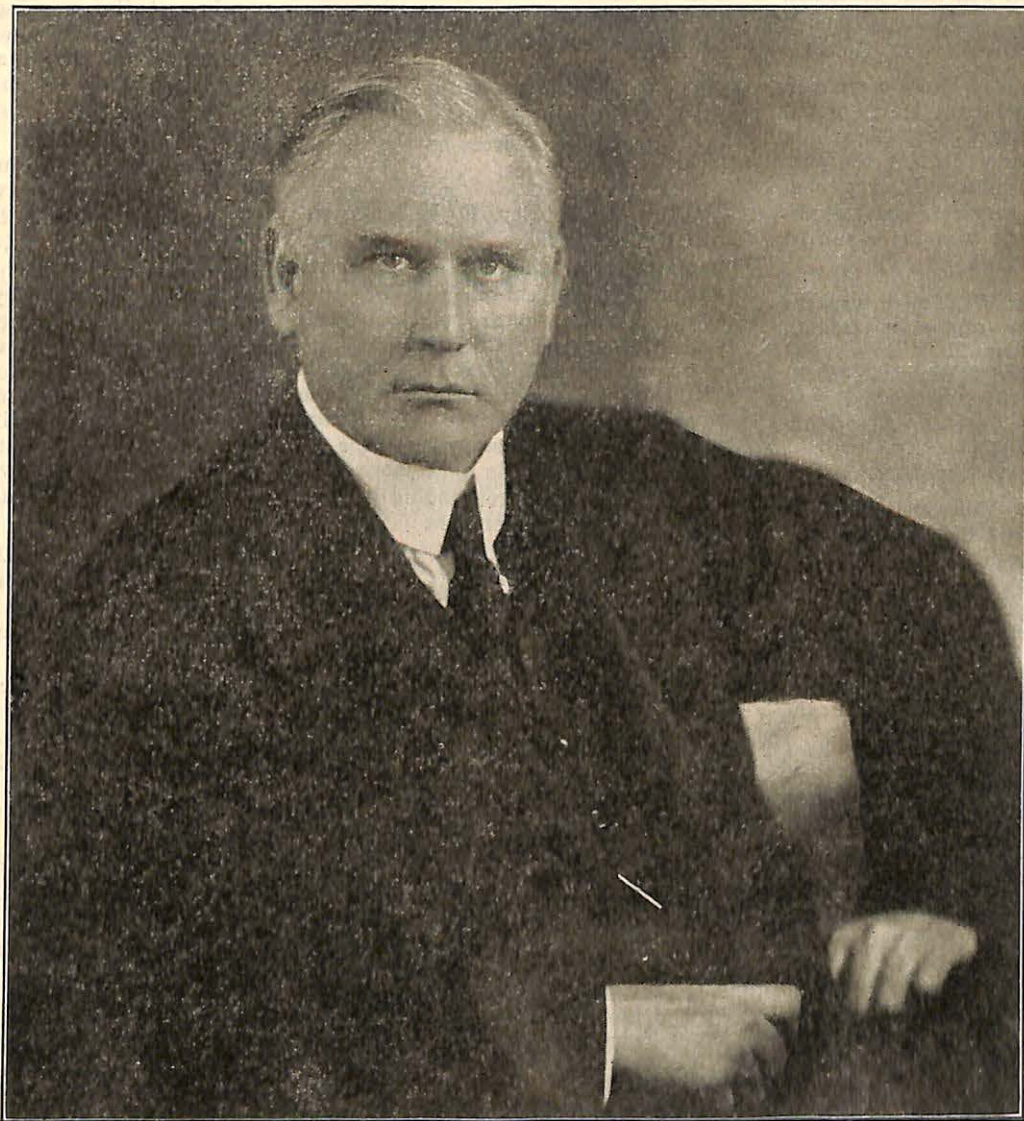


# THE BAPTIST HERALD



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REV. GEORGE W. TRUETT, D. D.

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## What's Happening

The Rev. A. Foll has begun his ministry in our church at Hutchinson, Minn., with promising effectiveness. He was formerly pastor of our church in Shell Creek, Nebr.

A baby boy was recently born to the Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Kaiser of McClusky, N. Dak. The boy's arrival in a family of five daughters is cause for great rejoicing by the happy parents.

On Sunday, July 21, the Rev. E. Broeckel of Tyndall, S. Dak., had the joy of baptizing 6 persons on confession of their faith. They had been converted during the revival meetings conducted last November by the Rev. E. Gutsche.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 25 converts were baptized by the Rev. August Rosner in the Ebenezer East Church in Saskatchewan, Canada. During the past winter the Rev. William Hoover conducted evangelistic services, and this ingathering of converts was the result of these series of meetings.

The Rev. Charles W. Koller was the guest speaker at the annual conference of the Gospel Rescue Missions of the Atlantic seaboard which convened in the Ocean Grove Tabernacle at Ocean Grove, N. J., on Monday evening, August 5. He spoke on the subject: "The Cross—The Plus Sign on the Sky Line."

The Rev. Walter Biberich, pastor of our church at Ellwood City, Pa., recently received his A. B. degree from Westminster College at New Wilmington, Pa., where he has also been teaching German during the past 2 years. In March of this year he was ordained into the Christian ministry by a council composed of representatives from the Beaver Baptist Association.

Mr. Carsten H. Seecamp, student in the Western Theological Seminary of Portland, Ore., has accepted the call of our church at Stafford, Ore., as student pastor for the following year and began his work on June 26. On July 5 the members and friends of the church gave Mr. and Mrs. Seecamp a surprise reception at their home. May the Lord bless this church and their young pastor!

On Sunday evening, June 30, a birthday surprise was given the Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolff by the members of our church in Bethlehem, Pa. At the same service the new pulpit chair, donated by the Sunday School and Young People's Society, was also presented to the church. A new pulpit has also been secured and the entire interior of the church was recently painted and redecorated by members of the congregation.

The Rev. S. Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote," attended and participated in the Southwestern Conference held at Ma-

rión, Kansas, the Northwestern Conference at Pound, Wis., and the Central Conference at the Ebenezer Church at Detroit, Mich. He hopes to publish a series of articles early in the fall based on his observations and reflections on the religious and social conditions of the churches as a result of his many travels during the summer.

Sunday, July 21, was a big day for the Herreid, S. Dak., church and the neighboring church at Eureka. In the afternoon the Rev. E. S. Fenske of Herreid was guest speaker at a communion service in Eureka. In the evening visitors from Eureka and Mr. J. C. Gunst, summer pastor of our church in Eureka, went to Herreid to attend the closing exercises of the Vacation Bible School. Mr. Gunst brought an address on the theme, "Hearing God's Voice."

On July 21 the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner of Dayton, Ohio, addressed the large union service of the East Dayton Association with ten churches co-operating in this summer venture on the theme "Jesus Christ and Christian Unity." The union services for the 11 consecutive weeks were held on the campus of the former Central Seminary. Mr. Baumgartner, who is secretary-treasurer of the association, reports that more than 500 people have been responding in their attendance at these services.

Mr. Alvin S. Berger, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Emil Berger of Bridgeport, Conn., was killed on July 25 in an automobile accident in Paulding, Ohio, while on a business trip to the Middle West. He is survived by his wife and two children besides his parents and relatives. The Rev. R. Jeschke and the Rev. J. Kaaz of the nearby churches in New Britain and New Haven, Conn., served at the funeral service. Mr. Berger was an active worker in our churches.

On July 21 a union baptismal service was held by our Germantown and Cathay churches at the lake near Cathay, N. Dak. The Rev. D. Klein of the Germantown church baptized 7 persons and the Rev. E. Bibelheimer of the Cathay church baptized another person. Following the baptism which was largely attended by the friends of the neighborhood a union communion service was held and the new members of both churches were given the right hand of fellowship.

A Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks in June at the Second German Baptist Church in Portland, Ore., of which the Rev. E. P. Wahl is pastor. A nearby English Baptist Church was associated in the undertaking. The total enrollment of the school was 80 children with an average attendance of 60 daily.

On July 17 the 33rd anniversary of the church was held at the midweek service with the Rev. G. Eichler of Streeter, N. Dak., the first pastor of the church, a welcome visitor and special speaker in the program.

On Sunday, July 21, special services were held in our church at Morris, Manitoba, Canada, to dedicate the church which has recently undergone considerable remodeling. A complete basement, furnished and decorated, has been built under the church. The Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., was the dedicatory speaker at the morning and afternoon services which were well attended by members of the church and friends from other churches at Winnipeg and White-mouth. The Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt is pastor of the church.

Professor A. A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y., brought a farewell message on Monday evening, Aug. 26, at the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., at the special services in honor of the Rev. O. E. Krueger's ministry of six years in the church. Mr. Krueger preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, August 25, before his departure for Rochester, N. Y., where he will assume his duties as professor in our seminary. Professor Schade participated in the welcome service in 1929 for the Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Krueger after their arrival in Pittsburgh.

The Garden Festival of the Beth-El Jewish Mission of Philadelphia, Pa., of which the Rev. Emil D. Gruen is superintendent, was held on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 4, on the grounds of our Philadelphia Home for the Aged and was more largely attended by friends than on any previous occasion. Among the speakers was the Rev. A. Husmann of the Second German Baptist Church. The Rev. Emil D. Gruen and Miss Dorothy McKenney will be married on Sept. 2 by the Rev. Charles W. Koller in the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J.

The Rev. William Kuhn attended the Texas Conference from July 30 to August 4, which was held at Crawford. On Sunday, July 28, he preached at both services in our church at Waco. In successive weeks he attended and participated in the Southwestern Conference at Marion, Kansas; the Northwestern Conference at Pound, Wis.; the Central Conference at Detroit, Mich., and the Eastern Conference at Arnold, Pa. Early in September he will attend the Atlantic Conference at New York City. The life of our General Missionary Secretary is a ceaseless round of trips to all sections of the country!

On July 12 the Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Ebenezer West, Springside. (Continued on Page 267)

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## EDITORIAL

### A Rally Call

AN upward swing of enthusiasm in some of the things pertaining to the denomination and the interests of the Kingdom of God seems to be apparent in our churches from the Atlantic to the Pacific seaboard. Our general missionary secretary, the Rev. William Kuhn, remarked after returning from the Texas and Louisiana conference that "it was repeatedly stated that our conferences are getting better as the years go by." Many of the young people of our churches are awakening to the untapped possibilities of joy and achievement in lives which are completely consecrated to Jesus Christ. The deepening interests in our youth assemblies and the widespread participation in the spiritual advance calling for "Pledged Partners" are evidences of this fact.

The month of September should witness the renewal of an active and aggressive work within our churches to be carried on to greater heights of accomplishment than ever before. A rally call should be sounded joyously in every church, not only extending a welcome greeting to those returning from vacations and the summer's rest but also making definite and determined demands of every member of the church. The evangelistic goal which sends forth disciples of Jesus Christ to others witnessing to his redemptive power needs to be the passion of every church member. Differences and disagreements ought to be buried in the sands of forgiveness in order that a constructive and militant enterprise for the Kingdom of God can be effected amidst evil and critical surroundings. We need to rally around the banner of the cross of Christ as those who shall indeed "conquer by this sign" by taking the cross of self-denial upon ourselves.

For the first time in our history as German Baptists of North America we shall have a unique mission field in Kakaland of the Cameroons with the Rev. Paul Gebauer as our esteemed representative. The entire undertaking in this section of Africa, which Mr. Gebauer loves to call "the Pentecostal Field of the World" because of the marvelous possibilities of evangelization, will be financed and directed by the General Missionary Society. If we on our part fail, this work will fail. As we support the enterprise with our prayers and gifts, it will be blessed abundantly of God and will prosper.

Equally compelling is the call from other mission fields in which we as a denomination are engaged. The story of the Christian gypsy wedding in our mission church in Bulgaria which is described on the last page of this issue of "The Baptist Herald" will interest every reader. Our Danubian Gospel Mission in the countries of Central Europe is flourishing beyond the fondest dreams of a few years ago. Throughout the United States and Canada our missionary work in strengthening struggling local churches and in aiding the institutions of our denomination is calling for constant attention. On October 25 the annual Harvest Festival and Missionary program will be held in many of our churches to present this challenge and rally call to their members, and programs for the preparation of this festival will be sent to our churches a number of weeks beforehand.

Youth and snow-crowned age, lift up your heads in renewed courage and strength to meet the tasks and privileges of this day!



# A Baptist World Citizen

This captivating biographical sketch of one of the greatest preachers of today, Dr. George W. Truett, president of The Baptist World Alliance and for 38 years pastor of The First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, has been written expressly for "The Baptist Herald" by the pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., who has been for years a personal friend of Dr. Truett.

By the REV. CHARLES W. KOLLER, D. D.

IT is with mingled feelings of inspiration and despair that young preachers listen to the incomparable preaching of Dr. George W. Truett, one of the most earnest ministers of Jesus Christ. Many a young minister has gone away from his services humbled and sobered, wishing that he might never have to preach again, and yet burning with a new devotion to Christ and grateful for the privilege of investing at least a small life in the ministry of the gospel. What preachers have felt for decades was perhaps best expressed in the spontaneous outburst of one who had listened to Dr. Truett and whom the sermon had lifted to heights of inexpressible exaltation. Unexpectedly he was called upon to lead the closing prayer. At first there was only silence; then, brokenly, in a voice trembling with emotion he fairly sobbed, "Oh Lord, why can't we all preach like that?"

## The Present Ministry of Dr. Truett

For thirty-eight years Dr. Truett has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. It numbers between six and seven thousand members, and for years it has been the leading church of Southern Baptists. It is housed in a million dollar plant covering a full city block with its auditorium and seven story educational building. One has not heard Dr. Truett at his best until one has heard him in his own church in the atmosphere which he himself has created through the years. Coming to this church at the age of thirty, immediately after graduation from Baylor University, he began with a church of seven hundred members, of whom only a small number remain to make up the present church family of nearly ten times that number.

But his ministry extends far beyond the bounds of his pastoral charge. The city of Dallas claims him as her foremost citizen and greatest asset, and he has thus been honored at a banquet by the Chamber of Commerce. Much of his time is spent in evangelistic campaigns and speaking engagements in other cities. Indeed, there are few men on the American continent whose services are in such demand. Recently the Baptist World Alliance laid hold on this world citizen and made him president of that body for the next five years.

## The Personality Behind This Ministry

Where lies the extraordinary power of this man of God? To be sure, he preaches a sound, Scriptural gospel; but lesser men have been equally sound, equally evangelistic, equally well read, equally faultless in diction and have written ser-

mons that compare favorably, on paper, at least, with the printed sermons of Dr. Truett. But the real Truett cannot be reduced to writing. One must hear him. Then one senses behind every thought, every phrase, every gesture, the towering personality that makes the difference. But one feels more than the impact of a preacher's personality. One feels that a divine power is giving emphasis to the spoken message.

Here is power clothed in that simplicity which is the mark of true greatness. Dr. Truett is equally at home with audiences of scholars and professional men, business men, senators and legislators, and with the rugged cowboys of West Texas. Among the latter he has been a prime favorite for years and has done some of his most effective work among them. His hold upon men is partly explained by the familiar remark, "He lives his message and everybody knows it," and by the usual corollary, "He loves everybody and everybody knows it."

He moves among his people with the sympathetic humility of a real shepherd of souls, and he is singularly approachable to all who desire his help and counsel. When he preaches, it is with the solemn consciousness that his message may offer to some lost soul the last opportunity to be saved. No wonder that he never smiles or jokes in the pulpit! At no time is his spiritual power so manifest as in those tense moments when he is urging the immediate acceptance of salvation in Christ, and the response through the years accounts for the enormous growth of his church.

In theology he is staunchly conservative, believing implicitly in the revelation of Scripture with its miraculous elements, its wonder-working God, its supernatural Christ, its all-powerful gospel. But never does he stoop to anathematize those who disbelieve or those who have departed from the faith. Inoffensively, attractively, persuasively he urges men to put his gospel to the test and prove its validity. "If any man willeth to do his will he shall know of the teaching whether it is of God..."

## The Influences that Shaped the Life

In contemplating a life of such magnitude the mind immediately inquires, "What are the factors that made the man?" What are the experiences that lie back of that profound consecration, that radiant spirituality to which so few attain? What are the processes which moulded that personality and produced such quality of soul? By what manner of discipline did he become such an effective instrumentality in the hand of God? The answer is not

to be found in any one factor but in many factors woven into that life by the hand of God.

Perhaps the primary emphasis should be given to that which he inherited in his birth. Not the least among his gifts is that prepossessing physique which so enhances his pulpit presence. His rugged vitality speaks not only of a sound physical heritage but also of careful nurture and the wholesome outdoor life of the growing boy. His extraordinary physical strength has been indispensable in carrying the prodigious labors of his ministry. His inherited mental powers were probably more striking than his physical advantages. Early in life it became manifest that here was a lad of unusual promise. But slumbering within him were latent powers undreamed of. Like his powers of oratory they lacked only the spiritual impact of the second birth to bring them into play.

## The Influences of His Christian Home

Home influences contributed enormously to the character of this growing youth. Born in Clay County, North Carolina, in the year 1867, he was the seventh child in a family of eight children. One sister and three brothers are still living, including the Rev. J. L. Truett, an honored pastor at White-wright, Texas. The home life was simple but genuinely Christian. Work was plentiful; diversions were few; the school term was short, usually lasting not over three months of the year; and reading materials were scarce. But whatever else was lacking, the parents took care to provide the home with several religious periodicals. There were also the Bible, "Pilgrim's Progress" and "Fox's Book of Martyrs" in the home. The growing boy read these with avidity as well as such other books as he could borrow, including a copy of Blackstone from a lawyer uncle.

To the other home influences which early predisposed him to the Christian life we must add, besides the reading of religious literature, the influence of the family altar and the example of his godly parents, whom he characterized as "two of the most vital Christians I have ever known." A further influence which helped greatly toward his conversion was the frequent presence of visiting preachers in the home.

## The Story of George W. Truett's Conversion

Undoubtedly, the brightest chapter in the life of George W. Truett is the story of his conversion. It is not surprising in the light of his early training that he felt his first strong urge to become a Christian when he was but six or seven years of age. But parents and preachers in those days were more skillful in producing conviction of sin than in the technique of leading a soul through the final step from conviction to salvation. Today, Dr. Truett notes, the reverse is true, and he cites this fact as the greatest single contrast between the preaching of today and of fifty years ago. Again at the age of eleven when revival meetings were in progress he found himself in great agony of conviction, longing for someone to make plain exactly what he had to do to be saved. But the needed help did not come.

Seven years passed before he felt again the urge to yield himself to Christ. But just what must he do and how? Conviction deepened, but no light came. The faithful pastor, J. G. Mashburn, did his best; likewise the visiting evangelist, J. G. Pulliam. The latter had held his closing service on a Sunday morning and had taken his leave from the congregation. He planned to eat dinner and then to start for his home across the mountains in the afternoon. The pastor did not intend to hold the evening service. But when evening came, to the great astonishment of the congregation, there was the evangelist back on the platform. Something had happened that afternoon. God had spoken. The preacher could not forget that young man, Truett, who had impressed him so profoundly and who was still unsaved. "I can not go home; I must try once more." Going to church that evening on horseback, he managed to overtake the young man, who was likewise on horseback. The conversation was helpful but not conclusive.

## The Text that Brought Light to His Soul

That night the evangelist preached what must be accounted the greatest sermon of his ministry. His text was Hebrews 10:38, "The just shall live by faith but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." For the first time in his life young Truett understood. At last the light had come. Resolutely he brushed past the unchurched young lady at his side to go forward in response to the preacher's invitation. George W. Truett was born again! The meeting broke up in joyful thanksgiving.

But here began a new struggle. With a timidity wholly inconceivable to those who have known him only in his maturity, young Truett could not bring himself to tell of his great experience. As he was saddling his horse the next morning to go to the little school where he taught, a devout old friend of the family began to question him about the service of the previous night. Young Truett was reticent, but being pressed for details he finally told everything except the main thing—that he himself had been converted. At school also he was silent on the matter. Thus, as he now relates, what should have been the happiest day of his life was one of the most miserable. He had denied his Lord, and he knew it. That night, however, he made full confession, and his life has been a vocal as well as a living testimony for Christ ever since.

## The Educational Background of Dr. Truett

The education of Dr. Truett was acquired largely after he was grown. But with all his handicaps he was qualified at the age of nineteen to become the founder and principal of Hiawasse Academy in Georgia, across the state line from his father's farm. It was the presentation of this project before the Baptist State Convention at Marietta, Georgia, at the instance of Dr. Fred C. McConnell, that first brought him into prominence. The effect of that speech was in the highest degree sensational. Those who heard this untrained mountaineer deliver his soul on behalf of the underprivileged mountain

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# Filipino Followers of the Christ

By DR. FREDERICK W. MEYER

ONE of the greatest satisfactions in the life of a missionary is to note the ability of the laymen to promote the activities of the cause of Christ. Three decades of American influence with the open Bible have paved the way to independence in the Philippine Islands. Three centuries of darkness



Dr. Frederick W. Meyer, Author of this Article

have endeavored to enslave the Filipinos in fanaticism and superstition. The control of the opposition church still endeavors to enslave the natives. For three weeks recently the dominant church had its foreign "padres" in Capiz, preaching fanatically against "the devil-controlled" Emmanuel Hospital. Such a fanatic program disgusts our Capizenos. The preachment of vilification only strengthens our cause. Under the coming independence we fear political conditions as in Spain and Mexico because the men of the Philippines are opposed to the church's activity in politics. They have had too much darkness in the past. The politicians fear the votes for women, because the confessional would control the state. The new constitution recently signed by the president, states that should there be three hundred thousand eligible women voting in the affirmative, then there would be women's suffrage.

## The Influence of Emmanuel Hospital

Emmanuel Hospital has had its influence in the promotion of justice for all, the removal of bad judges, the insistence on clean politics, and the government under control by men of Christian conviction.

Since the future of Christianity in all countries of the world rests largely in the hands of aggressive Christian natives, this article about the exemplary lives of Christian Filipinos by the well known medical missionary to the Philippine Islands, Dr. Frederick W. Meyer, son of Professor F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., is of timely and challenging import.

Our leading Capizeno, Manuel Roxas, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, stands back of our work and has aided us tremendously. He suffered a political downfall, because Senate President Quezon did not like his rise in the estimate of the people. But our Manoling is on the heights again. Everyone knows that he has a definite part in writing the act of independence in America, as Senator Tydings himself definitely stated to us, and also in the writing of the constitution itself. He is the only Filipino to whom the American Congress listens. Manoling is not a Capiz church member, but he belongs to several societies of Christian influence. He also claims the medico as his best American friend, and thus it is pleasant to have a friend on the political heights promoting our cause of medical missions.

## Christian Households in the Capiz Church

The young governor, Gabriel Kuroki Hernandez, first cousin of Manoling, heads our list of laymen. Gabe or "Kokette," as we call him, grew up in a fine Christian family, headed by Don Pepe and his wife Josefa. Sister Milagros married Professor Viterbo, another leading layman, who is head of the English department of the University of the Philippines. Thus Don Pepe can say with Joshua, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Don Pepe uses every opportunity to tell of the Lord, and



Emmanuel Hospital, Capiz, Philippine Islands

a number of prominent persons have been baptized because Don Pepe has been unashamed to tell others of his happiness in Christ. This Spanish-Filipino family stands to the front for Christ. Gabe has grown up under our eyes, and he promises to rise still higher. Protestant governors are very rare in these Isles, and Gabe is exerting a strong Christian influence. He is a bachelor and prefers his loneliness, but you can guess how feminine hearts flutter in the presence of an eligible governor.

Another complete household in the Lord is the Acuna family, headed by my good friend, Fortunato, or Atoy for short. He is the president of the Capiz Home Mission Society and runs a local drug store. His daughter, Pacita, is hospital secretary and cashier, his son, Tito, will soon be my resident physician at the hospital, and two other children are active in the church. You would all like Mrs. Acuna, a lovable lady, who is "manang" or older



Senor Fortunato Acuna,  
President, Capiz Home Mission Society

sister to us. A visit either to the Hernandez or Acuna home would bring to you an attractive picture of Filipino culture.

## Christian Filipinos in Politics

The fiscal or prosecuting attorney of the province is the presiding officer of our evangelical church. Roman Ibanez, an able attorney, has risen from the ranks and his wife is a leading teacher in the Baptist Home School with many years' experience in the public schools. It helps the cause along to have the fiscal with his judicial knowledge in the church, and his family also has five daughters, several of whom are church members.

Jose Quimpo, or Jo, is the acting treasurer of the province. He and his family are active church members, Jo being superintendent of the Sunday School. Jo has a very large family and so increases the attendance of the Sunday School nicely. Jo Quimpo as well as the Governor are on the Joint Committee of the Baptists in the Philippines, soon to become the executive committee under which we missionaries shall carry on our labor. In the financial department of the government we have another representative in Melicio Palma and his wife. He acts as deputy treasurer, traveling from town to town collecting the taxes from the local municipal treasurers. The chief treasurer of the province himself is a member of the Presbyterian church in Manila, but as he is in Manila most of the time, Jo Quimpo is on the job.

## Leaders in Education, Medicine and Business

In the department of education the superintendent of schools, Jose Aguilar, has been baptized into the fold of the Bacolod church. We know this Jo as a young student from our very first days in the Philippines. He shows great promise of becoming a leader in education under the commonwealth. The principal of the high school, Delfin Reynaldo, another leader of ours, is ably seconded by a number of teachers in the high school, as Lupo Morata, our C. E. president, Miss Carreon, our vice-superintendent of the Sunday School, Lorenzo Molino of the physics department and Miss Soto. The high school has therefore a definite evangelical stamp. We are proud of our teachers.

Dr. Pedro Alcantara is associate physician and surgeon of Emmanuel Hospital, and he has always directed the hospital in my absence during vacation or furlough. He is a strong Christian leader, well trained in America for eleven years. During my first eight years I was the only surgeon, but since the



Dr. Pedro Alcantara,  
Associate Physician in Emmanuel Hospital

arrival of Dr. Alcantara I can leave the hospital in competent surgical hands.

One of the leading lumber men, Policarpo de la Fuente, is very active in the service of the Master, having established preaching stations on different islands where he secures lumber. He is also one of the deacons promoting the spiritual welfare of the church. And who can be more faithful than old Raymondo, who has trudged to church from the beach, every Sunday, year in and year out, acting as one of the ushers? He is "Old Faithful," always on the job. A number of clerks in the various departments of the provincial as well as municipal government take an interest in the welfare of the church.

## A Noble Record of Christian Faith

Were I to tell of the men and women who have

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youth recognized his genius, and immediately provision was made for his further education.

He was compelled to forfeit his opportunity, however, when in the following year the family moved to Texas, settling at Whitewright in Grayson County. It was here that he was called into the ministry and ordained. At the age of twenty-four without any college training he was urged to become financial secretary of Baylor University, the leading Baptist University of the South, and to endeavor to free the institution from debt. In two years this colossal task had been accomplished. Then, at twenty-six, he enrolled as a freshman in Baylor University, graduating at thirty years of age with high honors.

### The Beautiful Spirit of Dr. Truett's Wife

Among the mighty factors which helped to mould the life of George W. Truett was his marriage. While studying in Baylor University and serving a student pastorate he was married to Miss Josephine Jenkins, who was likewise a student, whose life as his wife has been a powerful and unfailing reinforcement in his ministry. Coming from the godly home of Judge W. H. Jenkins, Baylor's leading trustee, she was by training and conviction prepared to uphold those spiritual ideals to which their joint labors have been so effectively dedicated.

This Baptist world citizen and outstanding man of God who is known throughout the Christian world by the name of George W. Truett is one who not only challenges us to ascend the heights of Christian service but who also presents to us in our day a living picture of what God can do with a human life fully consecrated to do his will and to follow his truth. In him Christ is always magnified and glorified!

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gone forth from the Capiz church and have stood on the heights in their various professions, I would have to write a book, telling of Josefa Abiertas, the first Y. W. C. A. president of the Philippines, Isaac Barza, Aguilang, Albaladejo and others who have held fast to Christ. Were I to tell of the splendid group of laymen at the Jaro church in Iloilo province, that professional group making a strong indigenous church, that unusually able group of Negroes and men of power, you would agree with me, that God has his men and women here unafraid to be his disciples.

Trying times under the commonwealth are ahead and the church needs your prayers. Our folks realize the gravity of the economic situation, the paucity of cash, the lowering of income. All will not run smoothly under independence, but these are mighty interesting times in the Orient, in which we find ourselves, standing with these our men and women in the cause of Christ at Capiz.

## Awake America!

By MR. HERBERT L. KOCH, Chicago, Illinois

America, preserve the peace  
With peoples far and near,  
Your mighty energies  
To solve your problems here.

America, you must restrain  
Those who would live by greed;  
Your citizens in charing train  
And social justice speed.

America, no longer shirk  
To act as well as pray;  
To idle men give steady work  
And living wages pay.

America, behold the plight  
Of those who just exist;  
Go forth with zeal to set things right,  
Ignore those who resist.

America, do not delay  
Men still place faith in thee;  
No longer with their patience play,  
Or the day of doom you'll see.

America, this is your day,  
There still is time to choose;  
Christ's teachings now you must obey  
Or your soul forever lose.

## The Miracle of Life

By MISS VIRGINIA ERBECK, Brooklyn, New York

There are miracles of beauty, —  
Things that some men never see, —  
But they're there to show God loves us  
And they're there for you and me.

Do we pay a price for heaven?  
Oh, yes, — earth and life we leave, —  
But we live there free and happy  
With no cause to cry or grieve.

When we think of all God's wonders,  
Of the earth and of the sun,  
We begin to know His greatness  
And the good that He has done.

If His love for man resisted  
Jesus' death on Calvary,  
Surely God's love for His children  
Is a great immensity.

And when our lives are closing fast,  
When our souls start up the height,  
Then our God, who loves His children,  
Will not fail to lead to Life.

It's the Life that we are led to  
That's miraculously good;  
It's the Life that we are led to  
That we'd pay for, if we could!

# Beginning the Day

A Scripture Passage and Meditation for Spiritual Progress

By the REV. THOMAS STOERI

OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Thursday, September 5

### Godly and Careful

"Thus did Job continually" Job 1:5  
(Read Job 1:1-5)

These verses give us a very pleasing picture of this man Job, namely, a godly man, but not self-satisfied and proud, "a perfect and upright man" (verse 8). Certain habits of this man are especially noteworthy. Afraid that his children might yield to temptation he sanctifies them daily and arises early to offer burnt offerings and sin offerings. He was a true priest in his own household. Therefore he was careful in his personal life, in his family life, in his relations to God and also to men.

Here we have the solution for most of the problems of our modern world.

"O God, grant unto us daily the grace to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Friday, September 6

### Godly But Untested

"Then Satan said: Does God fear Job for nought?" Job 1:9  
(Read Job 1:6-22)

Satan is at his old tricks in casting doubts and spreading lies. Is it easier to be a Christian in good days or in bad? Is it not rather true that more souls are temporarily and eternally ruined by prosperity? Has that not been the lesson of these last few years? It is also true no one really knows how good or how bad he is until he has undergone the test. So Satan argues: test Job and see what happens! Christ himself had to be tested to prove himself a worthy Savior. Job's test was to be severe and long, and only after that could he feel really victorious.

"Grant us, O God, the strength to fight the battle, to run the race and to keep the faith, that henceforth we might glorify thee."

Saturday, September 7

### The Severest Test

"Put forth thine hand now, touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee." Job 2:5  
(Read Job 2:1-6)

God's praise of Job is answered by Satan, the cynic, with these words: "Ah, Job is so selfish that he cares not who suffers, so long as he himself is spared." This is, indeed, the severest test which we have to undergo, namely to give up to God for his purpose our selves and all, no matter how hidden some things may be in the deepest recesses of our being. Christ asks us to love him more than father, mother and brethren; yes,

even more; we must deny ourselves, take up the cross and follow him. To give ourselves wholly to God through Christ and for Christ's sake is the severest test. Are we successful in this?

"May thy love, O Christ, wherewith thou hast loved us enable us successfully to undergo this test."

Sunday, September 8

### The Basis of Victory

"In all this Job sinned not" Job 2:10  
(Read Job 2:7-10)

The test of Job is not yet completed and the victory not yet won, but the basis for it is being laid, and it is thus described: "Job sinned not with his lips." If Job had cursed God, it would have been because he had given way to unbelief, because he substituted his opinion and will for God's word and will. Before the "cursing" could have come from his lips a definite decision and attitude would have to have been formed in his heart. Before Judas sold his Master, Satan was able to sell to Judas the idea of personal gain. In his innermost decisions Job did not go contrary to God, for "he sinned not" and thus made possible the future victory. "Lord, give us wisdom by the decisions of each day to make possible future victories."

Monday, September 9

### Friends and Friends

"Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil—they came and sprinkled dust upon their heads." Job 2:11-12  
(Read Job 2:11-13, 32:1-3)

What an important influence friends are to all of us. Friends can make us or break us. Job's friends proved to be an unbearable burden, driving him to despair. Why did they fail? Because they did not understand God, and so they could not understand God's dealings with Job.

What kind of friends do we seek? What is their influence on us for all time? Only eternity can reveal the rich blessings of a God-pleasing friendship or the fearful curse of a superficial or ungodly attachment.

"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear."

"Father, we would ask for friends who are godly and true, that in turn we might be just that to others."

Tuesday, September 10

### Bending Under the Load

"Let the day perish wherein I was born." Job 3:3.  
(Read Job 3)

One method to test building material

is to bend it until it breaks so as to find its breaking point. Job at this juncture of his test is severely bending. He has lost interest in life. He can see no worthwhile purpose and is beginning to feel sorry for himself. That very attitude brings the breaking-point nearer. He is looking only to himself and his surroundings and he feels "hedged in." (Verse 23.) If Job could only have seen how God was watching his "bending under the load," how definitely he had limited Satan's attack, how proud God had been of him! It would have been so much easier for Job to have been hopeful and courageous. But remember that bending is not breaking. Our Savior was "bent" to death but was never broken. So we must look to him, "the author and finisher of our faith."

"Help us, O God, that when trials bend us, we may remain thankful that we are not broken."

Wednesday, September 11

### Preaching and Practice

"Thy words have upheld him that was falling—but now it is come upon thee, thou faintest . . ." Job 4:4-5  
(Read Job 4:1-21)

Eliphaz is here severely rebuking Job. As our generation would express it: "He could give it, but he could not take it!" But Eliphaz is too severe and that is the way with all of us. Job was surely right in comforting others, even if now it was difficult for him to find comfort. Preaching based on right theology is good, but theology and preaching proven by experience are better. Our present trial is God's way of preparing us for a greater task, even as the tree that stands a severe storm is thereby better prepared to weather the next.

"If we find it difficult to labor with only one pound, Lord, help us to overcome the temptation to wrap it up in the sweatcloth and to labor faithfully to win another."

Thursday, September 12

### Trials and Happiness

"Happy is the man whom God correcteth." Job 5:17  
(Read Job 5:1-27)

Eliphaz is again talking to Job. We wonder how happy he would have been in Job's place? It is not man's conception that trials are the means of happiness but rather that happiness means to be free of trials. Nevertheless, Eliphaz is right. If we would be really happy, we must allow God to correct us. Jesus expressed it better in John 15:1-8. The branches are trimmed and tied for the sole purpose of "much fruit." The mountain climber must undergo the



dangers and exertion of the hard climb if he wishes to stand on the pinnacle to behold the glory of God's creation. The heights of spiritual attainment are conquered by well-disciplined souls. Paul's victory-song came at the end of a life of self-denial and rigorous discipline, a life of hardship willingly undergone for Christ's sake.

"Heavenly Father, make us willing to pay the price required to attain to the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Friday, September 13

### Heart Searchings

"Teach me and cause me to understand."  
Job 6:24

(Read Job 6 and 7)

Spiritual growth requires continual self-examination. When life becomes difficult and perplexing, our inclination is toward self-pity. That is the surest way to defeat, since it destroys the needed sense of responsibility. We are responsible to God for life, and, therefore, we need the assistance of his truth and spirit that we may adjust our lives to his will and make our lives count for God. Here again we have a very definite symptom of Job's spiritual health and strength namely, the desire and prayer for divine enlightenment.

"Our Christ, reveal thyself to us, so that we might understand ourselves better."

Saturday, September 14

### Is Suffering Proof of God's Displeasure?

"If thou wert pure and upright, surely now he would awake for thee." Job 8:6  
(Read Job 8)

It is Bildad speaking. He uses the time-honored explanation of suffering and sorrow as a manifestation of God's displeasure. Such is a gross libel of our compassionate Father in heaven. It is not only uncivilized people who hold to this. Have we not heard fine Christian people say because of their trials or sorrows: "I do not know what I have done, that this should come to me?" Bildad is a self-appointed, conceited and, therefore, cruel judge, unnecessarily torturing Job's soul. If Job could only have understood his suffering in the light of Christ's word that: "neither hath this man sinned or his parents, but that the works of God should be manifest in him." If Job could have understood God's purpose, he would have shouted with joy and have borne his troubles with a shining face.

"At the foot of the suffering Christ's cross we begin to understand thee, our heavenly Father, and we thank thee for the light which the cross sheds into the dark places of our lives."

Sunday, September 15

### Before God-Humility

"How should a man be just with God? If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand."

Job 9:2-3

(Read Job 9)

There is a world of difference between arrogant assumption and God-given assurance. Bildad thought that Job's claim of innocence was mere arrogance and so he proceeded to torment Job with his arrogance. That again caused Job to say many unwarranted things, of which he had to repent later. But now he still had this saving grace. "How should man (and therefore I) be just with God?" The beginning of spiritual life and growth still finds its expression in these words: "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Paul, "the least of all sinners," enjoys the wondrous privilege "of preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ," which he could never have done as Saul, the Proud.

"Jesus, show us our place that we might clearly behold thee in thy place."

Monday, September 16

### A Prayer for a Disheartened Soul

"I will say unto God: Do not condemn me; show me wherefore thou contendest with me." Job 10:2

(Read Job 10)

Job had endured his trial for some time. Intense suffering, continued accusations by his friends and their arguments had disheartened him. So he poured out his soul in prayer. His feelings could have been summed up in Christ's words: "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" But he shows an attitude that is commendable. Read verse 2. His request, pleasing to God, is: "Show me, teach me, cause me to understand." "If any one lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God" (James 1:5). "Ask, seek, knock" are the challenges of Scripture. To be sure, the answer did not seem apparent to Job at once, but it was given in God's own time, probably as soon as Job could have received it.

"Give us grace to come unto thee, O God, to inquire of thee and then more grace to await thine answer."

Tuesday, September 17

### Admonition That Discourages

"Should a man full of talk be justified?" Job 11:2

(Read Job 11)

Zophar now tries his hand with Job. He seems to think the case needs more heroic treatment, and so he treats Job rather inconsiderately, mentioning the "multitude of words," "a man full of talk" and "thy lies" (bluffs). Zophar undertook a job for which he was evidently not fitted. His spirit and method were such as to contribute to Job's misery rather than to his encouragement, to his perplexity rather than to his enlightenment. It takes grace and much of it so to admonish that it will work as an inspiration and encouragement to redoubled effort. "Being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted" (Heb. 2:18). That is in all likelihood the reason that Zophar and others like

him have failed in the responsible task of admonition. They lacked experience and thereby sympathy.

"Forgive us, Lord, whenever our words have discouraged a discouraged soul."

Wednesday, September 18

### Saving Humor and Steadying Knowledge

"No doubt—wisdom shall die with you." "With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding."

Job 12:2 and 13

(Read Job 12)

What results could Zophar's sharp words have produced in Job's heart? Could not the injustice of them have thrown him entirely off balance? God has given various gifts to man. One of them comes here into play. The very excess of Zophar's rebuke seems to have made Job chuckle, indeed, quite resentfully, but Zophar's words had thereby lost their sting. Job does sound sarcastic, but it is well placed because of the humor in it. "No doubt, wisdom shall die with you." The tension was lessened, and Job finds it easier to keep in his mind that knowledge concerning God's wisdom and power, that could keep him out of Satan's snare.

"Thank thee, God, for humor that eases tension and for knowledge that saves from excesses."

Thursday, September 19

### Assurance and Trust

"Though he slay me, yet will I trust him: but I will maintain (explain) my way before him." Job 13:15

(Read Job 13)

Job is slowly working toward a solution of his problems, not in the immediate cessation of trial and sorrow but rather in a resolution to trust God in spite of them. Such resolutions must have a twofold basis, namely, a knowledge of God that assures us that such faith is according to his will and a knowledge of self that assures us that such trust is not made possible by life or character. How much easier it ought to be for us to have such assurance and to practice such trust because of the gospel, salvation and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Only in thy light, O Christ, can we see the light; therefore, keep the glare of false lights out of our souls."

### THE PRAYER LIFE

"Let prayer

Go with thee everywhere,  
To voice for thee thy soul's desire,  
To bid faith grow, and hope aspire,  
Amid the silences to speak

Of joy when troubled, strength when weak.

For burdens shrink, mists disappear.  
Flowers live, and skies are blue and clear,  
And glory lights up care  
Through prayer."

—Selected.

## PLEDGED-PARTNERS AND PRAYER-HELPERS

"Take it to the Lord in Prayer"

"Lift up your hearts"—"We lift them up"—

Ah me?

I cannot, Lord, lift up my heart to thee; Stoop, lift it up, that where thou art I, too, may be.

"Give me thy heart"—I would not say thee nay,

But have no power to keep or give away My heart; stoop, Lord, and take it to thyself today.

Stoop, Lord, as once before, now once anew,

Stoop, Lord, and hearken, hearken, Lord, and do,

And take my will, and take my heart, and take me too."

CHRISTINA ROSETTI.

### A PASTOR WRITES

"I am keenly interested in your new warfare: 'Pledged-Partners.' Has Prayer-Helpers been of lasting value? As for my personal experience I say it has been. But what is your impression, since yours is the good opportunity to view the whole field? I know by bitter and most personal experience how it demands fullest surrender to God in order to live a life of prayer and systematic Bible study. Yet just there I and many pastors are falling short. 'Like priests; like people.' I may do injustice to Hosea's message by interpreting his remarks in this way but I cannot see a victorious future for our churches unless all of our pastors most earnestly live before our people the lives to be demanded justly of our people also. Has not the time come to do something for our pastors specifically? Should not more of our conference time be given over to 'ministerial clinics' and Bible study with our leaders? I love our churches. In them I see God-sent promises. Not easily should we resign to 'die out' but once more take up his cause and increase in usefulness. We certainly need a revival of the masses at present but also a revival among the pastors and leaders of our churches. I cannot believe that we as a denomination are destined to die. If we do, the fault lies with us. The spirit of sacrifice has not died out among our people. Just remember how faithfully some meet their tasks in the face of obstacles.

"Am I against your new plan? No, I love it wholeheartedly. I am tired of harping on the strings of 'Fundamentalism' and 'Modernism.' It will get us nowhere. We need more of God's spirit among ourselves and life from above will once again move our people into action."

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## Seminary Opening in Rochester

We are looking forward to a year of fruitful ministry in our seminary. The outlook is very encouraging. About ten new students are coming, all eager to do the Master's bidding and filled with evangelistic fervor to win souls for Christ. The seminary extends to them a cordial welcome in advance of their coming. To Professor Otto Krueger we also extend a warm welcome as he takes up a new form of activity in our denominational life. It will be a special pleasure to greet the students who have been ministering in the churches during the summer months and to hear of their interesting experiences.

The seminary begins on September 12, and the formal opening will take place on September 13 at which time Professor Albert Bretschneider will give the principal address. All students, old as well as new, are urged to be present at the beginning.

Young men in our churches who have heard the call of God to enter the Christian ministry and have not yet communicated with us should do so at once if they expect to enter our seminary in September.

ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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and Homestead churches in Saskatchewan, Canada, and Miss Emily Edith Muth were married with the Rev. August Rosner officiating. After the ceremony in Ebenezer West the members of the three churches were invited to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Muth, where in the conference tent a luncheon was served the large gathering. Mr. Hoover is the beloved pastor of these churches for the second year. Shortly after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Hoover left for Leduc, Alberta, where the Rev. Wm. Hoover was conducting revival meetings.

On Tuesday afternoon, July 23, a representative group of members of our churches in Cleveland and the members of the Publication Board held a brief service in the editorial rooms of the German Baptist Publication Society to dedicate a memorial bronze tablet in memory of the late Gottlob Fetzter, for many years the editor of "Der Sendbote." The Rev. G. H. Schneck, chairman of the board, spoke briefly and the Rev. E. Umbach offered the prayer. The tablet has the following inscription: "In grateful recognition of Rev. Gottlob Fetzter, Editor of 'Der Sendbote,' 1902-1934. A man approved of God, beloved by his fellow-men, a consecrated Christian and gifted writer. As such he lives on in our memory. The German Baptist Publication Society."

## Pacific Conference

THE SESSIONS OF THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE

For the first time in the history of the Pacific Conference the place of meeting was on Canadian soil. It was a new experience and a noble undertaking for the young and progressive church in Vancouver, B. C., to be the host church. Approximately 100 delegates and visitors gathered from California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia.

The conference convened from June 26-30. The opening service was a very happy occasion from the standpoint of the entertaining church. Their enlarged new church building was dedicated for the service of Christ's great cause. The General Missionary Society may well be proud of this lighthouse of God, which has been erected in this harbor city. We congratulate the Vancouver friends on their edifice. It is truly a fine monument to the religion of Jesus Christ. Special mention should be made of the young able builder, Mr. Jack Schindel. It was an enormous undertaking which was carried out in perfect harmony and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Rev. Wm. Kuhn brought the opening dedication message, based on the incident of Jacob's experience at Bethel. The Mayor of Vancouver sent a representative to bring his greetings and to welcome the guests to the city. Mr. Knox and Mr. Sloat spoke briefly for the Baptists of Vancouver and the ministerial association. The writer of this report was privileged to organize and labor with the Vancouver Church from 1927 to 1934. It was a great joy for him to see how God is still with his people under the new and energetic leadership of the Rev. J. C. Schweitzer. At the close of the evening the reporter gave a brief outline of the rapid growth of this outstanding home mission field.

The morning devotions were led by the Rev's. G. E. Lohr and G. Schunke. The conference was headed by the Rev. J. Kratt as chairman, the Rev. E. P. Wahl, vice-chairman, and the Rev. R. M. Klingbeil and the Rev. G. Neumann serving as secretaries.

Special themes were ably presented by G. Neumann on the church as portrayed in Acts and the letters of Paul; by R. M. Klingbeil on the church and its duties toward the world; by S. Blum on the meaning of our papers for the edification of the inner life; by C. E. Schoenleber on the relation of the church to Jesus, the ideal; by Theo. A. Leger on dangers that threaten the spiritual life of the church; by J. Kratt on how he would like to have present-day youth; by Fred W. Mueller on the proper relationship between the church and the Sunday School.

The conference sermon was delivered by the Rev. F. E. Klein of Wasco, Calif., and the Sunday evening message by the Rev. George A. Lang of Tacoma, Wash. The Rev. Wm. Kuhn led us each day in



his own unique way on green pastures in spiritual meditation. The Rev. O. R. Schroeder preached the closing evangelistic sermon.

We cannot close the report without referring to the fine musical treats with which we were blessed. The choir, male chorus, band and orchestra rendered unusually fine numbers. The young people's program and the addresses by the Rev's. G. Neumann and G. A. Lang are worthy of honorable mention.

May God richly award our beloved Vancouver friends for their hospitality which they have shown us all in their homes and church!

FRED W. MUELLER, Reporter.

## Northern Conference THE SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA CENTRAL CONVENTION

The Saskatchewan and Alberta Central Convention was recently held in Medicine Hat with a large host of delegates and visitors present. The topics announced beforehand were ably presented by the pastors and laymen. During the time which was designated for discussion many comments were made showing the inspiration for greater service which this convention was to those who attended.

Some of the churches showed a marked progress in evangelism and Christian life. All of the churches had periods of revival meetings which resulted in conversions and numerous additions to the church.

The evening services of an evangelistic character were conducted by ministers of the convention. Musical selections were presented by representatives from the various churches. The closing day was the climax of the convention with a missionary message in the morning service by the Rev. G. Ittermann and a missionary offering of \$70. In the afternoon the Rev. J. Weinbender preached at a baptismal service following which the Rev's. N. Christensen and Otto Fiesel baptized 9 candidates, 5 of whom were from Hilda and 4 from Irvine. The Lord's Supper was observed afterwards which brought this fine conference to an inspirational close.

OTTO FIESEL, Reporter.

## INSPIRING SESSIONS OF THE ALBERTA TRI-UNION CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Alberta Tri-Union was held from June 20 to 23 at the capital city of Edmonton. The attendance increased considerably during the convention, so that the audience on Saturday and Sunday more than filled the church auditorium.

At the opening service the address was brought by the Rev. Phil. Daum, our president, on the theme, "Whose I Am and Whom I Serve." The Edmonton mixed choir under the capable leadership of Mr. J. Lens helped to edify this splendid service. A hearty welcome was extended to the delegates by the Rev. A.

Kraemer, the pastor of the church, and a response was given by Dr. Reuben Jespersen, our vice-president.

Friday morning dawned beautifully, and the peaceful atmosphere prepared our hearts for the inspiring thoughts by Rose Yonkers in her address. Of special interest to all the delegates was the report of last year's young people's director, the Rev. F. Benke, from which the following is cited: "Alberta has 15 B. Y. P. U. societies with a membership increase over the previous year of 104 members, now totalling 756 persons. Fifty-six of these attended a Bible School of some kind. Also of note can be mentioned that 3000 young Albertans had religious training at various schools during the year." Other speakers at the morning session were Walter Jespersen on the topic, "Character Building," and Ernest Janke on "Consecration."

The Friday afternoon service was devoted mostly to the interests of the Sunday School and music departments of the church. Speakers included the Rev. G. W. Rutsch of the Glory Hill Church, Mr. Bohlman and Robert Neske. According to the report of our Sunday School director, the Rev. J. Broeder, we have 21 Sunday schools with 2122 scholars in our Tri-Union.

Friday night was Baptist Night. Representatives of various nationalities were present with the Rev. Mr. Carlson of Edmonton speaking on behalf of the Swedish Baptists and the Rev. Dr. Smalley representing the English Baptists. Among the musical numbers was a selection from the Negro Ladies' quartet from the Shilo Baptist Church in Edmonton.

The devotional service on Saturday morning was led by Walter Stein. The Rev. B. Jacksteit gave us invaluable suggestions how to promote fellowship among the young people. The Rev. A. Kraemer led us in a Bible study of the Sermon on the Mount.

The theme of the Saturday evening service was "Full and Free Consecration" with the Rev. Phil. Daum conducting the meeting. Delegates from 18 churches and a station answered the roll call. The Rev's. H. Schatz and B. Jacksteit delivered short inspiring messages, given over to testimonies and songs by the young people.

The Lord's Day marked the close of our Tri-Union conference. Superintendents of various Sunday Schools participated in the Sunday School sessions. The Rev. C. B. Thole of Olds preached the morning sermon. The afternoon and closing message was brought by the Rev. H. Schatz leaving these words impressed on our minds: "Let us go home and work for the Lord until the walls of Jericho will fall." The Sunday afternoon offering totalled \$110.59.

The officers for the following year are as follows: Rev. Phil. Daum, president; Dr. Reuben Jespersen, vice-president; Martin Link, secretary; Arthur Smith,

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treasurer; Rev. B. Jacksteit, young people's director with Rev. F. W. Benke and Mr. B. Link serving as assistants; Rev. J. Broeder, Sunday School director; Rev. H. Schatz, music director with Mr. Bohlman and Rev. J. Broeder serving as assistants; Adelaide Klatt, Marie Kraemer and Lily Kuhn, pianists.

ADELAIDE C. KLATT, Reporter.

## THE SASKATCHEWAN CONVENTION

The Saskatchewan Convention was held in the Southey church from June 19 to 23. The Rev. A. Rosner of the Ebenezer East Church brought a timely opening message on the subject, "All in All, Christ." The delegates and visitors were welcomed by the pastor of the local church to which the Rev. J. Kepl and the Rev. G. Schroeder responded.

The business sessions began on Thursday morning. The annual election of officers was as follows: the Rev. A. Rosner, chairman; the Rev. J. Kepl, vice chairman; the Rev. A. Bibelheimer, secretary; the Rev. G. Schroeder, assistant; and the Rev. J. Kepl, treasurer.

The report of the mission work of this province was given by the Rev. G. Schroeder. Three students have been placed for the summer months. The Rev. J. Kepl was re-elected as a member of the mission committee for 3 years and the Rev. A. Rosner was elected for a year to finish the term of the late Rev. Robert Fenske. There were 43 delegates in attendance representing 15 churches.

The theme of the convention was "Evangelism." All speakers touched upon this important subject in their sermons and addresses. The morning and afternoon sessions were introduced by short devotional periods led by Adam Huber and the Reverends William Hoover and A. Reeh. The sermons were inspirational and educational and were given by the Reverends A. Rosner, William Hoover and the students from our seminary, R. Milbrandt and R. Schilke. The essays were given by the Rev. J. Kepl on the subject "Lights and Blights in Evangelism," the Rev. F. A. Bloedow on "Fishers of Men According to Jesus Christ" and on "Evangelism, the Necessity of Our Time," and the Rev. G. Schroeder on "Our Message to the Lost."

Special mention was made that this convention is already 30 years in existence. The Rev. F. A. Bloedow, for many years a pastor in this province, attended 17 out of the 30 conventions.

Sunday was a special day that will long linger in our memory. After an uplifting session in the Sunday School the Rev. A. Reeh brought a message based on John 8:36. The afternoon service was devoted to missions. The Rev. A. Rosner brought the German message and the Rev. William Hoover the English message. In the evening and closing service the Reverends G. Schroeder and A. Bibelheimer brought the messages.

A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Reporter.

## SESSIONS OF THE NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The Northern Conference met from July 3 to 7 with the church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Although the weather was rather warm when we arrived—denoting that we were warmly received—it soon cooled off a little and was very pleasant. Every one was heartily greeted in this largest city of Middle Western Canada.

On Wednesday evening the Rev. Phil. Daum brought the opening message of the conference. He sounded the note that prevailed throughout the entire conference, namely, "Sail On the Heights." All the addresses and devotional periods that followed stressed this point in that they were of the nature to give us a better view of Jesus and his attitude toward us, better to understand the terms "conversion" and "regeneration" and to consecrate ourselves again to the Master.

We were very grateful to have been able to have had four representatives of our general work with us, namely Dr. Wm. Kuhn, the Revs. O. E. Krueger and S. Blum and Professor H. Dymmel who gave us inspirational messages, which we shall long remember, and also advice in our discussions, besides enlightenment concerning our work at home and abroad.

The hour for departure came only too soon since we should have liked to have remained a few days longer and received more of the blessings of this happy fellowship. The following officers for the coming year were elected: Chairman, the Rev. John Kepl; vice chairman, the Rev. Phil. Daum; first secretary, the Rev. E. E. Bonikowsky; second secretary, the Rev. B. Jacksteit.

Reporter.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN MANITOBA

The Baptist Young People's Association of Southeastern Manitoba held its 1935 Rally Day program on July 18.

During the afternoon session lively discussions followed the introduction of the two topics on "The Christian's Attitude Toward his King, Country and God" and "The Howland of Emerson, Man., and on 'The Value of Prayer,' led by the Rev. E. Mittelstedt of Morris. The result of the first discussion was a resolution to the effect that as Christians "we refuse to take up arms in any war."

A very interesting program followed in the basket luncheon which was served in the new basement of the Baptist Church. The Rev. Mr. Olson of Winnipeg, Man., was the guest speaker. Dr. Hitch of Winnipeg and the Rev. Mr. Haskins of Elmwood also brought memorable messages. Mrs. E. Mittelstedt and the local church choir provided musical selections.

The association officers for the coming year are as follows: Mr. J. J. Janzen, Morris, Man., president; Mr. Ray Long,

Emerson, Man., first vice-president; Rev. Crawford Scott, Manitou, Man., second vice-president; Miss Gladys Gibson, Emerson, Man., secretary-treasurer. We pray that God may bless the efforts of our association and make its members willing instruments in the building up of his Kingdom!

IDA J. HOFFMAN, Reporter.

## DEDICATION AT MORRIS, MANITOBA

"And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them." Ex. 25:8. By the grace of our Lord we have been able to build Him a sanctuary. Although our church could in no way bear comparison with that of Exodus 25, we know that God's presence here is just as manifest as it was in the palatial tabernacle of Moses.

On May 22 at an early hour the young men of our church started out with their tractors and wagons to haul gravel for the new basement and addition to our church. This first day was a long one, for they had about 45 miles to go and the first tractor returned in the early hour of the following morning. However, they were exciting days. A great undertaking was started. Sometimes we held our breath and asked whether we would really accomplish our aim.

At first we could see the church rise higher into the air, as the jacks were put under and the building was slowly raised. Then the work, which at first seemed almost hopeless, began. This was the digging of the basement. It did not take very long, although it was close to the middle of June, until our busy diggers struck frost. But as always perseverance won and after seven strenuous weeks our basement was dug and the addition finished.

Not only our men but also the ladies were busy during these days. They did not build with hammer and saw, but they helped to build in their own special way. They planned to serve dinner daily to all the workers, and each day one would come to our pastor's home with all the necessities for preparing "the banquet," for surely these were banquets with 20 to 30 men to be served.

We have a very fine church with an addition which is 34 by 62 feet, with a full-sized basement having sufficient room for Sunday School, Kindergarten class room and kitchen. The labor was given without charge, and we are very happy to say that we had the full cooperation of members and friends in a most harmonious spirit.

The glorious day of our dedication dawned on July 21 with a welcome to our beloved general secretary, the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, who came especially all the way from Forest Park to give us the dedication address. The church was crowded to capacity beginning with the Sunday School, continuing with the morning worship and ending with the afternoon service. The Rev. Wm. Kuhn brought us very inspiring messages at

all three services, the mixed choir and male chorus served with several musical numbers and our young people presented a mission tableaux. There were many friends from the neighboring churches. We had the pleasure of having the Rev. E. Bonikowsky with us for the afternoon meeting as well as the Rev. L. L. Meech from the United church at Morris. Both of these brethren brought brief messages.

We as a church are very grateful that God has blessed us in our undertaking and our prayers are that we with a better equipped church at our disposal and the able leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, whom God has sent to us, may do much more in the future than has been done in the past for the furtherance of his Kingdom.

IDA HOFFMANN, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT NORTH FREEDOM, WIS.

Another successful Daily Vacation Bible School for a period of two weeks has just been completed at our church here at North Freedom, Wis. The school was conducted from June 17 to 28. The neighboring Methodist church cooperated with us in this undertaking.

Although the enrollment was considerably less than it has been in previous years, we feel certain that the faithful attendance of the children and their willingness to study bear testimony to the fact that they are ever eager to learn more of the truths found in God's Word. Some of the pupils walked approximately four miles a day, so that they might attend the Bible School.

Each of our sessions was begun with the singing of the doxology, followed by prayer and responsive reading. Best of all were the many choruses learned and the interesting and helpful object lessons and stories which were brought to the children.

Much of the usual handwork was omitted from our daily program. In its place a pageant "Gates of God's Love," was prepared and presented to a large number of parents and friends of the pupils at the closing exercises. The platform was decorated to represent a garden with a gate in the background. Pupils representing "Church," "Home," and "School" took their places on the platform. "Home" opened the gate through which the pupils entered reciting Bible verses, Psalms, the Ten Commandments, the Golden Rule, and the Beatitudes. A Bible story was told, songs were sung, and the parable of "The Good Samaritan" was dramatized. The pageant closed with the singing of "The Banner of the Cross" at which time all of the pupils gathered around "Church" who held in her hand the Christian flag.

"God has given us these tender hearts  
In which to plant his seed;  
Forbid that we should 'ere neglect  
This great and growing need."

ELSIE JAHNKE, Reporter.





The Daily Vacation Bible School of Our Church in Indianapolis, Indiana

#### ORDINATION OF THE REV. HERBERT HILLER

A council called by the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, met on the afternoon of July 11 at the North Avenue Baptist Church in order to consider the setting apart of Mr. Herbert Hiller as a minister of the gospel.

The session was opened with the singing of a few hymns and a prayer by the Rev. Mr. McMullen. The church records referring to the call of the Council were read by Mr. A. Baudisch. The Rev. L. B. Holzer was elected moderator and the Rev. H. W. Wedel as clerk. The council consisted of 34 delegates of the churches of the Milwaukee Baptist Association.

Mr. Hiller briefly presented the story of his Christian experience and his call to the ministry and clearly stated his doctrinal views. After thorough questioning the council recommended the ordination of Mr. Hiller to be held that same evening.

The evening service was opened by prayer by Mr. Pratt. Dr. Wm. Kuhn delivered the ordination sermon based on the text, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The ordination prayer was given by Dr. LeRoy Dakin, during which the ministers of the council placed their hands on the head of the candidate. The charge to the candidate was delivered by the Rev. H. W. Wedel and the charge to the church by the Rev. L. B. Holzer. The Rev. T. Knudson extended the hand of fellowship to Mr. Hiller. The Rev. E. Otto made some appropriate remarks. The Rev. Herbert Hiller pronounced the benediction. The male choir, the Bethany mixed choir and quartette assisted in the program.

The Rev. Herbert Hiller graduated from our seminary in Rochester in 1934. He has served the Bethany Church during the past year and in June, 1935, obtained his B. A. degree from Mar-

quette University in Milwaukee. May God accompany him in his work in the future!

H. W. WEDEL, Clerk.

#### MINNESOTA STATE ASSOCIATION

The theme of the 66th annual state association of the German Baptists of Minnesota was "Revive Us Again." The association which recently convened left a definite spiritual imprint on our lives. As the different pastors and laymen treated various phases of this general theme we were all brought closer to God who alone through his Spirit is able to revive the soul.

This year the association proved to be a success in more than one way. The meetings were well attended, and a fine spirit prevailed. The messages that were brought were practical and helpful for Christian living. The devotional periods were led by Mr. L. R. Miller of Randolph and Mr. Conradsen, student-pastor at Jeffers. Sermons were brought by the following pastors: The Rev. H. Hirsch of the Minneapolis Church, the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger of the First Church, St. Paul, and the Rev. H. R. Schroeder of the Riverview Church, St. Paul. Addresses were given by the Rev. F. H. Heinemann of St. Bonifacius, and the Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann, state missionary.

Professor H. Dymmel of our seminary was the guest speaker. Professor Dymmel in a series of addresses and sermons brought us unique, telling and heart-searching messages, which were profitable to those of us who heard him. We are very grateful to him for this ministry. We shall also remember the fine messages that Professor and Mrs. Dymmel brought us in song.

The Rev. Merrill Abbey, pastor of the Methodist Church of Northfield, brought an inspiring message to the young people on Sunday afternoon. The meetings on Sunday morning, afternoon and evening were well attended in spite of the fact that many of our Twin City folks could not come because of the heavy rain.

H. C. WEDEL, Reporter.

### Central Conference

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT INDIANAPOLIS

The Daily Vacation Bible School which was held during the past summer at the German Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Ind., was a splendid success. The picture of the school on this page of "The Baptist Herald" will give the reader some idea of the fine group of boys and girls who attended.

The enrollment numbered 117 persons. The school was held daily for a period of two and a half hours. The Rev. A. Bredy, pastor of the church, assisted in the program of the school.

The following song was used in the worship services of the vacation school:

Here we rally at the church, friends,  
We rally once again,  
Boosting for Christian education.  
We will rally youth and children,  
We will rally full-grown men,  
Urging for Christian education.

The Bible forever, for it we will stand,  
To study its lessons, come give us your hand,

While we rally at the church, friends,  
We rally once again,  
Working for Christian education.

We will pledge our loyal backing  
To our Bible School this year,  
Standing for Christian education.  
We will give our utmost service,  
Beginning here and now,  
Working for Christian education.

#### CLEVELAND, OHIO

Sunday, July seventh, was a day of unique interest for Cleveland. The St. Joseph Children's Home touring party had put in its appearance and furnished a program at each one of the three churches. With Mrs. Hans Steiger, matron of the home, as chaperon were Earl von Meerwald and Dorothy Gutzeit both of whom were brought up in the Home but who are now assisting in its conduct. They were also accompanied by three of the younger children.

Their musical and declamatory readings were very favorably received. The pageant depicting the life of the Home presented to an appreciative audience in the Erin Avenue Church in the evening brought a full day to a happy close.

The party entertained the well attended Sunday School of the White Avenue Church in the forenoon and immediately thereafter they met with the Shaker Square Church in its morning worship in which they likewise took part. The youngest is seven years of age.

This is a novel plan initiated by the young people themselves from the motive of bringing this denominational interest to the notice of our churches in an emphatic way. The travelers were heading for other nearby cities in carrying out a well-designed itinerary. The well wishes of the friends they won for themselves in Cleveland go with them.

### Dakota Conference

#### CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM AT THE ROSENFELD STATION OF OUR CHURCH IN LEHR, N. DAK.

On Sunday, July 14, the Children's Day program and picnic of the Rosenfeld station of our church in Lehr, N. Dak., was held in a picturesque grove of trees. A platform had been erected by the men of the church on the previous day, and this platform was decorated on three sides with twigs from cherry trees making a lovely hedge.

Early on Sunday morning we gathered for the regular Sunday School period. After several speakers had brought messages and the lesson had been discussed, our pastor, the Rev. J. J. Abel, brought a fine sermon.

The picnic lunch was enjoyed by everyone after the service. We were also favored by the F. R. E. A. Band from Lehr, N. Dak., which rendered very fine selections. Several of the boys of our Sunday School belong to this band.

From 2:30 to 5 o'clock we gave our program consisting of 48 numbers, among which were songs, recitations, dialogues, instrumental numbers, selections by the Kraenzler quartet and the male quartet from Lehr. About 50 persons took part in the program ranging all the way from a little girl three years of age to the adults in our school.

It was a splendid program and a great deal of credit goes to its superintendent, Mr. J. J. Hildebrand, who has been the efficient and able leader of the school for 17 years. After an inspirational day like this we all went home feeling that the Lord had been with us and had blessed us.

MISS CHRISTINA HARR, Reporter.

#### THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW LEIPZIG BAPTIST CHURCH

On July 7 and 8 the Baptist church of New Leipzig, North Dakota, celebrated its 25th birthday. What days of rejoicing they were for those faithful people who constitute the membership of the church! Since none of the congregation's church! Since none of the congregation's three churches were large enough to accommodate the crowds the town hall was rented for the occasion. This hall has a seating capacity of about 400 persons and was filled to capacity at all the Sunday and evening services.

The Jubilee Service opened auspiciously on Sunday morning with jubilant songs of praise. A choir of fine young people rendered an anthem, after which the Rev. A. F. Runtz of Peoria, Ill., who had become pastor of the church upon his graduation from our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., preached the anniversary sermon on the theme, "The Changeless Christ." The thought emphasized was that in spite of changes that time and circumstances may bring the purposes of Christ remain unchanged throughout the ages. In the af-

ternoon the Rev. Fred Trautner of Lemon, S. Dak., brought an inspiring message.

On Sunday evening the young people were in charge, and among other numbers they rendered two plays, "Anybody's Family" and "Because I am His." Both sketches were well rendered and taught their lessons well. At the close of this part of the program the writer of these lines gave a short address.

The Rev. Otto Lohse, the retiring pastor of the neighboring church at McLaughlin, S. Dak., brought a fine and helpful message at the Monday opening session, and the Rev. Fred Alf, pastor of the Hebron church, which church had been a sort of mother to the Leipzig church for years, gave a timely and inspiring address. The history of the founding of the church was presented by deacon G. Kallis, who was one of its founders. He told how a small group of German Baptists left South Dakota to take up homesteads in this newly

Thomas Stoeri, Mrs. Stephan Groza and Rev. G. Freigang.

On Monday evening the missionary societies had charge of the program. The society from the Ebenezer station rendered a play in German, "If They Only Knew," and the society from town a play in English, "Standing By," after which a short address was given by the writer. Thus was brought to a close the celebration which marked an era in the life of this church, which has now grown to a membership of about 100. The present pastor, the Rev. J. R. Matz, and his wife are doing a splendid piece of work in the church at present. They deserve much credit for the fine success of the anniversary program. We bespeak for the church a successful future. However, it will never be achieved without those sterling qualities of endurance, self-sacrifice and faithful service manifested by the founders. May God's kingdom come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

AUGUST F. RUNTZ, Reporter.



The Choir of Our Church in Dickinson County, Kansas

### Southwestern Conference

#### CHOIR OF OUR CHURCH IN DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Under the able direction of Mrs. Walter Kohrs the choir of the First German Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas, has been doing excellent work. A picture of the choir and the pastor of the church, the Rev. Raymond Geis, is reproduced on this page. It renders a musical number at almost every morning worship service. Last Christmas the cantata, "Immanuel" by Norwood Dale, was presented to large and appreciative audiences at home and at the neighboring churches of Durham and Marion. Mrs. Benjamin Wuthnow is the pianist of the church.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Kohrs has moved from our midst making it impossible for her to continue to serve as our director. However, we were happy and fortunate in securing Miss Althea Buenning, a talented musician, as our director. Under her leadership the choir is continuing its service in song.

opened section of North Dakota, how the Christian people of all faiths in their desire for religious services met in the homes of the various families in this sparsely settled community, how the longing grew for a place of worship which they could call their own, and how providence led to the coming of the Rev. Thomas Stoeri, now minister of our church in St. Louis, Mo., as pastor and missionary. Mr. Kallis related how the lumber was hauled over 40 miles and a house was built which served as parsonage and meeting-house, and how during the next year a church edifice was erected and a church organized. Those were days of much rejoicing, but also of much sacrifice and faithful toil. Mr. Kallis paid high tribute to the work which was done by the Rev. Thomas Stoeri. The work progressed and new mission stations were opened, so that now the church is composed of three preaching stations, Ebenezer and Pilgerheim in the country, and a church in town, where the English language is used exclusively. Letters of felicitation were read from the Rev. and Mrs.



## Christian Gipsy Wedding in Bulgaria

Recently a wedding was held at our Gipsy church in Bulgaria. The cultural and spiritual blessings of the gospel were in evidence at this Christian occasion. The accompanying picture depicts the bridal party and some of the group of friends in attendance. Sister Lydia Doellefeld, who is standing at the left of the picture, our new missionary to the Gipsies, was guest of honor at this happy gathering.



The Gipsy Bridal Party and Friends.  
The Bride and Bridegroom are in the Center of Picture.

The bride in this picture is Kewa Stefanowa, the daughter of the Rev. Georgi Stefanoff, pastor of our Gipsy church at Golinzi, Bulgaria. The bridegroom is Slatko Slatkoff, a young converted Gipsy, a member of the Golinzi Gipsy church. The couple was married by our European representative, the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt. Young Slatko is seen holding Sister Lydia by the arm. Between the heads of Sister Lydia and the bridegroom you can see the face of the Rev. Georgi Stefanoff, and at the extreme right of the picture with a baby on her arm stands Mrs. Stefanowa, the bride's mother. The other deaconess in the picture is Sister Auguste Lieske, another member of the Bethel-family, who accompanied Sister Lydia to her new field in Bulgaria, she herself being on a trip to Rumania to render a special service among the women of our German Baptist churches of Rumania.

Having introduced the main persons on the wedding picture, we shall let the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt tell us a little about the wedding itself. He writes as follows: "In the afternoon

we visited our Gipsy church at Golinzi, where we celebrated a double wedding. First, we joined our newly appointed missionary, Sister Lydia, to her special mission field. Then it was my privilege to officiate at the wedding ceremony of Kewa, the oldest daughter of our Gipsy missionary, the Rev. Georgi Stefanoff, and a young converted Gipsy, Slatko Slatkoff by name. It was a motley, strange, and restless—well, a typical Gipsy,—wedding gathering. For the sake of the two deaconesses I wished that the meeting could have been a little more quiet, but wishes do not help in such a case. When we are among the Gipsies, we have to be satisfied with their ways, and I was glad to notice that the sisters did not mind a bit. Slatko's Gipsy father is not converted, but he invited all of us to his home. With enthusiasm he expressed his Gipsy pride because his oldest son was married to "a European." A crowd of curious Gipsies gathered around the house. The Rev. Paul Mischkoff stepped to the threshold of the vestibule and talked very earnestly of the love of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.



Rev. and Mrs. Georgi Stefanoff and Family in 1933.  
Kewa, the Bride in the Other Picture, is Seated at  
Extreme Left.

The choir of our church at Lom sang some of the beautiful gospel hymns, and there was also sacred Gipsy music. Everything was very different from similar affairs in other countries, and yet it was so beautiful because the spirit of Jesus Christ was in it. To the unconverted Gipsies this was a powerful testimony to the strong fellowship between all nations in Christ Jesus."

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