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What's Happening

The Rev. J. J. Lippert has been serving our church in Greenvine, Texas, since the middle of June. The prospects in this church are promising for a blessed ministry in the months and years to come.

Mr. Henry Koslow, one of the members of this year's graduating class of our Rochester Seminary, is serving our German Baptist church in Max, N. Dak., as well as a nearby English church. He began his ministry as pastor of these churches with the first Sunday in July.

The Rev. G. Wetter, pastor of our church in Watertown, Wis., reports that recent union services were held for several Sunday evenings with each of the local pastors participating in the services. A fine and helpful spirit prevailed in these cooperative services on the part of the Protestant churches of Watertown.

As the result of an appeal made on Children's Day to the members of the Church School of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., for a definite decision to accept Christ as their personal Savior two girls and two young ladies responded and were baptized by the Rev. George Hensel, pastor, on Sunday, June 23.

The Rev. Eckhard Umbach, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mich., has moved in July to Ann Arbor, Mich., where his address now is 1610 Dexter Ave. He will be available for evangelistic and supply work wherever opportunities arise. A son, Mr. William Umbach, is finishing his work for a Ph. D. degree at the University of Michigan.

The Rev. J. J. Abel, pastor of our church at Lehr, N. Dak., baptized 7 persons recently in the City Park lake. He was assisted by the Rev. B. W. Krentz of Wishek. More than a thousand persons gathered at the lake to witness the service. In the four years of his ministry in our church at Lehr, Mr. Abel has had the joy of witnessing the growth from a membership of 167 to 272 persons.

A new church is under construction in Wishek, N. Dak., where the Rev. B. W. Krentz is pastor. The church will worship in the spacious basement room which will be completed early this summer until the entire church can be built. All labor is being donated by the men of the church. A Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks in July by Mr. Krentz in the public school building with about 100 pupils present.

On Sunday evening, June 30, a series of revival meetings extending for three weeks came to a close in the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., The Rev. Forest Kuhn, the evangelist, brought the old-fashioned, gospel mes-

sage in a heart stirring way, so that all who heard him were richly blessed and inspired. The young people cooperated by beautifying the services with their special singing and encouraging presence.

Dr. Will H. Houghton, president of Moody's Bible Institute in Chicago, was the special speaker in our Oak Park Church on Sunday evening, June 16. His message, "The Approach of Man to God and the Approach of God to Man," was brought to a large attendance which filled the church. A Vacation Bible School was held for three weeks in the church under the leadership of Miss Victoria Orthner, missionary, and the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, pastor.

The Golden Jubilee of the Young People's Society of the Harlem Baptist Church in New York City was held on Thursday evening, June 13, before a well filled church. Mr. Alfred F. Orthner, president, was in charge. Mr. E. F. Maeder, who served the society as president for 32 years, presented an interesting historical review of the past 50 years. A playlet, entitled "He Will Do," was presented by a group of the young people and served as the climax of the evening's program.

A splendid Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks in our church at Elgin, Iowa, in June. The average attendance was 48. The daily missionary offering was designated by the pupils for Paul Gebauer and the Cameron field. The Rev. Paul Zoschke, pastor of the church, preached the baccalaureate sermon at the high school, brought an address before a large civic gathering on Memorial Day and is giving himself enthusiastically to the ministry of the church and the Kingdom of God.

The minister and members of our church in Gotebo, Okla., are praising God for his blessings in adding 12 persons by confession of their faith in Christ and through baptism to the church on Sunday, June 30. These converts have come partly as a result of the revival services led by our evangelist, the Rev. H. C. Baum, early in April. The pastor, the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, reports that "there is also a growing spirit of consecration and fellowship for which we are most thankful."

Recently a new young people's society composed of 30 members was organized in the Berlin county station of our church at Martin, N. Dak., under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. G. G. Rauser. On Wednesday evening, June 12, the society rendered its first program consisting of duets, quartets, trios, choir selections, readings and dialogues. A large crowd had gathered to attend the program. On Easter Sunday evening

two plays were given by the Sunday School with five to six hundred people in attendance.

On June 5 our church in Pekin, Ill., held a gala reception for 21 new members and observed the seventh anniversary of the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Blatt, in their service in the church. The pastor summed up some of the changes and responsibilities among the membership in a brief address. A part of the program consisted of a trumpet solo by Rollie Best who won the state championship for Junior High trumpet work and a humorous reading by Elizabeth Ubben who ranked first in the state contests for that feature in high schools.

The White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, held a splendid Children's Day program on Sunday, June 30. A service of dedication of little children was in charge of Miss Evelyn Rubly, superintendent of the Cradle Roll department. The pageant, called "The Garden," was presented by the children of the Beginners' and Primary departments, and the pageant, "The Happiness Highway," was ably given by the Junior and Intermediate departments. Miss Ursula Jost was Children's Day Queen. Mr. Nick Giesse is superintendent of the Bible School.

The Rev. H. Rumpel has been serving as missionary-pastor in the promising field of the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, Canada, since the middle of May. He is pastor of our churches in Kelowna and Vernon and is striving to enlarge the sphere of our evangelistic activities. In July three members of the Mission Committee of the Pacific Conference, the Rev's. J. Kratt, secretary, R. Klingbeil and George Lang, made a personal survey of the field. The Okanagan Valley seems to have bright prospects for future missionary service by German Baptists of North America.

The Rev. Thorwald W. Bender of George, Iowa, was the dean of a union Vacation Bible School in George which was held in the Second German Baptist Church from June 10 to 28. The enrollment of 118 was considerably larger than it had ever been. On Sunday evening, June 30, the closing exercises were held before an audience that filled the church to overflowing. Mr. Bender's closing sermon themes during July before going to Sioux Falls College were: "The Christian Church on Trial," "The Needs of the Christian Church," "The Challenge of the Christian Church," and "The Christian Church at Work."

The Young People's Assembly of the Northern North Dakota Association was held in Washburn, N. Dak., from July 8

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The Book of Books

SEVERAL religious periodicals recently described the spectacular Bible rally which was attended by more than 16,000 persons in the famous Boston Garden and which was publicized as "the first Bible demonstration on this side of the Atlantic." The occasion was linked to the 400th anniversary of Coverdale's translation of the Bible and the 1200th of the Venerable Bede who, with his dying breath, dictated the last sentence of an Anglo-Saxon version of the Gospel of John. Twenty thousand copies of that gospel were distributed. Across the great arena were emblazoned the words of the motto: "The Word of God Endureth Forever."

That is, indeed, a symbolic picture of the story of the Bible. It is "the book of books" which is published annually far in excess of the most popular books of the day. It draws the multitudes to its pages because of its healing ministry and spiritual message. It never needs to be defended nor championed since as "the Word of God" it speaks mightily to every age and to every race of mankind. It ought to be an intimately familiar book to every Christian man and woman.

But the tragic fact must be faced by the religious leaders of our day that the ignorance concerning the Bible by Christian young people is appalling. Boys and girls, who have been pupils in our Sunday Schools for years, are woefully lacking in Bible knowledge concerning some of its simplest stories and truths. The teaching of the Bible in the Sunday School in only a brief half-hour period once a week can never be sufficient for the children of our homes. A deeper personal interest must somehow be awak-

ened in every Christian young person, which will quicken the steps of that person to go constantly to the treasures of the Bible and to bring forth the gems of spiritual truths.

Our young people need to read through the Bible, not only once but several times, from cover to cover. They read long novels with fascination. Here is a book that exceeds any novel for thrilling stories as well as abiding truths. The youth of our day needs to approach the Bible with sincere simplicity rather than critical analysis in order to respond to the beauty and revelation of God therein. The reader who can take the Bible into his hands and read it as if for the first time with all the joy and thrill of great religious discoveries will find his life greatly enriched. The modern translations assist one marvelously in giving the Bible message a new attractive coloring. All kinds of interpretative books may now be secured which will guide one in a more detailed study of the Bible.

As "Pledged-Partners" of Jesus Christ every Christian should "devote some stated time with habitual frequency to the reading of the Bible." Here is "the book of books" which is the entrance into the greatest and most marvelous revelations of life, which is the key to the secret chambers of power, peace, health and happiness, which is the guide-book to the abundant life in Jesus Christ for all eternity. The Christian who fails to make this book his own by the most intimate familiarity with it is robbing himself of life's greatest possession. Make the Bible your book by surrendering yourself to the charm and power of its message!

The Dynamic Church

By the REV. W. H. BUENNING

EACH of us has an idea of what the church seems to be as well as an idea of what the church ought to be. But do we know what the church really is? That is a different question, to be sure. If the writer were to answer it he would say that "the church is not necessarily the visible organization of individuals of which you or I may be members but rather the body of all who have been saved through faith in Christ." That is a very short definition which may not suffice for some, but for the writer it is comprehensive and inclusive enough.

Since it is so commonly true, however, that we think of an organization when we hear the word, "church," we shall now continue along that line of thought and you may picture my church, your church or anybody's church. We are thinking of "the dynamic church," the church with the power of producing motion and of the laws of motion produced in and through such a church.

The Spiritual Life in a Dynamic Church

In the dynamic church we find first of all a dynamo. A dynamo is a machine for converting mechanical power into electrical energy. It is the medium through which effective action is produced to move and to accomplish a definite result. In the dynamic church the dynamo is in the pulpit and in its action as it makes contact with every member of the church. There is no estrangement between pastor and members in such a church. They work in harmony with each other, and the pastor is the organizer in the organization. He is not a member of every committee but rather the director of every effort. The minister is a man whose life is purified with fire from the altar of God. The contact which he makes with the powerhouse of God in spending much time on his knees becomes the flow of the current which is directed to and through the depository of church officers.

In this church the minister does not preach to empty pews or a sparsely populated auditorium. Before the opening of the service every place is occupied, or rather, before the singing of the first hymn all are comfortably seated knowing that they are now in the house of God. In this church the pastor does not preach to members who are present in the body only, whose minds are roaming elsewhere, but he is speaking rather to attendants who are alert, who have open minds and are ready to receive the exhortation from God through his messenger that they might be charged with light and be a light in the darkness round about them.

Praying Members and Willing Workers

Prayer is the conversation of the soul with the invisible God. It is a thing to pray at home, and it is quite a different thing to pray before a congrega-

In this suggestive article the pastor of the German Baptist Church in Gatesville, Texas, opens the reader's eyes to the vision of the ideal Christian Church which will be "dynamic" in its spirit, methods and ministry in the Kingdom of God.

tion. The church needs those who pray at home and in the services. In this church the younger Christians pray as well as the older ones. The prayers which they offer are for others, themselves, the church together with all its branches, the pastor, the missionary undertakings of the church, all the Christian workers at home and abroad, the sick, the needy and the whole world.

Almost always such praying members are willing workers. In some churches people sing, "I shall not be moved," and they seem to mean it differently than the writer of that fine hymn wanted it to be understood, for they get nowhere. In other churches they sing, "Count on me," and these move onward and upward. Having the will harnessed to the activities of the church is a wonderful inclination, since we have noticed frequently that these activities will not move unless motivated by some power from within. In the dynamic church the entire church activity is motivated by every member concerned. In such a place there is never a committee of five with one at work. In this church every member asks: "Where do we go from here?" or "Anything I can do?" or "If anything comes up just phone me." In this church every member gets under the load and carries it to the appointed place and then comes back for more. And when they sing, "You win the one next to you and I win the one next to me; in all kinds of weather we'll all work together," they mean every word of the song.

Love to the Brethren and Fervor in God's Service

In Mark 9:50 we read, "Have salt in yourselves and have peace with one another." Of course, the word "salt" was only a simile in the rhetoric of Christ, but it drove home to the point. In John 14:27 we have these words of Christ: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." In the dynamic church the members are in a comparative state of quiet and tranquility with peace in heart, mind and soul, not because they are so much better than others, but because they act on the advice of the Savior and not on the dictates of their own contrary minds. Here is love for others and love for the one through whom redemption had come.

Because of this love each member in the dynamic church is a determined member. With the Apostle Paul he seems to say: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Nothing has a more discouraging effect on many people than the words, "It can't be done." But when the statement, "I'll try,"

is bred into the system of the individual members the things that can't be done will starve to death.

In these days we hear many people speak of the depression which has been tragically real, and even now many persons are still in low spirits or in a state of continued gloom. But the institution which has especially felt the severity of this time has been the church. In the dynamic church, however, even the depression has not had effect since the members have resolved to see the church go forward unimpaired in its service. They know that where the church fails the Savior fails. They know the value of the soul and that when the church fails to care for the lost souls and neglects to keep her eyes

on the fields that are now ready to harvest the sheaves will never be garnered in. They know that it is a large undertaking but they will win, because "they just buckle in with a bit of a grin; they just take off their coat and go to it; they start in to sing as they tackle the thing, that couldn't be done, and they do it." When there is more to be done than they have time for, they take time off for prayer and then finish the job and have time for more. "Have faith in God!" "Prayer changes things!" "Witness for Christ!" "On this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The Other Side of the Street

This illustrative message by the pastor of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, is one of the finest and most practical homilies which have recently appeared in "The Baptist Herald" and it deserves not only the meticulous consideration by the reader but also the immediate application to all walks of life.

By the REV. J. LEYPOLDT

EVERYONE knows that there are two sides to a street. It may be one of the narrow thoroughfares of an ancient city or one of the wide avenues of a modern metropolis. But all people do not walk on the same side of a street. If we see an acquaintance on the other side of a street, we greet him or even cross the thoroughfare and have a friendly conversation with him and then pass on. We claim the right to walk on our side and we grant our friend the same right to walk on the other side.

If we carried the same attitude of mind into the realms of thinking and judging others, we should solve one of the greatest problems of every-day life. Most of the misunderstandings in family, business and church occur because we fail to consider the other side of a question or problem or truth. One said: "There are two sides to every question, the wrong side and our side." That is frequently our attitude toward a certain problem or a certain person, but every one will have to admit that it is an unfair attitude. It has been said that "language is the means by which human beings misunderstand one another." There would be less misunderstandings, if we would more often consider the other side of a situation or problem.

Contentment in Family Life

If this principle were applied more frequently in family life there would be more happiness and contentment in American homes. A well known woman writer was recently asked: "Which works the harder, the mother or the father in the family?" Dorothy Dix, wisely answered, "Both." If the husband only sees his side, he will think he works harder because he supports the family. If the wife only sees her side, she will claim that her work is harder, because she has longer hours. But if both have the insight and the grace to see the other side of a situation, they will live in harmony and sympathize with each other's problems.

The President of the United States is very fond of

scrambled eggs. Mrs. Roosevelt says that they have to be served every Sunday evening during their married life. The scrambled eggs at the informal Sunday night suppers have followed the Roosevelts even into the White House. The President's wife has said concerning this favorite dish of scrambled eggs: "I never eat them. I only make them because my husband is so fond of them." She is a wise lady in the White House. She realizes that there are other tastes besides her own. She believes in walking on the other side of the street and in considering her husband's tastes and desires and not forcing her own upon him.

Solution of Industrial Problems

How many problems in the industrial world would be much easier of solution, if employers took time to walk on the other side of the street, if they thoroughly investigated before they judged and if they carefully considered before they reached decisions. Why do some firms never have any strikes or labor difficulties? The answer usually is that their employers have the good business sense to realize that there are two sides to be considered, and that "the Golden Rule" as taught by Jesus is a wise policy to follow. Recently the newspapers informed us that an old gentleman, Mr. Van Brunt of Horicon, Wisconsin, gave each of ninety old-time workers and five widows \$3000. It isn't any wonder that this business man during sixty-five years never had a bit of labor trouble with which to contend.

Misunderstandings in Church Life

Most of our misunderstandings in church life could be eliminated if we only considered the convictions, the situations and the rights of others. A guest minister was much annoyed by the strange behavior of two young men while he preached. They never looked up during the sermon but sat closely together, apparently much engrossed with what one was doing with his hands. As their pre-occupation distracted the preacher, he mentioned the matter to

the minister of the church after the service. "Do those two young men behave like that every Sunday?" "Yes, and I thank God for it! One of them is a deaf mute who was drinking in your gospel message, which the other was translating for him by means of the finger alphabet while you spoke." If only the preacher had walked on the other side of the street and if he had only sat where the two young men were sitting, his feelings and judgment concerning them would have been entirely different. If church members would only walk more frequently on that side of the street on which ministers, church editors and denominational officials walk, they would often be more considerate and more sympathetic towards God's servants who seek to view both sides of the street.

Look at Both Sides of Every Question

There is a legend of two warriors who, tired of riding, dismounted at a wayside fountain, hitched their horses and sat down to rest, one on either side of the fountain. In the center of the fountain stood a figure, the outstretched arm of which held a shield. In the course of their conversation one of the knights referred to "the bronze shield" above them. "That shield is not bronze, but iron, brother," explained the first knight. "You are wrong," insisted the other knight. "That shield is made of bronze." They argued with each other until they finally came to blows. Then each decided to prove that the other was wrong by a closer investigation. To their amazement they discovered that both were right, for one side of the shield was bronze and the other side was iron! If knight number one had only walked on the other side of the fountain and knight number two had done the same, they would have avoided the misunderstanding that resulted in harsh words and cruel blows.

We are sometimes unfair in our judgment, because we can only see one side of a theological question or a church problem. As Baptists we have always stood for religious liberty. We claim not only the right to worship God according to dictates of our own conscience but we grant that same privilege to others who may differ with us religiously. Baptists have made mistakes, but in this matter we have always considered the other side of the street. We have never persecuted any group who differed with us along religious lines. Many soldiers of Christ may not belong to our regiment, but we gladly grant them the same privilege that we enjoy. If they desire to march on the other side of the street under another denominational banner, we have no quarrel with them. We know that "the Great Shepherd" has other sheep besides those in our fold.

Stand Up for Your Convictions!

Considering the other side of the street, however, does not mean that we should have no convictions, that there are no truths which we should defend, no standards which we should uphold and no principles which we should enunciate and, if necessary, for which we should suffer and die. We must walk on **one side** of the street. We must have convictions and principles, if we are to be true to

Christ and his teachings. We must stand firm for those truths that are more precious to us than life itself. We cannot be stragglers nor can we divide ourselves.

When the late President Taft was Secretary of War he set out one afternoon for a baseball game with two tickets in his pocket. He was in the habit of buying two seats so that he could have plenty of room. When he got to the grandstand he handed the two tickets to the usher who led the way to the two seats. When he reached them he paused. "What's the trouble, young man?" said Mr. Taft. "Sorry, Mr. Secretary," said the usher, "but if you sit in these two seats you're going to have some difficulty. They're on opposite sides of the aisle." It was a humorous incident but Mr. Taft could not divide himself and still remain a man.

Just as our jovial president could not sit on both sides of the aisle, so we cannot walk on both sides of a street at the same time. We must make our choice. We must have our convictions. We must follow the truth as we see it. We must be faithful to him who said: "Follow me!" But we dare not close our eyes to the other side of the street or we shall miss many interesting and beautiful things in life. If we go through the years with a closed mind, we shall get into a rut, and a rut is simply a grave with the ends knocked out. We should travel on the narrow way but not be narrow-minded.

The Greatest Commandment of God

Christ and Paul were great believers in walking on the other side of the street. What is the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself but simply another way of saying that one should not only think of himself and his own interest but look across the street, see your neighbor's needs and give him some of your sympathy and assistance.

Christ was always thinking of others, of their temptations, struggles, failures and their need of help. The Pharisees believed in walking on their side of the street and ignoring the other side. They had no use for the publicans and sinners. All they could see was their side of religion. Jesus not only looked on the opposite side, but he went to those who were ostracized and stretching out a helping hand, he lifted them upon a higher level of life.

Jesus' Prayer for Others

When our Savior was nailed to the cross, he did not curse the Jews nor the Roman soldiers. He thought of the other side when he prayed: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." We as Christians have no right to condemn the Jews. If we walk on the opposite side and examine ourselves, we shall discover that we are guilty of the same sins in our day that nailed Jesus to the cross in Pilate's day. We are not a whit better than the Jews who cried: "Crucify him, crucify him!"

As we as young people journey through life, may we have the perspective of Jesus and be thoughtful, kind and considerate toward others, remembering that we should practice "the Golden Rule" and bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Golden Jubilee at Madison, S. Dak.

"In 1882 the Rev. H. L. Dietz, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., inherited 80 acres of land near Madison. The following year he came to view the land. He found a few families who were members of the church and encouraged them in the service of the Lord. On August 17, 1884, the first steps were taken leading to the organization of the church. On November 9, 1884, the Sunday School was founded with three teachers, eight children and eight scholars in the Bible Class. On the third day of May, 1885, sixteen German Baptists united to organize the First German Baptist Church."

Thus the present pastor, the Rev. J. F. Olthoff, writes in the neat souvenir program prepared for the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the First German Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak. It contains photos of all the pastors, churches and parsonages, besides a concise history of the church. The following brethren served the church as pastors: Wm. Achterberg until 1887; J. Staub from October 1887 to April 1890; W. H. Mueller from November 1894 to June 1900; D. Koester from October 1900 to November 1904; R. J. Hack from April 1905 to Nov. 1912; Jacob Pfeiffer from January 1913 to July 1917; during the interim of 3 months Emil Otto served the church very acceptably; W. S. Argow from October 1917 to October 1926; J. F. Olthoff, the present pastor, since January 30, 1927.

Extensive preparations had been made fittingly to observe this 50th anniversary of the church. June 9 to 12 had been set aside for this celebration. The Rev. O. E. Krueger preached the Sunday morning sermon in English on "Looking Forward." He is a spiritual son of the church, since it sent him to Rochester and later ordained him into the Christian ministry. He was elected moderator for the next General Conference of German Baptists and will enter into his new duties in September as a member of the faculty of the German Department of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. The Rev. D. Koester preached in German in a later service on "The Picture of the Seven Golden Candlesticks." During the same period the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald," spoke in English in the high school auditorium on "A Never Failing Promise."

After a bountiful picnic dinner, served in the church, the Sunday School and young people met in the afternoon for a special service. Short talks were given by Professor E. F. Krueger of Sioux Falls College, another son of the church, on "The Sunday School, a Church Asset." He presented a badge as a memento to a group of 50 boys and girls to be worn on the 75th and 100th anniversaries. Emil Kolashefsky spoke on the topic, "As I Saw the B. Y. P. U.;" Fred Schrepel on "Our Future Sunday School;" Miss Bernice Stier on "B. Y. P. U. Aspi-

rations." Our genial editor, Mr. M. L. Leuschner, followed with an address on "Growing Old Gracefully."

The evening service was known as "Community Night." Greetings were brought by the pastors of the various Protestant churches, stressing the fraternal spirit which exists among them. It fell to the lot of this scribe to preach the evening sermon on the text: "Other men have toiled, and you reap the profit of their toils." And so "the evening and the morning were the first day."

Monday evening was "Ladies Night," and not a single man had any part whatsoever in the program. The presi-

General Secretary, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, followed with an address on the question, "Are You Proud of Your Family?"

On Wednesday night the spacious dining rooms were filled with happy guests to partake of the fellowship dinner which turned out to be a sumptuous affair. After some of the older members of the church had spoken and letters of former members had been read, among which was a missive from the only remaining charter member, Mr. H. G. Mueller, who was prevented from attending, the ministers gave brief addresses. This program as well as all others was interspersed by instrumental music, solos,



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dent, Mrs. Paul Krug, presided and brought a message of welcome. A ladies chorus of 50 voices marched onto the platform and sang harmoniously. The different speakers were ushered in by young ladies who dressed in the styles of the various periods in the church's history and who sang appropriate selections. Mrs. F. C. Krueger spoke on "Foundations;" Mrs. E. F. Krueger of Sioux Falls on "Pillars;" Mrs. H. F. Krueger on "Windows;" Mrs. A. K. Stier on "Arches;" Mrs. G. Rashdorf on "Steps." Miss Alma Bartel, missionary in Cleveland, Ohio, a spiritual daughter of the church, was to have been the main speaker, but she was prevented from attending.

A very solemn memorial service conducted by Mesdames Olthoff, Kolashefsky and Jung brought to mind many of the departed loved ones. As their names were read a flower was placed in a large wreath. Dr. Wm. Kuhn said that the rendition of the evening's program was as good as he had seen anywhere without exception.

Tuesday was "Denominational Night" with the moderator of the General Conference presiding. The Rev. A. L. Tilgner spoke on the theme, "Praising God For What He Has Done." The

duets, trios, quartets, sextets, girls' and mixed choruses ably directed by Mrs. Wm. Rohrer, the former Frieda Hack. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by the showing of pictures of members of "ye good old days," the singing of "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds," and the benediction.

Lack of space prevents the detailed recital of the unselfish services of the many departed, of the very helpful cooperation of the Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., Ladies' Missionary Society, World Wide Guild and other societies, of the outstanding entertainment of the General Conference in 1913, a feat which has never been equalled, and of the new edifice erected to replace the second which was destroyed by fire. It can be truly said of each and every one who had a part in the preparation that "the people had a mind to work."

As a general of old said to his soldiers when he had drawn them up before the pyramids: "Soldiers, the centuries look down upon you," so to the church at Madison, S. Dak., the past flings out a challenge to undertake even greater things for God! May the church accept the challenge and help to lay a redeemed world at the feet of Him who died to save mankind. WILLIBALD S. ARGOW.

Life Supreme

THE STORY OF A GIRL WHO FOUND THE SECRET TO THE JOY OF LIVING IN HER HOME-TOWN

SYNOPSIS

(Margaret Worthington graduated from college and returned to her home in the little town of Forestville. She felt uncomfortable and ill at ease in that home with the many members of the family getting on her nerves and the joy of her father as a minister of the gospel among these country people a great mystery to her. On the occasion of a party on her birthday, her brother, Bob, surprised everyone by relating the latest news that Forestville was to have a hospital. Soon thereafter Margaret heard that she had been picked up as a forelorn waif from the streets of New York City by those whom she now called Daddy and Mother Worthington. A noticeable change came over Margaret. She began to think of helping people, planning for the hospital and most recently attempting to organize "a Home Making Club" for the girls and women of Forestville. The hospital was completed and Margaret joined its enthusiastic friends in trying to raise the necessary funds for the equipment and furnishings. She thought of Mr. Walters, the town miser, as a prospective donor to the hospital and called on him. On her return to the hospital Jack White, whom she always mistrusted, asked her to be his wife and to leave "the scum" of Forestville and go to the big city with him. She fled from his words and rushed out into the rain, seeking shelter in a nearby milk station. There Mr. James, director of schools, inquired of her whether she would teach school in town next year, to which she joyously agreed, surprising even herself. She rushed home to break the good news. Soon afterwards everyone got ready to go to "the doings" at the hospital that evening and Margaret was asked to drive with Stanley Burgess since the Worthington car was crowded.)

CHAPTER FIVE

"Well, I like that!" said Margaret as she stared after the departing vehicle, and Stanley, agreeing with her, said, "I do too!" and in a few moments they were off.

The audience was provided with seats on the spacious hospital lawn, while the doorway of the building was brightly lighted and the program was to be presented to the people from there. A large crowd had already gathered and the only remaining seats were to be found on the outskirts of the crowd, and so Margaret and Stanley contented themselves with these.

First on the program was the presentation of the new hospital staff to the people. There was an elderly doctor, who had lost his life's saving, and not wishing to begin all over again he was

glad to earn a living and at the same time keep up his beloved work. There was another doctor, a middle aged gentleman whose small son was suffering from some malady, who had welcomed the opportunity of working here while his son benefitted from the climate. Then there were about seven or eight nurses. Several had come because they had no work and were glad to work anywhere at their chosen professions, and several had come because they too possessed the pioneering spirit of adventure and they welcomed the opportunity to be of real service to mankind.

The speakers consisted of the Rev. Mr. Worthington, the Old Doc and the Young Doc, the banker, Mr. Williams, and a few other prominent citizens. There were no out-siders, and these who spoke were well known by all. What they said, because it came from the depths of their hearts and because they were admired by their fellow-citizens, went again to the hearts of the listeners.

While Margaret listened attentively, she suddenly felt something thrust into her hands. She looked up, right into the sharp little eyes of the old miser, and before she could say anything to him he was swiftly disappearing into the darkness of the night. She looked at the envelope which had been thrust into her hands and with trembling fingers began to open it. Out of it she drew a number of huge bills and then she pushed them hastily back and hurried to the front with her treasure. No one noticed her go as her attention was directed at the present speaker and she walked outside the circle of light. The Old Doc sat nearest the edge of the improvised platform, and so Margaret gave him the envelope and explained very carefully from whom it was and why it was given. Then she hurried back to her seat and told Stanley, who was wondering what she was doing, what had happened.

Meanwhile the Old Doc and Daddy Worthington were seen to be in earnest and excited conversation, and they quietly withdrew into the building for a few minutes. After the last speaker had finished the Old Doc again took his stand and facing the people began to speak. In a very few words he told of the large gift of money with which they had just been presented, thanked the giver, who as Margaret hoped was somewhere within hearing distance, and then told the people who this giver was. An astonishing murmur swept the crowd until some one at the back began clapping and then soon all were clapping and cheering loudly. That is, all except a few who pessimistically assured their friends that it was all a farce. The old miser would

never be capable of doing anything of the kind!

Margaret could hardly sleep that night. The first thing the next morning she planned to hasten to the Hollow to thank Mr. Walters for the generous gift. This was the first time that she had ever tasted the fruits of her labor, and it tasted good! If she hadn't been strong willed enough to visit him in spite of opposition this might never have happened. Margaret felt very happy, indeed.

Early the next morning, while the grass was still wet with dew and the early birds were seeking their worms, Margaret started on this trip. She wanted to find the old gentleman at home, before he set out for a day of work in the fields, for she could not wait until evening.

She found him coming from the barns, and for an instant she felt a pang of disappointment, for he still looked to be the same old miser he always had been. She did not understand how anyone could be so generous and not show it. However, she hurried forward and again stretched her hand toward him, and this time he timidly took it into his own and shook it.

"Good morning, Mr. Walters," she said brightly. "I see that you are busy, and I won't take up much of your time. I just had to come and thank you for the wonderful gift you gave us last night. You were wonderful to give it, too. We all feel so grateful to you for it. Thank you, again."

His face lighted up, and he stammered, "Oh, that's all right. I'm glad if you want it."

"Of course, we want it, because we need it. What a beautiful garden you have there, Mr. Walters!" she exclaimed as she caught sight of the garden which her mother had mentioned in their discussion that day some weeks before. She went to it and began examining the flowers, some of which she had never seen before. She questioned the old gentleman about them, and soon they were freely conversing with each other. "You must like flowers a lot to be able to raise such beautiful ones," Margaret said.

For just a moment Mr. Walters hesitated before he said softly, "I keep them as a remembrance of my mother."

How queer that such a forlorn old gentleman should be raising flowers in remembrance of his mother! There must be some story behind it all.

"Oh," she said, "then your mother loved flowers?"

"I always think she did. I don't remember her ever having any, but then we were always so poor she couldn't afford them, I'm sure. But she was beau-

tiful and she had a beautiful soul and a kind heart. So I know she loved beautiful flowers, too. I have nothing to remember her by, and so I raise these flowers in her honor. I don't even know where they have buried her, and so I cannot decorate her grave."

"You don't know where she's buried?" asked Margaret softly, forgetting she had ever feared this man.

"I was only a little fellow when she died, and they took her away from me and put me in a home."

"Oh!" said Margaret, not knowing what else to say. Why that was even worse than being a doorstep baby. "Tell me," she asked gently.

Slowly and brokenly he told her his whole story, while she asked questions and encouraged him to go on. He told of his mother, the only human being who had ever loved him. He told of her beauty, of the happy hours they had spent together. She had been his pal and companion all during her life, and so he seldom found it necessary to seek the companionship of the street children. They did not like him either, although he was too young to understand why. When he was still very, very young she died and they placed him in a "Home." Here he discovered that all the other children had two names and he had only one, Johnny. That was why they scoffed at him and taunted him, and he soon realized that it was an unmistakable disgrace to go through life with no family name. He tried to recall his mother's name, but he could not remember what people called her on the few occasions when they found it necessary to speak to her. So he decided to give himself a name, but that didn't help matters any. They explained to him that children always took the name of their fathers and he didn't have any father. So it seemed as if any name he took would not make a difference. He could not help it if he didn't have a father, but the other boys merely laughed and scoffed, and so he dropped the matter. Of course, he could not forget it. They would not let him. Even the matrons and some of the teachers at school treated him as if they would soil their supposedly spotless souls by speaking kindly to him. So early in life, he learned to be an outcast from the rest of society.

In time he grew up and was dismissed from the "Home." The business world did not ask many questions, and because he had an excellent business he refrained from making personal friends because he remembered too vividly the suffering of his boyhood. After several years he made the acquaintance of a young lady, and in due time he wished to marry her. She wanted to find out all about him, though. He had forgotten to consider that she might do this. She was poor and he could offer her a happy home and more than she had ever had. But no, she must know about him. At first he was tempted to lie, or at least omit the disagreeable parts of his life story, but then his beloved mother had taught him

always to speak the truth. He would not go back on her now, so he told the young lady his story. She was shocked and horrified. How could he expect her to marry a man without a name? Honor meant more to her than love and wealth. And so again he was made to suffer for something for which he was not in the least to blame. After this he vowed he would never attempt to make a friendship again. If people did not want him, he would have the graciousness to keep out of their way. His life was extremely unhappy although he was to all outward appearances a successful business man.

This young lady married a poorer man and after a number of years he died and left his widow with no money and a family of little children. Hesitatingly Mr. Walters decided to offer them help, only to meet rebuff again. They did not want either him or his money. So he decided that he was to be an outcast, a disgrace to mankind all his life. So he gave up his job and fled to seclusion, where he was now living.

After he had finished his tale, he smiled sadly as he looked at Margaret and said, "I probably wouldn't have told you this, but you have a right to know whose money you are getting, and now I suppose you won't want my gift, either."

"Of course we want it," said Margaret, her cheeks flaming with anger. "You're a thousand times better than any of those snobbish, old people who thought they were so good and made your life miserable." She stopped suddenly, as she remembered that she had been just like those "snobbish, old people" not so very long ago herself! "I used to be like that myself," she confessed slowly, "until I found out that I wasn't so great after all. I know how you feel, but I never suffered as you did. It seems terrible to have to go through life like that, but I'm sure you will find life much more pleasant from now on! The people appreciate that gift and naturally they will appreciate the giver. You must come and see the hospital, Mr. Walters. You simply must. I'll take you through. Please promise me that you will come soon," she begged.

Very reluctantly he promised, since it was not easy to face the cruel world after so many years of seclusion. But this girl understood because,—well, hadn't she said she did and hadn't she shown it by her actions and her kindly interest? Perhaps, the world had changed during the last twenty years and he might find some happiness before his life's race was ended.

With the assurance of his promise, Margaret bade him farewell and hastened home. The sun had risen higher in the heavens, and the farmers were busy in their fields. Some waved or shouted happily to her as she passed by, and she waved and shouted back to them. She was approaching Granny's shanty-home when she noticed the old woman hurrying through her neighbor's corn field and carrying a heavy bag. She would glance nervously from side to side as she hur-

ried on, but since her eyesight was dimmed Margaret knew that she did not see her coming down the road. Was Granny up to her old tricks again? Why did she steal? Maybe if some one told her that they would take Jimmy from her if she didn't better her ways she might think about it. Certainly she wasn't a good example to the boy. She decided she would stop at the house and pretend it was only a friendly visit. Perhaps an opportunity to bring this up would arise, and if it didn't she would at least have had an excuse for her visit. She would invite Granny to see the hospital. She might be impressed by its friendly atmosphere and the gentleness of the nurses and doctors and decide to allow them to help Jimmy. One could never tell. Hadn't Mr. Walters turned out favorably? Of course, that did not mean that everyone would turn out likewise, but she would drop in on Granny anyhow and see what she could accomplish.

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Atlantic Conference

INSPIRATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW ENGLAND Y. P. AND S. S. W. ASSOCIATION

The thirty-eighth New England Association convened with the church at Boston from May 31 to June 2. Quite a number of delegates and visitors presented themselves to enjoy a few days of Christian fellowship with one another. Certainly, it can be said that none were disappointed, for a fine atmosphere prevailed.

On Saturday afternoon a bus ride was taken to places of interest which was greatly enjoyed. Upon our return a buffet supper was served at the church. A short business meeting followed with Miss Clara Berger, president, presiding. Reports were given by the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies of the various churches. We then adjourned to the auditorium where a mass meeting was held. It was a great pleasure to all present to hear the Rev. H. V. Jensen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Melrose, Mass. His topic was "Today's Youth and Tomorrow's Church" in which he stressed the fact that the youth of today must be given something challenging to do. The collection received on this evening was extended to the Boston church to be used for the purchase of chairs.

The new officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Walter Charsky, New Britain; vice-president, Lillie Zissell, Bridgeport; secretary, Rose Behler, New Haven; ministerial adviser, Rev. F. H. Woyke, Meriden; auditors, Harold Berger, Bridgeport, and Sidney Steinberg, New Britain.

We would add a word of appreciation and thanks to the church at Boston for their kindness and hospitality. The blessings and Christian fellowship which we enjoyed in their midst will not soon be forgotten.

REPORTER.

Texas and Louisiana Conference

ORDINATION OF THE REV. EDWIN KRAEMER

On Sunday afternoon, May 26, a council of 18 members representing 6 of the German Baptist churches of Texas met at the call of the Cottonwood church to consider the advisability of setting apart Mr. Edwin Kraemer of the Cottonwood church to the gospel ministry. Mr. Kraemer had just finished a four-year course at Baylor University, and on the following day received the A. B. degree. Prof. Tidwell of Baylor University was chosen by the council to act as its chairman and the Rev. W. H. Buenning as clerk. Mr. Kraemer related his Christian experience, his call to the ministry and doctrinal convictions. It was unanimously voted by the council to advise the church to proceed with the ordination. The Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn, the candidate's pastor, preached the ordination sermon. The Rev. C. H. Edinger of Kyle spoke words of welcome and gave the charge to the candidate, and the Rev. W. H. Buenning of Gatesville addressed the church. The Rev. Edward Kraemer pronounced the benediction. Brother Kraemer will serve the church at Donna during the summer. May the Lord bless their work together! W. H. BUENNING, Clerk.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT DALLAS, TEXAS

On June 9, 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Steindam were united in marriage by the Rev. F. Sievers. On Saturday night, June 8, 1935, they gave a reception at their home in honor of that memorable event 25 years ago. All members of the German Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, and many friends were invited. Among the distinguished visitors were the Rev. H. C. Baum, our evangelist from Chicago, the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Ehrhorn, (Mrs. Ehrhorn is a sister of Mrs. Steindam), the Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Koller from Newark, N. J., and Mrs. F. Sievers. After a short service in which God was given the glory for the many blessings which our friends have enjoyed during their happy married life, we had a period of social fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Steindam are very active in church work, Mrs. Steindam being a teacher in the Primary Department of the Sunday School and Mr. Steindam a teacher of a boys' class and a leader of the Junior Department in the B. Y. P. U. He has also served in various offices in the church and for about 6 years has been one of our trusted deacons.

We wish that their future may be even brighter than the past and that they may have many years of happy service ahead of them

PHILIP POTZNER, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

FORTIETH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE IOWA BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

The Iowa Assembly was held from June 11 to 13 at the Walnut Street Baptist Church at Muscatine, Iowa. The motto of the convention was "To Know Him," and this was stressed in the several addresses.

The convention opened on Tuesday evening, June 11, with several numbers by the local society, an address of welcome and response by the president of the Union. Then we listened to a very stirring message by the Rev. C. Swyter of Steamboat Rock on the subject, "To Know Him," from the text, Philippians 3:10. "Learning to know Jesus resulted in a truly converted and deeply consecrated life for Paul. Knowing Christ will make us Christ-centered."

In the devotional period on Wednesday morning the thought was emphasized that, since temptations are greater today, we ought to put on the whole armor of God. Following this the Rev. Albert W. Lang of Buffalo Center spoke on the passage, 1 Peter 2:1-10. "Christians are privileged people. Ours is a royal priesthood. We are called to stand before God in a special way. We are to live a sanctified life wherever we go. It gives us a special dignity and honor."

The Rev. Mr. Oltrogge of Waverly, our guest preacher, gave us excerpts from his lecture on "Science, Evolution and the Bible" in the morning and afternoon sessions. "Evidences of archeology in the digging up of papira rolls prove that the Bible is true. Evolution is absolutely impossible, because it is decreed in God's Word that all things must reproduce after their own kind. Education with Christ spells salvation but without Christ it means damnation."

In the evening service Mr. Oltrogge gave us an exhibition of the highest explosive made, which proved to be very interesting. "The Word of God has so much power that if it would explode in our midst we would have to build anew. In the power of God there is this spiritual explosive that will enter a heart of sin and regenerate and make anew that soul."

On Thursday morning, June 13, the Rev. A. G. Lang of Parkersburg said that we "must be born again and must pray. We usually choose the easiest thing to do anything. What we need today is young people who have the determination to tackle the hard jobs and to do real work for Jesus Christ." Miss Margaret Lang, who is home on furlough from the Sudan Interior Mission of Africa, gave us a missionary address. She added some words to our convention motto and made it to read, "To Know Him and to Make Him Known." Another one of our girls, Miss Carrie Swyter, daughter of the Rev. C. Swyter of Steamboat Rock, brought us a personal testimony. In September she will leave

for the northern part of Africa. She told us how she always had the desire to be a missionary and from the very first she said it was to be in Africa. Now she is very happy in her life's work.

During the early part of the afternoon we had an election of new officers which resulted as follows: Harm Frey of Aplington, president; Reuben Hackman of Elgin, vice-president; Bertha Ellen Schwitters of Steamboat Rock, secretary-treasurer. Later in the afternoon we made a tour through the beautiful Wild-Cat Den, about ten miles north of Muscatine. After walking for miles and miles, we were very ready to partake of the delicious picnic supper served by the local society in Weed Park.

The Rev. C. F. Lehr of Aplington brought an inspiring message at the closing service on Thursday evening. "To know Jesus means not so much to know all that is to be known about him, as it is to know him as a living reality in personal experience. The only way to face the future is to let Christ come into our hearts and be what he wants to be, a living Savior, a present reality."

There were 204 registered delegates at the convention. The missionary offering at the closing meeting was \$52.88.

RUTH LOHMANN, Reporter.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET IN THE IMMANUEL CHURCH, MILWAUKEE

On May 18 a "Mother and Daughter Banquet" was given by "The Mary and Martha Class" of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis. One hundred and fifty mothers and daughters attended. During the dinner Mrs. Quade led the group in some pep songs. After the dinner Lucille Schiller, president of the World Wide Guild, called upon several of the guild girls to give toasts to their mothers.

The speaker of the evening, Mrs. Richel, wife of the Rev. G. Richel, pastor of the Bay View Church of the city, spoke on the subject, "Co-workers with Christ," which proved an inspiration both to mothers and daughters.

A beautiful candlelight service followed. Mildred Quade, carrying a lighted candle symbolic of the life of Christ, lit the candle of the mother on her right, who in turn lit the candle of the mother on her right until all the candles of the mothers were burning. After the mothers had risen, Mrs. Wedel read the pledge of the mothers. In like manner the daughters were asked to light their candles from the candles of their mothers, and after rising, to repeat the pledge of the daughters read by Lucille Schiller.

The secretary of the class, Mrs. H. Mueller, awarded prizes to the oldest mother, the youngest mother, and the mother having the most daughters present. The program was planned by Mrs. Loehr, teacher of the class, Mrs. Nutting, president of the class, and Mrs. Schultz.

Northern Conference

HAPPENINGS IN THE MANITOBA CONVENTION

The second week in June was a special time of inspiration and fellowship for our Manitoba churches. On the evening of June 11 we were welcomed in our Oak Bank church for the sessions of our Manitoba Convention. During those days we made a special study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. The reports of the churches were very encouraging. Many were led to Jesus Christ during recent evangelistic activities. Our Manitoba Churches are growing.

With even greater expectations we assembled in the rural Baptist church near Whitemouth for the sessions of our "Jugendbund" from June 14 to 16. The Whitemouth district during the fair month of June is an attraction in itself because of its scenic beauty. Add to that the friendliness of our people, and it is no wonder that almost 225 delegates attended.

The opening address was given by the Rev. F. A. Bloedow on "Constant Young People." A message of welcome by the local minister, the Rev. E. E. Bonikowsky, was given a response by the Rev. A. Felberg. Three addresses were brought on the following morning by Mr. G. Beutler, theological student of Rochester, N. Y., the Rev. A. Felberg and the Rev. E. Mittelstedt on the respective themes, "Building a New World," "Difficulties and Possibilities in Sunday School Work" and "Difficulties and Possibilities in Music."

In the business meeting the "Jugendbund" was officially dissolved and then taken into the Tri-Union of our Northern Conference together with the Sunday Schools and church choirs of the convention. To stimulate interest among the societies prizes were offered by several donors in the form of banners, batons and vases to be awarded at the next session of the Union. Our new officers are the Rev. A. Felberg, president; Rev. E. E. Bonikowsky, vice-president; J. Luebeck, director of young people's work; F. A. Bloedow, director of Sunday School work; E. Mittelstedt, director of song and music; Mr. R. Stober, treasurer; and Miss Alice Herb, secretary.

Sunday, June 16, was a special day of blessing for us with such features as the address by the Rev. J. Luebeck on "Christian Youth" in the morning service and the union program in the evening, in which among other fine numbers two dialogues were presented. Song and music also contributed much to kindle an enthusiasm that is not going to die away so quickly. It will last "till we meet again" and will help us to carry on courageously during the coming year. Our congratulations to the Beausejour society which won the banner this year. Long may our Manitoba Tri-union live!

E. E. BONIKOWSKY, Reporter.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REV. ROBERT FENSKE BY HIS FRIEND, THE REV. F. A. BLOEDOW

It was my privilege to have been acquainted with the late Robert Fenske, who recently departed to his eternal reward, for well nigh 30 years, having become his successor in the pastorate of Ebenezer, Sask., in 1905. We became good friends at once, both of us being graduates of the same alma mater. One could not help but love a man as true as Robert Fenske. I have not met a truer Christian gentleman than he in 30 years, although I have met many hundreds and thousands of people in an intimate way during that time.

Brother Fenske was not a brilliant

Southwestern Conference

REPORT OF THE KANSAS YOUNG PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE

The German Baptist Y. P. and S. S. W. Union met with the Stafford Church, June 3 to 6. The theme of the institute was "Lord, Teach Us to Pray," and the devotional period at the opening of each session was based upon some petition in "the Lord's Prayer."

The Kansas young people feel that they have made a new friend in the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, whom they were privileged to have as their guest speaker and who in his frank and uplifting discussions on "The Intimate Problems of Youth" showed that he understood them



Some of the Young People Attending the Kansas Convention at Stafford, June 3 to 6

orator, but he was all the more a faithful messenger of the gospel of Jesus and a diligent worker in the Kingdom of God. It was his lot to labor in the less conspicuous places of life. He never hankered after the praise of men, but it was rather his delight to shine unnoticed in obscure corners.

He was a modest man. Never would he push himself into the foreground, nor would he stop to push others aside. He was almost too meek in his claims for himself. He was a true follower of the lowly Master, the Lord Jesus.

Brother Fenske was an upright man without falseness. He hated hypocrisy and vain glory. He was absolutely dependable. His word was as good as his signature. He was a true friend on whom one could rely without disappointment.

He has now gone to his reward after 52 years of pastoral work. Quietly as he lived, he departed. My only regret is that I was not privileged to stand at his bier and pay him this tribute before the mourning congregation.

Robert Fenske now living in the land of everlasting joy and happiness, as I believe the angels did when you passed through the portals of heaven—I now salute you as a true Christian Gentleman!

and sympathized with them. Other helpful classes were conducted by the Rev. A. R. Sandow, John Heer and A. Weisser. The sunrise service conducted by the Rev. Stanley Geis followed by breakfast and a recreational hour and the young people's banquet based on the theme, "The Non-Stop Flight," were also high points of the institute.

The inspirational song services, the variety of special music furnished by the various churches, the evening addresses by Mr. Leuschner, the hospitality of the Stafford church and the general spirit of friendliness that prevailed over the entire group have made this convention a pleasant memory and an inspiration to the Kansas youth to be steadfast in the work of the Lord.

MRS. WILL WIRTH, Reporter.

OKLAHOMA CONVENTION YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND S. S. WORKERS' UNION

An unusually large attendance and a splendid address on "Victorious Youth," by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, our young people's secretary and editor of "The Baptist Herald," at the opening service of the G. B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Workers' Institute, held at Ingersoll, May 27 to 30, made us all confident of the fact that we would be better able to cope with any situation that might arise in our

churches, when we returned to our various posts. At the close of this institute our highest expectations were realized to the utmost.

In spite of the heavy rains during the previous week, which washed out many bridges and damaged highways, together with the threatening weather, this institute could still boast of a record attendance in view of the circumstances. Only one union failed to appear, that church being Bessie.

We were indeed fortunate in having our general secretary, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, as our principal speaker and instructor. It is impossible to estimate how much we appreciated his addresses, his timely suggestions in regard to the solution of our various problems and for the benefit he was to us socially. We are not unmindful of the work done by our president, Werner Schantz, and those who aided him, and of the efforts of the pastors of the different churches; the Rev. Chas. Wagner of Okeene, the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Gotebo, the Rev. R. A. Klein of the Emanuel Church near Loyal and the Rev. A. Knopf of Ingarsoll.

Each of the day sessions were opened by a devotional period led by one of the Unions. This was followed by two classes, one taught by the Rev. Rudolf Klein and Mr. Leuschner on "German Baptist Missions," and the other on "Stewardship in the Life of Youth," taught by the Rev. Chas. Wagner and the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf. This was followed by a general class in which Mr. Leuschner discussed some current problems pertaining to the young people's societies and Sunday Schools of our churches.

On the second day the business meeting was held. The following officers were elected: Raymond Geis, president; Rev. Charles Wagner, vice-president; Fabian Weber, secretary; Loyd Sebonty, treasurer; and Viola Knopf, corresponding secretary.

After our morning classes on the last day we journeyed to Hatfield's Park at Alva for a picnic. It was truly a sociable gathering. Miss Dorothy Knopf was in charge of the recreation after the basket dinner. She also supervised a recreational period each afternoon.

On the final evening, as is customary, the service took the form of a general program. Each Union contributed two numbers. This was preceded by the installation of the newly elected officers. As much as we regretted to return to our home we were happy and thankful for the institute and all which it offered to us.
FABIAN WEBER, Secretary.

Eastern Conference

"CHRISTIAN YOUTH BUILDING A NEW WORLD"

"Christian Youth Building a New World" was the general theme of the 12th annual meeting of the Baptist Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Institute of Western New York and Pennsylvania District, which convened the first week-end of May at the Bethel Church, Buffalo, New York.

A fine attendance of delegates from the following cities registered: Arnold, Kensington and Erie, Pa., Folsomdale, Rochester and Buffalo N. Y.

Miss Ada C. Miller of Buffalo, president of the Union, responded to the welcome extended by the entertaining church and presided at all meetings. At the Friday evening service, the opening night of the institute, the keynote address: "Shall the Church Concern Itself With Social Problems of Today?" was brought to us by Mr. T. Koester of Rochester.

At the Saturday morning devotional service Mr. Milton Schroeder of Rochester addressed the institute on "Love, the Basis of Human Society," following which the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., conducted a forum, the topic of which was, "Christian Youth Crusading in the Building of a New World." During the afternoon session a paper on "Social Independence" was presented by Mr. Koslow, followed by another forum conducted by Mr. Leuschner, "Christian Youth Adjusting Itself to Prevailing Conditions."

A banquet was held on Saturday evening under the auspices of the young people of Bethel. One of the important features of the program was a one-act drama on Christian education, "These Things Shall Be," presented by 19 of Bethel's young people under the direction of Mrs. Arthur L. Tindall.

The Sunday services were indeed an inspiration to all. The Rev. David Hamel of Rochester brought us the morning message and Mr. Leuschner the evening consecration address, "Youth's Conquest in the New World." Prof. A. A. Schade offered the consecration prayer. It was indeed a happy moment for all in attendance at this service to commune at the Lord's Table "in remembrance of him" before parting.

In closing a sincere acknowledgement is made for the messages in song brought to us by the Rochester Seminary Quartet, now on its summer tour, and the Seminary Student Chorus under the direction of Mr. William Sturhahn.

MRS. ESTHER ELLER GOETZMANN.

Central Conference

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING OF THE ST. JOSEPH ORPHANAGE

The annual meeting of the German Baptist Orphan Board was held at the Home in St. Joseph, Mich., on June 4. All of the members of the board were present with the exception of Mrs. Freitag, Mr. A. Elwang and Mr. C. Schmidt.

There are at present 17 boys and 6 girls between the ages of 6 and 18 years in the Home. Six of these attend high school. Three of the children were recently converted and baptized. There were eight cases of measles and two hospital cases requiring operations.

Originally the Home was intended to take care of children until their 16th year, but since the labor laws prohibit children under 18 from working, the

Home feels its responsibility of caring for them until this age or at least until they have finished high school. The motion was made and carried that the parents or guardians be asked to assume entailing costs after the 16th year of age.

The board sincerely appreciated all gifts which have been received from friends, churches and societies during the year. It regretted its inability to care for the widows and orphans in their own home, but it hopes to resume this duty as soon as financially possible. It is deeply grateful to the General Missionary Society for having undertaken this relief.

The barn and contents were destroyed by fire during the winter, but the loss was covered by insurance. The Home and grounds are in good state of repair. The minutes showed that an insurance inspector, after making his survey, complimented the Rev. Hans Steiger on the excellent manner in which he found the condition of the Home. The grounds are beautiful and the Home is comfortable. However, the walls on the first floor are dingy and need redecorating, and the carpet in the dining room is faded and is in poor condition.

Though the board is not supposed to ask for donations, it would appreciate receiving any contributions. Mr. Henry Bartz of St. Joseph, Mich., has been appointed to receive any funds which may be sent for the Home.

MBS. N. B. NEELEN, Reporter.

INTERESTING YOUNG PEOPLES CONTEST IN CHICAGO

The B. Y. P. U. of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago has just ended a novel and most interesting as well as beneficial contest between the four commissions. The society has now been working with the Commission Plan for several years with great success.

A large thermometer was constructed, which was used to show the progress which the various groups were making from Sunday to Sunday, and it was kept hanging on the front wall of our meeting room. Points were given to the commission having the best attendance at its monthly meeting and for the best attendance of its group members on every Sunday, for the largest offering and for the most correct answers given at the monthly "Bible Quiz." In this Bible study the books of Luke and Romans were used. As a result of this contest we enjoyed large attendances at all our meetings, and our offerings were not only doubled or trebled but brought in five times the usual amount on many Sundays. Besides our members really did some fine Bible studying and have become better acquainted with at least two books of the Bible. The contest was won by the Devotional Commission under the able leadership of Mrs. Edward Meister. The Stewardship Commission, led by Mrs. Minnie Pankratz, finished a close second. Third place went to the Fellowship Group of which Miss Lillan

Dietz is chairman. Walter Gardziella is director of the Service Commission which came in last. As a reward for their work the Devotional Commission was treated to a social by the other three groups.

At the annual election of officers held on June 9 the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Victor Loewen; vice-president, Fred Hoffmann; secretary, Ruth Leuschner; and treasurer, Walter Prescher.

ARTHUR J. PANKRATZ, Reporter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY IN CHICAGO

An assembly of young people standing at attention to the beating of the drum, the presentation of the American and Christian flags made by two members of Boy Scout Troop No. 1840, the pledge of allegiance and the singing of a stanza of "America" and "Onward, Christian Soldiers"—such was the scene opening the 12th annual rally of the German Baptist Sunday Schools of Chicago and Vicinity on Sunday afternoon, May 19, at the First Church in Chicago.

The Sunday Schools gathered in great numbers from all directions to participate in this one great event of the year. Mr. Fred Grosser, vice-president, led the audience in a rousing song service. Mr. Walter Grosser, superintendent of the Oak Park Sunday School, read the Scripture passage and the Rev. E. R. Lengefeld of the Englewood Church offered prayer.

Mr. Herman Siemund, president, led in calling the roll. This is always an exciting time since there is a prize offered for the largest attendance in percentage and the most original song. Nine Sunday schools were represented. The First Church won the Christian flag with an attendance of 91% and the Englewood school was presented with a picture for the best original song.

Mr. Arthur Pankratz favored us with an organ solo, the male chorus of the Christian Fellowship Club of the First Church with a selection, and Miss Jean Church with a selection, and Miss Jean Church and Mr. Roy Anderson with a vocal duet. A mission play, entitled "Sunlight or Candlelight," was presented by members of the Sunday School of the First Church. These rallies are bringing the Sunday Schools of Chicago closer together in love, friendship and spiritual blessings.

OLGA M. JUSTIN, Recording Secretary.

Pacific Conference

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN ODESSA, WASH.

The instruction of children in the word of God usually brings the most fruitful returns and is the cause for joy and thankfulness. During the first week of the month of June we had a Daily Vacation Bible School with the children at our mission north of Odessa. A number of children in town went with us daily on the trip into the country. We had an enrollment of about 40 children and the

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attendance was almost 100% every day. Mrs. Schoenleber taught the smaller children up to 10 years of age, and the Rev. C. E. Schoenleber, pastor of the church, taught the older ones. We had chorus singing and handwork in connection with the learning of Bible verses and the Ten Commandments for the smaller children. The other class learned the books of the Bible in connection with speed contests in the finding of Bible passages. It was surprising to see with what speed and enthusiasm they did this work. After recess we had the explanation of the different dispensations in Bible history and Bible stories. The children listened with great interest and learned their subjects well. In connection with the Bible School work we had the preparation of a program for Children's Day which was presented on the following Sunday. The parents and friends had an opportunity to hear and to see what the children had learned during the week. Everybody seemed to be very happy about the program.
REPORTER.

THE B. Y. P. U. OF THE GERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH, SALEM, OREGON

We, the young people of Salem, are thankful that we have been privileged to hold up the cause of Christ during the past year. Though small in number we are going forward.

On May 24 we gave our forty-first annual program. We were glad to have so many present, especially from our neighboring church, Salt Creek. The main part of the program was a dialogue, "He is Our Peace." Only at the cross do we receive peace, and we must come to the cross if we wish to receive peace. Musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, were rendered.

We were very glad to have the Rev. E. F. Wahl of the Second Church in Portland as our guest speaker. Mr. Wahl brought us a challenging message on the words, "No U Turns." He had received the inspiration from the signs along the highway which read, "No U Turns." To take a "U" turn upon the highway might cause disaster. How much more will it cause disaster to a soul who has followed Christ for a while and then turns back. Let us join hands and with one accord go forward and upward.

Besides giving our annual program, we gave several others recently. One of these was an Easter program. This was given in two different churches, the Salt Creek Church and the First Church, Portland. The dialogue was entitled, "Nason, the Blind Man." Christ's crucifixion was the center of the dialogue.

That is what we, as young people, are training ourselves to do, namely, to tell others how Jesus had to die according to the scriptures. We love the Bible studies we have together and enjoy the short talks which our members bring so enthusiastically.

RUTH WINKELMAN, Secretary.

to 12. The Rev. Reuben E. Nelson of Minnesota and the Rev. B. Schlipf of Avon, S. Dak., conducted classes and brought several of the evening messages. The devotional periods were led by representatives of the several unions. A debate was also held between groups from Cathay and Grand Forks on the question: "Resolved, that young people can do more for the church than older people." The young people's program on Thursday evening was particularly interesting.

On Sunday evening, June 30, the Herreid Jugendbund composed of the young people's societies of our churches at Herreid, Artas, Spring Creek and Gnadenfeld of the Herreid, S. Dak., church held its quarterly program. The Artas society won the offering banner and the Spring Creek society the banner for the best attendance. About 450 people attended the program of recitations, songs and messages in German and English by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner. A Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks in the Herreid church conducted by the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Fenske and attended by about 65 pupils.

On Sunday afternoon, May 29, a special service of the Sunday School of the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., was held for the exercises of dedication of little children. The entire program was presented in the interest of the little ones. The Beginners' Department also welcomed these 20 babies in the Cradle Roll Department. Among those who spoke were Mrs. Alfred C. Stahnke, Cradle Roll superintendent, Mr. Alfred Stahnke, S. S. superintendent, and the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, pastor of the church. The Cradle Roll certificates were presented to the 11 babies who with their parents were able to be present.

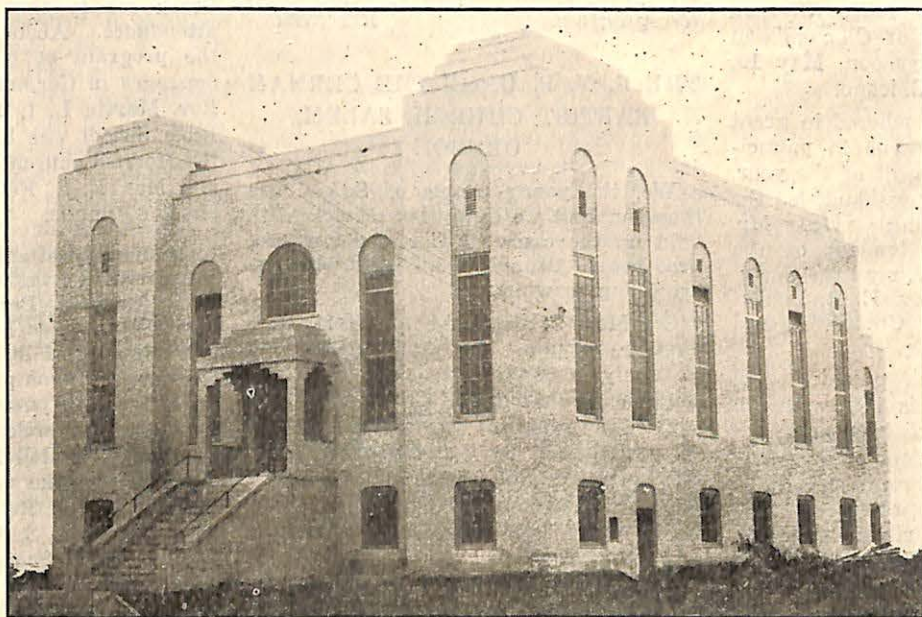
The B. Y. P. U. Summer Assembly of the Wisconsin German Baptist churches was held from July 15 to 19 at the Kosuth Church in Manitowoc, Wis. An eager group of young people enjoyed the inspirations of the assembly. The Rev. John Wobig, of Wausau, Wis., taught a class on "The Christian Church," the Rev. Theodore W. Dons of Oak Park, Ill., on "The Kingdom of God," and the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner on "The Christian Relationships of Church Members." The Rev. Louis B. Berndt of Sheboygan, Wis., conducted the devotional periods, and the Rev. Herman Palfenier of North Freedom, Wis., served as dean of the assembly. An enthusiastic program was rendered on Thursday evening, July 18, by young people of the various churches of the state. Mr. Dons and Mr. Leuschner addressed the assembly on other evenings, and on the closing evening a consecration service was held. Miss Mabel Specht of Manitowoc, Wis., was president of the state organization of young people.

Dedication of New Church Building At Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

The First German Baptist Church of Vancouver, Canada, has frequently been called "our fastest growing church." It was organized in 1929 by the Rev. A. Kujath, and the first 19 members were shepherded by the seminary student, Mr. F. W. Mueller, who later became the pastor of the church. In 1930 the General Missionary Society erected a church building at a cost of \$7000, seating about 250 persons. Before many months had passed that church became too small for the crowds which thronged the services. Under the pastorate of the Rev. F. W. Mueller plans were made for the enlargement of the church, which have been carried to completion under the leadership of the present pastor, the Rev. John C. Schweitzer.

church. In the interior of the church, as can be seen in the picture on the front cover of this issue, there are appropriate decorative effects and a good-sized gallery at the back of the church.

The dedication of the new building was held on Wednesday, June 26, on the first day of the Pacific Conference which convened with the church. The people assembled in front of the building and watched as the key was turned over to the pastor and by him to the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, our General Secretary, following which they marched into the church singing to the accompaniment of the brass band. The Rev. Wm. Kuhn brought the address of dedication based on the text, Genesis 28:17, and the Rev. R. M. Klingbeil offered the dedicatory prayer.



New Church Building at Vancouver, Canada

The new church has been built on the enlarged foundation of the old building. Its seating capacity is fully 500 persons and with crowding almost 600. It was built reasonably at a cost of \$8000, of which \$4000 were contributed by the General Missionary Society. The deed of the building is now in the hands of the society. Much of the work in construction was contributed by members of the church in a sacrificial spirit. It is built of brown stucco, and situated as it is on a hill it is a beautiful and effective testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ in that section of Vancouver.

In the new building detailed arrangements have been made for individual Sunday School classrooms, rooms for the young people's meetings and organizational gatherings, so that it easily meets all the educational needs of the

The church is facing a promising future. Its organizations are working harmoniously for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. The church is proud of its mixed choir of unmarried people, male chorus, orchestra, brass band and Junior brass band. The evening services were attended by upwards of 400 people. The missionary opportunities are increasingly brighter on this field.

This is only one of several missionary projects in which our denomination is engaged in the enterprises of chapel building. Our church at Morris, Manitoba, Canada, is remodeling its building, and the General Missionary Society is having a share therein. The designated offerings of the Children's Day programs are used for this practical service in the building of chapels on promising mission fields. As we help to bear each other's burdens, we fulfill the commandment of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

OUR HOME WORK NEEDS PRAYER-HELPERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS