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The Picturesque Scene of the Northern Baptist Convention, June 20 to 25, 1935

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What's Happening

The Rev. Otto Lohse, for more than 8 years pastor of our church in Selfridge, N. Dak., has begun his ministry with Sunday, July 14, at our church in McIntosh, S. Dak.

The Rev. Benjamin Schlipf has accepted the call from our church in Bismarck, N. Dak., and will begin his new ministry in August. He has been pastor of our church in Avon, S. Dak., for the past 7 years.

The Rev. Daniel Klein, formerly pastor of our church in Beulah, N. Dak., began his ministry in our Germantown church and its mission station at Harvey, N. Dak., on the first Sunday in June.

The Rev. Thomas Lutz, pastor of the Mt. Zion Church at Geary County, Kansas, baptized 8 persons on confession of their faith in Christ recently and received them into the fellowship of the church.

Mr. Edgar Klatt, a second year student in our seminary at Rochester, N. Y., is serving our church in Selfridge, N. Dak., and the mission station at McLaughlin, S. Dak., during the summer months.

The Rev. R. A. Schmidt, acting pastor of the High Street church, Buffalo, N. Y., baptized 7 converts on Pentecost Sunday, June 2, before a large audience. All of these converts were won through loyal Sunday School work.

The Rev. Thorwald Bender has resigned his charge as pastor of the Second German church in George, Iowa, and has accepted a call from Sioux Falls College in North Dakota to become instructor in the German language and Bible studies.

The Rev. Emil Becker began his ministry in Washburn, N. Dak., on the first Sunday in June. He was pastor for almost 6 years in our church in Hutchinson, Minn. The new pastorate in Washburn has already been blessed of God.

June 2 was a red letter day for our church in Hebron, N. Dak. The Rev. Frederick Alf, pastor, baptized 18 persons and received them and 4 others on reinstatement into the fellowship of the church. The Rev. J. R. Matz of New Leipzig brought the baptismal message.

On Sunday, June 9, the Rev. C. H. Edinger baptized 8 Sunday School scholars in our church in Kyle, Texas, who had been converted during the evangelistic ministry of the Rev. W. H. Buening in January. Mr. Edinger conducted a Bible School for the month of June on four mornings of each week.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. A. H. Wuttke of Los Angeles, Calif., were in an automobile accident in June near Sacramento,

Calif., while they were on their way to visit relatives and friends in the city. Mrs. Wuttke was severely injured and was in a Sacramento hospital for some time. Her complete recovery is assured.

The Rev. R. P. Jeschke, pastor of the Memorial Church in New Britain, Conn., baptized 9 candidates on Easter Sunday evening. The church is making definite progress under his fine leadership. He received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the Hartford Theological Seminary at the May commencement exercises.

The Rev. Paul Zimbelmann, one of our younger ministers who has been ill for the past few years, is at present in the hospital at Harvey, N. Dak. The Rev. J. J. Lucas and Mr. Leuschner visited him recently at the hospital. He wants to send greetings to his many friends and asks that they shall remember him earnestly in their prayers.

From May 26 to June 10 revival meetings were held at Brady, Mont., with the Rev. A. Ittermann of Carbon, Alberta, serving as evangelist assisted by a group of his church members. On Sunday, June 9, the Rev. C. A. Gruhn, district missionary in our Western Montana churches, baptized 8 converts. The members of the church were led to a deeper consecration of their lives and the entire church has taken on new life.

The Bay County Churches in Michigan requested the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of our church in Beaver, to participate in the Passion Week services held in Bay City. He also conducted services in our churches in Beaver, Bay City and Pinconning, using as his theme for the week the seven words of Jesus spoken on the cross. Mr. Pfeifer also participated in an Inter-City-Church Conference held recently in Saginaw, Mich.

The Rev. Emil D. Gruen, missionary of the Bethel Jewish Mission in Philadelphia, Pa., attended the annual conference of the Hebrew-Christian Alliance which convened in Buffalo, N. Y., early in June. During his stay in Buffalo he spoke at our Bethel and Spruce Street churches and the East Street Methodist Church. He also brought a Sunday message to the First Baptist Church of Seville, Ohio, near Cleveland.

The Willing Workers of the Baptist Church in Wilmington, Del., took a religious census of the church neighborhood on June 16. On Easter Sunday evening a baptismal service was held. On the first Sunday in May a group sang hymns for Mrs. Muehlhausen, 89 years of age, who cannot attend the church services. The Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, pastor, received the Certificate of Theology from

the American Theological Seminary in Wilmington on May 21.

A series of evangelistic services were recently held at the Kossuth Baptist Church in Manitowoc, Wis., with the Rev. C. Knudson, missionary of the state convention, serving as evangelist. Four young people took a definite stand for Jesus Christ as Savior. A Daily Vacation Bible School was held in June with the pastor, the Rev. C. Kraenzler, participating therein. From July 15 to 19 the church will serve as host to the Wisconsin Young People's Assembly.

An unusually fine Children's Day program was presented in our church at Missoula, Mont., on June 2. The seating capacity of the little chapel was taxed by a large crowd of visitors. The Rev. C. A. Gruhn, district missionary of the western part of the state, who is serving this and other churches as pastor, reports that a baptismal service will be held soon. Seven new members were recently received into the church by letter from our church at McIntosh, So. Dak.

The German Baptist ministers residing in the Atlantic Conference held their annual retreat at the summer cottage of the New York Jugendbund located in Bradley Beach, N. J., from June 24 to 29. The general theme of the retreat was "The Nurture and Training of New Converts" in which all the ministers participated. The evening sermons were brought by the Rev's. A. Bernadt, A. Husmann, Wm. A. Mueller, F. Orthner and F. Niebuhr. A large representation of the ministers were the guests of the Jugendbund.

The Rev. H. Frederick Hoops, pastor of our church at Hoboken, N. J., and his wife and daughter recently traveled to California where at "the Wee Kirk o' the Heather" in Glendale on May 22 Mr. Hoops officiated at the wedding of his son, Calvin Frederick Hoops, and Miss Beatrice G. Nelsen. Mr. Hoops also visited our churches in Anaheim and Los Angeles and attended the Northern Baptist Convention at Colorado Springs from June 20 to 25. On May 23 he suffered a severe injury in the home of his son-in-law from which he has fully recovered.

Mrs. J. F. Niebuhr, the wife of the pastor of our Third Church in New York City, recently received a prize from the Adams-Flanagan Company for a letter which she wrote. A part of the prize-winning letter follows: "If I were a business woman, I would 'invest' my time, after business hours, not just 'spend' it, for only in this way I expect to succeed in life. These are days when young people can avail themselves of so many different lines of study, some free of charge,

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EDITORIAL

Traveling Through the Grain Belt

FOR six crowded and thrilling weeks in May and June it was the editor's privilege to travel through the luxuriously green states from Oklahoma to North Dakota, composing the grain belt of the United States. Every young people's group of our German Baptist churches, which it was my joy to visit, seemed to make its unique contribution to one of the most delightful experiences of my life. The institute of the Oklahoma Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union held at Ingersoll, the annual convention of our Kansas youth which met at Stafford, the assemblies of our South Dakota young people at Wessington Springs and of our youth of the Central Dakota Association at Venturia, N. Dak., were occasions which opened the eyes of the general secretary of our national union to the splendid youth in our churches and the promising possibilities for the future. It was also my joy to participate in the programs of the Northern North Dakota Association at Carrington and of the Dakota Conference at Ashley, N. Dak., to share in the festivities of our church in Madison, S. Dak., in connection with the fiftieth anniversary and to serve in the pulpits of our churches in Okeene, Okla., Marion, Kansas, Fessenden and Anamoose, N. Dak., and Herreid, S. Dak.

What a kaleidoscopic panorama unfolds itself before one's eyes as one travels through our country! How interesting this world is which God has created with his perfect touch! Even the rabbits and gophers which scamper across the highways in order to escape the onrushing cars, the pheasants in their colorful array, the birds with their melodies which imprint themselves so indelibly on one's mind that one can never forget them and the imposing

formation of the snow-white clouds drifting lazily across the heavens speak of "the glory of God and his handiwork." It was a delight to meet people who, unlike the residents of our cities, welcome a downpouring rain with thanksgiving to God for the shower of blessings. Everywhere the fields were green and the crops were more promising than they have been in many years. We as German Baptists can be proud of the young people of our churches. Any pessimist concerning our youth will be urged to buy a railroad ticket accompanying me on further trips. The closing consecration service in the Kansas Convention and the inspiring vesper service of the Dakota young people held on the verdant grass carpet of the Dakota hills were spiritual mountain-top experiences for speaker and auditors alike. As a result of the South Dakota Assembly at Wessington Springs a young man gave his heart to Christ and others are expected to follow in this decisive step. The spiritual tone of the Oklahoma institute was distinctly Christian.

Our youth is talented, and increasingly it is a trained youth. The number of college students and graduates in our rural churches of the Middle West is amazing to any observer. The literary programs presented by the young people at their assemblies and conferences are a revelation of their capacities and interests. Their enthusiasm in life's adventures, their joy in the singing of hymns and choruses, their loyalty to the denominational program and their devoted love to Jesus Christ as the Master of their lives have convinced me that the future of our churches in the hands of these young people will be the dawn of another great day in the story of the Kingdom of God.

Twenty-five Years in the Ministry

The following message was preached by Mr. Zummach in the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, of which he is the pastor, on the recent occasion of his 25th anniversary of ordination into the Christian ministry and is published herewith because of its interesting and provocative content.

By the REV. CHARLES F. ZUMMACH

ANNIVERSARIES are always times to retrospect. To look forward twenty-five years seems like an eternity. To look back seems but as yesterday. We are living in an entirely different world from that of twenty-five years ago. The changes



Rev. Charles F. Zummach

that have come over us during the past quarter of a century are such that it is hard to realize them fully. At that time the automobile was only in its infancy. The aeroplane was a dream in the minds of a couple of crack-brained youths. There was no thought of radio. Most of the commonplace household appliances were unknown. The World War was not even on the horizon. We considered such a thing im-

possible. We believed that men were too highly educated and too closely linked in commerce and culture to engage in such a mad struggle.

Those were the days when people were supposed to have been good, when folks were not rushing hither and yon seeking diversion, when men were not money-mad and young people were not a law unto themselves. They were "the good old days,"—so some would have us believe! But twenty-five years in the ministry combined with my study of history have convinced me that fundamentally humanity changes very little with the ages. The same problems that vex us now vexed us then. Virtue and vice are ever locked in death grapple, and neither depend upon the age in which we live, though their outward aspects may change with the years.

The Ministry as a Profession

I have seen enough faults and shortcomings in organized religion and enough meanness among church members to make me wish at times that I had chosen another calling rather than the ministry. Who is there who has not? Most of us have learned to sympathize with Elijah under the juniper tree after twenty-five years. On the other hand, I have made the acquaintance of thousands of God's

noble-men and noble-women, the very salt of the earth, whom I would never have known had it not been for the ministry. In spite of all the bitter experiences I can truthfully say that if I had my life to choose over again I should choose the ministry. I am convinced that in no other walk of life could I have invested my talents to better advantage. I know that, if I were to step out of it now, I should be unhappy. I should miss the church, the fellowship of the ministry and the people who compose the church.

"How does it feel to look upon twenty-five years in the ministry?" someone asked. I remember well how enthusiastically I started out. Hadn't I graduated from college and seminary? Hadn't I learned a lot about theology, philosophy, sociology and all the other "ologies"? I was eager to impart to the world all that I knew,—and a lot that I did not know,—as I see it now! I am not so sure of some things as I was at that time. Some of my convictions have become deeper with the years, and others I have found necessary to change. As we grow older we become more mellow and more tolerant. Today it interests me greatly to hear with what cocksureness some young preachers expound their theories, many of which are only theories. And yet Paul said: "Let no man despise thy youth." Thank God for this youthful enthusiasm that refuses to see the shoals that lie ahead. But an education that does not make a man open-minded is misnamed. A little learning puffeth up,—alas, too often!

Ministering to All Kinds of People

Naturally I have learned a lot of things during these years, and I know I still have a great deal to learn. I have learned that all men are not alike. Men are as different intellectually as they are physically. Each has a temperamental fingerprint of his own. The moment we try "herd psychology" we get into trouble. "One man's food is another man's poison." The sermon that appeals to one person makes the other mad. What to one is an inspiration, jars on the other's nerves. Some folks respond to censure, others to praise. One of the great temptations which a preacher has to fight is not to become sarcastic in the pulpit or to sink to the level of a "scold." We lose something when we do that. And still the pulpit is the place for plain speaking. The man who compromises his convictions is a coward who has no place in the pulpit. "Son of man, I have set thee as a watch-

We admit that there are people for whom your admiration increases with the years, others for whom it diminishes. It is easier to love some folks after you know them better and harder to love others. But when one goes back to Jesus we find his

influence through the ages is due to the fact that he loved folks, not for what they were but for what they might become. He made no distinction between the righteous and the sinners, the rich and the poor. Then why should we? It is this passion for people, without any respect of persons, that must constitute the genius of the minister of Jesus Christ. There are some folks you can never forget. One of the great compensations of the ministry is the receipt of a letter from some one who has learned to trust you, asking for advice or expressing his appreciation for what you have meant to him. After all, what is remembered of a minister is not the sermons which he preached but what he transmitted to the hearts of his parishioners.

Preaching is Wrestling With the Evils of Life

Preaching is not the tame and colorless profession which it is sometimes supposed to be. The true prophet of God is always wrestling with some gigantic evil. The stories in "Hunger Fighters" and "Microbe Hunters," by Paul de Kruif, recorded the battle against disease and destructive parasites. But the preacher must fight everything that is wrong in the world, not merely the little eccentricities but fundamental evils that destroy body and soul. The temptation is to lose oneself in little things. It is always indicative of a small man with a small gospel, when a preacher begins to preach about the little incidents of life. I have learned that if you get a man's heart right with God, these things will take care of themselves.

The true preacher will never set out merely to please people or to cater to the influential, or "to soft-soap and back-slap" the rulers of the synagogue for the purpose of ingratiating himself into their good graces. Years ago I reached the conclusion that two roads lay open before every minister. By one he could be a good church politician, a good mixer, conforming to "the status quo," pleasing the powers that be and the itching ears of his parishioners and making what the world calls "a success." The other course would be the road of a true minister of Jesus Christ that would entail misunderstandings and criticism, persecutions and suffering of soul, if not in body, such as no tongue can express, but which would carry with it the assurance of a glorious reward for being true to God and conscience. I resolved that I would be true to my convictions though the pillars of the earth should fall.

And still I have learned that one does not have to be rude. I have said things in the pulpit that I should not have said. I knew in my own heart after I had said them, that I had made a fool of myself and bowed in lowly penitence for them. Preachers are fallible. It is so easy to let your feelings run away and to permit your own individual "hurts" to creep into your preaching. We are all human. Sometimes I marvel at the patience of our congregations for putting up with us. But the preacher must speak out! And when you do, you are bound to hurt someone. But to take deliberate delight in insulting people from the pulpit and boast-

ing about how many you angered is as cowardly as it is un-Christian.

The Vital Eternal Message of the Minister

The preacher is dealing with the realities and eternal verities of life, both human and divine. So it is the more I preach the more convinced I am that unless the church has some vital message for the day in which we live, some contribution to make to the problems that vex humanity, she has no right to exist. The churches we serve are not composed of brick and stones, mortar or wood, creeds and rituals but human hearts, and only as the preacher serves humanity can he serve his Lord.

We could set down many arguments against the church. There is much institutionalism in religion with which I am not and never have been in accord. The church is a fellowship of people with a common purpose, working together for a common cause. Much as we may deplore certain phases of denominationalism, we must concentrate somewhere, for we cannot scatter our efforts. Foot-loose Christians, who run hither and yon, are a total loss so far as the Kingdom is concerned. The argument that the church has failed to incarnate the spirit of its founder, can be made against any organization. But it is because of this that the church needs preacher-prophets, whose burning hearts keep alive the spirit of unrest and hold up before humanity the hope of a better day.

A Vision of the Church of the Future

Time has wrought many changes both within and without the church. The church of today is not the church of twenty-five years ago. "But the church has withstood many gales. Storms of jealousy and pride have shaken her roots. Tempests of intolerance have torn away some of her branches. Blight after blight has often withered her leaves and robbed her of her fruit." But the risen Lord still walks among the golden candlesticks. I have contributed my share of criticism during the past twenty-five years. I have seen men with a love for fame and individual pride, rather than love for the church, resort to all sorts of schemes to enrich their prestige at the expense of the church. But the minister's task is not to destroy but to heal the gaping wounds and her diseases. "Too often we substitute fuss for holiness and organizations and programs for the power and grace of God."

I want the church to be a Christian fellowship in which every type of Christian can worship and feel at home. God forgive us the bitter battles we have fought under the guise of Christian convictions, the bitter criticisms of others because they failed to see eye to eye with us! They have brought nothing but divisions, hatreds and burning hearts. I long to see a church where the only test will be loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ and his cause; a church where a Spurgeon and a Holmes, a Wesley and a Fosdick, a Moody and a Rauschenbusch, can join the great triumphal song; a church that can minister to all sorts of people, without any respect of persons; a church with but one Lord, one faith and one baptism, and that baptism to be the baptism of the Spirit of its Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

The Industrial Life of Plants

By PROFESSOR F. W. C. MEYER

NO smoke, no discharge of steam, no din of engine and rumbling machinery, as far as our senses can perceive, prevail in the industrial life of plants. And yet the noiseless energy of vegetation is continually producing the necessities of life. Just how do plants, these indefatigable fabricants of food for man and beast, go about their required work? Where do their inobtrusive pipe-lines, if that term may be used, converge? Where are their myriad motors installed? Your study of botany may have led you to answer your query, as you learned that the leaf constitutes the industrial establishment of the plant.

Nothing But Leaves!

The old gospel hymn which we used to sing, "Nothing But Leaves," is only figuratively true. We must also not regard any other than the symbolical meaning in the lesson of the figtree which boasted a display of foliage and failed to show the fruit. As a matter of fact, the leaf is probably the most important part of the plant. So we had better take recourse to scriptural statements such as those in the psalms, where the godly man is likened to "a tree whose leaf shall not wither," and the righteous is said to "flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon." We also need to be mindful of the apocalyptic tree of life by the crystal stream whose "leaves are for the healing of the nations."

Our naked eye can detect some of the industrial devices of the leaf. Such, for instance, are the leaf-scars on last year's stems, especially of large-leaved perennials, where the old fibrovascular bundles end in little dark dots, the new connection of these arteries of supply between root and foliage having been made with the appearing leaf-bud. The petiole or leaf-stem continues this system of capillary tubes, and it is seen to separate into ribs and veins on the underside of the leaf-blade. But what is where the power of penetration forsake. Our naked eye and we must resort to the help of a microscope for further scrutiny into the marvelous chemical laboratory and light-motor industry of the plant.

The Silent But Mighty Activity of Leaves

Myriads, yes, millions, of infinitesimal stomata, or little mouths, are observable in the lower thin layer of the leaf. They emit the superfluous moisture brought up from the soil by means of roots and stem and take in from the air the necessary supply of carbon dioxide. These little mouths close and open automatically at the opportune moment and have very little to say besides faithfully fulfilling their double duty of intake and outlet, of purifying and moistening the air by transportation, of supplying the microscopic manufacturing establishment with indispensable raw material which is not provided by the earth. They certainly are very busy. For

The imagery and scenic depiction of this article which is the third of a series on "Christian Lessons from Plant Life" by Professor Meyer will certainly open the eyes of the reader to the beauty as well as the spiritual message of God's perfect creation.

every pound of weight put on by the plant about three to eight hundred pounds of water have to be brought up from the soil. Little wonder that the seven hundred thousand leaves of a good-sized oak are figured to transpire about 180 gallons of water a day; a six foot sunflower plant its daily quart; while an acre of cabbage heads average some two million quarts of transpired moisture during the four summer months! That is activity with silent determination. We hear no suction pump and no sputtering of engine, but only the simple everyday fulfillment of duty is observable in the quietude of astounding results.

The Industrial Establishment of the Plant

As we use our microscope again to examine a cross section of the leaf-blade we find that there are layers of spongy tissue for the storing of food material, that sugar is being converted into starch by dropping a molecule of water, and that starch is being turned into fluid sugar for purpose of transportation to other storehouses of the plant in stem and root and like ingenious performances. Above all there are cells containing the so-called chlorophyll or the all important green coloring matter of plants, which alone is susceptible to the energizing rays of sunlight, and thus supplies the power for the establishment. This, in a very true sense, is "power from on high" or the transmission of heavenly energies through an agency hungering for light. Just note how the plant satisfies its hungering for light by endeavoring to give every single leaf a place in the sun, an opportunity which will best promote its designated occupation. No high school lad, I'll wager, could with all his maths place 700,000 oak leaves around a single stem so that each of the green blades enjoyed the bliss of being kissed by sunlight! The plants without a murmur solve the problem. They solve it in a multitude of ways that cannot here be enumerated.

"Photosynthesis" is what we call the process of manufacturing sugar and starch in the air and sunlight. But that and the preciously mentioned process of transpiration are not the only functions of the leaf. There is the leaf's further duty of breathing, of respiration, of energies, of keeping life's flame and fire aglow by the intake of oxygen. The leaf also has the task of assimilation and the production of proteid nutriment by taking the sulphates and phosphates and nitrates brought up in the water from the soil and combining them with the carbohydrates of the leaf, a chemical-miracle which man has thus far vainly tried to perform. Finally, of course, the leaf aids in digestion, a ferment, called "diastase," being formed at night to help dissolve the starch into sugar. Yes, and there are even con-

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A Panorama of the Northern Baptist Convention

By the REV. H. FREDERICK HOOPS

Colorado Springs, in the region of Pike's Peak, "the Sentinel of the Rockies," which for more than half a century has been a point of pilgrimage for the tourist and sightseer, became the place of rendezvous and convocation of the Northern Baptist Convention from June 20 to 25. The municipal auditorium with its modern equipment and fine furnishings is granted gratuitously by Colorado Springs for the use of all conventions and charitable affairs held within the city.

The setting of the opening session was so unique that the writer cannot refrain from giving a somewhat detailed description of it. Picture an auditorium with a seating capacity of about 3,300 distributed over the area of the building's interior with room for 1300 persons on the main floor and for 1000 others in two tiers of boxes and balcony and possibly seats for 1000 more persons in the gallery surrounding both sides and the rear of the auditorium. In the indefinable atmosphere of so great a gathering of praying and planning and practicing Baptists facing the platform with its beautiful scenic setting of forest and flora, with a towering mountain in the background and in the immediate perspective a sunlit plaza, from where the president, officials and speakers, missionary and dramatization groups of the convention were seen and heard during its momentous sessions, the convention was held. The entire scene was framed, as it were, by the orbed lattice-work covering the space provided for a large organ. All this was draped in a gold brocaded, crimson plush curtain at the top of which was the convention motto in bold relief and always in full sight of the vast audience, "I AM RE-CREATING ALL THINGS," Rev. 21:5. Just above this convention motto, permanently embedded in a scroll-like oval upon the upper facade of the stage and, as I think, only noticed by a very few of the eager and thronging auditors was a significant inscription in Latin letters, namely, "For the Use of the citizens and the Beautification of the City."

More than 1700 delegates and visitors had already registered by early afternoon of the first day of the convention, which registration grew until toward the end of the convention the record was as follows: 639 ministers, 825 laymen and 756 visitors making a total of 2,220 registrations besides a thousand members of the delegates' families and other friends who had not registered but who were also attendants at the sessions.

Dr. John H. Skeen, the genial chairman of the committee on arrangements and the beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church of Colorado Springs, warmly welcomed the convention in the name of the great West and in the name of his great church to a great fellowship in a

great service of the King Eternal in the face of a great task with a faith in a great God.

The keynote address by the Rev. Avery Shaw, the president of the Northern Baptist Convention and president of Denison University, based on the text in Revelation 21:5 as given in the Weymouth translation, "I am re-creating all things," was a ringing challenge to the denomination to enlarge its ideas and to adopt the Christian ethico-social program as embodied in the report of the commission on social action.

The larger attendance and greater interest of the laymen and the young people of the churches was marked. A good deal might be said concerning their expression of loyalty and aggressiveness in the cause of Christ. What was true of the laymen and the young people was even more true of the women of the denomination, whose activities for the advancement of the manifold missionary and educational enterprises of the churches and of the convention were blessedly marked and in evidence everywhere. When the young people, the laymen and the women attend the national gatherings and take hold of denominational projects, there will be a new era and a greater day for Baptist affairs.

The convention thunderously turned thumbs down on the controversial proposal to merge the four mission societies into two bodies. Stirring challenges to Baptists to adjust their work in foreign and home missions were hurled by missionary leaders to the delegates of the convention. Picking up their cue from the convention keynote, leaders of our missionary work pleaded for missionary cooperation in the so-called "new deal" of Northern Baptists. At the same time the laymen of the convention went into an early morning session to discuss the recommendation of the Christian Social Action Commission proposing church activity to combat un-Christian elements in social, political, economic and international fields. The "Red Program" raised by a delegate from California, who distributed pamphlets that stirred the meeting, was constructively counteracted by the contenders for the Christian social action plan who asserted that "there is not an iota of communistic doctrine in the report—either in reality or by implication."

Sunday, June 23, was especially sacred in the convention services. At 6:15 in the morning an impressively beautiful and challenging sunrise service, attended by more than two thousand persons, was held in "the Garden of the Gods." Dr. D. J. Evans of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., gave the stirring address which contributed something to the convention which no one can put into writing. Dr. George A. Clarke, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist

Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., preached a great convention sermon on the theme, "The Pioneer," using as his text: "Ye killed the Pioneer of life whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses" (Acts 3:15—Moffatt's translation). Missionary delegates from other lands spoke at the Sunday afternoon session. On Sunday evening there were two wonderful addresses by two notable men. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, England, spoke on "The Outlook of the Baptist World Fellowship" and Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas, Texas, on "Re-creating the Convictions of Christian Missions."

Monday of the convention will be memorable as the day when the threatened Baptist schism faded into amity, and the social action report, with certain controversial points stricken out, was acted upon and accepted. Although the report was received and not approved as such, it does mark a decided advance in the policy of the Baptist denomination. It does point a way since it directs the attention of Baptists to the fact that something should and must be done to make the social order more effectively Christian.

The climax of the convention came at the closing session on Tuesday evening, June 25, with the commissioning of 37 missionaries, some of whom are already in their fields of service and others to be sent shortly to mission fields under the auspices of Baptist boards, and the communion service, which was the first ever held at a Northern Baptist Convention. Dr. J. H. Skeen, Dr. A. A. Shaw, the retiring president, and Dr. James H. Franklin, the president-elect of the Northern Baptist Convention, served at the Lord's Table assisted by a corps of deacons and selected men from the First Baptist Church of Colorado Springs. What beautiful memories we shall carry with us from that most sacred of all services! How inspiring this solemn covenant of fellowship with Christ Jesus and with one another as fellow followers of Him must have been for those who were privileged partners and ordained witnesses to go out into fields at home and abroad to preach the gospel to every creature! A new missionary is being sent into almost every foreign field in which during recent years Baptists have found it necessary to retreat. It was a stirring experience on that evening which culminated in the familiar farewell hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The great convention of Northern Baptists at Colorado Springs, Colo., has come and gone but its wonderful influence and impetus will abide and abound in all our churches to the end that the Father's Kingdom may come and his "will be done on earth as it is done in heaven."

Life Supreme

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

SYNOPSIS

(Margaret Worthington graduated from college and returned to her home in the little town of Forestville. She felt uncomfortable and ill at ease in that home with the many members of the family getting on her nerves and the joy of her father as a minister of the gospel among these country people a great mystery to her. On the occasion of a party on her birthday, her brother, Bob, surprised everyone by relating the latest news that Forestville was to have a hospital. Soon thereafter Margaret heard that she had been picked up as a forelorn waif from the streets of New York City by those whom she now called Daddy and Mother Worthington. A noticeable change came over Margaret. She began to think of helping people, planning for the hospital and most recently attempting to organize "a Home Making Club" for the girls and women of Forestville. The hospital was completed, and Margaret joined its enthusiastic friends in trying to raise the necessary funds for the equipment and furnishings. She thought of Mr. Walters, the town miser, as a prospective donor to the hospital and called on him. But the visit seemed to have been in vain. She did invite him, however, to the opening festivities on the following evening.)

CHAPTER FOUR

She decided to stop in at the hospital on her way home. It would be out of her way, but she wanted to see it now it was completed and before it was in use. How wonderful it looked to her! And indeed it was to be wonderful, for wasn't it a haven of health to the sick and dying? After all, it was for this she had humiliated herself, and she had done all she could, so she need not be ashamed. As she went up the walk toward the entrance of the building, she met Dr. Jeffers coming out.

"On your way to the Hollow?" he asked jokingly.

"No," she answered him, "I'm on my way back."

"Oh?" Margaret smiled at the expectation and curiosity expressed in that one word and said, "I'm sorry, but he didn't say a thing. Most of the time he acted as if he didn't even know I was there and wasn't hearing a thing I said. But I invited him to the celebration tomorrow night."

"Did you?" laughed the Young Doc. "Oh well, why worry? It'll all turn out all right. See if it doesn't!"

"I surely hope so! Any objections if I go in and look around a bit?"

"Of course not. By all means go on in and inspect the place. You certainly are entitled to that privilege after all

you have done to help make it possible, and please remember it isn't *my* hospital. It belongs to all of us, to everyone who needs it."

Margaret entered the building quietly, and stepped softly as she walked down the corridor, for it nearly seemed to her that he was stepping on holy ground. It was queer how different one felt about any project or anything when one had a part in it. She must look into each room, only half of which were furnished. After having looked the entire building over thoroughly, she decided to step into the office, where the group had often met before to discuss plans and rest a bit before starting home. She went to the large window that faced the street and seated herself on the spacious windowsill, gazing at the scene below. She was soon lost in her thoughts. She sat there planning and dreaming. Perhaps work had picked up in the cities by now, and she would soon go back to civilization. She sighed deeply and thought it would be like a breath of fresh air to live there again after a year of seclusion here. She would earn much money, then she could donate huge sums to the hospital and any other cause that the leaders of Forestville decided to sponsor. She would also be able to repay her parents for that which they had done for her. She did not dwell long on this thought, for the remembrance of her life story always awoke unpleasant memories and rebellious thoughts toward her parents. It wouldn't be long now and she could leave again for the world and go back to life.

"A penny for your thoughts!" came the unmistakable voice of Jack White from the doorway. Margaret frowned and grimaced down upon the street. She resented this intrusion, and anyway she never particularly craved the companionship of Jack White. Of course he was a gentleman, and he was wealthy and he held many of the same views which Margaret held secretly, but there was something about him that she did not like. She was glad the building was finished and he would not be needed anymore. He could go back to his friends, and Margaret fervently hoped he would stay there.

"Day dreaming?" he asked as he advanced. "You haven't been building any more hospitals, have you? Or are you engaged in some other worthy cause?" He laughed softly, and continued, "The little Angel of Forest County!"

Margaret flushed and rose to go, as she sensed impending danger. But Jack stopped her, and turning toward the window said, "It's raining, my dear. You can't go now. Sit down and have a

little chat with me. I haven't seen you for ever so long, and after a while I'll take you home in my car."

True enough it was raining, really pouring. How strange that she had not noticed it! Was it possible that she had been thinking so hard that she did not even notice a thing like that? And of course it would be foolish to attempt to go home in that rain. She must wait until it stopped or at least lessened. There was nothing she could do about it, so she sought out the only comfortable chair in the room and prepared herself to listen to Jack for the time being. Not that she would really listen to all he said. She very seldom did that as it was only a waste of time. She would try to think up some argument to present to Granny Spikes in behalf of Jimmy's welfare, while Jack spoke to her today. Then suddenly he was at her side. "Margaret," he said, "I've been waiting to ask you something for days. But you're always so busy that I've never been able to speak to you alone lately, but now the time has come. You know I'm going to leave soon, and there is no time to waste," and he asked that "something" without wasting a second.

At first Margaret was angered at his presumption. Surely she had never encouraged his affections. "Please, dear, won't you consider it?" he pleaded. Evidently he was winding up his speech. Margaret did not wait to find out whether he had finished. "No, never!" she told him.

"But, my dear," he insisted, "think who you will be! Everyone in New York knows me and you will be my wife! You shall have everything. All I have shall be yours. You shall serve tea to the cream of society—"

"Instead of to the societies of Forestville!" Margaret interrupted him.

He seemed not to hear. "You shall discuss art and literature with them—"

"Instead of how to raise money for the hospital!"

Jack frowned slightly, but he kept on. "You shall tread only upon flowery paths and visit all the beauty spots of the earth, bright New York, gay Paree, all are yours for the asking, my dear!"

"All that in place of walking dusty roads trying to help people, nearly begging for money, carrying cookies over to little Jimmy, sitting up all night with old Aunt Lena, rescuing colicky babies, trying—"

"That's exactly what I mean," said Jack White enthusiastically, thinking she was beginning to understand him. "That's just what I mean, dear. Why waste your life among these ungrateful people, this scum—"

Here Margaret flushed crimson, for that word had hit a peculiarly sore spot in her heart. She rose and faced him squarely. "Thank you, but I would never consider it! I belong here, I belong to this scum. I'm a part of it," she finished bravely and fled from the room, out into the pouring rain, as if she were fleeing from eternal damnation, leaving Jack White standing in the office, very much surprised and his dignity not a little wounded.

Out in the rain she quickly realized that she must seek immediate shelter. She glanced about her and headed for the village grocery, only to come into sudden and unexpected contact with the Mr. James, director of the Forestville school, which the children of the village and entire county attended. That is, they went when the roads and the weather permitted them to do so, and the smaller ones who lived in the farthest corners of the county usually went only when they had opportunity to ride, which of course was very seldom.

"You're just the person I want to see," began Mr. James before Margaret had a chance to apologize. "Come here in the milk station till it stops raining," and he led her into the nearest building.

The milk station was having a lull in business. A few farmers were seated on available boxes and empty milk cans, waiting for the rain to lessen before they went their various ways. Mr. James led Margaret to the rear of the building where, as he explained to her, they could talk business without being disturbed. A chair was provided for her, while he leaned against the counter, and Margaret prepared herself to listen to the second speech within an hour, prepared especially for her benefit.

Mr. James hemmed and hawed about for a minute. Then he finally came out with the question on his mind and asked Margaret if she would consider teaching the Forestville school for the next school year.

This again was something unexpected and Margaret was unable to answer immediately. Mr. James, who had not been sure how she would accept the offer in the first place, immediately continued to explain, "You see, Miss Worthington," he said, "Mr. Jacques, that's the one that's been teaching the school for the last fifteen years, well, he don't want to teach any more. Sez he's gittin' to be too old. He sez fer the school board to ask you. He sez as you'd know more than he does anyhow. So we talked it over and thought as how it would be a good idea. But o'course ef you've made different plans, jist say so, jist say so. There warn't no harm in asking you, was there?"

Margaret's brain had been working fast while Mr. James spoke. Some strange new idea had occurred to her, and she answered him hastily before she should change her mind. "Of course there is no harm in asking, Mr. James. I'm glad you did. I couldn't think of anything I'd like better than to teach the school for next year!" and she was greatly sur-

prised to discover that she meant every word she said. What a wonderful opportunity she would have to help these people now!

Mr. James was immensely pleased and they launched into a discussion of wages and other important factors before the contract should be signed. Margaret was to receive the astounding salary of thirty dollars per month, as long as the funds held out. Then she volunteered to run the school without wages if they would only provide fuel, and this they could easily do, as there was plenty of wood available. She went up a few notches in the estimation of Mr. James after this suggestion. He observed to his wife at the supper table that night that the "pricher's girl" was even nicer than he had thought. It was arranged that Margaret should attend a meeting of the school board the following Saturday night, where she would officially sign her contract.

The rain had ceased and Margaret hastened home, bubbling over with the news of her latest decision. It seemed to her the most important decision she had ever made in her life, and somehow she felt very happy. When she neared her home, Jerry and Ardith and Sport, the pet dog, all came bounding out to meet her. In the house Peter was practicing "Home, Sweet Home," and playing it splendidly. Bob was working in a field close to the road and he waved and called gayly to her. From out of the house a delicious aroma of newly baked bread came. It was all so beautiful, so wonderful,—this her home and her family. But here a dark thought struck her. It was not *her* home, for she was merely a poor waif who had found shelter there! But after all since her parents had seen fit to give her away she was thankful that she had been given to this family. That was the only pleasant thing about the entire business. Oh! why worry about it? Why should she spoil her present happiness by thinking of it? She would forget it. That is, she would try to forget it if she possibly could, at least for the time being.

She could hardly wait till her opportunity came to tell them of her plans. Her parents seemed quite surprised and her father looked worried.

"Don't you like my plans, Mother and Daddy?" she asked, noticing that something was wrong.

"Of course, dear, we're satisfied if you are *sure* you want to do this. But Mother and I want you to be perfectly happy and not to do things merely because you think we would like you to do them. We want you to do the things that will make you happiest. Everyone is entitled to live their own lives."

"But I will enjoy it! I will be happy doing this, don't you see? I'll admit at first I did them because I wanted to please you, but now I'll really enjoy doing them."

"I'm sure your mother and I won't have any objections at all, if, as I said before, you are sure of your decision and if you are sure your enthusiasm will last.

Teaching school here won't be as pleasant as it would be to teach a modern and well equipped school. Besides thirty dollars isn't very much, you know!"

"I won't need more here, will I? That will be all I need, that is, unless— Maybe I had better not take it after all. I—I guess maybe I'd better try getting a job in the city and start paying you and Mother back for what it cost to raise me."

"That will do, my dear! When you speak like that you only hurt your mother and me. Parents never want to be payed back in terms of money or in any other terms. If their children become wealthy or are in any way able to help them financially, they surely will be grateful, but as for paying them back, that is out of the question. You seem to forget, dear, that you are our daughter now."

"I'm sorry, Daddy and Mother. I didn't mean to hurt you. I understand what you mean, and now I know that I shall be happy to work here and I know that my enthusiasm will last. You see, I forgot to tell you that, ah, that Jack, er, well, he wanted me to marry him and he offered me all the happiness money could buy. I could have large sums to give to charity also, but somehow when he asked that I suddenly realized that it wasn't really so much Jack that I hated as it was that which he stands for. I would never be happy to give only money to charity. There is much more pleasure in giving oneself to needy humanity. If he hadn't said anything I might have gone on believing that I would never be happy here, but he did say it and I realized that I would never be truly happy anywhere else. Some people can't give of themselves and so it is all right for them to give money, but I can give myself and I want to. You two have taught me the secret of life, love and service, and to live is to be happy."

"Then we are glad, my dear," said Mrs. Worthington. "There can be no greater gift than that of happiness, and life without it is not really life but only an existence. We hope you will never regret your decision, and that you will never lose hold on life and happiness."

No one asked about her success at Mr. Walters, for they all seemed already to know how the visit had turned out. Margaret herself did not mention it either since more important questions and ideas kept coming up in her mind, and she talked little that day as she thought them over.

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The next evening found the entire Worthington family all in a bustle, preparing to leave for "the doings" at the hospital. They were having some difficulty in trying to find room in the family car when Stanley drove in and suggested that he believed he had room for at least one more, since they seemed to be so crowded. Bob grinned and said, "O. K., Stan. You can take Margaret. We don't seem to have room for her," and so saying he slammed the door and drove off.

(To Be Continued)

Beginning the Day

A Scripture Passage and Meditation for Spiritual Progress

By the REV. C. H. EDINGER

OF KYLE, TEXAS

Saturday, July 20

Our Citizenship is in Heaven

"For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Phil. 3:20.

(Read Philippians 3:20-21)

In contrast to those who walk as enemies of the cross, the true Christian must walk in a heavenly life. He is really "a Citizen of Heaven" who for the time being must live in a foreign land. But as a foreigner he is noticed by the natives. They watch his daily life and behavior. They even judge his whole country by his conduct. A writer of the second century wrote: "Christians, as dwellers, are on earth; as citizens, in heaven." What impressions are we making on our surroundings? Are we advertising our Lord's Kingdom in a proper way? Is our daily life a testimony for Christ?

"Lord, help us to walk worthy of thee, that we may be true citizens of the Kingdom."

Sunday, July 21

Rejoice in the Lord

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice." Phil. 4:4.

(Read Philippians 4:1-4)

Christianity is not a religion of gloom, as some would have us believe, but a religion of real joy. We cannot have this joy in the Lord, however, unless our hearts are right with our fellow-Christians. It appears that in Philippi there were two prominent women in the church who did not live in Christian unity. "I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord." Nothing will so readily destroy our joy in the Lord and peace in Christ, than the disruption of our Christian fellowship through some misunderstanding. Let us be more careful in our daily walk, and we shall have more joy in our religion.

"Lord, grant us thy joy and peace as we face again the problems of today."

Monday, July 22

The Peace of God

"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." Phil. 4:7.

(Read Philippians 4:5-9)

This well known benediction is repeated over and over again throughout Christendom. It is a prayer-wish of the apostle. How can this wish come true? Our passage mentions a few things which we must observe, if we are to have this peace of God. Let us look at a few: "Let your moderation be known unto all men." Remember, "the Lord is at hand."

Straight and clean thinking are needed. (Verses 8, 9.) "Those things which ye have both learned and received, and heard and seen in me do: and the peace of God be with you." Let not the care of the world control your heart and mind, but in prayer and thanksgiving let us make all our requests known unto the Lord.

"O, Lord, let thy blessed peace, that passeth understanding, fill my heart again today."

Tuesday, July 23

Victory Over Anxious Care

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

(Read Philippians 4:10-18)

The church at Philippi had sent through Epaphroditus a gift of love to the imprisoned Paul. He had been in need and the gift gladdened the heart of Paul, because it revealed again the love of the Christians at Philippi. It was a new evidence of their Christian fellowship. Paul did not require much of these earthly goods, which often are such a burden to Christians. He could do all things through Christ. He could suffer want and have plenty. We learn here that if we support the work of God's kingdom with our material possessions, we not only relieve real need and cause the hearts of God's children to rejoice, but our own hearts and lives will be richly blessed.

"Lord, help me today to cast all my cares upon thee."

Wednesday, July 24

Unlimited Resources

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19.

(Read Philippians 4:19-23)

What a wonderful promise do we find at the end of this letter! God will supply all your need, not in a beggarly way, but in the riches of Christ Jesus. We shall not get all we want but all we really need. Let us live very close to Christ, that his real presence may make us strong in suffering and difficulties. If we have Christ, we have all that we need for time and eternity. All our need will be supplied by him and through him.

"Lord, give me the desire today to live in thy fellowship, that my longing may not be for earthly goods but for the spiritual things that will really satisfy my heart."

Thursday, July 25

Faith, Love, Hope

"Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all saints, for the hope that is laid up for you in heaven." Col. 1:4, 5.

(Read Colossians 1:1-8)

The letter to the Colossians like that to the Philippians was written in prison by Paul. In our text verse three foundation pillars of our Christian religion are mentioned, namely, "faith in Christ Jesus," "love which ye have to all the saints," and "hope that is laid up in heaven." It was hope in heaven, this faith in Christ, and this love for his fellow Christians which kept up the courage of Paul. Instead of lamenting his fate, he was an inspiration to all that came in contact with him. Even today his letters are a blessing to millions, because he was true to his calling.

"Lord, help me today to have faith in God and to live thy cause and to have this eternal hope, that all this is ours only through thee."

Friday, July 26

Paul's Prayer for the Christians

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you." Col. 1:9.

(Read Colossians 1:9-14)

Paul was a man of prayer. Even as he was writing this letter, a prayer for his friends at Colosse came to his mind and heart and is here recorded through the Holy Spirit. What is he praying for? "That they might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual undertaking." "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord . . . be fruitful." That they might be strong in the Lord "unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness."

How rich a prayer life! How deep his insight and understanding for the spiritual need of the Church, but also what a wonderful understanding of the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ!

"Lord, make us more sympathetic toward the need of those about us and give us more insight into thy love toward us!"

Saturday, July 27

A Word Picture of Christ

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature." Col. 1:15-19.

(Read Colossians 1:15-19)

Great artists have tried in vain to give us a true picture of our Lord Jesus. At best they are reproductions of their own imaginations. But in these verses we have a word picture of our Lord that is supreme. He is "the image of the invisible God." We recall that Jesus said to Philip: "He that seeth me hath seen the Father. I am in the Father and the Father is in me." "He is the firstborn of every creature." But he himself is not a creature but is the Creator. "All things were created by him and for him."

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Sunday, July 28

The Work of Christ

"And having made peace through the blood of the cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself." Col. 1:20.

(Read Colossians 1:20-23)

Not only do we have an inspiring picture of Christ in this letter but also a wonderful description of his work of redemption. He established peace through the blood of his cross. By him we are reconciled unto himself. We had sinned. We were enemies of God. But now through the cross of Christ the sinner can have salvation through faith. He wants to "present you holy and unblamable and unprovable in his sight." On what condition? "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard."

"O God, help us to be so grounded in the faith, that the work of Christ may be fully completed in our hearts."

Monday, July 29

Christ in You the Hope of Glory

"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:27.

(Read Colossians 1:24-29)

The word "mystery" appears twice in our passage. But it is a mystery that is now revealed and explained. It is the fact that Christ, the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world, wants to dwell in us and to live in our daily lives. Just think of the honor that comes to a true child of God! It is to be a temple in which Christ through his Spirit wants to abide. Christ in you! This then is "the hope of glory," a hope that rests on the redeeming work of Christ, that feeds on his daily presence, that finds its aim and goal in the coming of the King in his glory.

"Make us a fit abode for Christ, that he may live in us and through us; and never may he have to say to us: 'I stand at the door and knock.'"

Tuesday, July 30

Walk Ye in Him

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus, the Lord, so walk ye in him." Col. 2:6.

(Read Colossians 2:1-7)

Surely, if Christ our Lord is willing to dwell in us, we should be more than willing to walk with him. The result of such a walk with Christ would be that we be "rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, abounding therein with thanksgiving." This walk with Christ is an act of faith. In the early beginning of the human race we read of two men that they walked with God. Both of them, Enoch and Noah, are spoken of in the New Testament as men of faith.

"Lord, give us this faith, that we today may walk in and through Christ."

Wednesday, July 31

The Christian, a Tabernacle of God

"For in him (Christ) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." Col. 2:9.

(Read Colossians 2:8-17)

My dear reader, will you not just pause a moment and recall the thought, that Christ wants to dwell in us? Are you able fully to realize that through Christ God wants to live in us? Sometimes we may sing thoughtlessly, "What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my heart." Has Jesus really come into our hearts? If God is in Christ, then we took God into our heart and life! God is in us through Jesus Christ! The thought is too deep for our finite minds to grasp, but thanks be to God, we can accept it in faith. How it humbles our proud hearts! We should hate sin with all our heart and live the new life in Christ. It is well for us the recall to our minds that at our baptism we made a confession before God and man, that we were dead to the world and that we want to live a new life with Christ. We died with him; now let us live for him. Have we kept that pledge?

"Make me a worthy temple of God through Jesus Christ."

Thursday, August 1

Warning Against False Doctrine

"Let no man beguile you of your reward." Col. 2:18.

(Read Colossians 2:18-23)

Even in the early days of the church false teachings appeared. Men began to lay stress on the meritorious work of angels and men, and thereby they were taking away the glory of Christ. Not in observance of some ordinance or law are we such who are pleasing to God, but through the faith which alone trusts the work of Christ on the cross! Not ritualism but a vital communion with a living Christ is what is necessary for each one of us.

"Let that holy Word be my teacher, that I may not lose my way and be ensnared by some false doctrine of the Evil One."

Friday, August 2

Union With Christ

"For ye are dead, and your life is with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." Col. 3:3, 4.

(Read Colossians 3:1-16)

If there is to be real union with Christ, certain conditions must be fulfilled. We must have died with Christ; we must also be risen with Christ to a new life. Again the picture of our baptism comes to our minds. The result of this union will be that we will "seek those things that are above." We notice also that we are told that this union with Christ will result in a clean life. We must hate sin. But we must put on the robe of righteousness. (Verses 12-14.) This robe does not consist of material produced by our selfish nature but of the fruit of the

Spirit which results in a clean and strong Christian character. Then the peace of God can rule in our hearts, and the word of Christ will dwell in us and guide us in all our problems of life.

"Let nothing mar this union between us and thee and help us to be purer and happier in thy service."

Saturday, August 3

The Christian Household

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Col. 3:17.

(Read Colossians 3:17-4:6)

The home is the foundation of our civilization. Destroy the home and civilization must go. The Christian home is certainly a main support of the Christian Church. We cannot conceive of a Christian church without a Christian home. It seems as if in our modern times Satan is working systematically to lessen the influence of the home. We hear the cry that the home is breaking up. If this is true, then there is real danger ahead. Someone has well said: "It takes a heap o' livin' to make of a house a home." We would say: "It takes a heap o' real Christian living to make our homes more Christian." How can we have this Christian home? You notice in our Scripture lesson that the whole family must help along. We read of wives, husbands, children, fathers, servants and masters. If all these recognize their duty toward the Lord and toward each other, then we will solve not only the problem of the home but the great social problems of our country and of the world as well.

"Help us to make our home a blessing to all who may come in contact with it today."

Sunday, August 4

Christian Fellowship

"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." Col. 4:12.

(Read Colossians 4:7-18)

Although shut up in prison, the apostle and his companions were in Christian fellowship with the churches and throughout the land. Letters and messages were exchanged, but the real secret was the fellowship of prayer. Paul prayed for the churches and the Christians were praying for him. We may be far from our loved ones, but we may have fellowship with them by writing and receiving letters. And let us not forget to pray for one another. In this way we may have Christian fellowship, not only with our near relatives and friends, but with all our brothers and sisters in Christ in our churches, yes, in all the world. By having fellowship with Christ in prayer, we can be of some help to our fellow Christians. Let us pray more for each other.

"Let us not be selfish in our prayers, Lord, but help us to pray for others."

Apples of Gold

By the Rev. O. E. Krueger

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Moderator of the General
Conference

"Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in baskets of silver." Whether a man is proposing to his sweetheart or criticising his wife, he should exercise care in the choice of words. Even when giving unsolicited advice we should aim at the golden standard.

At Milwaukee we created a council called "The General Council" which is to function as a clearing house of advice. Human experience reveals the strange fact that there are always more people ready to give than to receive advice. The General Council is to receive and give. By this process of give-and-take it is hoped to effect a closer coordination of the several branches of our denominational work. All matters of policy are to be referred to this council.

"In the multitudes of counsellors there is wisdom." The General Council does not claim universality of knowledge nor claim infallibility of wisdom and is therefore ready to listen to golden advice from any one of the 36,078 people who constitute our membership. By golden advice we mean constructive criticism upon any phase of our entire work. Let such golden advice be sent in to our executive secretary. He can then have it duplicated, sending every member of the council a copy for personal study. When we meet in Forest Park we can pool our findings and formulate our recommendations and forward "our golden apples in baskets of silver" to the various cooperating organizations. Any radical changes of policy would of course need to wait for action on the part of the General Conference.

The Industrial Life of Plants

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trivances in the leaves of certain plants to catch insects alive and use them for food!

Why weary the reader with a recital of these biological facts, into the details of which we here cannot enter? Let this, which so hurriedly has been indicated, suffice to assure us that, if the good and godly man is "like a tree whose leaf shall not wither," he has quite an important task to perform in society. The industrial life of the plant preaches an impressive sermon to him on "Every-day Christianity," on "Uninterrupted Usefulness," on "Working in the Sunlight of God's Grace," on "Labor with the Ease of Conformity to the Highest Will," or however else we may be inclined to caption the heartening message of the still, small voice in the leaf. This will help us to sing "Nothing but leaves" with quite a different meaning, and praise Him who made the green foliage so wondrously useful and would use us in equally important service.

Pacific Conference

THE CALIFORNIA Y. P. AND S. S.
WORKERS' UNION IN ANAHEIM,
JULY 24 TO 28

The annual conference of the California Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union to be held in Anaheim from July 24 to 28 promises to be one of the finest ever held. The theme will be "In the Service of the King" and the theme song, "I Am Happy in the Service of the King."

Prof. Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., will be the guest minister. He will speak on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and at the Sunday services on the respective themes: "The King's Service," "Are You on the Job?," "Der Adel des Dienstes" and "Meet for the Master's Use." On the opening evening the welcome messages will be given and the roll call held besides the keynote address.

The devotional periods will be led by Gerhard Stabbert, Evelyn Wedel and Paul Leuschner. On Thursday morning, July 25, the several young people's societies will consider various phases of "Christian Service of the Young People" including "The Call for Service," "Cooperation in Service," and "The Reward for Service." The afternoons will be devoted to recreation.

The Sunday School work will be considered by the visiting ministers, the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, F. E. Klein, K. Feldmeth and F. J. Reichle on Friday morning. The Rev. G. E. Lohr of Lodi, Calif., will bring the evening message on Friday. The Rev. C. Auch and H. Penner will bring addresses of timely significance to young people on Saturday morning. The Sunday afternoon literary program at the installation of the new officers promises to be exceedingly interesting.

The B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School of the Anaheim church extend a cordial invitation to all who can attend the conference to do so and to make reservations as soon as possible in writing to the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, 310 S. Lemon Street, Anaheim, Calif.

BOOSTER RALLY FOR CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Three Southern California B. Y. P. U. societies enjoyed a rally banquet on the evening of May 21 in the First Church of Los Angeles for the purpose of arousing interest in the coming California young people's conference. Miss Theo Wuttke, president of the local society, presided.

The activities of the evening were begun by Norman Dierks who led the group in a good song service. The Ebenezer Church was well represented by Miss Annabelle Whitmore who gave a reading entitled "My Wedding Day." Mrs. Adele Stabbert and Miss Lois Schroeder played a piano duet. Musical numbers were rendered by the Anaheim and Los Angeles Glee Clubs and also by the Ebenezer quartet. Stunts were presented by the Ana-

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heim and Los Angeles groups of young people.

Mr. Herbert Stabbert, president of the Anaheim society, gave a short talk on the plans for the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Conference to be held in Anaheim, July 24 to 28. We are looking forward to the coming conference with eager interest and trust that we shall enjoy the conference hours as much as we enjoyed the hour of this rally. PAUL LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

Central Conference

EASTER CELEBRATION OF THE
"AMITY CLASS," BAY CITY,
MICHIGAN

The great joy of an Easter celebration created in our hearts the desire and enthusiasm for a significant proclamation of Christ's resurrection. How such a proclamation could be carried out through an organization as young as we are proved to be a very difficult task! But our hearts united in prayer and work. Through the fine leadership of Mr. Arthur Shiell we were able to prepare a program of Easter songs, recitations and a dialogue entitled, "The Christ the Children Knew."

Easter with its joy and splendor made its appearance auspiciously in our church in Bay City which was decorated with palms and lilies. The prelude played by Miss Nelda Yonke was accompanied by a procession into the church of a group of 10 consecrated girls with their leader. Quietness and solemnity reigned in full measure. With one accord the audience rose and joyfully sang a hymn of adoration. After the glad tidings of Christ's resurrection were read and the prayer offered, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer introduced the Amity Class and its officers and spoke briefly on the appropriate theme, "The Living, Victorious Christ."

With the assurance of Christ's presence the choir presented in song the message of the eventful days of Christ with his victorious death on the cross. In chorus numbers, duets and solos this message stirred the hearts of the audience. This was followed by that inspiring dialogue, "The Christ the Children Knew," given by a group of children. The program reached its climax when the choir concluded with the song, "Christ Arose."

From the heights of such an achievement inspiration and enthusiasm rolled like rivers of water into our hearts. When the Beaver Baptist Church invited us to repeat the program every one agreed to accept. On April 25, before an audience of about 115, the program was rendered for the second time. On May 8 we repeated the same program in the Methodist Church of Pinconning for the benefit of our Baptist members in that city.

As an expression of gratitude on Mother's Day we presented to every mother present a beautiful rose. To these mothers belong all honor and love and as we rendered two selections every mother was assured of our renewed pledge to her.

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KANKAKEE BAPTIST YOUTH HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

The fourth annual banquet of the young people's society of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., was held on Thursday evening, May 16. The banquet room was beautifully decorated with colored tulips and white and purple lilacs centering around a large model windmill to carry out the general theme of the evening, "Tulip Time."

Mr. Harry X. Cole of Chicago, the speaker of the evening, was introduced by Miss Lois Blatt, toastmistress. Other features of the symphonic program were a welcome by the president, Miss Mildred Nance, spring verse by Evelyn Woodrich, songs by the "melodears," Martha Stewig, Dorothy Lane, Evelyn Woodrich and Helen Stewig, and vocal solo by the minister of the church, the Rev. George Hensel. The guest artist of the evening, Everett Rieke, offered several numbers on the accordion.

Those in charge of arrangements were: Lois Blatt, general chairman; Lilian Hannings and Harry Schilling, program committee; Helen Elam and Dorothy Lane, music; Louise Granthem, Rosemary Fisher, and Marvin Seedorf, decorations; Mae Gernenz und Martha Stewig, menu; Viola Hartz and Roger Beckman, printing; and Albert Gernenz, advertising.

Southwestern Conference

THE NEBRASKA CONVENTION

The churches of the Nebraska Convention accepted the invitation tendered to them by the West Nebraska and Colorado Convention and convened with them at Scotts Bluff, Nebr., from May 23 to 26. All the sessions were introduced by a devotional period led by the brethren. During the convention essays were given by the ministers of the two conventions and in the evenings inspirational messages were brought by the ministers of the various churches.

Sunday afternoon has been set aside for our young people for the last number of years. This year each society was represented either by some member or its minister. A splendid program was therefore presented consisting of dialogues, recitations and a number of musical selections. We were also privileged to hear three short addresses by the following: the Rev. A. Foll, the Rev. J. H. Pankratz, and Mr. H. Ripple.

All those who were present were greatly encouraged through their contacts with one another. We are looking forward to making new acquaintances at Beatrice, Nebr., next fall.

J. J. RENZ, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

MOTHERS' AND DAUGHTERS' BANQUET AT ROCHESTER, N. Y.

The mothers and daughters of the Andrews Street Baptist Church at Rochester, N. Y., spent an enjoyable evening

together on May 2. The program was held in the church dining room at attractively decorated tables. Mrs. H. Dymmel, president of the Ladies' Aid Society, presided. The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Frank Erb, wife of one of the professors of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, who gave a talk appropriate for the occasion. This was followed by a short response from a mother and daughter, Mrs. A. A. Schade and Miss Clara Hamel, teacher and president of the Amity Class, respectively. An impressive candle-light ceremony in which the mothers and daughters pledged themselves "to shed abroad the light of Christ" was helpful and inspirational. Several instrumental and vocal selections completed the program. Refreshments of ice cream and cake served by the Ladies' Aid concluded a pleasant evening.

REPORTER.

Northern Conference

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY IN
SOUTHEY, SASKATCHEWAN

Although we have not reported to "The Baptist Herald" for a long time, the Young People's Society of Southey, Saskatchewan, Canada, is still alive. We reorganized our society in February, 1935, and now have a membership of 16.

We are under the worthy leadership of our president, the Rev. A. Bibelheimer. The society has a well arranged program on every second Sunday evening, in which the members take part. At present we are using the "Young People's Leader" for our programs. We also have devotional meetings and on "Mother's Day" evening we had a special program dedicated to "Our Mothers." This included appropriate musical numbers, songs, recitations and an address by the president.

Our hope and desire is to grow in "wisdom and stature" as young people and to be willing workers in our "Lord's harvest field."

MARY SAUER, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET AT BETHANY CHURCH,
MILWAUKEE

Although our Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis., has been organized over three years, the first "Mother and Daughter Banquet" was not held until May 22 of this year.

There were 95 mothers and daughters who sat down at the prettily decorated tables to partake of the delicious meal, which was served by a group of our men. Every one joined in the singing of the songs which had been typed and embodied in souvenir booklets and listened to the excellent program presided over by Miss Baudisch, missionary of our church. Little girls and older ones, in recitation and in song, paid tributes to our mothers. Plants were presented to the oldest and the youngest mothers present. Miss

Baudisch delivered an able address in the German language, in which she spoke of the characteristics of good mothers. Miss Kathryn Roth, a missionary from Africa, whose mother is a member of our church, spoke in English in a most interesting manner about mothers and daughters of Africa.

Altogether our first "Mother and Daughter Banquet" was a delightful affair. We hope that it will be possible to repeat it next year. REPORTER.

Atlantic Conference

SESSIONS OF THE DELAWARE
ASSOCIATION

"The Delaware Vereinigung" met at Bethlehem, Pa., from May 5 to 8. The Rev. Assaf Husmann prepared the hearts of our people at Bethlehem for the good things that were to follow by his sermons on Sunday. The Rev. E. Wolff, pastor of the Bethlehem Church, warmed our hearts at the first session on Monday afternoon by his friendly welcome. The visiting ministers, the Rev's. John Schmidt and Victor Prendinger, also addressed us.

The Rev. Henry Schnuit, former pastor, after his characteristic introduction brought us on Monday evening a message on "Remember Jesus Christ." Mr. Richard Widmaier opened our vision on Tuesday morning to "the Unseen Helpers" that surround us in our hour of need. The papers that are read and discussed always make our association interesting. The Rev. E. Wolff showed that God's plan was the Kingdom and all things work toward its fulfillment. The Rev. J. H. Pastoret was ill, but he sent his paper which was read by another. "God's Plan For This Dispensation" was the selection of a peculiar people. The Rev. C. Peters discussed "Prophecy and Why Study It?" The Rev. F. P. Kruse's message on "Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before" stirred up things. The Rev. H. G. Kuhl brought a prophetic message on Tuesday evening on "The Seven Red Lamps of Prophecy." On Wednesday morning the Rev. Emil Gruen of the Jewish Mission in Philadelphia brought "Christ Our Glory" to our attention in his devotional message. Mr. Kuhl read a paper on "What is to Become of the Church?" The Rev. Gustav Schmidt pictured the "Millennium" for us in his paper. The Rev. A. Husmann had recovered from a cold and spoke extemporaneously on "The Endowment of the Holy Spirit." The women of the Association had an interesting afternoon with Mrs. Neprasch as speaker who showed us some of the aims of communism in Russia. Mr. Peters brought the Association to a close with a message on "Prophecy and Its Fulfillment." HERMAN G. KUHL, Reporter.

NOTICE!

The August 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald" will feature the many reports which could not be included in this number due to lack of space. Editor.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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just for the effort of applying myself. I believe an avocation can often become a vocation."

Mr. Hilmar Schneider, a beloved member of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., for more than 50 years, the missionary treasurer of the church for many years and honorary vice-president of the Philadelphia Home for the Aged, died after a brief illness on June 12. He was superintendent of the printing house of the American Baptist Publication Society over a long period of years. His radiant faith and friendly disposition endeared him to all who knew him. His loss will be keenly felt in the church and denomination. Last year he celebrated his 75th birthday amidst a shower of hearty greetings by friends and relatives.

The second annual New England Summer Assembly is being held from July 12 to 20 at the German Baptist cottage in Madison, Conn. A large attendance of young people is expected for this institute. The Rev. Reuben P. Jeschke of New Britain is serving as dean. Professor Albert Bretschneider is conducting a course on "A Character Study of the Twelve Apostles," the Rev. G. Friedenberg of Montwese, Conn., on "Worship Services" and "Christian Stewardship" and Mrs. J. Rauscher of Newark, N. J., on "Dramatization and Pageantry." Mr. Vincent Nold, a member of our church in Meriden, Conn., is in charge of the recreational program.

The Rev. J. J. Lucas baptized 6 young persons from Lincoln Valley, a mission station of our church in Anamoose, N. Dak., on Sunday afternoon, June 9, in the nearby Morehead Lake. The Rev. G. Rauser of Martin, N. Dak., brought the message. Mr. Lucas has resigned from the Anamoose church, the resignation to be effective in October. He is retiring from the ministry after a busy and fruitful service in our churches and with his family will move to Salem, Oregon, for a permanent residence. On June 17 and 18 the Rev. M. L. Leuschner had the privilege of addressing large audiences in the English and German languages in the Anamoose church.

Mr. Theodore Koester, a second year student at our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., who has been serving the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., as summer pastor during the Rev. O. E. Krueger's absence, received the unanimous call of the church to become its pastor in September when Brother Krueger begins his work as professor in the seminary. Mr. Koester has accepted the call with eager and enthusiastic spirit. He has had considerable experience while in Rochester as a young people's director in the large Baptist Temple Church. We wish the church and the new pastor in Pittsburgh an abundance of God's blessing for a very happy future.

PRAYER HELPERS

"Take it to the Lord in Prayer"

Bible Teachings on Prayer

"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore, I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:22-24.

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Luke 11:9.

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:13, 14.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you...."

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." John 15:7, 16.

"And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16: 23, 24.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings of eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40:31.

"If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

"Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify me." Psalm 1:15.

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is making a strong appeal to our constituency for reception in every home making use of the English language.

Bed rock was reached in its circulation during the past year. There has been a splendid recovery and the subscription list is headed upward. This condition must be continued for we are still behind the high water mark.

Many who in former years were readers of this publication are cordially invited to return. Many sample copies have gone to specific addresses during the past few weeks. Several hundred have become trial subscribers but more are needed. There are still numbers of our members who should join the circle. We confidently claim the "Herald" gives value received. There is so much in its constitution that compensates the reader. Among many good things we recommend the daily meditations. The "Herald" is meeting an actual need by conducting this department. Every Christian needs to read his Bible daily and intelligently. These notes are illuminating. They are an invaluable asset of the "Herald."

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A CHAT ABOUT BOOKS BY THE EDITOR

The realization of "peace on earth, good-will toward men" is one of the most urgent problems and compelling challenges facing the Christian church of today. The close of the World War found the church well nigh bankrupt because it had stained its hands with the blood of men along with the greedy money-changers. The years since then have resounded with the cries and rumors of impending war with the tragic prospect of a civilization of Christian and pagan alike being buried under that avalanche of such a bloody cataclysm. The Christian church seems to be awakening to its sacred responsibility not only "to preach the gospel to every creature" but also to become "peacemakers" among the races and nations of the world.

RELIGION RENOUNCES WAR

A provocative book on the theme of peace which is indeed an encyclopedia on the subject from the point of view of the Christian church is "Religion Renounces War" by Walter A. Van Kirk (Willett Clark and Co.—\$2.00—1934—254 pages). A little over a year ago a young Baptist minister of Philadelphia startled the ministers of the country by his book, "Preachers Present Arms," in which he showed how the Christian ministers and churches sold out their souls for the fleshpots of narrow patriotism during the war. This book is an answer to that volume and presents a convincing picture, documented by actual data of all kinds, of "a world-wide Christian opinion mobilized for a veritable crusade of peace."

The resolutions of Christian denominations and groups of clergymen on the subject of peace are presented in interesting reading array with this impressive conclusion: "The churches, in the main, have clearly stated that they are no longer to be regarded as allies in the business of killing and maiming humans. The preachers are grounding their arms. They are washing their hands of the blood of their fellows, they are parting company with Caesar."

A chapter is devoted to the statements by religious institutions and individuals on the cause and cure of war. Two chapters on "Churches Demand Drastic Retrenchment of Armaments" and "the Churches' Traffic in Arms" need to be read and the Traffic in Arms" need to be read by everyone who thinks that the Christian Church is silent on this subject of war. The tremendously significant and pertinent question concerning "the rights of conscience" on the part of the would-be citizens, students facing compulsory military training in colleges and conscientious objectors in war is treated with clarity and courage in a lengthy chapter.

This book deserves a place in the reading list of every Christian. You will want to underline its sentences, to quote from its data, to refer to its documents and to feel the crusading passion of its spirit. The Christian church means

business in its determination to blot the cause of war from the face of the earth. Let him who doubts this statement study the pages of this illuminating volume.

THE POWER OF NON-VIOLENCE

One of the finest works of the year for thoughtful readers is "The Power of Non-Violence" by Richard B. Gregg (J. B. Lippincott Company—1934—\$2.50—348 pages). In this volume the theme of pacifism has been given its most detailed and realistic presentation by an interpreter who spent several years with Gandhi in India. Sometime ago I heard Mr. Gregg in a lecture on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania and I found him to be a quiet, unassuming man who is a living embodiment of his words. The faith of the non-resisting pacifist resounds throughout the book. "The basic assumption of these creative men of peace is that their opponents, no matter how forbidding externally, are at bottom decent and have in their hearts at least a spark of good spirit which can eventually be aroused and strengthened into action." The method by which non-resistance works is graphically portrayed in almost every chapter of the book. "Non-violent resistance acts as a sort of moral jiu-jitsu. The victim not only lets the attacker come but, as it were, pulls him forward by kindness, generosity and voluntary suffering, so that the attacker quite loses his moral balance."

The effectiveness of the active love of a pacifist which to the author is always stronger and greater than that of violence is illustrated by actual historic incidents as well as by convincing arguments. The subject of the conscientious objector who is willing to suffer for his ideals is treated lucidly. The closing chapters on the self-discipline of the lover of peace or the non-resister deserves to be studied carefully by every Christian. "The individual prepares himself for non-violent resistance by daily discipline and control of his thoughts, words and small acts. By undergoing this training each person is serving his country far more effectively than by enlisting in the army or navy. The real evil and enemy is within each one of us. That is the place where the real peace movement must begin."

Dr. Rufus M. Jones in his preface says the book is "a fine blend of what is and what ought to be." It is a masterful philosophical interpretation of the subject of pacifism.

IN GOD'S HAND

A fascinating book written by one of our ministers which I can recommend with warm enthusiasm is "In God's Hand" by the Rev. Willy J. Luebeck, pastor of the German Baptist Church at Ashley, N. Dak. (Privately Printed—75 cents paper bound, \$1.10 cloth—174 pages.) The book can be secured through our German Baptist Publication Society

in Cleveland, Ohio. The autobiography is divided into two sections, the first dealing with Mr. Luebeck's trials during the war and the second with his experience as pastor in Germany and America. The entire book has a challenging contemporaneous significance. As a prisoner in a French camp Mr. Luebeck faced the stigma and the horrors of imprisonment, experienced the suffering of torture, jail sentence and possible death because of his conscientious objection to working on Sunday, tried to escape and was recaptured and finally after a nightmare of years returned home. As a pastor of several churches in Germany and Canada he and his family had to experience disappointments, crises and economic distress. Throughout the book the theme of God's guidance, even when not understood, resounds with reassuring faith.

You will read this book through at one sitting with captivated interest. Your understanding of a German soldier's reactions to the war will be deepened. Your admiration for the ministers of the gospel of our German Baptist churches will be heightened. This is a great book of unusual experience, which no one of us would want to undergo, written by one of our ministers with a humble, Christ-like spirit!

HEAVEN HIGH—HELL DEEP

In comparison with Mr. Luebeck's experience in a French prison camp the interested reader may well peruse "Heaven High—Hell Deep" by Norman Archibald, (Albert and Charles Boni, Inc.—1935—\$2.50—350 pages), concerning his experience as an American aviator in a German prison camp. I am especially glad to recommend this book since the author and Waldo Heinrichs, son of Professor J. Heinrichs, who wrote the preface of Mr. Luebeck's book, were close friends. Heinrichs is mentioned several times in the book as "Hendricks" and the experiences of the author and those of Heinrichs as prisoners of the Germans form interesting reading material.

THE ARMS INQUIRY

A pamphlet of unusual value is "The Arms Inquiry" of about thirty pages which may be secured by addressing "The Christian Century Press," 440 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., and enclosing ten cents in stamps or coins. This brochure is the first available publication of the investigation by the U. S. Senate's Nye Committee concerning the armament and munition industry which in the words of investigators is "a racket." In these pages you will read the complete story of the committee's investigations and of the data uncovered until the present date. The reading of the pamphlet will open one's eyes to the most devilish and evil business in the world of today and as such ought to be read and studied by every Christian maintainer of peace!

THE GOSPEL IN BULGARIA

As Pictured Graphically by the Rev. Paul Mischkoff, the Only Traveling Evangelist in Bulgaria, a Missionary Supported by the German Baptists of North America

Bulgaria has been long neglected. A real desire and hunger for God exists among the people. Besides cities and towns, 5645 villages in Bulgaria lie absolutely unevangelized. Constant calls are coming to us for gospel preaching, and more workers are urgently needed. Does it not lie within your power to help and send them the GLAD TIDINGS?

A villager, as soon as he understood that there was a preacher in the neighboring town, walked 26 kilometers on foot from this village to that town to hear the gospel. He was converted, and now he travels on foot from village to village to distribute the Word of God.

A letter has come from an Eastern Orthodox priest asking for Bibles, Testaments and evangelical tracts. He says in his letter: "I have just come to this new place. The village is one of the largest. But the people are very ignorant with regard to spiritual things. I couldn't find a copy of the Bible in the whole village. They told me that they had never seen the cover of the New Testament. They know nothing about the gospel truth. They live in darkness and they die hopelessly without God. I must start a Sunday school at once like yours. I must teach them the Word of God and point them to Jesus Christ. Please send me Bibles,



На пазаря в София Продавач на сирене
Am Markt in Sofia Verkäufer von Schafkäse

A Typical Street Scene in Bulgaria

Once on coming to the town of Bania, I stopped at the market place, and while I was singing some gospel songs, a great crowd gathered around me. I spoke to them of the blessed gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and I told the people they would find the same things I spoke about in the New Testament, of which I had a number of copies with me. A large crowd came near me crying: "Give us a Bible!" At that it began to rain. It was raining harder and harder, but I could not stop, for so many were waiting to get a copy of the Bible or New Testament. They stood in the rain waiting until I told them all the copies which I had were gone. Even in such unfavorable weather, I found that I could have used at last 500 copies of the New Testament at that meeting to satisfy their hunger.

Testaments, tracts and your books. Also send 19 copies of your monthly paper. We shall be very grateful if you can help us in every possible way."

Yes, this part of the Old World certainly needs the light of the gospel. We have 6,000,000 people—Bulgarians, Russians, Armenians, Turks, Jews, Pomaks and Gypsies—in Bulgaria, all speaking and reading the Bulgarian language, awaiting the gospel message. Many appeals have reached us from many villages to send them preachers. Many are daily asking for evangelical literature. We have to answer them that we are unable to send any until the means are provided. Oh, these appeals have caused me many sleepless nights! Is it nothing to you?

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