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Let one supreme Te Deum roll round the World's highway,  
For death is swallowed up of life and Christ is risen today!

George Newell Lovejoy.

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# Something New For Easter

By the REV. CHARLES W. KOLLER, Ph. D.

*"The Lord hath anointed me . . . to give them . . . the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."*  
(Isa. 61:1-3.)

**M**OST of us plan to enjoy something new for Easter. Dealers in clothing, hats, shoes, and neckties know this, and they encourage it. They are never busier than at this season. People of moderate means, dressed resplendent with Easter finery, are often empty of purse, but happy of heart, and years younger in spirit. Some, indeed, experience nothing new except a change of garments. But in the mind of God many things should undergo renewal through the glad radiance of Easter.

Long before our own well-dressed generation appeared on the scene, God originated the thought of something new for Easter. For ages he has re-clothed the world with lovely garments of green at



Easter time. The new garments fit; they delight the eye; they seem to come unbidden, but they are the result of loving care on the part of the Supreme Designer. Perhaps he is not displeased with our custom—which is as much heathen as Christian—seeing that it parallels the fashion of Mother Nature. But some of us undoubtedly miss the symbolic value of this annual rejuvenation and should stress far more that

inner house cleaning, which is so necessary to perfect mental and spiritual sanitation. Certainly, more important than all external rejuvenation was the inward renewal wrought in the disciples on that first Easter morning and characterized in prophecy as a change of garments, "the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

## The First Easter Promenade

How beautifully the ancient prophecy is fulfilled! How charmingly the new Easter garments transform each one in that immortal company! Behold that first Easter promenade. There in the gray dawning the gentle Mary is stealing forth to the sepulcher. She moves with the weariness of a broken heart, oblivious to the springtime beauty around her. Then there come the drooping Galilean women. In undertones of sorrow and anxiety they are asking, "Who will roll the stone away?" They see no beauty in the garden. They are not thinking about their clothing or appearance. But look again! Something has happened. They are coming back. Behold now the buoyant gladness of Mary Magdalene. Behold the radiance of the re-

turning Galilean women, as they tell their story to the despondent, exhausted fishermen. "The tomb is empty! He is risen! He lives!" Behold the transformation of the fishermen. They are wearing something new for Easter. They have been given "the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." A three-fold Easter treasure is theirs.

## A New Understanding of the Prophecies of Christ

How slow of understanding they had been! Many times Jesus had foretold his death and resurrection. On his first journey to Jerusalem with his disciples he had spoken of it; again, at the peak of his earthly ministry, midway between his baptism and his return to the Father; and finally, at the institution of the memorial supper on the night before the crucifixion. The human mind seems peculiarly obtuse to the things of God. People, who are otherwise brainy, are often dull in the realm of spiritual things. Here is consolation for teachers and preachers of the gospel who feel that they have failed. If the original disciples learned so slowly from the Master Teacher himself, what can lesser teachers expect?

How hard they were to convince, even when the prophecies were fulfilled! The apostles would not believe the testimony of five reliable women (Luke 24:10); and Thomas refused to believe twice as many witnesses, even though they were apostles. The women themselves had been slow to believe even the angel, until his testimony was seconded by another. (Mark 16:8; Luke 24:4.) But how firmly they were established, after exchanging the drooping garment of heaviness for the new Easter garment of praise!

## A New Proof of the Deity of Christ

The disciples had seen the miracles of the Christ, but later they had seen him nailed on the cross, instead of seated on a throne as they had expected. Before exchanging the vulnerable garments of unbelief for the armor of faith they had to see another miracle. They, indeed, knew of one empty tomb, made vacant by the word and gesture of the Christ. They were still to see another. And they did. They came to the garden to pay tribute to a dead son of man; they returned paying homage to a living Son of God. They missed the satisfaction which comes to thousands of pilgrims who visit the shrine of Mahomet, the tomb of Napoleon, and the burial place of Washington. These all bow reverently before a real tomb containing an actual body. The disciples found only an empty sepulcher. But far greater was the joy of the disciples. Greater too will be the joy of millions who will throng our churches at Easter-time to contemplate the glory of the empty tomb and the living Christ.

Mr. Koller, whose colorful Easter message we are happy to feature in this issue, is minister of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., and is well known as a preacher of power in many churches of the Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions.

## A New Conception of the Death of Christ

For Peter the violent death of Christ, as foretold a year before, was unthinkable. Rebuking him, whom he had just declared to be "the Son of the living God," Peter replied, "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee" (Matt. 16:16, 22). For the enemies of Christ his death was a triumph, toward which they had schemed and labored for three years. For the band of disciples the death of Christ was an unspeakable catastrophe. Faith perished. Hope ceased. "It is finished," Jesus had said in his dying moments on the cross, and they believed it. But what sinister interpretation they gave to this triumphant utterance!

Perhaps to Barabbas alone, of all the earth's millions of people, there came the first inkling of the true significance of the death of Christ. In fancy we can see him creeping up to the cross and gratefully looking up to the dying Son of God. A momentary rigor seems to grip him as he stands gazing. We hear him faintly murmuring to himself, with uplifted eyes: "Because he dies, I live. It had to be either he or I."

On that day of the crucifixion the world is wrapped in mourning. There still remain two days until the rising of the Easter sun. Then everything is changed for the newly enlightened group clad in the Easter garments of prophecy. The death of Christ is suddenly transformed into the central fact of redemption, the preparation for the resurrection, the gateway to the immortality of the believer. Today we echo with gladness and with understanding, far surpassing that of Barabbas, the word of Paul, "Christ died for the ungodly." Brighter still are the words of Jesus, "Because I live ye shall live also."

## The Present Promise of the Resurrection of Christ

The resurrection solves a thousand problems! It helps to explain the birth, the character, the miracles and prophecies of Christ, the validity of the atonement, and the authority of Christ over the soul of the believer. The resurrection is the believer's guarantee of immortality and of his heavenly inheritance. The resurrection of Christ is the crowning fact in his claim upon the hearts of the unsaved. "I loved, served, died, and arose," Christ is saying. "I deserve to be heard, and I have the authority to require it." The resurrection is a promise of something new and vastly more satisfying than the annual array of Easter garments which money will buy.

Are we getting something new for Easter? Let us make sure that we secure the main thing which Jesus came to bring to us—"the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

## An Easter Prayer

**O**UR Father, on this great day of his triumph accept our gratitude for Jesus Christ. Grant to us power to forget ourselves amidst the hallelujahs of this Easter day, to rise up with courage and go out to find in living service for those who need, the way to Peace and Joy. Amen.

Margaret Slattery.

## World Famous Hymns

**D**R. CARL DOVING, a noted hymnologist of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, has prepared a list of hymns that have been translated into more than 100 languages. Luther's "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" stands at the head of the list and may rightly be called the "Great International Hymn." The hymns and the authors follow:

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1. "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Original: "Ein' Feste Burg." Martin Luther	178
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"This list may be read in a few seconds," writes Pastor Doving, "but it took me 20 years of hymnological research to make it. Hymn books were collected from every nook and corner of the world. The hymn books consulted represented more than 300 languages and dialects."—Our Youth, Publication of Swedish Baptists of North America.

## MISSIONARY MAPS

**T**HE map of our mission fields in the Cameroons, Africa, which appeared in the supplement of the April 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald," has been printed on heavier paper and will be sent without folding to any person, young people's society or church forwarding twenty-five cents in postage or coins to Rev. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

We are happy to announce that in answer to such requests a map of our Danubian Gospel Mission fields in Central Europe will also be sent without any extra charge. This is an equally large map printed on light green paper, which depicts graphically our mission stations in this promising enterprise of our denomination.

## What's Happening

The Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., is holding evangelistic services which began April 7. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Assaf Husmann, is conducting the services.

The Rev. August Heringer, pastor of our church at Venturia, N. Dak., has recently resigned and will retire from the active ministry. He and his family will move to Ashley, N. Dak., for their permanent residence.

A Fathers-Sons' service was recently held in the Erin Avenue Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, with the pastor, the Rev. John Leypoldt, bringing an appropriate message. A fine attendance of 166 persons made the evening a success.

The Rev. Paul Zoschke preached his closing sermon in our church at Racine, Wis., on March 31. He and his family have moved in the meantime to the new field at Elgin, Iowa, and have begun their ministry there under auspicious success.

A Homecoming Day was observed in the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., on Palm Sunday, April 14. During the Passion Week leading up to Easter Sunday services will be held every evening. The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger is serving as pastor of the church.

The Rev. Paul Gebauer participated in a debate on "Hitlerism" at Sioux Falls College at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on March 25, after arrangements had been made by the Rev. Thorwald Bender, pastor of our church in George, Iowa. The report did not state which side of the debate was defended by Mr. Gebauer.

Miss Margaret Kampf, daughter of former missionaries of our denomination, became ill with scarlet fever while serving as school teacher in Hammond, Ind. Her condition became quite serious but she has rallied and is making very encouraging progress. Mrs. Lydia Kaaz, an aunt, is ministering to her as nurse.

Evangelistic services were held for two weeks in the Oak Park Baptist Church, Oak Park, Ill., from March 17 to 31. The Rev. Lou's Broeker of Chicago served as evangelist and brought messages which have left their spiritual imprint on the church. Several Bible School scholars professed their faith in Christ as their Savior.

The First Church of Union City, N. J., held a week of evangelistic services, closing with March 15, with the Rev. C. A. Daniel serving as evangelist. A number of children and young people made public witness of their acceptance of Christ. The Rev. John Schmidt is minister of the church.

Mr. Henry W. Schmidt, a charter member of the North Avenue Baptist Church

of Milwaukee, Wis., recently passed to his eternal reward at the age of 68. He was a member of the board of deacons since 1907 and was loved for his sterling qualities of Christian life and character. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Louis B. Holzer, officiated at the memorial service.

Mr. H. Theodore Sorg of Newark, N. J., a member of our Clinton Hill Baptist Church and the attorney for the General Missionary Society, spoke to the Baptist Ministers' Conference of New York and Vicinity on March 11 on the topic: "A Lawyer Confers with Preachers." The address was enthusiastically received by the ministers.

Professor and Mrs. Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., quietly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday evening, April 13, with a family dinner at the home of their son, Dr. Albert Kaiser. The Andrews Street Church of Rochester, of which Professor and Mrs. Kaiser have been members for many years, will observe the event in a festive occasion to be held in the church in their honor.

The Rev. A. R. Sandow of Elmo, Kansas, and Mr. H. Schacht of Lorraine, Kansas, recently spent several days with our church at Scottsbluff, Nebr., holding services and bringing a spirit of harmony and unity into the church. The Scottsbluff church has decided to invite pastors to conduct its services for periods of two weeks, and as the first guest-minister they have invited the Rev. Lorenz Hoeffner of Durham, Kansas.

Special Lenten services were held by the White Avenue Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, on successive Thursday evenings during the Lenten season. Among the guest speakers were the Rev. Walter Macoskey, John Leypoldt and Dr. Ralph Walker of Cleveland, Rev. Paul Wengel of Detroit, Mich., and Professor Helmut Dymmel of Rochester, N. Y. The Rev. William L. Schoeffel, pastor of the church, reports that the attendance at and the spirit of the services were very inspiring.

The young people's society of the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Newark, N. J., served as host to the B. Y. P. U. of the Second German Church of Brooklyn in an inter-society meeting on Tuesday evening, March 6. The Rev. Donald B. Lee conducted the devotional part of the program. The Brooklyn young people presented a very entertaining play, "That These Things Shall Be." Miss Virginia Lee, president of the B. Y. P. U. of the Walnut Street Church, directed the entertainment, which preceded the refreshments. More than an hundred people enjoyed the evening's festivities.

The weekly German periodical "Der Sendbote" of our denomination, edited most capably by the Rev. Samuel Blum since the death of Brother Fetzer in January 1934, is publishing in serial chapters "The Life of Jesus" by the late Professor Walter Rauschenbusch. It was written and first published in 1895, but its message is most timely for our day. The articles will be followed with interest, not only by those who personally knew the author, but also by our young people, to whom the German language is not foreign, for whom the writings of Rauschenbusch are a source of inspiration and challenge.

The Rev. William Kuhn spent Sunday, March 31, with our church at Kankakee, Ill. On April 7 he preached at the anniversary exercises held in the Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J. He spent the close of the week in Rochester, N. Y., speaking at the seminary and at the Andrews Street Baptist Church. On Sunday evening, April 14, he addressed the Union service of our churches at Buffalo, N. Y., held in the Spruce Street Church. Easter Sunday will be spent by Brother Kuhn with our church at Lorraine, Kans., where the Rev. Pieter Smit is pastor, and during the succeeding days with the Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Sandow at Elmo, Kans.

Mr. Edward E. Krueger, a member of our church in Colfax, Wash., died on March 10 at the age of 43 years. In his quiet and unassuming manner his life shone brightly for the Master. For more than 12 years he served as church secretary. He was superintendent of the Sunday School for a long time. He gave gladly of his time and talents to the young people's society, the choir and church activities. He is greatly missed by his bereaved wife and six children as well as by the church. The Rev. R. M. Klingbeil, pastor of the church, officiated at the service, which was in itself a high tribute to his memory and Christian faith.

The Rev. William Kuhn has received two large gift books from the German Baptist churches of Yugoslavia and Rumania containing several hundred scenic views of those Danubian countries and of the people dressed in their native costumes. The names of the pastors of the churches are inscribed on the fly-leaves beneath an expression of appreciation of ten years of cooperative missionary endeavor under Brother Kuhn's executive leadership and of our missionary society in connection with the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt's service in the Danubian Gospel Mission. Letters of congratulation have also arrived at missionary headquarters in commemoration of this anniversary and their contents will be published in an early issue of "The Baptist Herald."

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## EDITORIAL

### The Power of His Resurrection

A PHRASE, which increasingly has illuminated for me the meaning of Easter, is to be found in the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians, namely, "that I may know him (Christ) and the power of his resurrection." The message of Easter is far more than that of a distant envisioning of the gift of immortality, of which some day we shall be the recipients. It is rather the surging into life of the power of God, which was distinctly revealed in Christ's resurrection from the dead. Easter is then the symbol of a glorious spiritual transformation in our lives and of that constant renewal of power by which "like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life."

The Easter services of our churches should present living witnesses of an inner spiritual power, which motivates us and lifts our lives into the realm of the eternal. The Easter season should reveal to the world of mankind the power of his resurrection, which has taken possession of our lives and which enables us to conquer all things that pass away, even death itself. Such triumphant Christian lives will draw men and women to Christ by the irresistible winsomeness of their unique possession!

E. Stanley Jones tells the story of a church-school superintendent and his wife who had just lost their child, an only child. And the next Sunday was Easter. The superintendent went through his duties as usual—but not as usual—for there was a note of triumph and victory about it all. As the pupils walked home that day one boy said very suddenly to his mother, "They really believe it, don't they?"

"Believe what?" asked the mother.

"Why, the resurrection, and all that."

"Of course; we all believe it."

"Yes," said the boy, very thoughtfully, "but not that way; they really believe it."

The superintendent and his wife had come to know Christ so intimately in the fellowship of his suffering and in the power of his resurrection that, even unbeknown to them, they were giving a convincing evidence of the power of God within them. It often seems to any interested observer that the greatest foe of the Christian church in the modern world is not the critic, who shoots his poisonous barbs at the citadel of the church, nor the atheist who flaunts his disbelief in God, but the so-called Christian member of the church, who in his lethargy, indifference, weakness of faith and lack of religious reality, is a pitiable example of God's power in human life. There is every possibility that we as disciples of Jesus Christ could direct the gaze of the world away from the Easter parades at our beach resorts and on our cities' streets to the miracle of God transpiring in individual lives, if we only became vessels of the fullness of the power of his resurrection.

Frances Ridley Havergal has expressed this truth persuasively in these words of prayer:

"Oh, let me know the power of the resurrection; Oh, let me show thy risen life in calm and clear reflection;

Oh, let me give out of the gifts thou freely gavest; Oh, let me live with life abundantly because thou livest."

# Messengers of Christ's Resurrection

By the REV. WILLIAM KUHN

TO be commissioned as a messenger of Christ's resurrection is a high honor, indeed! It was on that early Easter morning, when the two Marys stood in Christ's open tomb that they received this marvelous appointment from God's angel.

No one can serve as a messenger of Christ's resurrection without having first been convinced of the reality of this resurrection. Any doubts or misgivings regarding the same will very soon become apparent in the proclamation of this message. In order to strengthen the faith of the two Marys, they were invited by the angel to see the place where the Lord had lain. The angel of God was the first one to proclaim the resurrection of Christ to those women. Even for us in this present day, we must heed the testimony of others regarding this great event. For the strengthening of our faith we have more than the testimony of other disciples regarding this great event. The works wrought by Jesus Christ since his resurrection and the times of intimate and personal communion which the risen Christ has granted even the lowliest of his disciples; these together with the testimony of our fellow disciples enable us to proclaim with assurance: "He is not here; for he is risen, as he said."

The blessed experience of those two women on that early Easter morning is repeated even in our day. "And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail! And they came and held him by the feet, and worshiped him." While the messengers are running their errands they meet the Lord himself, and the humble pathway of service is changed into a holy temple of worship.

The messengers of Christ's resurrection dare not delay in proclaiming their message. For us today it is written: "And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead, as he said." May it also be recorded of us as of those two women: "And they departed quickly and did run to bring his disciples word."

Even today there are individual disciples and en-

tire groups of disciples in sore need of the message of the resurrection. On that first Easter Sunday the minds of the disciples of Christ must have been disturbed and confused. Many disciples in our day have been cast into the blackest gloom imaginable. Their hopes have been shattered. They cannot comprehend their Master. For them he seems to be fettered with the bonds of death lying helpless in the grave. Here the messengers of the resurrection must act. "And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead."

How often Christian workers are laid low by discouragement! And their labors seem to be in vain. They succumb in their struggle with the powers of evil. The spirit of doubt speaks in their hearts: "God has not fulfilled all his promises. He has not made bare his arm and helped his people." In such times of despair Christ's servants are prone to believe that his cause lies buried in the sealed tomb. In such an hour the messengers of the resurrection must go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, as he said. He has fulfilled his most difficult promise, when he burst open the grave. Now he is the living and regnant Christ, ever willing and able to lead his cause from defeat to glorious victory.

Many of Christ's disciples are sitting sad and despondent in the shadows of death.

When death has taken the most dependable and seemingly invaluable members from a church; when in some happy family circle there is mourning over the departure of some loved one; when we ourselves are consciously being enveloped in the darkness of our own graves and are nearing the last hour of our life's course; then to have some messenger of Christ's resurrection or the Holy Spirit say: "He is risen from the dead, as he said;" that will chase the gloom from our souls and wipe away the tears from our eyes and fill our hearts with a song of hope. And the angel said: "He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead."

This Easter message of confident faith by the general missionary secretary of our denomination will find a responsive chord in the Easter services of our churches and in the experiences of their members.



"He is not here; for he is risen, as he said."

## My Most Memorable Easter

REV. DAVID HAMEL  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

Meditating upon my Easter message in my study on the eve of Easter Sunday I came upon the following anecdote. "Dr. R. W. Dale, the great pastor of Carr's Lane, Birmingham, England, while writing his Easter sermon had a strange experience as the thought of the risen Christ broke in upon his mind as it never had before. 'Christ is alive!' He got up and walked about the room, repeating, 'Christ is living, living!' 'At first it seemed strange and hardly true,' he said, 'then it came upon me as a sudden burst of glory. I thought all along I had believed it; but not until that moment was I sure of it. I then said that my people should know it. I shall preach about it again and again until they believe it as I do!' Sharing in a manner the experience of the great preacher I stepped into my pulpit Sunday morning with a new glow in my soul and a sense of the glorious presence of the Living Christ. The beautiful lilies, the symphony of sermon, music and song, and the testimony of new-born souls following the Lord in baptism proclaimed the glorious fact: "Christ is alive."

REV. G. H. SCHNECK  
PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

My most memorable Easter day? It was the day when the Easter message meant more to me than ever before. A short time before that Easter Day the physician told us definitely that one, who was very dear to us, could not live but a few months. The day preceding that Easter was very dreary. I could not see any light. With the women on the first Easter morn I thought only of the heavy stone on our pathway. A beautiful sunrise ushered in Easter Sunday. A wonderful calm and peace came into my soul. I heard the Master's voice. What he had to say to me on that day indeed made the day the most memorable Easter I have ever experienced.

PROFESSOR OTTO KOENIG  
WEST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

My most memorable Easter Sunday is indelibly stamped on my heart and that of someone very dear to me. It occurred thirty-three years ago in New Haven, where I had been pastor for sixteen happy years, and where now I am nominally "in Ruhestand," continuing to write in a pleasant retirement. It happened, that Easter Sunday was also my birthday. The happiest moment of the day arrived when I stood beside my oldest daughter in the baptism, surrounded by blooming Easter lilies, and buried "Our Lili" into Christ's death. At that exalting moment I could not remember

the usual baptismal formula and only said: "Lord Jesus, here is our Lili whom I baptize into thy name." No human could fathom my joy and no earthly eye visualize what I perceived, for heaven opened before my eyes and "I knew not whether I was in the body or apart from the body—God only knoweth." It was also my privilege to immerse Lili's sister and their two brothers at the ages between eleven and thirteen, and later on to officiate at the four weddings. The daughters' baptism and that of their oldest children last Easter adds the fifth generation of German Baptists, both of the paternal and maternal ancestry. Glory to the conquering risen Christ!

REV. THEO. W. DONS  
OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

The Easter season is the most glorious season of the year because of its message of life. It gives Christianity its rightful place and lifts it into the realm of life. Christianity is Christ and he lives. If at any time the pastor grows discouraged, the reality of a living Lord will restore his courage and enthusiasm. I shall never forget one Easter morning when a little incident brought home to me the message of the risen Christ. I had entered upon a new pastorate and on this Easter morning I was awakened from my slumber by the strains of a brass quartette playing the familiar Easter hymns. It brought a vision of the living Christ and made the day bright.

REV. A. KRAEMER  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

There have been a number of Easter Sundays overflowing with a sense of a deep, victorious joy, but they had their beginning in one most memorable Easter experience of twenty-eight years ago. Because of a reluctance born of a sensitive warning not to speak to uncomprehending listeners, I have kept this jewel for myself all these years. It was on the Thursday following Easter when, overburdened with so many unfulfilled tasks and a gnawing hunger and thirst for the abundant life, which my risen Savior had promised, that I fell upon my knees in my room and surrendered myself and everything about me more fully than ever before. It was then that his Presence entered me like a purifying, quickening fire, burning up worry, care, tiredness and questionable longings, and filled me to overflowing with that victorious joy of seeing Jesus alone.

REV. J. F. OLTHOFF, D. D.  
MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA

My most memorable Easter Sunday was the day when I received a new conception of the presence of the risen Sa-

vior. I was considering the weeping Mary Magdalene's recognition of Jesus. In her sorrow and grief Mary was unconscious of the fact that Jesus was near and speaking to her, but hearing him call her name she instantly recognized his loving presence and swiftly replied with absolute submission and devotion, "Rabboni! Master!" Like Mary I realized the Master's loving presence, and with an adoring love I yielded myself to him anew. And as Mary was privileged to carry a message for her Lord to his "brethren," so was I commissioned to bear the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to others.

REV. J. KRATT, D. D.  
PORTLAND, OREGON

My most memorable Easter Sunday may have been on April 16, 1933. After a very delightful hour with our Bible School, teaching my class, called, "The King's Sons," I brought the glad Easter message to a large congregation. The theme for the morning was "Easter Thoughts." Then I had the great joy of baptizing thirty-three happy candidates, the largest number I have ever baptized at one time. What wonderful testimony they gave to the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, with whom they promised to walk in newness of life! In the evening our large and faithful choir brought a wonderful Easter message in song and music. Yes, it was a most wonderful Easter Sunday!

REV. PHILIP POTZNER  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Many times I had joined in the singing of the hymn, "In first'er Gruft er lag, Jesus, mein Heiland," on Easter morning, but it had no other meaning for me than just another hymn. One day, when I was a young man, Christ became a personal Savior to me. Never will I forget that memorable Easter morning after my conversion as a large number of young people walked up a mountain just outside of our city, and as the first rays of the sun appeared, we sang this hymn as we had never sung it before. Every time, when Easter comes again, it brings to my memory anew the great shepherd love of Jesus, our Savior, who gave his own life for the lost, and rising conquered death that we, as his redeemed, may live with him eternally.

REV. LOUIS B. HOLZER  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The thought of my most memorable Easter experience carries me back in memory over the years to the Easter Sunday on which I confessed Christ in baptism. Many Easter Sundays have passed since that day, and each one brings

with it some new joy, thought and experience. How that first Easter has been enriched by successive Easter experiences can be expressed simply in these words, "Then I believed, now there are many things I know." One cannot stand repeatedly at the open grave with loved ones without giving serious thought to the Easter story. It is with every experience of this nature that there is brought home to us the thought of the resurrection. Our own lives become enriched. The grave loses its terror, since it can claim only that which rightfully belongs to it. May it not be that as the blessed Eastertide of 1935 comes to us again, there awaits for each one of us some rich experience of strengthened faith in immortality?

REV. CHARLES WAGNER  
OKEENE, OKLAHOMA

At Easter, 1931, I was minister in Marion, Kansas. Lillian Abeldt was twelve years old. She was a cripple who spent most of her time in a wheel-chair, but who was always cheerful. When she came to church, willing hands carried her into the sanctuary. With a true and seeking heart she listened to God's message. One day she said: "I want to accept Jesus as my personal Savior!" Lillian responded, repented, and believed in the Redeemer. Joyfully she testified. She wished to be baptized. The doctor gave his consent. Happy and with a smile she sat in her wheel-chair during the service. With a clear voice she testified of her faith in the Son of God. Four brethren took hold of the sheet and she was let down into the water and baptized. No greater joy could have filled Lillian's heart than that experience. The whole audience marvelled at Lillian's strong faith. As for me, it was a humble service in the name of my living Lord.

REV. PAUL GEBAUER  
THE CAMEROONS, AFRICA

As a mere boy, undernourished and undeveloped, I had been drafted into the World War in the Spring of 1918. About a year later I came home with untold harm done to body and mind. I had seen little of the mass murder but enough of it to lose faith in life. Restless, aimless, driven by doubts and shifting like quicksand, I came home, about Easter-time in 1919. Easter sunrise found a bewildered and puzzled boy on a nearby hilltop. Life had little meaning for the lad on that morning until the rising sun and the bells of the town called for worship. I remained on the hill. Alone with my little New Testament I followed John's account of the resurrection. It was there that, like unto the discouraged fisherman of Lake Tiberias "when day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach," that he met me. That morning I saw him above hatred and sin, despair and gloom in the power of his resurrection. Since then I carry with me the words of Paul: "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead."

## B. Y. P. U. Topics

For the Month of May, 1935

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Sunday, May 5

### How Can I Serve Christ in My Vocation?

Matt. 5:13-16

*Heal Sickness.* Jesus spent much of his time ministering to those who were sick and lame and blind. He considered it a real part of his work, the fulfillment in part of the mission for which he had come into the world. The work of the doctor or the nurse may be as truly Christian as the work of the minister or the deacon. Jesus taught that one who ministers to the needs of men in his name and in his spirit of love and unselfishness ministers to him.

*Search for Truth.* Everyone who adds to the world's knowledge serves Christ; for Christ said, "I am the truth." Everyone who supports those who search for truth becomes with them "fellow-workers for the truth." Preachers, missionaries, Sunday School teachers, and thousands of teachers in public and private schools are true servants of Christ because they constantly bear witness to the truth that has been discovered about man's relation to God.

*Secure Justice.* Justice is a matter not only for the courts that deal with the abnormal relations of life, but it has to do also with all the normal relationships of life. Judges, lawyers, labor leaders, city, state, and national officials, captains of industry and finance, all those who help to make laws, every voting citizen who performs his duty, all these when they work for justice serve Christ.

Sunday, May 12

### The Art of Making a Happy Home

Luke 10:38-42

*Sharing Work.* A young woman was heard to say, "The maid has gone and poor mother has to do all the work alone." The mother is the center of the life of the home, but why should she be the center of all its responsibilities, its burdens, and its work? Surely there are some responsibilities and some tasks in every home which should be assumed by the young people who are in it. Why should the mother always need to ask Mary to wash the dishes or John to fix the furnace? The work in the home will be easier and all the people in the home will be happier when each person does his share.

*Teachableness.* Some young people know more about some things than their parents do, but these are not usually the essential things for happiness. Concerning the things that have to do with the real meaning of life, parents usually know far more than their children know.

Experience is the best teacher. When young people think their parents do not understand them, it is usually because their parents understand them better than the young people understand themselves.

Sunday, May 19

### Getting the Insight of Jesus

Matt. 9:36-38; John 2:24, 25

*Understanding.* Every person longs to be understood, and every person feels that few people understand him. Jesus understood people. They came to him with all their problems and with every kind of question. Cautious religious teachers, swaggering tax-gatherers, caviling theologians, blatant politicians, repentant sinners, self-righteous religionists, he understood them all. He looked through all the outward show and saw the heart within. Too often we misjudge people. Jesus always understood.

*Enduring Values.* The things that we see pass away. Only things that we cannot see are eternal. There are treasures that are material and they are good. There are treasures that are spiritual and they are best. No one ever saw love or friendship or unselfishness or the spirit of sacrifice and service, but the world would be poor indeed without them. These things never fail and they never need to be lost.

Sunday, May 26

### The Invincible Good-Will of Jesus

John 13:1-15

(World Good-Will Day)

*Humble Service.* When Jesus' little band of disciples first decided to follow him, they thought he would lead them to places of position and power. Two of them had asked for the highest offices in his royal court. The other disciples had heard of it, and they were resentful. They had even quarreled about the places of honor at the table of this religious feast. Each refused to perform the task of a slave, a task at which they had previously taken turns. Because no one else would do it, Jesus clothed himself as a slave and washed their feet.

*International Mind.* One of the most comprehensive movements of our time is the strange resurgence of nationalism. Every nation for itself and every land for its own people is the rising spirit which we had hoped was dead. But Jesus was never hindered in his ministry to others by national boundaries or narrow loyalties. He was the servant of all mankind, and a man's need was all that was required to command the best that he could give.

## Religious News of the World

### Famous Easter Sunrise Services

Every Easter dawn witnesses the most unique pilgrimages to varied places of America, as Christian people gather on mountain heights and in churches and stadiums to sing their praises to the risen Lord who "could not be holden of death." Years ago these services were few in number, but they have multiplied and been widely heralded, so that their story forms a most interesting religious record of American festivities.

The annual Easter sunrise service on Rubidoux Mountain in Southern California is the most renowned of all Easter celebrations. It was inaugurated many years ago by Jacob Riis, who undoubtedly never envisioned the crowds of more than 5000 people who would wend their way up the mountain. Rubidoux rises abruptly from the level plain just outside the city of Riverside. Automobiles climb to a mesa near the top of the mountain from where the throngs of people trudge on foot in the shimmering dawn to the cross. As the golden rim of the rising sun comes up above the Eastern slope, a cornet sounds clear and strong: "Jerusalem, Lift Up Your Voice and Sing." The service is impressive in its simplicity. The Lord's prayer is recited, hymns are sung, Dr. Henry Van Dyke's poem, "God of the Open Air," is read and an anthem by Carrie Jacobs Bond, written especially for use at the service, entitled, "Behold the Easter Dawn," is sung. National broadcasting facilities enable people all over America to attend this Easter service.

California has many other unique services on Easter morning. Its climate and scenic beauty make these pilgrimages easily possible. In Yosemite Valley several thousand people will gather at Mirror Lake to see the sun come over the granite wall to the east. In San Francisco probably 40,000 people will ascend Mt. Davidson, the city's highest point, now topped by a hundred foot cross, for the Easter service. In Berkeley the Christian pilgrims will meet on a pinnacle overlooking the Golden Gate. Tens of thousands will congregate at the Hollywood Bowl near Los Angeles for an impressive service to be broadcast throughout the land.

Chicago has an Easter sunrise service which is rivaling California's celebrations. Fifty thousand people are expected to gather in the early dawn of Easter in Soldier Field for the fourth great community sunrise service. It was introduced to Chicago by a group of young people of various Christian churches. In 1933 the program was held in the court of the Hall of Science of the world's fair. Addresses will be given by the Rev. Will H. Houghton, D. D., president of Moody Bible Institute, and the Rev. Theodore Anderson of Minneapolis.

Probably the world's most unique Easter service is held on a magnificent mountain top and an extinct volcano, called old Punchbowl, high above the city of Honolulu. "The International Journal of Religious Education" in an article tells us that Arthur Powlison had a dream which actually came to pass! He enthused 5000 children of Honolulu to gather rocks and stones and bring them to McKinley school. On a designated day "in true Hawaiian fashion these children formed a chain from the rock pile in the school yard to the top of Punchbowl—a happy, laughing line one mile and a half long. From hand to hand the stones fairly flew. When the huge pile was transferred to the mountain top, each child made a gift of a dime and signed a long scroll which was placed in a bronze chest at the foot of the cross." Thousands make this annual pilgrimage to this monument, a lofty, forty-foot cross covered with snowy linen, for the sunrise service on Easter morning.

How inspiring is the thought that as the first rays of the dawn touch the mountain heights and stream into the valleys and plains throughout America, Christian people are gathered together to sing the triumphant message, "Christ, the Lord, is risen today."

### Munkacsy's Paintings Exhibited

Philadelphia, Pa. Munkacsy's famous religious paintings, "Christ Before Pilate" and "The Crucifixion," have again been placed on exhibit in Wanamaker's store during the Lenten season. Thousands of people come from far and near to view these large paintings which are thirty feet long and twenty feet high.

The 35th anniversary of Michael Munkacsy's death will be observed in April of this year. He was born in 1844 in Hungary. At the age of 5 he was left an orphan and taken care of for years by relatives. His boyhood days were spent in great poverty, and he was frequently ill from undernourishment. His rise as painter was rapid. At 40 years of age he painted "Christ Before Pilate" and two years later had completed the companion picture.

The former painting was carried all over Europe for exhibition in a specially constructed box car. In 1900 it was brought to America and placed on exhibit in the Tabernacle on 23rd Street in New York City and later in almost every large city. It has been said a right that "perhaps more sermons have been preached using them as texts than any other great religious paintings."

### A New Stanza for "America"

Buffalo, N. Y. The Rev. Benjamin Copeland, Methodist minister of this city, has recently suggested a sixth stanza to

"America." It has been endorsed by the Methodist Ministers' Association of Buffalo, and the new Methodist hymnal will probably contain the added stanza to "America." It has been widely published in religious periodicals of America. Mr. Copeland stated that he was inspired to write it because he could not find a single international note in any known national hymn. The added stanza follows:

"May all the nations share,  
Lord God, Thy gracious care,  
Thy name adore.  
Praise to the Prince of Peace!  
His kingdom still increase,  
Till wrong and wars shall cease  
Forevermore."

### Fearless Foe of Nazi Church Creed

Berlin, Germany. The arrest of the Rev. Martin Niemoeller, the militant leader of the opposition of German pastors to Reichsbishop Ludwig Mueller and the Nazi policies of the German Christian Party, had been expected for many months. Following the reading of a manifesto by the Confessional Synod in many of the Protestant opposition churches on March 7, boldly asserting the supremacy of God's word over the state, the Nazi authorities brought pressure to bear on the churches by arresting their ministers.

"The Literary Digest" in its issue of March 23 has a graphic account of the colorful life of Niemoeller. "Martin Niemoeller sent more than one enemy ship to the bottom when he was touring the seas as a German submarine commander during the War. He prayed for those he sank, for he was a Christian, and it always was in his mind to enter the Christian ministry. One order he disobeyed when he was an officer in the German Navy. He refused to take his ship to Scapa Flow. But there are no laws of the religious faith that Martin Niemoeller will disobey. The story of his struggle to enter the ministry is long. Suffice it to say that he worked long hours as a common hand while studying theology. Finally, he became pastor of Berlin-Dahlem, which has the wealthiest congregation in Berlin, the members of which number some of the oldest families, loyal to the new Germany—and the old. There Doctor Niemoeller has fought with all the courage he exhibited when, as commander of U-151, he led the longest submarine-raid of the World War, and brought his boat home."

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"Courage, brother, do not stumble,  
Though thy path be dark as night;  
There's a star to guide the humble,  
Trust in God, and do the right."

# Beginning the Day

A Scripture Passage and Meditation for Spiritual Progress

By PROFESSOR ARTHUR A. SCHADE

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Monday, April 22

## The Lord is Risen Indeed

"But now is Christ risen from the dead." 1 Cor. 15:20.

(Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-20)

Of all the Bible records, that of the resurrection of Christ makes the most exacting demands on belief. This act of God supersedes all understanding. Yet the sincerity of the records cannot fail to impress. They are modest, candid, sufficiently at variance to show independence and the absence of harmonizing efforts. They frankly admit that the disciples were discouraged, that they had no thought of his resurrection, that they did not immediately recognize him, and that no one saw him arise. How different this would have been, had they sought to deceive! Two factors convinced the disciples that he had truly risen. Careful investigation fixed the fact of the empty grave, and they saw him in his resurrected body. Paul summarizes his appearances in our reading lesson.

"Father, forbid that we should limit thy works by the measure of our mind."

Tuesday, April 23

## The Living Lord

"I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest." Acts 9:5.

(Read Acts 9:1-10)

The empty grave and the story of the appearances of the risen Lord do not impress us at this distance with the same conclusive force as they did the disciples. Paul was able to verify the account of the resurrection by his personal vision of Jesus on the Damascus Road. We belong to the multitude of which Jesus said: "Blessed is he that seeth not and yet believeth." What convinced the succeeding generations on down the corridors of time that Jesus truly arose? It was ever the experience of the living Lord in their lives, and the transforming work of the Lord in the world. Whatever may have happened to his body, true Christians are convinced from personal experience and wide observation, that Christ lives in his followers and labors on to accomplish the salvation of the world.

"Father, we thank thee that 'the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.'"

Wednesday, April 24

## Death, Where is Thy Triumph?

"Ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy." John 16:20.

(Read John 16:16-22)

Calvary brought the disciples sorrow and disappointment. Their friend was gone, their messianic hopes were shattered, and they had reason to despair of

life. When he who had spent his life in doing good, who had challenged the powers that dominated the mass and exploited them to their own enrichment, was nailed to the cross, what further incentive to noble striving was left? But the resurrection straightened matters out. Their sorrow was turned into joy. The disciples had, not a Jewish Messiah, but, as they finally came to see, a World Redeemer. He returned to them again, to be with them always, even unto the end of the age. The gloom of death was dispelled and its terror gone. It was no more a dark trail ending in the shadows of Sheol, but a curtain that separates time and eternity.

"Father, we thank thee that death has been swallowed up in life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Thursday, April 25

## The Supreme Sacrifice

"While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8.

(Read Romans 5:1-12)

The relation of death to life in the Christian hope warrants a further study during this post-Easter season. In this we must take our departure again from that most supreme event, the death of Christ on the cross. Man and beast shrink from death. We dislike the break which comes into the family and friendship circle. We cherish interests in the world, and we fear the physical collapse which comes with death. Hence the surrender of life for the rescue of a friend or for the promotion of a noble cause has been called "the supreme sacrifice." But Jesus outdistanced all when he made the supreme sacrifice, not for friends, but for enemies. He died to save man from death. Yet there are several kinds of death spoken of in Scripture, and we must be sure to understand what is intended by this phrase.

"Father, may our Christian faith not beguile us into a higher form of self-seeking, but lead us into a fellowship of thy death, that we may also share in thy life."

Friday, April 26

## Sharing in the Death of Jesus

"Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." Mark 8:35.

(Read Mark 8:31-38)

The death of Jesus saves us from one death, only as it involves us in another. We are saved from spiritual insensibility and from fratricide which springs from human selfishness. But he can save us from this death, only as we shift our interests from the things of self to the things of God and others, only as we gear our life into the divine program of

the Kingdom of God. He challenges us to follow him on the way of the cross, to submit to his baptism of suffering, and to share in his bitter cup. We must not hesitate to be planted as a seed. We must "hate" our life, hold it not dear, make it as means to the end for which Christ laid down his life. We cannot hope to reach glory on a bed of ease, while his feet trod the thorny path.

"Father, save us from the superficiality which fails to recognize the implications of our salvation."

Saturday, April 27

## Sharing in Jesus' Resurrection

"But God, when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ." Eph. 2:4, 5.

(Read Ephesians 2:1-10)

Man's shift of interest from self to others, from material pursuits to the promotion of the social ideals of the kingdom, from slavery to the fleeting allurements of this life to the service and worship of God, is spoken of in Scripture in terms of the resurrection. Terms like the following: "you hath he quickened," "you who were dead were made alive," "you have risen from the dead," abound. The idea is conveyed that our resurrection is not deferred until after death, but really takes place when the divine life comes into our soul with our spiritual regeneration. Therefore baptism is a symbol, not only of the death and resurrection of Christ, but also of our own death to sin and resurrection to a new life. Salvation becomes a present experience which is unaffected by physical death. (John 5:25 and 11:25.)

"Father, may our lives become the instruments through which thy spirit comes to fruitful expression."

## Future Salvation

Sunday, April 28

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Cor. 5:1.

(Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-10)

It has become the fashion to rail at the other-world-ness of Christianity in some circles. The occasion for that probably lies in the over-emphasis of the heavenly hope and the failure to recognize the implications of the Christian faith for living. The popular emphasis of our times is placed on the way of life required by Christianity. Social service is to spring from love for man, and not from future reward considerations. Nevertheless, a definite future blessedness is put in prospect for all them that love the Lord, and as we face eternity, we shall all cherish that precious promise. And as our loved

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ones follow the last summons, we comfort ourselves with this eternal hope.

"Father, make us socially fit to live in the perfect society of heaven."

Monday, April 29

## Particulars About the Future Life

"But some man will say, How are the dead raised up?" 1 Cor. 15:35.

(Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-38)

Paul anticipated the perplexity which was sure to rise in people's minds concerning the future life. Unfortunately complex systems have been pieced together through a sort of patch-work of texts taken from all parts of the Bible and used in total disregard of their setting or original intention, and many have been led to subscribe to these systems in their totality, and have never made an unbiased, diligent study of Scripture to arrive at a personal conviction. The purpose of these studies is to point out the line along which this future-life revelation came into our faith in the hope that on this subject, too, we may come to a unity of faith, as it is revealed in Scripture.

"Father, we are deeply conscious of our need of divine guidance in our study of thy Word. May the Holy Spirit consecrate our efforts to understand!"

Tuesday, April 30

## The Reward of Religion

"Shun evil and do good, so shall you live your life within the land." Psalm 37. (Moffatt's Translation)

(Read Psalm 37.)

From Moses down to the centuries the motive for moral conduct and religious fidelity, that was held forth, was *long life in the land, prosperity, and posterity*. This applied to the nation as well as to the individual. The revelation of a happy state was reserved primarily for the New Testament. The law of reward, which was thought to govern life, wrought many a hardship on faithful Israelites. If one suffered sickness, or financial reverses, the person's friends were compelled to conclude that he had sinned. That led to third degree methods of extracting a confession and compelling repentance, and it often resulted in enmity between the ill one and members of his family or his friends. Personal and national well-being were the rewards of religion in the Old Testament.

"Father, we thank thee for the religious experience of the past and the fuller light of the present."

Wednesday, May 1

## Doctrine Contradicted by Experience

"And after my skin, even this body, is destroyed, then without my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:25 (Revised Version)

(Read Job 19)

The doctrine of reward, as outlined in the previous lesson, often ran counter to experience. The thorough-going reformation of King Josiah could not avert national disaster at the hands of the

Chaldeans. The Psalms are full of complaints concerning the sufferings of the just and the prosperity of the ungodly. But the point is threshed out most completely in the case of the righteous Job. Job insists on his innocence and, despairing of vindication in this life, utters the first New Testament hope of a vindication "without" the flesh. (Be sure to read Revelation 5.) Thus the pangs of suffering offered the state of mind first to catch the glimpse of light concerning the future life.

"Father, we thank thee for speaking to the suffering soul and for its responsiveness to thy communication."

Thursday, May 2

## The Awakening of the Dead

"And many who sleep in the dust shall wake." Dan. 12:2.

(Read Daniel 12)

Not only did the law of reward work hardship on the individual, but also on the nation. It became necessary to find a sin to account for every national misfortune. The prophets buoyed up the religious morale with the assurance that the Day of the Lord was sure to come and bring the nation vindication. But in the meantime many faithful Israelites passed on into the world, which was beyond the reach of the Lord. Should they never have vindication of their faith? From this situation the faith in the resurrection was born. Yes, there will be a resurrection, in which the wicked shall see their error and the just shall see that they were right. This doctrine was warmly debated during the centuries immediately preceding Christ's birth, and in his day it was supported by the Pharisees and disputed by Sadducees.

"Father, we praise thee that thou art not unmindful of the suffering."

Friday, May 3

## Jesus Clarifies the Resurrection Hope

"For in the resurrection they . . . are as the angels in heaven." Matth. 22:30.

(Read Matthew 22:22-33)

Jesus freed man from the cruel bondage to the law of reward when he told his disciples that they could not conclude that the man born blind had sinned, or his parents, because of his misfortune, or that the men upon whom the tower of S'loah fell were sinners above others. He then stripped the hope of the resurrection of its material aspects, stating that those who are there will be as the angels of heaven. In his discussion with Martha he broke down the element of death by declaring that the resurrection life begins with belief in him, and continues on irrespective of the fate of the human body. Thus the veiled revelation of the Old Testament becomes clarified, when God spoke in the latter days through his Son.

"Father, we thank thee that we need not sorrow, even as others who have no hope."

Saturday, May 4

## The Future Hope in the Mission Field

"We will hear thee again of this matter." Acts 17:32.

(Read Acts 17:22-34)

Christianity developed against the background of Greek culture. The Greeks had been providentially prepared to receive the gospel. Their idea of Hades was practically identical with the Hebrew conception of Sheol as a shadow abode of the dead. In their Eleusinian Mysteries the Greeks visualized a happy future state, which prepared them for the Christian message of heaven. The Greek poets also described a place of punishment for the wicked, Tartarus, as far below Hades as earth is below heaven, where the wicked were subjected to punishment. This prepared them for the message of future retribution. When Paul preached his doctrine of the resurrection on Mars' Hill, some indeed mocked, but others said: "We will hear you again on this matter." The verdict of history favors these more teachable auditors. Millions in all ages have placed their hope in a glorious future reward, which has been vouchsafed us in Christ, our Redeemer.

"Father, may we come to see thy face, that we may become like thee!"

## "Stand Still and See"

The following poem was written by Mrs. John C. Stam, who together with her husband, Rev. John C. Stam of the China Inland Mission, stationed at Tsingteh, was murdered by Chinese bandits last December. It has a peculiar significance in view of the martyrdom of the author and her life companion. Mrs. Stam wrote the poem before her marriage, while she was a student at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa., and perhaps while she was engaged in spiritual struggles as to whether or not she should cast her lot as a missionary among the Chinese.

I am standing, Lord.  
There is a mist that binds my sight,  
Steep, jagged rocks, front, left and right,  
Lower, dim, gigantic, in the night.  
Where is the way?

I'm standing, Lord.  
The black rocks hem me in behind.  
Above my head a moaning wind  
Chills and oppresses heart and mind.  
I am afraid!

He answered me, and on His face  
A look ineffable of grace,  
Of perfect, understanding love,  
Which all my murmuring did remove.

I'm standing, Lord.  
Since thou hast spoken, Lord, I see  
Thou has beset; these rocks are Thine;  
And, since Thy love encloses me,  
I stand and sing!  
Courtesy of "Our Youth."

PRAYER HELPERS

"Take it to the Lord in Prayer"

Chief Method of Solving Missionary Problems

Says J. Campbell White: "Prayer is the first method of solving the missionary problem. Among all the methods that have been devised, none is more practical, more fruitful than this. If we could get a definite group of people at home into the habit of supporting by prayer each missionary in the thick of the fight, by this simple method alone, the efficiency of the present missionary force could probably be doubled, without adding a single new missionary to the force."

Pray that we all may be found faithful in our stewardship of whatever the Lord may have entrusted to us. This stewardship does, of course, include the administration of our money, whether our income be meager or large. Money, however, is not the only possession we are called upon to administer. All of our talents, the type of our own personality and the opportunities for service that come to us must be taken into account in our stewardship. For this stewardship all of us, whether possessing much or little, must give an account.

Recently an old Christian lady in agreement with her children sent a missionary contribution of \$1,000. This 86 year old Christian was constrained to make this generous contribution to the Lord's work even before the Heavenly Father's summons would reach her: "Come home." The husband who was called home a number of years ago was of this same mind. In the days of prosperity he proved himself to be a good steward of the Lord in administering his finances. It is only natural that children of such parents should follow in the same footsteps. Who can ever visualize the harvest of the good steward of the Lord? Only eternity will reveal that harvest.

Only a few days ago we received a missionary contribution of \$225 from one of the Lord's good stewards. He had the good fortune of having an oil well drilled on his farm. This well proved to be a good producer. Even before this well was producing this steward had resolved to give one-tenth of his income from the oil well to the Lord's work. Judging from his letter he found great joy in sending this share of his first dividend. He has made provision that the Lord shall get his share from that oil well even after his death. Among our members there are others who have good producing oil wells on their farms. As far as we know this is the first one who has pledged a definite share from his oil well to the Lord's work. May he find many others who will join him in this holy enterprise!

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Atlantic Conference

HONORARY ATTENDANCE AT NEW HAVEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Can you surpass this record?

A family of five have attended the Gerran Baptist Sunday School in New Haven for two consecutive years. You will find them on the left of the picture reproduced on this page. With them are three of our teachers, who also share the



Scholars and Teachers of New Haven S. S. Who Have a Perfect Attendance Record For Two Years

honors of attending more than a hundred consecutive Sundays. The picture shows the Adamson family, including the parents, Edna, Hazel and Esther and three honor teachers, Miss Lydia Hoffmann, Miss Gertrude Boedecker and Mr. Arthur Fanslow.

These have received the gold pin and the wreath and are now working for the bar honor, according to the Cross and Crown System. Not only are these members faithful in attendance but in their work as well. ALICE KAAZ, Reporter.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION OF NEW YORK AND VICINITY

The 42nd annual conference of the G. B. Y. P. U. of New York and vicinity took place on Feb. 22 at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J. The Union's president, Mr. Fred Bauman, presided at both afternoon and evening services. The Rev. Donald Lee, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., led the afternoon devotional service and afterwards an invitation for personal testimonials brought an immediate response.

At the afternoon business session the Union elected Mr. Fred W. Maeder of our Harlem Church in New York City as honorary president. Mr. Maeder has served the Union for many years with faithfulness and unselfish interest, particularly in connection with the young people's summer cottage at Bradley Beach as chairman of its board of trustees. No greater tribute could we have paid him at this time than the election to this honorary office.

The following officers were elected for 1935: President, Edwin Marklein, Second Church, Brooklyn; first vice-presi-

dent, Walter Becker, Immanuel Church, New York; second vice-president, Alfred Orthner, Harlem Church, New York; recording secretary, Helen Nestler, First Church, Brooklyn; corresponding secretary, Marie Anderson, Willow Avenue Church, Hoboken; general secretary, the Rev. Alfred Bernadt, Second Church, Brooklyn.

The evening service began with a hearty song service, led by Mr. Harold Kruger. The air of spiritual decisiveness

permeated the auditorium as 300 young people raised their voices in song to praise God for his grace and lovingkindness toward them. Thirteen societies responded to the roll call. The address was brought by the Rev. James Laughton, D. D., former captain of the "Fukuin Maru" and successor to the renowned Captain Luke Bickel of the gospel ship in the China Inland Seas. His topic was "Sharing the Room." Through his own keen interest and devotion to his work as a missionary in the foreign fields, he was able to present a living picture of those who are suffering for the cause of Christ in other lands. Dr. Laughton used for his text Luke 10:29-37. We learned first, the philosophy of the thieves: "What's yours is mine. I'll take it, and it's none of your business;" second, the philosophy of the priest and Levite: "What's mine is mine, and it's none of your business;" third, the philosophy of the Samaritan; "What's mine is yours. We'll share it," recalling the words of Frederick W. Faber: "For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind, and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind."

God help us as young people to serve the Master with a more willing heart, and make us more like the Master, humbly using every talent in the service of our King for the furtherance of his Kingdom! RUTH E. SCHMIDT, Reporter.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF BROOKLYN VISIT THE B. Y. P. U. OF UNION CITY, N. J.

In connection with the Jugendbund of New York and vicinity, the Young People's Society of the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited the society of the Second German Bap-

tist Church, Union City. Twenty-two members from Brooklyn made the trip, in spite of inclement rainy weather.

The message was brought by the pastor of the visiting church, the Rev. Wm. A. Mueller. A one-act play entitled, "The Anybody Family on Sunday Morning," was presented by the Brooklyn Church. Several musical selections and a reading were also rendered. Those taking part were: Alfred Toelle, Edith Stenhlber, Helen Toelle, William Strunk, Marie Weggeland and Helen Nestler. At the end of the program the visiting church was invited to the basement of the church where games were played, and later refreshments served.

HELEN NESTLER, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO MRS. HEINEMANN

Mrs. Wilhelmine Ernestine Heinemann departed this life on Wednesday, March 13, entering into the glory prepared for those who love the Lord. She was born on January 1, 1860, in Kleinsilber, Germany, and spent her girlhood days in the fellowship of the happy family of her parents. In 1880 she emigrated to Ontario, Canada, settling at Pembroke, where two of her brothers resided. In 1891 she was united in marriage with Rev. F. H. Heinemann, at that time pastor of the Killaloe Baptist Church.

Mrs. Heinemann was united with the Reetz Baptist Church at twelve years of age, after having the rite of baptism administered by Pastor Wiehler. The accepting of Christ as her Saviour was so real to her that with a full consecration of heart and life she was ever striving to exemplify this change in her daily life. By such a consecrated devotion to the Master's cause she won to herself the highest esteem and love of the members of the various churches, which her husband served as pastor.

She believed in the power of prayer and was always interceding for the welfare of the members of her own family as well as those of the church. One of the most enduring and dearest memories remaining to her sons of their boyhood days are the times when in absence of the father she led the daily family devotions. The calm fervency of that pleasant voice reading the passage of scripture and praying to the Father in heaven for the welfare of all, whom she loved, will always remain to bless her memory.

For the past twenty years she had to walk through dark valleys of tribulation, being invalidated to the extent that for years she was confined to her couch. There was hardly a day during this long period in which intense pain did not wrack her frail body. The last seven months were particularly a test of her faith, since during these months she was helpless and dependent upon the service of others. The loving care and willing sacrifice of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ida Heinemann, were inexpressibly comforting and brought much joy to her.

In spite of her trials and sufferings

she never lost hold on God. Heaven was so presently real to her that she practically lived in two worlds. When she entered the dark valley her closing message to be conveyed by her husband to their children was: "I am going to be with the Lord. Live that life of faith and consecration that I may meet you there!"

Her parting is mourned by three sons and their families, her husband, who was privileged to share life's joys and sorrows with her for forty-four years, five brothers, one sister, and a host of loving friends.

are thankful to God for his past guidance and in this same spirit we look hopefully to future service in his name.

MISS ELSIE JAHNKE, Reporter.

Northern Conference

BIBLE SCHOOL OF THE SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA CENTRAL CONVENTION

The interest and fervor for the work of the great Master of life, Jesus Christ, is prevalent even today among the young people of the Saskatchewan and Alberta



Bible School of the Saskatchewan and Alberta Central Convention, held at Hilda, Alberta, Feb. 4 to 22

CHURCH AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S EVENTS AT NORTH FREEDOM, WIS.

The Gerran Baptist Church at North Freedom, Wis., can report considerably about recent activities and special programs. In January we observed the Week of Prayer. Those who met at the different hours each evening received much inspiration from these prayer meetings. On Sunday, Jan. 27, the morning service was in charge of the Male Chorus of the church, who presented a service in song. Our pastor, the Rev. H. Palfenier, was in Milwaukee at the time.

We also had the great pleasure and privilege of having Paul Gebauer, one of our missionaries, with us on Sunday, Feb. 24. He spoke on three occasions, giving his illustrated lecture in connection with the annual meeting of our Ladies' Missionary Society. We feel that we have secured a deep and clearer insight at least into one section of our mission field.

The Young People's Society is again holding its meetings on Sunday evenings. During March we are studying different phases of our work as a German Baptist denomination. By so doing we expect to become better acquainted with its program, organizations and institutions. We

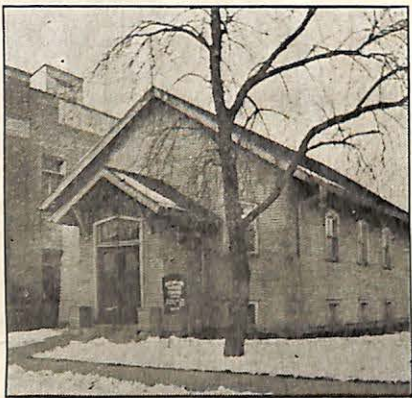
Central Convention in Canada. A Bible School was held at Hilda, Alberta, from Feb. 4 to 22, which was well attended, as will be seen in the picture reproduced on this page, and which provided many blessings for the young people.

Six instructors composed the fine faculty of the Bible School. The Rev. F. A. Bloedow of Winnipeg taught two courses on "The Life of Christ" and "The Apostolic Age." The Rev. Otto Fiesel, the local pastor of our church at Hilda, conducted a course on "Evangelism" and his wife led the group in musical appreciation and training. Many hidden talents were discovered during the three weeks of the school. The Rev. John Weinbender from Leader, Saskatchewan, taught a course on the book of Joshua. Mr. E. A. Mentz of Hilda led the group in studies on "The Problems of Youth" and "Proofs that the Bible is God's Word."

The evening services were in charge of the Rev. F. A. Bloedow and John Weinbender. The student choir of 41 voices sang under the leadership of Messrs. Zeitner and Gervin. It was the best Bible School which this vicinity has had according to many of the young people who were richly blessed and returned home with new courage to do more than ever before for the Master.

## Central Conference THE ROMANCE OF A MISSION CHURCH

Bellwood is a suburb on the west side of Chicago with a population of nearly five thousand people. Some ten years ago, members of the Oak Park German Baptist Church were inspired with a missionary spirit to start a Sunday School in that community. The population was largely German, and a flourishing Sunday School was soon built up. Due to opposition from various sources, the work came to an untimely close. But that did not stifle the missionary zeal of the people who had started the Sunday School. Every attempt to start another school seemed to be blocked. The Oak Park Church then decided to erect a chapel in a prominent spot in the village of Bellwood and begin a mission. About seven



Bellwood Baptist Chapel  
A Mission of the Oak Park Baptist Church

years ago a request came from some English speaking people in the community again to begin an English Sunday School in the chapel. That was a point of contact which we joyfully welcomed. A corps of volunteer workers was organized, a student pastor was called to the church, and the work has been growing by leaps and bounds ever since.

There are at present about seventy-seven members, besides a number of helpers from the home church. The Sunday School has an average attendance of nearly one hundred, the preaching service an attendance of about seventy, and the prayer meeting about thirty persons. There is a fine spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm which is bound to bring success to the work of the gospel in this community.

At one time, when the work was less hopeful, the Masonic Order put in a bid for the building and was refused. The large Masonic Temple was then erected, overshadowing the little chapel next door. Today the Masonic building is closed, unable to carry on in this time of depression, but our little chapel stands like a beacon light, giving out the light of the Gospel to the people in that village.

We are grateful that the spirit of missions and evangelism has been kept alive in our Oak Park German Baptist Church,

and that God's promise is still our inspiration "that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58b). For four years the Rev. Elmer Crocket was the missionary pastor and accomplished a most commendable work. At the present time, the Rev. John Warning is carrying on in the Bellwood Mission and has won the hearts of the people.

REV. THEO. W. DONS.

## Dakota Conference NEWS DEBUT OF WOMEN'S MIS- SIONARY SOCIETY IN SPRING VALLEY, S. DAK.

We have never sent a report to "The Baptist Herald," but we are here just the same. We are the Ladies' Missionary Circle of the Spring Valley Baptist Church, S. Dak. This church is located in the country about half way between Monroe and Canistota.

We are not very large, numbering only six members, but we are trying to be faithful. We started our society on Jan. 4, 1933. We meet once a month at the homes of the various members. Our able president, Mrs. J. G. Rott, leads us in our efforts. At present we are studying "The Women of the Bible." Since we organized we have had three sales, which have netted us about \$43.

We have also helped to provide various articles for our church and made contributions toward home and foreign missions. On Feb. 12 we had the honor of meeting with our neighbor society of Chancellor, S. Dak., where we enjoyed a program rendered by its members.

MRS. JOHN BUSEMANN, Secretary.

## A YEAR'S REVIEW OF THE B. Y. P. U. OF MARTIN, N. DAK.

In looking back over the past year we as a Young People's Society of Martin, N. Dak., have many reasons to praise the Lord for his helping grace and many blessings. Even though we have made definite progress, we are always striving to reach a higher goal.

We held our meetings every other Sunday evening under the leadership of our president, Mr. Robert Rust. The programs are in charge of various members of our society, which gives everyone an opportunity to express his or her ideas and to work out a novel type of program. Our meetings have consisted of musical services, talks and addresses, question box, recitations, and readings, debates, Biblical contests and prayer-services.

The enrollment of our society is 56. Nine new members have been welcomed into our group during the past year. The financial income of the society during the same period was \$79. May the Lord give us greater strength to work for him in the coming year!

EMMA FIESEL, Secretary.

## SHADOWS AND SUNSHINE IN OUR CHURCH AT MISSOULA, MONT.

We have much for which to be thankful, even though things did not always go as we should have liked to have seen

them. The president of our young people's society has been away from us for about three months, having been sent to the Eastern part of Montana by his employer. We miss him very much, not only in the work of our young people's society, but in all our church activities as well. Recently we lost one of our most prominent church members through death, which came so suddenly, that it was a great shock to all of us.

But we have also had some encouragements in our church work lately. Several families have moved here from the Dakotas, who not only help to swell our audiences but also take part in prayer and testimony. For two weeks in March we had revival services in which the Rev. Daniel Klein of Beulah, N. Dak., assisted us. The meetings were well attended. Four young people professed their faith in Christ as Savior. Our prayer is that we may be found equal to the tasks which are before us.

REV. C. A. GRUHN.

## EDITORIAL NOTICE

The concluding chapter in the story, "From Anarchist and Socialist to Christ" will appear in the May 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald."

Beginning with the June 1st issue "The Baptist Herald" will publish an unusually fine and captivating story, called "LIFE SUPREME" by Miss Susan Schilling of Gladwin, Michigan. Miss Schilling is one of our German Baptist young women and "The Baptist Herald" is honored to publish her story.

Other unusual features will appear in every number. The Mother's Day issue of May 1st will contain an article about Mrs. Konrad Anton Fleischmann and a special message from Miss Anna Jarvis, the founder of Mother's Day.

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## A CHAT ABOUT BOOKS BY THE EDITOR

Books of sermons are enjoying greater popularity than at any time during the past two decades. Only a few years ago the minister who dared to publish a series of sermons was called "a reckless fool." But such books are now more widely read than any other religious books.

The American Baptist Publication Society has made a notable contribution in the publishing of a series of eight books of sermons, beautifully bound in attractively colored bindings and printed in large, clear type on unusually fine paper. Dr. Bronk of the Publication Society told me recently in Philadelphia that the sale of these books has been larger than that of any other books they have published in quite a number of years.

The first and, as I consider it, the finest in the series is "Sermons for Everyday Living" by Dr. Albert W. Beaven (Judson Press—1933—\$1.00—138 pages.) Dr. Beaven has reached a lofty eminence in American church life as pastor of the Lake Avenue Baptist Church in Rochester, N. Y., as president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and now as president of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. This book includes matchless sermons such as "The Luminous Christ," (a Christmas sermon), "Transformed Limitations," (a sermon for people facing difficult problems), "The Christ of the Common Road," (a sermon for the church), and "Youth and the Cynical Spirit," (a sermon for young people). Dr. Beaven has been more practical in touching the daily needs of life than any other minister, whose sermons have captivated me, as is evidenced especially in the opening sermon in the book, "Achieving Life's Leadership." His sermons have many windows in illustrations which you will not soon forget, such as the stories of the little girl who said that "God didn't smile at her" (page 93), Helen Barrett Montgomery's picture of death (page 109), Rauschenbusch's poem, "The Little Gate to God" (page 124), and the triumphant home-going of Dr. A. Ray Petty (page 93). Here is a book whose sermons you will almost learn by heart as you reread them and thumb through its pages over and over again!

The book, "Left-Handed Folks," by Dr. William S. Abernethy (Judson Press—1933—\$1.00—182 pages), minister of the Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., and formerly president of the Northern Baptist Convention, is a series of 22 spiritual chats rather than sermonic discourses. They are friendly, helpful, practical sermonettes, such as "Only Dr. Abernethy can ably bring. If you haven't heard Dr. Abernethy tell the story about his experience with a red-headed caddy on a golf course in Chicago and of the sermon which that boy inspired, you will want to secure the book just to read the chapter, "We." Other chapters which are heavily underlined in my book are "His Hands," "It Can't Be Done," "Frozen Assets," "Life on the

European Plan," "A World's Record." The autographed copy of these sermons by Dr. Abernethy is one of the most prized books in my library.

The Judson Press has received the heartfelt gratitude of the many friends of the late Dr. Carl Wallace Petty, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pottsville, Pa., for publishing the only extant volume of his pulpit addresses in the book, "Today's Jesus" (Judson Press—1934—\$1.00—200 pages). Dr. Petty excelled in a keen discernment and interpretation of contemporaneous movements of life and a prophetic challenge which fearlessly faced the future. His rugged preaching on "Stubborn Faith" has left a leavening influence in the student and intellectual circles, to which he largely ministered. The chapter on "The Homiletical Mind" will be of peculiar interest to ministers. His evangelical spirit is evidenced in such sermons as "Changed Men Change the World" and "Poise in the Face of Panic." The Christian Church of America lost two stalwart giants in the pulpit when "the Pettys" died in the strength of their days.

If you have never heard Dr. Harold C. Phillips preach nor read any of his sermons, I can recommend to you with great enthusiasm the reading of the book containing his sermons, "Sails and Anchors" (Judson Press—1934—\$1.00—180 pages.) Dr. Phillips is the versatile and brilliant minister of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio. His sermons sparkle with epigrammatic phrases and illuminating illustrations; they cut like a two-edged sword into the sins of personal and social life; they persuade one with convincing power of the truth of God speaking through the instrument of his prophet. In this series of sermons Dr. Phillips addresses himself to the man struggling with doubt, to young people in need of wisdom, to business men in the grip of pagan civilization, to hearts longing for world peace, to lives enduring hardships, to people who need to be reborn by the grace of God. In these eleven sermons he runs the entire gamut of human life. His Easter sermon on the text in Ecclesiastes 3:11, "He hath set eternity in their heart" will enhance the life of everyone who reads it earnestly. The opening sermon which bears the title of the book is so expressive of the style and spirit of Dr. Phillips that I shall quote a few of the sentences. "Follow Paul's advice: 'Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.' Two things, you see. Prove. Hold fast. It is easy to do either. It is difficult to do both. In most instances the scales are tipped, but for the discovery of truth we must strike the balance. Set your sail to catch the wind that blows across the ocean, but carry an anchor." I regard Dr. Phillips as one of the five greatest Baptist preachers in the United States, and this volume of his sermons presents some of his most moving messages.

"Reality in Religion" by Dr. John McNeill (Judson Press—1933—\$1.00) is a series of unusually fine and deeply spiritual sermons by the former president of the Baptist World Alliance and for many years the principal of the Theological Faculty of McMaster University.

The other books of the series are by younger Baptist ministers, whose rise into prominence is assured. "For Times Out of Joint" by Charles Lyon Seasholes (Judson Press—1934—\$1.00—174 pages) is a book of 17 brief, suggestive and helpful sermons by the popular young minister of the First Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. It is profusely illustrated with personal experiences, quotations from contemporaneous literature and current events. The sermon on "The Problem of Good" is typical of the fluent and almost racy style, the problematical approach and persuasive power of Mr. Seasholes's utterances.

Another book is "The Sin of Being Ordinary" by Frank B. Fagerburg (Judson Press—1934—\$1.00—155 pages), the young successful minister of the First Baptist Church at Los Angeles, Calif., which offered to me the most interesting reading of sermons, which I have ever enjoyed. His warm idealism, even in the presence of irreconcilable tragedies of life, is most heartening and challenging to one's spirit. Such sermons as "On Top of the World," "The Faith that was Born at Christmas" and "Spiritual Aerophobia" are wholesome Christian stimulations to thought in our modern day.

The latest of the series is the book "Jesus and the Liberal Mind" by Edwin McNeill Poteat, Jr. (Judson Press—1934—\$1.00—237 pages), the minister of the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church of Raleigh, North Carolina. His sermon, "Baptists for Such a Time as This," at the Northern Baptist Convention was the climax of those sessions. These sermons are journeys into the depths of profound insight and the heights of exhilarating truth. They will require "the painful process of intense thinking," but great will be the reward for him who devotes himself studiously to these addresses!

Secure one of these books of sermons now and open your mind to these searching sermons by Baptist preachers who are making history!

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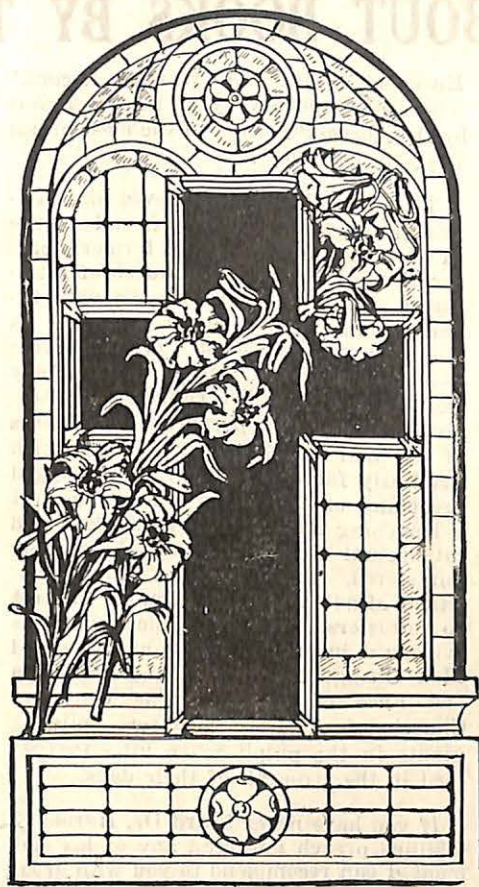


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