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“LILIES OF THE FIELD”

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What's Happening

The Rev. Emil Berger, for several years the pastor of our church in Bridgeport, Conn., recently resigned. The resignation is to take effect with the beginning of June, but Mr. Berger will continue for a while as interim pastor until someone can be called to the church.

The Rev. George Hensel of Kankakee, Ill., conducted evangelistic services in the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., during the week of April 1 to 5. Several young people who responded to the invitation were baptized on Easter Sunday by the pastor of the church, the Rev. F. L. Hahn.

Evangelistic services were conducted in the First Church, Los Angeles, Calif., during the Passion Week, April 14 to 19, by the Rev. Harry Transchel, pastor of the Baptist Church in Oxnard, Calif. On Easter Sunday evening the church choir and young people's society had charge of a special Easter service.

The Rev. N. S. Gessner, the assistant to the Rev. F. L. Hahn at the Humboldt Park Baptist Church in Chicago, Ill., has accepted a call to a small church of the Northern Baptist Convention at Shabano, Ill. He is a senior student at the Northern Baptist Seminary and a member of the Humboldt Park Church.

The First Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta, Canada, held three weeks of evangelistic meetings with the Rev. A. Kujath of Calgary and J. Broeder of Trochu conducting the services. The attendance was large and encouraging, and many blessings were received by those who came. Thirteen persons testified to their having found peace in Christ as their Savior.

On Thursday evening, March 21, the Young People's Society of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., sponsored a "Fellowship Banquet" in honor of Miss Edith Koppin, who had spent six years missionary in Nigeria, West Africa. Miss Koppin is a member of the Ebenezer Church. A large attendance and a splendid program made the event a great success.

On Tuesday evening, March 26, a group of young people from the Harlem Baptist Church in New York City visited the B. Y. P. U. of the First Church in Brooklyn. As a result of evangelistic services held in the Harlem Church by the Rev. C. A. Daniel ten persons accepted Christ as their Redeemer. A baptismal service, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Frank Orthner, was held on Easter Sunday.

The Chicago Young People's Union is conducting an institute on four successive Monday evenings, which began on Easter Monday evening, April 22. A large attendance of energetic, responsive young people is in evidence. The Rev.

Louis Broeker and M. L. Leuschner are conducting courses of practical and challenging interest to the young people. The institute is meeting in the First German Baptist Church of Chicago.

The Young People's Society of our church in North Freedom, Wis., recently spent its Sunday evening meetings for an entire month discussing such denominational phases as our foreign work, our educational institutions and publications, and the social service institutions. Other meetings were devoted to the reading of personal messages from several institutions such as the Girls' Home, Children's Home and Homes for the Aged.

Several former ministers participated in the 75th anniversary festivities of our church in St. Joseph, Mich., on Sunday, April 7. The Rev. G. E. Lohr of Lodi, Calif., preached at the Sunday morning service and the Rev. Thomas Stoeri of St. Louis, Mo., addressed the evening gathering. Both ministers had attended the sessions of the General Missionary Committee prior to the church anniversary. Mrs. Stoeri was also a welcome guest of the church.

The fourth annual concert for the benefit of the Baptist Children's Home of Detroit and vicinity was held on Friday evening, April 5, in the auditorium of the Detroit Masonic Temple. More than 600 voices took part in this program of music, featured by the singing of Dubois' oratorio, "The Seven Last Words," and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." The Children's Home was founded by far-seeing Christian men of Detroit, among whom were Mr. E. Elmer Staub, and it has been ably supported by members of our German Baptist churches of that city.

Evangelistic services were held for three weeks in our church at Turtle Lake, N. Dak., conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Karl Gieser, who was assisted for one week by the Rev. Daniel Klein of Beulah, N. Dak. There were 18 persons who confessed their faith in Christ of whom 15 were Sunday School scholars. Brother Gieser writes that it is unfortunate that the church has no baptistry and that the water in the nearby lake is so low that a baptismal service can probably not be held there during the summer. The converts are meeting with the pastor for spiritual study.

Miss Elizabeth E. Heringer, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. August Heringer of Venturia, N. Dak., recently received the Phi Beta Kappa key from the local chapter of the University of North Dakota, symbolic of the highest scholastic honors which a student can receive. She is the second member of the family to be honored in this manner, since her brother, Weston W., who will receive the M. D.

degree from the Medical School at the University of Oregon in June, was also awarded the Phi Beta Kappa key. Another brother, Waldemar, received the degree of Doctor of Dental Science from the University of Minnesota in 1933 and is now practicing at Napoleon, N. Dak.

The pulpit of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., has been capably filled by guest preachers since the departure of its former minister, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, in December. Among these guest ministers have been Professors A. E. Harris, B. T. Livingston, J. B. Champion and several students from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, the Rev. O. T. Steward, John Zoppi, M. Heringer, F. W. Tomlinson and E. A. E. Palmquist of the city, the Rev. Martin F. Clough of Doylestown and the Rev. F. P. Kruse, John Pastoret and Emil D. Gruen, members of the church. Two weeks of evangelistic services were conducted by the Rev. M. F. Clough with definite results.

The School Committee of our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., has unanimously chosen the Rev. O. E. Krueger, the pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., and the moderator of the General Conference of German Baptists of North America, to fill the chair, which will be vacated by Professor Bretschneider in becoming dean, in the German department of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Mr. Krueger has accepted the call and will begin his new ministry with the opening of the fall semester. The seminary is to be congratulated on its gifted new faculty member, and Brother Krueger has the prayerful support and friendliest felicitations of the entire denomination in his new work.

The Rev. George Hensel, minister of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Kankakee, Ill., recently sent this news item for publication: "Our church was very happy, to have the editor of 'The Baptist Herald,' the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, as its guest-speaker on Feb. 10. Kankakee was the early home of the Leuschner family and the birthplace of the editor's mother. His visit, therefore, was a home coming and a renewing of former bonds and friendships for him and a real inspiration to all who heard his fine messages. Our General Secretary, Dr. William Kuhn, spent Sunday, March 31, with us, and it was a busy day for him. He addressed the adult department of the Sunday School, preached at both services and also at a service sponsored by the young people's organization for the County Infirmary in the afternoon and spoke at the Young People's meeting. We were happy to have had Brother Kuhn with us, and his visit proved to be a great blessing to us all."

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EDITORIAL Christian Neutrality

LIFE is so constituted, that most people fly from one extreme to the other. They swing with the pendulum from right to left and left to right. They are the wildly enthusiastic partisans of some cause about which they know practically nothing. Their mass psychology is often swept by the winds of prejudice and ignorance into a mob hysteria.

The spirit which maintains a clear and balanced point of view, even when all other minds seem to be running amuck, and which judges contemporaneous movements by eternal standards of Christian truth, is the fine art of Christian neutrality. It is the life which is lived "in the world but is not of the world." Its attitude is always one of critical aloofness and dispassionate calm, which refuses to be carried away by the current of popular prejudices and tests the validity of each claim by the criteria of abiding Christian principles.

There is a grave danger in American life that even the minds of Christian people will be warped by the sinister bias of certain national newspaper syndicates. The art of reading a newspaper, which judges thoughtfully the news presentations and maintains a reserved, open-minded outlook, is far more difficult than most people think. It is amazing to see how many well intentioned Christian people of our day have swallowed the poisoned diet concerning the malicious designs of the so-called armed monster of the Orient on our defenseless country, which has been served the gullible public on the pages of some of our newspapers. If Christians are to be "the salt of the earth," they must receive such reports with reservation and test their claims in the crucible of truth. That is the obligation which Christian neutrality imposes on us!

The social and religious situation in Germany has the world on its feet, either loudly applauding or madly condemning every turn of events. Both the person who sees in Hitler "the chosen servant of God" and the other who thinks he recognizes in him "the Anti-Christ" are far from a neutral point of view. The Christian can never become so partisan in any social cause that he becomes insensitive to the weaknesses and evils in any given system. His soul must always be his own to exercise judgment in the light of the understanding of God's truth on issues of critical importance. Christian people of America and Germany need the spirit of the Apostle Peter, which can look on the world of social events with balanced poise and Christian intelligence and which never loses the courage to utter the critical judgments of God's truths.

Our civilization is undoubtedly passing through a period of economic transition. No prophet can foretell the type of social structure of the future. It's a dangerous time when even Christian people are tempted to jump on every bandwagon and to sell out to every demagogue in the passing parade of life. There is no panacea for the social ills of our day, except the intelligent and open-minded experimentation of men and women who are imbued with the spirit of Christ and motivated by the purpose of serving. Christian critics of all political parties and economic systems are more in need today than ever before, for their spirit of Christian neutrality, their aloofness to the world even though in it, their balanced judgments in the light of the eternal principles of God's truths will point the way to a new day and leadership in our modern society.

Maria Margareta Fleischmann

The only living daughter of Mrs. Konrad Anton Fleischmann, here portrays in loving and tender lineaments the life and character of her mother, who was the wife of the founder of our German Baptist Churches in North America and in many respects "the first mother" of our denomination.

By MRS. LYDIA FLEISCHMANN HEINRICHS

MARIA MARGARETTA WALZ was one of six children of John and Sybilla Walz, who came to America from Wuerttemberg, Germany, and settled in Philadelphia. Maria was at this time a child of six years, and so was really reared in America. John Walz, her father, was a man of strong and sturdy character, deeply religious, and stern in discipline. He was a devout Lutheran and all his life was closely associated with the St. Johannes Lutheran Church of Philadelphia. In this faith his children were strictly trained. His wife, Sybilla, lovely in character and in person, was a gentle, fine mother who reared her children well, giving them a good start in the life of young American manhood and womanhood.

I have been asked by the editor of "The Baptist



Mrs. Konrad Anton Fleischmann

Herald" about the life of this girl, Maria Margareta, who later became Mrs. Konrad Anton Fleischmann, who with her husband was a great spiritual power in the early work of the German Baptists in this country and whom it was my privilege to call "my mother."

Maria in the Strict Lutheran Home

Maria Margareta grew and developed beautifully, fulfilling the promise of early childhood, as though in preparation for the position which she was later to occupy. While still in her early girlhood a warm friendship developed between Maria's father and a young Baptist minister who had been

working for a time among the Germans of Philadelphia and who had become pastor of the First German Baptist Church in that city and in America. He visited often in the Walz home and there were many discussions and controversies between the strict Lutheran father and the young Baptist minister. But there was also warm friendship between them. Naturally these discussions were heard by the Walz children, even though they brought no change of heart to the Lutheran parents. They did, however, bear fruit in the hearts of the earnest, dark-eyed Maria and the blue-eyed Rosa, her sister. They were converted and ready to confess Christ in baptism. The peace of the house was broken, and the girls were ordered to renounce the newly found faith or else to leave the home. They chose to leave their home, finding refuge with Baptist friends of the English church. Their baptism found them at work in the young, struggling First German Church, in which both became influential powers for good as the years advanced.

Her Marriage With Konrad A. Fleischmann

Meanwhile, a love affair had blossomed between Maria and the young pastor, Konrad A. Fleischmann, which resulted in the marriage of the two, though the bridegroom was ten years the senior of the bride. A church wedding was held and old Dr. Doane, one of Philadelphia's outstanding Baptist ministers, united the young people in marriage, followed by a "Liebesmahl." The father of Maria was unforgiving but the young couple went happily their way, notwithstanding the fact that they started life on a salary of three hundred dollars a year and had to live in three small rooms. On the morning after the wedding the bride found a large basket on the doorstep, filled with baked goods and other necessities, placed there by the loving mother of Maria. One wonders if the stern father really knew what the mother, Sybilla, had done. Possibly so, for in time he became very proud of his son-in-law and was often seen slipping into the rear pew of the church to hear him preach and leaving early without having been seen. Finally all was forgiven and old relations were restored.

The union of Maria and Konrad A. Fleischmann was one of happiness and blessing, although filled to the end with many hardships, privations and continuous sacrifice. There were ten children, for those were the days of large families, but so often there was far too little with which to support them. The first child, Lydia, died early. The tenth and last child was another Lydia. It is she who tells this little story of her wonderful mother.

The Christian Character of This Marvelous Mother

Twenty-five years this mother stood lovingly and loyally by the side of her husband, a true co-worker

with him, sharing every joy and every trial, carrying the full share and more of the hardships which life had brought. Forceful in character, deeply sympathetic and understanding, unselfish, and with a dignity which compelled the respect and love of all those who ever knew her, she gave assistance and care to many persons who needed them in the life of that young church, when oftentimes she herself was sorely in need of help and sympathy. She was a deeply earnest soul, rather grave, yet possessed of a strong sense of humor, which helped to carry her through many trials.

My father was somewhat lacking in domestic qualities and I have heard my mother tell, how in the goodness of his heart, he would bring guests from church on a Sunday who filled all the available places at our table and satisfied themselves with the food which had been prepared for her large family, while the children, indignant and hungry, had to contend with left-overs, if there were any. I am sure that her dark eyes must sometimes have flashed at her husband's lack of understanding, while her sense of humor also made her see the funny side of it as her hungry children possibly did not see it. The same hospitable husband would often bring into the home immigrants, men released from jail, poor needy souls, whom he tried to help and save, but it was mother who always made the sacrifices.

People who knew my father knew that he was a grand man but inclined to be sometimes visionary and he needed just such a woman, as his Maria, to walk through life with him. His sudden death at fifty-five years of age was a tragedy to her. She was left with a large family and little provision for them. But her strong, stalwart soul never wavered and she met her sorrow in the same spirit as she met every difficulty in life. Many times I have seen my mother leave the family circle, burdened of soul and oppressed, go alone into her room and return to us with the peace of God upon her face.

Interesting Stories Concerning Konrad A. Fleischmann

Being the youngest child I have little recollection of my father, but I always loved to hear about him. Many were the stories which my mother told me of their life together. When I grew old enough to understand and cared to hear, she would weave into a story the answers to my many questions. How interesting they were, as I delve into the past and bring them back to memory! On these occasions of story-telling her sense of humor would assert itself, and there were many funny things to be told to me. I have in my possession a book which has interested me immensely. It contains the names of the people whom my father had married, but the amount of the marriage-fee interested me more than the names. The smallest fee was thirty-seven cents and the largest—and what a fee for those days—was \$5.00!

Interesting stories grew out of that book of the couples who came for the marriage ceremony. Many of them were poor and needy immigrants from Germany, for whom my mother's clever fingers would make a hat or some simple finery from things

given to her for this purpose. Married, fed and clothed, the happy couple would be sent rejoicing on their way, carrying the marriage fee with them. No one can recount what the kindly sympathy, help and advice from this blessed woman to newcomers in our land and to motherless girls, starting out in married life, must have meant as an influence for good throughout life. She surely preached by her acts as powerful a sermon as was ever preached from a pulpit. The word, "friend," carries with it deep beauty and meaning. She was a friend to all who needed friendship, and such loving deeds filled her life. A leading Baptist layman, who was a man of wealth and a close friend of my parents, said publicly to my mother, "Mrs. Fleischmann is a perfect lady," and that was true. This quality helped to make her the power which she was in the life of her husband and in the church, where she was a leader.

The Eventful Easter Sunday in 1880!

I shall never forget a certain Easter Sunday which dawned so beautifully. In the old First Church, now called the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, the usual congregation had gathered for the Easter service. The beloved pastor, the Rev. Jacob Gubelmann, had preached as only he knew how to preach. He had succeeded my father as pastor and had won the hearts and love of the old church family. My mother and aunt, Mrs. Rosa Felsberg, sat in their usual place on the women's side of the church. The men occupied the other side, since it was not regarded as fitting for the men and women to sit together. How one remembers the old place of precious memory—the tall, white box-pews with doors trimmed in rosewood—the church home! The Easter service had ended, people gathered for the usual greetings, and we made our way homeward on Poplar Street. My mother walked with a friend of long standing, while a girl friend and I preceded them. At the corner of our street the old friends lingered, and we two younger friends walked the short distance to my home. Presently there was the faint sound of the door-bell and going quickly, I saw my mother kneeling on the doorsteps, stricken and helpless. Loving hands carried her into the home and quickly doctors were called to her side. She opened her eyes and gave one last, long look into the faces of her children and then was with the Lord whom she served so faithfully. Her last spoken words were to her old friend, deacon David Kaiser, as she left him near our home on that Easter morning.

Friends came quickly and our beloved pastor, who was as a father to us, knelt with our sorrowing family and said in deep grief, "My mother, my more than mother," for she had been his comfort, help and advisor so many times. That same peace of God, which we had so often seen upon her face was there forever. Beautiful things were said and written of her: "A mother in Israel," "a friend to all," "a comforter to many," and other lovely tributes. "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her . . . and her children arise up, and call her blessed."

She was my mother!

The Observance of Mother's Day

By ANNA JARVIS, MOTHER'S DAY FOUNDER

(We are very happy to present to the readers of "The Baptist Herald" this special article by Miss Anna Jarvis, the founder of Mother's Day. Miss Jarvis is at present a resident of Philadelphia, Pa., where she is in charge of the Mother's Day International Movement which seeks to perpetuate the original purpose of the day. Editor.)

MOTHER'S DAY is a personal, family and memorial day. It is a celebration for sons and daughters. It is a thank-offering of them and the nation for the blessings of good homes. It is all-nation in its appeal. It has a living interest for persons of every land, class and creed that revere motherhood. When I thought of the daily work that countless millions of mothers are performing every day, quietly, unobtrusively, unheralded, I felt that a day set apart in their honor would be the most inspiring and expressive recognition that could be afforded them.

Groups of celebrants in fifty countries encircling the globe will unite for celebration that will be in the true Mother's spirit without commercialism. Mother's Day is not a celebration of maudlin sentiment. It is one of practical benefit and patriotism, emphasizing the home as the highest inspiration of our individual and national lives.

A Memorial and Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving for the loved ones still living and cherished memorials for the departed, together with its established ceremonies, have kept Mother's Day revered and exalted.

No person is too busy to render a personal kindly act or send a personal message to Mother. Mother's Day messages and other remembrances sent in a spirit of gratitude or honor are always a strong feature of the day. People in hospitals and institutions, prisoners, service men of the army and navy, and thousands of others in all kinds of places will send out Mother's Day messages. Don't send a mere postcard or telegram. Go home, if your presence will not mean added work for tired hands. At least, write a long and loving letter.

Gratitude—not Charity

Charity does not feature Mother's Day. The giving on this day is all in the name of gratitude or the true recognition of merit. The debt that sons and daughters owe to their homes or relatives is one to be paid only through gratitude on Mother's Day. The giving of remembrances is urged to be direct from giver to beneficiary, so that it may carry with it the personal, kindly spirit, which it is supposed to convey.

Any person or concern which solicits through Mother's Day or which plans drives, tag days, or other money raising features should be reported to the proper authorities or not supported with your

Miss Jarvis, to whom there came the original inspiration for Mother's Day, worked hard for many years to secure widespread recognition of the day and is now striving zealously to protect the observance from the questionable encroachments of commercial interests.

confidence. No person or institution or business concern of any type is legally authorized to solicit funds or to make sales through Mother's Day names, emblems and observance.

The Mother's Day Emblem

The white carnation is the Mother's Day emblem. The carnation is called "the divine flower." Its beauty and features make it supreme to symbolize motherhood.

Its whiteness symbolizes the truth and purity of mother-love. Its green calyx is symbolical of the ever-living love of mother, its wide field of growth of the charity of her love, its fragrance of the incense of a mother's prayers, its lasting qualities of the fidelity of mother's love. The carnation does not drop its petals but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying.

The two main enemies of the carnation are the red spider and the rust or brown discoloration on its leaves at times. The rust typifies "the rust of neglect" of our busy and often thoughtless lives which forget the love of our homes and mothers. The red spider eats out the heart of the flower, just as the red demon of rum eats out the heart of countless mothers.

The First Mother of Mother's Day

The carnation is a flower of centuries of history. It is honored in art and in many other ways. It had its inception as the Mother's Day floral emblem, as I selected it from among the flowers cultivated by the mother of Mother's Day, Mrs. Anna M. Reeves Jarvis. It was always her custom to give a flower of remembrance to visitors in her home. This is the remembrance to visitors in her home.

The slogan of the day is "In honor of the best mother who ever lived"—the mother of your heart. Some objectives of the Mother's Day Movement and celebrations are to inspire deeper responsibility toward the home, especially its motherhood and childhood, to make the Mother's Day Movement and celebration ALL-NATION, to establish closer international ties in a new way between homes and their patriotic womanhood, and to make an ALL-NATION FLAG DAY by Mother's Day celebrants displaying their own national colors from their homes in different lands. Mother's Day celebrations are intended to emphasize and perpetuate the Mother's Day Movement, originated and founded by my mother, Mrs. Anna M. Reeves Jarvis, and by myself as her co-worker and follower. The achievements have been incomparable in extent and world-wide blessings for sons and daughters of all creeds, races and lands. Not in any way has any award come to the originator and founder of this day. Thus does the life work of these two women stand with their sincerity and endeavor.

Religious News of the World

Roland Hayes in Baptist Benefit Recital

New York, N. Y., April 24. Roland Hayes, famous American negro tenor, gave a recital before an enthusiastic audience at Carnegie Hall for the benefit of the Baptist Educational Center of New York, situated in Harlem. The Center is administered by the New York City Baptist Mission Society. Roland Hayes, who is today considered the foremost interpreter of negro spirituals, has frequently expressed his debt of gratitude to the church. It was while singing in the choir of a small church in Nashville, Tennessee, that Arthur Calhoun, director of the Educational Center, heard him and started him on his musical career. Calhoun took the young negro, son of ex-slaves, home with him and played Caruso's records for him. It was the first time that Hayes had ever heard a highly trained voice, and at that moment he resolved to train his own, so that it, also, like the great master's, would be capable of performing inspired things. He struggled for many years, working in restaurants and hotels in Boston, to enable him to continue his vocal and linguistic studies. His first triumphs were made abroad.

The Common Citizen Speaks Out

Chicago, April 1. The Contributors Forum in the Chicago "Daily News" carried the following letter by Mr. Louis Eizen, in which he as one of the millions of citizens of the U. S. voices his conviction on matters of civic interest. "I read a story in the book of Genesis about Babel: about the high tower they tried to build, intending to reach heaven. The story goes on to tell how, when the tower was built, very, very high, God confused the language of men so they could not understand one another. I remember when I was very young I did not understand why their language was confused, but after living in this country for a time and hearing about politics going on in Washington and elsewhere I came to understand the story. Of course I hope for the best, but sometimes I wonder what the outcome of all this confusion will be."

Dying Request of a Missionary

Tokyo, Japan. In a recent letter from the Rev. T. T. Brumbaugh, published in "The Christian Century," this item is given considerable importance. Miss Mira B. Moon was struck by a taxi while crossing one of Tokyo's busy streets. Those who witnessed the accident placed all blame on the taxi driver. It was the last request of Miss Moon, however, who has served for several years in Tokyo as a missionary, that the young Japanese chauffeur should not be punished. The police did not press the

case. This dying request of a Christian missionary has made a deep impression throughout the land and several Japanese newspapers have commented with high tribute to this young woman.

Trouble in Zion, Ill.

Zion, Ill. Nearly forty years ago John Alexander Dowie, prophet and miracle worker, founded the little city north of Chicago and ruled it until he was ousted in 1906. Glen Wilbur Voliva, who insists that the earth is flat, and like his predecessor considers tobacco an invention of evil, became its master and until recently controlled every office in its municipal administration. On April 2, however, the Voliva ticket was defeated at the poll by a coalition of opponents, increasing in numbers for years. His outlook of gloom is intensified by the fact that the election was followed by a summons to himself and 20 of his followers to appear in Federal court and face a petition for his removal as head of the Zion Industries and Institutions, Inc., which has been in the hands of a receiver for two years. Creditors charge that the company's liabilities aggregate \$2,000,000 and that Voliva and his Christian Catholic Apostolic Church owe it \$260,000.

International Peace Park Suggested

Washington, D. C. Establishment of an international park on the United States-Mexican boundary has been recommended to President Roosevelt by Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, according to a bulletin from the National Park Service. The recommendation was made in connection with a report from the Department of the Interior upon the advisability of including in a national park the Big Bend area of Southwestern Texas, a triangular area of approximately 5,500 square miles in extent enclosed by the big bend of the Rio Grande. In recommending that the Big Bend National Park be established, the Secretary also suggests that if Congress authorizes this park, the Mexican Government be invited to cooperate by establishing a park on the Mexican side, the two to form an international peace park.

Negroes to Tour India on Goodwill Mission

New York, April 15. The announcement has been released of a pilgrimage of friendship from the United States to India by a delegation of four outstanding young negroes to be undertaken in October of this year. The visitation will be sponsored by the Council of Student Christian Associations representing the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. which is attempting to raise \$2,500 for this proj-

ect. The purpose of this pilgrimage will be "a mutual exchange of experiences and Christian convictions to the end that life outlooks may be changed and values enlarged." The delegation will visit college and university centers and will meet with various conference groups in India.

The negroes comprising the delegation will be the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Thurman of Howard University, Washington, D. C., Grace Towns Hamilton of the Student Y. W. C. A., and the Rev. Edward Carroll of Salem, Virginia. Mr. Thurman is a graduate of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, was pastor of a Baptist Church in Oberlin, Ohio, for several years and is now associate professor of Christian Theology in Howard University.

Students Parade in Anti-War Drive

College Campuses throughout U. S., April 12. It is estimated that 100,000 students in college campuses and in high schools throughout America responded to the nation-wide strike of students against war and fascism at 11 o'clock on Friday, April 12. A call for this strike was joined by the National Council of Methodist Youth, the Inter-seminary movement, the Student League of Industrial Democracy, and the American Youth Congress. Religious student conferences at Oberlin College, University of California, Minnesota University, Columbia, Smith College, Ohio State, Temple and Pennsylvania Universities in Philadelphia and other places endorsed the call for the strike and held parades. The immediate incentives to the strike were the decision of the U. S. supreme court upholding compulsory drill, the Hearst campaign against radical students and professors and the various student loyalty bills that have been introduced in some of the state legislatures.

Professor Christian Gauss of Princeton University in a recent article in the "New York Times" says that "there can be no doubt that the anti-war movement among college undergraduates is now far stronger than it has ever been in our history. The students of today believe that war can be eradicated from modern civilization if man is sufficiently determined to eradicate it. Today they are definitely engaged in a crusade, or, since they do not like old-fashioned romantic terms, in a drive against war."

Professor Paul H. Douglas at a student meeting held on the campus of the University of Chicago reminded the audience that "the strike" of students and faculty, withdrawing them from their classrooms, was not aimed at the university. "Nor was it," he explained, "an irresponsible lark inspired by spring fever. It is a serious affair where Mars is to be called ugly words without smiling."

How Plants Care For Their Young

By PROFESSOR F. W. C. MEYER

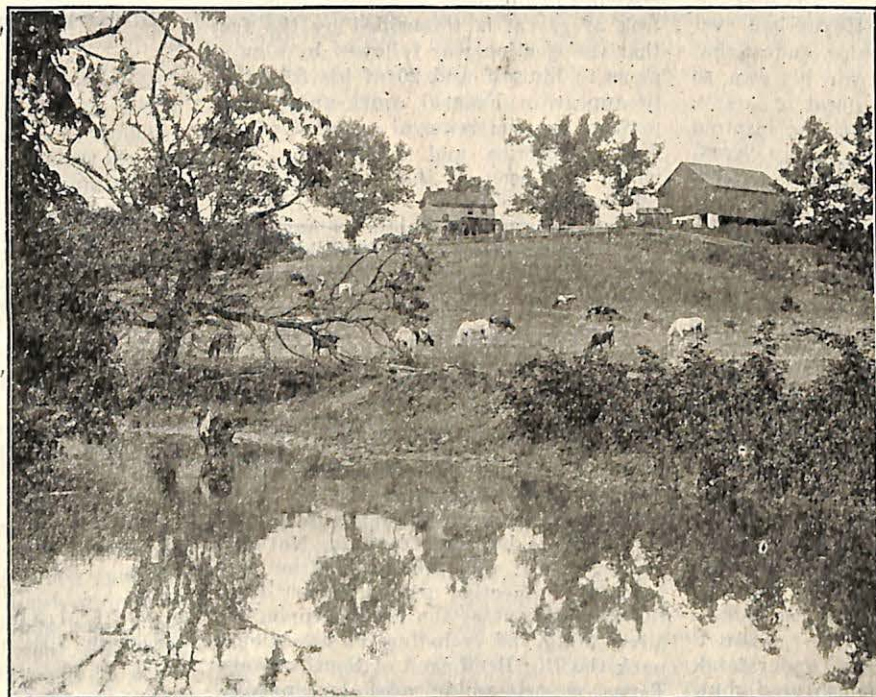
DO plants really have young? They surely do. They are fruitful and multiply on the face of the earth. By their roots, their shoots, and their fruits they raise and support families and establish a sort of "everywhereness" of verdure and bloom for the adornment of God's great out-of-doors. They sprout from roots, they ramify by means of shoots, and to say that they multiply by fruit means that they propagate very much like animals do. They multiply on the same biological principle of the union between two parent cells for the production of a new individual.

All life, whether that of the plant or the animal, is the result of preceding life. All existent life is involved in the process of living for subsequent life. The separate member is a part of, and not apart from, the family relationship. The welfare of the group is conditioned by the favorable circumstances of each, and the favorable circumstances of each by the prosperity of all. Hence, the universal concern and care for prospective

life, whether vegetable, animal, or spiritual.

Religious Analogies from Plant Life

"Let us live for our children!" was the motto of Froebel, the founder of the kindergarten. Long before he had added the beneficence of his method to the education of children through the things which they playfully like to do, the Master had discovered young life and drawn attention to the possibilities for the kingdom of God in the nature of the child. Surely those Galilean mothers knew effectively how to push past the rebuking disciples and place their darlings in his loving arms. In like fashion the red anemones of the field endeavor, as it were, to secure advantages for their new sprouts that they might flourish in the sunshine of the heavenly Father's protecting care.



The Heavenly Father's Beneficent Care

How do flowers go about the fulfilment of their parental duties? Everyone who is familiar with nature will anticipate the answer, but perhaps will not be aware of the instructive analogies to be drawn for Christian nurture and home religion from the life of the plant.

Nature's Preparation for Spring

By their roots, their shoots, and their fruits, plants multiply, as we observed. Although we are here interested chiefly in the last mode of propagation, the obvious concern for young life in the other two modes must not be overlooked. How diligently the hidden bulbs and rhizoms and tap-roots engage upon their parental task of accumulating a plentiful supply of capital for the prospective enterprises of their offsprings! All summer and fall they store up assiduously the necessary food supply in their microscopic pantry jars, in order that the new shoots may not be delayed in making speedy progress when winter's unfavorable chill is ended. Some of the

more adventurous roots crawl quite a distance along their underground road to seek a better location, a place in the sun, where the child need not weaken in the shade of the mother-plant. We creatures, busily engaged in tramping the soil, take little heed of their noiseless ministrations hidden from our gaze.

Perhaps we more readily observe the activity of above-ground stems. Like the root-stems these also are striving quite energetically for future advantages. You may have noticed that, while autumn is still clearing the branches of their foliage, all the leaf-buds for the coming year are already in their places. No time can be lost at the spring opening. How advantageously those buds are set to secure the requisite place in the sunlight without which, as known, the leaf cannot perform its work of food-

making! A closer scrutiny of the leaf-scars just below the new bud shows that the minute tubes and ducts of the fibro-vascular system have been perfectly fused and adjusted to the forthcoming food-producing activity of the new leaf. And all of that expert labor without a plumber's bill to frighten economical Dame Nature! Again you will see some of the buds which have been well waxed all winter long against Jack Frost's whims and ruthless hands. Just see how prettily the baby pussy willows are tucked up in their protective furry wraps! The revelation of mother-love and parent-care and eager concern for the progress in life of the young shoots and sprouts is everywhere manifest.

Principles of Life Illustrated by Plants

The principle of provision for and nurture of the young is most beautifully exemplified, however, in the seed and fruit of the plant. Observant eyes may often have noted the embryonic plant embedded between the cotyledons or seed-leaves of, let us say, a bean, especially after it has been well soaked in water and wrinkled and swollen and opened to let the cotyledons split into their natural halves. The promise of a future beanstalk is in this tiny embryo. Its tender plumule is more to the inside, and its plumper radicle toward the outer coating of the seed, thus enabling the radicle easier to follow its root-nature earthward, and the plumule to be fondled a while longer in the lap of the cotyledons before venturing on its sunward leafy course. Both rootlet and leaflet, however, are in the infant stage of their development, and therefore, they are entirely dependent upon the food supply stored up for them by the parent plant. A chemical analysis or even a test by tasting in one's own mouth will show how there are starch and sugar, fats and oils, white of eggs or carbohydrate, and proteid nutriment enough in the baby's milk bottle of the seed-leaves of the young bean to suck and thrive on, until it is enabled to draw its own nourishment from soil and air. Every seed then contains nutriment for the prospective plant. And the fruit in which the seeds are contained is Mother Nature's agent for protecting and disseminating the seed.

A Message of a Chestnut Burr

In a later article we intend to point out the various methods of seed dispersal or the parental effort, so to say, of plants to place their young in favorable circumstances. Meanwhile, in concluding our first study, I should just like to show you the fruit of a chestnut I have rescued from the blight which destroyed all our spreading chestnut trees in the East. The burr has a formidable exterior, cautioning all meddlers: "Hands off!" Still on the inside of this spiny burr is a velvety coating as soft as any fondling might wish for. What a marvelous combination of protective wrath and comforting consolation!

It is as though the great Teacher in parables were again saying to us: "The plants in their generation are wiser than many of you followers of mine, to whom I have entrusted the care of my little ones! Seek not only their every comfort, but also their nurture in the sunlight of divine possibilities!"

In our next article I shall dwell on "The Love Life of the Plants." For love is the parent of life.

The Gifts of May

New life begins to stir in May
All nature seems so new;
The sun shines nearly every day
In a sky of azure blue.

New love awakes in glorious May
For field and forest green,
For robin, lark, all songsters gay
And violets quite unseen.

New colors thrill our eyes in May
Of flowers in full bloom;
In parks and gardens we would stay
And rid ourselves of gloom.

New songs of praise peal forth in May
For our mothers far and near;
For in this month comes Mother's Day
With its memories so dear.

New pledges we would make in May
To honor our dear mothers—
Like them we, too, would toil and pray
Not for ourselves—but others.

Herbert L. Koch.

My Mother

The following poem was written by Mr. Ernst Klein, a student at the University of North Dakota, on the occasion of his mother's illness a year ago. Mr. Klein's parents are the Rev. and Mrs. D. Klein of Beulah N. Dak. The poem expresses a lovely tribute to every mother.

Next
To my God
And his Kingdom
Nothing in finite world or infinite
Can be to me what Mother is.

She
Is not great
Nor grand, nor famed;
But in her eyes is the beauty of Jesus,
And it made a man of me.

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Beginning the Day

A Scripture Passage and Meditation for Spiritual Progress

By the REV. AUGUST FRANCIS RUNTZ

of PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Sunday, May 5

"The Beloved Physician"

"Luke, the beloved physician." Col. 4: 14. "It has seemed right to me also, after careful investigation of the facts from their commencement, to write for you, most noble Theophilus, a connected account." Luke 1:3 (Weymouth).

(Read Acts 1:1-8)

How we do admire accuracy and skill in anyone, and especially so, when it is coupled with love and sympathy! The man who wrote this book of Acts, and also one of the Gospels, is a man who writes not only beautifully but also accurately. He must have "infallible proofs" for every statement he makes, and will then give a connected account. However, he is not "as clear as crystal, but as cold as ice." The great Apostle Paul, who had enjoyed his comradeship and helpfulness through many trying years, called him, "Luke, the beloved physician." This man Luke, the writer of Acts, brings us, not legend, but history, not fancy, but facts, and he graces it all with a heart of rare Christian sympathy and broad understanding. Strive to start the day with a clear head, skilled hands, and a warm heart.

Monday, May 6

The Uplifted Hands of Blessing

"And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and was carried up into heaven." Luke 24:51.

(Read Acts 1:9-14)

What a wonderfully beautiful picture we have here of our gracious Lord. He had lived among men about 33 years. During the time of his public ministry he had scattered blessings as a sower scatters seeds upon the ground. Then he gave his life on the cross, a ransom for many, but rose again that glorious Easter morning for our justification. Now, 40 days later, he has gathered his disciples about him to take his leave from them. As he lifts up his hands over them in blessing he rises visibly from among them until a divine cloud hides him from their physical eyes. He had taken again all his former glory, but I like to think that he has never withdrawn those hands of blessing, but that they are still stretched out over us. What a fitting culmination that was of the earthly life of him, at whose birth the angels sang of "Glory to God in the highest!"

Tuesday, May 7

"This is That"

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever." John 14:16.

(Read Acts 2:1-19)

God's promises are yea and amen; there is no variableness with him. He had promised a Savior, and in the fulness of time he came. Another promise of the Father was the gift of the Holy Spirit. And our Lord told his disciples that when he went back to the Father he would send another Comforter, one just like himself, only that he would be invisible, who would carry on his work. And lo, the Comforter is come, whom we call the Holy Spirit. He convicts us of sin, that we might turn from it. He opens our hearts to the Gospel truth, that we might receive Christ as our Savior. He walks beside us through life, that he might help us overcome every difficulty, and puts a song into our hearts.

Wednesday, May 8

Outside the Beautiful Gate

"... Whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple." Acts 3:2.

(Read Acts 3:1-10)

Just inside that beautiful gate of the temple in Jerusalem was a magnificent auditorium where a splendid service of music, song, and ritual was conducted daily. Here the presence of God was symbolized; here atonement for sins was made. All was radiant with joy and ecstasy. But just outside that gate a lame man sat day after day in his rags, begging. Then one day the divine hand of healing was laid upon him, and he too was privileged to enter into all the glory of the temple. How many limping souls are outside the glory of communion and fellowship with God, living on the husks of the world! Has Jesus Christ healed that lame soul of yours? Have you entered into that sanctuary of sweet fellowship with God, of joy that is full of glory, and peace that passes understanding?

Thursday, May 9

That Name

"Neither is there salvation in any others: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

(Read Acts 4:1-13)

Wherever that Name is heard something happens! Whenever Jesus Christ enters into a community or into the heart of an individual a change takes place. In Jerusalem a man lame from birth had just been healed; but more marvelous still, about 5000 people had been saved from sin. Throughout the centuries wherever that Name has come something has happened. Childhood has come into its own. Womanhood has been

elevated. Human slavery has gone. The sick, the poor, the needy, the aged have been cared for. War must and will go. Souls in the clutches of sin have been redeemed. Through faith in that Name we have been saved.

"There is no name so sweet on earth, No name so sweet in heaven, The name before his wondrous birth, To Christ the Savior given."

Friday, May 10

"But"

"Be not deceived! God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.

(Read Acts 5:1-11)

Yes, there are "but" things which spoil life, or cast a spell of gloom and darkness over an entire community. Namaan was a great man, and honorable,—but he was a leper. The work of the early church had been going on splendidly from victory to victory. A lame man had been cured. Peter and John had dared preach the Gospel before the High Priest. Those that believed were of one heart and one soul. Men believed that the cause of Christ was paramount to everything else in life, and therefore sold their property and gave the proceeds for the work. How bright everything seemed! But a terrible calamity struck the church. A man and his wife wanted to have a big name in the church, and thought they could get it by fraud. So terrific was the impact of the conviction of wrong that they were both carried out dead.

Saturday, May 11

The First Christian Martyr

"And all that sat in the council, looking steadfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel." Acts 6:15.

(Read Acts 7:54-60)

How fitting that the first Christian martyr should have been named Stephen; for Stephen, in Greek, means a garland or crown! Garlands or crowns were given by those who rendered some good service to their cities, or who won in the great games. Stephen won an imperishable garland and a crown of righteousness. How beautiful a Christian's death can be illustrated for us here, for the curtains of heaven were raised a little and Stephen saw the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. How real that spirit world was to him! Is it any wonder that he uttered that prayer for the forgiveness of his persecutors, as his Master had done from the cross not so long before? Surely, no one who has had a glimpse of heaven can retain a spirit of grudge and unforgiveness in his heart.

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Sunday, May 12

"As an Eagle Stirreth Up Her Nest"

"And they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria..." Acts 8:1.

(Read Acts 8:1-9)

Sometimes God must speak to men by means of fire and earthquake in order to stir them up from their lethargy. In Deut. 32:11 we read that God had to stir up Israel as an eagle stirs up her nest. We are told that when the young eagles are old enough to fly the mother eagle throws them out of the nest, down the great mountain-side. The young bird must either fly or die, so it flies. But as soon as it is tired the mother bird swoops beneath it, bears it up, and takes it back to the nest. Just so the Lord had to stir up his church when it became content to remain in Jerusalem and was not carrying out the command of the great commission. The hammer of persecution hit the church, but soon revivals were springing up, lit by the sparks made by the hammer. Must the Lord strike his church with such a hammer again?

Monday, May 13

Two Men and an Angel

"And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, arise and go toward the south... and he arose and went." Acts 8:26, 27.

(Read Acts 8:26-40)

Riding in a chariot on a desert road which leads from Jerusalem to Gaza is a very prominent man from Ethiopia. The man is troubled about his soul and is searching the Scriptures for light, but can find none. Away up in Samaria is another man who knows the solution to this man's problem. He is Philip, one of the deacons, who has been leading souls to Christ. However, Philip is not omniscient, and how is he to know about that troubled soul away down south? Well, there is One who knows both the eunuch's need and the man who knows the cure. The Holy Spirit brings those two men together, and the troubled soul has found peace and goes on his way rejoicing.

Tuesday, May 14

"I Am Jesus"

"And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus..." Acts 9:4, 5.

(Read Acts 9:1-9)

Perhaps no man was ever more surprised than that man, Saul, whom we call the Apostle Paul, when he realized that the one whom he had regarded as a fake and false prophet, was alive, and was indeed the world's promised Messiah, the Son of God. His surprise was heightened when he saw how this Christ so identified himself with his people that in persecuting them, he was persecuting him. On the Damascus Road that divine voice had said in the Hebrew tongue, "I am Jesus," and then and there he surrendered his life to Christ. What does

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it mean to you that Jesus Christ is indeed a living reality in the world today, that he is God's Son, that he is the world's Redeemer, and that he calls you to follow him?

Wednesday, May 15

Beautiful Womanhood

"When he (Peter) was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing him the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them." Acts 9:39.

(Read Acts 9:36-43)

We might transcribe a part of verse 36 to read something like this, "There was... a disciple named Beautiful," for we are told that the name means "Gazelle," which was in the East a favorite type of beauty. We do not know if she would have won a beauty-contest, but we do know that Dorcas had a beautiful face, for she lived a beautiful life and had a beautiful soul. Dorcas was a woman of a loving heart, so wherever need or sickness, poverty or death, were stretching out pale and piteous hands, she was always ready to help. The Bible tells us that God is beautiful; and that those who live godly lives develop beautiful souls, which are reflected in the mirrors of the soul.

Thursday, May 16

Two Visions With One Purpose

"... We are all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." Acts 10:33.

(Read Acts 10:1-16)

How hard it is even for Christians to overcome the barriers of race and religion! The Lord could not get his Apostle to go to a Gentile until he spoke to him in a vision. Over in Caesarea there lived a fine Roman centurion, a man of piety, charity, and justice, to whom God sent an angel, telling him to send for Peter, who would show him the way of salvation. But just before this message reached Peter God had to put him into a trance in order to persuade him to accept the invitation to go to the home of Cornelius. Well, Peter went and Cornelius and his household and friends were waiting. They were converted and baptized. What a lot of trouble the Lord goes to in order to save a soul!

Friday, May 17

Big-Hearted Barnabas

"For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." Acts 11:24.

(Read Acts 11:19-26)

Barnabas has always seemed to me as a big man physically, but a regular giant spiritually. God calls him a "good man," and when God calls a man "good," we may be sure that there is no mistake about it. He is the man who sold his land, and "brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet." He is the man who, when everyone believed that Paul's reported conversion was only a ruse, took

him to the apostles and stood up for him. Barnabas was undoubtedly the discoverer of Paul, for when the latter was buried in Tarsus he sought him and brought him into the open. He saved John Mark from a life of defeat, and John Mark in turn gave us the beautiful Gospel that bears his name. Some people may not be able to do great deeds in the open, but they can help others who perform the great tasks.

Saturday, May 18

"But Prayer Was Made"

"But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." Acts 12:5.

(Read Acts 12:1-19)

No one would be more surprised than ourselves if God really answered our prayers and granted us our positions. King Herod had beheaded the apostle James, then put Peter into prison, intending to treat him likewise. This was a serious blow to the young church, so in their distress they called upon the only One who could help them in this extremity. But when Peter stood knocking at the door of the very house in which they were praying for him, they would not believe that it was he. How often we are just like that! We pray, but then we do not really expect an answer. God in his wisdom does not deal with us according to our deserts, but according to his mercy and grace.

Sunday, May 19

"Sent"

"And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Acts 13:3.

(Read Acts 13:1-12)

The church, where believers were first called Christians, was also the church to send out the first foreign missionaries. Is it not true that the church or the individual that does nothing for the worldwide missionary enterprise has no right to call itself Christian? We notice that it says in this passage that the church sent out Barnabas and Saul, but we also read that they were sent forth by the Holy Ghost. God's Holy Spirit separates men and women for specific tasks, and sends them forth; but the church is the instrument of God on earth to carry out his plans. Note, also, that the first offering for foreign missions made by any church was not in dollars and cents, but in life and talent—the very best that the church had. How does your church measure up?

A Daily Task

Drop a word of encouragement,
Smile a smile of cheer,
Have a friendly handshake
For every one that's near.

Write a cheery message
To a friend or neighbor ill
Or a wholesome letter
To Mother who loves you still.

MRS. WM. H. SCHINDLER.

Session of the Missionary Committee

Reported by the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER

The eventful sessions of the General Missionary Committee were held in Forest Park from April 2 to 4. Meticulous preparations had been made for the meetings by the General Secretary, the Rev. William Kuhn. The designated conference representatives from all sections of the United States and Canada came together prayerfully and earnestly to consider the missionary tasks of our denomination. The Rev. O. E. Krueger, the moderator of the General Conference of German Baptists, the Rev. Paul Gebauer, Cameroon missionary, the editors of the denominational publications and several local ministers attended the session as guests.

The Rev. Charles W. Koller of Newark, N. J., was elected chairman of the committee, the Rev. G. E. Lohr of Lodi, Calif., vice-chairman, and the Rev. J. F. Olthoff of Madison, S. Dak., secretary. A spirit of seriousness pervaded the sessions in consideration of the many, often perplexing problems, which led the brethren to reach critical decisions harmoniously and conscious of divine guidance. An abundant, genial expression of humor brightened every discussion and kept the feet of the committee members "on terra firma."

The report of Brother Kuhn was heard by the committee and evoked many tributes of appreciation from the brethren for his tireless and sacrificial service on behalf of the denomination. A few sentences from his report are an evidence of his Christian faith. "At the close of this year we are conscious of our indebtedness and gratitude to God. We may confirm with great joy that the Lord has blessed our work as a denomination. During the past year our work has not suffered any retreat or loss. Without doubt it is possible to say that through the service of our missionary representatives at home and abroad many persons have been brought into the Kingdom of God. We attribute it to the grace of God and the devoted cooperation of our members, that until the present day the necessary funds for the continuance of our missionary endeavors have been forthcoming. Although it is impossible to present statistical proof, we are convinced that the increasing number of prayer-helpers during the past year has made a significant contribution to the success of the sacred cause, in which we are engaged."

The appropriations for our churches in the U. S. and Canada were made with personal consideration of every request. The stories of sacrifice and self-denial by ministers of churches laboring under the burdensome economic difficulties stirred the hearts of the committee. How everyone wished that much more could be done to lighten the loads and mitigate the suffering of such people! Such noble records of Christian deeds and lives are certainly inscribed in the Book of Life!

One of the most heartening features

and at the same time epochal decisions of the mission committee had to do with the Kaka-field in the Cameroons, Africa. The Rev. Paul Gebauer personally described the marvellous opportunities to pioneer as ambassadors of the Gospel of Christ among the Kaka people in the interior of Africa. He is eager to serve among these black tribes in this section which he called "the Pentecostal Field of the World." (See "Baptist Herald," April 1, 1935, pages 100-101.) It was decided by the committee to send Mr. Gebauer into Kaka-land and to take over the complete work of administration and promotion in this field. For the first time in our service in the Cameroons of Africa, we shall be engaged in a missionary task which will be entirely ours with the help of God to supervise and administer. The enthusiastic envisioning of future possibilities by the committee members was an inspiration to any visitor!

The Danubian Gospel Mission in Central Europe was promised our future support. Revivals are bringing the fields into abundant fruitage and harvest. Victories for Christ are an evidence of the noteworthy missionary service in which we are engaged. The tenth anniversary of the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, as our administrative secretary in this field, was recognized with a tribute of appreciation.

The appointment of the Rev. H. C. Baum as general evangelist was made unanimously and heartily. Several seminary students were appointed to serve in churches of the Northern and Dakota conferences during the summer.

On Wednesday evening, April 3, a well attended service was held in the Oak Park Baptist Church which was addressed by the secretaries of the several missionary conferences. It was an unusual program with a kaleidoscopic series of brief messages, all of which evidenced the same spirit. A note of glowing optimism was struck by all the speakers, which was tempered by a realistic realization of the economic hardships, modern problems, widespread indifference to religion, and social evils. The victory of the Cross of Jesus Christ, which alone can be our glory and triumph, was the focus of all messages. The striking statement of a mayor of a Southern city, "Put yourself on the payroll of your faith," seemed to be the keynote of the radiant faith of these representative ministers of our denomination.

The closing prayer of these sessions and the spirit in which the members went their several ways embodied the earnest petition that God might strengthen the hands of all those who have any part whatsoever in our denominational enterprise. It is to God that our hearts shall be lifted in expectant faith! It is on Jesus Christ that our faith shall be centered!

PRAYER HELPERS

"Take it to the Lord in Prayer"

A Prayer

The weary ones had rest, the sad had joy
That day, and wondered "How?"
A plowman, singing at his work, had prayed
"Lord, help them now."

Away in foreign lands they wondered
"how"
Their simple word had power.
At home the Christians, two or three,
had met
To pray an hour.

Yes, we are always wondering, wondering
"how,"
Because we do not see
Someone, unknown perhaps, and far
away,
On bended knee.

—Author unknown.

The Words of Praying Men

Most remarkable is the literature of prayer contained in the Old Testament. Some one has said that for every mood and for every need you will find a prayer written there. Besides the scattered prayers found everywhere in that vast sky of the Old Testament, there is the milky way of the Psalms that stretches its broad band of thick-set stars across the heavens. Here is the world's prayer book.

The Varied Circumstances of Their Repetition

These prayers of scripture have been found and made their own by many men of many times and circumstances. At Cawnpore and Lucknow they prayed the 18th Psalm; the Huguenots, in their dark days of persecution, expressed their triumphant confidence, as did Savonarola, in the prayer of Psalm 68. After the battle of Jena, in 1806, Queen Luise of Prussia rested her heart on the 37th Psalm. During the Sepoy Rebellion, on the morning when relief came, the officer of the day made the prayer of Psalm 27 his own. Margaret Wilson, the maiden martyr of Scotland, repeated the 25th Psalm until the waters of the Solway stilled her young voice. Miners entombed in an English coal pit repeated together the 20th Psalm. The five martyrs of Lyons, France, as they were burned at the stake, cried in the words of the 9th Psalm, "I will be glad and rejoice in thee. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart," and our Lord himself, when he hung upon the cross, solaced his soul with the 22nd Psalm.—From "Prayer and Missions," Helen Barrett Montgomery.

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Southwestern Conference

B. Y. P. U. REPORT OF THE
EMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
OF LOYAL, OKLA.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Loyal, Okla., which meets every Sunday evening, is progressing nicely. It is divided into four groups numbering 50 active members. Each group has charge of the program once a month. We were indeed richly blessed recently when two of our young men made public confession of their faith in Christ.

Three weeks ago we were favored with a Bible Study Course, entitled, "Outlines of Bible History," conducted by Mrs. Knoblock, teacher of the training school of the American Baptist Church. The meetings were well attended and 14 members took the examination of the course, for which all received credit.

Our B. Y. P. U. has put forth many efforts in assisting to acquire funds for the building of a new church. During the Thanksgiving vacation we presented a play, "And the Greatest of These is Love," at the Shattuck and Ingersoll churches. During the Christmas vacation it was given at the Okeene Zion Baptist Church and at the Loyal High School. The proceeds from these various programs were greatly appreciated.

ROBERTA LORENZ, Secretary.

MT. ZION BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

The Young People's Society of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Geary County, Kans., under the leadership of Alvin Zeckser, have closed a rather successful year. At present we have 29 members, who are doing wonderful work. During the past year we gave eleven programs of which four were missionary programs. Last year we had a young people's meeting once a month, which took the place of the evening service of the church. This year our B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the first and third Sunday evenings of each month. We are also exchanging programs with other societies.

On February 3 we held our annual business meeting. The following officers were elected: Alvin Zeckser, president; Homer Reber, vice-president; Alvina Zernickow, secretary; Noton Martinitz, treasurer; and Gladys Brenner, pianist. With the Lord's help and the cooperation of our new pastor, the Rev. T. Lutz, we hope to do much for the Master this year.

ALVINA ZERNICKOW, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

SALEM AND SALT CREEK
CHURCHES HOLD AN INSTITUTE

A successful young people's institute was held in the Salem and Salt Creek churches of Oregon from Feb. 25 to March 2. The first three sessions were held in Salem and the last three in the Salt Creek church. The enrollment of those who registered for the courses was 47.

Dr. O. C. Wright taught the class on "The Principles of Teaching" and Rev. G. Neumann of Dallas, Oregon, was instructor of the class on "The Book of Genesis." During the worship periods members of the two churches brought appropriate messages. They were Dick Bartel, Mrs. Skersies, John Wiebe of Salt Creek, Henry Schrenk and the Rev. G. W. Rutsch of Salem, Oregon.

A very inspirational and blessed time was enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to an even more successful institute next year.

Reporter.

NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GERMAN BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS' UNION OF OREGON

Bethany, Oregon, was the scene of the annual Oregon Convention of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, which was held March 8 to 10. Under the leadership of our president, Stanley Cornils, the meeting was beautifully and inspirationally opened on Friday evening. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, minister of the Second Church, Portland, delivered the opening address on the theme, "Living for Jesus in 1935." He stressed especially that if we want to live for Jesus we must agree to his policies and his teachings, place our complete trust in him, believe in the Jesus of history, and acknowledge him with the power that we have experienced.

At the close of the business meeting on Saturday afternoon the Rev. Theo. Leger, who at present is serving the Bethany Church, spoke of "The Purpose and Work of the Young People's Society." An important event on Saturday was the banquet, and all young people did justice to the delicious dinner which had been prepared by the ladies of the Bethany Church. The election of several of the Union's officers took place here. Harold Petke of the Second Church, Portland, was elected vice-president and Gertrude Beltz of the First Church, Portland, secretary. The Rev. Fred Mueller, the assistant minister of the First Church of Portland, gave an exceptionally stirring message at the consecrational meeting on Saturday evening.

The closing service on Sunday afternoon was opened with an enthusiastic song service, led by the Rev. G. Neumann of the Salt Creek Church. After the installation of the new officers of the Union Dr. Starring delivered the message, "Living for Jesus." We were instructed not to live by laws and rules but by Christ's power. It is not what we have in our hands but what we have in our hearts that matters most. After we accept God we work out what he has already worked in.

It was with deep regret that we left old and new friends at Bethany. We are looking forward to our next conference and renewing our zeal to work faithfully for our Master, wherever we are.

ARLENE VOTH, Secretary.

Northern Conference

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE ALBERTA BIBLE SCHOOL

The commencement exercises of the German Baptist Bible School of Alberta, Canada, were held in Wetaskiwin from March 13 to 15. At the opening service on Wednesday evening the Rev. Fred W. Benke, the dean of the school, delivered an inspiring message on the theme: "A Life That Counts."

We were particularly thankful to have Professor Heinrichs with us this winter, whom we all learned to love and found to be a most wonderful teacher. As the principal teacher he had a great deal of work to do. It was remarkable how ably Professor Heinrichs filled his place at all times during the Bible School weeks.

On Thursday evening a sacred musical concert was rendered by the students. Selections were given by the orchestra, conducted by the Rev. Fred W. Benke, three choirs under the direction of the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, duets, ladies' double duet and others. Messages were brought by the Rev. H. Schatz on "Sacred Music" and the Rev. B. Jacksteit on "The Choice of Music."

The Friday afternoon and evening meetings were held in the United Church to accommodate the visitors and friends from the neighboring churches, who came to celebrate the day with us. The student body's president, Miss Adelaide Klatt, opened the afternoon meeting. Reports were given by Miss Hazel Kuhn, secretary, the Rev. Fred W. Benke, dean of the school, and Mr. Arthur Smith, treasurer. The Rev. F. A. Mueller of Camrose, Alta., and the Rev. A. Kraemer of Edmonton, Alta., were also present as guests and brought brief inspiring messages to the school.

At the closing evening service two students, Miss Rose Yonkers of Leduc and Mr. Ernest Yanke of Onowoy spoke on behalf of the student body. Varied musical selections were rendered by the young people. Professor J. Heinrichs delivered the closing address on the theme, "Jesus, the Master Teacher." Certificates were presented to the first, second and third year students by the dean of the school who also led in the consecration prayer.

MYRTLE HEIN, Reporter.

THE B. Y. P. U. IN ROSENFELD SENDS ITS FIRST REPORT TO "THE BAPTIST HERALD"

You have probably not heard of the B. Y. P. U. of Rosenfeld, Saskatchewan, Canada. But we are here and very much alive! It seemed that none had the courage to write and tell you about our society.

We have a membership of 72 members. On March 24 we celebrated our 18th anniversary. A fine program was enjoyed by a well-filled church. The program consisted of three dialogues, two choir songs, four recitations, instrumental numbers, ladies and men's quartettes

and several solos. A little girl of four years, accompanied by a guitar, sang "We'll Never Say Good-bye in Heaven."

On March 28 we held our annual business meeting and decided to divide our society into four groups. The election of officers for a term of six months was as follows: Robert Jaster, president; Daniel Jacksteit, vice-president; Bertha Unrath, secretary; Ben Erman, treasurer; Julia Jaster, organist. The group leaders are Andre Rust, August Unrath, Adele Jaster, and Annie Erman.

ELSIE JASTER, Reporter.

THE ANNUAL PROGRAM OF THE B. Y. P. U. AT LOCKWOOD

On March 31 the young people of the Lockwood Baptist Church in Lockwood, Saskatchewan, Canada, held their annual program. It consisted of musical selections and dialogues. The special music rendered by four guitars and three violins was especially appreciated. The interesting dialogue dealt with Cain's marriage.

The pastor of our church, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder, brought a brief message. An offering was held for the poor and suffering people of Russia. Refreshments were served afterwards in the basement of the church. All those who attended seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

MARY WIEBE, Reporter.

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From Anarchist and Socialist to Christ

By WILLIAM A. MUELLER

Chapter Eight

At Ramismuehle George Steinberger labored in apostolic power on behalf of all sorts of sick people who came there to renew body, soul, and mind. Here, in the solitude of the mountains, Fritz Binde increased rapidly in spiritual wisdom and grace. Like a humble pupil the erstwhile art critic and philosopher sat at the feet of George Steinberger, an insignificant looking servant of God, but who had power over the hearts of men. Here Fritz Binde received bread and not stones.

The first devotion which Binde heard from Steinberger was on the theme: "Peace and Victory Through the Cross of Jesus Christ." The following heart-stirring thoughts were brought to the attention of the young convert in a most simple and straightforward manner: "Most people struggle for years to find the right way. With much seeking they waste their precious time. But this search never yields victory. All attempts on the part of man to redeem himself are condemned from the start to futility. We simply must affirm in faith the work of God in the cross of Jesus Christ. This involves the judgment of our own self." Binde was inwardly prepared for this message. He had come to Christ as a bankrupt man. He therefore wrote into his diary: "Your whole Christianity consists in your courage to stake your entire life on Christ."

The testimony of Steinberger and the exemplary Christian life in the asylum strengthened Binde's faith in the all-sufficient power of Christ, the Crucified. Concerning the life in Ramismuehle Binde wrote these words:

"Amongst these people everything that is impure and commonplace, every bit of gossip and self-will is eliminated. The folks here are not religious or pious people in the ordinary meaning of these terms. Here ostentatious piouisty, the turning of one's eyes, or the reveling in religious feelings and wordy phraseology are not wanted. Only one thing matters here: To the cross with the old man of selfishness and self-pleasure."

It was a good thing that Binde entered from the beginning of his spiritual awakening into a circle where people really had the mind of Jesus Christ. The above description seems almost unbelievable, if one compares those Christians in Ramismuehle with the rank and file of Christians in our churches. Binde would have been keen to detect the inconsistencies in Steinberger's life and in the life of those surrounding him, but there was no inconsistency to be found. These men and women lived and breathed the spirit of Christ. This atmosphere was for Binde's soul and spirit most wholesome and beneficial.

A time of quiet preparation for larger

service followed. It would have been futile to have sent Binde to a theological seminary. His intellectual training was more than sufficient. Steinberger occupied Binde's time with various projects. He asked him to prepare an excerpt from Augustine's "Confessions," had him translate a French book, and allowed him to work around the house and in the garden. Binde's family was also allowed to come to Ramismuehle until God might open a way into his vineyard.

The first work which Binde undertook was in connection with a group of ten Christian communities in and around Wildungen, an idyllic health resort in the duchy of Waldeck. This was in 1904. Here Binde labored for about a year when the publication of a little booklet entitled: "From Socialist to Christ," which had found a wide distribution, attracted the attention of several prominent German evangelists who invited the young preacher to work with them in the spreading of the Gospel. Consequently Binde did his first evangelistic work in the tentwork which the evangelist, Jacob Vetter, had started. This happened between 1905-06. At first Binde's discourses were too learned, too philosophical, as was to be expected, but he soon discovered what was needed to reach the hearts of the people.

After a few months of labor he held audiences of two to five thousand people spellbound with his powerful message. He made a deep impression wherever he told his conversion story. When Binde narrated the event of his coming to Christ in the districts around Elberfeld and Solingen, former socialistic friends declared openly that not even fifty men like Bebel, the outstanding socialist orator in Germany, could have surpassed him. In his messages the young evangelist appealed mostly to the will and intellect, but particularly to the conscience of men. He was an enemy of a superficial emotionalism. His words burnt like fire, and many found life and light through his clear gospel testimony.

In 1909 Binde was forced to give up his evangelistic work because of exhaustion. He had tried to do too much. Once more he settled in Ramismuehle where he labored faithfully among the inmates of the asylum.

In spite of many difficulties in the work, striving within and battling without, Binde grew in grace and inward poise and power. Four years of work in Ramismuehle made him a better pastor-evangelist. The war interrupted his work, and in 1921, on September 10th, he closed his eyes, only 54 years old. His was a strange life, yet rich in grace and divine strength, which ended rather prematurely. Honor be to the memory of Fritz Binde!

(The End)

A CHAT ABOUT BOOKS BY THE EDITOR

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FACING PROBLEMS OF LIFE

Every young person should read at least one good book which deals with the personal problems of youth from the Christian point of view. If you can afford to buy any books whatsoever, the purchase of such a book is almost indispensable for the fullest possible growth in life. Every minister and Sunday School teacher should have several of these books in his library available for the young people to whom he or she ministers.

The problems of orientation are many in adolescent youth. There are latent possibilities in young people which need to be called forth into expression by some inspiration or by the touch of spiritual guidance. Problems of sex, physical growth, the choice of a career, wholesome habits, adjustments to life and mental struggles are of such a personal nature that most young people are reticent in discussing them with others. More often the reading of a helpful book on these themes will evoke a more sympathetic response by youth than much parental advice and numerous exhortations.

"YOUTH AND CREATIVE LIVING"

I cannot recommend too highly the book "Youth and Creative Living" by Miss Cynthia Pearl Maus (Harper and Brothers—1932—\$1.25—167 pages). It is all that it is intended to be "as a practical guidebook for youth and leaders of youth in the field of character growth." Young people in high school and college years will find much inspirational material on the pages of this book which will challenge them to a spiritual inventory of themselves and to a Christian adventure of "creative living" in the world of today. The language of the book is the vocabulary of modern youth. Its approach to every problem is always frank and constructive. Its spirit is genuinely Christian.

Miss Maus challenges the reader with many suggestions for the development of one's personality, "the selfhood which each of us is building day by day" in the arts of self-control, truth, responsibility, good cheer, humility, and living for others. Her quotation of the poem

"What we are is God's gift to us,
What we make of ourselves is our gift to Him."

is the theme of the book, for she endeavors to inspire every reader to make this gift to God beautiful and memorable. If I had my way, I should strongly urge every young person of high school or college experience to read this book. Once you begin it, you will find it difficult to lay it aside and impossible to forget its inspiration.

"IDEALS FOR EARNEST YOUTH"

While in Cleveland a few weeks ago I attended the large Bible School class of young people in the White Avenue Church taught by Mr. H. P. Donner and I found

him reading a chapter at the outset of the class from the book "Ideals for Earnest Youth" by A. T. Rowe (The Warner Press—1927—\$1.00—224 pages). I have read the book with eager interest and personal helpfulness. It is beautifully bound. The 61 chapters are very brief and to the point. It covers almost every phase of young people's problems, including vocations, avocations, self-respect and mastery and development, ideals, associates, physical habits, manners, courtship and marriage, leadership, poverty and success. It is written for somewhat younger groups than Miss Maus' book and its vocabulary is more consciously religious and simpler. It is a particularly fine book for young people whose reading and experience have been circumscribed. I heartily agree with Mr. Donner that the reading of this book by young people of our churches will be a spiritual milestone in their lives.

"TWENTY-ONE"

There are several unusually fine books written respectively for boys or girls which can be suggested as attractive gift books. The first of these is "Twenty-one" by Erdman Harris (Harper and Brothers—1931—\$1.50—207 pages). This book for boys and young men was written as the author states "for those who, on the threshold of manhood, are interested in answering the questions which form the various chapter headings." Some of these questions are as follows: What happens at 21? Can you choose your job wisely? Do you know how to amuse yourself? Can you get along with others? What do you know about sex? Do you know how to spend your money? A few years ago I read this book and found that it had captivated me with its unusually interesting approach to the manifold problems of young men.

"EIGHTEEN"

A companion volume for girls is the book, "Eighteen" by Catharine Atkinson Miller (Round Table Press—1933—\$1.50—205 pages). This book also answers the most prevalent and vexing questions of early womanhood. It has been recommended highly by religious teachers of girls. The book certainly is a guide book for a young girl, suggesting how she may "become a woman of poise and self control, with an adequate interpretation of the meaning of life, with skill to find work and to do it well, with understanding to make all of her relationships deeply satisfying, with courage to face difficulty and with laughter to make life gay."

I am frequently asked about books for Christian young people dealing with the problem of sex and the themes of courtship and marriage. Excellent books are now available which present the important subject in a Christian spirit.

"YOUTH AND THE HOMES OF TOMORROW"

The book "Youth and the Homes of

Tomorrow" by Edwin T. Dahlberg (Judson Press—1934—\$1.00—160 pages), the brilliant pastor of the First Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., is by far the best general book in this field. He discusses the problems and questions of young people with understanding clarity and disarming frankness. It is abundantly illustrated with personal experiences and stories. The closing chapters on the privileges, responsibilities of parenthood, the pleasures of the family and the altars of the home could be read to great advantage by every father and mother in our churches. This is a book which ought to be passed around to and read by every member of the family.

"THINKING ABOUT MARRIAGE"

One of the finest recent books on the subject is "Thinking About Marriage" by Roy A. Burkhardt (Association Press—1934—Paper Cover, \$1.00—Cloth \$1.75—154 pages), which is prepared primarily for use as a guide-book in a group study of the problems of courtship and marriage. No attempt at ready-made answers to perplexing questions is made but the author seeks to aid the reader in the adventure of thinking and the finding of the Christian solution of life's problems. The book is invaluable for youth groups in B. Y. P. U. programs, institutes, and conferences which are anxious to discuss this subject intelligently in the light of Christian standards.

PAMPHLETS ON COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

Several pamphlets can be recommended with considerable enthusiasm to young people who are eager to secure the right kind of information concerning these matters. From the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, 105 E. 22nd Street, New York City, you may secure the booklet "Six Tests of Marriage" by Leland Foster Wood (10 cents), which should be read by everyone considering the adventure of marriage, and the pamphlet, "Ideals of Love and Marriage" (10 cents), which is a more general but instructive treatise concerning the condition of home life in the U. S. and the true ideals of Christian marriage. Two pamphlets "Sex and Youth" and "Entering Marriage" by Sherwood Eddy, one of America's foremost leaders among the youth of our schools, may be secured free upon application to the author, Mr. Eddy, at 347 Madison Avenue, New York City.

If you have any further enquiries as to information in book or pamphlet form concerning the problems of youth, you may address them to the editor of "The Baptist Herald." In this day of ample Christian literature, young people need never to be without inspirational material to guide them in the solution of their problems.

OBSERVE CHILDREN'S DAY

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 9th

in the Spirit of Him who said:



"Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not; for to such belongeth the kingdom of God."

AMONG the several church festivities of the year, Children's Day has a glory all of its own. It will be observed in every one of our churches without exception, even though the observance will vary widely. To meet these varied demands of our churches for Children's Day material is no easy task, but our denomination is offering such a program which can be adapted to local conditions.

A bilingual program with responsive reading, declamations, dialogues, and appropriate hymns in both languages has been sent to the churches for use on Children's Day. The Rev. Assaf Husmann has very capably prepared the material. The usual suggestive material for the recitations and dialogues in English and German is published on separate sheets. Any of this material or further quantities of the programs may be secured by addressing the Rev. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

Some of our churches, which are blessed of God with large, flourishing Sunday Schools, are conducting their work entirely in the English language. They have graded departments, which makes the rehearsal of special songs

for the festival impossible. A special four-page leaflet to be used at the Children's Day program has been prepared for these churches. The material in the leaflet is entirely in the English language. An attractive picture graces the front cover. It contains a responsive reading, a brief suggestive program, several appropriate Children's Day poems, and a description of a challenging phase of our missionary enterprise. Any quantity of these Children's Day leaflets may be secured by our churches or Sunday schools by addressing the denominational headquarters in Forest Park.

The Children's Day Offering may be designated, if so desired, for the Chapel Building Fund. We are still engaged in enlarging our boundaries and building new churches, wherever pioneer fields are opened to us. If not designated, the offerings will be devoted to the many-sided work of God's Kingdom, in which we, as German Baptists, are engaged. We are again sounding the inspiring note of going forward in our denominational enterprise at home and abroad. We are trying to recapture the spirit of the child, as in utter trust in God and reliance on his power, we await the guiding purposes of his will.

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