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What's Happening

The Rev. Philip Lauer accepted the call from our church at Scottsbluff, Nebr., and began his pastorate at the church on the first Sunday in August. Mr. Lauer was formerly minister of our church at Elgin, Iowa.

A recent baptismal service was held in our church at Alpena, Mich., in which the pastor, the Rev. Walter Damrau, baptized 4 persons. The church and parsonage have been extensively repaired, cleaned and painted during the summer.

The Wisconsin Baptist Ministers' Quartet of which the Rev. Louis B. Holzer, pastor of the North Avenue Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., is a member, sang on the afternoon and evening of July 22 over the radio station WMBI, of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. William A. Mueller, minister of the First German Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., resigned, the resignation to be effective with the first of September. Mr. Mueller will devote all his time during the coming year to teaching.

On Sunday evening, June 30, the Rev. John Leypoldt, pastor of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, baptized 8 Sunday School scholars before a large congregation. In September the church will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its history with special exercises.

The Rev. Alfred Engel has begun his ministry in our church in Racine, Wis., as the pastor of the church with the first Sunday in July. He had his early training in the Ebenezer Church in Detroit, Mich., and for the past several years has been minister of a Baptist Church in American Falls, Idaho.

The Rev. A. J. Harms, D. D., resigned his pastorate in our church at Baileyville, Ill., and has accepted the call to the Albany Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. He will continue to do part time teaching in the department of religious education in the Northern Baptist Seminary of that city.

The annual session of the Publication Committee was held in Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday, July 23. Important issues concerning our publications, "Der Sendbote" and "The Baptist Herald," were discussed by the members of the committee. A more detailed report of the session will appear at a later date.

Mrs. Edwin Gasser, a member of our church in North Freedom, Wis., was suddenly killed in an automobile accident on Sunday, July 7. The Rev. Herman Palfenier officiated at the sorrowful funeral service. The bereaved husband, Mr. Edwin Gasser, is a nephew of the Misses Seils of North Freedom.

A recent baptismal service was held by our church at Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada, at the Whitemouth River when the Rev's. Erich and E. Bonikowsky, son and father, baptized 29 persons on confession of their faith and at the reception service in the church afterwards gave the hand of fellowship to 31 new members.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Giedt, missionaries in South China under the auspices of the Northern Baptist Convention, who are well known in our German Baptist circles, have returned to America on their furlough and are staying with relatives in Rochester, N. Y. An article by Mr. Giedt will shortly appear in "The Baptist Herald."

A Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks in June in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., with an average attendance of about 35 children. The members of the faculty were the Rev. and Mrs. John Wobig, Miss Hazel Isaacson, Miss Janet Beneditz and Mr. Fred Damp. During August the interior of the church is being redecorated at an estimated cost of about \$500.

The "Saengerbund" of the Saskatchewan and Alberta Central Conference met with our Hilda Church on June 2. The choirs of our churches in Irwin, Medicine Hat, Leader and Hilda were present while the other churches and stations were represented by quartets, trios and soloists. The Rev's. G. Ittermann, N. E. Christensen, J. Weinbender and E. A. Mantz brought brief messages between the many numbers in song.

On July 30 the Harlem Baptist Church of New York City observed the 30th anniversary of its pastor's ordination into the Christian ministry, that of the Rev. Frank Orthner, with special commemorative exercises. Mr. Orthner was ordained in 1905 in our church in Blue Mount, Texas, and has been minister of our Harlem Church for the past 13 years. May God's bountiful blessing abide upon the pastor in his continued ministry in the Kingdom of God!

On Thursday, July 11, an ordination council convened in Milwaukee, Wis., for the purpose of examining Mr. Herbert Hiller, the incumbent pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee as to his qualifications for ordination into the Christian ministry. After recommending that such action be taken, the ordination service was held on that same evening in the North Avenue Baptist Church with the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., preaching the ordination sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stauss, members of the North Avenue Baptist Church in Milwaukee, Wis., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in conjunction with the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr.

Stauss' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Stauss, on July 15 at Elkhart Lake, Wis. The Rev. and Mrs. Louis B. Holzer of Milwaukee attended the festive celebration with many other friends and relatives. Mr. Stauss is chairman of the board of trustees of the North Avenue Church.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hickman, members of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., lost their 12 year old daughter through death. Although she had been sick for more than two years, the Lord had spared her life in a miraculous way. Early this year she accepted the Lord as her Savior and proved the indwelling new life by her actions and testimony. Mr. Hickman is a trustee of the Bradley Beach Young People's Cottage. May God's comfort abide upon the sorowing parents!

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., cordially invites all ministers, delegates and visitors within the bounds of the Central Conference to the conference sessions to be held from August 27 to Sept. 1. All reservations should be directed immediately to the Rev. G. H. Enss, 3750 Concord Ave., Detroit, Mich. When writing please state by what means of transportation the visitor is coming. The church is located on the east side of the city on the corner of Canfield and Mt. Elliot Avenues. Days of great blessings are anticipated!

The B. Y. P. U. of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, held its annual business meeting on May 31. The following new officers were installed on Sunday evening, June 30: Henry Nuss, Jr., president; Herman Steindam, Jr., vice-president; Christ Behr, Jr., recording secretary; Miss Juanita Monschke, corresponding secretary; Ed Grinke, treasurer; Emil Boettcher, chorister; Sadie Grinke, pianist; William Benton, Bible Readers' leader; and Otto E. Balka, booster for "The Baptist Herald." The program was arranged by the retiring president, Edmund C. Porth.

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Central Conference will meet at the Ebenezer Church in Detroit, Mich., on Friday, August 30, and Sunday, Sept. 1, in conjunction with the Central Conference. All member organizations are invited to send delegates and all young people are urged to attend these services. On Friday, August 30, Dr. G. H. Enss, pastor of the Ebenezer Church, will bring the address after the young people's banquet. The Sunday afternoon service will be a young people's rally and consecration service with the Rev. Warner Cole, pastor of the Dexter Boulevard Church of Detroit, bringing the message.

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EDITORIAL

A Christian Vacation

IF there is any time of the year when Christians should be particularly concerned about letting "the beauty of Jesus be seen" in them, it is during such a period set aside for vacation. There is a tendency on the part of some Christian church members to let down the bars, to relax mentally and spiritually and to fail to give a persuasive testimony of the faith within them while they are away from home on their vacation. It is decidedly true that all of us need to know how to make our vacations Christian in the best sense of that word.

Vacations should be seasons of spiritual and physical recreation and of joyous exhilaration. There is something pagan about the strenuous and intensive modern vacations crowded with all kinds of commercial amusements and long, tiring automobile drives until the person returns home and to his church completely exhausted and utterly useless as far as any immediate work in God's Kingdom is concerned. Such effervescent vacations are contaminated by the speedy, jazz spirit of the people of the world. "What do ye more than others?"

It is an unfortunate occurrence in the lives of some Christians when they relax to such an extent as to become lax in their Christian discipline. They say that they are "blowing off steam" when they allow themselves during their vacations to tell questionable stories or to engage in certain doubtful practices or to manifest un-Christian attitudes of thought which were never characteristic of them otherwise. We always need to be under the motivating power of the spirit of Christ, and during the rest and fun periods of life our lives need to be on as high or an even higher Christian plane than at other times of the day and the year.

In many groups it seems to be taken for granted that religious habits which are maintained during the year may be discontinued during one's vacation. Attendance at Sunday School or church services or midweek meetings is the exception rather than the rule for many church members on their vacation. Some ministers can be included in this class of Christians. But the benediction of a service of worship should hallow every vacation spent at a beach resort or in the mountains or wherever one happens to be. Out-of-door services, meetings in small rural chapels or sunrise and prayer services are held in almost every hamlet and resort in America, beckoning the worshipper to their message. At times a simple and joyous service held in one's own vacation tent or cottage may impart its special divine blessing. But the Christian who thinks that he is entitled to a so-called "vacation" from church services at certain times of the year is doing nothing more nor less than shirking his responsibility as a disciple of Christ and a member of the Christian church.

We are most truly ourselves when we manifest our sincere and natural thoughts of expression and habits of conduct. The true test of one's Christian character is his conduct in moments of relaxation and times of vacation. God has given us a paradise of golden beauty which will impart abiding joy to those who have "eyes to see and ears to hear" the message of God in his marvelous creation. Members of our churches need to be challenged to make their vacations Christian and to glorify Christ and witness unto him wherever the summer months may find them and in whatever joys of life which God is imparting to them.

Vacation Sundays Abroad

These narrative reflections on the author's experiences last summer on the Sundays during his trip in Europe with his family form not only interesting reading material but are also a persuasive exhortation to all Christian people to make use of their vacation Sundays in a worshipful manner.

By MR. WALTER A. STAUB

SEVERAL articles have been written by the author during the past few years about services of worship enjoyed during vacation trips in various parts of the world distantly removed from home. In this way I trust that the challenge may be given to the readers of "The Baptist Herald" to use the many available opportunities for Sunday worship while they may be traveling or spending their vacation in some quiet, picturesque spot.

The first of the series of Sundays spent away from home during the past summer was on board the steamship "Manhattan" of the United States

Lines. We were fortunate in having among the passengers Doctor Norman V. Peale, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City and prominent among the ministers of that city. His sermon was brief, simple but also stimulating. There was, of course, the usual service of song, Scripture reading and prayer in addition to the sermon. As a whole the service was satisfying and helpful to all the passengers who gathered in the social hall of the ship for the service that Sunday morning.

The next Sunday found us in London, and we decided to attend the service at St. Paul's Cathedral. We were seated where we could read the inscription on the wall: "Si monumentum requiris, circumspice." (If thou seekest a monument, look about thee.) This inscription is the well-known reference to Sir Christopher Wren's work as the architect of St. Paul's. It is, indeed, a magnificent structure and only St. Peter's in Rome and perhaps one or two other cathedrals anywhere in the world exceed it in size. The service was dignified and impressive, the music was good, and the sermon was thoughtful and logical, as one would expect from an English preacher.

The second Sunday in Europe found us in Berlin in attendance at the fifth Baptist World Congress for which we had primarily gone to Europe. On Sunday morning there was no service in the con-

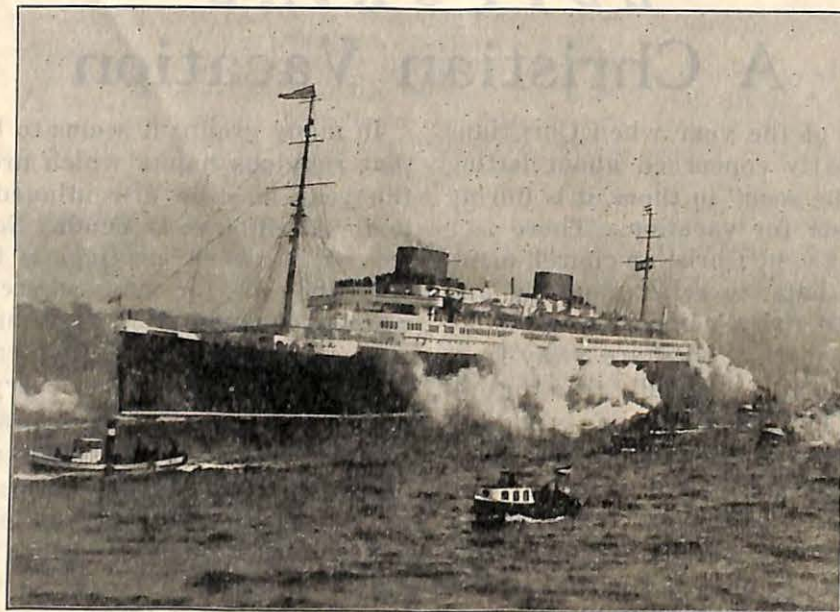
vention hall, but services were held in our various Baptist churches, in the American church and in a number of other non-Baptist churches in Berlin, with the pulpits being occupied by visiting Baptist preachers. As we on previous visits to Berlin had attended "the Schmidstrasse Church," of which our able and genial friend, Brother Rockschie, is pastor, we decided this time to attend one of the other churches and selected "the Gubenerstrasse Church." The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. S. W. Hughes, one of Britain's prominent Baptist preachers. His sermon was "deep" and required

close attention since it was based on a passage in the prophecy of Isaiah. However, if we missed a point while he was speaking, we had a second opportunity to understand it while the German translation was given.

The method of presenting the translation of Doctor Hughes' sermon was to me more satisfactory than that usually followed in the Congress' sessions. During the Congress sessions the translations,

whether from English to German, or from German to English, depending on the nationality of the speaker, was sentence by sentence. This is a very tiresome method, and it is almost impossible for the speaker to give an inspirational address with effectiveness. The translation of Doctor Hughes' sermon was given passage by passage with a number of paragraphs at a time.

The fourth Sunday away from the home-base was spent at Oberammergau. In 1930 I had the opportunity of attending the performance of "the Passion Play" in that community but had not taken advantage of it. Despite all that I had heard of it, I had always had some question in my mind as to the advisability of seeing it. I feared that I might feel there was a lack of delicacy in presenting the crucifixion scene and that there might be an element of commercialism injected into the performance as a whole which would give offense. How-



Bound for Europe!

ever, the members of my family who accompanied me on the trip to Europe were desirous of seeing the performance, and I finally concurred. I must say that the performance was most impressive and that there was not the slightest thing about it to give offense. I was amazed, too, that the small community of Oberammergau, which with village and surrounding country has a population of approximately 2,600 people, largely peasants, could produce the wealth of splendid talent—dramatic, elocutionary and musical, both vocal and instrumental—which was manifest in the presentation of the story of the passion week in the life of our Lord. The spirit of reverence on the part of the audience of over 5,000 persons who were present at the performance which we attended was most marked. Undoubtedly, some of them, perhaps many, were present because of motives of curiosity or sight-seeing rather than because of a religious motive, and yet throughout the morning performance of about three hours and the afternoon performance of over three hours there was complete quiet and concentrated attention.

The following Sunday was spent in a little town, Menaggio, on the shores of Lake Como in Italy. The Church of England maintains a small chapel on the grounds of the Hotel Victoria at which we were staying. Here we found a service which we could attend with profit and interest, particularly since the sermon was on the prodigal son which dealt with the subject with a somewhat different emphasis than that of the usual sermon on the subject. The minister emphasized the fact that the father of the prodigal son was not so much concerned with the backward look since he didn't even let the boy finish with the account of his waywardness, as he was with the forward look, the life of his son after his repentance and the return to the parental home. I remarked to our group after the service that the sermon might well have had for its text those well-known and stimulating words of Paul's: "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."

For the following week-end our group was divided, Mrs. Staub and my brother and his wife having gone on to Rome, and my two daughters and I having gone to Sienna. I was anxious to see one or two of the old hill towns of Italy, Sienna with its history of a republic during the middle ages, and the neighboring town of San Gimignano with its medieval atmosphere which has persisted to the present day.

We were not disappointed on this trip except for one thing. On inquiry we were informed that we would find a service conducted in English at the Church of England chapel. On going there, however, we found a notice stating that the last service for the season had been held on May 27 and that the next service would not be held until the first Sunday in October! In view of this development, we had to turn to our own resources and the three of us had a little service in our rooms at the hotel

which consisted of reading the passage for the Sunday School lesson of the day, comments thereon and prayer.

On the next Sunday we were in Naples. Here again we could find no church service in English. The Church of England chapel had on its door a notice which indicated that the last service for the summer had been held in July and that services would not be resumed until December. Apparently English people do not go to Italy much in the summer time, at least not those of them who go for a stay of any length of time. Undoubtedly this accounts for the closing of some of the Church of England chapels in Italian cities for several months of each year.

In the absence of a service in the English language I decided to look up the little Italian Baptist church which Mrs. Staub and I visited when we were in Naples on a Sunday almost seven years previously. I couldn't secure its street address—so little known are Baptists in Naples!—but fortunately my general recollection of its location (the church meets in rooms in an apartment house) proved sufficient to enable me to find it. Though I know only a few words in Italian, I enjoyed singing the hymns and picking up an Italian word which I could recognize here and there in the prayer and sermon, such as faith, hope, power and the like. Fortunately, Italians, at least of the educated class, enunciate quite distinctly, so that if one knows an Italian word which is used in the course of a sentence he is likely to recognize it.

After the conclusion of the service, I made myself known to the pastor, and he and three or four of the brethren who remained and I conducted a sort of international conference. The pastor spoke a fragmentary English and I mustered my equally or perhaps even more fragmentary French and my few words in Italian. In the course of our halting conversation it developed that a young man of the group spoke a little German. So with the use of the four languages we managed to become somewhat acquainted with each other and I learned something of the church and its history. I was informed that it is about fifty years old and that it has approximately two hundred members. I should say that there were between fifty and seventy-five persons present at the service which I attended.

Something which attracted my attention in the Naples church was the care with which the offering was counted and recorded after the conclusion of the service. In one of the churches in America, of which I was a member years ago, it was a practice to have not only the financial secretary, who took the offering in charge after each service, but also a comptroller, who was present with the financial secretary, to count the offering and to make a record of it for auditing purposes. Our Italian friends went a step further in their practice. The pastor and at least three brethren participated in the counting of the offering.

At Naples we boarded a ship bound for home, so that our next Sunday, theoretically at least, was on

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The Propaganda of the Plants

By PROFESSOR F. W. C. MEYER

THE great Parable Preacher of Galilee was once walking through his parish, concerned about the success of the kingdom message. He saw a farmer sowing his seed. Some of the grains fell by the hard-trodden path, some on the thin rocky layer of ground, some among encumbering thorns, but some also fell on good soil which promised a thirty, sixty and even hundredfold return. The observation heartened the poet and preacher. He related it for the encouragement of others. He meant perhaps that efforts to spread the good news of the kingdom way not everywhere and always be greeted with astounding results, for the effect of the divine message is conditioned by the receptivity of the hearers of the word. But laborers in the field of this world may be assured of the kingdom's final success and of the rich reward of faithful effort in spreading the truth of God's reign among men. When asked to explain the parable, the Master began by telling his disciples that "the seed is the word of God." Let us pause at that explanation to learn whether the silent plants have a lesson to teach us in their varied methods of natural dispersing of seed.

The Spectacular Methods of Seed Dispersal

You have undoubtedly noticed the means employed by plants in spreading their seed. Take, for example, the very familiar dandelion. However else you may be inclined to vent your disapproval upon his remarkable success, you must give him credit for being a splendid little propagandist. After the initial glow of the golden locks has changed to a silvery grey in rapid maturity, each tiny black seed is seen attached to a tuft of pappus, ready for the slightest beck of the May breezes to carry off the adventurous flier to distant fields. His airship-like contrivance, invented long before the day of Count Zeppelin, takes him to every lawn in town and helps the enterprising airman to establish a sort of earthly "everywhereness."

But the pappus parachute is not the only flying apparatus in plant life. In late June or early July the air is filled with abundant evidence of the fluffy flakes of cottonwood seed being wafted to favorable

In this closing article of a picturesque series on "Christian Lessons from Plant Life" Professor Meyer illustrates one of Christ's greatest spiritual challenges by means of the colorful and fascinating methods of seed dispersal, which he has observed with such precision and delight in nature.

locations. In the Dakotas the Russian thistle loosens its roothold on the fields to form into a round ball which the wind delights to speed across the prairies, scattering more than two hundred thousand seeds as it rolls. The key-fruit of the maple descends with a swirl that takes it far beyond the parent tree and helps it to gain a footing in obstructing grass. Other so-called dehiscent fruits simply split when dry and allow the escape of their seeds, or they positively promote their propulsion. A witch-hazel twig lying on my desk one fall surprised me by suddenly shooting its seed against the window-pane with a startling pop. The wild geranium splits along the edge of its five-fold capsule, snaps back and throws its seed for some distance. Jewelweed bursts

open in a similar manner. I had an orange-masked representative of this "touch-me-not aristocracy" growing in a garden-strip along the house, and I found its offspring the next season on the other side of the cement walk. Such slingshot experts must have learned their lessons from young David in his encounter with Goliath!

Adventurous Navigators in the Plant Kingdom

There are also enterprising navigators among the fruits. They journey downstream in the brook-let until the forget-me-not finds its desired abode.

The cocoanut, of huge fibrous husk, is like an ocean liner carrying the treasure of his life to distant islands of the sea. Other seeds collect in muddy banks of ponds and rivers and wait for birds to arrive to carry them away in the mud attached to their webbed feet. Darwin raised eighty-two plants from seeds thus carried by a bird. Meandering through the meadows or woods you have noticed to your chagrin how the beggar-ticks, cockleburs, burdocks, trefoils, hounds-tongues and other bristly and barbed companions of your hike fastened themselves to your clothing in order to be conveyed to another realm. Nuts are carried away, buried and forgotten by squirrels and blue jays and thus obtain a new foothold.

Examine, if you will, the fruit of the strawberry, cherry, huckleberry, black haw, tomatoe or current



Lilies in Full Bloom on the Island of Bermuda

to learn how hard the coatings of the seeds are and that in most of these delicacies of the wild the fruit remains green and sour until the seeds are ripe. When the tempting morsel is eaten, the seeds are undigested and presented again to Mother Earth with a stimulating bit of fertilizer. Birds are responsible for much seed planting of berries and other small fruit. Rows of cedars along the country-road sometimes give evidence that they have not had the farmer as their gardener but rather the feathered minstrels perching on the telegraph wires.

Scattering the Seed of the Word of God

There seems to be no end of modes and methods for natural seed dispersal. Certain grains begin to move in the grass when induced by the moisture of dew or rain. Other fruits contrive to push or creep away from the mother-plant by movements equally surprising. Others are just simply round enough to waltz down the slightest slope by reason of their roundness. Aerial transportation, water conveyances, transfer by adhesion to fur and flounce of moving objects, projectile contrivances, restitution of undigested parts of luring morsels, movements through friendly agency, and everything else in the line of thoughtful devices are called into play in fitting the fruits of our sedative plants to scatter their seeds and secure an earthly "everywhereness." It's a successful propaganda for new quarters, which must be obtained to prevent extinction in the shade of fast-rooted parents.

Does the seed of God's word succeed as phenomenally in establishing itself among men? Are the bearers of the Christian message striving by every method and means to gain a hearing for the glad tidings of salvation? If the progress of the cause of Christ depends not a little upon the receptivity of the hearers of the divine word, it likewise depends a great deal upon your efforts and mine to scatter and sow the seed of regeneration.

Vacation Sundays Abroad

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the briny deep. In fact, however, we were at Palermo on the island of Sicily where our ship arrived on Sunday morning at about eight o'clock and remained for about four hours. We were permitted to go ashore and visited not merely one church but four churches. One was the famous Duomo, or cathedral of Palermo, a most interesting structure architecturally. It is of the Norman Gothic style and was built in the twelfth century on the site of an earlier church which had been used as a mosque. It contains several magnificent tombs, including that of Emperor Frederick II, grandson of the noted Frederick Barbarossa, and those of several other noted historical figures.

Another church which we visited was the cathedral on Monreale where we also viewed the beautiful cloister which adjoins the church. The other churches to which we paid brief visits were the beautiful royal chapel in the palace, where a Roman Catholic service was being conducted in Italian, and the church of St. John the Hermit, the construction

of which began as a mosque during the Saracen occupation of Sicily.

On the following day our ship made a stop of several hours at Algiers in North Africa. Again we went ashore and included a visit to the Arab quarter in our tour of the city. In Algiers we were very fortunate. Our guide took us into a Mohammedan mosque, where the early evening service was being held. We observed with interest the preparatory washing of feet and the kneeling and prostration of those in attendance. We did not remain very long, since I understood that some of the Mohammedan brethren remonstrated with our guide for having brought us "Christians" into the mosque.

Our last Sunday abroad was spent on board the ship, "Saturna." The booklet of information for passengers which we found in our staterooms contained the following reference to religious services:

The Chapel (Roman Catholic Church) is on Deck "A." Holy Mass daily at 10 A. M. and service at 7 P. M. On Sunday religious service is held in the social hall at 10 A. M.

For Protestant service a Bible is at disposal in the library.

On Sunday two Roman Catholic services were held in the social hall of the ship, the first in Italian for a group of some three hundred and fifty students from Italian universities who were on their way to the United States to visit a number of leading American universities, and the second in English for the other passengers who wished to attend. The ship's chaplain conducted the first service and another priest the second. Judging from his speech the latter was evidently an American, and to my surprise he not only preached a brief sermon in English but used English for the ritualistic portions of the service which are usually spoken in Latin. The sermon which dealt with man's obligations to God and his fellow-man and followed the reading of a passage from the gospel according to St. Luke, was well delivered and might easily have been heard in one of our Baptist churches.

How marvelously our vacation trips to places near and distantly removed from home can be enhanced in interest and glory if we shall only not forget to "worship God in the beauty of holiness" on the first day of the week. Then every Sunday will be the portal leading into a week of purposeful adventures with God, our heavenly Father!

The Salutation of the Dawn

"Look to this day! for it is life,
The very life of life.
In its brief course lie all the
Verities and realities of your existence:
The bliss of growth, the glory of action,
The splendor of beauty.
For yesterday is but a dream;
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well lived
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness;
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this Day:
Such is the salutation of the Dawn."

Life Supreme

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

CONCLUDING CHAPTER

Jimmy had seen Margaret coming down the road and even before she was at the door he called to her to come in. She entered, and Jimmy, his pale face beaming with happiness, greeted her with a joyous exclamation. "Look!" he said, pointing to the table upon which Granny had just emptied the contents of her bag, —tomatoes, cucumbers, other ripe vegetables and a large piece of ham and bacon which she had evidently sneaked out of some farmer's meat shed. "See, what a good man gave us? Now we'll have something good to eat again."

Granny stared beligerently at Margaret and ordered Jimmy to go out into the sunshine as she gave him his crutches. "Call me a thief! Call me a thief!" she fairly shouted at her.

Margaret did not say anything. Everyone knew that Granny stole, except Jimmy it seemed, and she had not supposed that Granny knew that everyone knew about it. She had not expected her to act like this. Were thieves sensitive about that which they stole, she wondered.

"Why do you do it, Granny?" she asked at last.

Granny was very much aroused. She shrieked in her high squeaky voice. "Why do I do it? Why do I do it? Why don't I let Jimmy starve? Jimmy he's a gittin' thinner and thinner every day 'cause he ain't gittin' his vitals. I cain't raise 'em with my old crippled fingers and with my rheumatis' a'botherin' me and my asthma. I'd be daid already if it warn't for Jimmy but somebody's got to luk out fer him and ef I don't steal how am I goin' to git the things he needs? These people, they've got lots to eat, they'll never miss these things!"

Margaret could not think of a single thing to say, and Granny grew uneasy at her silence.

"I know what you all think of ol' Granny Spikes! I know 'cause I heard people talkin' about me! I'm only a dirty ol' thief, not fit to be Jimmy's Granny. My God! I wasn't always like this. Oncet I was young and purty as you be, Miss Margaret, and I never did no wrong, honest, I didnt! But I reckon as everyone has forgot them days, except me. I married Jim Spikes, but he wan't long fer this world, and he soon left me with my little Jimmy. I raised Jimmy honest and fine as anyone else could. When he grewed up and married, this little Jimmy was borned, and when he was only a wee little tike the flu took his ma and pa from him and I had to take him in. It was then I started to be dishonest, because I hadn't a cent to me name and

the old rheumatis' and asthma purty near pestered the life outa me. I hain't got any strength left and I can't be lettin' my Jimmy die, can I?" she asked pitifully.

Now Margaret saw light. Was it really possible that people were so thoughtless and cruel to the more helpless of their fallen brothers? It had never occurred to her that Granny was having a hard time of life, of supplying the few necessities that Jimmy and she needed. Some people had a queer sense of honor, too, thinking it was just as much a disgrace to ask for help as it was to help oneself secretly. Besides Granny could not ask for help continually. And her asthma explained the old pipe too. People often smoked for relief of asthma, she knew. It was all clear to her now.

"Never mind, Granny," she said. "I understand now. Of course you couldn't let Jimmy starve. But Jimmy is going to find out the truth some day, Granny, and then what will he think?"

"I know, I know," sobbed the old woman. "But what can I be doin'? Nobody'll support us and I won't allow him to be put in them there orphanages where he won't have no home and no one to love him!"

"You won't have to, Granny. But suppose you try never to steal any more and the next time you need anything come to me. Please, Granny, for Jimmy's sake. Maybe I can help you to think out a way to get along better. I know one thing you could do."

"What is it?" asked the old woman eagerly. "God knows how I hate to live like this. What is it I can do to help?"

"You could let the Young Doc fix Jimmy up. He would do it without cost to you and in a short time Jimmy's back and legs will be strong and well, and then he can help you and take care of you instead of your taking care of him."

"The knife! Never! I'll not be havin' anyone use a knife on my Jimmy!" but Margaret felt that the old woman would allow that knife to be used on Jimmy, —sometime. She wished it would be soon, but it often took a long time to win the confidence of people who were so set in their beliefs. But it would come, it must! Furthermore she was glad that she had decided to stop in, for now she had discovered another human being who had long been hidden in the darkness of misunderstanding. She would take it upon herself to see that Granny would get what she needed and most of all that she would receive the respect and friendship of her fellow-men.

That evening after her father returned from his trips, she told her parents all that had occurred that day. When she

had finished, her father, who was deeply moved by her experiences, came to her and put his hand on her head. "My dear," he said, "you have done a great service today. You have discovered and brought to light two lives who were doomed to bitterness and unhappiness. I am glad! God bless you, my dear!"

Brief but beautiful those few words rested upon Margaret as a benediction. "Thank you," she said. "You remember, Daddy and Mother, when I told you that I had discovered the secret of happiness and of life? I've discovered something more, since then. It is the secret of supreme happiness and supreme life!"

No one spoke. They waited for her to continue. "If you add to love and service the command not to judge, you have 'Life Supreme.' I was happy before and I believed I loved everyone, but still I judged them. I judged Mr. Walters and I judged Granny, although I did not dislike them. I also judged—my mother and father whom I have never seen and probably never will. I couldn't understand why they had done what they did. But I hadn't been able to understand the others, either, and when I did I ceased to judge them and to judge my parents, too. I like to believe that it was because of the love of me that they gave me away,—because they could not do for me and give me what they knew you could. Certainly I have everything to be thankful for because they gave me to you above all other people! There is much in life I shall never understand and there are many whose lives will always remain a mystery to me, but, so help me God, I shall never judge another in my life! And now, I feel so good, so happy and sort of free! It's because I've found 'Life Supreme' at last!"

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Again it was Margaret's birthday. She had risen early, partly because there was much to do but mostly because she was too happy to sleep. There was to be a large dinner party, a birthday dinner, and oh! a wedding dinner, too. Margaret was to marry the farmer whom she had particularly disliked even to partake of her birthday dinner one short year ago. She laughed softly as she thought of it now. Bob was having his spring vacation and only yesterday had come home so as to be present at this great occasion. Peter was to play the wedding march, for all winter he had gone to the city by train, once each week, and taken piano lessons from a real teacher, and now he could play beautifully. Ardith would be the flower girl and Jerry the ring-bearer. Mr. Walters would be present, and Granny, of course, with Jimmy

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Beginning the Day

A Scripture Passage and Meditation for Spiritual Progress

By the REV. LOUIS B. HOLZER

OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, August 20

Seeing Myself as God Sees Me

1 Cor. 4:3, 4

(Read verses 3 and 4 thoughtfully)

Dr. Stalker in a very famous address of his suggests that in every man there are four men—the man whom the world sees, the man seen by the person who knows him best, the man seen by himself and the man God sees. Here Paul is saying that "it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you (that is the judgment of his friends), or of man's judgment, (that is the world's criticism), yea, I judge not mine own self, (that is his own criticism), but he that judgeth me is the Lord." What is it that the world sees in me? What do I myself see? What does he see who knows me best? And what does God see?

Father, help me to look on myself as thou wouldst have me see myself, and may I ever be ready to stand corrected.

Wednesday, August 21

Humility

1 Cor. 4:7

(Read 1 Corinthians 4:6-14)

It was Ruskin who said that "the first mark of a truly great man is humility." Jesus expressed the same truth long before Ruskin thought of it for he said: "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." The way to greatness is the way of humility. Webster says that it is "an act of humble submission or humble courtesy." A humble man is a teachable man. He is one who is willing to be taught. "The know-it-all's" are not the people who rule the world. Paul's greatness consisted in his humility. There was no pride or boast in him save the cross of Christ. The cross of Christ means humility.

Father, make me truly humble in every thought and act this day.

Thursday, August 22

What We Have is a Gift

1 Cor. 4:7

(Read adjoining verses to 1 Corinthians 4:7)

Everything which we have has been given to us. All that we possess we have received. Even the great values that we hold in life are a gift. Let me suggest the thought so beautifully expressed by Lowell in his poem "The Vision of Sir Launfall":

"At the devil's booths are all things sold
Each ounce of dross costs its ounce of gold;

For a cap and bells our lives we pay,
Bubbles we buy for a whole soul's tasking;

'Tis heaven alone that is given away,

'Tis only God may be had for the asking;
No price is set on the lavish summer;
June may be had by the poorest comer."

Father, we thank thee for every thing we have and hold dear, realizing that it is a gift from thee.

Friday, August 23

Fools

1 Cor. 4:10

(Read 1 Corinthians 12:11-21)

"We are fools for Christ's sake." That is what Paul said. No one likes to account himself a fool. If we had a choice of being called a fool or a sinner there is no doubt that we would prefer to be called by the latter. But Paul knew what was best in the world. There were those about him who did not share his views, and they all adjudged him a fool. He loved the righteousness that alone exalts life. Columbus was despised as a visionary. Palissey who produced the beautiful white porcelain for the world was tolerated with a smile of pity. Albert Schweitzer, who spends his marvelous talents among the blacks of Africa, is looked upon by some as a fanatic. It is the foolishness of such men as these that has helped the world most.

Father, make us true to live our ideals and true to that knowledge that comes from thee.

Saturday, August 24

Not Words

1 Cor. 4:20

(Read 1 Corinthians 4:14-21)

"The Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." It is not the fine oratory nor the flowery speech with which a man may express his ideas that counts, but what is far more important is what a man is and can do. We have had a great deal of talk about the Kingdom. Let us try and live the Kingdom. The Kingdom does not consist of any word which a man may speak, but it does exist in the power that compels a man to live in a certain way. It is a certain way of life. The need of our day is not words, not fine oratory, not fine language, however important these may be, but spiritual power manifested in living for Christ.

Help me to say less and to be more for thee, my Master, this day!

Sunday, August 25

Infectious Living

1 Cor. 5:6

(Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-7)

It does not take much of a spark to kindle a great fire. It does, however, depend on the intensity of the spark. Jesus said that if we had only the faith the size of a grain of mustard seed we could re-

move mountains. Paul is saying here that "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." If we were only really Christian we would christianize the whole world. Here is where the difficulty lies. So small an area of our life is really christianized that our lives are void of power. Goodness is more powerful than any agency which evil may employ to achieve its ends. Let us therefore believe in the ultimate triumph of goodness, and with the help of God let us make every effort to infuse life with Christian ideals.

Father, make the whole area of my life responsive to the influence of thy Son, Jesus Christ.

Monday, August 26

Our Preparation

1 Cor. 5:7

(Read 1 Corinthians 5:8-13)

When the devout Israelite planned to attend to the ceremonial of the Passover, he made sure that he was properly prepared. The house was cleansed of all leaven. This was done in a very diligent manner with lighted candle in hand. Not a corner dared to be overlooked. He began his search with the following prayer: "Blessed be thou Jehovah, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us to keep thy commandments and hast commanded us to remove the leaven." When the search was finished he prayed: "All the leaven that is in my possession, that which I have seen and that which I have not seen, be it null, be it accounted as the dross of the earth." Are we as careful in our preparation for the hour of worship?

Father, make us ever willing to banish everything from life that may hinder us in our worship of thee.

Tuesday, August 27

Softness

1 Cor. 6:9, 10

(Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-11)

Undoubtedly in this passage Paul thought of the sins that were so freely practiced in ancient Greece. The word which he here employs means "soft," and it is possible that Paul refers to the people given over to soft, easy and luxurious living. The people who refuse to endure hardships and decline to bear a cross are the ones who are meant. "These," he says, "shall not inherit the Kingdom of God." The Church of Christ needs men who are not willing to be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease but who are willing to stand and endure hardships for the sake of the Kingdom. Strong men and brave men are needed.

O God, make me brave to stand strong for the things of the Kingdom.

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Wednesday, August 28

The Limits of Our Liberty

1 Cor. 6:12

(Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

There are a great many people in the world who always insist upon their rights. Now we have no quarrel with rights which every man possesses, if they concern the welfare of others. There are rights which every man possesses. Every follower of Jesus Christ has them. Paul is reminding his readers that while Christians have liberties these liberties also have their dangers. "All things are lawful to me, but all are not expedient," he says. All things do not serve the end in view. In order to achieve certain ends in life I must bear in mind that there are some things that I cannot do and must not do. There are some things that must be shunned. Our Christian liberties must always serve the interests of the Kingdom.

Father, help me to know the limits of my liberties for this day.

Thursday, August 29

Not Our Own

1 Cor. 6:19, 20

(Read Matthew 27:31-51)

I am not my own. How strange that sounds! When I speak of ownership, there is implied the right to exclusive enjoyment and use, the right to do as one likes with one's self or property. But we are not our own in any of these senses. I did not create myself, nor do I sustain myself for a great part of my life. The whole world is busy to keep me alive. I cannot lay any claim to the exclusive enjoyment of myself. I cannot do as I like with myself. I belong to Christ. He purchased me with his own life.

Our Father, make me realize that I belong to thee and that all I have and am is thine.

Friday, August 30

The Danger in Our High Calling

1 Cor. 7:24

(Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-25)

We are called by God and, being called by him, we are made responsible to him only. As we feel our responsibility to him we become aware of the dangers that beset us on every hand. Dr. J. H. Jowett said: "A man may live in mountain country and lose all sense of heights. And that is a terrible impoverishment, when mountain country comes to have the ordinary significance of the plains. That is the peril of the preacher. We may talk about the mountains and we may do it as blind, insensitive children of the plains. The plentifulness of our privilege may make us numb."

Father, keep me ever alert to the dangers that beset me in the high privileges that are mine as a child of thine.

Saturday, August 31

Happy Heartedness

1 Cor. 7:32 and Psalm 55:22

(Read 1 Corinthians 7:25-40)

It is always a joy to meet a person

who is happy-hearted. One admires men and women who can face the odds of life with a happy, radiant smile. The life of such is attractive and contagious. On the contrary, when we see a face lined with care there is aroused within us a chord of pity. The face that really helps us along the pathway of life is the face that radiates joy and sunshine. The foundation of happy-heartedness is to be found in a sense of security. The man or woman whose faith is stayed on Christ has every sense of security, no matter what the tests of life may be.

Help me, O God, to triumph over self and the circumstances that may try me, and let me radiate that happiness which will attract men to thee.

Sunday, September 1

The Best Proof

1 Cor. 9:1

(Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-14)

"Have I not seen Jesus Christ, our Lord?" says Paul. He had been put on the defensive. The validity of his apostolate was being questioned by those who were his enemies. That did not trouble him. He had seen him whose Apostle he was. He had seen him in Stephen and in a multitude of others of his followers and he had also seen him before Damascus.

Help me, O God, to discover Jesus Christ in someone whom I may meet today and in some experience which I may have.

Monday, September 2

Christian Opportunism

1 Cor. 9:22

(Read 1 Corinthians 9:14-27)

It takes greatness in a man to be all sorts of men. Paul could be "all things to all men." What Paul wanted to say was that in order to be useful in the Kingdom enterprise we must learn to put ourselves in the other man's place. That is, if we are really going to help men into the Kingdom, we must go down to the level of men and look out upon the world with their eyes and feel what they feel. It means to have genuine sympathy, and that is more than a state of mind or mood or emotion. It is an inward act. Jesus Christ was an example herein in that he put himself in my place in order that he might save me.

Father, I desire to be all things to all men in order that they might be saved.

Tuesday, September 3

This Way Out

1 Cor. 10:13

(Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

The sign: "This Way Out," is familiar to all of us. Paul is here saying that no matter what the situation in life may be, however great the temptation, God will always make a way of escape for us, if we wish to escape. He will show us the way. We must let him speak to us as

we commune with him. But that is not all. There is something that we must do. We must help to answer our prayer by a determined resistance against sin. We must put forth the effort and fight the good fight. That is, we must proceed along the line of right action. Do what is right, no matter what the consequences may be or what men may say. Do as God says!

Help me, O God, to confide in thee, and in the face of temptation make me brave.

Wednesday, September 4

Every Day Life

1 Cor. 10:31

(Read 1 Corinthians 10:14-33)

Too long we have satisfied ourselves by dividing life into two parts, the secular and the religious. For the Christian man and woman there should be no such thing as a secular life. If all life is sacred, why should not every worthwhile vocation be sacred? Why shouldn't the carpenter in the shop feel his vocation in life equally sacred with that of the Christian minister? When Christ was upon earth he made everything sacred which he touched. To perform the most lowly task becomes as sacred a task in the mind of Jesus as preaching a sermon.

Help me to look upon the task set before me today, O God, as a very sacred task, and may I be found faithful in the performance of the same!

LIFE SUPREME

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who would walk straight beside her without the aid of crutches, for Granny had consented to the operation sooner than Margaret had expected, and the Young Doc's knife and God had not failed her. The Old Doc and his wife were to be there, and so was the Young Doc and his pretty young wife, and oh! just ever so many more. So much had happened for which she was so thankful.

She walked to the window to watch the splendor of the rising sun. It seemed the heavens had opened, and she felt she must not pierce their beauty. So she bowed her head, and because the good God seemed very close, and because her heart was overflowing with thankfulness toward him, she prayed, "Dear Father, I thank thee, for thou hast blessed me so richly! A great heritage is mine. I thank thee for the father and mother I never knew but whom I love nevertheless. I thank thee for the mother and father I do know who have given me a name, a home and love and have shown me the way to real happiness. And now, dear Father, I thank thee for the other home thou hast given me, a home of my own, and I ask thee to bless it and be ever present in it. Last of all, I thank thee for opening my eyes and showing me how to live supremely here below and in so doing helping others to do the same and so giving us the assurance of everlasting Life Supreme! I thank thee, my Father!"

PRAYER HELPERS**"Take it to the Lord in Prayer"****My Prayer**

"More holiness give me, more striving within;
More patience in suffering, more sorrow for sin;
More faith in my Savior, more sense of his care;
More joy in his service, more purpose in prayer."

"More gratitude give me, more trust in the Lord;
More pride in his glory, more hope in his word;
More tears for his sorrows, more pain at his grief;
More meekness in trial, more praise for relief."

Miss Minnie E. Gebhardt, missionary in the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, writes: "The one who would be used in his service must live a secret life of prayer, an open life of purity, and an active life of service. Can the Lord depend upon me? The father of one of my little girls was very sick with drowsy. The doctor gave him up. But he was young and longed to get well. I was glad to claim the promise: 'If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.' He is now on the way to recovery. He came to church a week ago and was called to work on Monday. He realizes that he must keep in touch with God. What a joy it is when God answers prayer."

Only such who live in communion with the Holy Spirit can claim a promise of the God in prayer. James writes: "The God of faith shall save the sick, and prayer of faith shall raise him up." It must be stated very definitely that no one arbitrarily and from the promptings of his own soul can exercise "the prayer of faith." In order to be in accord with God's will this "prayer of faith" must be put into the soul of the praying one through God's Holy Spirit. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," only when such prayer is in accord with God's will. Even the prophet Elijah could not arbitrarily pray that it might not rain for three years and then pray again for the rain.

We welcome correspondence from our Prayer-Helpers giving briefly prayer experiences like the above. Giving such prayer experiences a wider publicity will prove a blessing to many. We invite the readers of "The Baptist Herald" to enlist as Prayer-Helpers. Many who have enlisted in this ministry of prayer have not only received a blessing themselves but have had a definite share in the extension of Christ's kingdom.

PRAYER-HELPERS,

P. O. Box 6,
Forest Park, Ill.**Dakota Conference**SESSIONS OF THE DAKOTA
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The Dakota Central Association which met at Herreid, S. Dak., June 5-9, was well attended considering the weather which was rather cool and threatening at the outset. The talks were of an inspirational character on the general topic, "The Christian."

The Rev. A. Krombein gave the opening address on Wednesday evening. On Thursday morning the topic, "The Christian and the Bible," was considered by the Rev. W. Luebeck in which he stressed the fact that the Bible was the Word of God and therefore could be taken as a guide by the Christian for his manner of living. The Rev. A. Stelter spoke on the subject of "The Christian and His Prayer Life." The Rev. C. M. Knapp followed by speaking on "The Christian and His Joys." The Rev. P. Geiter of Philadelphia gave a short talk before the noon recess on "Can the World See Jesus in Us?" in our home, in our business and in our church life.

Thursday afternoon was devoted to reports, organization and election at which time the Rev. E. S. Fenske was elected chairman for the coming year; the Rev. J. J. Abel, vice-president, and the Rev. A. Krombein, clerk.

In the evening the Rev. J. R. Matz took for his topic, "Our Standing Before God." He made it very clear that there are no great leaders today because of no complete surrender to God. He was followed by the Rev. H. G. Braun, who spoke in the English language on "The Christian and His Vision." He asked the question whether our vision leads us to the place of purifying so that we may have power.

On Friday morning the discussion was opened by a guest speaker, the Rev. A. Foll of Nebraska, on "The Christian and the Lord's Day." The Rev. A. Heringer followed with a message, "The Christian and His Family," in which we were admonished to make our home a place of joy and then our influence will be reflected in our children. The Rev. B. W. Krentz closed the morning session with the subject on "The Christian and His Church."

At the evening service the Rev. J. J. Abel spoke on "The Christian and His Calling," and he stressed the point that what we expect of our minister, Jesus has a right to expect of us. The Rev. W. A. Weyrauch closed the evening service with a sermon in English on "The Christian and His Beginning." "If we start right, we are sure to end right," he said, "but the start must be through regeneration rather than by mere church membership."

On Saturday morning, the Rev. O. Lohse spoke on "The Christian and His Rewards" and he was followed by the Rev. G. Eichler on "The Anti-Christ." The afternoon was used by the various churches in giving musical numbers and the evening service was conducted by

Dr. Wm. Kuhn with an illustrated lecture on "Home Missions."

On Sunday morning Dr. Kuhn gave a missionary address and the missionary offering was received which amounted to \$500. The Rev. F. Alf conducted the closing prayer service on Sunday afternoon, and in the evening Dr. Kuhn gave an illustrated lecture on "Foreign Missions." Among the many high points of the meetings special mention must be made of the way in which Dr. Kuhn would sum up the various addresses, picking out the main thoughts and giving them particular emphasis.

W. A. WEYHAUCH, Reporter.

**REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA
Y. P. AND S. S. W. UNION AT
WESSINGTON SPRINGS**

The very fine spirit of hospitality and friendliness of the members of the Ebenezer Church near Wessington Springs as shown to the delegates and visitors of the South Dakota assembly of young people and Sunday School workers from June 10 to 13 will be hard to surpass. The church is small as a building, but the response of the audience was great indeed. There were fine attentive audiences during the days, and the church was filled beyond its capacity in the evenings.

Sixteen young people received credit cards as a result of passing successfully the examinations of the two main courses, "God Revealing Himself to Man," and "Personal Religious Living," taught by Martin L. Leuschner and A. R. Eschliman respectively. These courses with a spiritual challenge woven in gave many a surer foothold in life. Miss Florence Schlipf gave a short course entitled, "Recreation," the Rev. H. Lohr of Corona on "Music," and the Rev. O. E. Krueger brought a missionary address showing us how we should do our part in the great work of God's Kingdom.

The evening set aside for the campfire and numbers offered by the visiting societies proved to be very interesting. The local church and its neighboring church in Wessington Springs who so willingly rendered numbers are to be thanked for their splendid presentations.

Those who were not in attendance most certainly missed a wonderful opportunity to come nearer to the Lord in the open spaces of his creation, to see his wondrous works and to sing his praises.

MILDRED L. HEBNER, Reporter.

**NORTHERN NORTH DAKOTA
ASSOCIATION**

From June 12 to 16 a large and representative gathering of the different German Baptist churches of Northern North Dakota met with the churches of Carrington and Pleasant Valley, N. Dak., for the annual association. The Rev. E. Bibelheimer, vice-chairman, was in charge of the opening service, which was addressed by the Rev. J. J. Lucas of Anamoose.

The devotional services beginning each day's sessions were led by the Rev's. Daniel Klein, Emil Becker and Mr. John Siebolt. On Thursday morning the following were elected as officers of the association: Rev. H. P. Kayser of Goodrich, chairman; Rev. Karl Gieser of Turtle Lake, vice-chairman; Rev. Emil Becker of Washburn, secretary; and Mr. Fred Paul of Fessenden, treasurer.

The Rev. Samuel Blum of Cleveland, Ohio, editor of "Der Sendbote," contributed a great deal to the success of the program. He led the quiet half-hour periods of spiritual meditation at the close of each morning's session and preached on Friday evening and on Sunday morning. The Thursday evening message was brought by the Rev. G. Rauser of Martin.

Interesting papers were read by a number of ministers on such topics as "The Strength in Prayer," "Are We Concerned about the Salvation of Sinners?," "The Calling of Ministers," "Jews in the World of Today," "Sins Toward One Another" and "The Responsibilities of a Deacon." Mr. John Siebolt read an interesting paper on the history of the early beginnings of German Baptist churches in the Dakotas in Pleasant Valley. The Rev. N. E. McCoy spoke on Saturday afternoon on "The Peace Makers."

The Thursday afternoon program by the women of the Ladies' Aid Societies was well presented. On Saturday evening the program was in charge of the young people with Mr. Ernest Klein conducting the service. The program contributed by the various societies included scripture reading by Paul Klein, a recitation by Miss Kayser of Goodrich, a male quartet from Anamoose, a play, "The Seeing Heart," by a group from Fessenden, a reading by a representative from McClusky, a girls' trio from Carington, a reading by a young woman from Grand Forks, a women's quartet from Cathay, and a play, "The Ten Righteous," by Pleasant Valley. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner addressed the gathering on the theme, "Guests of the Eternal," and the Washburn quartet sang in closing.

At the closing Sunday afternoon program the Rev. H. P. Kayser and the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner spoke in German and English respectively. Our heavenly Father showed us his favor at this association by sending us a frequent downpour of rain, for which we people in North Dakota have been very grateful this year.

ALMA SCHAFFNER, Reporter.

ASSEMBLY OF THE CENTRAL DAKOTA ASSOCIATION

One hundred and fifty delegates and visitors attended the B. Y. P. U. Assembly of the Central Dakota Association which met with the Ventura church, June 25-28. We were graciously welcomed by the local B. Y. P. U., and everything possible was done to make our stay a pleasant one. Fourteen societies were represented. They were Lin-

ton, Wishek, Gackle, Streeter, Jamestown, Temvik, Eureka, Medina, Ashley, Herreid, Napoleon, Lehr, Fredonia and McLaughlin.

The assembly theme was, "The Christian and His Church." Classes were conducted twice each day based on the above theme by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, our new general secretary. The truths brought forth in these classes will not soon be forgotten. They were all very practical and of vital interest to young people.

Another part of the program which everyone enjoyed was the giving of the life story of three great missionaries. Frieda Remboldt of Gackle presented "The Life of Albert Schweitzer," Elizabeth Quatier of Wishek, "The Life of E. Stanley Jones," and Mr. J. C. Gunst, "The Life of Grenfell." These proved to be very interesting and inspiring.

The evening addresses were given by Mr. Leuschner, and each time the church was crowded with people. Throughout the assembly music was furnished by representatives of the various societies and we heard some beautiful singing.

At the business session it was voted to change the name of the assembly to the B. Y. P. U. Assembly of the Central Dakota Association, instead of the Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Assembly. On Friday afternoon we held our annual business meeting and the following officers were elected: Dean, Rev. W. Luebeck of Ashley, N. Dak.; president, Frieda Remboldt of Gackle, N. Dak.; vice-president, Mrs. Krentz of Wishek, N. Dak.; treasurer, Ida Bauer of Lehr, N. Dak.; secretary, Grace Weyhrauch of Jamestown, N. Dak.

On Thursday afternoon we drove to Bertech Lake for an outing. Muddy roads threatened to spoil the fun, but after a little excitement we all arrived safely. The afternoon was spent in playing ball and get-acquainted games.

At 7:30 everyone gathered on a hillside for the vesper service. It was an ideal place and a beautiful evening. Mr. E. Klatt of McLaughlin led an inspiring song service and a male quartet sang, "Day Is Dying in the West." Mr. Leuschner gave a message on "An Unconditional Surrender." He urged us as Christian young people to become "Pledged Partners" of Jesus Christ and reconsecrate ourselves to Christian service. This was no doubt the most impressive service of the whole assembly.

Friday evening the annual literary program was given by representatives from the various societies. It consisted of solos, duets, quartets, a playlet, and a dialogue. This program proved that there is a great deal of talent in our German Baptist churches. During the evening the picture of "The Last Supper" was presented to the Gackle B. Y. P. U. for having the greatest mileage to their credit.

We wish to thank the Ventura church for their cordial welcome and royal entertainment.

GRACE WEYHRAUCH, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

The 27th annual Dakota Conference convened with the church at Ashley, N. Dak., from June 18 to 23. The event was a happy one from every viewpoint even beginning with the drive to Ashley. It certainly was a delight to see the grainfields of a bluegreen color, so rich in promise, stretching out almost as far as the eye could see, and the prairie with its many varieties of flowers. Everywhere an abundance of life showed forth the great Creator's hand of love and blessing.

On arriving at Ashley, a happy spirit of expectation was noticed, both on the part of the brethren of the Ashley church as well as of the delegates and visitors, who were arriving in record-breaking numbers, to do their part in making this conference, numerically and spiritually, an outstanding one.

Beginning with the opening service and lasting through to the end, a fine spirit of thankfulness to God and of worship was manifested, which continued to be nourished by the sermons and addresses delivered and the well chosen themes of essays presented and discussed during the sessions.

The conference was fortunate to have representatives of the various branches of the general work present at this time. Professor O. E. Krueger of the Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., was present and conducted the quiet halfhours of worship each day. The B. Y. P. U. secretary, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, was present and spoke in the interests of the young people's work. The Rev. S. Blum, editor of the "Sendbote," represented the Publications House and gave some interesting reports. The Rev. H. Steiger represented the Orphan's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., and told some of the interesting incidents of the Home. Each of these brethren contributed his share in making the sessions interesting and inspirational.

The business sessions were conducted in the spirit of hopefulness and trust in God, for better times materially and spiritually, with prospects of greater and more effective service in the great harvest-field of our Lord. The sessions of both the Ladies' Aid and the Y. P. & S. S. W. Union were well represented and attended and were addressed respectively by Professor O. E. Krueger and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

Last but by no means least, the people of the Ashley church are to be commended for the able entertainment of their guests. This certainly was a big task, which however was fulfilled in a way which left nothing to be desired, showing that there had been no lack of careful preparation on their part to meet the needs of their guests and to provide for their every comfort, both in the dining rooms and in the various homes. Altogether the 27th Dakota Conference was a splendid time of inspiration and fellowship. We praise God for all his blessings and benefits!

H. LOHR, Reporter.

B. Y. P. U. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS' UNION OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE

On Saturday afternoon, June 22, the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Dakota Conference met at Ashley, N. Dak., for its annual business meeting. The following officers were elected: Rev. F. Alf, Hebron, N. Dak., president; Rev. G. Rauser, Martin, N. Dak., first vice-president; Rev. J. G. Rott, Unityville, S. Dak., second vice-president; Miss F. P. Klein, Cathay, N. Dak., secretary; Charles Rust, Martin, N. Dak., treasurer.

The Union appropriated \$125 for the support of missions. Reports were heard from each of the three associations on Rally Day programs held during the year. During the course of the meeting, the editor of "The Baptist Herald," the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, gave us a bird's eye view of the contents of "The Baptist Herald."

In the evening of the same day a program of musical and literary numbers was rendered by members of the various societies of the conference. An address by Mr. Leuschner on "Youth's Conquest of this Age" and several numbers by the Mass Choir and Ministerial Chorus were inspiring additions to the program. The offering of the evening amounted to \$61.14. May God grant us much grace to do his work better in the ensuing year!

F. P. KLEIN, Secretary.

BAPTISM IN NEW LEIPZIG, N. DAK.

During the past winter the Lord made known his redeeming power and again proved to his children that his grace can still "save to the uttermost." A goodly number surrendered their lives to the Lord, which of course meant that they were to follow him in baptism.

Most of our German Baptist people in Dakota like to gather at the river or lake to see the rite of baptism administered. On June 16 we gathered at the Cannon Ball River under the trees near a bridge. Seats had been erected to accommodate the crowd which usually gathers on such occasions. The Rev. O. Lohse of McLaughlin, S. Dak., gave the morning address and spoke again in the afternoon along with the Rev. Mr. Brown. Eleven persons followed Jesus in baptism with the rite administered by the Rev. J. R. Matz, pastor of the church. The large audience was gathered on both sides of the river and on the bridge in the form of a horseshoe.

After the baptismal service we again gathered under the trees where 14 persons were welcomed into the church. The communion service was held immediately thereafter.

There are quite a number who have come to know that baptism by immersion administered to those who have been born again by the Holy Spirit is the only biblical mode of baptism. We are praying that all those who have known the salvation of the Lord will say "yes" to the Lord and follow him in baptism. Re-

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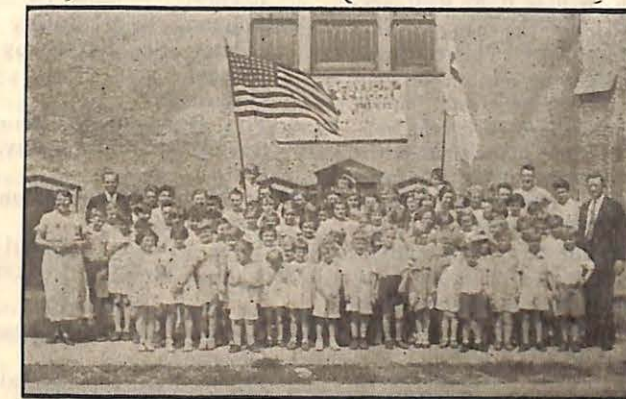
VACATION SCHOOLS OF THE OAK PARK CHURCH

Three Daily Vacation Bible Schools were conducted under the auspices of the Oak Park German Baptist Church.

One was conducted in Bellwood where the community is quite receptive to Vacation School efforts. The Rev. John Warning was in charge and led the school in a fine way. The enrollment was about 200 with a high average attendance.

The second school was conducted in Cicero and was led by Miss Martha Christine Remus. The enrollment was about

hibit on Sunday evening, June 30. Although the day was very sultry we had a large audience present to witness the achievements of our scholars. The following is a list of memory work: a response, Ps. 19:14; an offering prayer; Ps. 103:1;5; Ps. 100; the Beatitudes; the books of the Bible; doxologies: Gloria Patri and "The Lord is in His Holy Temple;" hymns such as "Jesus Never Fails," "I Would Be True," "Help Somebody Today," "Father, Lead Me Day by Day" and choruses such as "Whatsoever You Do," "Everybody Ought to Love Jesus," "Into My Heart," "Only Believe" and a few others. The program also included the dramatization of two of Jesus' par-



Daily Vacation Bible School of the Oak Park German Baptist Church

65 and the average attendance about 40. This community has several Vacation Schools which accounts for the smaller enrollment, but it rendered a splendid work and was characterized by excellent discipline.

The third school was conducted at our Oak Park German Baptist Church with Miss Victoria Orthner, the church missionary, in charge. The enrollment was 108 and the average attendance 80. There was one conversion in this school and three in Cicero on the part of the scholars of these schools. An accompanying picture on this page presents the children of the Vacation Bible School conducted in the Oak Park Church. Closing exercises were held in all these schools which were well attended by the people of the respective communities.

THEO. W. DONS, Reporter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN KANKAKEE, ILL.

A Vacation Bible School for boys and girls, aged 6-12, was conducted for three weeks, June 10-28, under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. George Hensel. In spite of limiting the ages and incessant rain our enrollment reached 55. The interest shown by the pupils in their attendance was fully equalled by their ambition for memory and hand work and by the bringing of gifts for missionary purposes. The climax of our school was twofold. The first came in a picnic at Bird Park for the boys and girls on the last day of the school and the second was realized in the closing exercises and ex-

ercises, "The Good Samaritan" and "The Ten Virgins." Our handwork exhibit was on display in the church parlors to which the boys and girls eagerly escorted their parents after the Mizpah benediction. From the comments and compliments which the teachers of the school received we all felt that the work though strenuous had not been in vain and we were almost persuaded by the youngsters to continue another three weeks.

GEORGE HENSEL, Reporter.

ORDINATION OF THE REV. THEODORE KOESTER

In response to an invitation of the Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., a council met for the purpose of the examination and the setting apart into the gospel ministry of Mr. Theodore Koester on Thursday, July 11, at the Bethel Church. Eleven churches were represented by 25 delegates.

After the Rev. Paul Wengel, pastor of the entertaining church, had opened the meeting with scripture reading and prayer, he read the invitation for the calling of the council. The Rev. George Johnson was elected moderator and the Rev. E. G. Kliese clerk. Mr. Theodore Koester in a clear and positive manner related his conversion, his call to the ministry and his doctrinal views.

The ordination service was held in the evening of the same day. The following program was carried out: Invocation by the Rev. John Grygo; Scripture Reading by the Rev. P. F. Schilling; Ordination Sermon by the Rev. Paul Wengel; Ordination

nation Prayer by the Rev. C. A. Daniel; Charge to the Candidate by the Rev. George Johnson; Welcome into the Ministry by the Rev. E. G. Kliese. The Rev. Theodore Koester pronounced the benediction.

The Rev. Theodore Koester is one of our promising young men. He has accepted the unanimous call to the pastorate of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., of which the Rev. O. E. Krueger was formerly pastor.

E. G. KLIESE, Clerk.

ENTERPRISING ACTIVITIES OF THE EAST SIDE B. Y. P. U. IN CHICAGO

Recently the East Side B. Y. P. U. succeeded in furnishing the congregation with 200 new song books. This task was accomplished by handing out special contribution cards to members and friends of the church. On these cards the contributors signed their names and the amount of the donation. With the price of each book set at forty cents, it was surprising to note the number of donations which paid for two, four and as many as six books. To make the new hymnal an accomplishment long to be remembered by the church, small placards naming the donors were placed inside the covers of the books. After the work was completed a special program was given by the young people for the purpose of dedicating the books for use in the church.

At the present time the B. Y. P. U. and the Young Women's Guild are working together endeavoring to raise funds for a new roof on the parsonage. The B. Y. P. U. also contributes a small sum each week to the church expenses.

Since last Easter Sunday the young people introduced a new Easter program dealing with discussions on the subject of faith. Seven different phases of the subject were rendered by seven teams of young people. It was hoped that through these programs their faith in Christ would be strengthened and that some one would be led to Christ.

E. R. LENGEFELD, Reporter.

PROGRAM of the CENTRAL CONFERENCE August 27 to Sept. 1 at the

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

TUESDAY

7:45 P. M.—Opening Session.

1. Welcome address by Rev. G. H. Enss, Th. D.
2. Response by conference chairman, Rev. Thos. Stoerli.
3. Conference Sermon by Rev. E. G. Kliese.

WEDNESDAY

9:30 A. M.

1. Devotions.
2. Organization.
3. Reading of Church Letters
4. Address: "Our Baptist Heritage" by Rev. S. Blum.

5. The Quiet Half Hour. (Unassigned.)
2:00 P. M.—Missionary Session.

1. Devotions.
 2. Address: "Our Missionary Outlook" by Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D.
 3. Reports from the Central Conference missionary secretary and the treasurer.
 4. Address: "Baptists and World Missions" by Rev. John Grygo.
- 7:45 P. M.—Public Missionary Rally.
Missionary Sermon by Rev. P. C. A. Menard.

THURSDAY

9:30 A. M.—Christian Education Session.

1. Devotions.
2. Reports of a representative of the Rochester Seminary.
3. Address: "The Future of Our Rochester Seminary" by Rev. Paul Wengel.
4. Discussion.
5. The Quiet Half Hour. "At the Spring of Life" by Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D.

2:00 P. M.—Women's Union of the Central Conference.

7:45 P. M.—Denominational Rally.

Sermon by Rev. L. Broeker.

FRIDAY

9:30 A. M.—Publication Session.

1. Devotions.
 2. Report by a representative of Publication Society.
 3. Address: "The Scope of Baptist Doctrine" by Prof. F. W. C. Meyer.
 4. Discussion.
 5. The Quiet Half Hour. (Unassigned.)
- 2:00 P. M.—Social Welfare Session.

1. Devotions.
2. Reports from the Children's Home and other benevolent institutions.
3. Address: "Baptist and World Social Problems" by Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel.

Evening—Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Banquet.
Speaker—Rev. G. H. Enss, Th. D.

SATURDAY

9:30 A. M.

1. Devotions.
2. Reports of committees.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Address: "The Local Church Meeting Present Needs" by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner.
5. The Quiet Half Hour. (Unassigned.)

SUNDAY

Morning.

1. Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., at the Conference Church.
2. Visiting Pastors to Preach at the other churches.
- 3:00 P. M.—Baptist Rally. Speaker: Rev. Warner R. Cole.
- 7:30 P. M.—Final Conference Meeting. Sermon by Rev. Theo. W. Dons.

Eastern Conference

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ONTARIO ASSOCIATION

The German Baptist Association of Ontario met this year with our church

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in the beautiful Lindock hills, June 13 to 26. The entire convention emphasized foreign missions. Our general theme for the present year is: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

On Thursday evening the meeting was opened with a song service. The Rev. D. Littke, pastor of the entertaining church, greeted all the visitors and delegates. The moderator of the association responded with a thankful word of appreciation for the kind hospitality. The Rev. Wm. G. Jaster brought an inspiring message on the theme: "The Inspiring Look."

In the mornings we had one-half hour periods of devotion, and it was a blessing to see the good attendance. The Rev. George Zinz, pastor of our church in Neustadt, brought a biblical message on Thursday morning on the subject, "Die apostolische Gemeinde." On Friday afternoon a group of young people from our church in Arnprior gave a play, which was written by the pastor, entitled, "Our Cameroon Missions." In the evening the young people from our Lyndock church gave a play on home missions. A number of young people also gave some very fine musical selections, quartet numbers and pantomimes. The Rev. A. E. Jaster gave an address on, "Foreign Missions and Our Denomination." On Saturday morning Rev. George Zinz gave a message on the subject, "The Coming of the Holy Spirit."

On Sunday morning we had an overflowing house for the Sunday School session. A number of visiting superintendents addressed the service. The message for the morning worship was brought by the Rev. A. E. Jaster on the theme, "Ambassadors of Christ." On Sunday afternoon the Ladies' Mission Circle of Lyndock had a wonderful program. Mr. Zinz brought the closing message of the convention on Sunday evening on the subject: "Four Things Every Person Ought to Know."

A. E. JASTER, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

B. Y. P. U. NEWS FROM LODI

We have tried a new scheme in our Young People's Society in Lodi, Calif., which has been working out splendidly. Instead of a president our society has a board of governors, consisting of six of our members. These young people are Gerhardt Stabbert, chairman; Lydia Martin, Lorraine Miller, Bertha Meyers, Erich Boese, Rudy Helm, Henry Schmieder and Herbert Dubrowolney. Each member of the board is responsible for an outline of programs during the year.

Our first meeting under this new arrangement was a dedication service led by Rudy Helm, honoring all the late presidents of the United States. On March 3 the meeting was conducted by Herbert Dubrowolney in the nature of a Bible Question Contest. On March 10 with Bertha Meyers in charge several members spoke on "What the Salvation Army and Red Cross did during the World War." On March 24 Gerhardt Stabbert

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called on the chairman of each committee for an extensive report, and then he spoke on "What Does the Future Hold in Store for the Youth of Today?" On April 28 an appropriate and beautiful musical program was presented under the leadership of Lorraine Miller. "The Sweetest of All Mothers" was the theme of a special Mother's Day Program. On May 26 our pastor, the Rev. G. E. Lohr, spoke to us on the modernistic movements of our day. An inspiring vesper service was held on Sunday, June 16, when all B. Y. P. U. members went to a park about 18 miles from Lodi. As the sun was going down the group joined in the singing of spiritual songs and the giving of testimonies. This service in charge of Bertha Meyers will long be remembered.

Our next young people's meeting will be held in a little Chinese village about 22 miles from here, in which a Baptist missionary and the only white woman in that settlement is working among these people. We shall have complete charge of the evenings' program.

On Sunday evening, April 7, members of the society presented a religious play in the church entitled, "Alice Forber, Missionary." The play was repeated on the following Friday evening. Members who took part were Bertha Meyers, Gerhardt Stabbert, Emma Rau, Marie and Elton Burgstahler, Gus Hust, Anna, Pauline and David Melcher, Lydia Martin, Edna Beck, Ella Schmieder, Pearl Engel, Walter Homen, Emma Rowe, Inez Helm, Lorraine Miller, Emilie Fried, Ida Wage-man and Wayne Hyske.

It is our sincere desire and prayer that we may be of beneficial service to the Lord always.

BERTHA MEYERS, Reporter.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF THE TACOMA B. Y. P. U.

Our Sunday evening service on June 23 was especially conducted in the interest of the young people. Our pastor, the Rev. Geo. A. Lang, gave a very helpful and inspiring sermon on "Youth and Religion," based on Proverbs 20:14. This message challenged us all to be genuine and to be true. The youth of today is indeed confronted with a task that calls for the best in each and every one of us, and it is our desire to be found true to our higher selves.

The retiring B. Y. P. U. officers were presented to the church and a word of appreciation was directed to them on behalf of their faithful and untiring service during the past year. The newly elected officers then took their stand—Ruth Helmrich as president; Otto Stolz, vice-president; Norma Lange, recording secretary; Lucy Ahrens, corresponding secretary; Emil Dingfeld, treasurer; Ethel Kageler, pianist; and Eva Yost, assistant pianist. A few helpful and encouraging words were given to each as he or she entered the duties of the new office.

We are looking forward to a year of prosperity—no—rather to a year filled with a wealth of spiritual blessings!

REPORTER.

Golden Anniversary of Our Church in Jamesburg, N. J.

By the REV. C. PETERS

The 50th anniversary of the First German Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., was held from May 26 to 29 with large crowds of members and friends in attendance. The newly installed pews, new carpets, and redecorated interior of the church made a fine appearance for those who attended the services.

The Sunday School under the fine leadership of our superintendent, Mr. J. B. Weisert, presented an interesting program. The Rev. Gustav H. Schneck of Passaic, N. J., was our jubilee preacher and spoke at the morning service on Acts 2:42 and 14:22. At the evening service an inspiring cantata was rendered by the choir of the Passaic church under the able direction of Mr. Oscar Conrad. Mr. Schneck also spoke briefly on "The Redeeming Grace of God."

Monday, May 27, was "Neighbor-Night" with greetings brought by or read from neighboring churches and former pastors of the church. Mr. Herman Schroeder gave a brief history of the church. The evening speaker was Rev. Paul Norton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hightstown, N. J. Tuesday evening was given over to the young people's and Sunday School work with Mrs. Clara Ziegler, president of our B. Y. P. U., in charge. Mr. William Schmidt of Newark, N. J., brought an address, following which a pageant entitled "The Call of Samuel," written by Miss Gertrude Schroeder, was presented by young people of the church. Wednesday evening was a "Get-Together-Night" on which a number of the older members of the church related stories and reminiscences of their past experiences. Mrs. Christian Kilbourn, the oldest living member of the church, was presented with a basket of beautiful flowers by the Ladies' Aid Society, of which she has been a member since its beginning. Musical and vocal selections were rendered by various members and friends of the church, which helped to create a worshipful spiritual atmosphere.

During the month of August, 1883, the Rev. John Schick, harbor missionary of New York City, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Buehler near Jamesburg, N. J., and conducted a Sunday afternoon service with 42 persons present. In 1884 the Rev. Carl Schlipf of Newark began to hold prayer meetings at the Buehler home which were attended by their neighbors and friends. Missionary and evangelistic work was conducted by Mr. Schlipf in nearby towns and several places as well as in Jamesburg. On May 18, 1885, the few attendants of the Jamesburg services agreed to unite as a mission church under the motherly care of the First Baptist Church of Hightstown. On Feb. 16, 1887, the present church structure was dedi-

cated to the service of God's Kingdom. Soon thereafter the mission decided to organize itself as an independent German Baptist Church, and the reorganization services were held on October 16, 1894.

During the fifty years of the church's history the following ministers have served the congregation: Carl A. Schlipf, 1884 to 1894; Henry C. Baum, 1894 to 1896; Emil Otto, 1896 to 1899; Ferdinand Walter, 1900 to 1905; Carl A. Schlipf, 1905 to 1907; William Raff, 1907 to 1910; John Ehrenstein, 1910 to 1923; Ralph T. Wegner, 1924 to 1926; Christian Peters, 1927 until the present date. The following served as student pastors: John Landenberger (1910) and Walter Macoskey (1923).

May the dear Lord keep us all true and faithful in the great cause of Christ, our Master, until the day when we shall see him face to face!

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE, BRADLEY BEACH, N. J., JUNE 24-28

Twenty pastors and four pastors' wives accepted the gracious invitation of the Young People's Union of New York City and vicinity to spend five days at the "Young People's Cottage" at Bradley Beach, N. J. What happy days they were!

The devotional periods, the discussions and the evening services were especially interesting and impressive. Our theme for this year was "The Nature and Training of New Converts" and around this thought all papers, sermons and discussions centered. The Rev's. V. Prendinger, M. Heringer and F. W. Becker led the devotional services, having for their subjects: "Prevailing Prayer," "Wrong and Right Worship," and "Jesus at Prayer." The subjects for the evening meetings were: "The Foundation of the Church," "The Steadfast Church," "The Lukewarm Church," and "A Missionary Church." The Rev's. A. Bernadt, A. Husmann, Wm. A. Mueller and C. Peters delivered these sermons.

The various discussions were led by M. Schroeder, John Schmidt, R. Schade, E. D. Gruen, J. F. Niebuhr, V. Brushwyler and J. Kaaz. Since we were thinking primarily of the new converts and their training, we studied first of all the training of the 12 apostles and then discussed the dangers after conversion. Next came the training of the new converts in their prayer life, in the reading and study of the scripture, in stewardship and in soul-winning. The Rev. J. Kaaz closed these discussions with a paper on the subject: "What Should Be Done With Dead Timber on Our Church Rolls?" Our last service consisted of a consecration service led by the Rev. F. Niebuhr. EMANUEL WOLFF, Reporter.

A CHAT ABOUT BOOKS BY THE EDITOR

There is no more exciting adventure while on one's vacation than browsing around in some musty, quaint second-hand book shop in a village or city through which one is passing. The discovery of a book treasure in such a picturesque place is among life's most thrilling experiences. The friendly and leisurely visit to a book shop of that sort can be not only interesting but exhilarating and recreating as well.

It is remarkable how much good literature and how many invaluable books can be purchased for a few cents in these out-of-the-way book stalls or in the book marts along the street. If you are interested in a religious library, I can recommend to you to keep your eyes open for some of the following 40 or more books, all of which can be bought from time to time in second-hand book stores. Not only the discovery but also the reading of them will make your vacation a memorable experience.

Charles M. Sheldon's "In His Steps," first appearing in 1896, is undoubtedly the best known book of modern times. More than 23,000,000 copies have been printed and sold. It has been translated into 21 languages. It can be secured almost anywhere for ten or fifteen cents, but its place in one's library or reading list is ten times more valuable. Its challenge for today is as forceful as ever!

I am amazed to learn how few young people of our day have read John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." If I were such an unfortunate person I should keep my eyes open for a good second-hand copy with effective illustrations of this religious classic. Even more anxiously would I look for Bunyan's autobiography, "Grace Abounding," which is not widely known but which is a spiritual story of monumental proportions. The finding of this latter book in a second-hand book stall would be a discovery over which one could well rejoice.

How many of our present generation of young people have read Ralph Connor's "Sky Pilot," first published in 1899? That was one of the most popular religious books at the beginning of the 20th century, and its popularity deserves to be continued. I read it for the first time a few months ago, and I am eagerly looking for a well-bound second-hand copy of this stirring religious story of the pioneer days in the West.

Several other unusual books of a few decades ago which have been milestones in the lives of outstanding men and women of today can be mentioned. Dr. A. W. Beaven has said that Robert E. Speer's "The Marks of a Man" was one of the most helpful religious books of his student days. I have found that book to be full of suggestive spiritual counsel even for young people of today. Dr. John R. Mott has attributed much of the guidance of his life into the channels of religious service to the reading of John Foster's book, "Decision of Character

and other Essays," which I was able to secure in the famous Leary's Book Store of Philadelphia not so long ago for ten cents. Ian Maclaren's "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush" has influenced more lives religiously than any other book of its kind.

A number of religious novels can be picked up here and there for almost a song, but their reading will leave a permanent imprint on one's life. If you haven't read Lewis Wallace's "Ben Hur," published in 1880, by all means do not rest until you have read it from cover to cover. The religious classic "Quo Vadis," by Henryk Sienkiewicz can be secured cheaply anywhere. Dostoevsky's "The Brothers Karamazov," Tolstoi's "War and Peace" and Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables" are large volumes but they are treasures from the depths of which one can bring forth priceless gems. I would certainly not hesitate in adding such a book to my library. John Rathbone Oliver's novels, "Fear" and "Victim and Victor," can be included in this same group. Johann Bojer's novel, "The Great Hunger," was highly recommended to me by a minister, and after reading it I regarded it as one of the finest novels in my library. That book has been loaned by me to more people than any other, and it is always returned with profound appreciation.

Several books will be more difficult to find, but their discovery will be all the more delectable. Grenfell's "What Christ Means to Me" is a small book, but it is filled with personal anecdotes and a testimony of faith which are deeply inspirational. Richard Cabot's "What Men Live By" will never outlive its significance. Jane Addams "Twenty Years at Hull House" is one of the hardest books to secure in a second-hand shop. Helen Keller's "The Story of My Life" and "Midstream" are among the most compelling volumes of modern biography. Booker T. Washington's "Up From Slavery" and Richard R. Morton's "Finding A Way Out" are autobiographies of outstanding negro educators which deserve to be read by everyone. The finding of such volumes in a used book mart should thrill the heart of a lover of good books!

Certainly do not pass by an opportunity to purchase at a reasonable price Walter Rauschenbusch's "Prayers of the Social Awakening" or his other books if you have not read them. Any second-hand bookstore will offer them for sale from ten cents up. I have been happy to have found several copies of Thomas a Kempis "Imitation of Christ," one of the finest devotional books of the ages. For years I have been looking for a second-hand copy of Dan Crawford's "Thinking Black," a memorable missionary book. When I found his book, "Back to the Long Grass," at a reduced price, I had a very exciting day. A reasonably priced copy of Henry Van Dykes's poems or one

of his many books, especially "The Blue Flower," "The Ruling Passion," "The Spirit of Christmas" or "Little Rivers" should be bought without delay. David Grayson's "Adventures in Contentment" or "Adventures in Solitude" or any one of his many books are purchases you will not soon regret.

Ministers are splendid "browsers" in such shops. If a minister wants to enrich his life he should never pass by a copy of Frederick W. Robertson's "Sermons." His sermons will long outlive those of any man of God preached in the English language. Sermons by Phillips Brooks and Charles Haddon Spurgeon are also worthy of attention.

One of the best purchases I ever made in a second-hand book store was the finding of "The Life of Alice Freeman Palmer" by her husband, George Herbert Palmer, which I was able to secure for ten cents in Philadelphia. That book will leave more indelible impressions in one's life than a dozen other books. Other unique purchases which I have made have been the autobiographies of Charles G. Finney, one of the greatest evangelists of the past generation, of John G. Paton, the missionary to the New Hebrides Islands, and of Russell H. Conwell, the great Christian preacher, each volume of which is a monumental work in itself.

General William Booth's "In Darkest England," published in 1890, is an almost forgotten book but it deserves renewed recognition in our day. The books, "A Circuit Rider's Wife" and "My Book and Heart" by the late Mrs. Corra Harris are provocative books whose message will linger long in the reader's mind. You will probably remember that on the occasion of Ramsey MacDonald's first visit to America as prime minister of England he mentioned Michael Fairless' forgotten book, "The Roadmender." That is a priceless gem for readers on both sides of the Atlantic. Recently I was able to secure one of the latest biographies of Ramsey MacDonald, a book of 456 pages by H. Hessel Tiltman, for the ridiculous price of 25 cents. The only available complete biography of William Carey, a splendid book of 428 pages by S. Pearce Carey, was also secured for 25 cents. Who says there are no book bargains for the patient seeker in book stores?

To one who loves books an hour spent among the shelves of a second-hand book shop will be the epitome of fun and delight. There is the same thrill which comes to the pearl diver seeking perfect gems or to the safari hunter in search of big game which becomes the experience of a book lover in the discovery of an unusual find. If one will take the time and cultivate the inclination, anyone can build an enviable religious library with little means at one's disposal. And every book will be associated with the most joyous memories of vacation jaunts into some delightful second-hand book store!