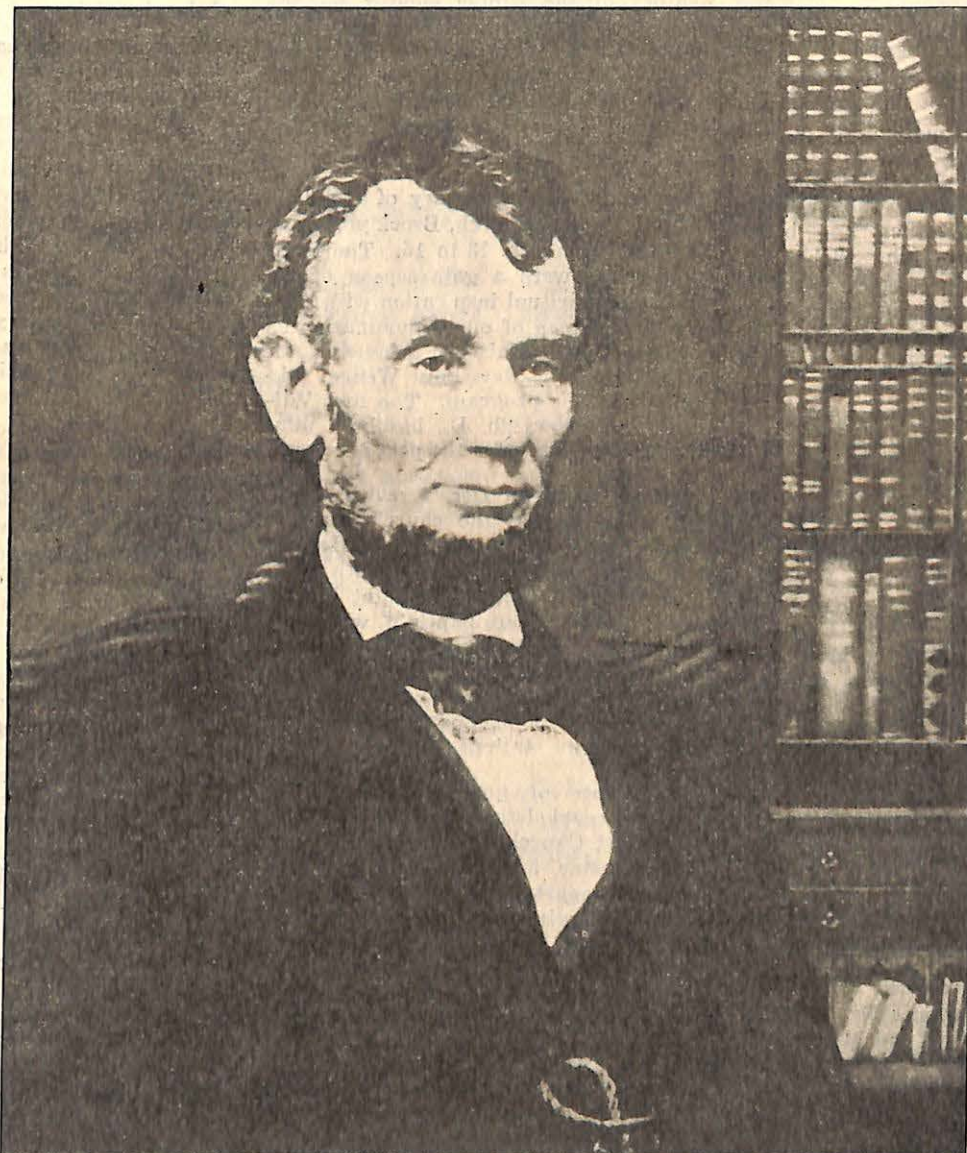


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What's Happening

The Rev. Paul Zoschke has favorably answered the call from the church at Elgin, Iowa, to become its pastor. He will begin his ministry there with the 14th of April, leaving the church at Racine, Wis., which he served for six years.

January 2, 1935, marked the 23rd anniversary of the remarkable service which Brother H. P. Donner has rendered the German Baptists of North America as business manager of the Publication Society. Everyone who meets and becomes acquainted with him remarks about the radiant faith which he manifests in all dealings of life.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 16, a baptismal service was held in our church at Madison, South Dakota, the Rev. J. F. Olthoff baptizing thirteen persons before a large church attendance. That baptismal service was the fruitful result of evangelistic services, which had been conducted by the Rev. John Wobig of Wausau, Wis.

The Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, made elaborate preparations to receive its new minister, the Rev. John Leyppoldt, and his family with the first of February. The interior of the church was redecorated and a new church carpet was laid. The Rev. Samuel Blum and Mr. H. P. Donner led the church in the week of prayer services early in January.

The wedding of the Rev. Eric Priestly, a member of the Oak Park German Baptist Church, and Miss Frieda Koester, daughter of the Rev. and the late Mrs. D. Koester, Canton, Ohio, was culminated on Dec. 24 in Belfast, Ireland. Mr. Priestly studied at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, before going to Ireland, where he is preaching in a small Baptist church.

A report has been received from the Rev. Fred W. Benke concerning the fine Sunday school in our church at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada. A number of scholars have given their hearts to the Lord and several have entered or are preparing themselves for the wider mission work of the Kingdom. Mr. William Dickau is superintendent and Mrs. Anna Sommers, the children's worker.

The Rev. Paul Gebauer spent the days of January visiting our churches in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Mich., Erie and Pittsburgh, Pa., Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y., the Missionary Conference of the Evangelical Church, Newark, N. J., and the German Baptist Ministers' Conference of New York City. In February he will visit the churches of the Southwestern Conference.

The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., experienced a spiritual revival during several weeks of evangelistic serv-

ices which were originally scheduled to have been held from Nov. 18 to Dec. 2, but which were continued until Dec. 9. The Rev. C. H. Wilcox of Raymond Center preached every evening and on Sundays in a friendly, personal way, which could reach the depths of his listeners' hearts.

In Morris, Manitoba, Canada, the German Baptist Church has built a stable, involving a cost of two hundred dollars, to provide protection in the stormy weather of the winter months for the horses and buggies, which are the only means of transportation for the church people. The church is being more efficiently organized for denominational activities by its able young minister, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt.

The eightieth anniversary of the First German Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., was held from Jan. 13 to 15. The festival services were a gala season of reunion and spiritual inspiration with such outstanding men of our denomination as Professor Lewis Kaiser, Professor G. H. Schneek and the Rev. Paul Wengel taking part in the program. The Rev. William A. Mueller, Ph. D., has been minister of the church for the past six years.

From Oct. 29 to Dec. 7 revival meetings were held at the church stations, Spring Creek and Artas, of the Herreid Baptist Church, South Dakota, with fruitful results. At the Watchnight service twelve converts were baptized, who were received into the fellowship of the church along with six others at the communion service immediately following baptism. The Rev. E. S. Fenske is minister of the church and its stations.

A number of guest ministers have recently occupied the pulpit of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Theo. Koester, a Junior student in the German department of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, preached at both Sunday services shortly before Christmas. He has been selected by the church to occupy the pulpit during the summer months, while Rev. O. E. Krueger is visiting the churches of the denomination.

Professor Arthur A. Schade spent his Christmas vacation period, December 26 to January 2, with the Benton Harbor, Mich., church, conducting an institute. He presented two courses on "Principles of Teaching" and on "The Essentials of the Christian Religion." Unfortunately, the pastor, Rev. Leo F. Gassner, and other members of his family were down with the influenza which deprived the church of their valuable services at the time. Professor Schade spoke at the Sunday and Watchnight services also.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 16, nine persons were baptized by the Rev. John Wobig at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wausau, Wis., at a church service, which taxed the seating capacity of the building. Seven of these converts were the fruits of special evangelistic services, which were held from Sept. 23 to Oct. 7 under the effective preaching ministry of the Rev. Pieter Smit of Muscatine, Iowa. On the first Sunday of this year, Mr. Wobig had the joy of extending the hand of fellowship to 14 new members of the church.

A unique baptismal service was held on a recent Sunday evening in the Second German Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Rev. Alfred Bernadt in which nine persons were baptized. The church was crowded by approximately 300 people who spoke of the service as beautiful and inspirational. The service was conducted by the subdued light emanating from scores of Christmas tree bulbs which covered huge fir trees on both sides of the baptistry. It is expected that at least twelve other persons will give open expression of their decision for Christ and follow him in baptism.

Mrs. Mary Windisch, a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., passed away suddenly after a brief illness on Monday evening, Dec. 31. She had been the wife of Mr. Reuben Windisch for 45 blessed years. Her participation in the affairs of the church, the Philadelphia Home for the Aged and the denomination at large had been intensely active, and a host of friends from the Atlantic to the Pacific mourn her passing. She was especially known as the secretary of the Basket Club of the Philadelphia Home for over 25 years. At the memorial service held in the Windisch home the Rev. F. P. Kruse, the Rev. Charles W. Koller and the Rev. A. Winters took part briefly. Mrs. William Kuhn of Chicago, a life-long friend, was also able to be there.

The annual exhibition held in Soppo, the Cameroons, Africa, during November of last year was a great success from the point of view of the German Baptist Mission School, according to a report recently received from Missionary C. J. Bender. The mission school exhibited embroidery, needlework, toys, baskets, mats, rope, hammocks, fishing nets, pottery, garden produce and the like. The eight English schools in the Victoria division also competed, among them being two government schools. Our Soppo school came out of the contest with flying colors, carrying off more than one-third of the prizes, 6 first prizes, 9 second, 14 third, 19 prizes in all. This gives our Soppo school quite a boost again. In May it also carried off the honor shield in the sports competition.

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Youth Dauntlessly Facing the Future

ONE of the most tragic realities of our day is the increasing number of doors which are being closed to our young people. There was a time, not so far distant, when young people, with their strength and vision were greatly in demand everywhere. Training in the arts and sciences only enhanced the manifold opportunities for a successful career and brilliant future.

That day in certain respects has passed. Some of my friends with the finest possible educational training are tramping the streets looking for any kind of work. It is no unusual incident to hear about an honor college student working in some factory as night watchman. Young people, who have had high ambitions and have worked hard to plan for a successful future, find that the doors into their chosen careers or fields of service refuse to open to them.

The causes for this tragedy, in which young people with their talents and capacities are no longer highly desirable, are to be traced back to the disappearance of the pioneer stages of our life. As long as the uncultivated land and the business structure of our country were forging farther and farther into new frontier areas, there was always a limitless demand for new blood and visionary young people. But a saturation point has seemingly been reached, in which the proportionate demand for young people is alarmingly decreasing.

The spirit of youth facing these critical problems is admirable. I find them with dauntless courage taking the hard knocks of life with no wincing and little grumbling. I see them continuing their educational training to greater heights of efficiency. I

observe them adapting themselves to the changing circumstances of life with remarkable versatility.

This word of counsel may be spoken to our youth for the tomorrow. The areas of life, which demand a keen interpretation of social and economic changes or an appreciative evaluation of the spiritual verities or a helpful service to mankind, will receive increasing emphasis in the days to come. Pioneers will be needed to enlarge the frontier boundaries in understanding and goodwill in the social relationships of people. Those young people who keep abreast of these movements and give themselves to this leadership will find themselves in the vanguard of tomorrow's life.

Christian Gauss of Princeton University has expressed this truth in a recent issue of a widely read magazine: "We are now hunting our way out into a future of infinitely greater possibilities than any past age ever dreamed. Ages of stability are the paradise of the middle-aged and the old, but it is ages like ours, when civilization must be reshaped and rebuilt, that demand, above all, the adaptability, the courage and the vision of youth."

That challenge comes to Christian young people as the haunting call of the Master, demanding sacrificial devotion, even at the cost of suffering and anguish, but promising the peace and joy which come in the service as co-laborers together with God. In spite of seeming adversities and closed opportunities, the future in its spiritual areas is challenging our youth as never before. For our youth which literally follows Jesus' words, "Whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it," will carry the banners of tomorrow's history!

Beware — Danger Ahead!

By PROFESSOR ARTHUR A. SCHADE

DECEMBER snow flurries—in some places they are blizzards—remind us that it is time to turn over a new leaf. One hasty glance over the year's penmanship, one dismayed look at some of the ugly blotches which disfigure the work, and we are swept irresistibly on with the next page of our autobiography. We can pause but for a moment to consider some of the dangers which lie ahead.

Passing by the physical hazards, which are common to all men, let us throw the spot-light on the perils which lurk in the path of those who seek to realize their spiritual birthright.

Beware of Enslavement by Trying Circumstances of Life

Foremost among the dangers which lie ahead is that of being victimized by our circumstances. This is the obverse of what John calls "overcoming the world." (1 John 5:4, 5.) Instead of overcoming the world, we are likely to be overcome by the world. Our divine birthright promises us world mastery. But life is subject to irritations and disappointments, which disturb our poise, haul down our flags to half-mast, dash our crowns to pieces and reduce us to abject slavery of petty circumstances.

Symptoms of disease enslave us to worry, physical indisposition makes us cross and crabbed, crop or business failures overcast us with gloomy despair, financial reverses upset our faith, and defeat in our social rivalries embitter our spirit and arouse the "green-eyed monster of jealousy" within us. And so the Christian state of mind yields to the trying circumstances of life. Jesus refers to the same experience in the parable of the sower: "The care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful" (Matt. 13:22).

Compare, in contrast, the poise with which the Master faced the trials of those last days, or the unruffled spirit with which Paul calmly marched through the tempest, which his ministry had aroused. The Apostle was contented with the trials of his circumstances, with much or little, among friends or foes, in health or sickness. He sang songs in the night while his feet were fastened in the stocks, wrote letters of cheer from his gloomy prison cell, and brought words of assurance to fellow-passengers in the midst of a boisterous ship-wreck. Like the Master, he triumphed in spirit over the irritations of his life. These are the same irritations which so frequently upset us, making us impatient and unkind. Let us beware of becoming victimized by our circumstances.

Beware of Cheapening Your Ideals

Again, danger lies ahead for our Christian ideals. Ideals are the vanguards of life. They take advanced positions and high moral ground and lure us onward. But Christian ideals are subjected to a

severe strain by the sobering experience of life, and the temptation often comes to haul them down. We are driven by mighty impulses to promote our own interests. These impulses receive every encouragement in our circumstances and environment. But Christian ideals set definite limitations to this promotion of self-interest. They demand sacred regard for the rights of others, and they challenge us to exalt the interests of others above our own. In a world which is epitomized as "everyone for himself and the devil take the hindmost," a mighty spiritual impulse is required to place the interests of others above our own.

Beware of a Stagnant and Static Faith

There is still another danger which lies ahead. It is the racket to which our Christian faith will be subjected in this changing world. Faith is not a fixed quantity. It is sensitive to the effects of experience. It begins with principles according to which it interprets the experiences of life. These principles may remain elastic, or they may become static. If they remain elastic, readjustments in the light of further knowledge and more varied experiences are readily made. If they become static, they are like the old wine-skins to which Jesus could not venture the ferment of his doctrine.

Modern thought is permeated by a ferment which subjects faith to a terrific strain. Some may succeed in isolating themselves from the effect of this ferment and refuse to face the music of modern thought. They may withdraw into the enclosure of their faith, and find sufficient there for their own satisfaction. But those who are out on the firing line, meeting the aggressive assault of civilization, seeking a faith which will cover all the facts, which are being brought into court, cannot withdraw into a shell-like security. We must not only think of saving ourselves, but of holding the field, yea, taking the field for God.

The religious faith of people has a checkered career. From naive beginnings it ventures forth with its interpretations of life. These tend to become crystallized and fixed. But experience becomes richer and faith often proves to be at variance with the experiences of life. If it has maintained a sufficient degree of elasticity, adjustments are readily made. But when this elasticity is wanting there comes a crash, faith is pitched out, and infidelity becomes the boast of man. Thus we have periods in history when races became religiously bankrupt, and their religious systems were shattered.

If our Christian faith becomes vitalized through the surge of new lifeblood resulting from personal experiences with Christ, we shall soon see that Christian truth is wide enough to cover all factors

Lincoln—The Man of the People

By EDWIN MARKHAM

which may arise as a result of accumulated and varied experiences. We must see that our faith does not become like a stagnant pool filled with pollywogs, but rather like an overflowing fountain bringing new life to its surroundings.

Safeguards Against the Impending Dangers

To bring these dangers to our attention, but not the means by which they might be warded off, would be poorly rendered service.

In the first place, these dangers make our need of a Savior imperative. We need a helper to aid us on our way. It is the experience of millions of people, that Christ animates their spirit with qualities which enable them to win out over those things in the world, to which reference has been made. We are so constituted, that we can take him with us, and he is so constituted that he can go with us. Obviously, this is not a magic spell which his name may cast over us. He must be appropriate by the mind, enthroned in our scale of values and placed at the rudder of our life. Then he can help us to make the mark.

Another means for our defence, which we must not fail to take along as we journey into the year that lies ahead, is the Guide-book of life. Some one has said: "Thy Word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against God." If we can occupy our minds sufficiently with this divine Word of life, we can still maintain the mood of our birthright.

Again we are told: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Sometimes this light is kept under a bushel. If it is to serve us, it must be turned on daily, that its rays may illuminate our pathway. Let us beware of gloomy, sunless days, when the light of life fails to shine upon our pilgrimage. It is said: "Man liveth by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Again Jesus tells us: "The words that I speak, they are spirit, and they are life." It will take abundant life and spiritual vitality to live this year in a Christian mood, and for that we shall need to feed on the Word of life.

The Joy of the Adventurous Christian Life

Finally, the dangers to our mood, our ideals and our faith may be warded off by living venturesomely for Christ. That kind of life means loving the unloveable, doing kindness without hope of repayment, and offering every advantage to our rivals. It means investing our lives in interests which may be remote of realization and which are slow in bringing their returns except in the form of misunderstanding on the part of our friends, and persecution from those whose selfish ends are even remotely imperilled. The adventurous Christian life dares to follow Christ in obedience to the spiritual laws of the universe, realizing the exalted will of God, even when in so doing sacred customs go by the board, and their zealous custodians exact the severest penalties. The adventurous Christian life, however, brings vital experience and gives new strength, making petty irritations only incidents on a glorious excursion, exalting and clarifying Christian ideals, and rejuvenating faith. Thus shall this year be a glorious and happy new year!

When the Norn Mother saw the Whirlwind Hour
Greatening and darkening as it hurried on,
She left the Heaven of Heroes and came down
To make a man to meet the mortal need.
She took the tried clay of the common road—
Clay warm yet with the genial heat of Earth,
Dashed through it all a strain of prophecy,
Tempered the heap with thrill of human tears,
Then mixed a laughter with the serious stuff.
Into the shape she breathed a flame to light
That tender, tragic, ever-changing face;
And laid on him a sense of the Mystic Powers,
Moving—all hushed—behind the mortal veil.
Here was a man to hold against the world,
A man to match the mountains and the sea.

The color of the ground was in him, the red earth,
The smack and tang of elemental things:
The rectitude and patience of the cliff,
The good-will of the rain that loves all leaves,
The friendly welcome of the wayside well,
The courage of the bird that dares the sea,
The gladness of the wind that shakes the corn,
The pity of the snow that hides all scars,
The secrecy of streams that make their way
Under the mountain to the rifted rock,
The tolerance and equity of light
That gives as freely to the shrinking flower
As the great oak flaring to the wind—
To the grave's low hill as to the Matterhorn
That shoulders out the sky. Sprung from the West,
He drank the valorous youth of a New World.
The strength of virgin forests braced his mind,
The hush of spacious prairies stilled his soul.

Up from log cabin to the Capitol,
One fire was on his spirit, one resolve—
To send the keen ax to the root of wrong,
Clearing a free way for the feet of God,
The eyes of conscience testing every stroke,
To make his deed the measure of a man.
He built the rail-pile as he built the State,
Pouring his splendid strength through every blow:
The grip that swung the ax in Illinois
Was on the pen that set a people free.

So came the Captain with a mighty heart;
And when the judgment thunders split the house,
Wrenching the rafters from their ancient rest,
He held the ridgepole up, and spiked again
The rafters of the Home. He held his place—
Held the long purpose like a growing tree—
Held on through blame and faltered not at praise—
Towering in calm rough-hewn sublimity.
And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down
As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
And leaves a lonesome place against the sky.

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The Optimism of An Octogenarian

Mr. Licht is one of the oldest ministers of our denomination, for in August of this year he will celebrate his 84th birthday. Last October he observed the 55th anniversary of his ordination. The radiant faith and good cheer of this article will be an inspiration to every reader.

By the REV. F. A. LICHT

IT is the resolution of my life not to be a kicker but a fountain of cheer. Any fool can criticize and find fault. It takes wisdom and a noble heart to encourage and to do better.

The world and those about me need consolation and cheer. They need a helping hand and a sympathizing heart. They need encouragement, not discouragement, and a smile, not a frown. Kindness rather than harshness and appreciation rather than heartless criticism are the things for which hundreds are looking.

The Contagion of a Happy Life

I shall therefore scatter rays of sunshine. In order to do so, I shall bask daily in the sunshine of divine love. I shall not be grumpy, or lugubrious but rather try to spread the contagion of a happy life. It isn't the life of a poor, pitiable pessimist but of a God-inspired optimist which I shall endeavor to live. Thus I shall be a benediction to others and an honor to my God, the Sun of my soul and the Fountain of my life.

I shall not keep back all the flowers for the funeral of my friends nor shall I wait for all the kind words which I now can utter, to be chiseled into the tombstone. The dead cannot inhale the fragrance nor see the beauty of the flowers nor read the words of kindness.

Say It With Flowers of Appreciation

How much good we could accomplish and what wonderful help we could be to those, who, while here on earth, are struggling with all kinds of discouragements and difficulties, if they could hear our words of appreciation and experience our acts of sympathizing love! Yes, an ounce of taffy is worth more than a ton of "epitaphy"!

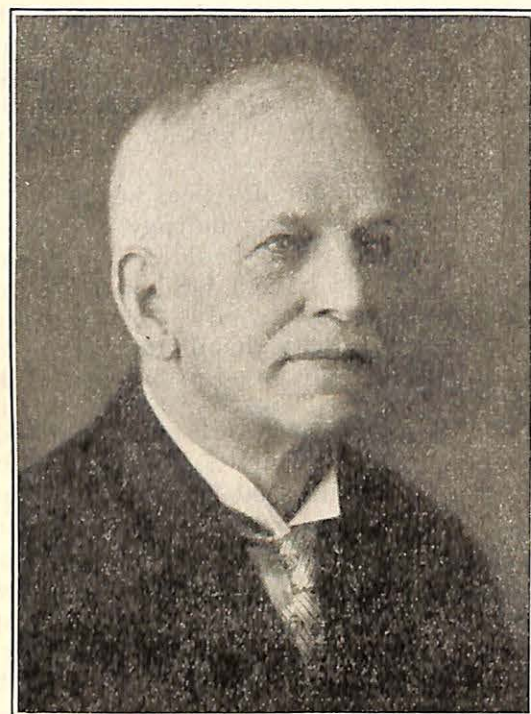
Even our divine Lord realized that in showing his appreciation of Mary's loving deed. Mary of Bethany was not like the other women in waiting until Jesus had died in order to embalm his body. She brought her alabaster flask of precious perfume and anointed her Lord and Savior, while this deed of love and gratitude could still cheer his burdened heart. Both Jesus and Mary derived a great deal more benefit from this service, performed while he was still alive, than the other women with their embalming ointment after his crucifixion.

Remember Your Minister and Church Workers

Many a faithful pastor would not have resigned with despondent heart but would have continued his ministry joyfully, if he had been made to feel that his services were appreciated before the conventional farewell party. Likewise Sunday school teachers and other workers in the church and community, who perhaps now feel like giving up their

posts of duty, would go on faithfully and happy in their service of love, if now and then their hearts would be cheered by kindly spoken words of appreciation instead of being chilled by criticism.

How many mothers and fathers might have carried the burdens of parenthood with less strain and might not have died with broken hearts, if their



Rev. F. A. Licht

children, occasionally at least, had uttered words of heartfelt acknowledgement and had not kept their flowers and tears for a useless and foolish funeral demonstration!

A Co-Laborer With God

This world of ours is sometimes viewed by us as a rather cold habitation. Our hearts are often in danger of becoming chilled, discouraged and sad. I shall therefore try my best to be strong in the Lord, helpful and trusting and filled with his Spirit.

Thus I shall not join the grumblers and mourners but help to transform them into joyful singers of God's praise. Thus I shall also be a co-laborer of my God in making this world better and brighter. And perhaps I shall someday experience the bliss of having others call me blessed for having helped to lighten their burdens and cheer their hearts.

Yes, I will, God helping me, henceforth not be a kicker but a helper! Such helpers are always in demand and generously rewarded!

Religious News of the World

A Rare Lineage of Church Sextons

London, England. When Charles Haddon Spurgeon began his preaching at the spacious Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, England, in March, 1861, a Mr. Haddleton began his work as caretaker of the church. Fifty years ago the son of the sexton succeeded to the position. Recently this second caretaker retired and was succeeded by his son. The second son in this noble lineage was presented with an illuminated address of appreciation by the congregation. "The Watchman-Examiner" in reviewing this news adds this pertinent word: "Often we have felt that the most important man in a church next to the minister is the sexton. Proper care in heating, ventilating, and cleaning a church building adds much to the effectiveness of the minister and much to the comfort of the worshippers. Sensible preachers are abundant, but sensible sextons are rare."

A World Trip in the Interest of Sunday Schools

New York, N. Y. Dr. Luther A. Weigle, professor in the Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., is on his way to China where he will be from the middle of February to the first of August, giving special study to the problem of training church leaders. He will eventually make a complete circle of the globe in the interest of Sunday school work under the auspices of the World's Sunday School Association, of which he is chairman. He will return to the U. S. next August by way of Siberia and Northern Europe.

Vancouver Residents Pray for Prosperity

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Mayor G. G. McGreer of this city issued a proclamation as one of the first official transactions after taking office January 2nd in which he called the residents of Vancouver to prayer. "We have fallen upon such evil days because we have forgotten God; we have been too proud to pray to the God who made us," the mayor said. Thousands of persons crowded into the churches on the following Sunday in response to the mayor's proclamation and emphasized the message of prayer and contrition.

Jewish Mission in Argentina

Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Glass have been sent out by the Hebrew Christian Alliance of America to Argentina, South America, where they are carrying on the work among the Jews, of whom there are more than 200,000 in the Argentine republic. Mr. and Mrs. Glass, who arrived in Buenos Aires late in November, are graduates of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. A news letter from Buenos Aires in "The

Christian Century" reports a luncheon held in their honor, at which they said that they were the first Jewish Christians to Jews since the time of the Apostle Paul. Dr. W. E. Browning, executive secretary of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, announced that no new arrivals in Mission circles here in recent years had created so much interest as the coming of these missionaries to the Jews.

The New Foreign Mission Secretary of Negro Baptists

Louisville, Ky. The Rev. J. H. Jackson, pastor of the Monumental Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., was elected Foreign Mission Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. (Negro) when the executive committee of the convention met here Dec. 12. Thirty-four years of age, the newly elected mission secretary has had a distinguished career. He holds the degrees of A. B., Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.; A. M., Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.; B. D., Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; and at the time of his election was doing work on his Ph. D. at the University of Pennsylvania where he had transferred from the University of Nebraska.

The Chaplains of Congress

Washington, D. C. Westbrook Pegler in a copyrighted article for "The Chicago Daily News" comments on the reelection of Dr. Montgomery as chaplain of the House of Representatives of Congress. "The sessions of the U. S. Congress are opened with prayer by the official chaplains, of whom there is one in the regular establishment of each house. These prayers are the official supplications of the U. S. government. They are paid for by the taxpayers and published in the 'Record,' which thus stands as legal proof that the legislative branch of the nation has not missed daily prayers. The chaplain of the Senate is the Rev. Dr. Ze Barney T. Phillips, Episcopalian. Dr. Montgomery, chaplain of the lower house, is Methodist. The pay of the position is \$1,680 per year, now temporarily reduced to \$1,540.... It would be impious, of course, to say what effect is achieved by the chaplains in the very earnest official supplications to which the members always bow their heads with a show of reverence. It would be a happy thought that in such moments all of them were deeply moved and resolved to serve their country as God gives them the light to see their duty and the power to perform it. But the deep echoes of the minister's voice have not died away in the hall before they are back in character, the same old statesmen at it again. It has thus been found impossible to Christianize the statesmen for more than a few seconds for \$1,680 or \$1,540 a year."

Anniversary of Toynbee Hall

London, England. On Christmas Eve a modest celebration was held in Toynbee Hall in the East End of London commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of its founding. The celebration was broadcast by radio. In this Hall was born the idea of the settlement house which has played so prominent a part in social service both in England and America and in many other countries of the world. Toynbee Hall was the forerunner of many social service settlements whose usefulness as centers of comradeship and inspirers of life is beyond estimation.

Peace Poll of College Students

New York, N. Y. "The Literary Digest," in co-operation with the Association of College Editors, has launched "a College Peace Poll" in 118 American colleges and universities and in Queen's University of Canada. Ballots have been mailed to some 350,000 students on which they are asked to answer Yes or No to the following questions:

1. Do you believe that the United States could stay out of another great war?
 - (a) If the borders of the United States were invaded, would you bear arms in defense of your country?
 - (b) Would you bear arms for the United States in the invasion of the borders of another country?
2. Do you believe that a national policy of an American navy and air force second to none is a sound method of insuring us against being drawn into another war?
3. Do you advocate government control of armament and munition industries?
4. In alignment with our historic procedure in drafting manpower in time of war, would you advocate the principle of universal conscription of all resources of capital and labor in order to control all profits in time of war?
5. Should the United States enter the League of Nations?

In England the League of Nations is polling every household on five questions designed to crystallize the anti-war feeling into action. The ballots go to all men and women over eighteen. According to the "Literary Digest" "the anti-war sentiment in the U. S. has made most headway in schools and colleges; it is a part of the growing evidence that the American college generation has begun to think more and speak more about current social and economic trends here and in the world at large. This poll is an effort to learn the extent of the sentiment in American colleges against jingoism, against war as an instrument of diplomacy, and against arrogant nationalism."

B. Y. P. U. Topics

For the Month of March 1935

The following suggestive material is taken from the booklet, "A Quiet Talk With God Each Day." Those who desire more detailed data for program material can secure the monthly "Young People's Leader" magazine from the nearest bookstore of the American Baptist Publication Society.

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Does It Matter What We Believe?

Luke 11:33-36

Belief and Life. If one is sincere, what he believes is more important than what he does; for sooner or later what he believes will determine all that he does. Truth is not relative. All truth is eternal and unchanging. We need only to discover and to follow it; for we have been created to live in accordance with it. It is not true that beliefs do not matter, so long as believers are sincere. If one sweetens his tea with strychnine, believing it to be sugar, he will die, no matter how sincere his belief. If one fashions his life in accordance with an ideal that is false, his life will be miserable and his soul will perish.

Belief and Salvation. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." A mere intellectual belief in the good news which Jesus brought to men saves no one. It must be a whole-hearted belief. "It is an experience of the sensibilities and the will no less than of the intellect."

Sunday, March 10

How Do I Know Religious Truth?

Heb. 11:1-3; John 7:14-18

The Supremacy of Faith. Because men have been made in the image of God, partaking of his Spirit, some knowledge of religious truth seems to be intuitive. Spiritual truth is felt rather than perceived. Belief in such truth is more than intellectual opinion; it is a vital experience. Such truth seems to be, not something apart from the believer which he recognizes, but something in the believer which he cannot separate from himself. He cannot be truly said to possess the truth; rather the truth possesses him. His soul responds to the truth when it is presented to him. Something within him affirms that it must be so.

The Inner Witness. The Spirit of God speaks within the soul of every man who listens for his voice. It is only thus that God reveals his truth to men. All the truth in the Bible was first known within the souls of those who wrote. Those whose souls are attuned to God will know his truth when they discover it. When a musician listens to a symphony of Beethoven, rightly interpreted, his soul responds to it and he knows it is music. When an artist looks at a painting by Titian he knows he is in the presence of art. His knowledge is more than a belief, it is an experience. He may not be able to explain the experience, or even to express it. Something like this is the experience of the Christian believer.

Sunday, March 17

How Do I Know God?

Ps. 84:1-12

Discovering God's Majesty. As our own spirits clothe themselves in our physical bodies, so does the Divine Spirit, who is God, clothe himself in the material world. We can see the light which is his garment, though we cannot see him. When we see the grass growing in the springtime or the rose opening in the summer, we see God at work revealing his presence, his power, his beauty, and his love.

God's Transforming Power. The essence of all religion is one's personal experience of God. We may never know all about God, but we can all know him. We may not be able to explain how we know God any more than we can explain how we know our own existence, but the first knowledge may be as real as the second. When there is a vital union of our spirits with the Spirit of the living God, we are transformed into new persons. We act from new motives, we strive toward new purposes.

Sunday, March 24

How Do I Know the Bible Is the Word of God?

Heb. 1:1-4

God speaks. The Bible is the Word of God. We mean that God speaks to man through the Bible. He makes known himself and his will for man in its pages. It is not the only way in which God speaks to men, but for the average man it is the most practical way. God has always been speaking to men, but not all men have understood his voice. The Bible is the record of the progressive revelation which God has made of himself to men and through men, the revelation which culminated in the Christ. God has always wanted men to know him, to live in fellowship with him, and to live together as children of God. The subject of the Bible is God in Christ reconciling the world unto himself.

Spiritually Interpreted. "Regeneration gives us the key to inspiration. Only an inspired man can understand inspired Scripture. Without the inward witness of the Holy Spirit, the study of the Bible is like the examination of a stained-glass window from the outside—you cannot see either the connection or the beauty of its parts. The Holy Spirit takes us inside the structure. From within we see the unity, the sufficiency, and the authority of Scripture, and that central figure which from the outside seemed so earthly and opaque, so destitute of form and comeliness, transmits to us the very

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Traveling With Our Missionary

PAUL GEBAUER'S BUSY PROGRAM

Some people think of a missionary's furlough as a time of vacation and rest. Such is far from a true picture in the life of our virile and enthusiastic Cameroonian missionary, Paul Gebauer, whose stay in America is a ceaseless succession of engagements, addresses, visits and the like. Mr. Gebauer is also making plans for his return to Africa, which may be to the Kaka field, a most promising evangelistic area in Africa, and is preparing a great deal of material for a special Missionary Number of "The Baptist Herald" to be published soon.



The Sisters of Paul Gebauer,
Our Cameroonian Missionary

The itinerary of Mr. Gebauer visiting the churches of the Southwestern Conference has been and will be as follows:

- Jan. 25. Mt. Zion Church, Geary County, Kansas.
- Jan. 26. Herington, Kansas.
- Jan. 27. Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kansas.
- Jan. 28. First Church, Dickinson County, Kansas.
- Jan. 29. Durham, Kansas.
- Jan. 30. Stafford, Kansas.
- Jan. 31. Ellinwood, Kansas.
- Feb. 1. Bison, Kansas.
- Feb. 3. Lorraine, Kansas.
- Feb. 4. Bethany, Lincoln County, Kansas.
- Feb. 5. La Salle, Colorado.
- Feb. 6. Scottsbluff, Nebraska.
- Feb. 7. Shell Creek, Nebraska.
- Feb. 8. Creston, Nebraska.
- Feb. 10. Beatrice, Nebraska.

While in Bethany, Lincoln County, Kansas, Mr. Gebauer will be the guest speaker at the anniversary service of the Women's Missionary Society.

On this page a picture of Paul Gebauer's sisters, who are living with their parents and brothers in Germany, is published. Mr. Gebauer is one of nine fine, stalwart, Christian children in an intensely religious family, all of whom except for Paul are residing in Germany. A more detailed story of Mr. Gebauer's family and personal background will be given to "The Baptist Herald" readers at a later date.

Among Our Missionaries

A Missionary's Experiences in Austria

One of our missionaries, the Rev. Rupert Ostermann by name, has recently sent to our missionary headquarters a most fascinating report of some of his experiences as an evangelist under adverse circumstances.

Brother Ostermann was working under the auspices of our denomination in Russia, until the Soviet government seized him and put him in prison. There he spent six months of physical anguish and torture, finally released and expelled from the country because he insisted upon his rights as an Austrian citizen. He has been working since then in southwestern Europe and in the Danubian countries as our own evangelist, until he was called back to Austria because of the death of one of his children and the sickness of his wife. He is now serving in Roumania and Jugo-Slavia and later hopes to be in Austria.

His letter follows: "I have been privileged to do missionary and evangelistic work in the city of Steyer, Austria, which was the largest industrial center of this country. There is a great abundance of unemployed and restless, irritable men. For a period of eight days, evening after evening, I proclaimed the glad tidings of God in Christ. During my last ministry in the city two years ago there were two atheistic intellectuals who became converted and who are now active in the work of the church. After the close of the day these men, dressed in their soiled working clothes, without having eaten their evening meal, would ride by bicycle to their shop friends, inviting them to the services. The attendance increased daily. The fruitful result of these evangelistic meetings was the baptism of three converts and the seeking of many others for the Savior and Redeemer.

"Soon thereafter I visited a former prison companion of mine in Freistadt, who had spent some time with me in Siberia. He is quietly living alone in the country. With tears in his eyes he manifested his gratitude to God for the service rendered on behalf of his soul and the welfare of his family. It was my experience with him to appreciate the fellowship of Christian brethren. How few really understand the privileges of this spiritual fellowship! The sick patient is the one who most appreciates good health.

"I was also visiting a town in which there is a solitary young Baptist Christian. It was here that I had a most unusual experience. I went from house to house with the young man in an evangelistic ministry. As we entered a certain house, I greeted the family with the familiar words: 'Grüss Gott!' The fa-

ther of the family immediately replied sorrowfully: 'How can this greeting, bearing the name of God, come from your lips when there isn't any God?' His appearance was that of a wildly excited man. He continued to shout at the top of his lungs, 'There isn't any God! I am absolutely sure of that!'

"Quietly I sat down and spoke to him. 'My dear friend, I can understand your situation. You are one of those men whom the circumstances of life have thrown from place to place. There have been people who have injured you and the result has been that every word spoken by you is saturated with enmity and hatred directed against God and



The Rev. Rupert Ostermann, Our Missionary to Austria, and His Family

men.' But I could not quiet him. 'You don't understand me,' he cried hoarsely. 'For I was in the war and I know the horrors of "No Man's Land" and then I saw that there was nothing to Christianity. If it had been otherwise the churches and church leaders would not have participated in this wholesale murder of humanity in which the killing of father and son was given the blessing of the church.' Again I answered him, 'I can understand perfectly well what you are saying. I too was in the World War. I too knew the agony of the battlefield. I too was a prisoner of war. My pilgrimage of life has not been a bed of roses but rather a stony road with many prickly thorns.'

"The other listened more attentively to my words. 'If you have really lived through such experiences, then please tell me what you can about my predicament.' 'Gladly,' I answered. 'You can-

not give any proof that there isn't a God.' I took my Bible and read him the passages declaring the words of God concerning the evil plans and deeds of men and the judgment of God upon such sinful lives. Only the fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' 'Then why is it,' asked my friend, returning to some of his excited argumentative ways, 'that God has not judged those people?' 'Can't you understand?' I answered, 'God does not judge immediately. He is always giving us an opportunity for repentance and that is our time of grace. Just consider what would happen if he judged us after every evil deed in our lives. I am sure that you would no longer be among the living, my dear friend. Your life is only a chain of sinful deeds in the sight of God.'

"He laid his head quietly in his hands and cried bitterly. 'It is true,' he repeated over and over again, 'there is much that is evil and sinful in my life. I shall never, never deny God again and say those terrible things about him. Now I know that he is patient and merciful.'

"There were other persons in the house who listened to our conversation and a profound spiritual impression was made upon them. Such and similar experiences have been mine in the homes of people in this missionary work for Christ and the redemption of souls."

B. Y. P. U. Topics

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light of heaven, and reveals itself to us as the divine and atoning Christ."—A. H. Strong.

Sunday, March 31

How Do I Know That Jesus Is the Son of God?

John 20:26-31

The Things He Did. Jesus performed deeds which only one who possessed divine power could do. Even Nicodemus said, "No one can do these signs that thou doest except God be with him." He healed diseases. He opened the eyes of the blind. He restored to life those who were dead. Having died, he himself rose triumphant over death and the grave. He forgave men's sins.

A Divine Spirit. Those who knew Jesus best knew that God lived in him, "We believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God." Thomas met him after the resurrection and said, "My Lord and my God." Paul called him "The wise God, and our Savior." And a great man in our own time writes: "Jesus Christ saved my soul; and Jesus Christ has dominated me for good all my life; and I believe that same Jesus Christ is the Son of God; and the only Savior by whom you and I may approach unto the God of all eternity, and confidently say, 'Our Father, who art in heaven.'"

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME IN ST. JOSEPH AS VIEWED BY AN OLD-TIMER

Every year as the Christmas season draws near the heart of the world seems to beat a little faster. The falling of the light, crystal-like snowflakes makes the blood tingle and people go about their work and play with a happier feeling. Life is worth living, because long ago in a place, where no one expected it to happen, the greatest gift of all ages was given to the world.

Thus we have Christmas, which even non-Christians pause in their busy life to celebrate. Is it any wonder that on this one great day of the year the world finds the true meaning of that wonderful saying: "It is more blessed to give than to receive"?

It would be wonderful if all the people who sent gifts to the children in our orphanage at St. Joseph, Mich., could have

their ears, rush into the dining room where each found his presents at his place at the table. Then they would have heard the shouts of joy and laughter for a continuous hour; the merriment only dying away gradually as each child took his presents to the play-room either to play with them, as in the case of the smaller children, or else to put them into his locker to await a later time when they could be enjoyed to better advantage.

All the dear friends of the St. Joseph Orphanage would then understand the feeling within the heart of the observer as he thinks how wonderful it is that children who have lost some of the dearest ones in life, can be made so abundantly happy by the sacrifices and love of others, who have caught the true mean-



Pa and Ma Steiger

stepped to their radio and by means of television seen what happened to the face of each child as he opened his presents. A more wonderful spirit of Christmas couldn't have been found anywhere, we are sure.

At four o'clock in the afternoon before Christmas such people listening in by radio would have heard the bell ringing, then the rush of many feet as the children ascended the stairs into the living room. Here they would have heard them singing some of those well-known and well-loved Christmas carols. They would have heard the reading of the Christmas story and a prayer of thankfulness and appreciation to the Father for the many friends by two of the older children. Then they would have enjoyed a short talk by Pa Steiger cautioning everyone to save the little tags which might be attached to some of the presents revealing the name of the giver, so that each child might write his letter of thanks to that person.

When all of this was finished they would have seen the children, with the echo of "Jingle Bells" still ringing in

ing of Christmas through their knowledge of the spirit in which the greatest gift of all was given to them. And now with the sincerest wishes for a bright and happy New Year we must say "Goodbye." But we shall not do this until we have said again to all those who have helped to make another Christmas at the Children's Home a happy one, "We of the Orphanage say a big 'Thank you!'" CHARLES BRADLEY.

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hallowed hour of prayer
When the children of God
Meet in His temple
To worship there;
Kindred souls alike,
Spirits all atune
To receive God's blessing,
And to have our faith renewed.
Sorrows all are bared,
Burdens all are shared,
When we meet to pray
In that old-fashioned way.

Mrs. W. H. SCHINDLER.

Northwestern Conference

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW FOR THE
INSTITUTE OF THE MINNESOTA
Y. P. AND S. S. W. UNION,
FEBRUARY 22 TO 24

The officers of the Minnesota German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union met with the Minneapolis church on Tuesday, November 20. Plans were made for a very worthwhile institute which we hope to present successfully with the co-operation of the young people of the Minnesota Baptist churches in the very near future.

The Minneapolis young people will be hosts and hostesses at this institute which will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 22 through the 24th. We are looking forward to having a week-end of inspiring fellowship that will long be remembered by all who attend.

The program as outlined will have special treats in the line of music, speakers, and recreation. Miss Caroline Krueger of the First Church, St. Paul, will be music chairman and song leader, and Miss Dorothy Schroeder of Riverview will be pianist. With this team we know that everyone will want to sing at the top and bottom of his voice.

Mr. Jack Fratzke of Minneapolis will be recreation leader, and those of us who have known his previous recreation plans are again looking forward to a great time including (we hope) a toboggan party if our heavy coat of Minnesota snow is refreshed around that time.

REPORTER.

THE NEW STREAM-LINED SOCIETY AT RIVERVIEW, ST. PAUL

During the past year the members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., made some drastic changes. They shifted from second to high by changing to the Commission Plan. They are being steered by Mr. Reuben B. Glewwe (president); in case of emergency Mrs. Edwin H. Glewwe (vice-president) steps in. The mechanic, Gertrude Helms, (secretary), checks up on the passengers. Arthur Teidman (treasurer), the gas man, is giving good services in supplying change. The right front wheel is controlled by Dorothy Schroeder, devotional commissioner; her main spokes were the Junior Prayer group and Christmas carolling. The left front wheel is kept in action by Theresa Glewwe, stewardship commissioner; her main spokes have been circulating missionary literature and sponsoring a missionary play. The rear wheels are following in the tracks of the front ones. The right rear is controlled by Dorothy Tubbesing, service commissioner, whose main spoke has been packing Christmas boxes. The left rear is controlled by Mrs. R. B. Glewwe, fellowship commissioner, whose main spoke has been publishing "The Sign-Post," a bi-monthly publication of church news.

During the month of October they stepped on the gas and gave "a pow-wow," inviting the First German Church of Minneapolis and the First German Church of St. Paul, which was a huge success. They turned the fellowship corner in November and held the annual banquet at that time instead of in February. December found them climbing a new hill, at the foot of which the sign post said "Vesper Service Street." December 19 found the young people filling candy boxes and trimming the Christmas tree, after which a social hour was held. Before this article goes to press we will have had our mid-winter check-up, and headed for Minneapolis for the mid-winter institute.

THERESA GLEWWE, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

MISS MARGARET LANG, MISSIONARY, ADDRESSES CHURCH AT BUFFALO CENTER

On Sunday evening, Jan. 6, Miss Margaret Lang, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Lang, who is in America on furlough from her work as missionary in Africa under the Sudan Interior Missionary Society, spoke before a large audience in our church at Buffalo Center, Iowa. She spoke in most interesting manner of her experience during the past seven years.

Much of her address was reported by A. L. Tilgner in "The Buffalo Center Tribune" from which these excerpts are taken. Miss Lang stated that her place of work is in Egbe, North Nigeria, West Africa, among the Yoruba and Yagba tribe of the primitive negroes. These negroes are a very uncivilized people and their mode of living the very plainest imaginable. This has been improved somewhat by the work of the missionaries since 1908.

Miss Lang had several exhibits with her to show the audience some of the implements of the Yoruba farmer, as the hoe and the ax, and the spinning wheel of the Yoruba house wife, and the wedding rings of the Yagba bride. The speaker pointed out that under the prevailing conditions the missionary work is consequently slow, but ten missionaries are working at present patiently and heroically to better the conditions of these people.

ORDINATION OF THE REV. THOMAS LUTZ

The holiday season was much enhanced for the Mt. Zion Church of Geary Co., Kansas, since on December 27, thirty-two delegates, representing our various churches of the state of Kansas, met to consider the propriety of ordaining Mr. Thomas Lutz for the gospel ministry.

The council was duly organized with the Rev. L. Hoefner as moderator and the Rev. A. Weisser as clerk of the council. The candidate was given opportunity to recount his Christian exper-

ience and the call to the ministry, and to give an account of his doctrinal views.

A large group witnessed the impressive ordination service, which took place on the evening of December 27. The Rev. Otto Roth of the Marion Church preached the ordination sermon, using as his text, 2 Timothy 2:15. The charge to the church was given by the Rev. John Borchers of the Ellinwood church. The Rev. A. Weisser of Stafford delivered the charge to the candidate. Mr. Lutz was welcomed into the ministry by the Rev. John Heer of the Vesper church. Several other pastors of the state assisted in the service by leading the singing, offering prayer and reading the scripture passage. The joyful service was brought to a close with the benediction pronounced by the newly ordained minister.

Mr. Lutz was a member of the class of 1933 of the German department of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. He began his duties as pastor of the Mt. Zion Church last November and has been ministering very effectively. We extend to him our sincere wishes for much success and joy in ministering to the flock of the Great Shepherd. May God bless church and pastor!

REV. A. WEISSER, Clerk.

Pacific Conference

A NEW YEAR'S DAY OUTING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The young people of the B. Y. P. U. of the First Church, Los Angeles, California, spent New Year's day on picturesque Mount Lowe, about twenty miles distant from the city. Only a few hours intervened between the Watch-night service in the church and the time before our departure for the picnic.

The only possible means of transportation up the mountain is via an unique electric railway. The first experience is ascending "the Great Incline" rising a height of 1,254 feet in less than 3,000 feet of distance. A trolley ride of three and a half miles follows, running parallel to the contours of the mountain, winding in and out of the little canyons, crossing 18 trestles, rounding 127 curves, climbing another 1,500 feet to Mount Lowe Tavern.

From this inspiring height we could look back on Los Angeles and the neighboring towns and across the hills to alluring Catalina Island with its twin peaks standing out boldly against the skyline. It is hardly possible to imagine another place from which such a diversity of scenery can be seen. Many were the exclamations of surprise and wonder as we viewed that vast panorama.

The remainder of the day was spent in hiking, horse-back riding, visiting the fox farm and in other forms of diversion. At sunset as we returned home we could say with the psalmist, "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom thou hast made them all; the earth is full of thy riches."

ESTHER LEUSCHNER.

GLIMPSES INTO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRST CHURCH, PORTLAND, OREGON

The Young People's Organization of the First Church in Portland, Oregon, has been working successfully in the past few years, divided into four societies, each holding its own Sunday evening service with the exception of a few joint meetings on special occasions. In September we opened our fall work with a supper and rally at which 150 members and guests were present. The Rev. J. Kratt, our minister, gave a very interesting report of his trip to Germany and of his impressions of the Pass on Play, which he attended at Oberammergau. On Dec. 6 we rendered a program for the Salem Young People's Society which included a dialog, "Dr. Sure Cure Sees it Through."

The Thanksgiving season was a busy and happy one for us as we distributed baskets of food to needy families and presented a Thanksgiving program of musical numbers and recitations, which was brought to a close with an inspiring candle service. At Christmas time, the Melodians, a chorus of ladies' voices assisted by other young people of the church, sang Christmas carols to many of our shut-in members. On Sunday, Jan. 6, we began the New Year with a New Year's program attended by members of the four young people's societies led by our general president, Miss Naomi Pfaff. L. MEIER.

AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE B. Y. P. U. IN BETHANY, OREGON

The Bethany Baptist Young People's Society of the church in Bethany, Oregon, began the year of 1934 with 52 active members and gained 5 other members during the year. The society held 33 regular meetings with an average attendance of 21 members and 20 visitors.

The meetings until the first of October were planned by the executive committee. Four new types of services were introduced into our organization featuring prayer and praise, a question box, an open forum, and newspaper criticism. The meetings were under capable direction and proved very interesting. City, home and foreign missions were also studied by our groups and proved very helpful and interesting. Since October we have been using the "Young People's Leader" as a basis for our meetings.

A Junior B. Y. P. U. was organized during the latter part of the year under the leadership of Mrs. Ben Croeni. We are sure that through the grace of God these meetings will be a great blessing to the church as well as to its members.

Our annual business meeting was held on December 13 with a banquet and the election of the following officers: Amos Rich, president; Clarence Zurcher, vice-president; Dorothy Gerber, secretary; Clarence Croeni, treasurer; Carl Cornies, pianist; Marvin Stalder, "Herald" booster. MARVIN STALDER.

Beginning the Day

A Scripture Passage and Meditation for Spiritual Progress

By the REV. WILLIAM A. MUELLER, Ph. D.

OF BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Tuesday, February 5

God Is

"Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph." Exodus 1:8.

(Read Exodus 1:8-22)

Exodus is a thoroughly up-to-date book. It is a record of grave crises. It is also a symphony of the great deeds of Jehovah. We see a new nation emerging out of slavery. God is at work here. But Satan's wrecking gang is also busy. The new king in Egypt "knew not Joseph." Pharaoh orders all male children of the Israelites to be killed. A clever political strategist! But the king is a very stupid fellow after all. He reckons without God and without those undaunted midwives in Israel. Yes, GOD IS! On this rock the power of Caesar is ultimately broken. Remember: GOD IS!

"And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

Wednesday, February 6

Life From the Dead

"... and she hid the babe for three months..." Exodus 2:2.

(Read Exodus 2:1-4)

Over Moses' birth hung the Damocles sword of a tyrannical decree. We should think that Jochebed's heart would fain have despaired as she reviewed the prospects of saving the child's life. But this woman possessed what Pharaoh had not: a living faith in the living God. And as she hid the pretty child, Moses, in the river Nile, Jochebed trusted him who can bring forth life from the dead. "The grave is the limit of Satan's activity; but it is there that divine activity begins."

"And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith." Luke 17:5.

Thursday, February 7

Divine Footsteps of Grace

"And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son." Exodus 2:10.

(Read Exodus 2:5-10)

God is able! Thus we read in Ephesians 3:22. Were it not so, we might well sigh in despair. Surely Israel's condition in Egypt was anything else but hopeful. And Jochebed, the mother of Moses, was by no means in an enviable position. But "God moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform." Moses is found by the compassionate daughter of Pharaoh and later adopted as her son. And this by the daughter of the man who had planned the child's destruction. Oh, the infinite riches of God's grace and mercy. Who can fathom it all?

"For of him and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." Romans 11:36.

Friday, February 8

God's Postgraduate Course

"Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian." Exodus 3:1.

(Read Exodus 2:15-31)

Moses had enjoyed at Pharaoh's court the finest cultural advantages. To see this man suddenly transplanted into a desert land seems more than strange. But Egypt's wisdom never suffices to equip a man for divine service. Moses, like Paul and Luther in later days, needed the spiritual culture which one only learns in God's own school. As he tended the flocks in the rugged land of Midian, Moses had occasion to learn the secret of communion with God. Here, too, he was prepared to become the shepherd and leader of a nation still in the making. God is the best teacher of his trusted servants.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18.

Saturday, February 9

The Divine Call

"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Exodus 3:5.

(Read Exodus 3:1-10)

The way in which God revealed himself to Moses in the burning bush at Mount Horeb was both startling and gracious. Moses stood at attention to hear what God had to communicate to him. And it was indeed a wondrous and redemptive message that fell on the ears of the shepherd-prince. And now Moses was singled out to be the instrument of Israel's deliverance. Inconceivable! Whenever God makes a human being his own witness, a miracle happens, for in the final analysis God is his own witness. If he chooses us at all it is by his condescending grace.

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." Isaiah 6:5.

Sunday, February 10

A Reluctant Servant

"And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" Exodus 3:11.

(Read Exodus 3:11-22)

God's hour for the deliverance of Israel had struck at last! Moses had heard

the divine call. But now that God commissions him to deliver his kinsmen from Egypt's bondage Moses is fearful, reluctant and unwilling to go. He argues with God. He has excuses. He looks to hindering circumstances. He remembers his former failure. Moses is sorely afraid. And credentials he has none. It seems that the one definite outcome of Moses' postgraduate course in the wilderness is this: the realization that mere enthusiasm is entirely inadequate for carrying out God's purpose. What Moses needed and what we all need was and is being empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Monday, February 11

Moses' Credentials

"And God said unto Moses, I am that I am." Exodus 3:14.

(Read Exodus 3:12-17)

God gives his trembling servant a most assuring promise.

"I will be with thee"—therefore be unafraid! The wrath of Pharaoh shall not assail nor hurt you! The stubbornness and unbelief of my people shall not stop your mission. I will be with thee every step of the way. Go forth, Moses, conquering and to conquer! And if they ask for your credentials tell them "I am hath sent me!" What more could Moses demand? This "I am that I am" was a new and marvelous revelation of God's omnipotence and all-sufficiency. May we ever trust in this our God, our Rock and our Redeemer!

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalms 27:1.

Tuesday, February 12

The Prophet as Witness

"Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness."

Exodus 5:1.

(Read Exodus 5:1-23)

The word "witness" belongs to the realm of law. God calls out men to be his witnesses, who are to plead his cause before mankind. He called Moses to plead his case and righteousness before haughty Pharaoh. And Moses did it with utmost loyalty and faithfulness. He neither flinched nor dodged. Nor did he argue. He merely, yet clearly, stated God's case before the tyrant king. Moses announced God's grace and judgment. That is our job today. The witness of God must ever declare the absolute supremacy of God's will over all human claims and ambitions.

Study carefully Acts 4:6-24.

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Wednesday, February 13

The Counterfeit of Divine Truth

"Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; now the magicians of Egypt; they also did in like manner with their enchantments." Exodus 7:11.

(Read Exodus 7:1-11)

The prince of this world either goes about 'as a roaring lion' or else as 'an angel of light.' It is ever his sinister aim to hinder or to destroy God's work. If Satan fails with the rude methods of murder and slaughter he employs more subtle methods to achieve his evil purposes. It was so in the case of Pharaoh and his attitude toward Israel. First, he decreed the murder of all the male children of the Israelites, then he ordered a still harder oppression, only to show off at the end the wisdom of his religious leaders before Moses. The counterfeit of true religion is more dangerous to God's interests than outright atheism and radicalism.

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God." Eph. 6:13.

Thursday, February 14

The Separated Life

"And what concord hath Christ with Belial ...?" 2 Cor. 6:15.

(Read Exodus 8:25-32)

Pharaoh's wit and ingenuity were directed toward keeping Israel in Egypt. God's thoughts were quite different. But Egypt's king, being clever in his own conceit, argued that the Israelites might just as well worship Jehovah in his land than elsewhere. Said he to Moses: "Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land." In the end religious people might prove to be very docile slaves of his majesty, the King. But Moses voices God's mind when he says: "We will go three days journey into the wilderness..." Border Christianity will never do. God wants our all!

"No man can serve two masters." Jesus. Matthew 6:24.

Friday, February 15

God and the Totalitarian State

"And Pharaoh said unto them, Go, serve the Lord your God: but who are they that shall go?" Exodus 10:8.

(Read Exodus 10:7-11)

Four times Pharaoh strenuously, yet cleverly, sought to interfere with the exodus of the children of Israel. Study: Exodus 8:25; 8:28; 10:24, and 10:8-11. But the third objection was designed to strike a deadly blow at Israel's life and testimony. Pharaoh's insinuating and devilish suggestion was that the parents might go, but their children were to stay behind. This would have been a cruel situation. But Moses would have nothing of it. A decisive NO is his answer to the satanic subtlety of the king. "We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go..." Seek modern parallels! And then pray!

"... we WILL go..., for we MUST hold a feast unto the Lord." Exodus 10:9.

Saturday, February 16

The Passover of Israel

"For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us." 1 Cor. 5:7.

(Read Exodus 12:1-27)

The eternal Word again and again becomes "flesh," so that we frail children of dust might hear and understand. When God instituted the Passover he descended to the plane of Israel's thinking. This festival had a threefold purpose: first, it was to be a solemn and continual memorial of Israel's deliverance from Egypt's cruel bondage; secondly, God's people was ever to realize that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin;" and thirdly, with this feast a new era of redemption under God's sovereign grace was to begin.

"And when I see the blood I will pass over you." Exodus 12:13.

Sunday, February 17

Our Passover

"Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." John 1:29.

(Read Hebrews 12:1-3)

When Jesus after his resurrection walked with the two disciples toward Emmaus he hid them because of their unbelief. And then began one of the greatest Bible Hours ever held on this planet. Jesus, the divine exegete, delved into the scriptures "and beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24:27. Jesus Christ, our Savior, in that eventful hour on the road to Emmaus made all subsequent teachers of the Word sit up and take notice. The Old Testament points like an arrow toward the coming of the Christ. In type, pattern, symbol and direct teaching the Old Testament speaks of Jesus Christ, who is to come in the flesh, in order that he be our sin bearer.

Monday, February 18

Our Passover, the Lord's Supper

"Ye shall shew the Lord's death till he come." 1 Cor. 11:26.

(Read 1 Cor. 11:23-34)

Israel has its Passover, and we as children of the New Covenant celebrate the Lord's Supper. The former is a type of the latter. What the Passover foreshadowed, the Lord Jesus has fulfilled in his sacrifice on the Cross. He gave the best that he had, his own blood, that we might be eternally saved. "By his stripes we are healed." Jesus, as the precious corn of wheat, died and out of death has come a harvest of souls who claim Christ as their Redeemer, Lord and King. Do you know this Savior? Study: John 7:37, 38 and 1 Peter 1:18-20.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8.

PRAYER HELPERS

"Take it to the Lord in Prayer"

Wits' End Corner

'Are you standing at 'Wits' End Corner,' Christian, with troubled brow? Are you thinking of what is before you, And all you are bearing now? Does all the world seem against you, And you in the battle alone? Remember—at 'Wits' End Corner' Is just where God's power is shown."

Prayer Topics

Pingyang Che, China.

December 6, 1934.

Dear Brother Kuhn:

For years the work of our German Baptist denomination has been on my prayer list. I do believe the Lord will answer our united prayers for a revival. How much it is needed both at home and here in China!

My greetings and best wishes to you for the New Year. God bless you!

Most sincerely yours,

BERTHA M. LANG.

Pray for the men and women who have gone from our churches into foreign mission work under other societies. These are: Rev. George J. Geis, Burma; Mrs. Anna K. Speicher, China; Dr. Emilie Bretthauer, China; Miss Bertha M. Lang, China; Rev. E. H. Giedt, China; Rev. Bruno Luebeck, China; Dr. and Mrs. F. Meyer, Philippine Islands; Rev. and Mrs. S. Feldman, Philippine Islands; Miss Edith Koppin, Sudan; Miss Margaret Lang, Sudan; Miss Kruse, Sudan; Miss Mary Epp, South America. Pray for any others that may be known.

Pray for the causes suggested by this present issue of the "Baptist Herald."

Pray that we may all use our spare moments to engage in prayer. When the apostle Peter was in Joppa, while waiting for dinner to be prepared, he went to the housetop to pray. There God taught him in a vision that the kingdom of heaven was open for Gentiles as well as for Jews. That was the beginning of all foreign mission work.

Let every one of us pray: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Pray that our Missionary and Benevolent Offering may receive sufficient money to enable each denominational society to carry on its work. Our Orphanage Society would very much like to assume the support of their widows as in former days.

PRAYER-HELPERS,

P. O. Box 6,

Forest Park, Ill.

Contributors' Forum

WE ARE GLAD TO PUBLISH THIS
CORRECTION FROM REV. O. E.
KRUEGER

In spite of the possibility of precise language we are constantly being misunderstood. I have been taken to task for seeming to claim that the future of our denomination depends upon ministers who have a German Baptist background and are trained in our seminary. The objectionable sentence in the article, "We Are Doomed, Unless—," appearing in the Jan. 1 issue of "The Baptist Herald" was: "If they have not been trained in our churches and seminary their loyalties naturally would not be very strong." Unfortunately the following sentence did not get into print. In my carbon copy stand these words: "Of course they (loyalties) might be acquired." Even that will not satisfy the objector because he did not know what was in my mind. To be very concrete, take the churches in Lycoming Co., Pa. As the oldest churches of our group they went English first, but they remained in our circle as long as they had ministers with our background and our seminary training, but we lost them when other men became their leaders. I hope this will clear up the misunderstanding.

FROM PROFESSOR ARTHUR A.
SCHADE, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

"The Baptist Herald" makes a captivating impression, and I believe it is going to win many friends. One feels like he must read every line of it. One of our ministers was a little dismayed to note that the treatment of the B. Y. P. U. subjects was wanting. I should imagine you could add these without a revamping of your general arrangement of the paper.

FROM REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER,
DAYTON, OHIO

There are only a few minutes left in the Old Year and I just finished reading your first issue of "The Baptist Herald." My first impulse is to congratulate you on the splendid piece of work you have done with "The Herald." In my opinion, you are giving us the kind of periodical which is needed and also a paper which contains some real "talking points" when we offer it to our people. I was so happy over the editorial entitled "We."

FROM REV. E. S. FENSKE, HER-
REID, S. DAK.

Accept my congratulations on the fine editorial work done in the first issue of "The Baptist Herald." The variety of features is a very pleasant surprise to me.

FROM MISS IDA DRAEGER OF
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Although I have always been an enthusiastic "cover to cover" reader of "The Baptist Herald," I read this issue with more than usual interest, and want you to know that I believe it is fine. If the "Chat About Books" had not appeared in your publication, it would not have been truly yours, and we would have been so disappointed. All the "Wit and Humor," in one place is a feature which several of us have already agreed upon as a decided improvement. Jokes were a little flat, though. Since September I have been receiving "Missions" and have wished so often that more of our German Baptists could know how in almost every issue some note or other about somebody who is a German Baptist at heart is included. That is the best new thing which we have. Sifting out "Religious News of the World" from the maze which we read these days is another commendable feature. Keep that page free if at all possible, even if you do in time find you must change other things.

FROM MR. ARTHUR MACOSKY OF
THE EAGLE LIBRARY, BROOK-
LYN, N. Y.

I have just received your first issue of "The Baptist Herald" and wish to congratulate you on its fine appearance and new features, together with your good judgment in retaining such old features as "What's Happening," etc.

FROM PROFESSOR F. W. C. MEYER,
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

I just wish very hurriedly to compliment you on the first number of "The Herald." I read it with rapture and felt that's something one can turn over to his intellectual friends for real stimulus. It's only too bad that the typographical appearance of the first page cover does not measure up to my expectation.

FROM REV. PAUL GEBAUER,
MISSIONARY

Yesterday while on the train from Detroit to St. Joseph, I found time to study the first issue of "The Herald" in 1935. Accept my congratulations. Your "We" is fine. With Krueger's article you made a fine choice. Continue your "Chat About Books" and if necessary in smaller print to get into space allowed all to be said. I am just reading or rather studying "The Christian Message for the World Today" for a third time.

FROM REV. H. PALFENIER, NORTH
FREEDOM, WIS.

Permit me to congratulate you on that splendid issue. It surely augurs well for the future of our "Herald." It is not only different but interesting. Particularly do I like the new features, especially the "Beginning the Day" written by our "grand old man," Professor L. Kaiser. We are using the daily portions for our devotions.

FROM REV. H. F. HOOPS, NEW YORK
CITY

"Baptist Herald!" Your name in the new emblematic setting with an arm tightly gripping an uplifted torch, focussing its ray of light through the cubist characters which signify you, is more than ever emblazoned in our midst. It looks as though you were not ashamed to show your colors; and allow us here kindly and gently to hint that in our humble opinion, the more consistently and the more uniformly you strive to answer truly to your name, and to be what the name implies, the more favor you will be likely to gain among the many thousands of American Baptists of German birth and descent.

FROM REV. C. W. KOLLER, NEW-
ARK, N. J.

The initial number of the "Herald" was fine.

FROM MR. ALBERT TILGNER,
BUFFALO CENTER, IOWA

I want to congratulate you on the new appearance and contents of the first issue of "The Herald" this year.

FROM MR. A. H. FELCHLE, GOOD-
RICH, N. DAK.

Picking up the "Baptist Herald" tonight we find on the front cover a picture of an unfamiliar man, that of our new editor. We say unfamiliar perhaps only in North Dakota. We expect to get acquainted with him soon. May we all with the help of our loving Master try to carry on the good work started so nobly by our deceased, yet beloved, Brother M'h'm. We are indeed grateful to all the men who helped to make the "Baptist Herald" a success.

FROM MR. NORMAN J. BOEHM,
DEROIT, MICH.

I want to congratulate you on the splendid beginning you have made with "The Herald." I was delightfully surprised with the new make-up. There are enough interesting articles in it to keep one busy for some time.

WIT AND HUMOR

The Fisher: "Then it won't be a crime if I land a fish?"

The Inhabitant: "No, it'll be a miracle!"

Artist: "I've got some of the funniest pictures you ever saw."

Editor: "Really? Where did you have them taken?"

He was an up-to-the minute motorist, but had lost his way. Suddenly his eyes brightened as he shouted to his wife: "I think we're getting near a town. We're hitting more people."

"How old is your son?" asked the visitor.

"Well," replied the dad, "he's reached that age when he thinks the most important thing to pass isn't his examination, but the car ahead."

Man (to small boy eating apple): "Look out for worms, little boy."

Boy: "When I eat an apple the worms must look out for themselves."

This looks encouraging!

It's the circulation of
The

Baptist Herald

to which this statement refers.

The response to our subscription efforts has been gratifying.

The reaction to the changes in editorial direction has been exceedingly generous.

The new arrangement following the new title page has caught the eye.

The large increase in the number of readers brings much encouragement to the publishers and assures to the "Baptist Herald" a larger place in our denominational life.

The circulation during last year reached its lowest level and its existence became precarious. It had fallen to 2315 but now, for reasons given, aside from the loyalty of our people, we have at the time of this writing exactly

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Let everybody continue the good work.

The Management.

A CHAT ABOUT BOOKS

By THE EDITOR

The most thrilling literary discovery in my years of reading has been the opening of my eyes and heart to the books of Boreham. There is a fellowship of Christian people in almost every country on the face of the globe who are "Borehamites," "to whom every new book from the pen of this gifted Australian preacher-essayist is a literary and spiritual event."

While I was a student at the seminary in Rochester, I followed the advice of a teacher and picked up one of F. W. Boreham's books. The delight and rapture which were mine as I read that book have not dimmed in the slightest as I have perused twenty of the twenty-eight books of his which have been published in America. I have in my library for purposes of spiritual and literary refreshment eight of his books, including the one most recently published, "The Ivory Spires" (Abingdon Press—1934—\$1.75), about which we shall have more to say.

Boreham is a Baptist minister in Kew, Melbourne, Australia. His life has been an adventure in itself, reading like a story book. While in London as a young man seeking a commercial career, he began to serve the London City Mission as a lay helper. He felt the call to enter the Christian ministry under the spell of the great preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon. His first pastorate in Mosgiel, New Zealand, begun in 1894, was most successful, since two years later he became editor of the New Zealand Baptist denominational paper and several years afterward president of the New Zealand Baptist Union. From Mosgiel Mr. Boreham went to Tasmania to become minister of the Hobart Tabernacle, the leading Baptist Church in the island. In 1916 he became pastor of Admadale and since 1929 minister of the Baptist Church at Yew, Australia.

His books are brief essays, anywhere from 12 to 35 in each volume, which cover the expansive sphere of life in all its trivial as well as significant phases. His pen illustrates these stories and things of life with lucid descriptions and colorful words at the same time that his spirit finds religious messages and sermons in the most common things along the pathway of life. He can write about such things as "Blistered Hands," "Hat pins and Button-hooks," "the Face at the Window," "Spilt Milk," "Footprints in the Snow" and in his most recent volume about "Blind Men's Buff," "the Silver-Mounted Ball," "Stray Dogs" and "Grigians" and make them sparkle with literary beauty and religious meaning.

The titles of the books are enchanting pictures in themselves. Here are a few of them: "The Golden Milestone," "The Silver Shadow," "Mountains in the Mist," "A Bunch of Everlastings," "Wings of

Wildfire," "A Tuft of Comet's Hair," "The Nest of Spears," "Rubble and Rose-leaves," "The Drums of Dawn," and the like.

I have had some very interesting experiences with Boreham's books. I presented a copy of "The Crystal Pointers" to a friend who informed me later that the entire family was captivated by it. A copy of "A Tuft of Comet's Hair" was loaned by me to a young man in prison in Rochester and eight years later I found the same man and his sisters speaking with highest praise about the book. While the missionary, Mr. George J. Geis, and I were looking over books in Wanamaker's in Philadelphia, I called his attention to one of Boreham's books. He bought it and several weeks later asked me to send him another to Bhamo, Burma. Many of the earlier books are selling for \$1.00 while the more recent ones are retailing for the reasonable price of \$1.75. All of them may be secured through the book department of our German Baptist Publication Society in Cleveland.

But we must return to a review of his most recent book, "The Ivory Spires." The minister who reads this book will find much sermonic material in the chapters, "The Power Behind the Throne," "Magic at the Zoo," "A Letter of Introduction" and "When the Sun Stands Still." The young person looking for stories will be delighted by the accounts of the "Love of Brother Pacificus," "The Stolen Goose," "The Silver-Mounted Ball" and "Married at Midnight." The person of literary acquaintance will see in "A Factory Girl's Holiday" Browning's poem "Pippa Passes." For reading in brief snatches before retiring at night or while riding on the street car or when the mind wants to turn to something different, I can recommend nothing better than this book by Boreham.

Here is a passage from his description about "grigians" which are dainty fairies, detected by eyes which can see, in twisted slumps and wrinkled roots. "Love is the queen of all the grigians. From the most repelling and unpromising mass, she knows how to charm them forth. From every seam and crease and lump and hollow they come trooping at her call. That, in a nutshell, is the story that the New Testament unfolds. The world has grown strangely gnarled and twisted and deformed. But God loved it—so loved it that he gave his Son to be its Savior and King! And, under the magic of that divine and deathless love, out swarmed the grigians! However rough and unlovely a life may be, the Divine Artist knows how to entice from it charms that shall send ripples and radiations of gladness to earth's remotest bounds." I covet for you this same bewitching delight over Boreham and his scintillating books!

OUR GYPSIES IN BULGARIA

THE UNIQUE MISSIONARY FIELD
of German Baptists of North America



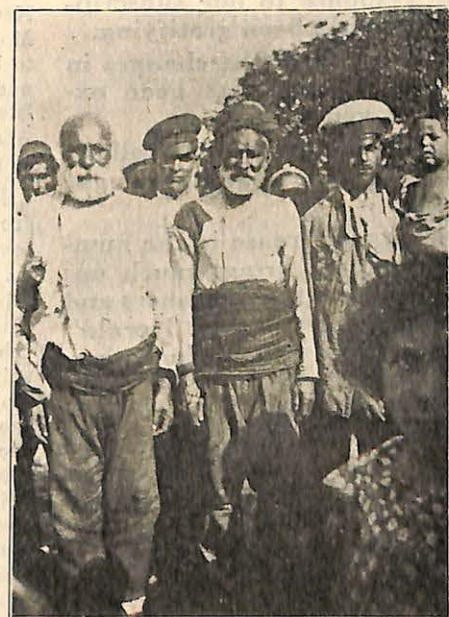
The Only Gypsy Baptist Church in the World, Located at Golinzi, near Lom, Bulgaria

We as German Baptists are the only Missionary Society having a fully organized work among the gypsies. It is interesting to note that our gypsy work in Bulgaria was assigned to our society by the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in London in 1920. There are gypsies among the members of almost every one of our churches in Bulgaria. In the village Golinzi, located near the city of Lom on the Danube River, we have our Gypsy Church. The membership is composed exclusively of gypsies. The pastor, Rev. Georgi Stephano, and his family are full-blooded gypsies. As far as we know this is the only church erected exclusively for and used by the gypsies. In Golinzi our gypsies are largely engaged as brickmakers, and so the bricks that were used in the erection of this Gypsy Church were made by the gypsies themselves. Two of our own German Baptist laymen generously contributed about \$3,000 to make the erection of this building possible.

The gypsies are a neglected and degraded people with strong tribal traditions. They are bound by superstition and are given to lying, stealing and fortune-telling. They use their own language. Religiously they are at least nominally connected with the Orthodox Church, which is the Greek Catholic Church, or they are Mohammedans. In many respects they resemble those none-caste untouchables among the Telugus, where Missionary John Clough had such phenomenal success.

We are happy that we are permitted to gather out from among the gypsies for the Lord Jesus Christ those who are "ordained to eternal life." During the earthly life of the Lord Jesus the despised publicans and sinners entered the open door to the kingdom of heaven while the cultured Pharisees and Sadducees refused to enter. That is taking place today in Bulgaria. The gypsies in Bulgaria are entering the kingdom not only singly, but they are coming in groups of ten or more. It is quite remarkable that even Mohammedan gypsies are accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their only Savior and as God's prophet.

During many years Missionary Baro Bojeff, a converted Mohammedan gypsy, has been working faithfully among his own people. Among our pastors in Bulgaria, Rev. N. Michailoff of Lom and Rev. T. Dimitroff of Rutschuk, have been instrumental in leading quite a number of gypsies into the kingdom. Our gypsy work has a peculiar fascination which appeals to many of our people. Our gypsy pastor, Rev. Georgi Stephano of Golinzi, besides being an able personal worker among his own people has the exceptional ability to write an interesting missionary report.



A Group of Typical, Elderly Gypsies

OUR GYPSY WORK NEEDS PRAYER-HELPERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS