delegate or visitor comes away from the days spent at a summer convention without a deeper sense of spiritual things. The devotional periods, the Bible study, the vesper services and other meetings open a field of spiritual experience that some have not entered before. To many it has been the beginning of taking part in public prayer. It has led others to make Christian decisions and life-work decisions.

A summer assembly experience, after the enthusiasm has worn off, can be just a bursted bubble or it can be a rich personal experience which will provide momentum for all the year around for the young people's activities of the church. It all depends on the nurture of the inspiration of the visitors and on the recognition and responsibility given the young people on their return.

We hope and pray that many will decide to attend our Summer young people's gatherings.

### Meet Outdoors

THE most natural and universal impulse which manifests itself in warm weather is to get outdoors. In city and country people try to avoid being in houses and buildings. It is a wise church which recognizes this impulse and attempts to satisfy it. And even greater wisdom is manifested when a church plans summer activities which are sufficiently different to make them attractive, regardless of the heat.

"Something Different" is a good slogan, and young people can help prove its worth. Many societies move outdoors for their regular weekly meetings. Not much change is made in the program; members lead and participate, prayers are offered, Scripture is read and hymns sung, just as though indoors. Or special programs are prepared with both instrumental and vocal music occupying a large place. This scheme has been used by societies which have been in the habit of disbanding for the summer months, and in some instances the summer meetings are the best in the year.

Another plan is for the young people, through the society or one of the Sunday school classes, to assume responsibility for the Sunday evening church service. These may take the place of the regular society meetings, and should be held outdoors if at all possible. While certain young people may be chosen to preside at these meetings, special speakers should be secured if any are available. A good plan is to secure prominent laymen for this rather than ministers from other churches. Special musical programs are most important, and they should be as carefully provided for as the speaking part of the meeting.

Frequently these different outdoor meetings will succeed or fail according to the advertising which is done. In smaller cities newspaper advertising will help, but the most effective method will be personal distribution of well-prepared announcements to the houses in the vicinity of the church. Some announcement ought to be passed out each



week—not only when the first meeting is held. Do everything possible to make the meeting heard by people who may be living in the neighborhood, for frequently a Christian message will reach some one who would not come to the church for such a service.

The conduct of such meetings is a good way for young people to prove their interest in the church's task of telling the story of Jesus and his love.

### Mrs. Shunammite's Religion

DAVID HAMEL

NO, we are not trying to introduce some new religious cult. The religion we want to talk about is an old standard brand practiced by a good woman way back in Old Testament times. From the record, 2nd Kings, chapter 4, we gather that the Shunammite was a well-to-do lady of one of the better homes of her community, enjoying the respect and good-will of her people and given to hospitality. She displayed the homely virtues of a good house-keeper, was a prudent, dutiful wife, a devoted mother and a woman of real faith. The words spoken by Jesus to the Canaanite mother, pleading in behalf of her afflicted daughter: "O woman, great is thy faith," might well be applied to the Shunammite.

Into this happy home in Shunem came God's wonderful blessing, the gift of a child, a son. Every child born into a home is meant to enrich that home. How sad that not all children are welcomed as heaven's richest blessing. One day as the little lad was out in the harvest field with his father, watching the reapers, he was suddenly taken ill, very likely suffering a sun stroke. Carried into the house by the servants, he died in mother's arms. The stricken mother placed the dead child on the prophet's bed in the guest chamber and at once made preparations to go to see the man of God, the prophet. It is at this point in the story we find the suggestion of a commendable religious faith: "Wherefore go to the man of God today? it is neither new moon or sabbath," said the husband. "Never mind," answers the good wife, and following the urge of her burdened soul and the impulse of her faith, she puts into practice her

#### Every-day Religion

with miraculous results. No doubt the kindly husband, complying with her wish, was saying under his breath: "How these good women do get religion all mixed up with every-day affairs." His was a religion circumscribed by sacred days and traditional creeds and rituals. Sabbath and festival days were made for religious exercises. The time and place to seek and serve God is on Sunday and in church, during Lent, on Good Friday and surely on Easter Sunday. Why seek communion with God or give expression of one's religious emotions and convictions on Saturday afternoon or Monday morning?

Now we surely recognize that religious institutions perform an inestimable service in the expres-

sion and development of the spiritual life, but to confine one's religious experience and practice to Sunday observance, church attendance, participation in the ordinances of the church involves serious peril. Sabbath observance may become an obstacle to the expression of brotherly love, and church piety may lack all elements of true godliness. One may observe all the things from youth up and still lack of one essential of true religion, namely a personal experience of the grace and power of God within the soul. Over against this formal, ceremonial special-day religion let us look at the personal, every-day religion of Mrs. Shunammite. Here we have the free and fervent expression of a deep personal, spiritual experience. This every-day religion bears the mark of a conscious

#### Personal Relation to God

The man of God and through his ministry, the grace and power of God had been made real in her life and in her home. She found that God was concerned about her personal happiness and about family life and every-day affairs. The richest blessings of heaven were not confined to the so-called sacred days and places. She had found God faithful in the days of joy and song, now she must tell him of her disappointment and sorrow. She believed with Abraham that God is able to raise up, even from the dead. Hers was a religion of simple faith in Jesus Christ. A faith that hallows every day and all of life. Not a Sunday dress affair, but a living passion. It was the

#### Soul Passion

that sent this good woman on her unconventional mission. She must lose no time to bring the burden of her heart to the feet of the man of God. She practiced the privilege we so often neglect, to carry everything to God in prayer. She sought the place of prayer not simply because it was the proper, the popular or pleasant thing to do, but rather to find grace to help her in her present need. Much like the woman in the gospel story, pushing her way through the crowd pressing about Jesus, that she might touch the hem of his garment and find healing, so she, with set purpose pushed her way past tradition, convention and formality to pour out the petition of her burdened soul in the presence of God.

How much of our religious exercises is perfunctory and purposeless, often lacking the spirit of true devotion, neither seeking or finding a vital personal contact with God. What a difference between habitual participation in a religious service and the heart-cry of a hungry soul! Here we have a soul passion leaving the beaten path of tradition, habit and custom of religious practice, venturing a short cut into the sanctuary of God's presence in the hour of a concrete need.

We all know how stereotyped routine religious observance may become. We are reminded of reading of a church vestryman who never missed a church service, who always wore a frock coat and

silk hat, and always took up the collection, but who confessed to a friend privately that he "didn't know what it was all about." Yes, it's possible to keep up a form of religion, and have nothing to do with it as a force. In the Shunammite's attitude and action we have a fine demonstration of religion loosed from specially sacred days and sacred places, functioning in personal experience and common-place practice. What a fine example of the fervor and force of

#### Religion in Action

There is no time lost in complaining or explaining. This isn't a time for argument, but rather for action. She did not let her creed, which may have been a very modest affair, interfere with the duty of the hour. She converted the holy impulse of her motherly soul into personal, practical service. Here was a definite decision put into immediate action. How much of our life is spent in wavering, in indecision, in weighing evidence and never registering a verdict. How much of life's happiness and achievement hangs on obedience to duty, a dogged determination, a venturesome crusade. This sort of uncompromising devotion to duty and to God is the spirit we need today. We will all agree that only a faith steeped in love, grounded in reason and exercised in practical service in every-day experience will keep our religion real and radiant. Well, we hear some one say: "That's exactly my conception of true religion. Surely the challenge of the day is

#### Less Churchianity and More Christianity

Christian living and practical social service is more important than the observance of religious forms. Going to church isn't the most potent factor in the making of a good Christian. There is no saving grace in keeping the Sabbath holy or in the observance of the ordinances of the church. All life is sacred and everywhere is the House of God. Every humane service may be an act of worship. We must humanize our religion and make it broad and bright, convenient and comfortable." Folks speaking thus in their attitude of reaction from religious formalism fail to appreciate that a devout and sincere observance of set religious exercises are divinely ordained means to nourish the deeper spiritual needs of the soul and to stimulate and promote interest in the nobler and higher things of life. It is obvious that the good Shunammite did faithfully observe the hallowed days and places of worship of her people and her day, but hers was not an observance of the letter which killeth, but of the spirit which maketh alive. Her faith working through love filleth the common-place of her home with the power and glory of God. Oh, for this uncompromising devotion and loyalty to duty and to Jesus Christ!

Lord, not for light in darkness do we pray  
Nor that the veil be lifted from our eyes  
Nor that the slow ascension of the day  
Be otherwise.

Grant us the will to fashion as we feel,  
Grant us the strength to labor as we know,

Grant us the purpose, ribbed and edged with steel  
To strike the blow.

Knowledge we ask, not knowledge thou hast lent,  
But Lord, the will—there lies our bitter need—  
Give us to build above the deep intent  
The deed—the deed.

### The Secret of Strength

AT a certain agricultural school in one of our western states one of the professors recently made some interesting experiments with a growing squash. He fitted a harness of strap iron over the squash in such a way that, as the vegetable grew, the expanding iron harness would register the strength that the squash exerted upon it. Thus harnessed, the young squash lifted at different stages of its growth weights of 60, 500, 1100 and eventually 3000 pounds. And all this marvelous power was made possible through one thing—the connection of the squash with the vine.

One of the amazing things of life is the power for burden-bearing that apparently weak and almost helpless men and women often manifest. In every path of life we find them, staggering on their way under heavy losses of business trouble, sickness, physical pain and misfortune. We marvel that they do not go down beneath their loads. Instead they accept them with patience and cheerfulness: day after day they fare courageously onward.

There is an explanation. If the secret of the inner life of these people could be known, the inner explanation of their strength would be found in just one thing—connection with the vine. They are in constant contact with him who said, "I am the true vine." "I can do all things," wrote the great Apostle, "through Christ who strengtheneth me."—Youth's Companion.

"Belief," explains Dr. Jowett, "is accepting a map; faith is making a voyage."

Someone has said: "Faith means taking a certain risk that God will actually do what he has promised, and then acting accordingly."

We commonly think of giving as a duty, that which is due or owed, and this carries with it the unpleasant implications of a debt. But we should rise far above this conception and view giving not simply as a duty and debt, but as a privilege and delight. The worshippers of the Old Testament blew their trumpets in gladness when offering at the altar.—J. H. Snowden.

### Editorial Jottings

CHILDREN'S DAY will be celebrated this year on Sunday, June 10. A fine bilingual program has been published and furnished to all of our schools. The offering is for the chapel building department of our denominational missionary society. This year's program is the fiftieth that German Baptists have issued.





Officers of the Oregon Y. P. & S. S. W. U. From left to right: Edward May, treasurer; Arlene Voth, secretary; Amos Rich, vice-president; Stanley Cornills, president.

#### German Baptist Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union Eighth Annual Conference Portland, Oregon

I am sure that every union represented at the eighth annual Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Conference which took place at the Second Church, Portland, Oregon, received a blessing which cannot help but be beneficial to them and those they come in contact with in the coming year.

On Friday evening, March 9, the opening message of our conference, "The Fields of Our Denomination," was delivered by Rev. Fred W. Mueller of the First Church, Portland. The music of the evening was rendered by the First and Second churches of Portland and Bethany.

At 3.30 on Saturday afternoon the conference met for their annual business meeting. Following this Dr. W. G. Everson of the White Temple Baptist Church of Portland brought a very inspiring message on "Evangelism." He showed us the different instrumental ways of winning souls for Christ, pointing out that Christ is the only way of salvation.

The banquet on Saturday evening, March 10, was a great success. The well-filled tables with their superbly prepared food on which both eye and appetite could feast were a joy to all. Directly following the banquet the election of officers took place. They were as follows: President, Stanley Cornills, Bethany, and treasurer, Edward May, Second Church, Portland.

The evening meeting was opened with a rousing song service, led by Theo. Rich.

The Melodians, a ladies chorus from the First Church, Portland, gave a special number, "There Never Was Anyone Like Him."

Rev. E. P. Wahl of the Second Church, Portland, brought the evening message. He based his text on the sixth verse of the second chapter of Colossians. This verse has a fact to state, "Ye have therefore received the Lord." It has an exhortation, "Walk ye in him" and progress. It calls for a consideration: How did I receive him? With a joyful heart? Then we should continue to walk with him with a joyful heart.

Sunday, March 11, was a beautiful sunshiny day and people came from far and near to enjoy the splendid program prepared for them.

The program of the afternoon was entirely given by the young people. The topic was, "The Name of Jesus." The introductory talk was given by Earl Marks of the Second Church. The First Church was represented by Alfred Neumann who spoke on "I am the Bread of Life;" Salem by Lydia Willecke, "I am Alpha and Omega;" Salt Creek, Velma Schroeder, "I am the Door." Stanley Cornills represented the Bethany Union and spoke on, "I am the Way." We were favored by special musical numbers by the Harmonic Male Chorus of the First Church.

Since the Second church is not very large we secured the Methodist church just one block away, where a German meeting was held with the same topics as were given in the English meeting. Both buildings were well-filled.

And so amid good-byes and good wishes on every hand we returned home with renewed strength to undertake the new year's work. We can truthfully say it was good to have attended the conference.

SECRETARY.

#### Gracious Ingathering at Muscatine, Ia.

The Walnut Street Baptist Church wishes to let the other readers of this paper know that we are still alive and in the service of our Master.

The Lord has graciously blessed us in the past of which we wish to share our joys with the other brethren of our faith.

On February 25 we had the pleasure of baptizing 15 people who found Christ as their Savior since the first of the year. On March 4, these 15 received the right hand of fellowship into the church.

During Holy Week and on Easter our pastor, Rev. Pieter Smit, led us in a special meeting. No outside talent was secured. The chorus choir led the singing and the pastor did the preaching. During the week 62 people found their Savior. We had the joy of seeing 32 of these baptized on Good Friday and these were given the right hand of fellowship on Easter Sunday. There are now waiting 22 more for baptism and for membership in the church. We trust to have a baptismal service in the near future.

Our Sunday school has outgrown its bounds and a balcony was built in the Sunday school room for class purposes. This is aiding us in a wonderful way in the Intermediate Department, but we need more room for the Adult Dept. and for the Primary Dept. We are trusting God that he will supply the means to build additional room in the near future.

Beginning on May 20 and extending through several days we expect to observe our 75th birthday as a church. This, by the way, is the oldest German Baptist Church in the State of Iowa.

Now we trust that others too will rejoice with us in the measure of success the Lord has given us and that others too might have similar blessings from the Lord.

WHITNEY FAHEY,  
Chairman of Publicity.

#### Martin B. Y. P. U.

On March 29 the B. Y. P. U. of Martin, N. Dak., celebrated its anniversary. Our program was attended by a large number, including many friends from our neighboring churches of Anamoose, Harvey and Berlin. Our program consisted of two choir songs, invocation by Rev. K. Gieser, piano solo, several guitar numbers, a recitation and two plays: "In the Claws of the Russian Bear," and "Soup, Sand and Sagebrush." Following the program, refreshments were served, which was enjoyed by all.

Our B. Y. P. U. has had 22 regular meetings in the past year. We had two prayer meetings, two Bible contests and eighteen other meetings. Our programs varied, having musical numbers, recitations and talks by our members. We also had one debate on the topic, "Resolved, that Modern Inventions are a hindrance to Christianity." The judges decided the affirmative side scored the most points.

One of the splendid programs rendered in the past year was a "Candlelight Pageant." This pageant portrayed how the gospel was spread from the time of Christ up to the present. We also presented this play at Anamoose.

We had the honor of having one outside speaker in our midst, Rev. Charles Knapp of Wishek, who gave an impressive talk on "Co-operation."

An interesting feature of the year was a membership drive extending through a period of four meetings. The purpose of this drive was to encourage every member to be more active. The society was divided into two groups. There were three given rules; and one point was given for each rule observed. The losing side sponsored a social evening for the winners.

We enjoyed three social gatherings. Two were social evenings and the other was our annual picnic at Buffalo Lake. Our earnest desire is to do more for his kingdom in the coming year.

PAULINE RUST, Sec.

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Anything short of individual loyalty is not enough before God.

#### Sunday School Convention at Goodrich

The Sunday School Convention of the Northern N. Dak. Convention, which holds its meetings twice a year, in spring and fall, gathered March 14-15 with the church of Goodrich for its usual meeting.

A great number of Sunday school teachers and workers were present so that the large German Baptist church of Goodrich was filled to an overflow from the opening service to the closing. Great interest was shown on the part of the Christian workers in coming to the meeting and participating in the discussion of the topics that were brought to our attention by the various pastors of the convention.

For the opening service Rev. F. E. Klein of Washburn brought the message in the American language and Rev. K. Gieser of Martin in the German language. This service was one of the finest. It brought great blessing and inspiration to the partakers of the spiritual feast of the evening.

The morning devotion on the following day was led by Bro. Kurzweg of Anamoose. It brought us all into the right spirit for the day's meeting. The reports from the various Sunday schools were fair although there was a small loss as to the attendance on the whole, compared with the previous reports of last fall. We believe this will be made up in the summer months when the roads and the weather will be more favorable to so many of our farm people.

The following subjects were discussed during the day: "The Duties of the Home With Regard to the Sunday School," G. G. Rauser. "What Can Be Done So That the Sunday School Scholars Stay for the Worship Service?" J. J. Lucas. "How Can the Interest for the Sunday School Be Awakened and Maintained?" E. Bibelheimer. "How Can a Sunday School Pupil Be Helped to Study His Lesson at Home?" A. G. Braun. "How Can Music and Singing Be Developed in the Sunday School?" N. E. McCoy. "The Attitude of the Teacher Toward the Pupil," O. Feasel. "How Can a Library Be Started and Conducted in the Sunday School?" D. Klein. These subjects were of great interest and help to all the Christian workers present.

The closing service was perhaps the largest of all. The church could not hold all the people. Many had to go home disappointed without being able to hear the message brought by Rev. D. Klein, Beulah, and A. G. Braun, McClusky.

We all felt as Peter did when the Lord took them up into the high mountain apart from the rest of the world and revealed unto them his glory and they wished to tarry, for Peter said: "It is good to be here." So we all were enriched and inspired and went back to our respective places of work with new enthusiasm to work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

GUSTAVE G. RAUSER.



One of Milwaukee's fine Avenues

#### B. Y. P. U. Rally at Danzig Church

Being blessed with fine weather, approximately 300 people attended a B. Y. P. U. rally held at our Danzig Baptist church on the afternoon of April 8, 1934. Our church is affiliated with the Baptist church of Tyndall, S. Dak., both churches having Rev. E. Broeckel as pastor. The B. Y. P. U.'s invited were Avon, Delmont, and Tyndall. The rally was arranged and made possible largely through the efforts of our industrious and competent state B. Y. P. U. president, Florence Schlipf, of our neighboring Avon society. The subjects for discussion for the program were "The Commission Plan" and "Missions." Every B. Y. P. U. ought to be vitally interested in these subjects or subjects of similar nature.

The services opened with Ruth Pritzkau, our local B. Y. P. U. president in charge, who brought a word of welcome. We took great interest in the discussion of the Commission plan by Norman Bangert, president of the Avon B. Y. P. U. He explained to us how successfully it has become in their B. Y. P. U., and how interesting and how educational it is to their society members. The Commission plan offers training, Bible study, and education along the leadership, devotional, service, stewardship, and fellowship phases of Christian serving and Christian living. Any active B. Y. P. U. can use the Commission plan to a great advantage. However, in order that the Commission plan is to be successful in its purpose, the B. Y. P. U. members must be willing workers. At the conclusion of the one discussion on the Commission plan, the male quartet of Tyndall rendered a message in song. Florence Schlipf then said more concerning the Commission plan: "If any B. Y. P. U. would like to have some system whereby all the B. Y. P. U. members have some work to do, you can't go wrong with the Commission plan."

Making the rally more interesting and

more effective in its purpose, we listened attentively to a beautiful clarinet solo, played by Esther Schlipf of Avon. The next number on the program was a talk by Rev. B. Schlipf, entitled "Missions." He spoke mainly about the missionary work being carried on abroad by our German Baptist denomination. His talk was very interesting, telling of missionary work being carried on by ministers and friends whom many people of our locality had the opportunity to hear a number of years ago. As the next number on the program Helen and Ethel Lubbers of Tyndall favored us with an inspiring message in song.

Our local pastor then conducted a brief talk on "Missions," dealing especially with missions at home. Iola Buchholz and Mabel Oorlog of the Danzig society offered a beautiful message in song. The rally program then drew to a close with a prayer by Rev. E. Broeckel.

At the conclusion of the program, light refreshments were served in the basement of the church. Some of the B. Y. P. U. members' mothers willingly helped us in preparing and serving the refreshments. Our B. Y. P. U. felt that the rally was not held in vain in that we were blessed with fine weather, a crowded church and a worth-while program. May our B. Y. P. U.'s everywhere grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!

S. HEBNER, Sec.

#### Attention,

#### Northwestern Conference

The Northwestern Conference will meet this year two months earlier than usual, namely June 27, 1934. I would therefore ask the treasurers of the churches, of the Young People, Sunday schools and Ladies' Missionary Societies to kindly send me all the mission monies on or before May 31.

HANS KEISER,  
Treasurer of the N. W. Conference,  
Elgin, Iowa.





# THE PATCH OF BLUE

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(Continuation)  
Chapter 7

Nathalie Halsey! Here? Her pale little friendly face seemed like a pleasant oasis in this strange unfriendly environment.

"Hello!" he said, almost eagerly, his face lighting up with a strange relief, "Is this where you hang out? I didn't know it was in this neighborhood."

"Yes," she smiled again, "This is where you picked me up in your new car the other day and took me home. I'll always be grateful for getting me home so soon. Mother had had a bad spell just before I left and she was getting very nervous about my being gone so long. She might have had a relapse if I had been much longer."

"You don't say!" he said startled, half pleased to be commended for something he had done after the unpleasant whisper he had just heard behind his back.

"You are home from college for the Thanksgiving holiday, aren't you? Or—that would be over, wouldn't it? It must be a week end," she commented in a momentary lull from her activities.

"No such luck," he said, a dark cloud of remembrance passing over his face, "I didn't get to college."

"Oh," said Nathalie sympathetically, "Some one said you were at home, but I wasn't sure. You—are working somewhere? But you'll enjoy that too. It's nice to be doing something real."

He looked down at the sweet childish face, a little weary, a little blue under the eyes, and felt a sudden tenderness for her, and anger at himself. She was doing something real. She had found it for herself, and he, Chris Walton, couldn't get anything. Not anything!

"I wish I were," he said wistfully, "I've walked all over this little old town and nobody wants me."

There was a strange humility about his words. Nathalie looked up in wonder.

"You don't know of a good job, do you?" he added wistfully.

"Oh," breathed Nathalie, her eyes thoughtfully watching him. "Yes, I do. But—you wouldn't want such a job. I'm sure you wouldn't."

"Try me and see," said Chris with sudden determination as he thought of the little cozy room shut in by the cretonne curtains and his beautiful mother in that tiny kitchen getting supper. He must somehow make good. He was desperate.

"But," said Nathalie, growing a bit red

and confused, "It's only—a—it's not in keeping with your—position," she ended gravely.

"My position, lady," said Chris with a grim humility upon his face that made his chin look rugged and firm, "is away down at the foot of the ladder. I'm groveling at present, if you know what that means, if you have any such jobs as that please lead me to them."

A woman snapped in between them with a five dollar bill to be changed, and two others followed with their checks to be paid, and Chris had to step back for a moment.

He noted Nathalie's white fingers as they flew among the dirty bills, checking off dimes and nickels, and wondered that he had never noticed before how delicate and fragile she was. Then the three women moved on and there was another moment's cessation.

"It's only right here, in this store," she eyed him anxiously, "You wouldn't want to work here, would you, in a plain common place like this?"

"I don't know why not," said Chris gamely, swallowing hard at a surprised lump in his throat. "Is there a chance here, do you think? I must get a job."

"We are losing a man today," said Nathalie. "He got a telegram that his father has died and he must go back to Wisconsin and stay with his mother and get a job there. Our manager is very cross about it. He needs some one right away, but he is very particular. I don't know whether he has found any one yet or not, and he must have come one Monday. If you could come back at quarter to nine—we keep open till nine on Saturday nights you know—I could speak to him about it. There might be a chance. But it is only an under position, you know."

Some women were approaching loud-voiced among themselves, sticking out checks and money, all talking at once.

"I'll be back," said Chris with sudden determination, and walked out into the night and the evening smells of the common districts where he had come to live. Pork and cabbage, and a fish frying in old grease. Pah! What a neighborhood! And he was going to be a common grocer's clerk, and sell cheese and rat traps and pickled pigs feet to those fat women! Instead of half back on the college football team, president of his fraternity, and son of a banker!

He saw himself going around in that crowded store weighing sugar and cutting cheese, and bringing up great cases

of cereal and canned stuff. Girls like those two who had pointed him out would think they could say fresh things, and kid with him. How his mother would hate it! How he would hate it!

Yet, there was a kind of elation about him, to think that perhaps there was a job in sight. Besides, hadn't he heard that there was promotion in these stores? Of course he would not stay a common clerk long. If he had inherited his father's business ability he could build up and get ahead, and when he got a little money saved up if he didn't like the chain store line he could get into another line. But after all, why were not stores where they sold eatables the best thing to tie to? People had to eat no matter how hard the times were, nor what happened. That was an idea, too.

But he couldn't say anything about it at home until he knew more about it. And then, he hadn't got the job yet, either. Nathalie had only promised to speak to the manager. There might be another man by this time, or the manager might think him a snob too. There was no telling in this strange new sad world into which he had come to live, it seemed.

He was almost home before he remembered that he had not thanked Nathalie. Little pale-faced, eager, wistful Nathalie with her soft halo of hair and her tired trusting eyes. It was kind of Nathalie. He had never done anything for her, except to take her home that once with her bundles. Well, he would go back and see, anyway. He wouldn't have it to remember that he had turned any job down, no matter how unsatisfactory.

He came swinging into the house whistling under his breath, forgetting his troubles for the moment. He was thinking that perhaps he was going to get some kind of a break after all. Only a grocery, but something better might turn up later. At least if he could get it he wouldn't be exactly a slacker while he was looking around for something better. Of course the salary wouldn't be large at first while he was learning.

They sat down to dinner as if it were a picnic. Somehow it didn't seem so mournful, after all, as he had expected. Chris thought he would always remember his father's first blessing at the little golden oak table with mother's coarsest table cloth upon it, and the old dishes that had been used mostly in the kitchen at the other house. It was:

"Father, we remember that thy Son had not where to lay his head at times when he was upon the earth. We thank thee for this comfortable quiet home that thou hast given us, and for this evening meal. Make us to show forth thy glory by the strength of it. Amen."

Chris was very quiet and thoughtful during the meal, jumping up to get a pitcher of water, and replenish the popovers from the pan in the warming oven, to save his mother and sister.

"We have much to be thankful for," said the father, looking around on his family. "Mary, what wonderful chil-

dren we have. I haven't heard a murmur out of either of them."

"Why, Daddy, we're having the time of our lives," said Elise gayly.

"Same here!" Chris tried to say, guiltily choking over his glass of water, and having to retire behind his napkin. He felt in his heart that it was not quite honest for him to say that. But he couldn't bear not to be a good sport when his father and mother were so wonderful. Well, he was going to get that job in the grocery if it were a possible thing.

He helped Elise clear the table and put the dishes in order, and about half past eight he took his hat and went out.

"Oh, I thought we'd all go to bed early," said his mother, looking at him in a troubled way as he opened the door.

"I won't be long, Mother," he tried to reassure her, "I want to see a man about a job I heard of. I can't get him any other time. It might turn out to be something."

"Well, come home as soon as you can. You know this is a strange neighborhood and we aren't sure what kind of people live around here. I shall worry—"

"No, you won't worry, Mother," said Chris quickly, "You've been a good sport, and you're not going to worry any more."

She looked after him wistfully as he went out, although she summoned a faint smile, but he knew that she was exceedingly weary, and in spite of all her grave smiles and cheery demeanor this day must have been hard for her. He felt condemned that he had thought so much about his own part of the disappointment.

As he neared the chain store his soul rebelled. How could he go in there and ask for a job recommended by a girl? A poor girl who really knew him very little too? Oughtn't he to go back and get his father to write a letter, or get in touch with the head of all the stores, or do something that would place him on a regular footing, and give him a worthwhile salary?

Then suddenly the words of those two obnoxious girls came to him, that he was a snob, and somehow he felt that he would rather stand on his own feet, and work his way into any possible favor, than to try to hang on to the old life with its power and influence. So he held his head up and walked in.

There were still a few last customers keeping the tired salesmen busy, and Nathalie in her little glass house was busy, too, counting change and getting her cash register ready for the night. But she smiled at him distantly and briefly, as he stood by the door and waited until she seemed to have a moment of leisure. Then he went over and spoke to her in a low voice, as if he were just another customer.

"Wouldn't you rather I came in Monday morning and went to the manager myself? I don't want to keep you or bother you. And all these men look so doggone tired I hate to butt in on them now."

"No," said Nathalie quickly, "he expects you. I found a chance to tell him you were coming. I didn't say much. I thought you'd rather do your own talking. I just said I knew a man who wanted work and I had told him to come around. He seemed relieved. He's been worried all day about it, but he had no time to go out and look up anybody, and the district manager went to New York yesterday, so he can't call on him for an extra man. There he is over by those crates, opening them. Now is as good a time as any to talk to him. There aren't many customers left. His name is Foster."

Chris summoned his nerve and walked over to the young fellow in the white linen coat and apron. Why, he didn't look much older than himself!

"Is this Mr. Foster?" he asked, trying to remember that he was asking a favor, not granting one, by being willing to work in the store. "I heard you need a man. Would I do?"

Foster looked up and eyed Chris keenly, then grinned at him.

"Take hold and help me put these cans on the shelf, and let's see how you can work," he said. "After that we'll talk."

Chris flung his cap on a barrel top and set to work stacking the cans in orderly rows on the shelves, saying nothing, but taking great armfuls from the crates and stalking back and forth as if his life depended on it. Foster did not appear to be watching him, did not even

seem to be aware of him except now and then for a necessary direction, and they worked away as if they had always done this. Chris found that it was actually interesting to put those cans in their ranks quickly and get back for another load in record time.

When the crates were empty Foster gave him another grin.

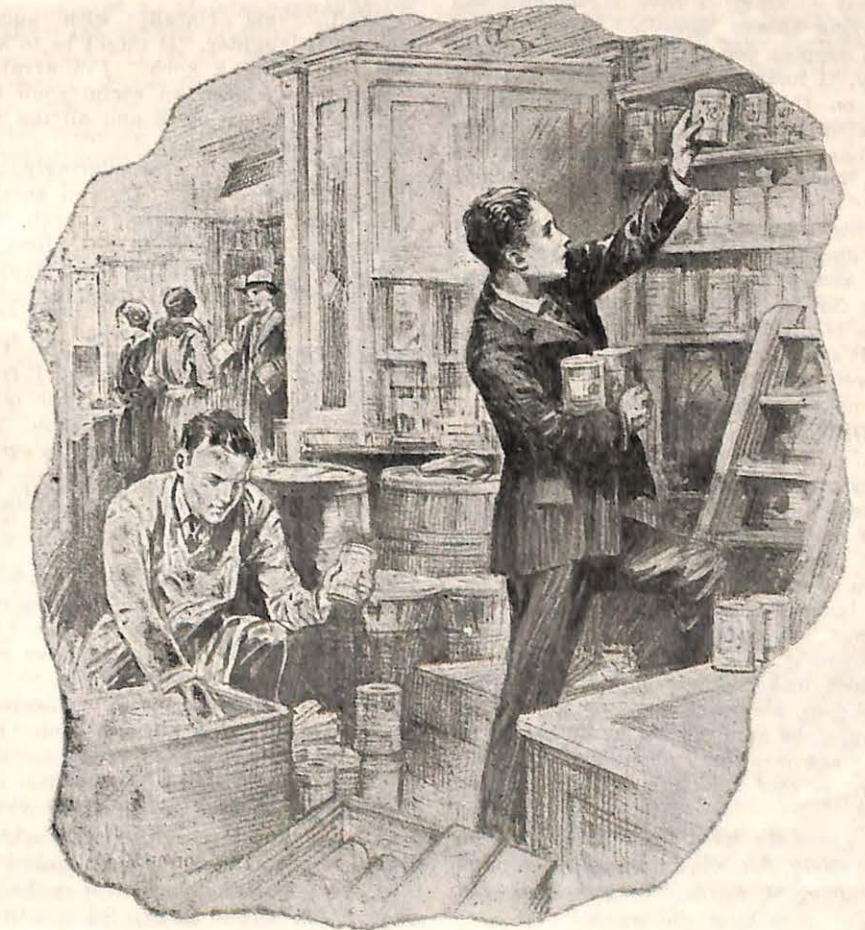
"That's all. You seem to have pep enough. Just take those empty crates down cellar, door over to your right, smash them up with the ax you'll see at the foot of the stairs, and pile them with the other wood against the wall. When you come back we'll talk business."

When Chris came upstairs the customers were gone and the front door closed. Nathalie was putting on her hat and coat in her little glass den.

Foster had a pencil and note book and began asking him questions. His name, age, experience, was he a stranger, was he willing to obey orders?

Chris answered briefly, and studied his new boss. A quick keen alert young man without conceit. He liked him.

"All right," said Foster, "you report Monday morning at eight o'clock. You understand I haven't authority to hire you permanently. But I'll try you out for a week and report to my boss when he gets back next week. If you make good I'll be glad to have you. You worked well tonight. Good night. See you Monday," and the interview was over.



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Chris went out just behind Natalie and they walked down the street together, she a little shy and beaming.

"He liked you, I could see," she said.

"I guess you've been saying something pretty nice about me," said Chris gratefully. "That was awfully nice of you. I appreciate it. If I get the job I guess I'll owe it to you."

"Oh, I told him you were a l right, steady and dependable, you know. He used to know my grandmother and my father, and he knows I wouldn't say that if it were not so." Natalie walked gravely beside him, putting aside her part in the matter as if it were very slight. "I told him we had been in the same school and you always had good marks."

"Well, I won't forget it," he said with a friendly smile. "Say, let me carry that bundle. Sorry I haven't any car any more to take you home."

"Oh, I'm used to bundles," she laughed. "You mustn't go out of your way for me. We're just fellow laborers. You mustn't feel that way about it. A working girl has to carry her own bundles."

"Not if there is a gentleman about," said Chris masterfully possessing himself of the heavy carton she was carrying.

"You'll have your own bundles to carry presently," she said. "You know the employees get a low price on things, and sometimes there are perishable things Saturday nights that they let us have for almost nothing. I save a lot that way carrying things home."

"I suppose you do," said Chris thoughtfully, "I hadn't never thought about saving on things like that. I guess I'll have to take lessons of you. Though my mother used to tell us stories about how they lived on very little when she was a girl."

"She'll know then," assured the girl. "It doesn't take long to learn to save. But really, you mustn't go out of your way for me. Please let me take it now. This is my corner."

"It's not out of my way," said Chris gravely, "You didn't know I lived on the next street to yours, did you?"

"Oh!" said Natalie, startled. Then "Oh!" in a sorrowful little voice. "I'm sorry you had to leave that lovely home. I always enjoyed looking at it. I saw your mother coming out of the door one day. She's beautiful. I thought she fitted there so well. I liked to think of her living in such lovely surroundings. My mother had a nice home too, when she was young."

Chris looked down on her with interested eyes, his heart warming toward her because she admired his mother, and because she was sorry about his lost home. There seemed somehow a bond between them.

"I guess it's hard for a girl," he hesitated shyly, fumbling around in his mind for the right words, "to grow up,—not having everything she wants."

"Oh, I don't know," said Natalie with her gay laugh again. "We've had some

wonderful good times. When Father was alive we used to enjoy what we did have, much more than some people seem to who have everything. But, it was nice to hear mother tell about the hardwood floors and oriental rugs and lovely things they had in her home when she was a girl. Of course, when we didn't have things we usually made them somehow if it was possible."

"It's a rotten deal for a girl like you to have to do that," he said impulsively. She looked up at him surprised.

"Why, no! I don't think so," she said gravely.

"You don't think so?" It was his turn to be surprised.

"Not at all." Her tone almost held reproach. "Nothing that God allows to come to his children is a rotten deal. He loves us and knows what we need most. He wouldn't let it come to us if it wasn't for our best."

"You believe he sends such things then?"

"He lets them come," she said seriously. "Nothing can come to us unless it first passes through his hands." There was a sweet trustfulness about her tone that filled him with sudden reverence toward her. "Of course some of the hard things are testings for us, but he permits them, and what he permits must be best for us."

"What possible good could come out of your having to be poor and work for your living, and carry bundles too heavy for you?"

"Well," said Natalie with sudden whimsical laughter, "It might be to keep me from being a snob. I'm afraid I would have been an awful snob if I had had a lovely home and all the nice things some girls have."

"You?" said Chris wonderingly, and then he laughed too. "Do you know, I just heard myself called a snob, this afternoon, back there in the store, by two little snub-nosed, lipsticked flappers that used to be in the Grammar school when we were in High."

"I know who you mean. But they only thought so because you weren't fresh with them the way some of the other boys were. You never were a snob. You were always kind and pleasant to everybody. Look how you picked me up and took me home with all my bundles in your beautiful new car."

"But why shouldn't I?"

"That's it," said Natalie, decidedly. "You're a gentleman. You never were a snob. Now Bob Tyson wouldn't have done that. He wouldn't even have seen me as he whizzed by."

"Well," said Chris, "it's comforting that you don't think I was a snob. But I'm not so sure I wasn't in a fair way to become one, come to think of it. You see your instance of my courtesy wasn't a fair one, for I recognized the lady in you. I'm not so sure I'd have picked up those two flappers even if they had a whole truck load to carry. So, you think the raw deal that has been handed out to me is to teach me something, do you?"

You think I ought to be thankful for it? Losing my home and my college diploma and my car and everything that makes life worth while?"

"You haven't lost your home," said Natalie quickly, "nor your father and mother and sister. You still have a place to live, and I'm pretty sure it's a real home even if it isn't as big and elegant as it used to be. And maybe there are bigger and better things than college diplomas in life."

Chris stared.

"Say, you talk like the fellow that preached in our church the last Sunday before the crash. He said we ought to be thankful for everything that's handed out. But I didn't know anybody ever really took it to heart."

"Yes," said Natalie simply, "he's wonderful. He has charge of the Mission down in Water Street. Did you ever go down there? It's very interesting."

"No," said Chris shortly, "but I guess if he had a little of the hardness he's talking about handed out to him he'd sing a different tune. I don't see singing praise when the earth is reeling under you. He doesn't know what he's talking about."

"Yes, he knows," said Natalie sadly, "He lost his wife and two little children of small pox over in China. He was a missionary there. He's only back on a year's furlough on account of a very severe operation he had to have. He's going back in a couple of months now, going to take charge of a leper hospital, and doesn't expect ever to return to this country. But he's a great man, and he knows what it is to praise God under heavy trial. He calls it 'singing in the rain.'"

"Good night!" said Chris earnestly, "I guess I'd better shut up. I'm not even in the same class with a man like that. He must be some kind of super man."

"No," said Natalie quickly, "he's only an ordinary man with a great God. God can do great things with people who are willing to let him."

They had reached Natalie's door now, and Chris handed her the bundles.

"Well, you sure have given me something to think about," he said gravely. "Good night, and thank you more than I can tell for what you have done for me."

(To be continued)

A lawyer was cross-examining an old German about the position of the doors, windows, and so forth, in a house in which a certain transaction occurred.

"And now, my good man," said the lawyer, "will you be good enough to tell the court where the stairs run in the house?"

The German looked dazed and unsettled for a moment.

"How do the stairs run?"

"Yes, how do the stairs run?"

"Well," continued the witness, after a moment's thought, "ven I am oop-stairs dey run down, and ven I am down-stairs dey run oop."

### For Me to Live Is Christ

Detroit, Mich., April 28, 1934.

My dear Bro. Mihm:

A real saint of God has gone to heaven. Rev. S. A. Kose has departed and has left the fragrance of a good name and the memory of a Christlike life with us.

The poem I am sending you is the result of a visit with him a few weeks before his death. Some good friend had written the family that they were praying for his release from all suffering. He, however, did not share that prayer, but preferred to live on and be near his loved ones. We had a pleasant visit and prayer together and I went home thinking much of what he said and thought that afternoon. It is expressed in the lines, which I wrote the next morning. I read them in prayer meeting last week. Rev. Wengel had gone to Hanover, Ont., with the family and I led the prayer meeting.

Cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,  
C. A. DANIEL.

### "For Me to Live Is Christ"

Dedicated to Rev. S. A. Kose

I want to live, be near my kin,  
Though weak in body and in mind;  
My love is warm, my heart within  
Still beats affectionately kind.

To live, I know it is to think  
Kind thoughts for all, whom I recall,  
To smile, though I be on the brink  
Of death, I surely will not fall.

To live, I know it is to bless  
To pray, and harbor no ill will  
Toward any man, but to caress  
And love, and God's own word fulfill.

To live, I know it is to bless,  
My Lord in every nook and place.  
Though pain be sharp, I will not swerve,  
For I shall surely win the race.

I cannot stand the crowd and throng,  
Much less can I be left alone.  
I know to whom I do belong,  
He will for every sin atone.

For friendship is a jewel rare,  
So bright and quick to comprehend  
The slightest twitch of pain or care,  
A willing hand of help to lend.

To live, to trust in Providence  
To lead me to eternal peace.  
On every hand there's evidence  
Of Jesus' love, and sorrows cease.

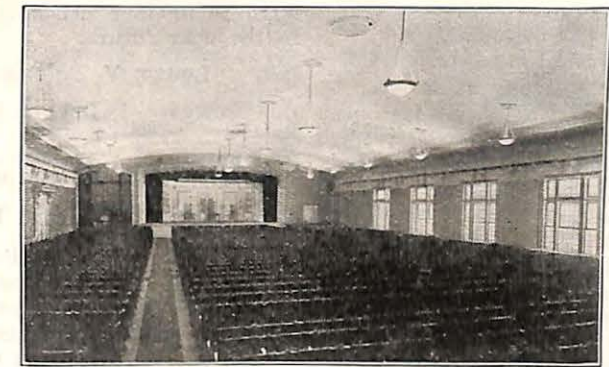
I want to live and fellowship  
With those, who are so dear to me.  
This is to me sweetest comradeship  
Of heaven on earth, and bliss to be.

So let me wait and patient be,  
"My God has marked each sorrowing  
day,"

The long and blest eternity  
Shall recompense in every way.

February 22, 1934.

C. A. DANIEL.



Engelman Hall, Auditorium

### The South Texas Convention

The South Texas Convention met from April 19-22 with the church in Greenville, Tex. Not knowing the South, the writer had a pre-conceived notion that Texas bore a close resemblance to the Sahara desert, enlivened in some parts by big herds of long-horned steers whose weapons measured 7 feet from tip to tip. To his surprise he saw a very beautiful country. The Texas state flower, "The Blue Bonnet," was in full bloom, covering big stretches of land with a loveliness all their own.

Bro. F. Mindrup, the pastor, kindly welcomed all delegates and visitors, and the moderator, Bro. C. H. Edinger, from Kyle, Tex., thanked the church on behalf of the convention. He also expressed his joy about the visiting brethren, R. Vasel, Bison, Kans., O. Roth, Marion, Kans., F. Bartel, Fredericksburg Tex., and others. The first day closed with a warm-hearted message by Bro. Phil. Potzner.

Friday morning, after the organization of the convention, we heard the reports about the work of the churches. After this the moderator welcomed Bro. G. C. Schwandt, the new pastor of the only German Baptist church in Louisiana, into the Texas fold. A survey about our general missionary enterprise at home and abroad by Bro. Ph. Potzner brought the morning session to an end. In the afternoon Bro. A. Becker, Waco, Tex., spoke about "Witnessing for Jesus." The brethren Ph. Potzner and F. Bartel treated the theme, "New Testament Missions by the Churches." Bro. O. Roth brought a very helpful message about "Four Kinds of Christians." The evening sermon by Bro. A. Becker treated the theme, "Mary Magdalene and the Risen Lord."

Saturday morning we heard the last two essays, "The Much Availing Prayer," by G. C. Schwandt, and "Carnal or Spiritual, Which?" by Bro. R. Vasel. In the evening G. C. Schwandt preached about 2 Cor. 5:20, "Be Ye Reconciled to God."

In the Sunday school on the Lord's day we heard the uncles B. Schroeder, R. Vasel, G. Sprock and O. Roth. The theme of the morning sermon by Bro. O. Roth was, "Teach Us to Pray."

The program for the young people was very interesting. Bro. W. Heinemann of the local church presided, Bro. N. Lengfeld read Ps. 19, and Bro. A. Loewer from Mowata, La., prayed. The B. Y. P. U. did their best in singing and playing. The effectively rendered dialog, "Yield Not to Temptation," was worth the trip to the convention. Bro. R. Vasel spoke on this occasion about the difference between a genuine and a spurious conversion, and G. C. Schwandt illustrated the theme with a story of his own conversion from a socialist and atheist of the city of Berlin to a preacher of the gospel in America.

Bro. R. Vasel preached the closing sermon from Ps. 61, "Lead me to the Rock." The missionary offering amounted to \$40. With words of appreciation for the blessings received and the kind hospitality extended by the church, a beautiful convention came to an end.

G. C. SCHWANDT.

### The Idle Gold Piece

Idle money, like idle people, has no proper place in the world. Don't hoard your money; keep it employed. Put it into the savings bank that it may help along the great undertakings of business. That excellent advice comes from the "Boston Herald," which tells this remarkable little story of a gold piece:

In 1840 an attractive ten-year-old girl, brought to Boston to visit a rich uncle who had just returned from European adventures, received from him at parting a ten-dollar gold piece. She kept it as a memento. When she died fifty years later she gave it to a favorite niece, who kept it as an heirloom.

It has recently passed into the hands of another young woman, whose father, a man of a practical turn of mind, said to her: "That gold piece has been loafing long enough. We will put it to work."

And so he has deposited it in the bank, but first he did a little sum. If the original gift had been invested at once at six per cent interest, a rate that could have been obtained during most of the time that the gold piece was idle, it would have amounted at the time his daughter received it to some 1200 dollars!





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### Southern California Tri-Union B. Y. P. U. Social

On the night of April 24 the B. Y. P. U. societies of Los Angeles First Church, Ebenezer of Los Angeles and Anaheim Bethel Church had a very enjoyable and inspiring get-together at the Anaheim Baptist church. Approximately 200 were present and enjoyed the delicious meal and entertainment.

The toastmaster for the evening was Herbert Stabbert, president of the Anaheim B. Y. P. U., who gave a short welcome and introduced the officers of the different societies. Pep songs were participated in by all during the meal and Mr. Norman Dirks of Los Angeles First Church sang "Somebody Cares" as a solo. The Men's Glee Club of the German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, under the able leadership of Mr. Dirks, sang four numbers during the evening, which were "Christ Stilling the Tempest," "We'll Be There," "Don't Forget Jesus" and "In the Lord's Company." The skits given by each society were very clever and amusing. Anaheim presented "Her One Proposal;" Ebenezer of Los Angeles "The End of A. L. Ment" in shadow pantomime, and Los Angeles First "Cream Puffs." The speaker for the evening, Rev. Virgil K. Ledbetter of Anaheim Calvary English Baptist Church, who is a very gifted and interesting speaker, spoke on the subject, "Follow Me and I Will Make You Fishers of Men," which was a well chosen subject for young people, and presented in his inimitable manner was inspiring and well received. We closed with singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" and a benediction by Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim.

Judging by the comments which were heard it was a very enjoyable evening; in the way of food, entertainment, and furthering the spirit of good-fellowship

between the three societies it was unsurpassed, and we are all looking forward to another get-together sometime in the near future.

LOUISE V. SCHROEDER, Sec.  
BETHEL B. Y. P. U.

### Ordination of Louis Benjamin Berndt

The German-English Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., called a council to meet on Wednesday, April 4, at 2.30 P. M. for the purpose of considering the propriety of setting apart to the work of the gospel ministry their pastor, Bro. Lewis Benjamin Berndt.

The following churches were represented: Immanuel of Wausau; Kossuth of Manitowoc; First Baptist Sheboygan; Immanuel of Milwaukee and Noth Avenue of Milwaukee. The Wisconsin Baptist State Convention was represented by the Assistant to the Executive Secretary, W. J. Appel. The Council was organized with the following officers: Rev. H. W. Wedel, moderator, and Lewis B. Holzer, clerk.

Deacon August Stahl of the German-English Baptist Church of Sheboygan of which the candidate is pastor, presented the candidate to the council, commenting on the character of our brother and the high esteem in which he is held by the church. Bro. Berndt thereupon presented his views under the following three headings: Conversion and religious experience, Call to the ministry and his doctrinal beliefs. Our brother made a very clear and concise statement of his faith which has come out of his religious experience. He left no doubt in our mind as to his convictions. The questions asked by the council were answered to the full satisfaction of the council, so that when the council withdrew to determine the advisability as to recommend him for ordination to the church, there was a unanimous vote to proceed with the ordination.

The ordination service took place at 7.30 o'clock with the writer presiding. The robed choir of the church furnished music. Rev. H. W. Wedel of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee preached the ordination sermon. Rev. A. B. Drummond of the First Baptist Church of Sheboygan spoke the ordination prayer. Rev. J. Kraenzler of the church at Manitowoc extended the hand of fellowship. Rev. W. J. Appel of the State Convention gave the charge to the candidate, the charge to the church was given by Rev. John Wobig of Immanuel at Wausau.

The meeting was dismissed with the benediction spoken by Rev. L. B. Berndt. That our brother has won the hearts of our Sheboygan folk, there is no doubt. One could feel a new spirit in the church. My God bless the ministry of our brother and use him mightily in the years to come!

LOUIS B. HOLZER.

### Corona B. Y. P. U.

"Cheer up, there are better times ahead," and "Keep Smiling" are two of the statements we frequently hear.

Truly we need such advice these days. don't we? We have heard the remark, "Depression hit me so hard it left me bouncing." What if it did? Is that not better than if we had to say: "Depression hit me so hard it knocked me down and I haven't the ambition to get up and do something"? Because as long as we are "bouncing," we are, at least, "up and going." Of course we have our "ups and downs;" we all have them, but we can always be doing something. Let's cheer up and keep bouncing with a smile shining through.

We, as the Corona, S. Dak., society, are again using the group plan this year and still enjoy working that way. We named our groups this year instead of just using numbers. Thus: 1. Leaders, 2. Sunbeams, 3. Cant-Be-Beat, 4. Bound-to-Win. Each member has a pin bearing the name of the group he or she represents. We find this very interesting and are all trying to live up to our name.

Since we have no pastor at present, the church has given the Sunday evenings to us for our meetings. On the second and fourth Sunday evenings of the month we hold our young people's prayer meetings. On the first, third and fifth Sundays we have our various programs.

On Sunday evening, March 4, we held a Contest program with two groups contesting against the other two. The programs consisted of musical numbers, readings, recitations and a short dialog, and we all did our best to "win the race."

On Easter Sunday evening we delivered an Easter program at which an offering was held. At this program we rendered three excellent dialogs, namely: "He Even Hides Within the Lily," "Darkness and Dawn," and "A Message of Hope," four musical numbers and four readings. We are now planning a Mother's Day program.

At our meetings we are now taking up the work on "The Plan of Salvation." One evening one of the groups delivered work on "The Natural Man, The Spiritual Man, and The Two Natures in One Man."

Our meetings are always well attended with also many visitors, which certainly proves that the young people here are interested in religious work and that we are trying to do our bit for Christ and his kingdom.

We pray for the Lord's blessing upon our work and we find our prayers answered. Christ forsakes not his own, if we are willing to follow him. He will lead us on to victory!

MISS MARTHA R. WIESE, Reporter.

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"Mummy, I dreamed I was on a boat and I fell into the sea—need I wash this morning?"—(Wahre Jakob, Berlin.)

### Honor Students' Song

Tune: Stand up, stand up for Jesus.  
(Webb.)

A. P. MIHM

1. We are the honor students  
Of Oak Park Sunday school;  
We praise the six point standard,  
We found it our best rule.  
We greet you at this service,  
Our welcome is sincere;  
We hope that you will profit  
By what is given here.
2. Each Lord's Day we were present  
Throughout the whole past year;  
If weather was not pleasant,  
Rain, snow we did not fear.  
We brought our Bibles with us,  
We have them in our hands;  
In this way we can study  
What Christ, our Lord, demands.
3. Our goal is perfect presence  
And never to be late;  
"On Time" is our ambition,  
It makes a school first-rate.  
We study each week's lesson,  
Six point says: "Well prepare!"  
You'll grow in grace and knowledge  
And Christ's new life will share.
4. We always bring our offering  
Glad givers to our Lord;  
Our gifts he'll build his kingdom  
And spread the gospel word.  
When Sunday school is over,  
We wend our way up-stairs;  
Six point means church attendance  
Love to God's house declares.
5. Our band of honor students  
Have shown in song review  
The good of six point standard—  
What does it mean to you?  
Now if you like our standard,  
And think six point worth-while,  
We bid you join our number  
And make it hence your style.

(The above song was composed for the occasion of the rewarding of the Honor Students of the Sunday school of the German Baptist Church of Oak Park, Ill. With change of name in second line it can be used elsewhere. Editor.)

### Parent-Teacher-Pupil Night at Oak Park Church

A meeting of special interest was held in the interest of the Sunday school of the Oak Park German Baptist Church on the evening of April 27. The Sunday school room was filled with parents, teachers and pupils of the school. The purpose of the gathering was to bring parents and teachers into closer relationship with the church school, to achieve even better co-operation and to win many of these parents to attend the adult classes of the school. This object was attractively presented by the Superintendent, Mr. Walter W. Grosser, in connection with his words of welcome.

Another purpose of the meeting was to publicly recognize and to give awards to twenty-four honor students who had achieved 100% for the past year in the Six point system which is carried on by the school. The six-points, as is well known, are attendance, punctuality, Bible on hand, prepared lesson, offering and church attendance by the pupil. These honor students were introduced to the audience and then sang their "Student's Honor Song," composed for them by the Editor of the "Baptist Herald." All had memorized the song in a meritorious manner. Then Rev. A. P. Mihm, General Secretary of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, made a brief address and handed the award pins to the honor students. Those who had a five-year record are Alice Da'u, Frederick Grosser, Chas Remus, Jr., John Baumgart, Elsie Rose Dons, Walter Baumgart, Elizabeth Remus, Irma Grieger and Robert Hintz. Those with a four-year record are Bonnie Joyce Grosser, Richard Remus, Heinz Vogt, Gerhard Vogt, Harriet Grieger and Frederick Dons. The three year group is composed of Florence Remus, Dorothy Seegmueller, John Ziesemer, Jean Carol Grosser and Guenther Vogt. One scholar, Shirley Dastych, is in the two year group and two are in the first-year group, namely, Henry Busch and Joanna Dons.

After the presentation, Mr. U. S. Abel gave a splendid chalk-talk, illustrating his wise and kindly advice to the boys by crayon drawings and apt stories. This was much appreciated by young and old. After the close of the program a social time was spent with refreshments of ice-cream and cookies, provided by the school. All in all, it was a successful and profitable evening. The Sunday school has grown in interest and numbers during late months and is earnestly striving for a 300 attendance goal. The Men's Brotherhood Class of the school, which now meets in the church auditorium, reports fine progress.

### Oklahoma G. B. Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union Convention May 28-31, 1934, Gotebo, Okla.

General Theme: "The Christ Devoted Life."

- MONDAY EVENING  
8 o'clock: Song Service.  
8.30: Opening address, Rev. A. Knopf. Welcome, President of the Gotebo B. Y. P. U., Werner Schanz.  
Roll Call of Unions.
- TUESDAY MORNING  
9.00: Devotional, Topic, "The Christ Devoted Life Gives Peace" (Bessie).  
9.30: Classes.  
Subject: "Young People." By Prof. A. Bretschneider.  
S. S. "Preparation for Teaching." By Rev. Chas. Wagner.  
German. "Training in Stewardship." Rev. A. Rosner.

11.00: Recess. (Committee meetings and recreation.)  
11.15: Classes.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

2.00: Devotional, Topic, "The Christ Devoted Life Saves Sinners" (Emanuel).  
2.15: Classes.  
3.15: Inspirational address, Prof. A. Bretschneider.  
3.30: Classes.  
4.15: Recreation.

### TUESDAY EVENING

7.45: Song Service.  
8.15: Address, Rev. F. W. Socolofsky.

WEDNESDAY MORNING  
9.00: Devotional, Topic, "The Christ Devoted Life Gives Joy" (Okeene).  
9.30: Classes.  
10.15: Reports of S. S. Work.  
11.00: Recess.  
11.15: Classes.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

2.00: Devotional, Topic, "The Christ Devoted Life Gives Strength" (Shattuck).  
2.30: Business and election of officers. Recreation.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

7.45: Song service.  
8.00: General Program of all B. Y. P. U.'s and S. S.'s.

THURSDAY MORNING  
9.00: Devotional, Topic, "The Christ Devoted Life Brings Reward" (Ingersoll).  
9.30: Classes.  
10.15: Unfinished business.  
10.45: Classes.  
11.30: Dedication service.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Basket dinner and picnic.

THURSDAY EVENING  
7.45: Song service.  
8.00: Installation of officers.  
Closing address, Prof. A. Bretschneider.

### Invitation

The B. Y. P. U. of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo extends a most cordial invitation to the Unions of Oklahoma to meet with them in the annual S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Institute, May 28-31, 1934. A. G. RIETDORF, Pastor.

### Artisans All

A group of professional men had gathered in the lobby of a hotel and proceeded to make themselves known to one another.

"My name is Fortesque," said one, extending his hand. "I'm a painter—work in water colors chiefly."

"Indeed," chimed in another. "I'm an artist, too. I work in bronze."

"Well, this is fine," a third broke in. "I'm a sculptor—I work in stone."

Then the quiet little fellow who had been inclined to keep apart stepped up, with a dry smile. "Glad to make the acquaintance of you gentlemen, for I have a common interest with you. I'm a college professor. I work in ivory."—Forbes Magazine.



# Missionary Appointments

The General Missionary Committee met in annual session at Forest Park from April 10 to 12. This committee has the responsibility of making the appointments and appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year beginning April 1, 1934. In studying the reports of last year's work the committee, in deep gratitude, raised an "Ebenezer" and gladly acknowledged: "Hitherto the Lord has helped." With undaunted faith in our Heavenly Father, who has so faithfully supplied all our needs, the General Missionary Committee has made the following appointments and appropriations:

### IN THE HOMELAND

Home Missions	72 Appointments	\$29,715.00
Superannuated Ministers and Ministers' Widows	28 Grants	3,533.00
Relief	32 "	2,405.00
Ministers' Pension		14,812.00
Administration		10,000.00

### IN FOREIGN LANDS

Cameroon	4 Appointments	
Austria	4 "	
Bulgaria	16 "	
Czechoslovakia	2 "	
Germany	3 "	
Hungary	5 "	
Jugo Slavia	5 "	
Poland	9 "	
Roumania	9 "	
		15,000.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>		<b>\$75,465.00</b>

### Missionary Expenditures

April 1, 1933, to March 31, 1934		
Home Missions		\$34,009.24
Foreign Missions		16,503.08
Chapel Building		1,283.75
Superannuated Ministers		4,117.57
Ministers' Pension		14,812.74
Relief		6,084.49
Miscellaneous Missions		8,505.88
Administration		11,001.52
		\$96,318.27

**We are expecting great things from God**  
**We are undertaking great things for God**

WILLIAM KUHN, General Secretary.

## Kansas Y. P. & S. S. W. Union Institute at Ellinwood, Kans., June 4-7

Theme—"The Challenging Christ."  
 MONDAY EVENING

Time 7.45.  
 Song Service, Ruth Stenzel.  
 Devotional, "The Challenge to Become a Christian," Rev. J. Borchers.  
 Welcome, President of Ellinwood B. Y. P. U.  
 Response, President of the State B. Y. P. U.  
 Special Music, Lorraine.  
 Address, Rev. A. P. Mihm, Forest Park, Ill.

### TUESDAY MORNING

9.00-9.15: Song Service, Ruth Stenzel.  
 9.15-9.35: Devotional, "The Challenge of Cross Bearing," Bison.  
 9.35-9.45: Special Music, Herington.  
 9.45-11.00: Course of Study.

1. "Standards of Living for Young Christians," Rev. A. P. Mihm.
2. "Missions and Its Divine Basis," (Mr. or Mrs. Kruse.)

1. "The Pupil," Prof. A. Bretschneider.
  2. "The People Called Baptists," Rev. G. Lang.
  3. German Class, Rev. R. Vasel.
- 11.00-11.10: Special Music, Bison.  
 11.10-12.00: Question Box, Prof. A. Bretschneider.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2.00-2.15. Song Service, Gladys Hildebrand.  
 2.15-2.35: Devotional, "The Challenge to Watch and Pray," Dillon.  
 2.35-2.45: Special Music, Bethany.  
 2.45-4.00: Course of Study.
1. Rev. A. P. Mihm.
  2. "The Call to Missions." (Mr. and Mrs. Kruse.)
  1. Prof. A. Bretschneider.
  2. Rev. G. Lang.
  3. German Class, Rev. R. Vasel.

### TUESDAY EVENING

8.00-8.20: Song Service, Gladys Hildebrand.  
 Scripture Lesson and Prayer, Ebenezer.  
 Special Music, Ellinwood.  
 Address, Prof. A. Bretschneider.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

5.30-8.00: Brekfast Out-of-Doors.  
 Devotional, "The Challenge of True Friendship," Rev. G. Lang.

WEDNESDAY MORNING (Church)  
 10.00-10.15. Song Service, Ruth Stenzel.  
 10.15-11.00: Business and Election of Officers.  
 11.00-11.10: Special Music, Durham.  
 11.10-11.50: Course of Study.  
 1. Rev. A. P. Mihm.

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2. Prof. A. Bretschneider.
  3. German Class, Rev. R. Vasel
- 11.50: Results of Election.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

2.00-2.10: Song Service, Gladys Hildebrand.  
 2.15-2.35: Devotional, "The Challenge to Loyalty," Mt. Zion.  
 2.35-2.45: Special Music, Dillon.  
 2.45-4.00: Course of Study.

1. Rev. A. P. Mihm.
2. "Training for Church Membership," Rev. A. Sandow.
1. Prof. A. Bretschneider.
2. "Worship," Rev. L. Hoeffner.
3. German Class, Rev. R. Vasel.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

8.00: Song Service, Ruth Stenzel.  
 Scripture and Prayer, Strassburg Program.

### THURSDAY MORNING

9.00-9.15: Song Service, Ruth Stenzel.  
 9.15-9.35: Devotional, "The Challenge to World Conquest," Marion.  
 9.35-9.45: Special Music, Mt. Zion.  
 9.45-11.00: Course of Study.  
 1. Prof. A. Bretschneider.  
 2. Rev. A. Sandow.  
 1. Rev. A. P. Mihm.  
 2. "Worship," Rev. L. Hoeffner.  
 3. German Class, Rev. R. Vasel.  
 11.00-12.00: Question Box, Rev. A. P. Mihm.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON PICNIC

THURSDAY EVENING  
 8.00: Song Service, Gladys Hildebrand.  
 Installation of Officers, Rev. A. P. Mihm.  
 Special Music, Stafford.  
 Address, Prof. A. Bretschneider.

### Program Chicago Jugendbund Conference

June 2 and 3 are the dates for the 1934 Jugendbund Conference. It is to be held at DesPlaines, Ill., this year, this site being chosen because of the short distance from Chicago and the low cost of lodging and meals. It is estimated that two dollars will cover the week-end expenses minus transportation. This should assure the 1934 Conference of a larger attendance than ever before. Another inducement to attend the Conference is the splendid program which has been planned.

### SATURDAY

A banquet opens the Conference on Saturday evening, June 2. We are very fortunate in having as our speaker, Dr. J. M. Fitzgerald, a man not only keenly interested in young people but one whose life-work is helping young people to make the most of their lives and opportunities.—Election of officers will also take place. Rev. George Hensel of Kankakee will be the toastmaster.

### SUNDAY

Sunday school will be under the leadership of Walter Pankratz of the First Church.

For speaker on Sunday morning and at the closing service Sunday evening, we will have Rev. John Herman, pastor of the Ainsley Ave. Baptist Church.

Dr. Chas. A. Carmen will serve us Sunday afternoon. He is the pastor of the Morgan Park Baptist Church and known and liked by young people.

The Conference theme is, "Let's Go the Second Mile," based on Matt. 5:41.

Of course, Music will be another feature of the program. Every society has been asked to contribute. Our song leader is Arthur Pankratz, who served us last year.

No one will want to miss so fine a program as outlined above. Let's cooperate and send a 100% delegation from all our Young People's Societies.

GERDA M. ALBRECHT, Sec.



# German Baptists' Life Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

Statement of Financial Condition as of December 31, 1933  
(From Reports to State Insurance Commissioners as Required by law)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES													
Book value of Real Estate .....	\$ 25,394.43	Death claims due, reported in 1934 .....	\$ 1,000.00												
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate, first liens .....	488,456.02	Reserve on 873 certificates based on Am. Exp. Mort. Table, 3½% S. & U. ....	231,120.16												
Certificate Loans, not exceeding reserve .....	67,758.20	Reserve on 2237 certificates based on Am. Exp. Mort. Table, 4% Prelim. Term .....	300,561.15												
Cash in office and banks .....	35,330.64	Present value of disability claims .....	2,366.66												
Interest due and accrued .....	26,853.25	Assessments paid in advance .....	13,133.86												
Assessments due, in course of collection .....	6,216.23	Extra reserve for contingencies .....	33,250.00												
Commissions advanced to agents .....	1,979.00	Sick Benefit Fund at home office .....	1,037.05												
Mortgage donated to secure Association .....	1,500.00	Taxes due and accrued .....	950.00												
Market value of Real Estate over book value .....	355.57														
			<u>\$583,418.88</u>												
<b>Non-Ledger Assets</b>		Unassigned Funds (Surplus) .....	68,320.47												
Liens and Interest against Class B certificates .....	23,241.86	For distribution of surplus (dividends) .....	8,000.00												
Office furniture and fixtures .....	2,894.18														
Balances in branch societies Sick Benefit Fund .....	1,816.71														
	<u>\$681,805.09</u>														
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Commissions to agents .....	\$ 1,979.00														
Liens, loans and other credits .....	2,750.85														
Furniture and fixtures .....	2,894.18														
Cash in local branches .....	1,816.71														
Book value of Mortgages and Real Estate over market value .....	12,625.00														
	<u>\$ 22,065.74</u>														
Total Admitted Assets .....	<u>\$659,739.35</u>	To balance assets .....	<u>\$659,739.35</u>												

First Annual Statement of Juvenile Department			
Total Ledger Assets .....	\$1,790.37	Advance Assessments .....	\$ 277.18
Non-Ledger Assets .....	195.44	Reserve on Death and Endowment Certificates .....	985.84
		Unassigned Funds (Surplus) .....	722.79
Total Admitted Assets .....	<u>\$1,985.81</u>	To balance Assets .....	<u>\$1,985.81</u>

"I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing items of the Valuation Exhibit." F. W. GODTFRING, Secretary  
State of New York } ss.:  
County of Onondaga }

William Francis Barnard being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the actuary who made the foregoing computations concerning the condition of the German Baptists' Life Association, Buffalo, N. Y., as of December 31, 1933 and that the same are correct and true to the best of his information and belief.  
WILLIAM FRANCIS BARNARD,  
Fellow American Institute of Actuaries

Subscribed and sworn before me this seventh day of April, 1934, Leland J. Bagley, Notary Public

Ratio of Actual to Expected Mortality	
Dec. 31, 1933 —	54.27%
Dec. 31, 1932 —	72.41%
Dec. 31, 1931 —	75.03%
Dec. 30, 1930 —	58.95%
Dec. 29, 1929 —	63.54%

The Association has been managed by insurance experts since its reorganization in 1911.  
It has served the German Baptist people for over fifty years.  
Reserves are based on Standard Life Insurance Tables.  
Our Cash Position, as compared to one year ago, has improved sixty-eight per cent.

Net Rate of Interest Earned	
During 1933 —	4.78%
During 1932 —	5.55%
During 1931 —	5.50%
During 1930 —	5.25%
During 1929 —	4.93%

## To Our Members and Their Beneficiaries

Dear Friends:

We feel that you, as well as the denomination at large, have an interest in, and are deeply concerned as to the results of 1933. You are entitled to full information concerning the condition of the Association, and we have, accordingly, prepared this report from our annual statement as submitted to the Insurance Departments of the various states in which the Association is licensed to do business.

Since organization of the Association in 1883 it has paid to its members and their beneficiaries the sum of

**\$1,060,955.77**

death and disability benefits and \$71,792.00 was distributed from the surplus. As the Association has no stockholders all gains, savings and earnings are the property of its members and must be returned to them in dividends.

Each obligation, of whatever nature, was promptly met when due from the cash income and at no time has the Association found it necessary to borrow funds or sell its securities. The Association's ability to pay cash on its contracts has never been in question.

All our investments have been made in conformity with the stringent laws governing the investment of life insurance funds, and all securities, owned by the Association, are in safe keeping.

Our actuary reports that the net rate of interest earned by the Association for the past year was 4.78%. He further reports that the contingent reserve and surplus, an additional protection to our members, not required by law, is

**\$101,570.47**

and that our rate of mortality continued very favorable, requiring the payment of only \$24,860.52, while on the basis of full expectancy the Association would have paid, last year, \$45,532.27. The difference represents a substantial saving in cost of insurance to our members.

We are sure you will agree that our Association had a most successful year and we hope that we will be given an opportunity to assist you in any provisions which you may make for the future.

HENRY MARKS, President  
J. O. DISTLER, Treasurer