

# THE BAPTIST HERALD



## A Day's Walk

GRACE NOLL CROWELL

I pray each morning that I be not blind  
To the Christ who moves that day among my kind;

I dare not turn a hungry man away  
Lest I be leaving Him unfed today;

I dare not slight some tattered, unclothed one  
Lest I should fail to warm and clothe God's Son;

I can not pass one languishing in bed  
Lest it be Jesus lying there instead;

Each weary burden-bearer in the road  
Shall have my help, for it might be His load;

And every lonely stranger that I see  
I must greet kindly for it may be He.

I shall walk softly on the road today,  
I could meet Christ down every traveled way.

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## What's Happening

The Rev. William Kuhn was the guest of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., at the Watchnight service. He brought an inspiring message which will be remembered for many years by those who heard him.

The German Baptist Church in Germantown, N. Dak., celebrated its fiftieth anniversary early in November. The Rev. E. Bibelheimer is minister of the church and is engaged in an effective and enthusiastic ministry.

On Sunday, Dec. 30, the German Baptist Church in Alpena, Mich., celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. The Rev. William Kuhn was the guest speaker in its celebration held by the church. The Rev. Walter Damrau is minister of the church.

The Rev. J. G. Draewell, who is living at present with his wife and daughter in Boyertown, Pa., has taught the large Bible School class of adults in the Reformed Church of that town on several Sundays. More than four hundred men and women are usually in attendance.

Several weeks of evangelistic services were held in the church at Goodrich, N. Dak., early in November with the Rev. A. G. Lang of Parkersburg, Iowa, preaching. Mr. Lang also spoke to the large Sunday school service on November 18 at the annual Rally Day program.

The Rev. Assaf Husmann, minister of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has been selected by the General Missionary Society of our denomination to edit the Sunday School program for the Children's Day Festival to be held on the second Sunday in June, 1935.

Several students from the German department of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School visited friends in Philadelphia over the Christmas holidays attending services in the Second Church of Philadelphia. The students were the Messrs. Rudolf Milbrandt, Richard Schilke, Helmut Waltereit.

A Women's Missionary Society has been organized in the German Baptist Church in Serath, Saskatchewan, Canada. Twelve women became charter members of the society and adopted a constitution in their second meeting in December. We wish this new missionary society God's blessings in their ministry.

Mrs. William Kuhn spent the Christmas holidays in Philadelphia, Pa., where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Schairer and had the great joy of attending several services in the Second Church where she served so faithfully as minister's wife and as president of

the Women's Missionary Society for a number of years.

Mr. Leo Berndt, who is a member of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma, has received a federal appointment from the United States Department of Justice and has already established residence in Washington, D. C., where he will receive special government instruction at George Washington University. After his studies Mr. Berndt is expected to be employed in the legal department of the Department of Justice.

Several inquiries have been made concerning the very attractive and novel front cover of "The Baptist Herald" which greeted our readers on the last issue. The design was originated and worked out by Mr. Frank Kuenne, a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, who has been prominently associated with young people's and church activities in the Atlantic Conference.

Professor J. Heinrichs, formerly professor at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill., will spend the first twelve weeks of 1935 in Alberta, Canada, where he will be teacher in the Young People's Seminar of Religion and Bible Training. This institute is one of the outstanding religious events of the year for the young people of that section, and Professor Heinrichs's presence and ministry will add to its eventfulness.

One of our youngest mission stations of the denomination is located at Onoway, Alberta, Canada. The beginning was made about two years ago with three families, joined soon thereafter by seven others. This small group has grown to 25 families at present. A small church was built in 1933 which has been serving the congregation's purposes quite adequately. Since the church has no regular pastor, the Rev. G. Ittermann held evangelistic services with considerable success for a week in November.

The Rev. John Leypoldt of Detroit, Mich., has accepted the call from the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, and will become its minister with the first week of February. The pulpit of the Erin Avenue Church has been vacant since the resignation of the Rev. Samuel Blum, who became editor of the "Sendbote" last August. Mr. Leypoldt is widely known and highly esteemed throughout our denomination and has been honored by the General Conference by being elected its vice-president for several consecutive terms.

Miss Martha Mueller of Philadelphia, Pa., became the bride of the Rev. Adolph Reeh, who is at present the associate minister of the Rev. A. Felberg in the

large church at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, on the 14th of January. Miss Mueller is a recent graduate of the Baptist Institute for Christian Workers in Philadelphia, and before leaving "The city of brotherly love" she was feted on several occasions by her many friends and classmates. After a brief honeymoon the young couple will live with the Felbergs in the parsonage at 829 McDermott Avenue, Winnipeg, Canada.

The Rev. K. Gieser began his ministry in Turtle Lake, N. Dak., last fall under the happiest and most promising conditions. On Nov. 4th reception services were held by the church for the new minister and his family. There was such a large attendance in the evening that the service had to be held in the town hall where more than five hundred people gathered to extend a welcome to the new minister of the German Baptist Church. On the 18th of November the anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society was held, which was addressed by Brother Gieser. The offering of more than \$100 was for missionary purposes.

The Nottingham Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, of which the Rev. J. H. Ansberg is minister, recently completed "a Sacrificial Campaign" for the purpose of paying taxes and accumulated interest on the church mortgage. This report was received concerning the results of their campaign: "Never before in the history of the church has such a spiritual demonstration taken place. Last Sunday as we closed our campaign we received \$1032 in cash. This money was raised without holding bazaars or special sales of any kind. During the campaign we baptized four converts and received six into our church membership. We have been having well attended Sunday services and about eighty regularly in the midweek services."

The facile pen of the Rev. Charles W. Koller, minister of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J., contributed one of the leading articles in the Christmas number of "The Watchman-Examiner" for Dec. 20, 1934. Even at this post-Christmas date this quotation from the message on "What Christmas Means to Me" will have a distinctive challenge: "Cheap Christmas makes an annual burlesque of the holiest of days. If we would restore the joy of the first Christmas we must restore its spirit. God himself originated the beautiful custom of giving. He bestowed the first gift. He gave to friend and enemies alike, to the deserving and the undeserving. Let us learn from God that our observance is a poor substitute for a real Christmas if it sheds no love on the unlovely, and no good will on those who regard us with unkindness and perhaps hatred."

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## EDITORIAL

### Is America Christian?

THE phrase "Christian America" has become almost trite on many lips. Some use it to speak of the statistics concerning church members. Numerically it is true that a small majority of the people who live in our country are communicants of Christian churches. But to see in these more than "nominal Christians" and half-hearted church members it to close one's eye to realistic data at hand.

Others speak of "our Christian land" in reference to the religious truths which nurtured it in its historical infancy. But those spiritual forces which moved our early leaders to action have in many instances grown to be mere traditions, whose sacredness has become a shibboleth.

The question "Is America Christian?" is ringing through my thoughts as the Lehigh Valley train carries me along the picturesque Susquehanna Valley to the city of Rochester. The Christmas festival is in the immediate past. It has seemed to me, and this has been substantiated by many friends of mine, that at no time during the last decade have the religious symbols and the spiritual message of Christmas received such prominence as at this observance.

Unfortunately, there is another side to the picture. While white-robed choirs sang the song of the angels, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men," the Senate munitions investigation was probing deeper into the morass of greed and selfishness in which financial leaders of our country have excited wars in order to fill their pockets with the ill-bought

gain. A prominent weekly magazine calls upon its readers to observe this birthday of the Savior of the world by reveling in drunkenness and mirth. A lynching of a Negro is prevented in another section of the country just as Christmas was about to dawn, leaving the Negro population terror-stricken, wondering about "the brotherhood" of Christian love and forgiveness.

We need to be reminded that America is "Christian" only in name. There are disciples of Christ among our people and within our churches who are truly revealing "the beauty of Jesus" within them, to whom Christ has become a living reality and a redeeming power. But they are comparatively few in contrast to the seething, indifferent crowds. America needs a revival of heart-animating, Christ-centered religion as much as far off countries need the message of the gospel preached to them.

We have pagan elements in our boundaries which must be Christianized. We have lukewarm church members who must become ardent in personal devotion to Christ. We have a religious history, the faith of which must become a vitalizing and guiding power in the lives of our present national leaders. We must awaken to the task which is ours, as "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world."

America is nominally "Christian" even as some "so-called Christians" are enrolled in our churches. Would to God that the passion of "the first love" might return to these members within our denomination and His Spirit overpower the life of our country!



# Christian Youth and Its Ideals

By NORMAN J. BOEHM

At our General Conference held in Milwaukee last August I was honored with the presidency of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of our German Baptist Churches. I hold this office in high esteem, for I regard it as the highest degree which our Union can confer upon anyone.

While I am still young, it has been my privilege for the past fifteen years to be interested and actively engaged in young people's work. During that time I have held almost every office in the Young People's Society of our church, the Ebenezer Church of Detroit. The Detroit four-church union has also provided an opportunity for observing the work of our youth intimately, as it finds itself perplexed by and working out the problems of life and watches the panorama of a transition period.

## The Changes in Life Are Many

Things are not the same today in the Christian life as well as in the social and economic world as they were twenty, fifteen, ten or even five years ago. It is a good sign that we have made progress and have not stood still. Just because some things are now being done differently than they were in the past, some fine older Christians do not see eye to eye with us. We should be led thereby to pause and reflect. Is the true objective being attained even though the method is different? If it is, then everyone must help and not hinder the youth of our churches.

## The Teaching Example of Adults

Young people absorb gleams of light only as older Christians themselves reflect them in Christ-like characters. You cannot easily fool or deceive young people today with an inconsistent life even though the outward appearance may be pious. If you are a young people's leader, or counselor or a Sunday school teacher and are not genuine, you will have to step out of the work or else be found out. You must be genuine to stand the test of this day. Someone is using you, the older members of our churches, as examples.

Consider your responsibility. Are you far readier to criticize than to praise an honest effort? Have you offered a helping hand to assist in overcoming difficulties, or have you indulged in gossip and destroyed the confidence of youth? Have you overestimated your own importance when you should have been kinder toward those who are inexperienced? Are you intolerant or critical of things, because they are not being accomplished in the way you would have done them?

Mr. Boehm of Detroit, Mich., is the president of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of German Baptist churches of North America, having been elected to that office at the General Conference in Milwaukee last August for the years 1934-7.

## The Christian Youth of Our Churches

I believe the young people of our churches are accepting the challenge which you, who have gone before, have given to them. If you have done so falteringly then you cannot expect perfection from those who follow you. Where there used to be hundreds of young people attending our great national B. Y. P. U. and Christian Endeavor conferences there are now thousands. Where there used to be one or several leaders in a young people's society, the aim today through group and commission plan is to have everyone become a leader. Where our committees used to be composed largely of older people, we now find youth with its enthusiasm and vigor represented. Where there was the language question between German and English in the past, we have almost unanimously seen the light today in providing that language with which the future of our churches can best cope. If you cherish your youth within your church and earnestly desire to see it progress, do not let this problem become a paramount barrier.

## The Future of Our Youth

Our young people are attending the General Conference and sectional conventions of our denomination in greater numbers than in the past. They are also taking active part in and making intelligent contributions toward the planning for the future of our denomination. Our young people are perhaps better equipped today than ever before to become integral units within our churches. Such men as Professors Kaiser, Schade, Bretschneider, and Brother Mihm and others have given of their best time and strength to train eager young people at summer assemblies, fall and winter institutes and conferences. These men probably know the hopeful signs for our future better than any other in our denomination which have become evident in the potential values of our youth.

Our young people are holding their meetings all over this country under various conditions and with varied leaders. Our eastern financial and industrial section, our midwestern, southern, and western areas are dealing with problems of depression, drought and reconstruction and are all striving toward the same goal and serving the same God in a quiet, inconspicuous manner. If permitted by understanding pastors and older folk, these young people will forge into the forefront and will accomplish marvelous things!

## A Word to Ministers and Church Leaders

The young people are often perplexed by the problems of the Christian life, as they face them in

the conflict of doubt, the deception of the world and the snares of temptation. It should be your duty as Christian pastor, worker or layman sympathetically to lead a storm-tossed soul, wrestling with difficulties, to a safe harbor and a fruitful victory. Can you be faithful to this task, or are you only ready to condemn? Does your life exemplify the beautiful character which you seek in others?

## A Challenge to Our Youth

I also want to speak a word to our young people. We have entered upon a new year which will have new opportunities for Christian service. We are identified with the greatest cause on earth—the cause of Jesus Christ. Do we treat it lightly? We know and are constantly learning more about the teachings of Christ in our young people's societies and Sunday schools. Are we practising them? Do we realize that whenever we open our mouths to speak a single word and accomplish any act whatsoever, we are identifying ourselves with those around us, be they Christian or of the world? In our daily life do we live what we profess? Do our friends, neighbors, associates, members of our families know that we are Christian or do we conceal this fact? We must appreciate our Christian experience for ourselves before we can convince others by our lives. We need a definite realization that the most real and greatest values of life are spiritual.

Do we have that vision to make a religious advance? We should constantly hold before us the pictures of "the Christian" that we are and "the Christian" we would like to be. In our achievements it would be well to remember this:

"Good, better, best—never let it rest  
Until the good is better and the better best."

Our Christian life is like riding a bicycle; to remain a live Christian we must keep going. Let us accept our responsibilities as they are handed to us. Let us give generously of our time, talent, and means. The Lord knows how much we hold back for ourselves.

## An Adventure for Christ!

Dare to adventure for Christ,—face defeat at times but do not compromise with the world! Get better acquainted with the Lord on your knees and do not do all the talking; let him also speak to you. "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." "Let your light so shine—" for your life is often a better testimony than your word. Ours is a great opportunity in these days to do our duty faithfully and well in the office, school, store and shop—"always as unto the Lord." To conduct our B. Y. P. U. or Christian Endeavor or Young People's Society so as to honor God in word and deed will further fruitfully our denominational enterprise and gain true happiness for ourselves.

Has the writer attained all the foregoing objectives? Far from it. But we all can strive towards the goal, and with the help of God we shall have a measure of success and a bounty of God's blessings.

## YOUTH AND THE CHURCH

By Will H. Houghton, D. D.

COMPANIONSHIP with Christ has in every age had response from youth. Some of the greatest Christians began their courageous conquering careers in youth and some of them burned so furiously for Christ that they burned out while still young. Can the church of our day offer the thrill of conquest—that thing which finds response in the mind and heart of young people? Have young people today any real place in the life of the church? Has the church anything vital to offer contemporary youth?

There are many practical suggestions that can be made as to fields of endeavor toward which our youth may be turned. What about the limitless opportunity of open air evangelism? Let the young people have some glorious affirmations, develop in them some strong convictions, impart to them a faith worth proclaiming to others and then release them. Other opportunities for service are hospital visitation, meetings in rescue missions and institutions of one kind and another, personal visiting to be done from door to door and through offices, printed invitations of the church to be given out and tract distribution.

When these young people are sure of a Christian experience of their own, when they know Christ for themselves, when they realize that the One who means so much to them is the One needed by other young people, then they will hear again the word of the young Christ: "As my Father hath sent me even so I send you," and they will go. So the Gospel will have a new hearing and it will still prove itself to be the power of God unto salvation and our churches will be alive forevermore.

## SUPPOSE

SUPPOSE a man should speak the truth in the name of the Lord, and no one should believe him; suppose that good as well as bad should judge him to be perverse and pragmatical; suppose he should be forsaken by those who were once his adherents and friends; suppose that he should even die with the ill repute of being one who needlessly and in vain troubled Israel—what then? If in that which he has spoken he was true to his conscience and to his God, what would he have lost by receiving no recognition from man? Lost! He would have been immeasurably the gainer, inasmuch as he would not have received his reward, but his crown would be laid up in Heaven "Against that day." At any rate, he would have glorified his Lord by having been able to say, "Although ministers should not proclaim the Gospel, nor professors confess the faith, the constancy of the faithful shall fail, and even the most godly abide in cowardly silence; courage shall fail from the brave, and decision from the instructed; yet will I rejoice in the Lord and His eternal truth, yea, I will joy in the God of my salvation."—Spurgeon.



# The Religious Situation in Germany

By PROFESSOR HERMAN VON BERGE

**H**ITLERISM, or National Socialism, seems to many in this country to be considered as an anti-Christian movement. It is far from that.

In the constitution of the German Evangelical Church, formerly recognized as the law of the land by "the Reichstag," it is stipulated that "the state churches remain independent in creed and cult."

When the Baptist World Congress met in Berlin in August 1934, Reichsbishop Mueller invited a representative group from the congress for an interview, and in the course of it he made a declaration, which was later furnished by his office in a type-written copy and published in the press all over Germany. This is that statement: "On the occasion of the convening of the Baptist World Congress in Berlin, the Reichsbishop received on Wednesday, August 8, a delegation of the Congress led by its president and general secretary. The Reichsbishop gave expression to his delight at receiving the delegation and emphasized that there is only one authority for all evangelical Christians—Christ and his Gospel, that a compulsory incorporation of the Baptist churches into the 'Reichskirche' (state church) was out of the question, and that he desired a cordial relation of confidence with all Baptist churches in Germany."

All parades and processions are forbidden by law in Germany during the forenoon hours on Sunday, so that there can be no disturbances during the worship services of the churches. State churches, as a rule, have no afternoon or evening services. The Imperial Minister of Education has recently issued a declaration to the effect that the Sunday belongs to the family, and that no arrangement must be made on Sunday for youth meetings other than those definitely religious. He referred of course to "Hitler youth" gatherings.

## The Freedom of Baptist Missionary Chapel Cars

The Baptists of Germany have four chapel cars to carry out a missionary program called "Wagen-Mission." One of these "wagons" entered a village, and the authorities hesitated to permit the missionary preaching. Headquarters were asked for instructions, and the answer came back that the work of these gospel wagons was well understood, that there was no political agitation involved, but that they were preaching Christ to the German people and were doing work that was greatly needed. It was further stated that all assistance given to those in charge of the chapel car would be much appreciated. In the hundred years of history of the German Baptist churches in Germany they have never had so much freedom as they are enjoying now. It is one of the tenets of National Socialism that religion is strictly a private matter and is not to be

This provocative article is the fifth and the last of a series of articles on the problems of social and religious life in Germany by one who has written with interpretative clarity and stimulating forcefulness from his personal observations in Germany last summer.

interfered with by the state. That surely is amply borne out by the facts stated above.

## The Movement for a Germanic Christianity

The anti-semitism of Hitler and the Nazis, however, has brought about a peculiar movement which is known as the "German Faith Movement." It is little more than the age-old atheistic movement under another name, substituting a positive for the merely negative element in the title.

Whatever "faith" there is in it, it is not religious. It rejects not only the Jew but also everything which has come through him. Since Christianity is built "on the law and the prophets" it rejects Christianity as something un-Germanic and professes to substitute for it that which is supposed to represent pure and undefiled Germanism, "the Thor-Wodan cult" of ages gone by. It cannot be denied that there is a dangerous threat in this movement. The danger is not in its professed offering, as some suppose, for that is altogether too fantastic, and there is little fear that sane German people will believe it.

But there is something sinister in the demand of its leaders that the movement be recognized as a religion and be accorded the same rights as the other confessions, the Catholic and the Protestant groups. They claim the right to have their "faith" taught in the public schools. It is the old assault of atheism against the Christian religion in a new form. The adherents of this movement, and they represent but a small minority of the German people, are a vociferous crowd. What they have to say is so strange and unheard of that they catch the public ear and by many are made to stand as representatives of "the New Germany." If people who have that idea had had the opportunity, which was mine, of picking up the Saturday papers in any of Germany's larger cities announcing the hundreds of church services for the coming Lord's day, they would receive a different impression. Germany is still what it always has been—a very religious country.

## The Religious Struggle Within the Evangelical Church

There have been serious difficulties, however, between the Catholic and the Evangelical churches on the one hand, and Reichsbishop Mueller (not Hitler, excepting as Mueller was an official under him) on the other. The thought of unifying the German Evangelical churches is an old one, and the efforts to bring it about go back many decades.

When the World War had shaken the churches loose from their political foundations, there was organized in 1922 the German Evangelical Church Federation. The next step, which brought about a

still closer unification, was taken on July 14, 1933, when the "Reichstag" accepted and sanctioned the constitution of the German Evangelical Church, which had replaced the old Federation. That constitution provided for a Reichsbishop, and Dr. Ludwig Mueller, head of the faction known as German Christians, was elected to that office.

The German Christians are the militant faction of the Evangelical Church. There were many extremists among them, and these seemed to be the predominating influence in the party. They were anti-Jewish and wanted to eliminate from the Christian religion all that had anything to do with its Jewish origin. Therefore they would have nothing to do with the Old Testament. While accepting Christ they explained that he was not a Jew but rather was killed by the Jews.

The German Christians also protested against the lethargy of the church. They wanted to see it

dethrone Christ, who to them was the highest authority in church and religious matters. Dr. Mueller, and especially his team-mate, Dr. August Jaeger, the judicial minister of the Reichs-church, ruled with an iron hand and tried to overcome the opposition by force.

The protesting leaders seem at last to have won out. Dr. Jaeger has resigned, and Dr. Kinder, a high type of man and a very devout Christian leader, seems to be slated to take his place.

## The Victory for Freedom of Faith in Germany

One thing is assured, however, that freedom of faith and conscience will remain inviolate in Germany. The whole difficulty may have been a blessing in disguise for the Christians in Germany. It has demonstrated that there are unnumbered thousands in the state churches who take their religion seriously and are ready to suffer for it. Religion



By courtesy of "Missions"

The old city of Heidelberg in Southern Germany with the ancient bridge across the river and the ruins of the castle on the left. The artist has made the sun take on the form of the swastika, the emblem of the Nazi Revolution

in action and showing real power in shaping the destinies of the nation. Many among the so-called German Christians were evidently not really Christians at heart but mere churchmen without any vital religious experience. But there were others in their camp who were devout Christians. All of them stood for close joining of the church to the state, linking up its power to the purposes of the state.

## The Protesting Christian Group

Over against this faction there stood the other group, a conservative element, under the leadership of such men as the widely known and generally revered Dr. Friedrich Bodelschwingh. These protested against the anti-Semitism of the German Christians, their rejection of the Old Testament, and finally against Reichsbishop Mueller's dictatorship in church matters and the demand that they swear allegiance and obedience to his leadership. What started out as a protest against pure organizational changes and adjustments became at last a matter of principle and conscience. They felt that the obligatory oath of obedience was a demand to

will mean so much to all those whom it has really cost something. It has deepened the confidence of the German people in hundreds upon hundreds of leaders who have had opportunity to show they are not in the ministry for the sake of the emoluments involved, but because they dare to be prophets of God.

We are glad to hear that Bishops Meiser, Wurm and Marahrens, who had been deposed from their offices, because of their protest against Dr. Mueller, have been reinstated. We would be even happier, if the Evangelical Church of Germany took a further step and became a free church, as our other free churches are, no longer depending for its support upon the state but upon the free offerings of a voluntary membership. A state supported church becomes only too easily a state controlled church.

That the church has not become weakly subservient to the state, is a matter for profound gratitude. Germany is still the country of Luther's heroism and noble utterance, "Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me! Amen."



## Religious News of the World

### American Missionaries Murdered

Shanghai, China. The cold-blooded, public execution of two American missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stam, by the Chinese bandits who looted Tsingteh was described in reports received Dec. 15 by the China Inland Mission Station. Rev. George Birch, a Canadian missionary, was one of a group which brought the Stams' orphaned daughter, three-month-old Helen Priscilla, to Wuhu after the pillage of Tsingteh. The missionary said the Americans were slain by the bandits, apparently with the object of embarrassing the Chinese Government in its relations with the United States. Their bodies, abandoned on a battlefield 15 miles from Tsingteh, were discovered by Chinese, who risked their lives in the search for the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stam were both students at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago as well as at the China Inland Mission Training School in Philadelphia. In the missionary publication, "China's Millions," Mr. Stam before going to China had written: "The Lord laid China upon my heart and slowly conviction deepened that I, for one, would have no valid reason to give my Lord if I did not go where the need was great. God's Word itself, prayer, and a study of the conditions in China, and my own circumstances soon left no room for doubt that the Lord was assuredly leading." Mrs. Stam expressed a similar devotion to that call of God. "He who made me willing to serve him anywhere has closed all other doors and opened this one—service under the China Inland Mission in China. For this I praise His name; for I love China." When Mrs. Stam was a student at the Moody Bible Institute, she had written as her favorite Bible passage on her registration card, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

### Rockefeller's Faith

New York, N. Y. John D. Rockefeller, Sr., whose name is famous throughout the world, recently wrote a poem which was among the exhibits of manuscripts at the opening of the new National Poetry Center, a clearing house for information about poets and their works. Mr. Rockefeller's poem was in a corner devoted exclusively to the work of octogenarians. It has a profound religious significance.

"I was early taught to work as well as play:

My life has been one long, happy holiday,  
Full of work, full of play—  
I dropped the worry on the way—  
And God was good to me every day."

### The Highest Building in the World

Moscow, Russia. Work is under way on the Palace of Soviets, Russia's gov-

ernment headquarters, in this city, which, when completed in 1937, will be the highest building in the world. The "Missions" magazine in its December, 1934, issue, brings an illustrated article about this colossal project in Russia. The building when finished will rise to a height of 1,100 feet upon which will be placed a gigantic statue of Russia's hero, Lenin. The height of the crown of Lenin's head will be 1,360 feet which is more than one hundred feet higher than the Empire State building in New York City.

The following descriptive paragraph is taken from the article in "Missions": "This huge structure will occupy the site where formerly stood the world famous Cathedral of the Savior. It was demolished by dynamite by government decree shortly before Christmas three years ago. Thus Russia will have a colossal symbol of the substitution of the religion of communism for the religion of Christ and of the deification of Lenin for the worship of God. Instead of the gilded domes of the cathedral dominating Moscow's skyline, all who come and go will see the gigantic figure of Lenin towering above everything. Instead of cathedral bells ringing on Christmas Eve, only the cold statue of Lenin will rise above the snow covered roofs of Moscow."

### General Butler Speaks Again

New York, N. Y. A large audience applauded vociferously when General Smedley D. Butler, retired Marine Corps officer and frequent speaker at religious gatherings, recently declared, according to the Associated Press, that he would "never go outside of the United States again to fight for anything or anybody." He described the Marine Corps, where he served for a third of a century, as "the greatest bunch of bill collectors this nation has ever seen," and said he had led them on "nine bill-collecting expeditions." "I helped train 70,000 of the most successful murderers," he said of the soldiers he led, "and I'm proud of them, as long as that was their business." Stroking his chin and wagging his head, General Butler said the only way to avoid war was to "take over the arms factories and don't make any munitions of war." "It's ridiculous to say no war is in the offing. Europe is trying to select partners now. We'll sell them stuff, they'll borrow money from us to pay for it, and we'll be drawn in by the weakening of a President who wouldn't be there if he wasn't a politician."

### A Remarkable Baptist Pastorate

Chicago, Ill. The Rev. Johnston Myers, D. D., whose forty year pastorate at the Immanuel Baptist Church of this city has been one of the most notable among Baptist ministers, has recently presented his resignation and announced that he

would retire next June after fifty years of service in the gospel ministry. Dr. Myers and Immanuel Church have become famous throughout Chicago for their ministry to the needy folk maintaining in the words of Dr. Myers "the longest breadline in the world." Charles T. Holman in "The Christian Century" pictures his ministry in this graphic description: "When Dr. Myers came to the Chicago pastorate from the great Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Cincinnati, 40 years ago, Immanuel was one of the wealthiest and most fashionable of all this city's churches, located in what was then Chicago's gold coast. Without delay he proceeded to shock his well-fed flock by establishing a breadline for the hungry and adopting as the slogan for Immanuel, 'The church that meets every human need without delay.' He is, and always has been, impatient of the delays involved in more scientific social service administration and thinks that the only claim a hungry man needs present is an empty stomach. During his ministry at Immanuel it is estimated that more than 20,000,000 people have been fed in his kitchen." Dr. Myers celebrated his 75th birthday last month.

### Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of "Missions"

New York, N. Y. The January, 1935, issue of "Missions," the missionary magazine of the Northern Baptist Convention, marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of its publication. William B. Lippard, the present editor, has transformed "Missions" into one of the leading missionary magazines published in the English language. During the past 19 months there has been a steady increase of new subscriptions in spite of the difficult economic situation. Mr. Lippard comes from a German Baptist family, his father having been an evangelist for many years among the German Baptist churches. Such an anniversary and a colorful interpretive number, as the January issue, is religious news which deserves widespread dissemination.

### Relief for Unemployed Ministers

Washington, D. C. A proposal for putting unemployed ministers to work with Government funds has been sent to President Roosevelt. The suggestion was advanced by the Rev. Carleton E. White of Chase City, Va. Asserting reports that there are 20,000 unemployed ministers "must be somewhere near the fact," he wrote the President: "All of these men need an opportunity to work in their chosen profession, but I believe in these days the nation needs them in this work more than they need the work." The minister pointed out that work relief had been provided for jobless artists, musicians and actors.

## Among Our Missionaries

### Gathering Spiritual Harvests in Bulgaria

Rev. Nicolai Michailoff who is a Baptist missionary in Lom, Bulgaria, supported partly by the missionary gifts from the German Baptists of North America, has recently written this descriptive account: "Summer with the blessings of a rich harvest is over. The Lord is now giving us new opportunities to work in his spiritual harvest field."

Both in Lom and in Kowatschitzza we have had harvest festivals. Several of our sisters in Lom were dressed in national costumes. In Lom our church was filled to capacity, and the people listened

Michailoff, will you come into my house?" I went with him and was able to talk to him about Christ, the Savior. We could also make plans for evangelistic meetings in this place. His house is now open for us.

In Lom we also have a number of souls who are seeking the Lord, among them one who is a murderer. We have 60 Bulgarian and 40 gypsy children in our Sunday school. We should like to place into their hands pictures which illustrate Bible stories but we cannot afford to get them. If anyone should have such pictures which we can cut out and paste on cardboard, we should be very thank-

verts, robed in white, were baptized. Two young men were from Hermannstadt, others from our mission stations at Stolzenberg, Burgberg, and Kerz.

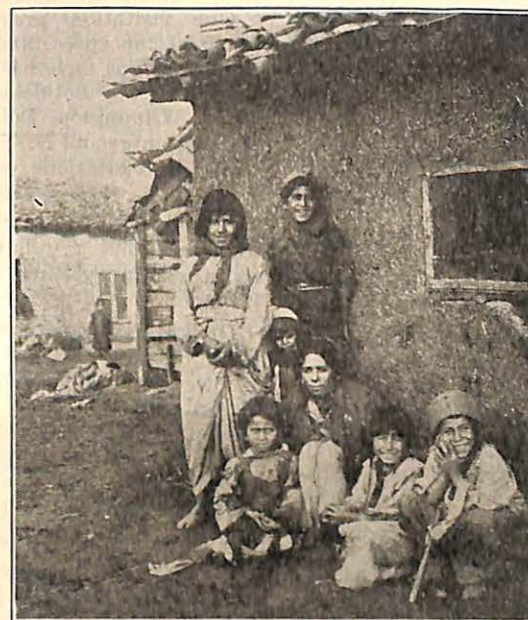
There was a couple among them from our station at Talmatsch whom God's grace had changed miraculously. A son of these parents was saved two years ago. At that time they forbade him to attend our meetings. They beat him, burned his Bible, and he was not allowed to talk with members of our church when they met him on the street. He was watched everywhere. However, this young man remained steadfast, and in our church we continued to pray for his tormentors. These parents are now converted; they have confessed their sins and asked to be forgiven. God has answered our prayers, and we praise his name with grateful hearts.

There is also a young man who should have been baptized this time. He was converted last February when Brother Fuellbrandt held evangelistic meetings in our church. This young man has already given his testimony before the church, but at the hands of his parents and brothers he has to suffer terrible persecutions. They beat him, and he is not allowed to go to our meetings. They do not want him to belong to the despised Baptists, who are looked upon with contempt because of false reports. This young man was treated so badly that he had to leave his parental home. Our church missionary, Brother Schuster, had to suffer a beating in broad daylight on the street on account of this young man.

These conditions are really as dark as in the Middle Ages, but the devil is just the same in all ages of the world's history. We shall not cease to pray for this young man and for his relatives. God has done wonderful things in the past, and he is able to save even such people. The blood of Jesus Christ has the same power as ever.

### Jews in Baptist Churches

Rev. Hans Folk of Cernauti, Roumania, has sent this recent report to Brother Kuhn and the General Missionary Society: "The nationalities represented in our church are very mixed. Often eighty per cent of the audience consist of Jews. The anti-semitic movement, which is noticeable everywhere, has brought about a questioning for God. Wealthy and intelligent Jews have spoken to me, and in despair they asked: 'What will become of us?' Ladies of high standing are also coming to us to supply them with servants; they are looking for Christian girls. It has become known to them that, if they want a reliable girl, they have to go to the Baptists. There they can find honest girls. Points of contact are being formed in this way which give us opportunities for missionary work."



A Gypsy Family

attentively to the Word of God, to the recitations, and the musical selections. The missionary collection on the day amounted to 1400 lewa, which is about \$18. Considering the poverty in which our church members live, this was a very fine missionary contribution.

Kowatschitzza is about 18 miles distant from Lom. Our choir went there in order to assist in the harvest and thanksgiving program. They walked the distance of 18 miles to the village singing joyously as they went along and all who participated in this celebration were richly blessed.

I also made a missionary tour, visiting all our mission stations. Everywhere I had the opportunity to preach the gospel, and many new doors were opened. In one of these new places, while I was standing on the street, an Orthodox priest came along and treated me very rudely. A man, who had been in our meetings, came to my rescue. He said to the priest: "Mr. Michailoff is like a friend and brother to me. He is my guest." Turning to me he said: "Mr.

ful to have them. If they are sent in small packages as printed matter there will be no duty charge on them."

### A Direct Appeal

The above appeal from the Bulgarian missionary should move all of us to immediate action. The General Missionary Society would appreciate having you send any Bible pictures in books, pamphlets, cards, or posters to the Rev. Nicolai Michailoff, Lom, Bulgaria. Bible pictures which are colored are preferred. Act now! Answer this call!

### As Dark as the Middle Ages in Roumania

Rev. George Teutsch, our missionary in Hermannstadt, Roumania, has written a recent graphic description concerning his experiences in that country: "We had a day of joy and gladness in the month of November, when we observed our harvest festival in connection with baptism. Representatives of all our mission stations were present, and nine con-



## Dakota Conference

### A THANKSGIVING EVE PROGRAM IN CORONA, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Young People's Society of our church in Corona, S. Dak., presented a missionary program on Thanksgiving eve for the benefit of the church. It consisted of several dialogs entitled, "The Wise Fool," "Strictly Fresh Eggs" and "Sheaves for the True Harvest Home," a number of readings and a group of musical selections. The offering amounting to \$18 was given to the church and sent to the General Missionary treasury.

We are still holding our meetings on Sunday evenings except for business meetings. We have had various programs of Bible Study. One evening was spent at a Bible ball game, which was very interesting and encouraged us to study God's Word more deeply. Surely the Lord has bestowed more blessings upon us than we have been able to ask of him. We pray for that blessing of his to continue. MARTHA R. WIESE.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY OF NORTHERN NORTH DAKOTA

The rally of the Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Northern North Dakota, which was held in Cathay on Thanksgiving Day, was indeed an inspiring gathering.

The morning service was in charge of the Rev. H. P. Kayser of Goodrich, N. Dak. His splendid message was a blessing to all. The Cathay choir sang several suitable selections which greatly added to the services.

At the afternoon session Mrs. R. Sigmond of Fessenden spoke on "The Relationship Between Parents and Young People." Paul Klein of Washburn led a brief devotional service and the Rev. Daniel Klein of Beulah also took part. One of the delegates from the Anamoose Church gave a short talk on "How to Get the Young People to Sunday School." Afterwards a novel poetry and song service was enjoyed by everyone. Original poems written by members of the various societies entered this poetry contest. The first three prizes were as follows: first prize, Cathay; second prize, McCluskey and Washburn, tied; third prize, Beulah.

Almost two hundred young people attended the rally banquet in the late afternoon, which was held in the school gymnasium. Mr. Ernst Klein of Beulah, president of the Union and at present a student at the University of North Dakota, acted as toastmaster. Musical selections, readings, and short talks added their spice to the delicious turkey dinner with all its trimmings.

Plans were also made for the coming summer assembly to be held during the second week in July. Everyone could truly say that this was a Thanksgiving Day spent in a most inspirational and Christian way.

RUTH BROCHAT, Secretary.

## Northern Conference

### BIBLE SCHOOL INSTITUTE IN SASKATCHEWAN

For the first time in the history of the German Baptist Church in Serath, Sask., Canada, a Bible School institute was held from the 14th to the 23rd of November. Inclusive of several scholars from the church at Edenwald the average attendance numbered twenty young people.

During the two weeks of the institute five varied subjects were ably presented by our ministers. The Rev. G. Schroeder of Nokomis taught several courses on "Soul Winning," "Bible Knowledge," and "Dangers, Responsibilities and Privileges of Youth." The Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, the minister of the local church, taught the subjects concerning "The Life of Christ" and "Church History."

On the evening of the last day a special concluding program was given. Brief reports of the subjects which had been taught were presented by members of the school. Musical selections and brief addresses by the teachers concluded the program. We are indebted to those who led us in these courses and should greatly appreciate another Bible School institute under their leadership.

A REPORTER.

### ACTIVITIES IN AND ABOUT NOKOMIS, SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

Since September a German school has been held in connection with the church at Nokomis, Sask., Canada. The group of scholars has grown from 33 to 65 within a comparatively short time, of which 26 are children from English homes. Four classes are held each Saturday with the following young people assisting the minister, the Rev. G. Schroeder, in the work: Ruby Aebig, Margaret Lach, Mary Weiss, Mrs. Zepik, and Peter Schroeder.

The first hour is usually spent in German instruction, and the second hour is divided into a period of religious teaching and a session of music. Such instruments as mandolins, violins, guitars, and piano are used in this musical period. It is hoped to begin an orchestra after a while.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, a public demonstration of the German classes was held in the church. The singing of the German hymns and songs by the children made a profound impression upon the English members of the community. As a result of this program several adults have made inquiries concerning a German class for them.

During the weeks of Nov. 12 to 23 the Rev. G. Schroeder assisted the Rev. A. Bibelheimer in Serath where the German class consists of 20 scholars. Over several week-ends Mr. Schroeder met about the same number of young people in Lockwood, but this work had to be discontinued.

A Bible Institute was held in Nokomis late in November in which the Rev.

A. Bibelheimer and G. Schroeder led discussions on the letter of Paul to the Philippians and on the theme of the Holy Spirit. A very spiritual program seems to be in evidence in this neighborhood, which is manifesting great results.

## Atlantic Conference

### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION OF THE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE IN FULL SWING FOR A BANNER YEAR

In reporting for the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Atlantic Conference at this time, it might be well to point out that for the last three months things have been humming along the coast, and a renewed spirit of friendliness and fellowship has been evident throughout our conference.

Our visitation program has moved along at top speed, and to date the following groups have been visited: Jamesburg, N. J., Bethlehem, Pa., Boston, Mass., Wilmington, Del., Baltimore, Md., Manhattan group, N. Y., Brooklyn, N. Y. Our next visitations will include Philadelphia, Pa., Hudson County group, N. J., and the lower New England group. This will round out a well planned series of visitations presenting the work of our Union.

Under the leadership of Mr. Adam Yung, our president, we have determined to meet our obligations for this year without fail. Our total budget this year amounts to \$1350. Beneficiaries are to be the General Mission fund of our own denomination, our summer assembly fund and the administration fund.

We are looking forward to our May conference, which is to be held at the Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia. A visit to the new planetarium and a presentation of the drama, "The Rock," are among the interesting attractions connected with the conference. Prominent speakers have been secured and we are expecting a large attendance.

With an eye on the future, we bear in mind that Camp Unami, at Summerville, Pa., will again be the scene of our summer assembly. We are hoping to have as members of our faculty, the Rev. Assaf Husmann, Philadelphia, Pa.; the Rev. William A. Mueller, Brooklyn; the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Young People's Secretary; and as dean of the assembly, the Rev. Alfred Bernadt, Brooklyn. Recreational activities are again in charge of the genial Rube Leypoldt. A forerunner of a successful institute is gathered from the news that Philadelphia and Brooklyn have already instituted drives for delegates to the assembly, which takes place from August 10-17, 1935. Competition from the other areas of the conference would be welcomed. Enjoy a full week with Christian friends and leaders.

Our best wishes are tendered to Rev. M. L. Leuschner in his new capacity as editor of "The Baptist Herald." Our

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loss of Mr. Leuschner is a distinct gain for the denomination at large. We are happy that the Atlantic Conference has been able to stand in the position of a donor to the larger work. May God bless his every effort!

A request is hereby made to all readers coming within the boundaries of our conference from Boston to Baltimore. Raise your quota! Attend the May Conference! Back up the visitation program! Attend the summer assembly! Join the Daily Bible Readers League! In short, support our program!

HAROLD KRUGER, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER AT DAYTON

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 5, the members of the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, came together for an "Appreciation Meeting" in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Baumgartner's fifth anniversary with us. The Sunday school superintendent, Mr. John W. Tapper, acted as chairman of the service. Brief messages were given by the church clerk, the president of the Ladies' Missionary Society, the president of the Board of Trustees, the president of the Men's Sunday School Class, and the assistant superintendent of the Bible School in which heartfelt gratitude was expressed for all that has been accomplished during the past five years.

One of the pastor's objectives in beginning his work among us was that the church must serve the community in which it is located. During the five years 62 new members have been added to the church, 47 of whom came by baptism, and the majority of those who were baptized coming not from the families of our members but from the community around the church.

Under Mr. Baumgartner's leadership changes and repairs in the church building have been accomplished. Although the church is more than fifty years old, it was not until the minister made an ingenious discovery that the basement could be utilized for many purposes, that it was renovated and arranged for classrooms and a commodious social hall. This is only one of many ways in which the minister has been responsible for the more efficient use of the church building.

Mr. Baumgartner expressed his gratification for the fine spirit of Christian fellowship which exists between church and pastor. Mrs. Baumgartner spoke in appreciation to the church for the beautiful rug which was presented to them by the church as a token of the love and esteem in which they are held. The minister also stressed the fact that far greater work is ahead of the church and that he will always be ready to give his best service to the call of Christ. May God strengthen our pastor and his wife to continue their noble work among us!

HENRY KNORR.

## Texas and Louisiana Conference

### INSTITUTE OF TEXAS AND LOUISIANA YOUNG PEOPLE

The sixth annual fall assembly of the Texas and Louisiana Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was held in November with the church at Hurnville, Texas. Even though the weather was not favorable at the outset, the institute did not lack in number of visitors nor in enthusiasm.

The opening session on Wednesday evening included words of welcome by the minister of the local church, the Rev. Paul Hintze, and the young people's president, and a brief response by the Rev. Philip Potzner, the dean of the institute. The president of the Union, Mr. A. W. Guderian, introduced the members of the faculty to the audience. The Rev. Paul Gebauer, our well-beloved missionary of West-Africa, brought a wonderful sermon using as his text the words of 2 Corinthians 5:15.

The devotional periods on successive mornings by the institute were led by Mr. John Hoeffner, Mr. Bennie Spross, and Miss Hilda Ehrhorn. On Thursday morning and afternoon lecture periods were held concerning Sunday school work in the senior and adult classes, the intermediate department and junior groups, which were conducted by the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn, the Rev. A. Becker, Miss Elnora Bremer and Miss Frances Schultz. On Friday the classes were in charge of the Rev. W. H. Buening, the Rev. C. C. Gossen, and Miss Marie Heusi. On Saturday at the closing lecture periods the Rev. C. C. Laborn, Mr. Chester Buening and Miss Frances Schultz took part. On Saturday afternoon some of the young people went sightseeing to Wichita Falls.

The Rev. Paul Gebauer had a very prominent part in the entire program of the assembly. On Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings he showed us pictures of Africa and reported to us concerning the mission work. On Saturday evening after a very fitting program by the Hurnville young people he spoke on the text, "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us." At the Sunday afternoon mass meeting he gave a very remarkable missionary address to the young people. He led the closing testimonial service on Sunday evening, in which many took part.

At the Sunday afternoon service the various young people's societies represented gave a varied program of vocal and instrumental numbers, readings, and brief reports. The Dallas Young People's Society had the honor of receiving the percentage banner for attendance and the honorary banner for most mileage went to the church at Mowata, Louisiana.

Happy memories, new acquaintances and the inspiring messages of this institute will long be remembered.

MISS MATHILDA HIRSCH.

## PRAYER HELPERS

"Take it to the Lord in Prayer"

### An Antidote for Worry

Paul gives an effective antidote for worry. "Be careful for nothing (or 'in nothing be anxious')," he says, "but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God." Dr. Alexander MacLaren once wrote: "If a man does not pray about everything, he will be worried about most things. If he does pray about everything, he will not be troubled beyond what is good for him, about anything."

### Prayer Topics

Pray for the unreached fields in America. There are unreached fields "at home" as well as in Africa. The unreached fields here are the hearts of those Christians who still lack a missionary vision and who have never heard earth's sorrowing cry for Christ. Pray for these "unreached fields."

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

Pray that God might supply sufficient grace to our persecuted and starving brethren in Russia to strengthen them to endure victoriously to the end.

Pray for the successful development of our own work in British Columbia, Canada. Our newly built church in Vancouver is entirely inadequate; we must build larger. In Kelowna and Vernon, B. C., the prospects for new churches are most promising.

Pray that all who pass through our Sunday school may be introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ by their own teachers and surrender to him.

Pray that our young people after having looked into the face of Christ may never again be captivated by the world which they have renounced by baptism.

Pray the prayer of the prophet: "Lord, open his eyes that he may see" for all the spiritually unenlightened members in our churches.

### Prayer Helpers

"Ye also helping together by prayer."  
2 Cor. 1:11.

Believing in the power of the prayer of faith for successfully carrying on our denominational enterprise, I voluntarily enlist as a prayer helper.

Name .....

Address .....

Church .....

(Send this enlistment to: Prayer Helpers, P. O. Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.)

Write for additional cards.







# The Family Forum

Conducted by the REV. O. E. KRUEGER

**T**HIS page is to appear once a month. We invite you to an open discussion of all kinds of family problems. We are thinking mainly of the parents, but we see no reason why the entire family should not participate in the discussion.

Many of the readers have reared their families without solving all the problems of parenthood. Many, in looking back, can see the mistakes they have made and can impart to others words of wisdom.

You may now be raising your family and find yourself in a maze of puzzles. You certainly desire these difficulties discussed, even if there can be no satisfying solution for them. We trust that "The Baptist Herald" is read by a large number of young people who will be parents in days to come. They ought now to be thinking about these important problems.

No group of people stands in greater need of training than does the group of parents, present and prospective. With all the useless things taught in colleges, why is there not a chair for Parental Training?

## Body, Mind, and Soul

Medical science has performed miracles in dealing with the physical needs of that "bundle of helplessness" which is placed into a mother's arms. Infant mortality is approaching the vanishing point. The extension of longevity from 33 to 55 years in one generation falls largely to the feeding formulas and other kinds of regimentation of baby life.

The science of education has also made great strides in setting up its "formulas." It knows what to put into the growing mind. It also knows when and how to place it there.

Greater than the body and the mind is the soul. Someone has said that "we are placed on this earth that we might grow a soul." Here lies the task of the home and of the church. There is no place in which we are so much entangled in a jungle as in this field. Too many parents, who are deeply concerned about the health and education of the child, show little interest in that child's growth in grace. They would never allow the child to eat a rotten potato, but they seem quite indifferent about that child seeing a rotten picture. It may be that the stomach finds it less disastrous to masticate that potato than the soul to take care of that harmful picture.

An intelligent father would not think of stepping into a drug store and filling a six ounce bottle with an ounce from many different bottles chosen haphazardly and giving the child a teaspoon full every two hours.

## The Bible and the Child

Still we assume that all of the Bible is "on the dead level" and that you can take anything from it

at any time and give it to anybody. Jesus declared with deepening emphasis that what he had to say was deeper and greater than what had been said by Moses. "The law came by Moses, grace and truth through Jesus." Paul distinguished between "meat" and "milk." For example, the Corinthian church had too many children who were still feeding on milk. The story of David, the shepherd boy, is fine reading material for children. But would you want your twelve-year-old boy to see a film depicting David's sin? Would you then want to put it into the imagination of the child by his reading of the story?

## Graded Material

God has graded the child. We must grade the material. You do not share your full course Christmas dinner with the baby. You do not teach your six-year child geometry. Why not use the discerning judgments which God has given to you when you are trying to grow a soul? Why steep the child's heart in the old stories of war and revenge? If we are ever to have a Christian world of a genuine Christian attitude, is it not time to cease teaching a child to rejoice in the death of an enemy? If he rejoices in the death of Goliath, why not in the death of a modern Hun? Would you teach your child to revel in the horrible deed of dashing out the brains of enemy-children, by taking them by the legs and smashing their heads against the city wall? The patriotism of the 137th Psalm goes that far. Lesson material must be selected for the home as well as for the Bible school.

Jesus had a difficult time putting a new spirit into minds which were imbedded in Old Testament revenge-attitudes. Because Ahaziah had sent to inquire of Baal-zebub, Elijah called down fire from heaven on two captains and their fifty men in succession. God assured him that he had sufficiently frightened the king and that he could go down to him in safety. Otherwise he would have called down fire upon the next captain and his fifty men as well. John and James wanted to do the same thing to the Samaritans who refused their Lord the courtesy of hospitality. Jesus turned upon them with this rebuke: "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of."

The Bible was written with adults largely in mind. But there is a wealth of material for the development of the child in grace and knowledge. The material must be properly selected.

## The Place of the Home

The home is a place where the experience of living together should equip the child for a life which manifests love and good-will in the everyday world. Our social relationships will never be Christlike unless we are equipped with Christlike attitudes.

## NOW is the Auspicious Time to extend the circulation of The Baptist Herald

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## A CHAT ABOUT BOOKS

By THE EDITOR

Is Sadhu Sundar Singh, the renowned Christian mystic of India, still alive? Is he possibly leading a life of spiritual solitude in some obscure place in Tibet? If he met death by some unfortunate accident, what are the probable circumstances which closed the unique earthly pilgrimage of one of the world's greatest Christians?

These questions are answered in a very convincing manner in one of the most descriptive biographies of the Sadhu by his lifelong friend, C. F. Andrews, entitled, "Sadhu Sundar Singh" (Harper and Brothers—1934—\$2.00). The biography is greatly enhanced in value because it is written as a personal memoir with warmth of friendship and with sweetness of devotion. Those Christians of the Occident who have in any way read any account of or have had any interest in this saint of India will have to read this book by C. F. Andrews to receive a full-orbed picture of Singh's life.

There is Mrs. Arthur Parker's book, "Sadhu Sundar Singh, called of God" (Fleming H. Revell Company) which has been widely read. Drs. Streeter and Appasamy collaborated in publishing the book called, "The Message of Sadhu Sundar Singh" (MacMillan). Dr. Heiler's biography, entitled, "The Gospel of Sundar Singh" (George Allen and Unwin, London) is the fullest account published in German and English of the Sadhu's life and teaching. "With and Without Christ" (Harper and Brothers) was the last writing of the Sadhu and is well known. All of these biographies, however, lack something. They do not fully reveal the secret of the humility and sacrifice of this Indian Christian which C. F. Andrews to a greater extent has conveyed in his intimate memoir.

The author dwells considerably upon the Sadhu's marvelous eyes, "luminous, like the darkly gleaming water of some pool in the forest which a ray of sunlight has touched. While there was a shade of sorrow in them, there was also the light and joy of peace." They told the author how great a treasure his soul had found in Christ. C. F. Andrews compares the Sadhu with John G. Paton, the missionary to the New Hebrides, who also "had the same utterly simply and childlike faith in God's protection." He describes to the reader the Sadhu's literal following of Jesus, irrespective of any cost involved, and his keen disappointment that he had not met a martyr's death at the age of 33 years when Christ was crucified. He leads us into Singh's library where a small book lay, which was heavily marked, called "A Gentleman in Prison," the story of the last days of a Japanese prisoner, named Ishii, who was converted to Christianity in a very remarkable manner within the prison walls.

The life of Sadhu Sundar Singh is

fairly well known to most Christians of the West. He was the youngest son in a distinguished and wealthy Sikh family of Rampur, India. Like Saul of Tarsus, he threw himself violently into the movement of persecution of Christian missionaries. "He went to extreme lengths and became the ringleader of a party of youths who used to make attacks on the missionaries themselves whenever they stood up to preach in the bazaar." In 1903 as a lad of fourteen years he brought into his father's courtyard a copy of the Christian gospels and set fire to it in public. Immediately an inner struggle ensued, in which the spirit of Christ appeared to him. Sadhu said of that conversion experience afterwards: "I heard a voice singing in Hindustani: 'How long will you persecute me? I have come to save you; you were praying to know the right way. Why do you not take it?' So I fell at His feet and got this wonderful peace, which I could get nowhere else. This was the joy I was wishing to get. This was heaven itself."

He renounced his claims to all wealth, he faced the trial of expulsion from his family and friends, he set himself to the task of a sacrificial life of self-denial. One chapter, entitled, "In His Steps" is a beautiful portrayal of the Christian spirit of this man of God. "The recklessness of childlike faith" which was characteristic of him, is an attitude we need in our Occidental interpretation of Christian faith. He was a wandering missionary, living from day to day by faith, preaching the gospel in convincing persuasiveness wherever he went.

The country of Tibet especially appealed to him. It is one of the few countries of the world to which Protestant denominations have not been able to send missionaries. He made frequent trips into Tibet, overcoming almost insurmountable difficulties and grave dangers. In September, 1929, he started his last journey into Tibet. He was a sick man, having had several recent hemorrhages from the stomach, but the call from Tibet was too strong for him, and, contrary to the advice of his friends, he went on this missionary pilgrimage. The circumstances concerning his failure to return are given admirable description in C. F. Andrews's book.

Mr. Andrews writes of the Sadhu's influence for Christ as follows: "Wherever I have gone, in the distant lands across the sea, there have been earnest men and women who have told me, with heartfelt conviction, that the Sadhu had brought into their lives a new devotion to their Savior and a new assurance of moral victory through his grace. Since they have known Sadhu's example, they have been able to live as Christians, on an altogether different plane." The same can be said of anyone who has earnestly read this book!



## The Fastest Growing Church

of German Baptists of North America

Vancouver, British Columbia, stands third in rank of Canadian cities. Beautifully situated on the quiet waters of the Strait of Georgia, she offers Canada an ideal outlet to the vast Orient. Commercially Vancouver has grown by leaps and bounds, so it is fitting that our own "Beloved Denomination" should have a progressive mission there.

Our Vancouver Church was organized with 19 members. In those early days the meeting places were exceedingly primitive and uninviting. Success attended the valiant efforts of those courageous workers from the very beginning. In order to escape the rigors of the long winter on the prairie provinces many sought relief in the milder climate of Vancouver. Not a few of our new immigrants found their way to Vancouver and ultimately into the membership of that church.

The present church building with a seating capacity of about 250 in the main auditorium was

erected by the General Missionary Committee. This was a venture in faith. The church has always been a veritable beehive for activity. The congregations have long ago taxed the seating capacity of the auditorium to the utmost. At many services standing-room is at a premium.

In order not to miss this exceptional opportunity for the development of our church in Vancouver, the General Missionary Committee has voted to enlarge the present building to secure a seating-capacity of about 400 in the main auditorium. The cost of rebuilding will not exceed \$4,500. Although many of the members of our Vancouver Church are recent immigrants, it is to their credit that they have pledged about \$2,000 to this building project. Many among us love the church of the Lord Jesus Christ so ardently that we will gladly make a sacrificial offering. All contributions should be sent to the Missionary Office at Forest Park, Ill.



Regular Sunday Morning Congregation at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

## Our Own Home Missions

At present we are supporting sixty-nine Home Mission workers, who are pastors of churches, women-missionaries, district missionaries, colporters and general evangelist. This work calls for an expenditure of at least \$35,000 per annum. These sixty-nine missionary workers are distributed among our nine conferences.

**ATLANTIC CONFERENCE**  
Five missionaries receive \$110 per month.

**CENTRAL CONFERENCE**  
Thirteen missionaries receive \$350 per month.

**DAKOTA CONFERENCE**  
Eleven missionaries receive \$455 per month.

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Five missionaries receive \$112 per month.

**NORTHERN CONFERENCE**  
Fourteen missionaries receive \$632 per month.

**NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Seven missionaries receive \$217 per month.

**PACIFIC CONFERENCE**  
Five missionaries receive \$205 per month.

**SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Four missionaries receive \$109 per month.

**TEXAS AND LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

Three missionaries receive \$113 per month.

**GENERAL**  
Two general workers receive \$283.33 per month.

OUR HOME WORK NEEDS PRAYER HELPERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS