

# THE BAPTIST HERALD



Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer

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## What's Happening

A baby girl was born to the Rev. and Mrs. W. Helwig of Wessington Springs, S. D., on Sept. 10. The baby, weighing nine pounds, has been named Lucretia Joyce.

The Rev. Otto Fiesel, pastor of our church in Hilda, Alberta, Canada, baptized 12 persons on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, July 7, and received them into the fellowship of the church.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. Koch, who have been in charge of superintending the Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., recently resigned and retired from active service. They will make their residence in Chicago.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 8, the Rev. Emil Becker, pastor of our church in Washburn, N. D., had the joy of baptizing four persons. Mr. Becker's ministry in this field during the first few months has been a very happy one.

Our church in Bridgeport, Conn., has changed its name to that of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn. The church is located on the Boston Post Road, known as "the King's Highway" from which it has taken its name.

Our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., is now known officially as the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y. This action was taken by the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School to prevent misunderstandings concerning the relationship of the two schools.

On Sunday, Aug. 25, the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, pastor of the Bethel Church in Anaheim, Cal., was privileged to baptize two young people, among whom was his granddaughter, Miss Bonnie Joyce Grosser of Oak Park, Ill. The Grosser family had been visiting in Anaheim during the summer months.

The Plum Creek and the Emery Baptist Churches of South Dakota held a joint baptismal service on Sunday, Aug. 4, at Sandy Point in the nearby river. The Rev. E. Gutsche and the Rev. G. Pust brought brief messages. Eleven converts were baptized, six from the Plum Creek Church and five from the Emery Church.

The Rev. Max Mittelstedt has begun his ministry in the Shaker Square Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, with the third Sunday in September, to which he was called as pastor. He served the Liberty Street Church of Meriden, Conn., capably for a year during the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Frank Woyke in Germany.

The students in the seminary quartet closed their summer tour on Sunday, Sept. 15, in our church in Erie, Pa., and the Bethel Church in Buffalo, N. Y. Between the dates of their departure on

May 21 and their return to Rochester they had traveled over 15,000 miles and had sung in more than 110 churches of our denomination.

Baptismal services were recently held in the small churches of Lemberg and Esk, Saskatchewan, Canada, with the Rev. G. Schroeder of Nokomis officiating. On Aug. 4 nine converts were baptized in Lemberg and on Aug. 25 three persons in Esk. Our church in Nokomis was recently painted and redecorated by members of the church, who did the work without charge.

An error was made in a recent news item about the Vacation Bible School in Wishek, N. D. The school, sponsored by the Sunday School of which Mr. Ernest W. Herr is superintendent, had an enrollment of 37. Mrs. B. W. Krentz, Miss Koth and Miss Elizabeth Quatier were the teachers of the four classes. The classrooms and playground of the public school were used. The dedication of the basement of the new church was held on Sept. 22.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 1, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, pastor of the Kossuth Church, Manitowoc, Wis., baptized four young people on confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. Following the impressive baptismal service, which was well attended, the communion service was observed at which time the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members. This ingathering was the result of evangelistic services conducted in May by the Rev. T. Knudsen.

The Rev. Fred Trautner, pastor of our church in Bison, S. D., and the mission station at Hettinger, N. D., baptized eight converts at Hettinger on Sunday, Aug. 11 and afterwards gave the hand of fellowship to these and two other persons. During the past summer Mr. Trautner was active in camp meetings near Hettinger and in Saturday evening street meetings in the city. Beginning with Sept. 15 revival meetings began at our church in Bison with the Rev. Willy Luebeck serving as evangelist.

The programs for the Harvest and Mission Festival to be observed by our Sunday schools on Sunday, Oct. 27, have been mailed to the churches of our denomination. All our churches are urged to have some observance of such a festival of thanksgiving at which the missionary challenge of our work will be presented. If churches desire to observe the festival at a later date in connection with "The Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week," they are most welcome to make the change.

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Aid societies of our churches of Chicago and vicinity for the benefit of the Western German Baptist Old People's Home will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, at the

Home, 1851 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Ill. The hearty cooperation of all interested friends either in the form of financial or material gifts is solicited which may be delivered personally or sent by mail. Many worthwhile things will be on sale at the bazaar, and meals will be served at 12 o'clock noon and at 6 o'clock in the evening. A program will be presented in the Humboldt Park Church in the evening.

The first announcement of the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week to be observed by our churches during the Thanksgiving week from Sunday, Nov. 24 to Sunday, Dec. 1, appears in this issue of "The Baptist Herald." Be sure to read pages 296 and 297 and the last page of this number in order to become acquainted with the purpose of this observance. Special reprints of these pages or of similar German pages may be secured in any quantity by churches, missionary societies, World Wide Guilds, Young People's Societies or any other organizations. Address the Rev. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

The general evangelist of our denomination, the Rev. H. C. Baum, has recently compiled very interesting statistics concerning his evangelistic ministry from Feb. 1, 1929, to June 30, 1935. He conducted 259 weeks of services in 150 of our churches and traveled in 35 states. He preached 1792 sermons, conducted 1215 children's meetings and held 113 Bible studies. The number of conversions in these services was the gratifying number of 1250 which according to Mr. Baum has been due entirely to the grace of God. The total amount of thank offerings received during these meetings was \$11,705. The total number of meetings of all kinds conducted by Mr. Baum was 3276. His ministry of the past six years has certainly been intensely active!

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 10, a memorable service was held in the chapel of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., at which time a tablet was unveiled naming the chapel the "Mary L. Windisch Memorial Chapel" in loving memory of Mrs. Mary L. Windisch. The Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D.D., was the guest speaker at the occasion. Other speakers were Mrs. Louisa Gaertner, Rev. F. P. Kruse, Rev. J. G. Draewell Messrs. Theodore Sorg, Walter Sorg and Wohlfahrt of Newark, N. J., and Mr. Adolf Voegelin. The Rev. Assaf Husmann presided at the meeting which more than taxed the seating capacity of the chapel. Mrs. Windisch until her death in January of this year was intensely active in all matters pertaining to the home, having served as treasurer of the Basket Club since its beginning and having sponsored many of the Home's activities.

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## EDITORIAL

### A Great Spiritual Advance

THE call for "Pledged Partners" has found an answer in the consecration of hundreds of young people and adults throughout our churches. In the June 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald" several pages were devoted to this great spiritual advance sponsored by the General Council of our denomination. The purpose of the pledge was clearly described in the seven items of the committal, the fulfillment of which would make a more faithful Christian and active church member.

Many letters have been received at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, with the signatures affixed to the pledge. One letter contained nineteen names of young people in a Texas church who had made this impressive consecration. Ministers of churches have written asking for fifty and a hundred extra copies of the "Pledged Partner" reprints in order to present the challenge to their congregations. From young and old these letters are still arriving.

Our general missionary secretary, the Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., has been able to visit almost every conference of our churches during the summer months, and at each conference he has presented the message of "Pledged Partners" in the German or English language. He states that the response on the part of auditors in warm, hearty words and in signed pledges has been most encouraging. This ministry of the spoken word has been of inestimable spiritual blessing to many people.

It has been the editor's privilege to sound the call for "Pledged Partners" at every young people's assembly which he attended. On this theme he addressed the large audience that gathered in the Stafford church for the Kansas Convention and the delegates to the South Dakota Young People's As-

sembly at Wessington Springs. In a worshipful out-of-door vesper service near Venturia, N. Dak., the young people of the Central Dakota Assembly responded eagerly. Similar services were held at the Linwood Assembly overlooking Lake Erie and by the Atlantic Conference young people in their Camp Unami vesper grove. The most enthusiastic response was shown by the young people of the Wisconsin Assembly who had gathered at the Kossuth Church near Manitowoc.

To those whose signatures have been received an attractive four-page brochure has been sent on which there is reproduced the purpose and the committal of the pledge. As many as respond to the call for consecration, this brochure will be sent. It is hoped that each person will keep this card in some prominent place on the office desk or bedroom dresser so that it will continue to speak its spiritual reminder.

This spiritual advance has only begun. We feel that there are hundreds of others who have made or want to fulfill this pledge and have not signified their definite intentions in writing. Immediate attention will be given to any inquiries by letter. Further mention will be made of it at conferences and young people's institutes. We urge every reader to make this the object of prayerful consideration.

So much of our Christianity is only half-hearted. We never act on the inspirations received. We fail to practise what we have enjoyed hearing. Each one of us needs to consecrate himself anew to definite spiritual tasks in the work of the church and the denomination and the Kingdom of God. Are you one of our growing band of consecrated disciples of Christ called "Pledged Partners"?

# Adventurers Together!

By MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER

EVERYBODY loves a wedding. Its glamour thrills the hearts of young and old alike. The story of Cinderella and her marriage to the noble prince is as old as the hills; yet it is ever delightfully new to the children's ears. The nuptials in which two people of fame give their vows of love to each other are usually described in the glaring headlines of our newspapers. The Lohengrin March. Tension and expectancy. The flower girl. Bridesmaids. Fragrant flowers. Here comes the bride! "Isn't she sweet?" The pulling of heart-strings and a few tears. The minister's resonant voice and the trembling answers, "I do! I do!" "Man and wife." A kiss. Joy. Congratulations. Confetti. "Just married," the decoration on the automobile. Life would be much less interesting if there were no wedding ceremonies in the joy and charm of which everyone shares.

## A Notable Wedding in Portland

Such a marriage was consummated a few days ago in the flower city of Portland, Oregon, where the Rev. Paul Gebauer and Miss Clara Kratt spoke the magic words to each other and to the officiating minister who pronounced them husband and wife. This event has already caught the imagination and evoked the interest of the youth of our churches. Mr. Gebauer is known from coast to coast for his captivating ways, winning the hearts of young people for the cause of Jesus Christ among the negroes of the Cameroons. Miss Clara Kratt is deeply loved by the young people of the Pacific Coast and of other sections of the country in which she is known, but the sphere of her friendships will quickly broaden as others make her attractive acquaintance. Together Paul and Clara are venturing forth into life and the hinterlands of Africa's Kakaland as eager and joyous adventurers for Christ.

Questions are asked on every hand. Curiosity gets the better of most of us. What is the story of their lives? How did they meet? Are they going to face the dangers and privations of that mountainous section of the Cameroons together? When will they sail? This article is being written in response to such persistent inquiries arising in the minds of our readers.

## A Picture of the Bride

At the wedding everyone's eyes are riveted on the glamorous bride, while the bridegroom stands unnoticed in front of the altar or pulpit. Therefore the bride, the former Miss Clara Kratt, will receive our first attention. She is the only daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Kratt of Portland, Oregon, although she enjoys the distinction of having five brothers all of whom are older than she is and

each of whom is already making a niche for himself in the educational or business world. In a company of young people Clara Kratt stands out conspicuously, not only because of her height, but more especially because of her attractive loveliness. A winsome dignity and pleasing refinement are always characteristic of her. She delights in the beauty of life, and the sparkling of her eyes gives away the enthusiasms of her heart. Her pleasing personality wins her many friends easily and her friendships have an abiding quality about them.

She was born in Portland, Oregon, where she had all of her undergraduate training in the public and high schools. Her father, the Rev. Jacob Kratt, Church of that city, whose ministry in 1936 will have reached the unique record of forty years in the one church. Here she dedicated her life to the service of Jesus Christ as her Savior and Master and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church.

## Clara's Interest and Training in Art

She has always been fascinated by the beautiful things of nature and life. Her interest in art has been with her from earliest childhood. A childhood friend of hers, Miss Lydia M. Losli of Portland, describes some of their summer experiences together. "We made and sold sand pies and watched the evening sun transformed into a Japanese lantern set in the blue Pacific, leaving the sky tinted with exquisite colors, so delicate in their different shades, that no artist but One could possibly paint them. As we grew older, we strolled along the sandy shore of the Pacific after sundown, listening to the roar of the ocean and reciting poetry. We took the hikes into the mountains and explored the streams, stopping every once in a while with our hearts in our mouths, thinking surely that we had heard or seen a bear just around the next turn. High up in the mountains we usually found a large stump to sit on and had the thrill of looking down over the tree tops and of seeing the mighty Pacific far below. Neither of us spoke, as we drank in the beauty of God's wonderland and thought how small and insignificant we were in contrast to all of the things about us."

In 1925 Miss Kratt went to Chicago, Ill., and spent three years at the Chicago Art Institute. It was a time of testing for her in more ways than one. Most of her Sundays were spent in our Humboldt Park Baptist Church and in the enjoyment of the lovely hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Stier who became known to her as "Pa and Ma Stier." The influence of a Christian home and the prayers of Christian parents helped to anchor her

life ever to the highest goals and the noblest virtues of the Christian faith during these transition years.

## Friendship Blossoms Into Love

In 1928 she accepted a position as art instructor in the high school of Madison, Wisconsin, where for six years she did independent work in art metal and art appreciation along with her teaching duties. In 1931 while at home during the summer months she met Paul Gebauer for the first time. It was a casual acquaintance, such as many others in a minister's home. Another meeting took place before he sailed for Africa, in which they talked earnestly about religion, problems of youth, art, and missionary work. The brief friendly meeting was soon forgotten until they met again in August, 1934 in Berlin, Germany, during the sessions of the Baptist World Alliance. By coincidence they sailed to America on the same boat and in the same class. The deepening friendship of those days opened their eyes to the bonds of affection which were to lead them ultimately to the marriage altar.

## Sketch of Paul Gebauer's Life

The story of Paul Gebauer's life has been the romantic account of sundry adventures. He seems to have the genius of transforming every experience of his life into a glorious and epochal event. His effervescent speech and striking descriptions stamp him as one of the most remarkable men in our denomination. Here is the way he recounts the prosaic fact of his birth. "Everybody has been born into this beautiful world. So was I in October, 1900. The wise lady who saw me first did not consider me worth the keeping, but I fooled her and stayed and developed from 4 pounds in weight to 149."

He was one of ten children in a home in South-eastern Germany in which it was exceedingly difficult to make ends meet. The father had always been adept at being a shoemaker, preacher and poet. Paul's early ambition in life was to become a dentist, but his father insisted on making him a blacksmith apprentice. After five months of torture in this apprenticeship, Paul returned in 1916 to the home town and became city and court clerk. He was drafted into the Kaiser's army and his war experiences added to his sense of defeat in life. In 1919 he had a religious experience which left a deeper imprint on him than his baptism five years earlier, and he became very active in young people's and Sunday School work. He made his living as a master mechanic.

In the fall of 1925 he arrived at Ellis Island and in the United States he became night school student, factory hand, mechanic, draftsman, high school lad, seminary student and missionary in rapid succession. In 1928 he went to Detroit, Mich., and joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church of which the Rev. John Leypoldt was pastor at the time and then studied at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky until 1931 for missionary preparation.

## His Call to the Mission Field

Paul Gebauer's call into God's service is related with characteristic warmth by himself. "How and

where had I been called to so honorable a task? There are moments and hours in anyone's life dear to that one. Such moments are sacred, for on holy ground God has spoken to an insignificant being. Not unprepared did that particular hour find me, for in the home of my parents missions occupied a large place. God's grace and the training received at the family altar made all of us children missionaries of some sort. It touched me deeply to notice on my recent visit to Germany that churches were founded wherever my brothers and sisters went and that each one of them is engaged in definite Kingdom-tasks. Humbly I mention this to pay tribute to a Christian home training. It was this which prepared me for God's hour."

In 1931 Paul Gebauer was ordained into the Christian ministry and sent to the Cameroons, Africa, as the ambassador of Jesus Christ and as the representative of the German Baptists of North America. His return to America in 1934 and his scintillating and inspiring visits to churches, conferences and young people's institutes are well known to most of our readers. His personal testimony concerning his years in Africa and his experiences in our churches is noteworthy. "The three years of African service have been full of joy and hardships. They have been filled with blunders of mine but more so with that grace which pardons all our sins. I came home in 1934 as one who had been a witness to the transforming and keeping power of God, who had seen his grace abound in people coming out of darkness, who knows that Christ is the only solution of the problems of Africa and its Africans. During my furlough I have again been a witness to the love which dwells in God's people. We have not ceased to be missionary. We still have a host of young people ready for prayer and sacrifice in behalf of a cause that is Christ's. We do not belong to a generation on the decline, but to those of old who through faith have become 'ambassadors on behalf of Christ.'"

## Future Plans of the Bridal Couple

After a brief honeymoon the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer will be the guests of farewell services to be held in Chicago and at the Ebenezer Church in Detroit and will sail during this month for Africa. Arriving in the bay of Duala they will leave by train for the interior before the heavy rains of the late months of the year. From the end of the train route they will ride on horseback to their new home and our new mission station in Kakaland.

The hearts of German Baptists thrill to the adventurous spirit of these two young people who as a bridal couple are making the long honeymoon trip of almost ten thousand miles into Africa's grass country. The best wishes and prayers of all our people will attend their way. Every published letter and article from the Gebauer's will be a red letter event in our periodicals. Paul and Clara Gebauer are venturing forth in a sacrificial ministry and for a noble cause. Can we be satisfied with less? We must of necessity share the responsibilities of this task as well as the joys of these festive days!

# Grace Livingston Hill

NO NOVELIST of the twentieth century has risen higher in the affections of countless young people of America than Grace Livingston Hill. No author has exerted such impressionable religious influences on the reading public than has Mrs. Hill. She stands with inspiring supremacy among the novelists of this day who distort the picture of life like a sentinel mountain peak among lesser heights.

She was born in Wellesville, N. Y., on April 16, 1865. Ever since Mrs. Hill was a little girl she has loved to make up stories.

When she was very young, her mother, who was widely known for her published "Christmas Love Stories," always told her a story at night. As Grace Livingston became older, she fell quite naturally into the habit of thinking out a story for herself each night before she went to bed.

Her father was a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Charles Livingston, a frequent contributor to religious papers. Her father was deeply interested in politics and studied carefully the critical questions in all current events. His eyes were not able to bear much strain, and so he called on his daughter to read the newspapers to him in the evening. From him, too, she received her religious training, being wisely and unusually led to read and to think on the eternal divine truths as well as to think things through to conviction and to a strong faith in God and the Bible.

Her talent for drawing and painting led her parents to choose an art school rather than college for her. But writing seemed to be the normal and natural outlet for her. One of her earliest efforts at the age of ten years was "The Esseltynes," an extravagant tale of the good-hearted rich toward the deserving poor. It became a family joke, but in it the ten-year-old imagination foreshadowed the rich idealism in later years.

One year it appeared as if the usual family trip from Florida to the great summer resort, Chautauqua, would not be made. Grace as a young girl was exceedingly eager to go and she asked her father if she could earn the money to pay her way and that of the family. Thereupon she wrote a simple allegory of birds and trees and running brooks who succeeded in making for themselves a

Chautauqua and called it "A Chautauqua Idyll." Edward Everett Hale wrote a preface, the book was published, the money earned, and the family went to Chautauqua that summer.

Then before the thousands assembled on "Old First Night" at Chautauqua Bishop Vincent arose and announced the publication of the story and told the name of the author. That memorable summer at Chautauqua marked the real beginning of Grace Livingston's literary career and furnished the particular stimulus which started her upon it.

In 1892 she married the Rev. Thomas Franklin Hill, a brilliant young Presbyterian minister, who died after seven years. Mrs. Hill was left to be practically the sole support of her two little girls. So between the frying of potatoes and the letting down of gingham hems she wrote faster than ever, stories, articles, poems and Christian Endeavor columns. During the intervening years she has written forty-four novels, the latest of which are "White Orchids" and "Beauty for Ashes," the latter of which will appear in serial installments in "The Baptist Herald" beginning with the October 15th issue. Mrs. Hill's present home is in Swarthmore, Pa.

The characters from her books will sometimes hold her attention over a period of weeks before she writes the story until she knows these people so well that every word and action is unquestionably their own. At other times she will just sit down at her typewriter and begin somewhere in an incident of someone's life and weave it on into a story. If you ask her where she gets her plots, she will just smile and say, "Oh,

There is about Mrs. Hill's life and writing a certain buoyant spirit which sets aside discouragement, a spirit that trusts God whatever befalls. It trials and has given her a religious message to the world with which to justify the simple tale-weaving which she loves.

As her personal message to the readers of "The Baptist Herald" Mrs. Hill wrote that "in these days of doubt it is very encouraging to hear from those who are in sympathy with the Christian message." Her novel, "Beauty for Ashes," will endear her more than ever to the hearts of her many friends.



Photograph by Baehrach

A Recent Picture of Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill

## CONTRIBUTOR'S PAGE

The "Contributor's Page" will appear in "The Baptist Herald" from time to time as sufficient material arrives at the editorial offices to fill the page. Every reader of this publication is invited and urged to send in some contribution, not exceeding 300 words in length, discussing some religious problem or truth which may be of general widespread interest or commenting critically on some denominational policy or issue or sending some poem which seems worthy of publication. This is the reader's page which is being reserved for your letters and contributions. Address all mail to the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., and your contributions will appear as soon as possible. If enough persons respond, this "Contributor's Page" may become one of the most popular features of "The Baptist Herald" in future years.

### "Our New Cameroon Mission Field"

From A. W. Kettenburg  
Newark, N. J.

After a few years of retrenchment in our foreign mission work due to economic conditions, I am glad to see that our denominational leaders are again venturing forth on "the ship of faith" by opening up a new field in the Kakaland of Cameroon.

Why is it that many of our young people have had to go to the foreign fields through the "Faith Mission Societies"? Isn't it mainly because the financial resources of some of our churches have been diverted to their work instead of ours? If our mission board had the financial support which rightly belonged to them, we could have been a more powerful influence in preaching Christ to all the world.

Isn't this new work yours and mine? Isn't our work done in faith as much as that done by "Faith Missions"? Then why shouldn't we as young people, Sunday School workers and, yes, even church members support our own denomination in faith. Surely this new field should give a new impetus to support our own foreign work both financially and with the lives of our young people. We have this opportunity now. So let us rally around the banner of Christ and proclaim the gospel message to all the world. Let us support this new program with our prayers, financial help and our lives.

In the term of our present day vernacular, "I Dare You" to accept the challenge of our mission board and Paul Gebauer, our missionary, and support YOUR work in this new field of labor with the hope that Christ will find us willing doers of his will and always ready to accept new fields as the doors are opened to us.

### "An Abiding World Peace"

From Albert H. Voth

Cleveland, Ohio

In his speech on conciliation with the American colonies, Edmund Burke had this to say of peace: "It is simply peace, sought in its natural course and in its ordinary haunts, it is peace sought in the spirit of peace and laid in principles purely pacific which must be our goal."

I think the last war has proven the truth of that statement. It is a well known fact that each nation that attended the Hague Conference which preceded the war went there carrying a "chip on its shoulder." The result of that conference was the turning of Europe into an armed camp with only a spark needed to set off the explosion.

Today we are faced with a similar situation. Europe is again an armed camp because the victorious allies forced Germany to sign that masterpiece of folly, the Versailles Treaty, and then failed to keep their own promises to disarm which are a part of the treaty. It is no wonder that Germany has discarded the military and naval provisions which she, at least, kept while the other European nations never intended to keep them.

By this time every lover of peace realizes the futility of maintaining peace through large standing armies and huge armaments. The great mass of people who inhabit this earth of ours really want peace. The only way we can insure it is to place the spirit of God into our international conferences and seek peace "in the spirit of peace." When we have done that, I believe this world will be a better place in which to live.

### "Christian Race—Equality"

From John Hensel  
Philadelphia, Pa.

A few weeks ago a guest preacher brought a sermon in our Sunday morning service based on the text, John 3:16. After such a fine message there should not have been any doubt in the minds of the people who were present that God's plan of salvation is for all races and classes of people. Still the divine commands, "Love ye one another" and "Bear ye one another's burdens," seem to be somewhat inept when we look at some of the situations which surround us. Who of us even thinks of the Negro as our brother in Christ? Or the Chinese? Or the Hindu?

We give a little money to support missionary activities in China, Africa, India and other foreign lands but we avoid all possible contact with natives of these countries. Would we invite a Chinese to dinner at our house? No!

Would we invite a Negro preacher into our pulpit? No! Our Christianity is not big enough for that. We are distrustful of the Oriental and nauseated by the black man.

Until we have evolved some system of education which will make us willing to call all men "brothers"—and really mean it—we can not claim for ourselves the name of Christian. God's plan of salvation includes everyone; not just one nation, or just one race of peoples. We who are older will do well to remember that song which we learned as beginners in Sunday School:—"Red and yellow, black and white; they are one with in His sight."

### My Favorite Passage of Scripture

Miss Ella Rinas  
Beaver, Michigan

The 10th chapter in the gospel according to John is my favorite passage of Scripture because this was the passage that helped me to find new faith and the right way, the way that leads to the door of the good Shepherd.

When I read this passage over and over again I renew my faith in him who is the good Shepherd and the Master of our lives.

Jesus Christ, the good Shepherd, said: "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

Upon this I stand steadfastly and ask the good Shepherd to help me to be a true under-shepherd and not an hireling.

### "The Church of Yesterday"

By Miss Pearl M. Adam  
Madison, S. Dak.

There stands on a hill  
Near an old country roadside  
The church that never will  
From my memories pass by.

How often when there  
On the beautiful Sabbath morn,  
Would we worship and pray  
In the church on Sunday morn.

As the years pass by  
The church on the roadside  
Is left bare, while many sigh  
For the church that stands alone.

But to me there is none dear  
As the church that stands alone  
For there in prayer and tears  
My friends for me did mourn.

In peace and sweet rest  
It was there my Saviour I found,  
Now no church is so dear as that  
Dear old church that stands alone.

# Our Denomination

## Looking Across Our Far-flung Field

### OUR CHURCHES

Any traveler who would attempt to visit all our churches would see the picturesque New England States with their historical sites and alluring colonial architecture, would go up and down the Atlantic Coast imbibing the urban spirit of such metropolitan centers as New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, would cross the Allegheny Mountains into the fruitful plains of the Middle West, would open his eyes to the typical beauty of the Southern States, would thrill to the myriad things of scenic delight along the Pacific Coast and would traverse almost the entire length of Canada from the Pacific to the Atlantic Oceans.

Our denomination has 272 churches in the United States and Canada with a

membership of 36,078 members. These churches are associated together in 9 conferences which in turn compose the General Conference of German Baptists of North America. There are 320 Sunday Schools within our bounds with 35,581 scholars and 238 young people's societies as an evidence of the active work among our youth.

The churches range in membership from 11 persons to 654, the largest church being the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. The value of all properties owned by the churches amounts to about five million dollars. During the past statistical year the average receipts per member for local and missionary purposes was the noteworthy total of \$12.62.

### GENERAL COUNCIL

At the head of our denomination is the General Council, which was organized at the General Conference in Milwaukee in 1934. Its purpose is to serve as our executive committee and to promote the varied activities of the denomination. It is composed of the moderator and treasurer of the General Conference, the General Missionary Secretary of our churches and one representative from each of the eight organizations participating in the budget. It will soon undertake a general survey of our denominational life and activities and make recommendations for increasing our strength and work.

### SEMINARY

The German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., as our seminary is now called, is the oldest organized institution within the confines of our denomination. Its history glows with such names as Schaefer, Gubelmann, Raussenbusch, Kaiser, Ramaker and others. More than 600 students have graduated from its halls during the 82 years of its history. It has experienced severe financial difficulties largely because it received only \$9,000 during the past 13 months when it should have received \$15,000 according to the budget. The present faculty is composed of Prof. Albert Bretschneider, dean; Prof. F. W. C. Meyer, Prof. Arthur A. Schade, Prof. Helmut Dymmel and Rev. O. E. Krueger.

### PUBLICATION SOCIETY

The Publication Society with its printing establishment in Cleveland, Ohio, has an equally interesting history for a period of 65 years. The printed page is a bond which unifies our interests and activities. The German weekly publication, "Der Sendbote," and the semi-monthly English periodical, "The Baptist Herald," have subscription lists of almost 5000 and 3500 respectively. Other publications which are printed by our Cleveland house are "Die Lektionsblaetter," "Der Muntere Saemann," "Der Wegweiser," "Der Volkskalender," "Konferenzverhandlungen" and the programs for the annual Sunday School festivals.

### ORPHANAGE

The Children's Home located in St. Joseph, Mich., is rendering a Christ-like ministry to the orphans of our denomination. The Rev. and Mrs. Hans Steiger in charge of the Home have labored sacrificially under difficult circumstances. Every decrease in giving by individual members or churches is felt most perceptibly in the handicapped work of each institution.

### YOUNG PEOPLE

The work among the promising young



Courtesy of Southern Pacific Railway

Crater Lake, Oregon, near Portland, Oregon, which city will be the scene of the General Conference in 1937

### STATISTICS THAT TELL THEIR OWN STORY

#### COMPARISON OF BUDGET RECEIPTS

Aug. 1, 1928 to Aug. 31, 1929	\$173,103.00
Aug. 1, 1931 to Aug. 31, 1932	\$103,091.00
Aug. 1, 1933 to Aug. 31, 1934	\$79,551.00
Aug. 1, 1934 to Aug. 31, 1935	\$88,200.00

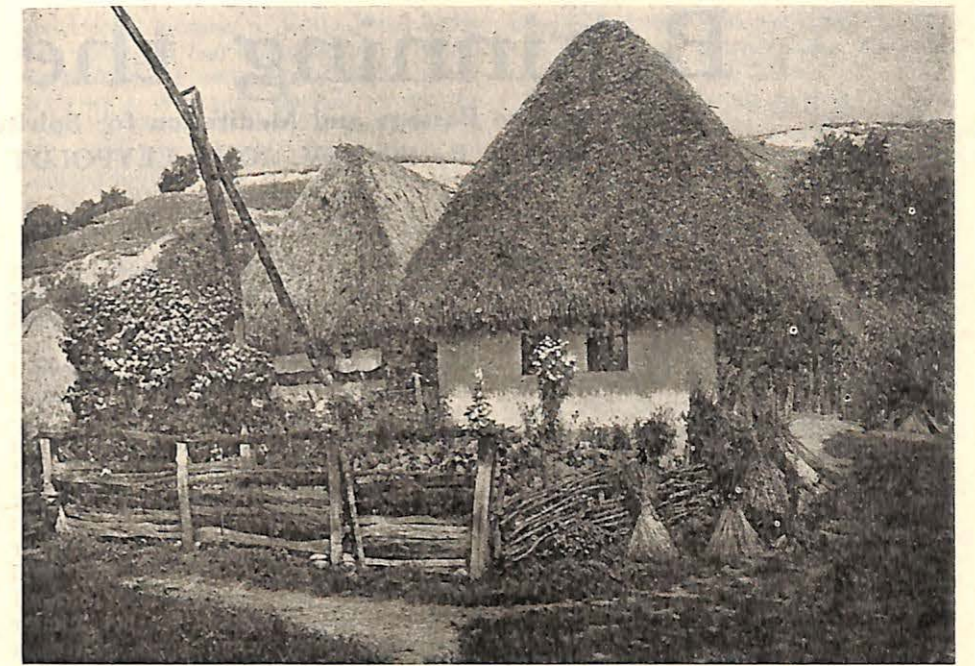
#### COMPARISON OF EXPECTED VS. ACTUAL RECEIPTS

Expected Receipts from Aug. 1, 1934 to Aug. 31, 1935	\$144,444.00
Actual Receipts during this Period	88,200.00

Deficiency during 13 Months	\$56,244.00
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#### COMPARISON OF RECENT AUGUST RECEIPTS

August, 1932	\$3,893.00
August, 1933	5,985.00
August, 1934	2,733.00
August, 1935	4,478.00



Typical Peasant Home in Our Danubian Mission Field

izing of Baptist Churches and in this task we have a real missionary share. The promising Okanagan Valley in British Columbia in which Mr. H. Rumpfle is pioneering at present is such a field in which we soon hope to erect a Baptist church.

### MINISTERS' AID

The Ministers' Pension Fund and the fund for Superannuated Ministers and Ministers' Widows are provisions for the assisting of men and women who have ably served our churches and God and are now in the reclining years of their lives. To neglect such noble ambassadors of the Kingdom when their physical strength is waning is a sin of which we should always pray to be delivered. A small portion of our missionary treasury is also devoted to general relief.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

The phase of our work which commands the greatest interest because of its uniqueness is that of foreign missions. The fields on which our representatives are laboring are witnessing conversions by the scores in spite of adverse circumstances. We can be proud of the accomplishments of the past. We cannot be satisfied with less than our best in this critical day when the Macedonian call resounds stronger than ever.

### DANUBIAN FIELD

In the countries of Austria, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Rumania whose boundaries touch the blue waters of the Danube River and which are known as our "Danubian Gospel Field" we have 44 representatives who are partly supported by us. The Gipsy Baptist Church at Golinzi, Bulgaria, the remarkable revival at Kazanlik, Bulgaria, in the midst of bitter persecutions, the unique ministry of Missionary Sepper in Sarajewo, Yugoslavia,

in which the first shot was fired which led to the World War, and the distribution of Bibles and religious literature by the Rev. Paul Mischkoff who is known as the only traveling evangelist in Bulgaria are only several of the many outstanding features of our Danubian Gospel Field.

### THE CAMEROONS

The Cameroons of Africa have endeared themselves to the hearts of all German Baptists. Our missionaries have pictured the African habitat and their work so vividly that we feel we, too, have been there. The evangelistic work of Missionary C. J. Bender and his wife, who has just returned to America, in Soppo near the coast and the additional achievements in the building of a church and the mission school's winning of highest honors in competition with governmental schools are worthy of praise. The return of Rev. Paul Gebauer with his bride, Miss Clara Kratt of Portland, Oregon, into the interior of the Cameroons, Kakaland, must stir the heart of every missionary-minded member of our churches. This new field will be entirely under the supervision of our denomination. The missionary tasks facing us in the world of today are more numerous and challenging than ever before.

### THANKSGIVING WEEK

From Sunday, Nov. 24, to Sunday, Dec. 1, our churches will observe DENOMINATIONAL THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK. Any Christian who is sincere in the expression of his gratitude will want to make some sacrificial gift in the interest of the Kingdom of God. Get acquainted with the spiritual romance of our far-flung mission fields! Share in this missionary undertaking with your denomination! Let your gifts be the highest expression of your gratitude to God!

### NEW CHAPELS

There are still pioneer fields in the United States and Canada in which new preaching stations are opened. The building of chapels follows the organ-



## Southwestern Conference

THE SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE AT MARION, KANS.

From August 14 to 18 a large number of delegates and friends from the various churches in the Southwestern Conference gathered at Marion, Kans., for the annual session. After a warm welcome by the Rev. O. Roth, the local pastor, the Rev. P. Smit of Lorraine, Kans., delivered a forceful message which lingered in the hearts of all during the entire session on the subject, "The Unchanging Christ in a Changing World."

During the four days of the sessions many uplifting and inspirational messages were given by ministers of the conference. All considered it a privilege to have so many denominational messengers. The Rev. S. Blum brought stirring addresses and laid bare his heart's desire for our publications and the work that is being done at Cleveland. Prof. H. Dymmel gave a report of the work at the seminary and spoke to the meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Societies on Friday afternoon about his trip to the Baptist World Congress in Berlin. The Rev. H. Steiger brought to us an interesting report of the work that is being done at our Orphans' Home in St. Joseph, Mich. Dr. Wm. Kuhn reported on the general work of the German Baptist denomination in North America, stating that our work is about 90 years old in this country. He emphasized the fact that God has been with us during this long period of time. Dr. Kuhn also delivered the closing address using as his subject, "Pledged Partners."

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Rev. O. Roth, chairman; Rev. Chas. Wagner, secretary; Rev. J. J. Renz, assistant secretary; Rev. A. R. Sandow, mission secretary.

On Saturday afternoon the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union met for a business session with Mr. Gustave Gableman, the president, presiding. The high point of the Young People's gathering was the banquet on Saturday evening with the Rev. P. Smit acting as toastmaster. Approximately 140 persons were assembled in the artistically decorated basement of the church for a period of intermittent humor and inspiring speeches by presidents of the various societies and Sunday Schools.

All visitors are very grateful to the people of the Marion Church for the warm reception to their homes and for the prevailing spiritual atmosphere which contributed to the uplifting sessions of the great gathering.

STANLEY F. GEIS, Reporter.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SESSIONS OF SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The meetings of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Southwestern Conference were held from August 17 to 18 with the church at Marion, Kansas.

The meeting on Saturday afternoon

was opened with a song service led by the Rev. J. Kornelsen. Miss Bernice Stenzel led the devotional period. At the business session the following officers were elected: President, Gustave Gabelman, of Lincoln, Kans.; vice president, Dorothy Knopf, of Ingersoll, Okla.; secretary, Gladys Brenner, of Junction City, Kans.; treasurer, Alvin Zeckser, of Woodbine, Kans.

The Dillon Union favored us with a reading entitled, "Only a Song." Prof. H. Dymmel, Rochester, N. Y., brought a very excellent address on "The Music of Life." On Saturday evening the young people enjoyed a banquet in the basement of the church.

On Sunday afternoon the young people again assembled to listen to a splendid program given by the various churches. The missionary offering amounted to \$40.55. The banner committee reported that the Union of Okeene, Oklahoma, had again won the banner for the "Standard of Excellence." The mileage banner was won by the Union of Shell Creek, Neb. A brief installation service was held for the officers at which time Prof. Dymmel impressively charged them with their duties and responsibilities.

God help us that we may all heed the good thoughts which were brought to us by the speakers at Marion and that they may inspire us for better service, so that this conference year may be one of unusual achievement for our Lord and Master!

GLADYS BRENNER, Secretary.

### PROGRAM OF THE KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

The Kansas State Association will be held at Lorraine, Kans., from Oct. 20 to 23. The church at Lorraine sends a hearty welcome to all church members and visitors in the state of Kansas. The following program will be held:

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

Guest Minister at Services—Rev. Stanley Geis.

MONDAY, OCT. 21

7:30 p. m.—Rev. A. Weisser.

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

9:00 a. m.—Andacht, (Deutsch) Rev. John Heer.

10:45 a. m.—Organization and church reports.

11:30 a. m.—Quiet half hour, Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

2:00 p. m.—Devotional period, Rev. John Borchers.

2:30 p. m.—Business and reports.

3:00 p. m.—"Betrachtung des I Johannesbriefes," R. Vasel.

3:45 p. m.—Paper, "New Testament Baptism," Rev. T. Lutz.

7:30 p. m.—Song service. Sermon by Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

9:00 a. m.—Andacht (Deutsch) Rev. Claus Neve.

9:30 a. m.—"The Place of Training in the Life of the Church." (Paper) Rev. J. Urquhard.

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10:45 a. m.—"The Place of Teaching in the Life of the Church." (Paper) Rev. J. Kornelsen.

11:30 a. m.—Quiet half hour, Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

2:00 p. m.—Devotional period, Rev. L. Hoeffner.

2:30 p. m.—"Betrachtung des II Johannesbriefes," Rev. G. M. Pankratz.

3:15 p. m.—"The Place of Evangelism in the Life of the Church." (Paper) Rev. R. Sandow.

4:00 p. m.—Unerledigte Geschaefte.

7:30 p. m.—Song service. Sermon by Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

## Northwestern Conference

A MISSIONARY SHOWER FOR THE REV. AND MRS. PAUL GEBAUER

Recently the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Zoschke, the pastor and his wife of our church in Elgin, Iowa, sent out invitations to the church members with the following message: "The parsonage will be the scene of a wedding shower for our missionary, Rev. Paul Gebauer, though he will not be present. As your shower present bring the money you would have spent for a gift."

On the designated evening about 100 people enjoyed the games and sociability on the large illuminated lawn and in the spacious parsonage. The Rev. Theo. Dons of Oak Park, Ill., visiting in Elgin at the time, gave a toast to the bride and groom, Miss Clara Kratt and Mr. Paul Gebauer, and prayed for God's blessing in their lives. Before "the shower presents" were received and while an accordion played the entire group sang "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." The shower totaled \$30.

Miss Ethel Rennison composed the following poem which was read on the occasion.

To Rev. Paul Gebauer and his bride-to-be:

We wish, dear friends, you could be with us here  
As we have gathered with our pastor dear,  
By program and by song and happy play  
To celebrate your coming wedding day.

We wonder what your Afr'ic home will be;  
Will it be high on poles above the ground,  
With insects, snakes and jungles all around?  
And will your welcome be a charivari?

One thing we know—these stars that shine tonight  
Above this parsonage-home with radiance bright,  
Will shine each night above your dwelling, too,  
And Christ, our Lord, will also be with you.

And so, with joy we send our gift of love,  
And ask for you God's blessing from above!

## GLEANINGS FROM THE NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The 55th annual session of the Northwestern Conference was held at Pound, Wis., August 21 to 25. The pastor-host, the Rev. John Meyer, welcomed the delegates and visitors to his church and to the homes of his people. The Rev. S. Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote," preached the opening sermon on Wednesday evening.

We were greatly blessed in the devotional services each morning and afternoon which were conducted by the brethren, J. Herman, H. Hiller, F. Heinemann, P. Langenberg of South Africa, H. C. Wedel, and C. Swyter. All sessions were deeply devotional and proved to be a preparation for the day.

The Reverends C. F. Stoeckman and H. Palfenier were elected moderator and secretary, respectively. The speakers from beyond the confines of the conference were the Rev. S. Blum, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Prof. H. Dymmel, the Rev. Martin Leuschner, editor of The Baptist Herald, Dr. L. Le Grand, Baptist executive secretary of Wisconsin; Rev. Paul Langenberg of South Africa, who is at present studying at the Moody Bible Institute, and the Rev. Ed Lengefeld, who officially represented the Old People's Home in Chicago. The business sessions which were transacted included reports from the churches and the committees, of the treasurer, Mr. H. Kaiser, of the general secretary, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, as well as the election of the officers.

The following speakers brought provocative addresses: Rev. S. Blum, editor "The Purpose of Our Publication Society for our Denomination in the Past, Present and Future;" Mr. Arthur Schwerin, "Our Denominational Finances;" Rev. H. R. Schroeder, "The Challenge of the Christian Church to the World of Today;" Rev. C. F. Zummach, "Changing Men in a Changing World;" Rev. C. F. Lehr, "The Message and the Program of Christianity through the Centuries and for our Day;" Professor H. Dymmel, "The Purpose of our School for our Denomination in the Past, Present and Future."

Mrs. A. G. Lang presided at the women's session on Friday afternoon. The speakers were Mrs. Bertha Lang, Professor Dymmel, and Rev. Paul Langenberg.

The conference had the distinction of conducting the evening sessions as well as the Sunday afternoon session in the commodious auditorium of the large Polish Baptist Church. Dr. Kuhn brought an illustrated address on "The Mission of the German Baptists of North America" on Thursday evening. The Rev. Martin Leuschner addressed the Young People's Union on Friday evening on the subject, "Finding Ourselves."

Dr. Wm. Kuhn preached in our church on Sunday morning and Professor H. Dymmel and the Rev. C. F. Zummach in the Polish Church of which the Rev. M. Shilke is pastor. The Reverends Dallmus, Berndt and Hiller preached in

the Section Eight Polish Church. Prof. Dymmel and Rev. H. Hiller spoke in the Polish language. Mr. Leuschner brought the message to the young people on Sunday afternoon. His subject was "Straight Thinking in a Confused World." The closing session addressed by Prof. H. Dymmel, as well as the other sessions, taxed the capacity of the auditorium.

With due tribute to all who labored untiringly during the past year, we can say that this year, like most of our conference years, has been one of gradual growth. The treasurer's report shows that a little more money was raised than during the previous year. The summary of the various statistics showed a similar growth in the field activities, which, though not in any way spectacular, was steady and wholesome. An optimistic note permeated every letter from the churches which were represented.

REV. LOUIS BERNDT, Reporter.



Baptismal Converts and the Rev. P. F. Schilling, Gladwin, Michigan

### REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY IN LEBANON, WIS.

The Ladies' Aid of the German Baptist Church in Lebanon, Wis., held an anniversary program on August 18. The first part of the program included a song by the society, a reading by Mrs. B. Wolff, and an English musical reading by Mrs. E. Fralich. The second part was patterned after a radio broadcast and included a playlet "This is the Lord's Doing." Prof. E. G. Bergmann, of Watertown, provided the instrumental music throughout the entire program.

The following report was read: "Work was resumed in September, 1934, after a two months' vacation, with the same members holding the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The average attendance at work meetings has been six. The work completed includes rugs for the Orphans' Home; four sheets, four towels and 16 cushion covers for the Old People's Home; three boys' blouses for the Milwaukee Christian Center; 10 handkerchiefs for Burma; 60 bandages and six pillow slips for the Belgian Congo. While not the work of our own hands, our society is

having new shades and curtains and paint put into our social hall. Only two programs have been presented, sickness and other unavoidable circumstances preventing more. One was an illustrated lecture on the Training School in Chicago, and the other consisted of stories and poems about the Orphans' Home at St. Joseph, Mich. With the guidance and leadership of our Master, we go forward to a new year with renewed energy."

The treasurer's report showed that \$12.03 was brought forward from last year, \$51 was collected through dues and offerings, and \$44.04 was paid out for foreign missions and various homeland projects, leaving a balance of \$18.99 to start the new year.

After the program the audience was asked to adjourn to the social hall where refreshments were served and Mrs. J. J. Abel of Lehr, North Dakota entertained with a German reading.

ESTHER S. KRUEGER, Secretary.

## Central Conference

BAPTISMAL SERVICE AT GLADWIN, MICH.

A beautiful baptismal service was held at Elk Lake in Gladwin, Michigan, on Sunday morning, August 25, when the Rev. P. F. Schilling, pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., baptized 15 young converts. The accompanying picture shows the converts before their baptism and on the extreme left the Rev. P. F. Schilling. May God's richest blessing rest upon these young people and may they ever be faithful to him, Jesus Christ, whom they have taken into their hearts and whom they now serve!

REPORTER.

## Dakota Conference

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS' SOCIETY, LEHR, N. D.

Our society has been organized for seven years. In these seven years we have accomplished a great deal for missions. At every Christmas season members of the society visit the old and sick of the church bringing each a small gift of Christmas goodies. At Easter we

regularly send the Orphans' Home at St. Joseph, Mich., a box of colored eggs for the children. We also have helped the Rev. C. J. Bender in Africa with the building of the new church.

On July 18 of this year we held an ice cream social on the lawn of the church yard. A musical program was rendered during the course of the evening. We had invited the neighboring pastors for the occasion. The Ladies Aid raffled off a quilt which intensified the interest of the crowd. The money which was received at this social was used for missions.

Our motto is "Saved to Serve." May it ever be true of us as we continue to work for the Kingdom of Christ!

EDNA ROTT, Sec'y.

## Atlantic Conference

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AT CAMP UNAMI

Camp Unami! How we longed for the tenth of August to roll around when we would again leave our various homes and occupations to journey to Sumneytown, Pennsylvania, for our summer assembly which lasted until August 17.

All previous attendance records were broken when 115 persons were present at the Saturday evening meal and 99 stayed over the week-end. For the entire week 60 young people were present.

The courses this year were exceptionally well attended. Our beloved general secretary and friend, Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, gave us an insight into the background of the Christian Church and the various stages through which it passed. Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor of the Second Church in Philadelphia, conducted an interesting course on the lives of five great missionaries, among whom were Carey, Judson, Livingstone, Moffat and Kagawa. Rev. Wm. A. Mueller, pastor of the First Church in Brooklyn, gave a course on the significance of the five great national movements of today and their influence upon Christianity. This, too, proved to be a popular course. Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, pastor of the Second Church in Brooklyn was our dean, while Miss Margaret Macosky of the same church was elected as president of the student body.

Besides our classes we received a great deal of spiritual benefit from our evening vesper services held in the Vesper Grove. We have been told that in no other assembly is there such a place of worship. Our hearts were lifted to God as we listened to the various speakers while seated in a semi-circle on rocks. Before our eyes was hung a wooden cross which ever reminded us of the Cross of Calvary and Jesus Christ. The speakers at these Vesper Services were the Reverends M. L. Leuschner, A. Husman, J. G. Draewell, F. P. Kruse, M. Schroeder, Wm. Mueller and A. R. Bernadt.

Our discussion groups were very lively, and here we had an opportunity to express our views and thoughts. The

topics, "The Menace of Untruthful Advertising" and "Living the Christ-like Life in the Twentieth Century," were especially interesting to those who attended.

While at Camp Unami a number of young people became "Pledged Partners" and we are very thankful for these decisions.

We all love Camp Unami, and therefore highly recommend it to the young people of the Atlantic Conference as a place where young people may gather to learn more of the Master and strengthen their Christian lives.

HELEN NESTLER, Secretary.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT THE EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH, NEWARK, N. J.

At 9 o'clock on Monday, July 8, the Daily Vacation Bible School of the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., opened its twelfth school session with an enrollment of approximately 175 children. The average attendance for the three weeks in which the school was held was 153. The total expense of the school, amounting to \$67.69, was more than covered by the offerings brought by the children and the offering received at the closing exercises of the school. The children also sent \$15 to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who have an orphanage in France.

Although the above statistical report is very encouraging, still we feel that the spiritual results are more encouraging. We found the children very much interested in their daily Bible studies. On each Friday morning we had a special speaker for the closing half hour. Those who served us were Mr. Rudolph Kengeter of Denville, N. J.; Mrs. Campbell of the Italian Baptist Community House of Newark, N. J.; and Mr. Ira Smith of the Children's Temple of Newark, N. J. On the closing Friday the invitation was extended to the children to take Christ as their personal Saviour, and it thrilled our souls to see 40 or 50 children taking their stand for Christ.

On Friday evening, July 26, a group of 495 persons gathered at the church to witness the closing exercises of our school. Each child did his best and the program, representative of the work done throughout the two weeks, was given to an appreciative audience. A display of the handwork done by the children was arranged in the basement of the church. From this handwork at least one article made by each child was set aside to be given away to some institution which can use them. These things were equally divided between the Children's Temple and the Italian Baptist Community House, both of Newark, New Jersey.

We, of Evangel, consider that the three weeks of our Daily Vacation Bible School have been well spent in that lives, which are soft as clay, have been molded by the spirit of God. Only He knows the depth of the influence of these days in vacation school on the lives and characters of the children who attended.

## The Baptist Herald Offers itself to new subscribers on very special terms!

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This announcement is made to be broadcasted over the net work of our denominational field. In other words

Our Stated Representatives

The Young People's Boosters

The Pastors in the Pulpit

are urgently requested to pass on the information to non-readers with such warm recommendation as is prompted by their loyalty and is justified by the forthcoming features that have already been editorially announced such as that charming serial "Beauty for Ashes" by the charming Grace Livingston Hill, and the daily meditations by our own Professor Lewis Kaiser which are to run through the year.

We are in the midst of a campaign which should add about two thousand more readers to our growing list. We are more than anxious to send sample copies of the "Herald" to any prospect, anywhere in the land, but to do this we must be furnished with the names. Please send them in immediately to

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## A CHAT ABOUT BOOKS BY THE EDITOR

It is said by some people that "we are living in an age of doubt." It can be asserted with equal fervency that the convictions of Christian faith are being stated today in sermons and books with illuminating vividness and effective forcefulness by men and women of Christian experience. Any person facing problems of doubt and perplexities of thought ought to read one or more of the religious books of recent date which interpret the Christian faith in the light of modern life. These books well deserve the attention of all Christian men and women whose desire is to delve deeper into the truths and realities of their faith.

### CHRISTIAN REALITIES

Dr. Robert E. Speer is known far beyond the confines of the Presbyterian denomination, in which he is an outstanding leader, as one of the most stalwart ambassadors of Jesus Christ and fervent interpreters of the Christian religion. His most recent book, "Christian Realities," (Fleming H. Revell Co., 1935, \$2.50, 256 pages) is a written embodiment of the Christ-like character of the author. It is his personal testimony of what Jesus has done and meant for him, and the many illustrations taken from his life will be of unusual interest to laymen and ministers alike. He considers such fundamental issues of our religion as "the Essentials of Christian Discipleship," "What is Christianity?" "Faith is the Victory" and "Living in the Care and Will of God." He speaks as a flaming evangelist of "The Perils of Being a Christian" and "the Modern Moral Needs for Christian Living." The two chapters on "the Marks of a Sent Life" and "Finding One's Self" are especially provocative reading material of a practical nature for young people. The closing chapters deal with the missionary mission in the life of every disciple of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Speer has written many books but this volume, entitled "Christian Realities," is beyond doubt one of his best. It is a conservative and scholarly interpretation of the truths of our Christian faith presented in the light of the author's experiences. The following sentence is indicative of the style and spirituality of the entire book. "If you find yourself—that is your own true self, the self that is Christ—you must lose the other self, the self that is you, the weak, failing, impotent, fraudulent self. Lose that self and find another self in Him!"

### THE TRIUMPH OF JOHN AND BETTY STAM

A book which I read with greater interest than any other for several months is Mrs. Howard Taylor's "The Triumph of John and Betty Stam." (China Inland Mission, 1935. Paper, 40 cents; cloth, 75 cents. 125 pages.) For several days last year the entire world was deeply moved to read about the martyr-

dom of two young missionaries by communists in China and about the baby which was brought alive to safety. I was eager to know the background of their missionary service and of their lives, and this book by the author of that famous missionary book, "Borden of Yale," is the story for which many of us have yearned.

Several interesting chapters are devoted to the description of the religious home of John Stam and the missionary home in China of Betty Scott as well as the college life of these young people and their training and acquaintance with each other at Moody's Bible Institute. Their going to China and their eagerness to proclaim the glad tidings of Jesus Christ regardless of difficulties and dangers is an indictment of an ease-seeking American Christianity. The vivid story of their brief residence in Tsingteh, their unexpected capture by communists, their correspondence with officials of the China Inland Mission and their cruel death will move every reader with emotional power.

The beautiful letters of these young people vibrant with the joy of their faith, the many poems written by Betty Stam which are spiritual gems of Christian courage and discernment and the testimony of the relatives and friends after the tragic deaths will strengthen the faith and the religious outlook of every reader. Throughout this gruesome tragedy of the martyrdom of these young people the note which is sounded over and over again until it becomes "the motif" of the story is that of triumph. Every reader will close the book with the prayer on his lips: "Let my life, O Christ, be such a triumph of faith and love!"

### THE ABC OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

A new book by Bernard C. Clausen, the popular minister of the First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., is usually a heralded event. His latest book, "The ABC of the New Testament" (Fleming H. Revell Co., 1935, \$1.50, 158 pages) is a colorful presentation of the Christian gospel in a nutshell with a series of 26 practical interpretations based on texts, each of which begins with a successive letter of the alphabet. Dr. Clausen calls it "a rosary of scriptural remembrance" and "an alphabetical acrostic" which needs to be considered seriously by present-day Christians.

Dr. Clausen is never dull in his sermon topics and presentations. He can write of such things as "the Laughter of Faith," "the Death of Death," "the Hungry Christ," "the Wisdom Tooth" and "Beautiful but Dumb" and can make those themes stand out in one's mind for years to come. The Bible stories live with picturesque vividness under this artist's touch. The author has often packed more material into a single sentence than many ministers in-

to lengthy sermons. "If any church will devote for three years as much time to prayer as Jesus did during the three years of his public ministry, that church could lift the world." "Some people take the church like aspirin. They know it does not do any particular good, but it makes them feel a little better temporarily." "Judge not. If you have a gift for cool and keen discriminating judgment between right and wrong, focus it on yourself." Dr. Clausen accomplishes supremely what he set out to do, namely, "to help readers to understand more clearly what a great teacher Jesus was, and what an interesting thing a Christian life may be."

Here is a book of brief sermons which will read like the most fascinating short stories of fiction. But throughout these pages you will hear the haunting call of the Master whose message and life the author is interpreting.

### THE BLESSING OF BELIEVING

A book of sermons of great moving power is "The Blessing of Believing" by Dr. Strother A. Campbell, pastor of the Baptist Temple of Charleston, West Virginia. (Fleming H. Revell Co., 1935, \$1.25, 121 pages.) As Dr. Harold C. Phillips says in his introduction "the reader will find something here which meets his particular needs, clarifies his mind and brings courage to his heart."

Throughout the book the theme of a vitalizing, personal, convincing faith is sounded. The sermons on "Bantam Baptists," "Unsullied Souls" and "A Sky Full of Eyes" are unique and persuasive in their appeal. The author's firm faith is like a glowing fire that sets the reader's heart on fire. "We who are convinced that Christ's way of life is the way all the world should go, must regain the advantage of an offensive against unbelief. We must challenge the world with our faith, or the world will challenge our faith with its infidelity."

Here is a spiritual tonic for doubting hearts and storm-tossed pilgrims, for burdened souls and self-satisfied lives. Here is a minister who lays hold on the eternal verities of God and interprets them in the light of this day. You will not regret dipping deeply into these interpretive and gripping sermons by Dr. Strother.

### THE CHRISTIAN FACT AND MODERN DOUBT

Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City, has enshrined himself in the religious literature of our day by his previous invaluable volumes on "The Parables of Jesus" and "Jesus Came Preaching." A third volume has recently come from his gifted pen entitled "The Christian Fact and Modern Doubt" (Charles Scribner's Sons, 1934, \$2.50, 301 pages), which as the cover says "will lead the reader from a labyrinth of questing about life into a realm of assurance."



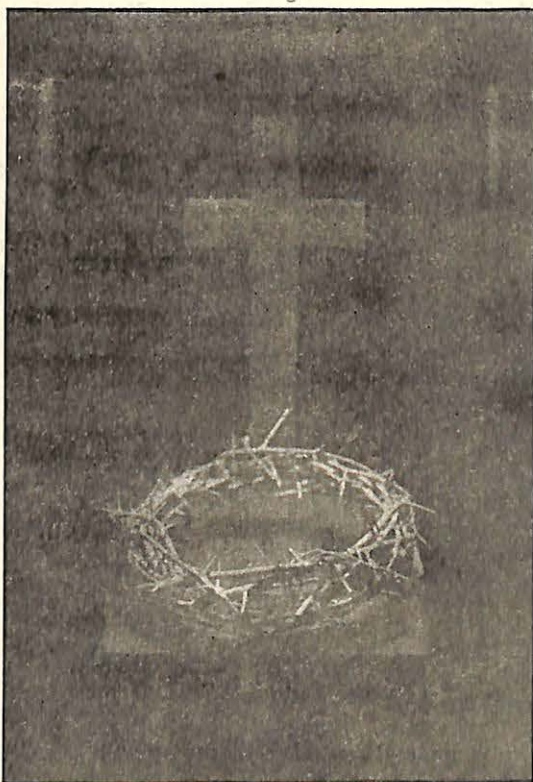
# Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week

Sunday, November 24 to Sunday, December 1

The General Council requests our churches everywhere to observe the week in which our National Thanksgiving Day occurs as DENOMINATIONAL THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK. If this plan catches the imagination, it will also be impressed upon the consciousness of our churches everywhere. An intelligent and planned cooperation on the part of our churches will bring a harvest of rich blessing. In order to make this week a success we must "Get Acquainted;" "Return Thanks;" "Share Sacrifices."

## GET ACQUAINTED

In order to get an intelligent and comprehensive grasp of our denominational enterprise we must "Lift up our eyes, and look on the fields." Only as we become acquainted will we be prompted to "Return Thanks" and to "Share Sacrifices." Those of our members who have



been with us during a generation know our work thoroughly. But there are many newcomers who have joined our churches more recently. These more recent additions and that host of our fine young people must intelligently look across our far flung denominational field if our work is ever to become for them their "beloved denomination."

We as a church-group have been privileged to render "Distinguished Service" for Christ's Kingdom. During more than nine decades we have been ministering in America and in our far-flung foreign field. We rejoice to know that our ministry has touched many phases of fundamental denominational and Kingdom life. We suggest a careful study of the informational survey of our denominational enterprise appearing in this number of the BAPTIST HERALD and written by its editor. Reprints of this survey will be gladly furnished gratis in any quantity upon request to the General Council, Post office Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

## RETURN THANKS

Our National Thanksgiving Day will recall to us the many personal, family, church and national blessings

we have received. During this week we should not forget to return thanks for our many denominational blessings. The following list is by no means exhaustive, and many others will readily suggest themselves.

God has sealed our work as his own and he has given us many evidences that he is still with us.

After a history of almost a century we are still ready to undertake adventures of faith.

We rejoice that in our homeland new opportunities are opening for the extension of our churches.

During these years of depression God has graciously provided the necessary financial means for our denominational household.

By God's grace we have been made faithful in holding fast to the infallible revelation of God as contained in the Bible and in the preaching of the gospel of the Crucified Christ.

We rejoice to know that our churches are still spiritual churches after the New Testament pattern having in the membership many men and women both young and old who have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ and who have been regenerated and sealed by his Holy Spirit.

## A SONG OF SENDING

BY BETTY STAM

Lord Jesus, Thou art wating still.  
We hear Thee call, so clearly call;  
"Who loves Me, forth! and follow Me!  
Though weak and small, so weak and small,  
In God's own Sprit shall he go,  
He shall not fall, no, never fall;  
That man I need to move the world,  
Who gives Me all, to Me his all."

See, all the careless multitudes  
Are passing by, now passing by.  
The world is sick with sin and woe.  
All men must die, some day must die.  
The time set for our Lord's return  
Is drawing nigh, draws ever nigh.  
Send us in all Thy cleansing power—  
Lord, here am I! Here, Lord am I!

## SHARE SACRIFICES

Our churches everywhere should endeavor to enlist the entire membership for sacrificial giving for our denominational enterprise in order to prove the sincerity of their gratitude. Our sacrifices can find the best expression either in the giving of money or in the rendering of service. We can hardly visualize the great advance that would come into the life of all our churches if every member were to follow that rule expressed by the two disciples at the healing of the lame beggar at the beautiful gate of the temple, when Peter said: "Such as I have, give I." Although not many of us will ever be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice like John and Betty Stam made, when they were martyred in China last year, nevertheless, we can all be actuated by the spirit expressed in the poem "A Song of Sending," written by Betty Stam. If we realize our obligations as "Christ's Pledged Partners," we will also be willing to share in the sacrificial giving during this DENOMINATIONAL THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK.