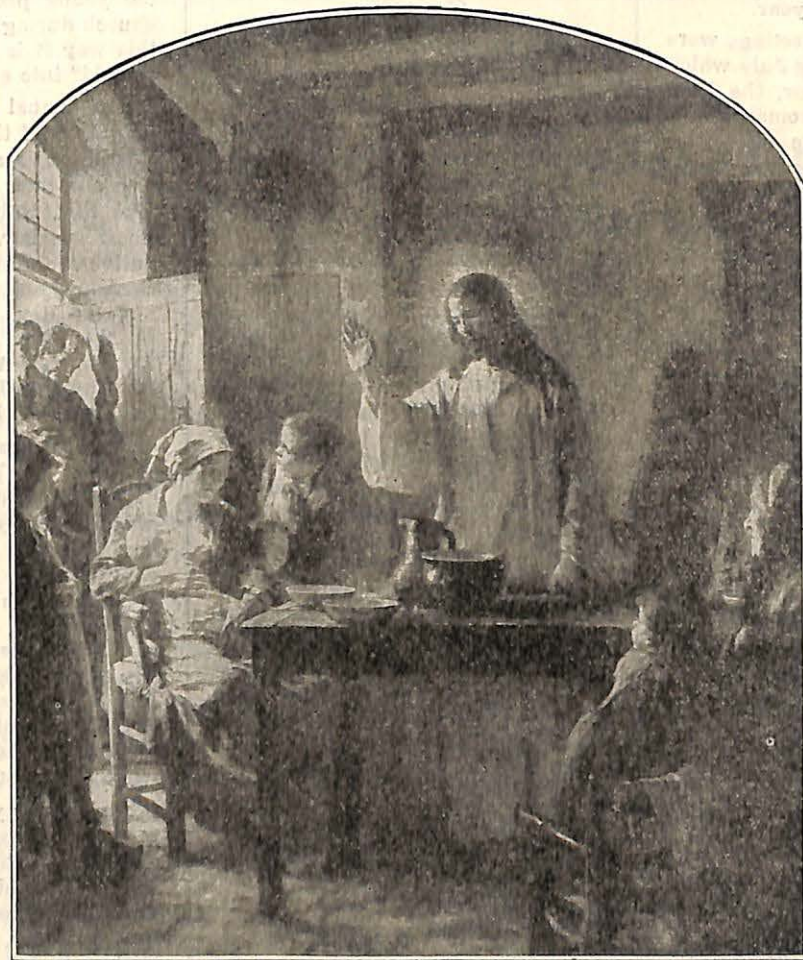


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CHRIST AMONG THE LOWLY

By LEON LHERMITTE

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What's Happening

The Rev. George F. Ehrhorn, residing in Marshalltown, Iowa, has become the pastor of our church in Bessie, Oklahoma. May God bless this ministry with much success!

The Rev. R. G. Kaiser, pastor of our church in McClusky, No. Dak., recently baptized 6 young people on confession of their faith in the water of Lake Florence, 19 miles southeast of McClusky.

The Rev. Thomas Stoeri, pastor of the St. Louis Park Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo., baptized four persons on Sunday evening, Oct. 27. Baptismal services have been held with unusual frequency in this church during the past year.

Several weeks of revival meetings were held in Lorena, Texas, during July which were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn. An elderly woman and a Sunday School scholar were converted and on Sunday, Aug. 18, they were baptized.

Professor Jacob Heinrichs, D. D., of Canton, Ohio, was the guest-speaker in our church at Avon, So. Dak., on Sunday, Oct. 6, and on the three successive evenings at the beginning of the week. On Sunday, Oct. 13, the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Fredericksburg, Texas, preached at the services of the church in Avon.

The Rev. Willibald S. Argow, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., has recently spoken on several occasions over a local radio station. On Monday, Oct. 14, he spoke on "Taking Offense in Christ." On Sunday, Oct. 6, a Roll Call program was held in the church with an encouraging response by the members.

The Rev. H. C. Baum, our general evangelist, has conducted revival meetings in October in our churches at McClusky and Goodrich, No. Dak. He will continue to serve our Dakota churches until the 20th of December, conducting services in our Fredonia, Berlin and Turtle Lake churches in November and December.

The Rev. George W. Pust, formerly pastor in Emery, So. Dak., is serving as interim pastor of our church in Madison, So. Dak., until the arrival of the Rev. H. R. Schroeder, pastor-elect, at the first of the year. Mr. Pust is residing in the Madison parsonage for the present at the address, 105 Josephine Avenue, Madison, So. Dak.

A baptismal service was held on Sunday, Sept. 29, by our church at Spring Valley, So. Dak., in which the pastor, the Rev. J. G. Rott, baptized five persons on confession of their faith, one of whom was from the Unityville Church which Mr. Rott also serves. Three of the converts were the result of special evangelistic efforts put forth in recent Sunday evening services.

On Sept. 14 the Ladies' Aid of Wilmington, Del., was invited to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roehm of Marshallton, Del., on the occasion of their 32nd wedding anniversary. A very happy time was enjoyed by all the women besides the pastor, the Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, who also attended. On Oct. 5 the Ladies' Aid held its meeting at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Ehm.

The Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn, who had been pastor of our church in Lorena, Texas,

A Thanksgiving Day Question

E. ELMER STAUB

As General Treasurer of our denomination I've been "sitting over against the treasury." How largely the savings of the years of prosperity (before 1930) have been used up in order to keep Home and Foreign missionary work going! Offerings during the past few months, however, have shown a hopeful increase, and they are now up to one-half of those for the pre-depression year, 1929.

Thanksgiving is an excellent time to "show our faith by our works" and to do it through the portion of Christ's Church of which we form a part. Not all of us realize the responsibility God has placed upon us by entrusting us with specific missionary work. Should we not forget the depression and make a spiritual adventure by accepting God's challenge—"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"—and give liberally now, so that there will be no further lack in his storehouse? How many of us will do it—on this denominational Thanksgiving Day?

**Remember the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week
November 24 to December 1**

for four and a half years, recently resigned and is awaiting God's guidance as to the future course of events. Since Nov. 1 he and his family have resided at 2407 Parrott Ave., Waco, Texas. It should be our earnest prayer that God may open fields of service to the gifted ministers of our denomination who are without charges at present.

The Rev. Philip Potzner, pastor of our church in Dallas, Texas, preached the introductory sermon at the Missionary Baptist Association of Dallas County on Thursday morning, Oct. 3, at the Forney

Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas. His message was "Face to Face With God." There are 60 Baptist churches (White Baptists) in this association with a membership of 40,000. Dr. George W. Truett was also one of the speakers on the program.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, held a Roll Call at the morning service. There were 355 members who responded besides 30 non-members who worshipped with the church that morning, making a total of 365. Ninety copies of "The Baptist Herald" will be personally distributed by the young people to non-readers in the church during the next three months. In this way it is hoped to get "The Baptist Herald" into every home of the church.

The annual banquet of the Men's Baraca Class of the Oak Park German Baptist Church was held on Oct. 8, with 150 men and their wives and friends present. The Rev. Ralph Schall, D. D., was the guest speaker. Mr. R. D. O'Brien, executive secretary of the Oak Park Y. M. C. A., who is also teacher of the class, and the Rev. Theo. W. Dons also spoke briefly. Mr. Raymond Mihm, a son of the late Rev. A. P. Mihm, formerly editor of "The Baptist Herald," is president of the class for the year 1935-36.

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 9, the Rev. H. W. Wedel, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., was pleasantly surprised by the reception accorded him by a large group of his church on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of his ordination into the Christian ministry. The Reverends Leroy Dakin, MacMullen and Louis B. Holzer of the city also had a part in the program. Mr. Wedel was ordained on Oct. 8, 1900, in Geary County, Kansas, which has been the boyhood home of several outstanding ministers of our denomination.

Two of our younger ministers and their wives have been gladdened by the recent arrival of baby sons, both of whom are the first children in the families. On Sept. 28 a baby boy was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Pfeifer of Auburn, Mich., who has been named Henry Daniel. Mr. Pfeifer is the minister of our churches in Beaver, Bay City and Pinconning. On Oct. 26 the Rev. and Mrs. Adolf Reeh of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada, became the proud parents of a boy who has been named Roger Erich Edward. Mrs. Reeh was formerly Miss Martha Mueller of Philadelphia.

The Rev. Daniel Meyhoefer, a member of last spring's graduating class of our German Baptist Seminary, began his ministry as pastor of the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., on the first Sunday in October. A recep-

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EDITORIAL

A Thanksgiving Meditation

OUR national Thanksgiving Day has lost much of its spiritual significance because it has become a perfunctory observance for many people. It is a tradition to be perpetuated rather than the testimony of a radiant and a thankful spirit. It frequently lacks the freshness and novelty which any observance must have if it is to strengthen its hold on the life of a people. It is our privilege as Christian people to focus attention on several reasons for gratitude which may easily be overlooked but which may strike a slightly different note in our thanksgiving observances.

Does it occur to us to thank God that we are thinking men and women? "To thank" and "to think" are closely related words. We must be thankful beings because the capacity is ours to know God and "to think God's thoughts after him." He who begins to think about life by counting the blessings which are his will be led inevitably into the temple of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving implies the right kind of thinking about life, even as Emerson said: "Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not." Where the thoughts with which one lives are beautiful and loving and inspiring, gladness will reign supreme and gratitude for the gift of life will constantly ascend heavenward like fragrant incense.

Some people think it possible to be grateful in spite of adversities and hard times, but actually to be thankful for the disappointments and hardships of life is an unfrequented course for them. Many Christian people are already praying passionately for the return of prosperity, not realizing that possibly God can execute his divine will more effec-

tively in a time of depression. A certain business man stated that he was definitely grateful for the reverses which he had suffered because, though previously he had more to live on, he now had more to live for. It may be a novel venture in thanksgiving for some to be grateful that they are "alive in such a time as this" because these are years of trouble and change, or that they are grateful for the sorrows of life because they open new vistas of understanding and experience.

Our thanksgiving expressions usually encircle only our petty interests. To share in the gratitude of another nation for its freedom from shackles of political domination or of another race facing the dawn of new hopes and aspirations enlarges the boundaries and intensifies the spirit of our thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day will mean vastly more to every member of our churches as that person enlarges the horizon of his interests and prayers upon our far-flung fields as a denomination and shares in the privileges and tasks which we as a denomination enjoy in the Kingdom of God.

It may seem most surprising of all to suggest that we are to thank God for blessings not as yet received. The trust in God's promises which can thank God wholeheartedly, while making the requests of him for the blessings to be received is the most exalted prayer.

"Today I thank you for the gift
Of all that you have planned for me."

For such a Thanksgiving Day will have a charm all of its own, because it will speak to them of "God's riches in glory by Christ Jesus" and will send them forth on ventures of faith as "conquerors through him who loved us."

If You Were President— How Would You Proclaim Thanksgiving Day?

A NUMBER of our ministers were recently asked the question: "If you were President of the United States were faced with the responsibility of writing the Thanksgiving proclamation, what would you say?" Their answers which are featured in this Thanksgiving issue of "The Baptist Herald" are of particular significance because they voice the sentiments and convictions of our ministers to the widely publicized letter of the President to all Christian ministers of our country.

GIVE RELIGION ITS DUE PLACE!

REV. C. FRED LEHR
of Aplington, Iowa

If I were President, I should want to give expression in this year of the Lord in my Thanksgiving proclamation not merely to the things usually mentioned by the Chief Executive in his annual message. I should urge the people of our country to bring the nation back to normalcy by giving its rightful place to a religious emphasis in the home, by seeking reality in religion and by an honest and upright

endeavor to put into daily practise the eternal principles enunciated by our Lord Jesus Christ. I am convinced that the faithful application of the above would bring back, far more than the artificial means which are resorted to today, that measure of prosperity needed to produce general contentment and happiness.

GRATITUDE—A NATION'S OBLIGATION

REV. EMIL BECKER of Washburn, North Dakota

As Chief Executive of the United States of America, I should remind the entire population of our country that it is a nation's obligation to bring thanks unto the Lord for enjoyed blessings. Let us be thankful for men and women, who are working faithfully to establish national and international peace. We must be grateful for every criminal caught, for the enforcement of good order and serv-

ice rendered to us by the police on the public highways in villages, towns and cities. All people should render gratitude unto the Lord for all kinds of agricultural products, irrespective of the amount thereof; for our homes, schools, hospitals and active churches; for the service and progress of medical science; for doctors, nurses and teachers; and also

for every honest, faithful and diligent inhabitant of the world regardless of his race, profession, trade or place. "Let us look unto the Lord steadily and render thanks unto him."

A CALL TO PRAYER

REV. PIETER SMIT
of Lorraine, Kansas

If I were President of the United States I would proclaim a day of humility. Every person would be asked to read 2 Chronicles 7:14, wherein we find the solution to our present-day turmoil. We as a nation must turn unto God, who alone can and will give us a real day of thanksgiving. I would proclaim a day of thanksgiving, national and individual sin before God. Not until we confess will

he hear us from heaven and will forgive our sins and heal our land. I would proclaim a day of prayer. We should fast for the physical and feast on the spiritual on Thanksgiving Day. Then all nations will call us a delightful land. Our Thanksgiving Day should be a day of confession, humility, and prayer.

GIVING THANKS FOR ALL THINGS

REV. FRED W. MUELLER of Portland, Oregon

Posing as President of the United States in writing this brief message, a deep feeling of responsibility comes over me. On the other hand may these lines not be a "Huey Long affair"! The hearts of THINKING Christian people are ever THANKFUL. Paul had such a heart. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God" (Eph. 5:20) was an impelling motive of his. Viewing the past year,



"Your voiceless lips, O flowers, are living preachers; Each cup a pulpit, and each leaf a book."

we all realize that God's providential care has ever surrounded us. We have peace within our borders and there is a general sentiment to keep our land free from foreign entanglements. God is for order and peace. God is for America, if America will revere and obey him. Our greatest institution, the Christian home, is being upheld. Many, who were formerly unprovided for and who walked the streets, are gradually finding useful employment and can make an honest livelihood. Finally, I would be grateful that God has honored us to be his witnesses in presenting Jesus, who is positively the only permanent solution to all the world's ills.

GRATITUDE FOR GOOD NEIGHBORS

REV. G. C. SCHWANDT of Branch, Louisiana

If I were the chosen leader of this nation and it were my duty to voice the customary Thanksgiving proclamation, I would mention that God again has granted us the grain, the cotton and the cattle of a thousand hills as he is wont to do. I would thank him that the forces that make for righteousness have still been active throughout the last year, giving battle against the hideous assaults of materialism and sensualism. I would thank him for the unparalleled patience with which the poor of the cities have born the burden of unemployment and the poor of the rural districts the extremely meager rewards of their toil. I would be very thankful for two good and powerful neighbors to the east and west of us, the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, and for two good neighbors to the north and south of us, the people of Canada and of Mexico, who are singularly free from the pernicious "hoof and mouth disease" of imperialism. Lastly, I would give a personal expression of my gratitude over the prospect that my term of office would soon expire!

REASONS FOR THANKSGIVING

REV. OTTO R. HAUSER,
Secretary to Mayor Daniel Webster Hoan,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

If I were president of the United States I would lead the nation to thank God:

1) That modern technical developments in production enable us for the first time in history to satisfy all human wants in abundance. Men need not starve in the midst of plenty.

2) That the wrongs of a social order denying the masses a decent standard of living in a land of superabundance have been challenged by progressive social legislation such as the NIRA (National Industrial Recovery Act), the Home Mortgage Relief Act, the Wagner Labor Relations Act and the Social Security Act.

3) That in view of the inadequacy of all federal relief attempts public opinion in the United States is growing in favor of a change of the old economic system of planless competitive production for profit to a system of planned cooperative production for use, under which we would abolish poverty and establish economic security for all.

4) That the farmers, small merchants and profes-

sional men are beginning to realize that their interests are identical with those of the industrial workers and that there is hope of aligning these forces for united political action on a platform of production for use rather than for profit.

WILL PEOPLE READ THE PROCLAMATION?

REV. PAUL WENGEL of Detroit, Michigan

The fact is that I am not president of the United States. In view of that fact, it is a presumption to respond to that proposition. There is every possibility that I would not do any better considering the hundred angles from which a divided public shoots its criticism at a perplexed executive. A cynical age everywhere levels its guns of criticism at our president for making a Thanksgiving proclamation which it deems to be a revival of an era of superstition. Therefore, if I were president, I would not only expect to have my proclamation printed in every American periodical and paper but I would especially expect that the Christian Church members, whose faith is expressed by that proclamation, would through their accustomed places of worship in a sincere attitude of prayer. Negligence on the part of Christians to respond to this proclamation would suggest to me that no one believes in it anyway!

THE HOPE OF A NEW AND BETTER DAY

REV. FRANK KAISER of Rochester, New York

In the clutches of a grievous depression a nation might think as do individuals, "What do I have to be thankful for?" A close scrutiny of our past history, however, has always revealed that even the darkest periods furnish overwhelming reasons for thankfulness. Through such experiences nations as well as men are tried and tested, chastened and established. This depression has been a spiritual Armageddon in which old conceptions of economics and of government have come to grips with modern ideas and theories. In spite of much fumbling and many failures by our present administration, there will be a precipitate of experience which will be wholesome and abiding. Wheels have been set in motion that will not stop. Legislation has already been enacted designed to curb and to correct glaring abuses and evils. Measures for the advancement of social justice and security have been inaugurated. The social conscience has been quickened and the understanding of pending problems clarified. Human interests and values are in the spotlight and "an abundant life for all" is the slogan of the day. For the thrilling hope and promise of a better future we should be profoundly grateful.

Thanksgiving is not the commemoration of a victory or of any one event or birthday. It is a day of thanksgiving for the year's history. Surely, it behooves us on this day to pause and ponder and lift up our souls in devout thanksgiving to the Ruler of all nations for his gracious providence and for the measure of prosperity we have enjoyed, coupling with our praise the prayer for his continued protection and the preservation of our sacred heritage.

BEAUTY for ASHES

by Grace Livingston Hill

SYNOPSIS

Gloria Sutherland awakes one spring morning to find all which she thought was love swept away in one night. The week before her wedding to Stanley Asher he had been killed with a chorus girl in a New York speakeasy, both having been shot by the jealous lover of the chorus girl. The terrible news is conveyed inadvertently to Gloria by her sister, Vanna, just as she is trying on her wedding gown. The funeral service is a hard ordeal for Gloria, not only because of her deep sorrow, but especially because of the hypocrisy of the occasion as shown by the pretenses of mourning on the part of the relatives of the deceased and the flattering words of tribute about the dead man by the minister, which are so exaggerated that Gloria wonders whether he was really talking about her murdered fiancé. Afterwards the mother wants her daughter to call on Mrs. Asher in keeping with the social decorum, but the father, exasperated, steps in and insists that Gloria is going home to rest. The mother is so much concerned about keeping up appearances in the proper social style that she fails to see how exhausted and sick her own daughter Gloria, is.

CHAPTER THREE

But even her mother was startled next morning at her white face with the great dark circles under her eyes.

"We've certainly got to get her out of this town right away as soon as we can manage it," she announced when the breakfast was well under way and the servants had withdrawn for the time. "I've been thinking. We'd better go to Europe. There's nothing like Europe for diverting the mind, and getting away from curious people, and of course it's going to be awfully hard on Gloria being in mourning and not being able to go out at all. Charles, couldn't you get away, for a few weeks anyway, right off? You could at least take us over and get us settled in some nice pleasant central place where we could take little trips off here and there, and then you could come back if you had to for a while. I thought we'd be able to get off by next week if you could. Of course there'll be a few more clothes to buy since we must all go in black at least for a while."

Gloria looked up most unexpectedly and spoke. She had done very little speaking for the last few days.

"I'm not going into mourning, Mother," she said, "and I'm not going to Europe! The rest of you can go if you want to, but I'm not going!"

"Why, the perfect idea, Gloria, what on earth do you mean? Of course you'll

have to go into mourning! And why should you set up to say you won't go? You don't realize what you'll be up against if you try to stay here. Everybody in the town will be watching you and pitying you, and you can't turn around but it will be in the paper. You've got to let this thing die down and be forgotten before you can comfortably live here."

"It doesn't matter!" said Gloria indifferently, "I'm not going to Europe!"

"But don't you realize what you will be doing to your sister if you insist on staying here? Of course we couldn't think of going off and leaving you behind as you suggest. How would that look? And poor Vanna would be as much tied down as you would. She would be under the shadow of your sorrow, don't you see?"

"Why couldn't you and Vanna go to the seashore as you had intended?" said Gloria giving her mother a pleading look.

"And you stay here? What would people think of us for leaving you all alone?"

"I could go somewhere, but not to any places like that!" said the girl determinedly.

Then her father spoke.

"Where would you like to go, child?"

Gloria lifted sorrowful eyes to his face.

"I—hadn't thought—!" she said listlessly.

"H'm! I guess you hadn't!" sniffed her mother. "That's just it! You hadn't thought! You're not used to thinking for yourself, I've always done it for you, and you're not fit to begin planning for yourself now, I'm sure, not in this crisis."

"Wait a minute, Mother," said her husband interrupting. "Daughter, tell me, what was your idea? What do you think you would like?"

Gloria looked out the long French window the terrace to the banks of blue and purple and rose and white hyacinths. Then her eyes brightened wistfully.

"I'd like it if you and I could get in the car together and go somewhere riding for a while, away somewhere in a quiet place where most people don't go. I'd like to go where there's quiet,—and woods, and no crowds nor social duties."

"We'll do it!" said her father earnestly. "When can you be ready to start?"

"Charles!" said his wife reprovingly, "why will you encourage her in her crazy ideas? You know she's not fit to decide now."

But Gloria's eyes were on her father.

"Oh, today!" she said eagerly. "I could get ready in an hour or so!"

"Gloria! The perfect idea!" said her mother. "You couldn't possibly go anywhere today. You haven't but two black dresses, and your things are not in order for a journey."

"I don't need many things, and I don't want any more new ones!" said the girl. "I've been doing nothing for the last year but buying clothes and trying them on and having them fitted, and this is one thing I don't have to dress for. I'm only going to take along simple odd things that I know I'll be comfortable in, and I'm not going to take a single black dress along! It won't take long to pack!"

"Run along then and pack!" said her father. "I'll phone down to the office and make arrangements to leave. We'll start off somewhere around noon. Get the cook to put up some sandwiches for us and we'll eat by the roadside."

"Charles! How plebian!" exclaimed his wife. "Have you forgotten that every newspaper in this region will have Gloria's picture in it? Yes, and yours too if one can judge from the way the cameras were crowded in the office yesterday. People will recognize you wherever you go and what would they think to see you eating sandwiches by the roadside? A picnic right after a funeral!"

"Nobody is going to recognize us where we're going, Adelaide. Run along, child, and get ready as soon as you can! Vanna, can you take care of your mother for a while?" There was eagerness in his eyes and voice. His wife looked at him as if he were insane.

"Charles! You simply can't do a thing like that to us all. It is preposterous. Why, you're crazy! Gloria owes a debt to her fellowtownspeople, a social debt."

"I don't see for what!" said her husband, drinking the last swallow of his coffee and beginning to fold his napkin.

"Why, all those wedding presents for one thing. They'll have to be sent back of course and she'll have to be here to attend to them and write notes and everything."

"Yes? Well, that's all the more reason why I mean to get her away right off this morning. That child is not going through any more harrowing scenes for a while. She'll have a nervous breakdown before another week if she does. Do you know she hasn't cried a tear yet? Do you know that's a dangerous state to be in?"

"Oh, I don't think so," said the mother complacently. "It's just that Gloria is a very self-controlled girl. I brought her up not to cry over things!"

But Gloria was up in her room working fast. She did not even wait for a

maid to help her. She was getting out her overnight bag, and suitcase, flinging in a few necessities, toilet articles, accessories, plain sports clothes, rooting out old favorites that she had not been wearing lately since her engagement was announced because her mother had said she was too much in the public eye to go around in clothes that were out of date. She didn't put in a single black dress. White and yellow and brown, a couple of knit dresses for cool days, a coat and a plain hat.

When her mother, having lost her argument with her husband, and having given her orders for the day to the cook and her social secretary, finally hurried upstairs to deal with her recalcitrant daughter she found Gloria cloaked and hatted and gloved, sitting by her window with her two bags on the floor at her feet, watching for her father's car to come around.

"Gloria, you're hurting me very much by your strange actions," began her mother sitting down and surveying the rebel.

"I'm sorry, Mother, but I have to get away right off. I have to get away from people!"

"You're a strange child! One would suppose you would want to be with your own mother and sister! Now, while you're in trouble, one would suppose you would confide in your own mother!"

"Mother, you just don't understand!" she said desperately. "I've got to get somewhere away from everything. I'll come back sometime when I get my bearings, but I won't go to Europe nor into society. I've got to get away from those things and find out what it all means!"

"What do you mean, what it all means?"

"I don't know what I mean, but I've got to. I've stood this horror as long as I can. It's been terrible!"

"Gloria, do you think Stan would like you to do a queer thing like this? Wouldn't he expect you to stay here for a few days at least and help comfort his mother and keep up appearances?"

Gloria's eyes narrowed.

"Mother, Stan isn't to be considered anymore! That's over!"

"Why, Gloria, what a terrible thing to say. When you just adored Stan and wanted to do everything you could to please him! Why look how hard you worked on your father to get him to build a bar in your new house just because Stan wanted one."

Gloria's face hardened. "Yes, and now I wish I hadn't," she said half fiercely. "If Stan hadn't been so fond of drinking he might not be dead today!"

"Gloria! What a shocking thing to say! Stan never drank to excess. I always felt he was very abstemious. And surely you want to comfort yourself as he would want you to do!"

"No," said Gloria, "I don't! I don't think he has any right over my actions now. I think he forfeited his right by going up to New York and taking that girl out to dinner the very week before

we were to be married. He has made me feel that nothing he ever said to me was really mine any more."

"Why, you silly child! What a perfectly extravagant idea! You poor child, you take after your father! He's always getting such ridiculous notions in his head! But Gloria, dear, you mustn't make so much of that incident. Even if it were all true what the papers said, which of course it isn't, why that isn't a great thing. Most men have been a little wild before they settled down to get married, and had little affairs with girls that they wouldn't have married for a fortune."

"Mother! You don't mean that! You know Father never was a man like that!"

"Well, no," said the mother with a half contemptuous smile. "Your father of course is an exception. He always had a puritanical conscience, and his bringing up was purely Victorian of course."

Gloria lifted her chin a bit haughtily.

"Well, if you don't mind, Mother, I think I'll be Victorian after this like Dad! You know it makes a difference when it really happens to you, Mother! You've always had a wonderful husband and lived a sheltered life, Mother, and you don't understand, I—Mother, I know! It's happened to me, and it makes all the difference in the world!"

Then Gloria heard her father's voice calling from the hall to know if she was ready and she jumped up and flung her arms around her bewildered indignant mother's neck.

"Dear Mother!" she said kissing her fervently, "I'm dreadfully sorry to hurt you but I really have to go now and find out how to stand things. You don't understand, but I love you!"

"But what shall I tell Stan's mother?" asked the still indignant mother.

"Tell her I was about to get sick and Dad had to take me away for a few days. Good-bye, Mother!" and with a little wave of the hand and a faint attempt at a smile she, without waiting for a servant, seized her two bags and was gone down the stairs and out of the door.

Down the gateway Vanna stepped out of the shrubbery her face swollen with crying. She stopped them long enough to kiss her sister.

"I understand, Gloria darling!" she whispered.

Then they were gone, down the highway, out into a world that the father used to know and hadn't seen for a long time.

Mrs. Sutherland had managed to quash the sandwich idea from the day's scheme of things, so about one o'clock the travellers began to get very hungry, for breakfast had been but a sketchy affair for either of them.

They lunched at a quiet little roadside place the like of which Gloria had never entered before, so plain and quiet that it wasn't even a tea room. It was just a little cottage by the roadside with a sign

out by the white gate, "Homemade-bread sandwiches, fried egg or chicken."

It was a revelation to Gloria to enter that tiny cottage. It seemed scarcely big enough to be a bird cage, yet she discovered that it housed five people, a man and his wife, a little girl of eight years, another of three with gold curls almost the color of Gloria's, and a boy of ten who came whistling in from the barn with a basket of eggs.

The cold chicken was delicious, great flaky slices, the bread was a dream. Mr. Sutherland said it tasted just like mother's, the fried eggs were cooked just right, and the butter was something to be remembered.

Gloria was hungry for the first time since the tragedy. Mr. Sutherland talked with the mother. She told him that they had lived there five years, ever since her husband had failed in business. He had taken what little he had left, come up here into the woods, cleared this land that an uncle had left him, and they were getting along all right till her husband broke his leg. So now she had to do something to help out with the doctor's bills. But they were going to get on all right. The leg was knitting nicely and the doctor was willing to wait, and the children were selling vegetables.

Gloria gave a startled look about on the cheap furnishings of the little front parlor that had been turned into a wayside inn, caught a glimpse of the kitchen beyond, and a bedroom opening out of it where a man lay on the bed with a weight attached to his foot to keep the leg in position. Could anybody live in such crowded quarters and really be happy? Thankful that it was no worse? She thought of her own lovely home which she had known most of her life.

"It isn't as if we had to live in the city," said the mother happily. "This is a nice healthy place for the children, and we can raise most anything we really need to eat, and of course we don't require fine clothing—!" Her voice had a lilt in it, and there was a dimness in Mr. Sutherland's eyes as he paid the modest bill.

"You don't charge enough for such wonderful food and threw down another bill on the table as he picked up his hat and hurried out.

"Oh, but—" said the mother examining the money. "This is too much! My price covers the cost and gives us enough. We really couldn't take this!" She followed them to the car.

"It's all right!" said Gloria's father, putting his foot on the starter. "Tell your husband that's just from one brother to another. I used to be a farmer's boy myself once, and I know times can get pretty hard. I'd like to think of you here getting on. Sometime maybe I'll come back again!" and he threw in his clutch and was off, leaving the bewildered little mother standing at the gate clutching the bill and staring after them as if they were a couple of fairies riding in a coach and four.

"Oh, Dad, I'm glad you did that!" said

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Beginning the Day

A Scripture Passage and Meditation for Spiritual Progress

By the REV. ASSAF HUSMANN

OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Wednesday, November 20

The Theme Song

"The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish." Psalm 1:6.

(Read Psalm 1)

The Psalter is a book of songs, a book of prayers set to music, a book of poetry born of the Spirit. It can be profitably studied and enjoyed from several aspects: historical, poetical, musical, theological, ethical, and the like. The purpose of our study of the Psalms is devotional. Generally speaking, the book deals with two groups of people, the righteous and the unrighteous. The righteous shall be blessed whereas the unrighteous shall perish. However, this conviction was not easily gained, for the evidence very often seemed to point in the opposite direction. It is true, as the Psalmist states, that the godly person is an evergreen and fruitful tree while the other is like "chaff which the wind driveth away." Quite contrary to popular opinion, the man who delights in God's Word and contemplates its truths and the depths of his love is ever so much happier than the man who scoffs at spiritual things and denies God in his heart.

"Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart." Psalm 44:21.

Thursday, November 21

Man and the Universe

"When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him." Psalm 8:3, 4.

(Read Psalm 8)

We contemplate the universe with wonder. What worlds dwell in the infinite? What are those shining heavenly bodies? Whither is everything carried by this mighty power called motion? The more we think about it the more we marvel. If we look away from the universe and focus our attention on man, it seems as if he were nothing. Compared to the bodies of the universe his measures and span of his life are infinitesimal. But it isn't this littleness of man which puzzles the author. That the Creator of the universe should be concerned about man—that is what causes his astonishment. We know that God thinks of us, for we think of him. We could not think of him, were he not thinking of us. We cannot know God, if we are not known of God. We know that God visits us with his grace. If our lives gave no proof of it, we could still see it in the life of Jesus. We too ask: What is man? And we an-

swer: Whatever God's grace makes of him.

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11.

Friday, November 22

A Forlorn Soul

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Psalm 22:1.

(Read Psalm 22:1-8)

We look into the dreadful abyss of forlornness. Forlorn of God! Can there be anything more hopeless? There is no ground left for the feet to stand on. There is no air to breathe. Everything which makes life possible has been withdrawn.—One who relies completely on God has nothing to expect from men in such a crisis—nothing but scorn. But God never forsakes a trusting child and the forlornness becomes a revelation of God. When is water more to us: when we have plenty of it or when we are dying of thirst? When is God more precious to us: when his benefits are numerous or when they are crises? On the other hand, whose faith shows to better advantage: his who prays to God at the height of his success, or his who calls upon God at the depth of his disappointment?

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28.

Saturday, November 23

Completely Satisfied

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23:1.

(Read Psalm 23)

Do I want nothing? I have some very urgent wishes. Some are concerning myself; others concerning the church; still others concerning the nation. If the statement, "I shall not want," was the word of a sated person, of one who had found and perfected his happiness to such an extent that he did not feel another want, then it would represent the sum total of godliness. But if I say that I feel no want because the Lord is my shepherd, then it is the highest attainment of godliness. The rich farmer of whom Jesus told us in a parable, said, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Such a conception of happiness fully merited God's verdict: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." If the Lord is my shepherd, neither body nor soul shall die of satiety. But while the Lord is my shepherd, he will give me exactly what I shall need: the bitter as well as the sweet, the hindrance as well as the help.

From above there come no other than good and perfect gifts. The voice of the Psalm is the voice of faith. Have we attained to such faith?

"For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:8, 9.

Sunday, November 24

The Sins of Youth

"Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions." Psalm 25:7.

(Read Psalm 25:7-12)

The first experience of discord between inclination and duty, between human desire and divine law inflict deep wounds upon conscience. The sins of our younger days are so miserably painful because they are such powerful determiners of the course of our later life. In retrospect we see the fatal consequences and we are prompted in our mature years to pray for the forgiveness of the sins of our youth. If I say that such sins determine the course of my life, does that not make it rather hard to believe in forgiveness? Doesn't forgiveness mean that the consequences of my sinning have been erased and have become powerless to destroy me? In fact, God's forgiveness ends the power of evil and transforms my loss into gain. It isn't that God stops the consequences of my former sins, but he turns the pain which they cause into a blessing for me.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." Psalm 119:9.

Monday, November 25

Consciousness of Forgiveness is Happiness

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Psalm 32:1.

(Read Psalm 32:1-5)

There can be no consciousness of forgiveness where there is no consciousness of guilt. The happiness of forgiveness is known only to him who knew the unhappiness of guilt. Sin is a kill-joy. Sin makes enemies. Sin respects no boundaries. That is the reason why a sinner gets into trouble. For some people sin is not troublesome. They even seem to enjoy it. But it is a malignant joy, to be sure. They are unconscious of higher aspirations. As long as the light of God's Spirit does not fall into the darkness of their lives, they do not know the difference. But once conscience is thoroughly roused and made aware of the terror of sin, there can be no thought of happiness of any description until forgiveness has been found.

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"If we confess our sins, he (God) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

Tuesday, November 26

God Determines the Course of History

"The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought; he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations." Psalm 33:10, 11.

(Read Psalm 33:10-22)

Among the foreign nations, with which the author was acquainted, he found policies and objectives by which they were governed. The Assyrians strove for world-power; the Phoenicians were ambitious to create a vast colonial empire; while the Egyptians developed a world of their own, an Egyptian civilization of temples and tombs. But all of these nations created nothing which endured. Their counsels miscarried, and their devices were wrecked. And all this happened because they would not be counseled of God. They wrangled for the possessions of the earth and for the exploitation of her treasures and forces. Their religions were no better than their politics. They contained nothing of the glory of God, nor did they convey imperishable values. They were wrecked by their own desires, which were low. Such people God could not and would not uphold. While they thought that they were making history, it was God who determined their course.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh in vain." Psalm 127:1.

Wednesday, November 27

God is Nearest Where the Need is Greatest

"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." Psalm 34:18.

(Read Psalm 34:11-22)

What remains for man if his heart is broken and his spirit tricken? May the sunshine be ever so friendly, otherwise, it means nothing to him, for a man's heart must be whole to enjoy nature. May his business be ever so prosperous, it brings him no comfort for what does a business mean to a man who is dead to his business? May his friends be ever so solicitous, they inspire no hope, for it is not given to man to heal the broken-hearted. Is there no help, then? O yes! The Lord is near to such people and saveth them. It is God's inviolate rule to add his help to our need and his gift to our poverty, knitting together again the broken cord of life. The consciousness of God's presence in a crucial moment makes the experience unforgettable, solemn and sacred.

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Psalm 51:17.

Thursday, November 28

A New Song is Needed

"And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God." Psalm 40:3.

(Read Psalm 98)

Old songs sing of old experiences. They are indispensable, for they record the faith of the fathers. "Our fathers trusted in thee, and thou didst help them." Through the channel of song flows a stream of experiences down through the ages from generation to generation and gives to a people a feeling of solidarity. But just as indispensable as the old is the new song. We cannot live on memories. Or shall I find God in the experiences of the fathers only? Those experiences are theirs, not mine. Their situation is not mine; their faith is not mine; their work is peculiarly theirs, and not mine. Songs are not timeless. They are the fruit of our lives, and they express our prayers and our thanksgivings. A new age needs new songs, new combinations of experiences. Let us join in the singing of the new song, a song of praise unto our God!

"I will sing of mercy and of judgment: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing." Psalm 101:1.

Friday, November 29

The Impatience of a Soul

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God." Psalm 42:11.

(Read Psalm 42)

You grow impatient, O soul, because you must wait. Yet you cannot do otherwise but wait. For the present does not satisfy your desire. In that which you are and have you cannot rest. You must wait; for you are born for the future. You are in the process of becoming and have not yet reached your destination. But how can I wait quietly? Look unto God! Whether that for which you long will come or will not come, you will not know, for of that there is no certainty within human reach, O soul. That is why you waver between expectation and renunciation, between hope and desire, and you groan and find your situation difficult. But it is your business to hope in God, even in the gloomiest night.

"I wait for the Lord, my soul, and in his word I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning." Psalm 104:5, 6.

Saturday, November 30

Consciousness of Sin is Misery

"For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me." Psalm 51:3.

(Read Psalm 51:1-10)

Unforgiven sin is torment. It is like poison to the system. Sin destroys everything. I cannot believe, as long as the unforgiven sin rests upon me. I cannot pray, for it stands between God and me. I cannot love, for it confines me within

myself and compels me to consider myself only. I cannot work, for how can I produce anything good while I am a sinner? Everything withers, grows cold, and becomes crushed under the leaden burden of the unforgiven sin. Life stops. Where shall I go and what shall I do with my sins? I must get rid of it or perish. No man can relieve me of my sin. Only God can forgive sin.

"The Lord is merciful and gracious... As far as the east is from the west so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:8, 12.

Sunday, December 1

A Strong Temptation

"For I was envious of the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked." Psalm 73:3.

(Read Psalm 73:1-19)

Almost everyone is approached by this temptation in our days. For with ample proof it is demonstrated to us that man can live and even prosper without God. Why then should I put my neck into the yoke of Jesus and disable myself for the competition in the race for prosperity? I cannot make that reckless bid for power and indulge in unbridled pleasures. Do I regret it? I am tempted to! But I say, No! What tempts me? My decision is not made dependent upon my advantage, for if it were, I would deny God. He would no longer be to me the Creator through whom I am, the reality in whom I believe, the Lord whose will I do, the gracious one whose lovingkindness is my joy. If I seek after God, then success or failure, riches or poverty do not enter into consideration.

"Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." Psalm 73:23, 24.

Monday, December 2

Inquiring Into Origins

"Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands." Psalm 102:25: "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture." Psalm 100:3.

(Read Psalm 33:1-9)

To inquire into the origin of all things is no idle game. The path of such inquiry cannot be trod, however, without the risk of some danger to our faith. All depends on our motive. If we honestly desire to find the Creator in the creation, we shall not be disappointed. Because of the brevity of our life and the magnitude of the subject we shall not be able to accomplish much. But the smallest result is worth the greatest effort in this field. To gain a conviction through personal research like unto that expressed in the above two verses is a great achievement.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matt. 7:7.

CONTRIBUTOR'S PAGE

"A Parable of Life"

By Mr. Elmer Schick
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It was just a word which I overheard as I was passing a street corner where two men stood engrossed in conversation. One of them said, "I can't stay here. I must go on." That was all, but immediately these words became a parable of life. Nothing stays where it is and as it is. Everywhere there is change, either for better or for worse. Mountains decay; seasons change; nature is in constant flux.

How we try to fix our happiness and to hold on to it and to enjoy it! But we must go from childhood to manhood, from ignorance to knowledge, from faith to insight, from selfishness to love, from hope to achievement, from self-confidence to simple trust in God. We, as individuals and as churches, need the forward look and the forward movement. We have come to the place, where we now find ourselves, by a glorious road, but the road that lies ahead of us is still more glorious and the scenery is more beautiful.

Nothing can conquer the expectant soul. We cannot remain here. Let us then advance with high hopes of great things to be, for the Almighty God is on our side!

"A Poem by Mrs. Betty Stam"

By Mrs. J. J. Ebel
Kief, North Dakota

I have a beautiful poem written by Mrs. Betty Stam who was martyred with her husband last December while they were serving as missionaries in China. She and I were classmates and table sisters at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago when she was still Miss Betty Scott. She wrote the beautiful words of a poem of hers in my autograph book, which I treasure very much. I am passing these on to the readers of "The Baptist Herald" with the desire of sharing the inspiration of the poem with others.

"Beautiful faces are those that wear—
It matters little if dark or fair—
Whole-souled honesty printed there.

Beautiful hands are they that do
Work that is earnest and brave and true
Moment by moment the long day through.

Beautiful feet are those that go
On kindly ministry to and fro
Down lowliest ways if God wills it so."

"Jesus, the Light of the World"

By Mrs. Margaret Kittlitz
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It was evening. The sun was setting behind Judean hills, its last, lingering rays tinting fleecy clouds a soft rosy hue. Silently Christ and his disciples walked

toward the upper chamber, where "the paschal lamb" had been prepared. An atmosphere of apprehension was among them. Coming events seemed to cast their shadows over them.

In the upper room they ate the pass-over supper with only an occasional word. An eager question and a loving answer by the Master. Then Christ spoke, "This do in remembrance of me.—In my Father's house are many mansions.—I will send you another comforter.—I am the vine, ye are the branches." They were words of comfort, cheer and encouragement.

It was night. No star shone. The moon hid behind the clouds as if in shame for the deeds to be done that night. A hushed stillness lay over the earth. A sinister figure hurried around a corner, seeking even deeper darkness. He had come from that sacred chamber out into the night to dwell in darkness forever.

In the beginning darkness hovered over the deep until at God's command there was light. The most beautiful creatures of all creation lived in the light of God's love until their act of disobedience again brought darkness into the world.

There was another night, though it was still day. Onyx clouds hung low over the earth, brightened only by occasional, fierce flashes of lightning. Earthquakes tore earth's bosom asunder; the veil in the temple was rent in twain. The Son of Man on the cross cried out, "It is finished." By his act of obedience he brought sunlight into the lives of mankind.

It was night in our hearts until Jesus entered and with the light of his love made all our darkness flee. May every heart make room for Jesus, the Light of the world!

"The Church and Its Youth"

By Mr. John McDonald
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(Mr. McDonald is a member of the Rock Hill Baptist Church, Boston, Mass., and holds office as deacon and treasurer of the church. The following article is a portion of a talk given at the last New England Conference and sent to "The Baptist Herald" by the energetic pastor of the church, the Rev. John D. Kuehl.

EDITOR)

There are some people in our churches who try to ignore their responsibility, who talk and act as though they were a law unto themselves. To live like this is to live selfishly.

I should now like to direct that responsibility towards the young people of the church. Your love for Christ can very often be measured by your interest in young people. Remember that when Christ said to Peter, "Lovest thou me?" and Peter answered, "Yea, Lord, thou

knowest that I love thee," then Christ said, "Feed my lambs."

Youth needs your encouragement in the work of the church. While it is true that there may be times when we, as young people, do not know what we are talking about, do not be so blunt as to tell us so. Rather try to show us our errors tactfully.

There is plenty of work for all of us to do in the church. Membership for 20, 30, 40 or 50 years in the church does not give one a monopoly of the work. If you find young people growing up in the work of the church, do not say complainingly that the young people are trying to run the church, but we do want to help!

Paul in his letter to Timothy said: "Let no man despise thy youth." Timothy had work to do and it was made easier for him by those who encouraged him and more difficult for him by those who were not in sympathy with him. Being inexperienced we shall make mistakes, but we ask you, as adults, to have patience with us.

Nothing will impress us as young people more than to see the spirit of Christ reflected in your lives. His spirit can make us workers together with him!

TRUE THANKSGIVING

By MISS ELDA NEUHARTH
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Our hearts and voices thank thee, Lord,
O God, our King on high,
For thou suppliest all our needs,
Forever thou art nigh.

We thank thee for thy loving care,
Unceasingly 'tis near,
For homes and all our loved ones there
Who joys and sorrows share.

We thank thee for the chapels built
Where we may go to pray;
Where all our sorrows thou hast stilled
Throughout the live-long day.

We thank thee for the winds that blow,
And for the sun that shines;
Thou sendest all our rain and snow
To make this life sublime.

We cannot thank thee, Lord, enough
For all that thou hast done,
For all that thou hast given us—
Oh, who can count them?—None!

In all we get and all we do
Thou guidest us along;
Thou art near us the whole day through;
Thou givest us a song.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude
And truthfully we say:
Dear Lord, our God, we thank thee now
On this Thanksgiving Day.

The Report of the School Committee of Our German Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

By REV. PAUL WENGEL

On Oct. 1 and 2 the annual sessions of the denominational "School Committee" were held in the German Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y. It is a pleasant delight to meet with the brethren from east and west for hours of sincere conference on the welfare of our one and only educational institution. For the first time it was possible to have the representative of the Northern Conference at the committee session, the Rev. Philip Daum. For the first time in several years the committee was represented without exception with the Reverends J. P. Olthoff, D. Hamel, C. A. Daniel, H. R. Schroeder, C. W. Koller, and Paul Wengel present besides Mr. Daum.

Though it is a privilege to serve on the committee and meet with the brethren in this manner, it is by no means a picnic. The sessions began at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, continued until noon, were again resumed at 1 o'clock and continued until 5:15 with another evening session from 7:00 to 9:00 P. M. On Wednesday the meetings began at 9:00 A. M. and lasting until 12:00 and the afternoon session was from 1:00 to 5:00 P. M. The only breaks in the days of council and consideration of problems were the mealtimes and the two chapel sessions.

The School Committee has certainly taken its appointment seriously. The Rev. H. R. Schroeder, chairman of the committee, did his best to make the business sessions run smoothly, and the Rev. C. W. Koller, the scribe, courageously undertook to record all that transpired.

Our friends in the churches will be interested to know something about the action that was taken and the problems that were considered by the committee. One of the chief functions of the committee is to pass on the acceptance of the men who for the first time have entered the seminary in preparation for the gospel ministry. There were eight men who were individually examined with regard to their Christian experience and call to the ministry and their capabilities that might promise them success in that noble calling. One of the older members of the committee who has served in bygone days as well as on the present board made the statement that he had never seen nor heard the testimony of a finer group of men. As to Christian zeal, positive conviction, physical, mental and spiritual equipment one could hardly wish for better material. Our denomination is to be congratulated on the type of young men who dedicate themselves to the ministry.

It was interesting again to note that most of the newcomers came from the far west and northwest. In addition to the eight newcomers, Mr. Harvey Koesler, who had already concluded three

years of training at Rochester, returned after an intermission of two years. The student body now numbers thirty-one, all of whom will surely be needed in the vineyard as they graduate, if the churches in the denomination are wide awake enough to realize their obligation and duty in the Kingdom cause.

A sad note was struck in the committee session by the resignation of another of our veteran teachers. Prof. F. W. C. Meyer presented his resignation. It is to become effective August 30, 1936. Fitting resolutions were adopted and plans were made for a public recognition of Professor Meyer's service in the spring prior to his retirement. Professor Meyer will then have concluded twenty-one years of service to the denomination in the capacity of a theological teacher. His readiness to serve the seminary in one capacity or another even after his retirement from active service is a splendid expression of the kind of devotion that has made the German Baptists what they are today.

As a successor to Professor Meyer on the seminary faculty the Rev. O. E. Krueger was elected. The committee tried sincerely to sound the attitude of the denomination and came to the conclusion that it would be serving the churches back home by electing Mr. Krueger to that position.

Prof. H. G. Dymmel's service to the denomination was also recognized, and it was suggested to the faculty to arrange the curriculum so that he would have the opportunity to teach theological subjects as well as the academic courses.

A successor to the teaching staff of the academic department was also elected. He is Mr. Wesley Joithe of Newark, N. J., a young layman, who has definitely accepted the call and will begin his teaching with September 1, 1936. Not only the scholastic and intellectual needs of our seminary were considered in this selection but the theological and spiritual as well.

It will also interest the members of our churches to know that the name of our educational institution has been changed by adopting the suggestion coming from Dr. A. W. Beaven and the trustees of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Our seminary will henceforth be known officially as the *German Baptist Seminary*.

Our financial problems caused us some worry. The Anne Appleton Fund, amounting at one time to about \$15,000, has been exhausted. This fund had been the "spring of life" for the seminary in the financial desert of the past few years. Even with a reduction in expenses there is an anticipated deficit at the end of this fiscal year of at least \$3,000 if the contributions from our churches are not

improved sufficiently to carry this added load. Several sources are to be tapped to increase the income of the seminary so as to balance the budget. Among them is a collection of the money due the denomination by those who have attended our seminary and who are not now serving in the gospel ministry. Every student who enters our school signs a contract obliging himself to reimburse the denomination for the years of educational privileges received. It is as honorable a debt as any Christian can incur, and it is the purpose of the committee to make collections on these debts. It is hoped, too, that some modification of our budgetary system will be brought about to make the appeal for specially designated funds possible.

Above all, German Baptists everywhere, this is our seminary that has served the denomination faithfully for over eighty years and is still the most important and potent factor in the continuation of our distinctive missionary task. If we are proud of our German Baptist heritage, much of the credit for past achievements must be rendered to the ministry which was sent forth from our school of prophets. We beseech you, therefore, by the mercies of God, to continue to pray for Rochester and to let your gifts flow even more freely than in the past in the support of its ministry.

Pacific Conference

B. Y. P. U. OF FIRST CHURCH, LOS ANGELES, CELEBRATES ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

With hearts filled with gratitude to the giver of all good things we can look over the past year and give thanks for the manifold blessings which we were able to enjoy as a young people's society in the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif. On the evening of our anniversary we were glad to have with us many friends from the Ebenezer Church in this city and from the Bethel Church in Anaheim.

The program was begun with a selection by our orchestra of ten pieces of which we are very proud. An organ prelude by Miss Naomi Wittke followed. Mr. John Wolff and the Rev. K. Feldmeth assisted in the worship service.

The secretary's report showed that the enrollment had grown to 58 persons with 10 new names added, besides 8 honorary ones. Once a month we hold services at our seaport mission in San Pedro. One Sunday afternoon each month is spent with the members of the orchestra at the county farm where we render a program. Our society has undertaken to make two friendship quilts for the raising of mission money. On every Sunday evening our members alternate in giving a half hour of devotional messages. The treasurer's report showed that out of an income of \$150 the sum that was given for mission at home and abroad was \$143.

A pantomime featuring four intermediate girls was the first number of the program. Miss Esther Leuschner gave a

recitation from "Streams in the Desert." A one act Bible play, "The Beautiful Gate," was presented by the young people to a responsive audience. This was followed by a piano duet by the Misses Leuschner and Naomi Wuttke. The installation of the new officers was conducted by the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke. The new officers are: Theo. Wuttke, president; John Wolff, vice-president; Florence Eisele, secretary; Margaret Wessel, treasurer.

We do not know what the new year will bring with it, but we do know that if we remain true to our Lord he will guide us and remain with us.

FLORENCE EISELE, Secretary.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR THE GEBAUERS IN PORTLAND

On Thursday, Sept. 19, Miss Clara Kratt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Kratt, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oreg., became the bride of the Rev. Paul Gebauer, missionary to the Cameroons, Africa. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father at six o'clock in the evening at the First German Baptist Church of Portland in the presence of a few relatives and close friends.

We felt that the newly wedded couple had deprived us of an evening of festivity and gaiety, and so on Sept. 25 a program was planned in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gebauer at which the Rev. F. W. Mueller presided. Representatives from the church as a whole, the B. Y. P. U. society, the choir, the Sunday School, the Ladies' Aid society and other organizations of the church extended congratulations and gifts to the bridal pair. Clara and Paul were also given an opportunity to speak and voiced their appreciation for the kindness shown them. Following this part of the program we retired to the basement of the church where a real wedding reception was arranged by the Ladies' Aid Society. Mr. and Mrs. Gebauer were escorted to a nicely decorated table on the platform where places were also laid for the members of the bridal party and for Dr. and Mrs. J. Kratt. George Peters, president of the B. Y. P. U. society of the church, dressed as a postman, produced from the bulging pockets of his suit, one at a time, with appropriate mirth provoking comments, a vast amount of mail in the form of congratulatory cards, letters and gifts which were received by Clara and Paul with their customary witty remarks. Following light refreshments their many friends were given an opportunity to congratulate the pair and wish them success in their life together and in the work that is before them.

Mr. Gebauer's time while in Portland was well utilized and on several occasions he showed pictures and gave lectures on the missionary work in the Cameroons, Africa. Two Sunday evening B. Y. P. U. hours at our church were devoted to open forums during which many interesting phases of the work

among these people were considered. We also had the privilege of hearing him deliver several sermons and on Sunday morning, Sept. 22, he filled the pulpit at the Second German Baptist Church in our city.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 29, the Rev. Paul Gebauer, delivered a fine sermon and inspired us with a new enthusiasm for our missionary field in the Cameroons. In this meeting the members of the Second German Baptist Church of our city worshipped with us and assisted us in this farewell service for the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer. The deacons of the First and Second Churches of Portland stood on the platform of the church with Paul and Clara while the Rev. E. P. Wahl of the Second Church led in a "sending forth" prayer for our young missionaries. Following this service the couple left Portland on the 9:30 train for the East where they made several stops before sailing on the first lap of their long journey. A large crowd of Portland friends gathered at the Union depot to sing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and wish them "a bon voyage."

May God be with them on their journey and make them a blessing in Kaka-land!

ARPA P. SCHMUNK.

IN AFFECTIONATE MEMORY OF MR. DANIEL FREY OF PORTLAND, OREG.

The First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, lost one of its most active members through the death of Mr. Daniel Frey on Oct. 6. Mr. Frey celebrated his 80th birthday last March and was a member of the church for 35 years, during which period he served the Lord wherever his talents could be used. Mr. Frey served as a deacon of the church for 34 years and for 27 years was a teacher of the Bible Class in the Sunday School. For almost 20 years he was president of the German Baptist Old People's Home Society here and was also deeply interested in young people's work.

Prior to the last year or two when he was in ill health, he was always willing to be of service in preaching and on a number of occasions during the summer he filled the pulpit for the Sunday evening service in the absence of our regular pastors.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 13, the Rev. Fred W. Mueller, associate pastor, conducted a memorial service for Mr. Frey at which the brethren H. W. Neubert, G. F. Wardin and Henry Bertuleit spoke on behalf of the deacons, the board of directors of the Old Peoples Home and the B. Y. P. U. society of the church regarding the activities of our departed member and his fine Christian character. His passing has made us more cognizant of our responsibility for the gifts with which we have been entrusted.

We have lost a diligent church worker, but we are happy to know that the Lord has called him to his reward.

ARPA P. SCHMUNK, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AT BEATRICE, NEBRASKA

On Friday evening, Oct. 11, the members and friends of the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebraska, came together to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Straub. The program was given by members of the church and of the Ladies' Missionary Society.

Miss Esther Sturmer played the wedding march to the strains of which Mr. and Mrs. Straub entered the church, followed by their two granddaughters carrying baskets of flowers. The Rev. J. H. Pankratz, pastor of our church, read a Scripture passage and spoke briefly. Congratulations to the happy couple were extended by the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Pankratz, Mr. Schneflock, Mr. Nieman and Mrs. A. Kipf. Musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. R. Ash and Mrs. E. Paul, besides a piano solo by Mrs. Kopf, violin solo by Mr. Tony Straub and daughter, and a vocal solo by Mrs. Jolly, accompanied by Miss E. Sturmer. The program was brought to a close by prayer led by the Rev. August J. Marquardt. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Three other couples also celebrated their wedding anniversaries in October. They were Mr. and Mrs. J. Ahl, Mr. and Mrs. F. Paul and Mr. and Mrs. Vermas.

ESTHER MILLER, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION IN McLAUGHLIN, SO. DAK.

The Sunday School Convention of Western North and South Dakota and Montana was held from Oct. 11 to 13 with our Selfridge Church at McLaughlin, So. Dak. Large delegations of both young and older people were present even for the sessions during the day, so that the church was always filled to overflowing. A spirit of earnest attentiveness and study characterized the conference, which was ably led by the Rev. A. Stel-ter.

On Friday and Saturday evenings the Rev. F. Trautner of Hettinger, No. Dak., and the Rev. O. Lohse of McIntosh, So. Dak., brought stirring messages on the significance of the Christian faith and life. Papers and addresses were presented during the sessions on Saturday on various phases of Sunday School and Young People's work by the Reverends O. Lohse, A. Stel-ter, F. Trautner, and M. L. Leuschner. The devotional service on Saturday morning was led by the Rev. R. Matz of New Leipzig, No. Dak.

Sunday was a busy and inspirational day with an enthusiastic Sunday School Session led by Mr. Jacob Schweigert, superintendent, and addressed by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner and with the sermon at the morning service brought by the Rev. R. Matz. Mr. Leuschner spoke at the crowded afternoon service on "Our

Denominational Enterprise" after an array of fine musical selections and dramatic presentations by young people from the several churches. The association gives fifty dollars semi-annually for the support of Georgi Stefanoff, Gypsy missionary, and the offering of \$41 on Sunday afternoon went toward that worthy ministry.

Eastern Conference

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE SENIOR B. Y. P. U. OF ARNPRIOR, ONTARIO

The Senior B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, held its annual banquet and installation of officers on Friday evening, Oct. 25. Seventy-five members and friends were assembled in the basement of the church around the banquet table. At the head of the table were the officers and officers-elect.

After the fine dinner the secretary called the roll to which all members answered by quoting verses of Scripture. Short addresses were given by the Misses Rhona Rehmus, Viola Frieday, Hilad Kauffeldt and Eva Burke. The new officers were installed as follows: president, Miss Florence Nieman by the pastor; vice-president, Miss Hilad Kauffeldt by the senior deacon, Mr. Ferdinand Rehmus; recording secretary, Miss Hazel Kauffeldt, by Mrs. Clarence Scheel, a monitor of the Junior B. Y. P. U.; treasurer, Mr. Ivan Jahn, by the superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Emil Woermke; pianist, Miss Eva Burke, by Mrs. Robert Scheel, president of the Women's Mission Circle. The installation prayer was offered by the pastor.

MISS HAZEL KAUFFELDT, Secretary.

NEWS FROM CENTRAL CHURCH, ERIE, PA.

Thursday evening, Sept. 26, was the occasion of a lovely party given in honor of Miss Florence Schillinger in appreciation of her wonderful work as organist, Sunday School teacher and leader of various groups in the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa.

The program was somewhat delayed because the unwitting guest of honor failed to make her appearance as scheduled. Mrs. Louise Nelson acted as mistress of ceremonies introducing those who took part in the program. Professor Albert Mehnert rendered a number of organ selections, followed by Mr. Paul Cleveland, who played several violin selections. Mrs. T. H. Armstrong the aunt of the guest of honor, delighted us with a few vocal numbers. Short talks were given by the Rev. W. S. Argow and Mr. John Zurn, superintendent of the Sunday School.

At the reception Mrs. Puscher presented Miss Schillinger with a gift in behalf of her friends, wishing her "God-speed!" and hoping that she will continue her wonderful work as an example to other young people.

Our New Church in Alabama

About two years ago the Rev. Gustav Schmidt of Baltimore, Maryland, visited Elberta, Alabama, and preached for about ten days upon request of several friends who had moved to Elberta from Baltimore. Several persons were converted and baptized. This nucleus of German Baptist people requested the services of some minister for an extended period of time.

Since the field is nearer to the Texas and Louisiana Conference than to any other, the conference mission committee recommended to the General Missionary Committee to send a student to Elberta for the summer months. Mr. Otto Patzia of our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., arrived in Elberta on May 24 and worked energetically with spiritual devotion until September 10 when he returned to the

Otto Patzia, on request and by authority of the church, baptized three other persons, so that the membership of the church has now risen to the total of 55.

One of the members presented a building lot to the church, and the church has purchased a nearby additional lot on which it soon hopes to erect a house of worship. The former lot is intended for a parsonage. Plans have been made and are being carried out for the building of the church.

This new church in our fellowship will undoubtedly join the Texas and Louisiana Conference shortly and will be officially a church of our denomination. A picture of the group after a communion service is shown on this page. It is a promising field with every prospect of a strong and fine church



Group of German Baptists at Elberta, Alabama

Central Conference

CONCERT AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN CHICAGO

About four years ago some twenty-five young men of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago organized a Christian Fellowship Club.

This group has grown, as every enthusiastic circle of real Christian workers always does, and on the evening of Oct. 8 it gave a concert consisting of nine chorus selections and two vocal duets. A free-will offering was taken for our missionary work. The entire program was splendidly rendered and every member deserves credit, especially Mr. Arthur Pankratz, who conducted, directed and accompanied throughout the program.

On the following day, Oct. 9, we observed the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Pankratz's birthdays. Our pastor opened the regular weekly prayermeeting as usual, and when time for testimonies was at hand, a program had been arranged and was presented, all in honor of our pastor and his wife. A huge birthday cake and delicious refreshments were served during the social hour.

Why "The Baptist Herald" Should Be in Every Home!

By NORMAN J. BOEHM,
President of the National Y. P. and
S. S. W. Union

German Baptists of 1853 built wisely when they realized the importance of linking our constituency from coast to coast with the "Sendbote." It has served its field with glory for years.

More recently "The Baptist Herald," companion of the "Sendbote," was created to fill a definite need for our people. More and more it is taking its place as the mouthpiece of the denomination for those who do not have a command of the German language.

Under the editorship of the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner it has made renewed progress during the past year upon the foundation laid by the late Rev. A. P. Mihun. The best in articles, written by outstanding men and women, have appeared in its columns. The news, fresh, compact, accurate and reliable, has been reported. It has provided an outlet for the expressions of our people. There will soon be a "Work Shop" where ideas will be exchanged. The splendid editorials by the editor have been inspiring and challenging. The "Book Chats" have been sheer pleasure for book-lovers. The serial story has been re-established by popular acclaim. The best in fiction will continue to appear. Starting the day with God—the "Daily Devotions" columns—have elicited deserved praise. Even the cover has been the subject of spirited debate and interest. (There will be a new one for 1936.)

All these proven features will be retained and new ones added for 1936. A glorious year of service has been planned for your benefit and enjoyment. Such a welcome messenger should have ready access twice-monthly to YOUR homes. Others, outside of our denomination, are finding it desirable; you cannot afford to be without it.

This marks the opening of our annual campaign for new subscribers and the renewal of old ones. The Atlantic Conference has challenged all the other Conferences to a friendly contest for the greatest percentage of increase. That means work! The National Y. P. & S. S. W. U. heartily endorses this move. Boosters or agents, take your cue! Start immediately. Report your subscriptions early and often to the director of our publications, Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, so that your score may be computed and kept up-to-date.

Do not wait until the last days of the year. Start now and do not cease your efforts until every prospect has been won. The goal is 5000. We should exceed that. Boost—work—win! The cost is \$1.25 for 24 issues, crammed full of good things.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE "HERALD"
TODAY.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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tion was held for him on Oct. 4, which was also in the nature of a tribute of gratitude to the Rev. Emil Berger, pastor of the church for 40 years, who found it necessary to retire because of failing health. Several ministers of the city, as well as the German Baptist brethren, the Reverends R. P. Jeschke, F. H. Woyke, Julius and Herman Kaaz, participated in the inspirational program.

The cornerstone exercises of the new addition to the church at Turtle Lake, No. Dak., were held recently with a large attendance of friends. The new church as enlarged and improved will seat about 150 people and will have special rooms for the Sunday School classes. The church addition will cost about \$2000 besides the labor contributed without charge by members. The dedication of the new church will be held on the third Sunday in November with the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D., the guest speaker. The Rev. K. Gieser has been pastor of the church for about a year.

The Rev. F. L. Strobel, reporter for the Central Conference sessions, has requested that the following corrections be noted concerning his report appearing in "The Baptist Herald" for Oct. 15. "The name of the Rev. L. H. Broeker, the newly inducted pastor of our church in St. Joseph, Mich., was unintentionally omitted in listing the new pastors who were welcomed into the conference. Mr. Broeker also brought one of the main addresses during the evening sessions. The report should also have read that the Rev. Paul Wengel consulted the statistical findings of the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner's graphs since his paper was original in its presentation and conclusion."

BEAUTY FOR ASHES

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Gloria leaning her cheek lovingly against his shoulder. "They're sweet, aren't they? And they're happy, too, in spite of everything!"

"There are lots worse fates than living in a little cottage in the woods," said he musingly. "When I was a little lad we had a house as near like that as two peas, and Father and Mother were happy as two clams."

"Oh, Dad, you never told us about that!"

"Well," said her father musingly, "there never was any time to tell about things, not since you were born. We always had so much going on in the house, and you were so governessed, and nurse-ridden, and kindergartened and schooled while you were growing up that I scarcely ever got a chance at you. And then later, you had such a gang of hangers-on at the house! I've always wanted to. But how could I expect you'd want to hear about a little cottage on a big farm where I was born?"

(To Be Continued)

"The Baptist Herald"

A word from the Business
Manager!

By the time this issue of the "Herald" reaches the readers subscription blanks will be in the hands of the Boosters, or in the absence of such functionary, in the hands of the duly appointed church agents, for the purpose of compiling complete lists for the year 1936.

This is the signal for beginning the very necessary annual task of securing the renewals for the new year and winning as many additional new subscribers as can be obtained on the field. It is important that this work be started early so that the finished lists can be in Cleveland before the close of December. This insures prompt service to old and new and enables the publishers to begin all new subscriptions with the first issue of the new year which is clearly desired.

In order to have the lists complete it will be well to enter the names of such subscribers whose annual subscription for 1936 has become effective during the latter months of this year indicating the fact in some manner.

At no time in its history has the "Herald" had a greater appeal to our constituency. It promises to be better than ever. It should by all means be in every home in which English is spoken. Our boosters are rendering a real service by expanding its circulation, which even now is growing day by day.

Sample copies are cheerfully furnished on request.

The Management.

A CHAT ABOUT BOOKS BY THE EDITOR

For the past several years many churches have followed the suggestive program of the Missionary Education Movement and have concentrated their attention in missionary study on the people and problems of a particular nation or continent. During the coming winter months this mission study will deal with Latin America, comprising Mexico and the countries of Central and South America to the south of us. An array of popular and interpretative books and magazine articles are available on the social, political and religious conditions of these southern neighbors of ours, which should provide many an interesting hour of reading for individuals as well as a storehouse of material for purposeful missionary meetings.

LATIN AMERICAN BACKGROUNDS

One of the best books for adult and young people's group is "Latin American Backgrounds" by Winfred Hulbert (Friendship Press—1935—Cloth, \$1.00—Paper, 60 cents—207 pages) which describes in colorful perspective each area from Mexico to Argentine as to its races, history, educational development, economic life, social movements and religious situation. It is, indeed, an encyclopedia of knowledge on Latin America without in any way becoming dull reading. The reading list at the back of the book suggesting about 75 books for further reading and the colored map of Latin America adds to the unique value of the book. Here is history presented as "a mighty pageant," here is the story of the Chaco War and its effect on missions; here is the account of the building of the statue called "the Christ of the Andes"; here is the panorama of the inspiring record of Bible circulation in Brazil; here is a Christian interpretation of current events in Latin America.

The following paragraph is indicative of the spirit and passion of the author. "Therefore, it is possible to say that Latin America is a true land of 'manana,' the coming continent of the twentieth century. There one feels a confidence, an enthusiasm, a sort of springtime in the air, a desire of experimentation with the new ideas that the new times are bringing with them. But until one knows something of the temperament of the people, their life at home and abroad, one cannot appreciate the depth of the one cannot appreciate the depth of the passionate cry flung out by one young idealist, 'Will Latin America continue on the old path traversed by the nations of the world? Or will she set out on a new path, the highroad of the brotherhood of men?'"

THAT OTHER AMERICA

"That Other America" by Dr. John A. Mackay (Friendship Press—1935—Cloth, \$1.00—Paper, 60 cents—214 pages), a scholarly but fascinating treatise on the great social changes in Latin America in the midst of which the evangelical Christian enterprise is developing, was re-

viewed in "The Baptist Herald" for July 1, 1935, (page 207). Dr. Mackay is undoubtedly the most able Christian interpreter of South America who is residing in this country at present.

LUPITA

An unusual short novel of youth in Mexico amidst the social revolution sweeping through the country is "Lupita" by Alberto Rembad, who is a distinguished son of Mexico, a child of the revolution and a Christian with widespread influence. (Friendship Press—1935—Cloth, \$1.00, Paper, 60 cents—180 pages.) The novel is in five connected parts presenting four Mexican young people who are caught into the maelstrom of the revolution. These are Manuel Mareno, a young revolutionist in 1913 who entered a mission school in the U. S. and finds that there is something else to live for besides the glory of battle; Lupita, who studies to become a nun but on a trip to New York City is captivated by the ideas of communism and later struggles bitterly to find the true religion; Samuel Morales, a Protestant labor leader in Mexico; Mario Talavera, who brings the characters of the book together.

This novel deals candidly with the great social questions of Mexico interpreted in the light of the Christian religion as these questions are asked by the Mexican youth of today. It is a book which comes mightily to grips with life whether in Mexico or in the P. S. and is therefore interesting and worthwhile.

BOOKS FOR INTERMEDIATES, JUNIORS, AND PRIMARY GROUPS

A number of brightly colored and well adapted books on the missionary study of Latin America for the young children of our churches are available. Only brief mention of these books can be made. All of these books may be borrowed from the Braese Loan Library by addressing the editor and enclosing ten cents in stamps. "The Flying Boat" by Robert Norris McLean (Friendship Press—Cloth, \$1.00—Paper, 60 cents) is the story of Rosario, a young Mexican girl in the Arizona desert, and her parrot, Lindy, who search for Rosario's father, "somewhere in Mexico," aided by a Mexican missionary and who make unusual adventures during the search. "Over the Mexican Border" by Hewitt and Thomas (Friendship Press—1935—Cloth, \$1.00—Paper, 75 cents) is a small but invaluable book for leaders of Junior groups suggesting missionary programs on Mexico with many fine stories adapted for children. "Around a Mexican Patio" by Ethel L. Smither (Friendship Press—1935—Cloth, \$1.00, Paper, 75 cents) is a similar book for use by leaders of Primary groups containing ten suggested sessions for missionary programs on Mexico with definite procedure, worship services, informal material and serial stories. "Jumping Beans" by McLean and Craw-

ford (Friendship Press—Cloth, \$1.00—Paper, 75 cents) is a book of stories about Mexicans in the U. S. adapted for reading by Juniors.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

"Missions" for October, 1935, contains an article on "Yesterday and Today in Mexico" and an editorial on "Church and State in Mexico" by Dr. William B. Lippard, the versatile editor of the popular missionary magazine, based on actual experiences during last summer's trip into Mexico, in which the conclusion to the effect that "in the main there is freedom of religious worship in Mexico" is at variance with most books and newspaper articles on the subject but is proven to be true by Dr. Lippard.

"The Missionary Review of the World" with offices at 156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., has published an invaluable special issue for October, 1935 (25 cents a copy) on Latin America with eleven articles by missionary leaders covering every phase of its missionary work besides vivid provocative editorials and book reviews.

BETWEEN TWO CENTURIES

The centennial of Northern Baptist Missions in Assam, South India, Bengal-Orissa and South China during the latter part of 1935 and the early months of 1936 has been commemorated by the publishing of one of the finest recent missionary books entitled, "Between Two Centuries" by Dana M. Albaugh (Judson Press—1935—Cloth, \$1.00—Paper, 60 cents—239 pages). This book can be recommended with a personal, urgent suggestion that you secure a copy, if you want to catch a bird's eye-view of Baptist missions and to be stirred by the glorious adventures of our missionary heroes and heroines. The chapter headings will reveal the fascinating scope of the book, namely, "The Heritage of a Century," "A Hundred Years in the Hills and Valleys of Assam," "Ten Decades on the Plains of India," "A Century Along the Juggernaut Road," "The Second Jubilee Among Southern China's Millions" and "On the Threshold of the New Century."

The reading of this book will transport you into the dramatic story of Baptist missions during the past century. It will give you a new appreciation of the ministry of such friends of ours who by the name of Speicher, Geis, Bretthauer, Giedt, Luebeck and others have gone out into these countries as missionaries. As a foreword by Dr. Hill says, "This book is more than a history; it is a living drama, pulsating with life. Statistics are often drab, but here they are colorful and this record is not a catalog of events so much as it is an album of friendly facts and intimate pictures. Standing 'Between Two Centuries' we are inspired to go forth with the same earnestness, courage and devotion exhibited by these pioneers."

Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week

Sunday, November 24, to Sunday, December 1

Giving Thanks as a Denomination

By Mr. Henry Marks of St. Paul, Minnesota

The week from Sunday, November 24, to and including Sunday, December 1, has been appropriately fixed as our DENOMINATIONAL THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK. On Thursday of that week, we also observe our National Thanksgiving Day. Our President will call each citizen of this great country of ours to stop and bring thanks to God for all blessings received.



It seems peculiar that as a Christian nation we must be called upon to give "Thanks," that we so easily forget to say "Thank you" for the things we daily receive. Some may say that they do not know what they should be thankful for, that they have received nothing out of the ordinary, and that they have to work hard for what they have or have had. If we only stop and reflect, we cannot help but repeat the

words of the writer in the song:

"Count your many blessings, name them one by one;

Count your many blessings, see what God has done."

If then, we recount these blessings, we should say "Thank you" to God, and not only say so, but actually prove in deed that we are grateful. Let us take to heart the fact that we are being asked to observe DENOMINATIONAL THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK. Then let us try sincerely to make it our duty to remember it every week from now on, and systematically support the causes as they present themselves, and remember at all times that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." As in the days of old, "the widow's mite" was not despised, so too will our gifts be blessed!

Our Ministry to Our Ministers

By Mr. Joseph E. Rocho of Detroit, Michigan

Our MINISTERIAL PENSION FUND is a branch of our denominational activities which was planned, begun and has been carried on since it started to function by our laymen.

At the Triennial Conference held in Milwaukee in 1916

Some Real Thank-offerings for the Lord's Work

Recently a good Christian brother by the mercy of God was brought back from the portals of death. A few days ago he and his wife sent us a brief letter which reads as follows:

"Enclosed we are sending you an offering (\$1,000) for the cause of the Lord's Kingdom. May it be well pleasing to the Lord and redound to the praise of his holy name! We hope and pray that through this offering men and women may be born again into God's family. That is our wish and prayer as Christ's Pledged Partners. The Lord bless you personally and make you a blessing!"

A family in one of our churches has been making large

THE LORD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER

a number of laymen were discussing our church interests. Among them was the late Mr. J. C. Andresen who said: "Brethren, for a long time I have felt that something should be done for our pastors. I for one think that they are being underpaid. After they deduct their tithe and meet the daily demands of helping the needy, there is nothing left to lay by for a rainy day. Therefore I would like to recommend to our Triennial Conference to elect a board to be known as THE MINISTERIAL PENSION FUND, whose objective will be to give security to our ministers so that they may face old age with confidence."

It is a tragic fact that many of our ministers come to the loneliness of age and retirement without sufficient income to meet the bare necessities of existence. Added to the loneliness of age and retirement is the distress of mind caused by their inability to support their wives and to

supply their needs as in former active years. They are also often rendered helpless by the relentless inroads of disease coming with age. So it was that at the Triennial Conference held in Detroit, 1916, a MINISTERIAL PENSION FUND board was elected.

Everyone of us yearns for an un failing income in old age. No one wishes to become a burden to his children or to receive government dole or public charity. Thousands of us have practiced self-denial and have saved consistently through the years, but the hope of independence is now being disturbed by unsettled financial conditions. How about the pastor who has always had a meager salary?

I wish to appeal to our laymen that as Thanksgiving Day is close at hand, if we shall count our many blessings, we shall realize what God has done for us. God be praised for his help in the past years. Let us therefore bring a Thanksgiving Offering to the house of the Lord during our DENOMINATIONAL THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK, November 24 to December 1.

contributions to our denominational enterprise with regularity every month. For the month of October their combined contributions reached the high mark of \$2,000.

It has been suggested that during this "Sacrifice Week" we give a thank-offering amounting to one dollar per member. To accomplish that our members with means will have to make up the deficiency of our many members without means. One dollar per member will secure \$36,000 as a thank-offering.

We would suggest to all of our churches to add the communion offering of Sunday, December 1, to their thank-offering and to send the gifts without delay to Forest Park.

