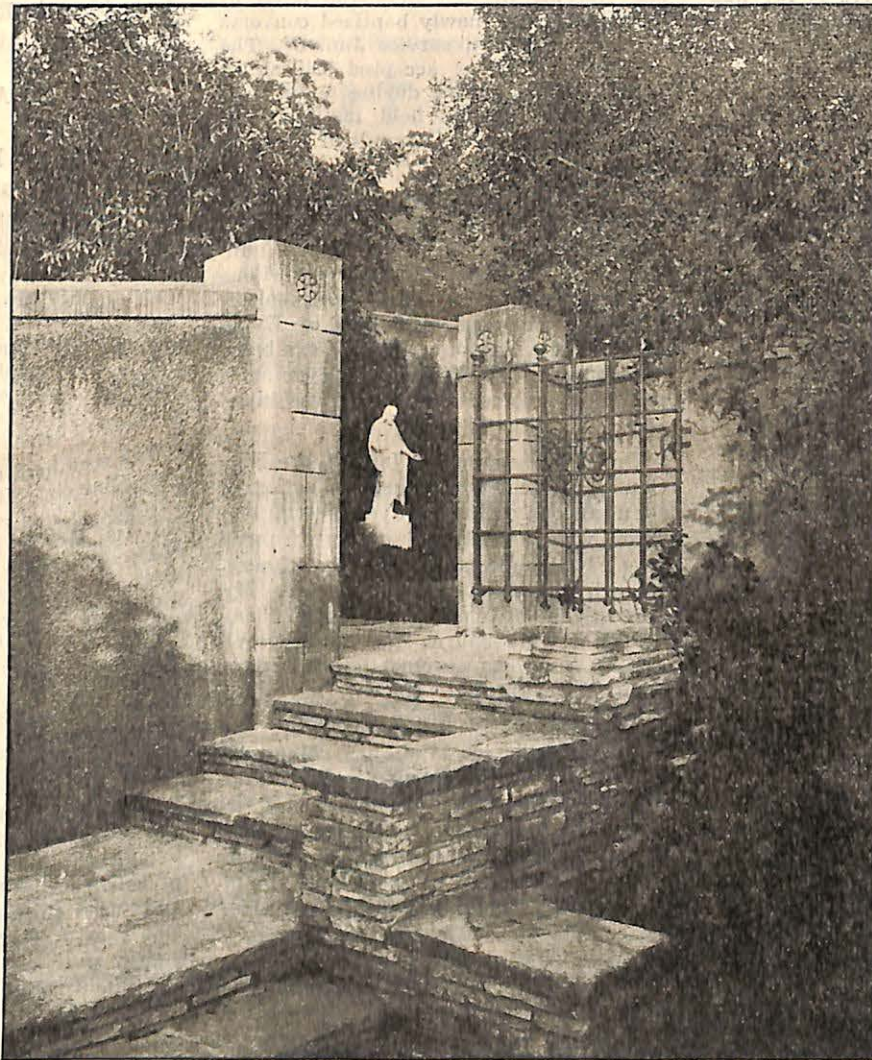


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IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE FAITHFUL MINISTERS
OF JESUS CHRIST WHO HAVE SERVED OUR CHURCHES

February 15, 1935

What's Happening

The Rev. E. Bibelheimer is minister of our church in Cathay, North Dakota, and not at Germantown as stated recently in "The Baptist Herald." We are happy to make this correction for the benefit of our readers.

The Calvary Baptist Church, Pekin, Ill., of which the Rev. Ralph Blatt is minister, held union prayer services for a week, closing Jan. 11. About 200 persons crowded the small church auditorium every evening. A fine spirit prevailed throughout.

Rev. F. W. Bartel, pastor of the Baptist churches at Fredericksburg and Boerne, Texas, had the joy of baptizing two young people last November and in December six others followed the Lord in baptism. This made a total of 18 baptisms on this field during the past year.

The Rev. J. G. Draewell is serving as interim pastor at all the services of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., since the departure of its minister, the Rev. J. Leyboldt, on the first of February. Mr. Draewell was formerly minister of the Ebenezer Church from 1914 to 1925.

The Rev. John J. Lucas, pastor of our church at Anamoose, North Dakota, was ably assisted by the Rev. G. Rauser of Martin, North Dakota, in recent evangelistic services held in Lincoln Valley, a station of the Anamoose Church. Ten young people accepted Christ as their Savior.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 13, the Rev. Thomas Stoeri, pastor of the St. Louis Park Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., baptized 15 persons on confession of their faith. The Rev. Wm. Kuhn was guest speaker at both services on Sunday, Jan. 27. In the evening several other persons were baptized by Mr. Stoeri.

The Rev. Herman Lohr, who has served most capably as minister of our church at Aplington, Iowa, for the past several years, will begin his ministry on the new field at Corona, South Dakota, with the first of March. Mr. Lohr is leaving the Aplington Church in good condition and under very happy circumstances.

During the closing week of 1934 the Rev. C. A. Gruhn, pastor of the German Baptist Church in Missoula, Montana, was in charge of the brief devotional service over the local radio station every morning. Several of the young people of the church assisted the minister with musical and vocal selections.

Miss Alethea Kose is busily engaged at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Ill., as teacher in charge of the department of religious education. She is also studying for her M. A. degree at the University of Chicago. She was instrumental in arranging for a brief

chapel message by Mr. Leuschner towards the close of January.

During the year and a half ministry of the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender in our church at George, Iowa, four baptismal services have been held. The envelope system has been introduced and a unified Sunday school and English worship service has been arranged. The Thursday evening devotional services are attended on the average by 40 to 45 persons.

The Rev. A. F. Runtz, pastor of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., had the joy of extending the hand of fellowship to 23 newly baptized converts at the communion service Jan. 6. The majority of these accepted Christ as their personal Savior during a series of evangelistic services held last October, with the Rev. P. B. Chenault of La Salle as evangelist.

The Wednesday evening services of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., of which the Rev. O. E. Krueger is minister, are uniquely interesting. Four schools, namely, a Family School, a School of Missions, a School of Evangelism and a School of Prayer, are being conducted. One Wednesday evening a month is devoted to each of these interests.

On Monday evening, Jan. 14, the First Church, Chicago, Ill., held a series of simultaneous cottage prayer meetings at seven widely separated homes of members. It is hoped that this type of service will be continued in the future. Mr. Hugo Schmidt, a prominent member and deacon in the church for many years, was in a serious automobile accident on Saturday, Jan. 12. He will be in the hospital for some weeks to come.

The church in Minnetonka, Manitoba, Canada, is making steady progress under the consecrated leadership of its pastor, the Rev. John Luebeck. The membership of the church now numbers 244 persons, most of whom are immigrants from Poland. There are three nearby stations which the pastor serves. A male chorus and a brass band are active in the church. There have been several baptisms during the past year.

The Rev. C. H. Edinger, pastor of our church at Kyle, Texas, where he is beginning his fifth year of service, reports that as the result of a week of evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. W. H. Buening of Gatesville, Texas, eight Sunday school scholars made public confession of their faith in Christ. During the preceding week the church held services in observance of "the Week of Prayer."

The first quarterly rally of 1935 of the young people of the Four Church Detroit Union was held on Thursday eve-

ning, Jan. 24, at the Ebenezer Church before a large and enthusiastic audience. Dr. Mark Sanborn of Battle Creek, Mich., spoke on "Christian Youth in a Changing World." Dr. Sanborn is a former president of the B. Y. P. U. of America and served for several years as a minister in Detroit.

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 15, the young people's society of the church at Nokomis, Saskatchewan, Canada, held its annual business meeting and elected the following officers: Mildred Rhode, president; Mrs. Alec Richter, vice-president; Mrs. A. Richter, secretary; Mary Weiss, assistant secretary; Margaret Tach, librarian and "Baptist Herald" reporter; Ruby Abeig und Reuben Zepik, pianists.

The German Baptist Church in Wilmington, Del., of which the Rev. Herman Kuhl is pastor, has selected as its motto for 1935 2 Corinthians 3:18 and has set as its evangelistic goal at least 25 new members. The Rev. J. G. Draewell preached at a recent Sunday morning service. A student of the Wilmington Bible School was received into the church a few months ago. The services of the church are now conducted entirely in the English language.

The members and friends of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis., celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weihe on the evening of Dec. 31 with a program in their honor, gifts of friendship and a happy time of fellowship and congratulations. An article by Mr. Weihe, who has been prominently active in our denomination, will be featured in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald" along with a more detailed report of this festive event.

At the annual business meeting of the Third German Baptist Church in the Bronx, New York City, the following officers were elected: Miss Hermine Baker, president; Mr. Hans Schaeffer, vice-president; Miss Kate Wulburn, secretary, and Miss Gertrude Niebuhr, treasurer. The Rev. J. F. Niebuhr is beginning his eighth year as minister of the church. On Sunday, Jan. 13, the Rev. P. Langenberg of King Williamstown, Province, South Africa, was the guest minister.

The Rev. J. J. Lippert of Bismarck, North Dakota, served as chaplain in the state penitentiary on the Sundays during one of the late fall months. At the last service, of which Mr. Lippert had charge, the invitation was extended and more than 25 of the men indicated by the uplifted hand that they desired to follow Christ as their Master and wanted to be remembered in prayer. During several weeks in January the Rev. A. Guenther of Minneapolis, Minn., assisted the minister in evangelistic services held in our church at Bismarck.

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EDITORIAL

A Christian Deal for Our Elderly Ministers

WE hear a great deal nowadays about the New Deal and a Square Deal. The common problems of life have awakened us to the needs of the man, who is shouldering a disproportionate share of heavy burdens and whose outlook for tomorrow is not at all promising. It is high time that a similar note be sounded in our churches calling for a "Christian Deal" to be accorded our older ministers and the veterans of spiritual service.

The plight of many such men in our German Baptist Churches is well nigh tragic. They began their ministry years ago with radiant hope and energetic vigor. God had commissioned them to a divine undertaking and their denomination was calling them to manifold opportunities.

The decades since then have witnessed social changes and upheavals, in which these men of God, now with ebbing strength, find themselves the unfortunate victims of circumstances and disillusionments. After using the German language almost exclusively during these years largely for the benefit of our German Baptist denomination, they find themselves of little usefulness to congregations who have substituted the English for the German language. After a consecrated ministry of several decades in which they never counted the cost of their sacrifice they declare themselves still able to minister, but find few opportunities for such a ministry.

Let us be frank and fearless in the facing of these facts. Why should we object so vociferously to the slight German accent of some of these pastors of ours, whose entire lives have been devoted heretofore to a German speaking denomination? Many a fashionable church of our country takes pride in its minister because of his Scotch dialect, Southern

drawl, Irish brogue or European accent. This is particularly directed to those youthful critics who are altogether too severe with their German pastors. Why can we not understand that one of the primary qualifications of a minister, who is to serve a church of ours, is not his ability to draw great crowds and "to run a hundred yard dash" at the Sunday School picnic but a radiant, Christ-like character which is the result of "practising what is preached" from the pulpit? In this respect our older ministers are uniquely qualified for a successful ministry in any church, if only our standards of success were judged accordingly.

We cannot afford to deal with our ministers as the modern business world often treats its employees with methods of impersonal, mechanical efficiency. We are "Christians," followers of Christ, who are supposedly ever ready "to go the second mile," "to give the cup of cold water," to do more than what is expected of us. These ministers are men of God in our midst who have burned themselves out for Christ in a costly service. The least we can do for them is to accord them "a Christian Deal" in which we shall give them every opportunity, whenever possible, for a continued ministry in our churches and shall manifest to them respect and the reverent hearing which are due men of such Christ-like lives.

The spiritual character of our pastors is noteworthy. Their ministry has been deeply sacrificial. Their gifted capacities are comparable with similar groups in other denominations. They deserve "a Christian Deal"—every consideration of magnanimity which will enable them to be our servants as well as those of God as long as they are able.

Christian Orientation in Current Thought

By the REV THORWALD BENDER

"LIFE seems to be a jumble of ideas and ideals." This statement was one of the closing remarks of a letter quoted some months ago in "The Baptist Herald." The author of the missive was a girl who was about to graduate from college. Along with thousands of others she was facing a world that did not seem to be in need of her services. The outlook for employment was disheartening. It was disheartening primarily because the girl had failed to acquire mental and spiritual poise while at college. Instead, she had become a victim of the confusion, mental, spiritual, economic, and social, which surrounded her.

Life is a "jumble of ideas and ideals." Nor will a college education as a rule furnish the leads to personal equilibrium. Prudent and practical is the individual who will let his Christian experience and the Word of God lead him to a solution of the many contradictions in current thought. Grenfell once remarked, "I will make my religion count for something or I'll junk it." Unless you and I are willing to let our religion count for something as we map out a design for living, we had better junk it!

The challenge of today cannot be met by a Christian faith which is merely a sedative, a dope. They cannot be met by a Christian faith that is merely a refuge, a retreat. The challenge of today must be met by a faith that is dynamic, a driving force! Such a force is derived from the sane, clear, energetic re-statement and re-assertion of the Christian attitudes of life with direct and articulate reference to the current attitudes.

There are three current moods which challenge the Christian today, namely, the attitude of defeatism, the attitude of self-sufficiency, and the attitude of worldly wisdom.

The Mood of Futility in Modern Life

Nietzsche is credited with the statement that "life is a process not paying what it costs." The attitude of defeatism endorses this sentiment. It is the attitude of pessimism and despair. As we look upon the deserted pyramids, as we study the ruins of Nineveh, Athens, and Rome, and as we read the accounts of the rising and falling of former civilizations and empires, we are amazed by the implications of our inescapable affinity to this eternal process of toil, achievement, and disintegration! The more ambitious we are, the more ironical the experience. The more profound our thought, the more poignant our realization of this farce.

Why should a man go to war for his country? What did it accomplish for the man, his loved ones, or his country, who rallied to the banners of the Pharaohs, the Roman generals, the English nobles, or the American champions of democracy? It is

This young minister, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church, George, Iowa, and teacher in the Baptist college at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, faces life realistically and thoughtfully and emerges with a triumphant and inspiring faith!

little wonder that so many are agreed that all struggle for the right and truth is futile. It is easy to endorse in our day: "Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne." Even such a giant of God as Elijah once was overcome by this mood of despair and cried out: "It is enough; now, Jehovah, take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers. For the children of Israel have forsaken thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life to take it away."

Conquering Despair By Christian Faith

This attitude may be met in two ways: by resignation or by denial. The first springs from logic and pessimism; the second from revelation and faith. We can agree that "all the world's a stage" and seek contentment as mechanical players, or we may assert our capacity as directors of the drama, extending the stage if necessary. Two men may be looking out of the same window. One sees nothing but mud, while the other is entranced by the starlit sky. The first may equip himself with boots of adaptation and plod his course in the mud of futility. The other may procure a telescope and urge his spirit to sprout wings for his flight of adventurous faith. The scriptures serve us as a telescope. They reveal the dim outline of an inevitable ultimate which will replace the present cycle, and they bring into sharp relief the relation of this cycle to the ultimate. "What a man soweth, that also shall he reap" takes on an eternal significance.

Dr. Edward Scribner Ames wrote recently as follows: "Faith means assurance, confidence, trust. It means faith in life, and that is faith in God. The simplest test of a man's religious outlook is whether he believes life is worthwhile. Religious people are often pessimistic about particular enterprises, but they hold on to something as eventually enduring and rewarding." In the face of this mood of futility the Christian must re-assert his attitude of faith.

Modern People Sufficient Unto Themselves

There is another prevalent attitude challenging us today, namely, that of self-sufficiency. It is the mood of sophistication and "smart-alleckism." It is the attitude of cynicism, boredom and ballyhoo. It is "the devil may care" attitude. Dr. Lyon Phelps in one of his recent columns in "Scribners" makes a suggestive observation. Commenting on the current literature in vogue, he asks what the impression would be to the people of other planets, if there are such, and if those people were limited to this literary output of our newsstands for their basis of judgment, concerning us. Dr. Phelps concludes that we might pass for a rather silly and irresponsible lot of people.

Our present enjoyment of scientific and intellectual progress has satiated us to such an extent that anything less than sensational merely serves to bore or even nauseate us. To make our boredom tolerable many become bridge fanatics and movie addicts. In other odd moments we smoke cigarettes and indulge in spicy stories and wisecracks, which would cease to be spicy or "wise" if our sophistication were more than skin-deep! The Middle Ages, the "gay nineties," or the days of 1920, how silly they were! How little those people knew of life! What prudery! What ignorance! What naivete! In the words of Dr. Durant: "Our sophomoric scorn of Puritan virtues is in itself a system of decay; a morally, healthy people, disciplined by a responsible life, is naturally stoic, and despises epicurianism as a subtle enfeeblement of the state."

The Need for Christian Hope

What then are we to do with this current mood of life? As the Christian must substitute the attitude of defeatism with that of faith, so he must renounce this mood of self-sufficiency and build his life upon Christian hope. The attitude of hope is grounded in sincerity. Sophistication and sham have no usefulness in it. Christian sincerity emphasizes character rather than glamor and the spiritual disposition rather than the physical bearing or social status. The attitude of hope is centered in humility. Instead of proud condescension to the marvels of the age, it teaches us awe and gratitude even for the little and the common things of all time. The finiteness of present knowledge is very apparent to one who expects greater revelations and insight into the future. "For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know fully even as I also was fully known."

One secular expression of this attitude of hope is Kipling's "L'Envoy." Its hymnal counterpart is Fanny Crosby's "Face to Face":

"Some day when fades the golden sun
Beneath the rosy-tinted west,
My blessed Lord will say: 'Well done!'
And I shall enter into rest.

"Some day; till then I'll watch and wait,
My lamp all trimmed and burning bright,
That when my Savior opens the gate,
My soul to Him may take its flight.

"And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story—Saved by grace;
And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story—Saved by grace."

The Deadliness of Intellectual Sophistication

The attitude of worldly wisdom is that of intellectualism. It is the attitude of abstractions. It is the mood sometimes parading under the name of science. The reading of Hawthorne's "My Visit to Niagara" while a freshman in high school was perhaps my first exposure to the conflict between realism and romanticism, intellectualism and mysticism, rationalism and idealism. Much of the conflict between the schools of reason and mysticism is simply a confusion of terms. One is reminded of the story of two noble, combat-loving knights who disputed

the color of a shield. One knight insisted that the shield was red, the other claimed it was black. Jealous of their honor and veracity, they settled the question by duel. Both were mortally wounded and fell. As they lay on the field of battle, someone brought the shield; and lo and behold, it was red on one side and black on the other!

Because the attitude of rationalism deals in abstractions it denies the inner motivations and appreciations. Physical phenomena, social behavior, individual reactions are all duly labeled and classified. Such terms as beauty, justice, mercy, hate, love and envy are meaningless. They can all be reduced to scientific formulae or simply asserted to be non-existent because they were never dealt with in a test-tube or dissected in a laboratory!

The picturesque mountain side for some people is only the symbol of a certain glacial and geological era. The brilliantly colored fish, as exhibited at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, are only members of the phylum Chordata, subphylum Vertebrata, class Pisces, and of a given order, family, genus, and species. This rationalistic mood is a stranger to such poetic appreciations as voiced by David: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth forth his handiwork." Communion with nature and solitude have no meaning for the man of worldly wisdom. In fact he calls love of solitude an indication of an anti-social twist. He has no appreciation for the lamentations of Goldsmith in "The Deserted Village."

Love at the Center of Life's Greatest Wisdom

As I enjoy the peculiar gifts of friendship, as I find happiness in the mutual devotions of the home, as I heed the hearty laughter and stifled sobs of little children, I become distrustful of the claims of sociology, economics, and eugenics, when represented by this spirit of worldly wisdom. In the experience of human love I search for its source. The Christian religion directs me to God and to love as shown in the love of God to man, the love of man to God, and the love of man to his fellowman. Here is the fountain head of motivation! Here is the source of power! Here is the road to progress! Here is the attitude that will be victorious, for "love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."

The Christian must modify or displace the attitude of rationalism with the spirit of love. Love gives content to life. Love gives a purpose to life. Love gives power to life. It is no wonder that Jesus made the law of love the greatest of all. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself."

In this attitude of love the life principle ceases to be egotistic and becomes altruistic. Life becomes more abundant, because it ceases to revolve about self. Think of Moses, asking God to cancel his name from "the Book of Life," rather than have

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Who Follows in Their Train?

By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER

A NOBLE army of men and women, boys and girls have followed Christ through the centuries of Christian history. That path has led to mountain heights of transfiguration, where peace and joy have flooded the soul. It has been a "via dolorosa" which has taken many to Calvary, not only to behold the Crucified Savior, but also to bear his cross and share his sufferings and shame.

The ministers of the gospel have been accorded a prominent place in the niche of history, because they were true to the high and noble ideals of their calling, in spite of social ostracism and inhuman persecution. The names of John Wycliff, John and Charles Wesley, John Bunyan, George Fox, Roger Williams, William Carey, Adoniram Judson, Johann Gerhardt Oncken are receiving increasing attention by historians because the ministry of their lives has helped to change the course of human destiny and the fearless, passionate spirit of their proclamations has bequeathed to us an inspiring heritage.

Our German Baptist brethren have caught something of the glowing conviction of faith and the unreserved willingness to serve their Master as they have seen that spirit evidenced in Balthasar

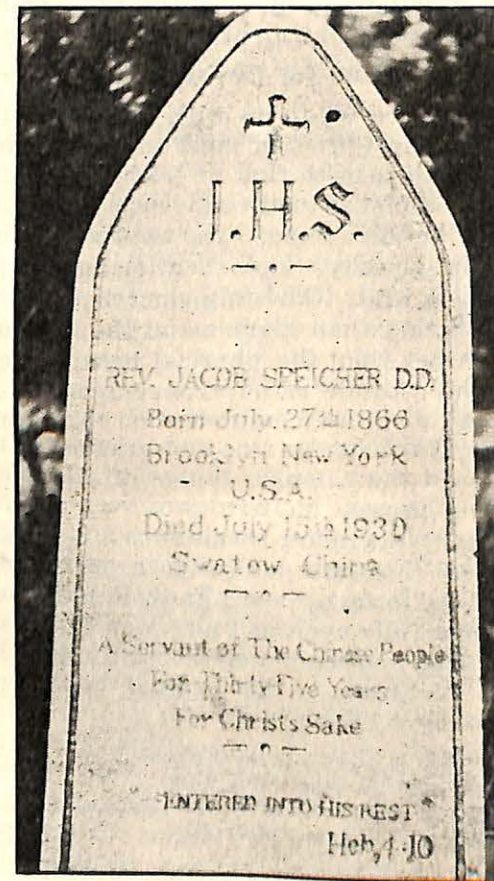


Balthasar Hubmaier

Hubmaier. We too may claim him for ourselves. Although his death at the stake just outside the city of Vienna occurred more than four hundred

This article was written with the purpose of focusing the reader's attention on the work of the pastors of our churches, whose achievements are unheralded in the busy world of today but whose lives and characters are well worthy of special mention in this issue of "The Baptist Herald."

years ago, his beliefs in Christ as his personal Savior and the public presentation of his faith were the impetus which gave rise to the Anabaptist movement in Central Europe and later to the growth of Baptist churches. It is with considerable pride



Missionary Speicher's Earthly Resting Place in Swatow, China

that we remember the Hubmaier celebration in March, 1928, held under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance in the Baptist Chapel in Vienna which was built by our missionary contributions and which represents a missionary church of ours in Austria. It was on this occasion that a memorial tablet in memory of Hubmaier was unveiled as a spiritual message to all disciples of Christ.

Our claim on Hubmaier, in other words, becomes a challenge. Such church ancestors call for the same embodiment of courage and self-denial, as they manifested. Otherwise they are merely closet skeletons with no living influence upon us. They are more than names with which to conjure; they are radiant adventurous souls who show us and the

world what God can do with lives which are fully consecrated to him!

I look back upon the ninety odd years of our German Baptist history and I see the servants of God, who have served as pastors of our churches, who have faced perilous dangers and have triumphed over insurmountable difficulties even as Balthasar Hubmaier did in Europe and William Carey did in India. They chose the lot of a pioneer existence with its privations and hardships. They faced the scorn and shame of belonging to a minority, outcast sect of religious people. They denied themselves even of necessities of life in order to build churches and strengthen the work. They lived and breathed the gospel of Jesus Christ, which was central in everything they did and said.

Some crossed the oceans to carry the gospel to other peoples. They realized the impending dangers and probable sufferings. Some died on the field of service and their bodies were laid to rest in the soil of a strange land. Another died while returning home and was buried at sea, and others have had to bear the scars of physical suffering ever since. But the story is always the same, even in the face of sickness, adversities, and possible death. They have been men and women, ambassadors of God, who have found their greatest joy in serving the Master and Savior of all peoples by living amidst some new race as if they belonged to it and winning its members to Jesus Christ.

Jacob Speicher was an effective example of this spirit. Among the Chinese people of Swatow he lived for so many years that his life was intertwined with theirs, and always by word and deed he let his light shine for the cause of the Kingdom of God.

All honor to these ministers of Christ! If a book could be written of their struggles, their heartaches, their suffering, their unheralded deeds, there would not be pages enough to contain the written account. They have left a noble heritage which is ours to emulate. They have manifested a martyr's spirit which is for us to re-embodiment in our lives. They have exemplified the only way, namely, that of sacrificial discipleship and unflagging faith, by which the denominational enterprise for Jesus Christ can go forward and march victoriously.

"They climbed the steep ascent of heav'n
Through peril, toil and pain;
O God, to us may grace be giv'n
To follow in their train."

These pioneer ministers of our denomination have been martyrs in God's Kingdom even as Hubmaier was in painful death. The spirit of their lives was the spirit of that Christian martyr. It was Sadhu Sundar Singh who truly said: "It is easy to die for Christ. It's hard to live for him. Dying only takes an hour or two, but living for him means to die daily." It is this spirit of the martyrs and pioneers of our German Baptist history which will make our lives and the ministry of today a conquering and triumphant march for Christ and His Kingdom!

Hope!

Translation of Schiller's "Hoffnung"

One hope ever stirs the human soul,
That better days will be dawning;
To reach this happy and promising goal
He is everywhere hunning and fawning;
The world becomes old and then new again,
But the hope of perfection doth still remain.

'Tis hope that man's coming to life doth bless,
On hope the carefree child is carried,
The youth is enthused by its winsomness,
Nor with the sage is it buried;
And be e'er the grave his wearisome end,
Yet even the grave will his hope transcend.

Nor is this hope in the mind of man
An empty and vain obsession
The heart proclaims as loud as it can
That her's is a noble confession;
For as long as the inner voice will control
There is naught can deceive the hoping soul.
—Translated by the Rev. Paul Wengel.

Our Front Cover

THE front cover of this issue of "The Baptist Herald" presents one of the loveliest scenes in the world, the famous Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. Here happy couples go to be married in "the Little Church of the Flower." Here every tree and shrub and flower proclaims that "Life is Ever Lord of Death, and Love Can Never Lose Its Own."

The scene reproduced on our front cover is a peaceful, sequestered court called "God's Garden" set into a hill. Lovingly brooding over all is the spirit of "the Christus," an exact reproduction in marble of the great Thorwaldsen's famous statue.

The message of the picture memorializes the consecrated service of the pastors of our churches who have labored unstintedly and joyfully as the ambassadors of Jesus Christ who has called to all mankind, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

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his people be destroyed. Think of Jesus bearing the shame and agony of the cross for sinful mankind.

The world is indeed a "jumble of ideas and ideals." It is plunged in terrible mental chaos. We must restate and reassert the Christian attitude of life. Let us conquer the outlook of defeatism by the Christian life of faith. Let us defeat this mood of self-sufficiency with the attitude of expectant hope. Let us replace all worldly wisdom with the spirit of love. "And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

"O love, that wilt not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths it flow
May richer, fuller be!"

Religious News of the World

Jehovah Named Sole Beneficiary in Georgia Will

Dublin, Ga., Jan. 19. "Jehovah, the most high God," became the legal owner today of all the property of John McDaniel of Folkston. McDaniel, member of a religious sect known as the "Church of God," today filed with the clerk of the Laurens Superior court a deed giving all his real and personal property to God. The recorded deed also makes his home the church for the sect. "Nothing like it has ever been received here before," commented Clerk E. S. Baldwin.

A Preaching Mission at Shanghai, China

Los Angeles, California, Jan. 24. Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, the recently elected president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, spent a day in this city en route to the Orient, where for three months he will be the acting pastor of the Community Church at Shanghai, China. "I expect to contact Chinese and Japanese Christians," Dr. Holt said, "and sound out sentiments for maintaining peace." In May he will represent the U. S. churches at a celebration of 100 years of Methodist church work in Australia. For 18 years Dr. Holt has been minister of the St. Johns Methodist Church at St. Louis, Mo.

The Anti-Religious Drive in Mexico to End

Mexico City, Jan. 21. A move to end the violent anti-religious campaign of various radical elements was taken today by the National Revolutionary bloc in the chamber of deputies, which represents the administration party headed by President Lazaro Cardenas. In announcing a program for explaining the purposes of socialistic education to the people of the nation, members of the bloc stated it would be carried out "without harming or trying to offend the religious beliefs of the people." Outspoken opposition to the tactics of the Red Shirts, militant anti-Catholic organization formed by the Secretary of Agriculture Carido Canabal, was expressed by several deputies. The moderation of the deputies' program was expected to relieve the tenseness of the religious conflict which has cost several deaths in clashes in recent weeks.

Palestine Day and Zionism

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20. Inaugurating a new national Jewish holiday—Palestine Day—more than 1000 delegates representing three million members of Zionist organizations in America met in this city in the National Conference for Palestine. The conference was the most

important gathering of American Jewry since the war days. Its purpose was to mobilize all elements for the development of a program to accelerate the rebuilding of a Jewish homeland. A message read from President Roosevelt in which he expressed "deep and abiding interest in all that pertains to the development, material and otherwise, of the great conception of creating in Palestine a home of happiness and prosperity for those of the people of the Jewish race who turn to the land of their fathers."

Mr. George Friden recently wrote in "The Watchman-Examiner" as follows concerning the Zionist movement in Palestine: "In 1933 there were 44,000 Jewish immigrants to Palestine, a new high peak in the story of such immigration. There are today more than 150 Jewish settlements in Palestine, housing more than 43,000 persons. Then there is Tel-Aviv, an exclusively Jewish community. It is only 25 years old and has a population of more than 100,000. The entire Jewish population of Palestine is 209,207, or twice as many as ten years ago. Agriculture is being modernized, commerce stimulated, and factories are built. Zionism is a sign of the times. What it has wrought in Palestine is indeed great. But what is destined to take place in a near future may, no doubt, be even more marvelous."

Baptist Missionary and Baby Flee Chinese Bandits

Chungking, Szechwan Province, China, Jan. 26. After a four day wild flight from Chinese communists down a 200 mile stretch of the Yangtze river with a 6 month old baby Mrs. Clarence Vichert of Toronto, Ont., reached Chungking today. A portion of the distance was covered in a small boat after the little Chinese steamer on which she embarked from Suifu had struck a rock in treacherous rapids and sunk. Shaken and worn from her experience, Mrs. Vichert, who is associated with the American Baptist Foreign Missionary society, gave complete credit for the success of her harrowing journey to a Chinese man cook who accompanied her. Mrs. Vichert's husband was in Chengtu, several days' journey away, when the situation at Suifu and neighboring mission centers became too dangerous to remain and so because of impending military action of the communist brigands, she undertook to get out immediately. So great was the press of Chinese fleeing down the river that she was able to take only a single suitcase containing necessities for herself and her baby. (The Rev. Charles Vichert, a fellow-student with the editor at the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School of Rochester, N. Y., from which he graduated in 1929, is the son of

one of the seminary's professors. Both he and his wife are gifted young people and most promising missionaries. Ed.)

Meanwhile missionaries in the Luchow and Suifu area began a precautionary departure as the Red hordes pressed westward. Americans of many missions have had to flee for their lives. The 21 missionaries in the Hunan province have been ordered to evacuate. Men, women, and children have suffered hardship and privation in the escape from their threatened stations.

Five Year Program of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union

Evanston, Ill. Announcing the formal inauguration of a Five Year Program of Education and Action against the use and sale of alcoholic liquors, the general officers of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in a statement issued from the organization's headquarters at Evanston, Illinois, named Sunday, February 17, the 37th anniversary of the death of Frances Willard, as the occasion on which the 10,500 local W. C. T. U.'s throughout the country are asked to carry out a Willard Memorial Day program stressing the new five year's objective of the movement.

According to Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, National president, three initial items of the five-year program, which is intended to culminate in 1939, the centenary of the birth of Frances Willard and which all local unions will be asked to stress in their February 17 rallies, will be:

"1. A consecration and the deepening of the spiritual life of every advocate and supporter of the temperance cause.

"2. Inauguration of a community movement that shall encourage and support local boards of education everywhere in providing adequately for the carrying out of school laws requiring the teaching of the effects of alcohol upon the human system, and the furnishing of helps to teachers as in other studies.

"3. The launching of an enlarged program of education for all thoughtful citizens in the mechanics of government and the relation of the voter to the functions of government through community study classes, open forums, lecture and literature.

In the promotion of this community welfare program the National W. C. T. U. in accordance with action taken at its last National Convention, proposes the commencement of a definite campaign for pledge signing to be systematically planned and carried out. The pledge is in the form of a 'Declaration of Purpose,' and reads: 'That I may give my best service to home and country, I promise, God helping me, to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquor in any form.'

The World Fellowship of Baptists

BAPTIST WORLD STRENGTH

THE Rev. J. H. Rushbrooke, M. A., D. D., the General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, recently released these official statistics concerning the present membership of the Baptist Churches throughout the world. At the close of 1934 the reports in the hands of the Alliance gave the following facts regarding the strength of the denomination in the world:

	Members of Churches	Sunday School Scholars
Europe (excluding Russia)	677,641	615,258
Asia	420,473	182,856
Africa	101,181	36,855
America North	9,950,318	6,942,535
Central and West Indies	69,348	52,125
South	50,009	45,250
Australia and New Zealand	39,879	52,974
Total	11,308,849	7,927,853

"The total CHURCH MEMBERSHIP of 11,308,849 represents an increase of 286,496 upon the previous year.

"As has been the case for several years, no statistics have been received from Russia. The figures now published include only the Baptist Unions, Conventions and mission fields in respect of which definite reports have been obtained. It follows that the total of over 11,300,000 falls short of the actual membership by at least some hundreds of thousands.

"The largest numerical gain is in the United States, amounting to nearly a quarter of a million (246,041) represented by increases of approximately 37,000 in the Northern Convention, 101,000 in the National, and 108,000 in the Southern.

"In Asia there is a gain of approximately 23,000, the largest advances being 8,000 in Burma and 9,000 in South India.

"In Africa a total advance of nearly 7,000 is distributed over almost all the fields.

"On the European continent there is steady growth. Rumania, Sweden and Germany report the largest increase. In Britain there is a decrease of nearly a thousand, but this is offset by the continental growth, so that Europe as a whole shows a gain of nearly 11,000.

"The total of SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARS has advanced by nearly 1,200,000. This includes, however, an increase of over 1,088,000 in the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A.; and I should suppose that this startlingly large apparent increase must be due in some measure to the adoption of stricter statistical methods, since a round figure of 1,500,000 previously reported is replaced by a very precise 2,588,834. There is a decrease of approximately 11,000 in Europe, and this is entirely explained by the fall in Britain. Other continents show little change, with the exception of South America, where last year's total of 40,213 has increased to 45,250."

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE following message to Baptist churches in all countries was prepared by Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas, the president of the Baptist World Alliance, for the observance of Baptist World Alliance Sunday on February 3, 1935.

"It is ours to offer praise and thanksgiving to God for all blessings that attended and have followed the Baptist World Congress held in Berlin last August, which strengthened three convictions.

"The first was the paramount call and privilege of evangelism. We have a gospel to proclaim. We declared ourselves a people with an experience of Christ's redeeming power. We do not speak from tradition nor from hearsay, though we have a story of which we are proud. We have great names; behind the platform at Berlin were portraits of Carey, Oncken and Spurgeon. But we were not there merely because these three men had proclaimed the gospel committed to them; we were there because we also know the immeasurable worth of that same gospel. We did not create it; it came to us from God, but we accept it; so we must proclaim.

"There was the recognition of the Church of Christ, which is his body and of which we are members. We are free in Christ, and we exercise that freedom by associating one with another. The barriers that would divide us and the differences that would separate us are nothing compared with the urge of the Spirit within to unite one with the other. In many lands we are as yet only small communities, but we claim that Christ has given us his Spirit, and that is enough. We are called to exalt and glorify him in his Church.

"The gospel applies to all life and all departments of life. We believe in its transforming power not only for the individual but for society. Entrenched evils exist amongst us. Peace will not come of itself; the price must always be paid. We do not close our eyes to the inroads made by movements that claim the place of religion, but beyond everything we believe that there is in the gospel an effective power to destroy all manner of evil and to establish the Kingdom of God. No part of human life is outside the possible salvation of God in Christ.

"All this must bring upon us our lack of faith and venture. We have not believed great things, and so have not achieved great things. We need to pray for greater faith, greater earnestness, greater hopefulness. And we also need to commit ourselves anew and completely to the enterprise to which we have put our hands. There must be no looking back. Let us realize that we are a part of a great company in many lands desiring these great things and helping one another to attain them. Over all and above all is the Spirit of our Lord, who will neither leave us nor forsake us."

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 19

The Wages of Sin

"... and there was a great cry in Egypt: for there was not a house where there was no one dead." Exodus 12:30.

(Read Exodus 12:23-30)

Pharaoh had played with God. But God is a merciful God. He is not eager to thrust thunderbolts at the children of men. But Pharaoh insisted on playing with God. And that meant his doom. When Moses first pleaded for Israel in the presence of Pharaoh the latter sneered and said: "Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord...." God warned the king of Egypt. But he would not hear.

"The wages of sin is death"—this might be inscribed as a motto over the halls of learning and the portals of the mighty in the earth, for God will not be mocked."

Wednesday, February 20

Sola Gratia

"And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage...." Exodus 13:3.

(Read Exodus 13:1-14)

Goethe once remarked that we forget nothing so easily as a series of good days. Moses, a keen observer of human nature, knew the tendency of the human heart toward ingratitude. Hence his emphatic reminder to the children of Israel, "Remember this day of your redemption from bondage." Sola Gratia! The theme, which stands at the head of this paragraph, is a saying of the Reformation, meaning, "By Grace Only!" All true Christians know of the grace of God. From Paul to Spurgeon the servants of Jesus Christ have exalted God's grace by which we are saved for time and eternity.

Study Philippians 2.

Thursday, February 21

The Prophet as Intercessor

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me?" Exodus 14:15.

(Read Exodus 14:9-31)

Visualize this situation: A people whom God has marvelously delivered from bondage; a pursuing enemy right on the heels of that people; and that self-same people bewildered, grumbling, and crying unto the Lord. Dare we condemn the Israelites for being so despaired? All too well do we understand their strange predicament. But Moses' faith rises above this baffling situation. His hold is on God; wherefore he can say to the Israelites, "Fear not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord...." And

while Moses as a true leader encourages the people, his heart is agonizing in the prayer of intercession.

Study 1 Timothy 2:1-8.

Friday, February 22

Trials in the Wilderness

"And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness." Exodus 16:2.

(Read Exodus 14-17)

Why did God choose Israel to be the special vehicle of his revelation? Was it because of the unique "religious genius" of this people? Those who propound that idea fail completely in understanding God's relation to his chosen people. Exodus 14-17 and the entire record of Israel's history, the indictment of the prophets and of Jesus, shatter this conception. No, Israel was not better than the surrounding nations. God chose Israel to show forth his unsearchable riches of grace, and not because of any special worthiness on the part of this people.

Study Hebrews 3:7-19.

Saturday, February 23

Provisions in the Desert

"And the children of Israel did eat manna for forty years...." Exodus 16:35.

(Read Exodus 16:13-22)

We speak of economic security in these days. Is it because we are so materially minded? Is it because we have so many wants and needs? E. Stanley Jones has remarked that the American people are deadly afraid of poverty. We worry too much. So did Israel in the wilderness. Yet God provided water from the rock and manna from heaven. Are you afraid of old age? Are you unemployed? Has the crop been bad? Remember: Jesus is the living bread from heaven. He can supply all our needs. He, too, knows our anxieties and worries. "Let us cast all our cares upon him, for he careth for us."

Study 1 Corinthians 10:4 and John 6:35.

Sunday, February 24

Amalek

"Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim." Exodus 17:8.

(Read Exodus 17:8-15)

Amalek was the grandson of Esau who surrendered his birthright for a mess of pottage. Israel's conflict with Amalek is very significant from a spiritual point of view. We have in Amalek according to serious Bible students a type of the flesh. And it is with our flesh that we must wage a continuous spiritual warfare. Through regeneration our old na-

ture is not renewed. It remains the same with all the old desires and appetites. We cannot change it. But by faith it can be kept under. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit we may subdue the old nature and encourage the new nature, which is the mind of Christ in us. And Christ, our great highpriest, "ever liveth to make intercession for us" (Heb. 7:25).

Study Romans 7 and 8.

Monday, February 25

Israel's Fateful Hour

"... All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." Exodus 19:8.

(Read Exodus 19:3-10)

In this chapter God reviews in most tender language what he has done for Israel in the past. "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself." He also reminded Israel of his covenant with them, the covenant of grace, which had already been given to Abraham. God promises the continuation of his covenant, but Israel does not understand. They say with the utmost self-assurance, "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." Did they realize what they were saying? They took themselves off the ground of grace and placed themselves on the ground of law. A fateful decision, indeed!

".... and I give unto them eternal life...." Jesus.

Tuesday, February 26

The Divine Pedagogue

"The law entered that the offense might abound...." Rom. 5:20.

(Read Exodus 20)

The relation between law and gospel must be clearly seen and understood by the Christian believer. There is no salvation in or through the law, for salvation, as we have seen, is by grace alone. The law was not given to Israel that they might keep it, but to demonstrate to them that they could never expect to fulfill its holy precepts. For the law is holy, but we are carnal, sold under sin. But the law became to Israel the perfect mirror, which revealed to them God's holiness and their own sinfulness. It thus became, as Paul writes to the Galatians, the "schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Whosoever is in Christ, fulfills the law of love and hence is free from the law.

Study Galatians 3-5.

Wednesday, February 27

The Law of Retaliation

"Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot." Exodus 21:24.

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(Read Exodus 21:24-27)

Nobody can read this chapter without an inner shudder. Stern are these judgments and ordinances of Jehovah. No impartiality is shown to either rich or poor. Every eventuality is provided for. Viewed in the light of subsequent codes of law this is truly lofty and great. It reveals jagged heights and abysmal depths. Indirectly it hints at the desperate state of man's heart. Man is capable of vile crimes. Do we say too much that every man has in his bosom the seeds of all these horrifying sins, which are spoken of in this chapter? Now compare these laws of retaliation with the Sermon on the Mount! As you do this do not lose sight of the fact that the latter begins with the word "Blessed are the poor in spirit...."

Study Matthew 5-7.

Thursday, February 28

The Social Message of Exodus 22

"And ye shall be holy men unto me." Exodus 22:31.

(Read Exodus 22:22-31)

Israel was to be a theocracy. That is, God wanted to control every phase of its political, social and religious life. Holiness, in the Old Testament, meant not mere Sabbath religiosity, but living out every single day the commandments of the most High. That Israel miserably failed in carrying out God's will we know too well. Read Ex. 22:25 and realize that Jews are the bankers of the entire world! In 1916 the Secretary of the Treasury reported that 36% of the banks of our country were guilty of usury. Not a single bank was punished. Study verse 26 of this chapter, and then think of and pray for the thousands of families mercilessly evicted from home and hearth! God, the righteous, will hold us to account.

Study James 5:1-11.

Friday, March 1

Lessons from Exodus 23

"And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect." Ex. 23:13.

(Read entire chapter)

"Thou shalt not raise a false report!" How much strife, how much sorrow, how much misery are caused due to our disobedience here! Homes and churches are broken, entire nations thrust into cruel war because of false reports. May the press agent beware! "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil!" Why? Because we tend to lose our judgment in the mob. Lynch law is here clearly prohibited. Again: "Thou shalt not take a gift, for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous." Have nothing to do with graft, be it big or small! Graft saps the very foundation of society. The criminal grows fat on it, because respectable people practice and condone it. Be honest!

Study Proverbs 12:18-19 and 13:17.

Saturday, March 2

More Lessons from Exodus 23

"The fruits of thy land thou shalt

bring into the house of the Lord, thy God." Exodus 23:19.

The good Israelite was duty-bound to be considerate even of his enemy's ox or ass. We are "to love our enemies." Yet Christians often harbor a grudge or hatred toward fellow-believers for years! There was to be equal justice for rich and poor alike. Dean Pound of Harvard Law School speaks of the attitude of our law to the poor as "this neglect which disgraces American justice." The stranger was not to be oppressed in Israel. They were to be merciful remembering their Egyptian bondage. In the seventh year fields were to lie fallow and the poor was to have his chance. Every 50 years a grand Jubilee restored forfeited lands to the original owner, debts were stricken from the ledger, and everybody made a fresh start. Have we materially advanced over God's laws of social justice? I wonder.

Sunday, March 3

The Building of the Tabernacle

"And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount." Exodus 25:40.

(Read Exodus 25:40)

God desires that his people build him a sanctuary. The finest and most exquisite materials, the gifts of their love, are to go into its making. To God belong the first-fruits, not the left-overs. In this sanctuary the ark of the covenant occupied a central place. It was to be a reminder of God's grace and justice. The mercy-seat spoke of God's presence on the ground of groundless grace. Both the ark and the mercy-seat typify the perfect life and work of Christ, for he magnified the law in his matchless life and became, through his death, "our mercy-seat through faith in his blood."

Study Romans 5.

Monday, March 4

The Golden Calf

"Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him." Exodus 32:1.

(Read Exodus 32)

It is appropriate to end our meditations on Exodus with the above theme. To be sure, it is not a lofty one, but there is a stark and gruesome reality in the god of gold. Has he not enslaved millions of people of past and present times? Is it not the worship of gold which has brought disaster upon the modern world? Exodus is a deeply social book. Things are seen "sub specie aeternitatis," that is, in the light of eternal realities. For a time Israel lost the farther look. Hence its cry: "Make us gods." Oh, the folly of it all! Man seems determined to make a mess of things. Let the divine presence be lost, and man is doomed. May we learn "to practise the presence of God," to live by faith, and we shall worship God only.

"In thy presence there is fulness of joy." The Psalmist.

PRAYER HELPERS

"Take it to the Lord in Prayer"

Wits' End Corner

Are you standing at "Wits' End Corner?"

Blinded with wearying pain,
Feeling you cannot endure it,
You cannot bear the strain,
Bruised through the constant suffering,
Dizzy, and dazed, and numb?
Remember—to "Wits' End Corner,"
Is where Jesus loves to come!

Are you standing at "Wits' End Corner?"

Then you're just in the very spot,
To learn the wondrous resources,
Of Him, who faileth not!

Prayer Topics

Rev. G. G. Rauser, Council Member of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union and pastor of our church at Martin, North Dakota, writes: "We are praying individually and collectively for a revival in our churches and in our entire denomination. Our desire is to see the churches grow, the denomination to become stronger, sinners saved and the name of Christ exalted. Please send me two or three dozen of enlistment-cards for Prayer Helpers."

"May the new year bring you God's richest blessings in His service, and we will try to do our work."

With fraternal greetings,
GUSTAV G. RAUSER.

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

Pray that our young people attending higher institutions of learning may not suffer shipwreck in their faith nor lose their love and devotion to the Lord Jesus and to their own local churches.

Pray that we might have opened eyes to be able to see the miracles of God's grace and power being wrought in our own day and in our immediate community. Without such spiritual illumination we will never be able to bring to Him our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.

Pray that all our students at the seminary at Rochester may be trained to become "workers for God who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We welcome receiving brief letters from our Prayer Helpers relating helpful experiences in this holy ministry and suggesting prayer topics for the larger circle.

"What is true of all the kingdom of truth, is supremely true of the Kingdom of Heaven. None enter it but those conscious of need, of ignorance, of weakness, of sin. None truly pray but those who have a child's heart toward their Father."

PRAYER HELPERS,

P. O. Box 6,
Forest Park, Ill.

A Semester At Our Seminary

The first semester of our school-year, 1934-35, of the German Department of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., has become history. The strenuous week of examinations is past, the welcome Christmas recess is over, and the work of the second semester has begun. For some of us it was the last Christmas at school, for the past semester has brought us closer to our goal, the day of graduation, which every student anticipates.

As we pause to reflect upon what we have accomplished, we find that it is comparatively little in contrast to the vast storehouse of knowledge which our splendid professors have opened to us. On such reflection, a feeling of sadness and regret steals involuntarily upon us and the question arises, "Have I been a wise steward of the time allotted me?" On the other hand, we are conscious of the fact that indelible impressions have been made upon our characters by the unselfish devotion and exemplary personality which each member of our faculty has displayed. We have come to realize that our education consists not merely in the assimilation of scientific data collected in text books, but also, and probably to a larger extent than is generally recognized, in reading the lives of those who are our guides. Thus we are in a unique position to grow mentally and at the same time to enrich our spiritual lives, for the chapel talks and prayers by our professors are both an inspiration and a source of strength for our daily tasks. Classroom and chapel are therefore complementary, one augmenting the other, and both essential in the building of strong Christian character.

Not very long after the opening of school, our class work was pleasantly interrupted by the annual visit of the school-committee. On this occasion the Rev. H. R. Schroeder, pastor of our Riverview Church in St. Paul, Minn., gave us an inspirational as well as educational address on the topic, "Paul's Secret of Power."

As Students' Association we have again undertaken to conduct one service each month in one of our city missions. At each of these services the Students' Chorus sings and one of the seminary students brings the message, while another presides. On the second Sunday of every month, alternatively mornings and evenings, we are in charge of the service in our Andrews Street Church of which the Rev. D. Hamel is pastor. Thus we seek to fulfill a twofold purpose, namely, that of rendering service and that of applying in a practical way the knowledge acquired at school.

The weekly meetings of the literary societies, "Germania" and "Philomathia," provide much welcomed diversion from the daily routine. Membership in these societies is voluntary, and each organization elects its officers semi-annually. Their purpose is to train students in the art of public speaking. It has been a

custom for many years for each society to render a public program annually, the "Germania" in the first semester and the "Philomathia" in the second.

In accordance therewith the "Germania" presented its program on December 6, 1934. A deviation from the usual procedure of a formal address on these occasions was a play entitled, "At the Gate Beautiful." The plot is taken from the report of the third chapter of Acts. Our dining room was filled to capacity with an appreciative audience, a large number of which were young people who remained for the "social hour" after the formal program.

Our physical necessities are daily and amply provided for by our new house-mother, Mrs. Storz, and her helpers, Mrs. Koehn and Miss Schade. These ladies often "go the second mile" in providing for us "meals such as mother used to make." They exemplify the Christian spirit of rendering joyfully unselfish service to an extent worthy of our highest respect and admiration.

As we approach the new year with its duties and difficulties confronting us, we nevertheless realize that we have much for which to be grateful. God in his goodness has done above all that we asked or prayed for in providing for every need, mental, spiritual, and physical. You, our co-workers in Christ, the members and friends of our denomination, have been the instruments in his hand to provide for us. As students we wish gratefully to acknowledge your loyal support, in whatever manner it may have manifested itself. We solicit your prayers that God may make us efficient and useful servants in the work of his Kingdom here on earth.

ADOLF E. KANNWISCHER.

Dakota Conference

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF
BERLIN AND FREDONIA,
NORTH DAKOTA

Since the organization of the Young People's Society here in Berlin and Fredonia, North Dakota, in July, 1931, we have grown from 24 to 41 members. We can truly say that the Lord has blessed our society during the past year. Our anniversary program was held in September of last year with dialogues, duets, musical readings, quartettes and several selections.

We hold our regular meetings once a month under the efficient leadership of our pastor, the Rev. A. Krombein. Most of our programs consist of Biblical contests, Question-box, free-will contributions, Bible stories, mission talks and the like. Music is rendered at these services by our senior and junior choirs under the direction of Mrs. A. Krombein. The society has rendered financial assistance to the church and has remodeled the platform and bought a piano besides engaging in missionary work.

CLAUDINA HOFFMAN.

Eastern Conference

CHRISTMAS AT BETHEL BAPTIST
CHURCH, BUFFALO, N. Y.

The Christmas festival at the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., provided a glorious climax to a very happy Christmas day. The church auditorium was beautifully decorated, as shown in the picture elsewhere on this page. The scene of the wise men kneeling before the Madonna, each figure being painted on a separate piece and placed on a platform, a foot high, against a background in black and gold was very impressive. Lights were placed back of the figures making a striking effect. A beautifully decorated tree was placed on each side of the scene. The planning and carrying out of all the decorating were done by the "Gideons," the Young Men's Class of the Sunday school, of which Mr. J. O. Distler is the able and consecrated teacher. The offering of the evening was



Christmas Decorations at Bethel Church,
Buffalo, N. Y.

sent to our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich.

Baskets of food as well as toys and clothing were distributed among sixteen needy families in our community before Christmas. Toys were furnished by members and friends of the Sunday school and renovated by some of the members of "the Builders," the men's organization of the church.

Our Bible school is growing under the faithful leadership of our superintendent, Mrs. Tindall. The membership at present is 178, an increase of 7 members over the previous year. We have a number of visitors every Sunday. A Children's World Crusade, recently organized, meets Wednesday afternoons. During the past summer a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted, and new contacts with families in the community were made. We give all praise to God who leads us into fields of opportunity.

During the year 10 were baptized, nine of whom were from our Sunday school. Their coming was due in large part to the faithful ministry of our pastor, the Rev. P. Geissler, who has always had the interest of our Sunday school deeply at heart. We are grateful to God for the past year of blessings and look forward to even greater things this new year, under his guidance and according to his will.

FLORENCE RUTH, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

A MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV.
WM. GRAF

At the annual business meeting of the Bethany Baptist Church, Bethany, Oregon, the following memorial to the Rev. William Graf, the late pastor of the church, was read. It is a beautiful expression of the deep love and high esteem, which the Bethany members felt for Brother Graf, who died August 28, 1934. The memorial was sent by Mr. Samuel J. Rich, church clerk.

"Whosoever therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matt. 18:4). Is this not the reward of our Brother Graf? For twenty-one years he was the shepherd of this flock; he bore with us in our sorrows, gloried in our joys, was patient with us when we were wayward. He taught us the way of life, with arm ever pointing to the Cross on Calvary. Many of us have taken the path to Jesus, urged on by his gentle guidance; others have negelected the path and brought shadows of sadness to his face. Though his life is ended he is with us in spirit, and in influence he will help us through eternity, for Jesus has said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Shall we not erect a living monument to him who remembered us in daily intercession? So we, in the spirit of Brother Graf, resolve to give of our best to the Master."

Northern Conference

FIRST GERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
CHOIR, EDMONTON, ALBERTA

On Sunday evening, December 30, 1934, the choir of the First German Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, rendered the cantata, "The Eternal City," under the capable leadership of Mr. J. Lentz, to a very appreciative and attentive audience.

The cantata which referred from time to time to the birth of Christ, was rendered amidst a very beautiful setting in that the church was decorated with a large Christmas tree and a large illuminated cross and star. The auditorium of the church was filled to capacity with many visitors also present from other churches of the city. During the intermission, the Rev. F. A. Mueller of Portmission, the Rev. A. Kraemer, during his illness, gave a short address.

The choral selections were rendered by a chorus of twenty-nine voices. These selections were interspersed with solos, duets, trios and quartettes. The soloists taking part were as follows: soprano, Mrs. J. Lentz and Miss Elsie Klingspon; alto, Mrs. L. Benkie and Miss Adeline Karst; tenor, Mr. Emil Zielke and Mr. Karl Zielke; baritone, Mr. Albert Layetzke.

ADELINE BENKIE, Secretary.

Southwestern Conference

ORDINATION OF THE REV. J.
KORNELSON

On Friday, Dec. 28, delegates from the various German Baptist churches of Kansas met as an ordination council at the Strassburg Church, Marion, Kansas, to consider the propriety of setting apart to the gospel ministry Mr. J. Kornelson. The Rev. A. Weisser was elected moderator of the council and the Rev. Stanley Geis as clerk. The candidate was introduced to the council and proceeded to relate his Christian experience, the divine call to the ministry and doctrinal views. Brother Kornelson studied at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

The ordination service was held in the evening of the same day. The Rev. Thomas Lutz of the Mount Zion church conducted a thirty-minute song and testimony service after which the Rev. A. Weisser again presided. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. O. Roth, who selected as his text 2 Tim. 3:17. The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. L. Hoeffner. The Rev. R. Vassel gave the charge to the church. J. Heer the charge to the candidate and S. F. Geis welcomed the candidate into the ranks of the ministry. The Rev. J. Kornelson pronounced the benediction at the close of the service.

Brother Kornelson has been serving the Strassburg Church, Marion, Kansas, as pastor for some months with the blessing of God upon his effective ministry.

S. F. GEIS, Reporter.

ACTIVITIES AND PLANS IN OUR CHURCH AT MUSCATINE, IOWA

The Walnut Street Baptist Church, Muscatine, Iowa, has called as its pastor, the Rev. Elmer J. Hutchinson of the Victor Church nearby. Brother Hutchinson has already entered upon his new field under the happiest circumstances.

The church has also completed its organization and plans for the coming year under the new leadership. The pastor is to work in conjunction with an official board consisting of the following: Ed Wedekind, church clerk; Fred Toborg, financial secretary; Otto Grothe, treasurer; Carl Borchardt, chairman of church worship; Carl Dipple, chairman of publication; Walter Sell, director of religious education; William Holtz, clerk of communicants; Victor Miller, chairman of benevolences; and Fred Toborg, trustee.

Among the church's activities for the coming year an important event will be the B. Y. P. U. convention which meets this year at Muscatine. The church is already formulating plans relative to the entertaining of a large number of prospective delegates and is looking forward to the opportunity to make this convention one of the best in our Union's history.

The Rev. Pieter Smit, who resigned from this church to accept the call from Lorraine, Kansas, has left the church in a well organized condition.

Central Conference

AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN
THE INTEREST OF THE CHI-
CAGO YOUNG PEOPLE'S
UNION

Mr. Local Reporter: Why, hello! Brother Leuschner, welcome to our great city! "Chicago, the City of a Century of Progress," welcomes you.

Mr. New Editor: Thank you; Mr. Local Reporter, your welcome makes me feel very much at home, but my! are you Chicagoans proud of your city!

Mr. Local Reporter: That is right, and we have good reasons to be proud, for we have not only a prosperous and progressive city, but we also have a very progressive Young People's Union. May I have the pleasure of introducing to you the president of the Union, Mr. Walter Pankratz.

Mr. New Editor: I am so pleased to meet you, Mr. Pankratz.

Mr. Local Reporter: And this is Rev. M. Leuschner, the new editor of the "Baptist Herald."

Mr. President: I can assure you, Mr. Leuschner, it is indeed a great pleasure to meet you. Welcome to our city!

Mr. Local Reporter: Mr. President, will you be so kind and tell the new editor, what the Young People's Union of Chicago and vicinity is offering to do in the way of helping to make the "Herald" an outstanding and interesting periodical, especially for young people?

Mr. President: I will gladly do that.

Mr. Leuschner, our Union comprises eleven B. Y. P. U. societies in and around Chicago. Our aim is to create and maintain a closer fellowship among the different local societies. Until recently we have met annually for a conference and semi-annually for an institute session, but according to our new plan we will meet quarterly outside of the conference session. The main governing body of the Union is the executive committee, which is composed of representatives from all local societies and it meets monthly to discuss plans, ways and means to further the young people's work in the local union. Now in our recent meetings of the executive committee we have also discussed the possibility of running a special column in "The Baptist Herald" devoted to news flashes from the Chicago Union, hoping thereby to stimulate greater interest in the "Herald" locally and if possible to induce other unions of our denomination to follow suit with a similar arrangement.

Mr. New Editor: Why, say, that is a very fine idea and I am very glad to cooperate with you.

Mr. Local Reporter: Thank you, Mr. President. I am so glad you gave the new editor a birds-eye view of the activities of our Union, and with your permission and cooperation we shall be on the air again in an early issue of the "Herald."

REV. E. R. LENGEFELD,
Reporter for the Chicago Union.

The Golden Jubilee of the German Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich.

The fiftieth anniversary of the First German Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., was celebrated on Sunday and Monday, December 30 and 31. The Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., our general secretary, brought the message on the first day. It was Dr. Kuhn's first visit to this church, and the members were delighted to make his acquaintance.

On Sunday morning Dr. Kuhn spoke on the words of Paul as found in Eph. 3:20-21, pointing out particularly that as shown by the history of this church, and of the Christian Church as a whole, God has done for us and still is doing "exceeding abundantly, above all that we can do or ask." During this service the church honored the two remaining charter members, sisters Karoline Bluemke and Karoline Weinkauff, by presenting each with a bouquet of flowers.

The message which Dr. Kuhn brought in the afternoon, was based on 1 Peter 1:8-9. The speaker stressed the fact that we love and believe on the unseen Christ and that we rejoice "with a joy unspeakable" since from him and through him we receive "the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls." Both the morning and afternoon messages were amply and fittingly illustrated with incidents from Dr. Kuhn's long and faithful ministry in our denomination.

The feature of the evening service was a stereopticon lecture by Dr. Kuhn on "the work of the German Baptists of North America." The comments heard after the meeting indicated that our folks were profoundly impressed by the work done by our small denomination, and that they, with renewed vigor, will do their part in the building of the local work as well as that of the denomination and of the entire church of God. Likewise we, as a church, herewith wish to thank Dr. Kuhn for his helpful and inspiring messages, hoping for his early return to these parts.

On Monday evening the festivities were continued with the pastor, the Rev. Walter Damrau, in charge, ably assisted by the Rev. G. Mengel, a former pastor of the church, and Mr. G. Beutler, a student who served the church during his summer vacation. The Rev. B. L. Eicher, pastor of the First Baptist Church (English) in Alpena, brought greetings and best wishes from his church. Congratulations were also read from our neighboring Baptist Churches in Beaver, Bay City, and Gladwin, Mich. Letters of former pastors were read. These were very interesting, since they told of experiences and difficulties of bygone years. These letters were supplemented by the recounting of the experiences of the older members. Truly the Lord has been good to us and has helped us to overcome all difficulties and adversities. He blessed us with men and women of faith, courage and vision. May he be our constant guide in the future!

In the intermission our ladies served refreshments. The last half hour of the old year and the first of the New Year were spent in prayer and praise to Him who has blessed us so abundantly in the past and whose promises we have received of similar and even greater blessings in the future.

The church was founded on August 10, 1884, by a few German Baptist families who had recently moved to Alpena, then already a thriving town. Charter members of the church were Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bruhnsen and Mrs. Karoline Bluemke. The Rev. F. C. Koehler, at that time pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., organized the group and baptized on the day of organization the following: John Bluemke, Gustav Hasenberg, Friederich Weinkauff, and Karoline Weinkauff, who immed-



The First German Baptist Church, Alpena, Michigan
Rev. Walter Damrau, Minister

ately united with the church, so that the total membership at the beginning consisted of eight persons. Of that group who so valiantly undertook the sponsorship of this church only two are living and still members, sisters K. Bluemke and K. Weinkauff.

The first pastor of this church was the Rev. Victor Charles Rocho, who began his ministry in September, 1884. He was succeeded after a year by the Rev. A. H. Thiel who served the little church until 1891. Mr. Thiel is now retired and lives in Lakeland, Minn. On November 20, 1889, the church purchased the ground on which the church and the parsonage now stand, and built the present edifice. While the Rev. George Bornschlegel was pastor of the church (1895-1900) the church under his able guidance and with his assistance built the parsonage. Mr. Bornschlegel, now retired, lives in Omaha, Neb.

Further improvements were made both to the church and the parsonage during the ministry of the Rev. G. Mengel and that of his successor, the Rev. G. Wetter, when foundations were built under both

buildings. During the pastorate of Mr. Wetter (1923-26) twenty-one persons were added to the church, showing that the Lord prospered his church not only materially but also spiritually. Mr. Wetter was followed in the work by the Rev. F. W. Rueckheim (1926-1928) who in turn was succeeded by the Rev. F. W. Guenther (1928-1934). Both of these brethren did acceptable work and a number of souls were won for Christ. The present pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau, came to the church in October, 1934.

After fifty years the membership of the church is 84 persons, which seems small after these years of continuous existence. It must be said, however, that because of the absence of any large industry in this town, and consequent lack of work, several hundred members were lost in the course of the years to churches in larger cities, chiefly to the German Baptist Churches of Detroit. So the work accomplished here was not done in vain. We are only experiencing what the Master said as recorded in John 4:37, "One soweth, and another reapeth." It is our sincere prayer as a church that our sowing may be "unto the Spirit" and that we may reap "of the Spirit eternal life."

Oak Park German Baptist Church

Harlem and Dixon,
Forest Park, Ill.

THEODORE W. DONS, Pastor
Sunday Worship, 10.30 A. M. and
7.30 P. M.
Prayer Service, Wednesday 8 P. M.
Visitors in Chicago, Welcome!

Important

This notice concerns those subscribers whose subscription expired December 31, 1934, and who have delayed sending in their renewals.

It has been the aim of the management to show all reasonable consideration by mailing the issues of the first two months of the new year believing that many had neglected to attend to the matter in time.

This current number of the "Baptist Herald" is the last to go out under this concession and it is therefore urged that delayed renewals be forwarded to the Publication House at Cleveland before the close of February to prevent interruption in the service.

The Publishers.

BOOKS IN THE BRAESE LOAN LIBRARY

The Braese Loan Library belongs to all of us. It was the generous gift of Mr. Otto Braese of Oak Park, Ill., to the German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Its location is in the offices of the Union's headquarters at 7346 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill.

Almost five hundred volumes are to be found in this library. Many of the books are new, having been published within the past year or two. They cover almost every phase of the religious life and church activities. There are some additional volumes of fiction and poetry. It is a splendid library, of which you and I should make a great deal more use.

These are the simple and easy arrangements in borrowing books. For your convenience the titles of most of the important books of the library will be given in this and the next issues of the "Baptist Herald." Clip these pages for future reference. If you desire any one or more books, write to the General Secretary, Mr. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., and enclose ten cents in stamps for each book. You may use the books as long as necessary, although a loan period of a month is suggested as sufficient. Return the books to the office.

The titles of the available books follow. Secure the books which may be of low practical help to you in your Sunday school, Young People's or Church work or which may have inspirational value for you. Continue to use this library regularly as your very own. If you have any other books to contribute or inquiries to make concerning books for definite life-situations, send them along to the editor of the "Baptist Herald."

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A GOLDEN SUNSET

of Happiness and Security is made possible by the German Baptists
of North America

For Their Aged Ministers and Their Families

The benevolent ministry of the German Baptists of North America to their aged ministers and their families, although not so well known as other phases of



"This is None Other Than the House of God"

the missionary program, is of profound significance. These servants of God, who have labored unselfishly and sacrificially through the years of health and strength in churches of our denomination, often find themselves without the means of livelihood when the age of retirement has come upon them. They gave of

their lives so unstintingly under the most adverse circumstances, that they could find neither the time nor the means "to save for a rainy day."

Our denomination is carrying on a distinct missionary work to such ministers and their wives as well as to the widows of the ministers who have been translated into their heavenly home. The Ministers' Pension Fund of the German Baptists compares favorably with those of its kind among the Protestant denominations of today. After having paid only \$10 a year for every year of service in our churches, the minister receives after reaching 65 years of age and retirement the sum of \$300 a year, if his service has been thirty years, or a proportionate sum for a briefer ministry. The dues of the ministers have to be augmented necessarily by missionary gifts of the denomination, in order to make this beneficiary arrangement possible.

If a minister of our churches passes away and his widow survives him, facing even more critical and difficult circumstances afterwards, she receives from our denomination half of the pension sum, which her husband received, as long as she lives. A number of our brethren are known as "Superannuated Ministers," who are the men ineligible for the pension fund money but who are in need of support. Appropriations are made for these ministers by the General Missionary Committee according to their respective needs. Similar appropriations are also made for the widows of such superannuated ministers.

The statistics and sums of missionary gifts which are expended annually on behalf of these families are cited below.

The late Rev. F. Sievers and his widow, Mrs. Lena Sievers, are among the many who have thanked God for this ministry of our denomination. After a consecrated pastorate in our churches, Brother Sievers retired from active service and became one of our superannuated ministers. He and his wife had the great joy and unusual privilege of celebrating their 60th

anniversary in 1933, on which occasion the picture of them on this page was taken. Last year shortly before the General Conference his physical strength sank rapidly. He lay with no pain but with utter exhaustion while his wife and daughter ministered to him. The windows of heaven seemed about to open to receive this saint of God. He requested that some of the well known hymns might be sung. His daughter sat down at the organ and softly played the melody of the beloved hymns of the church while his wife, although 80 years old, sang the words of the songs. What a beautiful scene and a triumphant death! While the strains of these lovely hymns of faith bade his spirit farewell, he was greeted by the chorus of angelic voices welcoming him as a child of the King to the perfect bliss of heaven.



Rev. and Mrs. F. Sievers
on Their 60th Wedding
Anniversary

It would require a book to tell of the experiences of victorious faith and of the continual ministry of these aged ministers and their wives, whose closing years on earth are transformed into a golden sunset of peace and security partly by the missionary gifts of our denomination. They are still pillars of strength in many of our churches. They are shining examples of Christian faith to our youth. They are making substantial contributions to our general work. They are 'brethren in Christ,' to whom we owe the greatest gratitude of our hearts and the generous support of our gifts. May God's presence be with them always as the abiding benediction of peace and comfort in the sunset of their lives!

Interesting Data Concerning This Phase of Our Work

Twenty-six ministers are participants in the Pension Fund, receiving annually a total of	\$7479.94
Sixteen widows of ministers receive gifts from the Pension Fund totalling annually	2309.88
Twelve superannuated ministers receive missionary appropriations to the extent of	1917.60
Sixteen widows of former superannuated ministers receive annually the sum of	1709.64



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OUR GENERAL WORK NEEDS PRAYER HELPERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS