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What's Happening

The Rev. Lester N. Schoen resigned as pastor of the Elba Baptist Church on Aug. 4 after a service of one and a half years on this field. Mr. Schoen felt led of the Lord to return to New York City to engage in mission work.

The Rev. F. W. Socolofsky, who was formerly pastor of our church in Bessie, Okla., has changed his residence to Cordell, Okla., where three of his daughters have positions. He is awaiting the guidance of God in a continued ministry in some field of service.

Mr. H. G. Geis, the colporter of the German Baptist Publication Society, spent a few weeks in Chicago in August, and in September he visited and worked among our churches in Wisconsin. As this issue goes to the readers, he hopes to be in our churches in Milwaukee.

The Rev. Paul Gebauer visited several of our German Baptist Churches in California early in September. He addressed the church services and young people's groups on the mission field in Kakaland to which he will shortly go as the representative of the German Baptists of North America.

The Rev. Frederick Alf, pastor of our church in Hebron, No. Dak., for the past five years, has responded favorably to the call from our church in Linton, No. Dak., and will begin his ministry there on the first of October. During his years of service in the Beulah church the membership increased from 145 to 184.

On August 21 the youngest of the three boys of the Rev. and Mrs. William A. Mueller of the First German Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., was accidentally killed by an automobile in front of their home. May the comforting presence of God's love guide the sorrowing parents through the darkness of their grief!

Mrs. C. J. Bender returned to America in August because of conditions of health after a service of more than two years as missionary with her husband, the Rev. C. J. Bender, at the Soppo Station of the Cameroons, Africa. She has made her residence with one of her daughters in Wheaton, Ill., who is a student at Wheaton College.

The Rev. N. E. McCoy baptized 3 converts and extended the hand of fellowship to 18 new members in the Pleasant Valley Church near Carrington, N. Dak., of which he is the pastor, on Sunday, Aug. 18. The church clerk, Mr. Chas. Siebold, wrote that "it is encouraging to see this field so wonderfully blessed through the efforts of Brother McCoy."

During the past year the following officers have served ably in the B. Y. P.

U. of our church in Randolph, Minn.: Arnold Lufi, president; Donald Miller, vice-president; Floretta Legler, treasurer; Royce Miller, secretary. Five regular meetings were held by the society and visiting young people during the year according to the annual report of the B. Y. P. U.

Mrs. August Heringer, the wife of the Rev. August Heringer of Ashley, N. Dak., passed away on August 13 after a brief illness. Mr. and Mrs. Heringer had recently moved to Ashley from their ministry in Ventura, N. Dak., hoping to spend many years in pleasant retirement in their new home. May the divine comfort and peace attend the pathway of the sorrowing family!

On July 28 the Rev. Thomas Stoeri, pastor of the St. Louis Park Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., baptized two young ladies who are twins and received these and three others into the fellowship of the church. A new room is being built for the Primary Department in the basement of the church with most of the work being done by volunteer workers under Mr. Stoeri's supervision.

Rev. G. G. Rauser, minister of our church in Martin, No. Dak., conducted a baptismal service in the Tabor Baptist Church on Sunday, July 21. This is Mr. Rauser's home church, and the young people who were baptized were converted during evangelistic services which Mr. Rauser held. The Tabor Church is without a pastor at present. The Martin Male Quartet assisted in the baptismal service.

On Monday evening, July 29, the members of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kans., celebrated the birthday of their pastor, the Rev. Thomas Lutz, and that of two young people of the church. A picnic supper was served on the church lawn followed by a program of games and songs. Mr. Lutz has had the joy of extending the hand of fellowship to 14 new members during the ten months of his ministry.

The German department of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School began its fall semester on Thursday, Sept. 12, with a small but promising group of new students as well as the returning students. On Friday evening, Sept. 13, the convocation exercises of the seminary were held with the new dean, Professor Albert Bretschneider, reading a provocative and profound treatise on "the New Reformation in the Third Reich."

The Rev. J. F. Olthoff, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., for more than 8 years, resigned recently in order to accept the call from our church in Salem, Oregon, to become its minister. He will begin

his new labors at the close of October. Mr. Olthoff has been prominent in denominational activities for many years and recently led the Madison Church in the observance of its Golden Jubilee Anniversary.

On Sunday, August 4, the Rev. O. W. Brenner, pastor of our church in Sheffield, Iowa, baptized 20 persons. These converts were led to their confession of faith in Jesus Christ partly as the result of evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. Kenneth Mead of St. Paul, Minn., in Sheffield and in the nearby English Baptist churches in Swaledale and Rockwell which Mr. Brenner has been also serving for 3 years. The baptismal service was a very happy occasion for the members of these three churches.

The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, of which the Rev. C. F. Zummach is pastor, will make provision this fall in its financial budget for "The Baptist Herald" in every home of the church. Mr. Zummach states that our publications are so indispensable for denominational news and religious inspiration that he feels that this decision ought to be repeated by other churches. Such a forward and aggressive step by our Burlington Church deserves our enthusiastic commendation and widespread consideration.

On their return from a vacation trip to Colorado Springs Mr. and Mrs. Adam Ross, Miss Harriet Ross, Mrs. Emma Bartel and daughter Thelma, of Cleveland, Ohio, were the victims of an unfortunate accident when their auto overturned twice due to a blow-out. All were taken to the hospital at Sidney, Neb., where Mrs. Ross died on August 10. Mr. Ross, who has been one of the linotype operators at our Publication Society for many years, and Miss Harriet Ross were seriously injured but are making a slow recovery. The funeral service for Mrs. Ross was held in the White Ave. Church of Cleveland on Wednesday afternoon, August 14.

On Sunday evening, July 28, the young people of the Bay City and Beaver churches in Michigan with their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. H. Pfeifer, were the guests of our church in Lansing, Mich., of which the Rev. John E. Grygo is minister. The service consisted of a separate program given by each of the churches. The B. Y. P. U. of the Beaver church presented the dialogue, "Peace Seekers," followed by the presentation of the dialogue, "At the Pearly Gate" by the Amity Class of the Bay City church. The Young People's Choir of the latter church under the direction of Mr. Schiell rendered a number of selections during the program.

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EDITORIAL

"The Baptist Herald" In 1936

THE enthusiastic response of "The Baptist Herald" readers to the new editorial policies of this publication has been most heartening. Plans are now under way to make "The Baptist Herald" more interesting and worth-while during the coming year. The announcement of the forthcoming unusual features and of several contests, in which all readers may participate, described on the last page of this issue will undoubtedly win many more friends to the steadily growing family of almost 3500 subscribers.

The October 1st issue will contain the story of Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill's life and the account of the incidents which led her to write her latest novel, "Beauty for Ashes," besides conveying to our readers a personal word of greeting from this noted and beloved author. Beginning with the October 15th number this captivating novel, which is still selling widely in the bookstores for \$2.00, will be published in serial installments in "The Baptist Herald." This beautiful love story of four young people who discover the adventure of life in God's purposes for them will certainly make this publication a more welcome visitor during the coming year than ever before.

The front cover design of "The Baptist Herald" is to be changed with the first issue in 1936. Every interested reader is urged to submit a design on heavy paper in the contest. The proffered prize of ten dollars and the joy of having a co-operative part in the ministry of the publication ought to attract many entries.

An even more popular contest will be the three hundred word essay to be written on the theme,

"Why I Like to Read 'The Baptist Herald'." All contributions are to be sent to the editor before December 1st. The winning essay will receive a prize of five dollars, and the best five letters will be published.

The year 1936 will mark several anniversaries to be featured in special issues of "The Baptist Herald." The centennial of the birth of Dwight L. Moody, the tercentenary of Roger Williams, the 50th anniversary of the beginning of Walter Rauschenbusch's ministry in New York City and the 40th anniversary of the Rev. J. Kratt's pastorate in the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, are only a few of the many things to receive attention during the coming year. A series of illustrated articles on the greatest religious paintings will be of unique interest to our readers.

The special subscription price of \$1.25 for fifteen months from October 1, 1935, to the close of 1936 to include the complete story, "Beauty for Ashes," and all the noteworthy articles deserves to be announced from church pulpits and advertised widely by personal commendation. If every satisfied "Baptist Herald" reader will win a new subscriber at this attractive offer, we shall do our utmost to transform him or her into another of our happy friends.

"The Baptist Herald" strives to present challenging articles on the Christian life as well as to disseminate invaluable information concerning our denominational activities and church programs. The coming year promises to be an aggressive forward march to which we dedicate ourselves with high vision and earnest endeavor.

Our Seminary at Rochester

By PROFESSOR ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER

I HAVE been asked by the editor of "The Baptist Herald" to write a brief article about our seminary, prophesying somewhat as to our future.



I shall leave that to others. I will say, however, that our future is so indissolubly linked to the past and so absolutely dependent upon the changing needs of the churches of the present that we shall have to make whatever changes are made in the light of these facts. Some things cannot be changed and ought not to be changed even if they could. The location of our

seminary is one of these factors, and there are others, also. With regard to the curriculum and methods we shall have to adapt ourselves to the new trends.

A New Era in the Seminary

I am quite well aware of the fact that we are beginning a new era in our seminary. Dean Ramaker's long and successful ministry has just come to a very happy conclusion. Professor Lewis Kaiser's retirement occurred only a few years ago. Younger men have stepped into their places to carry on the work which they so courageously began and so ably carried forward for over forty-five years. We who succeed them will find it very difficult to measure up to their nobility of character and to their outstanding abilities as teachers. But we shall try very hard to do so. We hope to profit by their experience in the administrative leadership of the institution. It is our earnest desire to carry on in the same spirit of devotion which they have manifested throughout all the years of their notable ministry. In some things, however, we may have to hew new paths. The time in which we live will make this necessary. The rapidly changing nature of our churches and denominational life, the language problem, the higher educational attainments of our youth, the limiting of immigration, the financial high pressure in most of our churches, a waning denominational consciousness, a lack of understanding of our specific objectives and responsibilities as German Baptists and an inability to project other objectives, both home and foreign, which will catch and fire the imagination of our youth, are some of the things with which we must reckon as leaders of the denomination and as teachers of our future ministers.

The training of our ministers is no easy task. It never has been. To make them efficient in the use

of two languages is in itself a prodigious undertaking. To acquaint them with the English and German Bible so that they can use it as a tool, being not only familiar with its content and saturated with its truth but also able to quote it with ease in both languages, is a difficult task. In addition, they must know our hymnals in the German and English languages, they must be steeped in the best of our secular and religious poetry in both languages and must be trained in the use of such material in the pulpit.

Difficulties in the Training of Our Ministers

Our greatest difficulty in teaching in our ministry, however, comes primarily from inadequate and unequal preparation. If we could limit our students only to those who have had a complete high school education, we could simplify our teaching very materially. But by so doing we should exclude from our school some of the finest and most promising young men, both as to character and intelligence. We have to experience the fact again and again that young men with no high school preparation but with a high degree of intelligence soon outstrip some of those who are high school graduates. A high school diploma is no guarantee of high intelligence and of special qualifications for the ministry. This is said in nowise to depreciate the great value of an academic training. The school-way is the easier way to get an education but it is not necessarily the best way nor the only way, nor does the attainment of such an education insure the possessor that he will be successful in the ministry or in any other vocation in life. More is necessary. In our seminary we want men of character, uprightness, honesty and integrity, but, of course, also of outstanding intelligence and studious habits, of initiative and administrative ability, men with the gift of speech and of tact and especially, too, men who know the fine art of making contacts. Without this latter gift our ministers will make poor fishers of men.

The Present Need For More Students

During the past few years we have limited the number of students for our seminary. We have done so by request. But now, as it seems, with a considerable number of our older ministers going into retirement, there will be a shortage of pastors. For example, on the Pacific coast four ministers of our group, who have been very prominent in our denominational life, will probably soon relinquish their churches to younger men and retire. With an increase in prosperity churches which have had to get along without ministers and others which have been willing to be ministered to by a single pastor

The new dean of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York, who is beginning his service as this issue of "The Baptist Herald" reaches the reader, herewith presents a clear picture of his policies as dean and of the significance of the seminary in the denomination in future years.

where formerly they were served by two or three, will call new leaders. We feel, therefore, that we should increase the present number of our students. Some of those who come to the seminary always drop out after a few years. No church can forecast, nor can the seminary even after careful probing tell before the young men have come, whether they will eventually make good ministers of Christ.

Adequate Training of Fishers of Men

In order, however, to discover whether these young men who come to the seminary for training will make good fishers of men we intend to instruct them in the art of soul winning and to lead them in a program of what we believe will be effective evangelism. To that end we appeal to the churches within a driving radius of Rochester to offer to us the opportunity of coming to them over the week-ends to present the gospel in song and sermon. The students will be accompanied always by one of the faculty who will seek to guide and to inspire them in this most important work.

The young men must also have similar opportunities during the summer months. We appreciate the fine cooperation of the churches during the past few summers. But we need even more open doors. Our young men cannot learn to preach simply by practice-preaching in the classroom before students. They need the challenge of a congregation and of a group of young people, many of whom are not followers of Jesus Christ. We can teach them the theory of preaching and the art of soul winning in our seminary but the churches must provide them the opportunity of a practical application of what they have learned.

The churches of South Dakota and of Alberta, Canada, did more for me to develop my preaching ability than everything I learned in the classroom. It is true that I also learned something of the art of preaching in Rochester. In my student days we went out and preached on street corners. In the English department of the seminary I was the leader of an evangelistic band which went into the surrounding churches near Rochester to present Christ to young and old. I learned much in that direct way. But I gained most when I was in a church all by myself with no one on whom to rely except my own resources and, when they failed, the resources of God. It is at such a time that one becomes aware of his own inadequateness and of the need of depending on God. Our young men have been writing to us from their summer fields of labor and have been testifying to this significant fact.

Plans For the Nurture of the Spiritual Life of the Students

We wish to give some attention, also, during the coming years to the development and deepening of the devotional life of the students. No one is in greater danger of neglecting this duty than the student of a theological seminary. How we shall attain our goal has not yet been worked out in detail. But we hope to bring stimulation from the outside in chapel talks by ministers from the city and also

through group meetings with the students themselves. I take it for granted that there is room for "the cure of souls" even in a seminary. We should also like to realize a dream of bringing to our seminary some of the most prominent ministers of the denomination for three or four days to give us in lecture and sermon the fruits of a long and successful ministry in the pastorate. For this, however, we need funds which are not available at present. We have already spoken to a number of ministers about this plan and know that they would be willing to come for their expenses. We should like to appeal to some laymen with vision and devotion to provide us with the necessary means temporarily until we can make provision for it in the budget of the seminary.

There are a number of other matters that I should like to bring to the attention of our readers at some other time. The lack of space prevents further elaboration in this article. We deserve the hearty support and cooperation of all our churches in our God-ordained task.

HOW YOUNG IS YOUR PASTOR?

HOW young is your pastor? We venture the assertion that he is much younger than the nine men on the Supreme Court of the United States. These nine judges undoubtedly constitute the most powerful group of men in America.

How old are these men? The facts should be astonishing. Justice Holmes was over 90 when he resigned a year ago. He was succeeded by Justice Cardozo, who is 64 years old. The youngest man on the Court is Justice Roberts. He will be 60 next May. The eldest is Justice Brandeis. His 78th birthday comes in November. Chief Justice Charles E. Hughes, first President of the Northern Baptist Convention, is 72. The other five range in age from 62 to 75. For all nine the average is exactly 70.

Some time ago we learned of a pulpit committee in a Baptist church of 500 members who specified that all candidates for the vacant pulpit must be under 40 years of age. What nonsense! One hundred million Americans are satisfied to have their country's destiny in the hands of men over 70; a Baptist pulpit committee insists on placing the spiritual destiny of its church in the hands of a youth under 40.

The truth is that the overwhelming majority of the greatest preachers of the past and present did not begin to enter into their own until after 40, for example, the Apostle Paul, John Bunyan, John Wesley, Russell Conwell, S. Parkes Cadman, Harry Emerson Fosdick, George W. Truett, Dan Poling, Ralph Sockman.

Ministers should be considered according to their merits and not their years. Therefore, as the editorial in Missions urges, "the next time your church seeks a pastor, instruct the pulpit committee to consider men of all ages and with a preferential eye toward men of maturity and rich spiritual experience."

—From an address by the
Rev. J. D. Morrison, D. D.

Singing Our Way Across the Continent

By ADOLF E. KANNWISCHER

(This requested article concerning some of the highlights of the recent transcontinental trip by the quartet of our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., will be of interest not only to the members of the churches visited during the summer but also to the larger circle of all the readers of "The Baptist Herald." Editor.)

With the baccalaureate sermon, farewell addresses and good wishes of our Christian friends still vibrating in our souls and our hearts full of anticipation we left our beloved Alma Mater in "the Flower City" of Rochester, N. Y., on the morning of May 21 in order to visit approximately one hundred of our German Baptist churches.

As we related in the churches which we had already visited, we had various purposes in making this tour. Of course

with all possible cordiality and hospitality, for which we wish to acknowledge our sincere appreciation and deep gratitude.

In retrospect upon the various experiences, we think with delight of the humble service we were able to render by singing to sick people in hospitals, private homes and Homes for the Aged. Numerous were "the saints in suffering" whom we met. Their cheerful disposition, smiling faces and indomitable faith, despite years of constant pain, often put us to shame. Repeatedly we felt that they were more of a blessing to us than we could possibly hope to have been to them. We cherish the impressions which such people made upon us, and if we brought some cheer into their lives, we shall feel that the benefit of our visits was mutual.



Seminary Quartet En Route Across Continent
Left to Right: Wm. Sturhahn, A. E. Kannwischer,
Robert Schade and A. Kannwischer

we were planning to enjoy God's grand nature, wherever such opportunity presented itself without interference with our programs. A more justifiable reason was the fact that our churches and our school are far apart. We are aware that in many instances the churches know very little about the school and the type of student which they support. Hence we considered it to be of mutual benefit if the churches could see "what kind of a crop" they are raising in Rochester. At the same time we were given the opportunity to get into contact with our churches. We endeavored to strengthen the bond of Christian fellowship among the individual churches as well as between the churches and the school by taking greetings from one to the other. Above all, we tried in all sincerity and humility to serve God and our fellowmen to the best of our ability. As such we were received into the churches and homes. What is true of one is true of them all—they received us

Our adventure of faith took us first to the Connecticut churches. The New England country-side with its rugged hills and sloping valleys, through which sparkling brooks wind their way, makes an everlasting impression upon lovers of nature.

The difference becomes more striking when one enters New York City with its skyscrapers, noisy streets and all that goes to make a metropolis. Contrasting the two, one must humbly admit that "God made the country and man made the city." One can, on the one hand, be raised to exultation at the architectural magnificence of some church buildings and skyscrapers, and, on the other, be cast into the depths of despair at the sights which one beholds in the slum districts. It was especially distressing to see thousands of children playing in the sultry and traffic-congested streets of the city.

Besides serving our churches in New York we also had the opportunity of

being of service in the famous Bowery Mission. There we beheld humanity, sunk to its lowest possible depths. It required no great stretch of the imagination to see the consequences of sin in the form of some four or five hundred "human derelicts." To sing and testify of the grace of God to these men was a privilege for which we are grateful to the Rev. J. F. Niebuhr. On our tour through "Chinatown" after the program at the Bowery Mission, we experienced what every tourist finds, namely, the uselessness of asking a Chinaman for any kind of information. The almost classic answer, which goes with the shrugging of the shoulders, is "I dunno."

Next we visited our churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin and Minnesota. At Emerson, North Dakota, we went across the boundary into Canada. In Manitoba it was our pleasure, to visit a number of churches which had never been visited by a quartet and others which had not heard one for many years. Some of these churches are in comparatively new settlements and are working under serious handicaps. Their courageous ministers are doing a real pioneer work in an unselfish and unheralded manner. In Morris, Manitoba, we found the church members, young and old, men and women, busily engaged in enlarging their house of worship under the able leadership of their new minister, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt. Here one experienced anew what Nehemiah of old said concerning the children of Israel, "For the people had a mind to work."

In the Saskatchewan churches we found friendly people but muddy roads. Due to the latter fact, we were unable to reach one church. We barely reached Nokomis after a drive of over four hours on Sunday afternoon at the snail-like speed of five to ten miles per hour and after loosing two of our mud chains.

"Sunny Alberta" did not measure up to its reputation while we were visiting it, for there we made our first and lasting acquaintance with wet "Gumbo" roads. On a dreary Sunday morning we left Edmonton in order to reach the First Church in Leduc in time for Sunday School. On the way we stopped at a firehouse and inquired, "How can we get to the First German Baptist Church?" and the fireman answered smilingly, "I don't think you can get there." We were not to be discouraged, however, and ventured out despite his warning. About a mile and a half from our destination we became hopelessly stuck. Farmers came to our rescue and after a struggle of an hour and a half with the aid of about a dozen men and the motor, the horses were finally able to rescue that which once was a fairly good car. (Continued on Page 287)

Along Canadian Highways and Byways

By the REV. O. E. KRUEGER, Moderator of the General Conference

It is known among our people that I have been spending the summer months on a journey that took me to some of the churches of the Northwestern Conference, to the Dakotas and to nearly all the churches of the Northern Conference. Having saved up several months of vacation credits, the Temple Baptist Church at Pittsburgh, Pa., readily granted me the required time of absence.

"I SAT WHERE THEY SAT"

I have often been impressed with the change that came over the mind of Ezekiel when he spent seven days in silence trying to project himself into the conditions that caused the exiles to weep as they sat by the waters of Babylon thinking of Zion. I have been sitting where the pastors of the Northern Conference and their wives sit, and I have driven with them over the roads which they must cover. Even so, I have seen their work at the most favorable season of the year.

When winter comes it brings its own trials. The "Sky-Pilot" may be snow-bound at home or on the distant field.

For those who have grown accustomed to modern conveniences it is hard to go back to oil-lamps and wash-boards, while the electric washer is taking a long rest in an old shed. In the midst of all difficulties and privations I never heard a whimper or a wail in all those weeks. You meet the stuff of which heroes and heroines are made. Another chapter should be added to "Heroes and Hero Worship" dealing with these brave men and women who are so easily forgotten while we render praise only to those who go out as foreign missionaries.

"THANK GOD FOR RUTS"

Ordinarily ruts are not very popular. But when you are driving on a mud-road and happen to get out of the ruts and have a deep ditch on either side inviting your skidding car to come down, you are very glad to get back into them. Mud and mosquitoes have been very plentiful during the summer season. Some churches are not furnished with screens. You can imagine the results. An out-of-door meeting was possible only with the protection of a smudge which kept away the thirsty "blood-suckers."

PAINT, POVERTY AND POLITICS

As one travels through the country one is impressed with the want of paint. One finds very little on faces, but it is also lacking on houses and barns where it is really needed! If everybody were able to "paint up," thousands of painters would find employment and hundreds of thousands of gallons of paint would be required. The country could almost paint itself into prosperity. Paint might succeed where beer failed!

The absence of paint may imply poverty. In fact there is much poverty in this section of the continent. The farmers have amazing yields of wheat and oats. Considering the low prices and the many crop hazards, such as floods, drouths, rust, hail and frost, it is easily seen why Canadian farmers do not get rich very quickly.

Canada is amply supplied with politicians who promise the return of prosperity. Of course, there is something rotten in Canada, too. We have no corner on political corruption in the States. When a man receives sixty-five cents net for a cow sold as a "canner," and she is put on the butchers-block as regular beef, you may be sure that the American packers have no monopoly on foul odors! Why do Canadians pay thirty-five cents for American gasoline while they have more crude oil than they could possibly use? A new crop of progressive politicians is growing up and new experiments are going to be made. If the Eberhard-movement wins in Alberta, the eyes of the world will be fixed on the experiment with "Social Credit," which plans to give every citizen of the province a credit certificate of twenty-five dollars monthly. While some claim that that will be the salvation of the country, others know positively that it will be its ruination. Only time can tell.

"I KNOW THY WORKS"

The risen Lord directed these words, "I know thy works," to each of the seven "angels" who labored in the churches of Asia Minor. He knows the work of "the angels" of the churches of to-day. He also knows the works of those whose wings have not yet sprouted. He has words of commendation, and he also has words of condemnation. All of the conditions there described can be duplicated in the churches of to-day.

There are many difficulties peculiar to the churches of the Northern Conference. There are also encouragements. There are always more people in the meetings than on the membership list. We are quite familiar with the opposite in our cities. When the attendance is fifty per cent of the membership, we really feel like singing: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The children and young people (great numbers of them) and the open doors offer a real challenge to the "angels of the churches."

The General Missionary Society during the past 50 years has invested possibly \$275,000 in these churches. They themselves have contributed over \$200,000 to missionary and benevolent work. Some of these churches have a very decided missionary spirit. They have not only struggled to carry on without aid but they have made very considerable contributions to our general work.

"THE BEST IS YET TO BE"

Those are not the words of Ezekiel, but what he said as a messenger of God amounts to the same thing. Read the 11th verse of the 36th chapter of the book of Ezekiel: "I will do better unto you than at your beginnings." God has not exhausted himself. He wants to break his record. In this same chapter he offers the new heart and the new spirit. To the possessors of the new heart and the new spirit the best is yet to be. Do we have faith sufficient to accept the promise? That may not mean numbers. There is, however, no reason why our numbers should not continue to increase in the future just as they have in the past.

SAYING IT WITH FIGURES

My itinerary brought me into touch with two conferences, 41 churches and 77 pastors. There were over 60 speaking engagements, most of which were double headers with an extra thrown in, that is to say, there was a talk to the children, the presentation of a spiritual truth and an explanation of the work of our denomination. The total mileage ran to 3850 miles per auto, 4800 per train. Altogether it has been a time of relaxation and recreation which comes with the release from the grind of the pastorate and of rest that comes through constant change as well as of inspiration derived from the fellowship with choice souls. God has abundantly blessed me in this work.

WINNIPEG, 1940?

At our next General Conference without doubt there will be presented an invitation from our church in Winnipeg, Canada, to meet in its city in 1940. That year will mark the 100th anniversary of our German Baptist work in North America. We are still filling an important place in the Kingdom. That is the reason for our existence!

EDITORIAL NOTICE

Many readers of "The Baptist Herald" have inquired about the recent omission of the special departments of our paper. The reports of church programs, young peoples' assemblies and summer events have been so numerous as to make the above action necessary, even though to the editor's and readers regret. Beginning with the October 1st issue the special features, the "Book Chat" and the "Religious News of the World," will be included and another department, the "Contributor's Page," will be added. All reporters are urged to remember that it usually takes about fifteen days between the date of receipt of letters and the date of publication in "The Baptist Herald." The prompt arrival of reports will be appreciated by the editor.

Beginning the Day

A Scripture Passage and Meditation for Spiritual Progress

By the REV. THOMAS STOERI

OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Friday, September 20

Is All Suffering Decreed By God?

"Keep me secret until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldst appoint me a set time and remember me." Job 14:13

(Read Job 14.)

Chapters 12 to 14 constitute a long plea by Job that God and man might understand his suffering. The problem of evil and therefore of suffering has not been solved in the world. But it is indisputably clear to any student of scripture, that much of this world's suffering is selfmade and cannot be charged to God. "Why will ye die?" (Jeremiah 27:13.) But whether selfmade or not, much of suffering depends on our attitude. There is an immense difference in the results of fatalism or of faith in God's righteousness. The first produces a paralyzing cynicism and recklessness; the latter spiritual growth, even because of suffering. Note Job's end!

"We would cling to our hope in Christ, O God, that all things might work out to the best of them that love thee."

Saturday, September 21

Miserable Comforters

"Miserable comforters are ye all."

Job 16:2

(Read Job 15-16)

We find Job in the very depth of his depression. Who will blame him for this expression? Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar were miserable comforters. What made them so? The answer is arrogance in judging Job on the basis of their assumptions, too many words and lack of experience. "We can comfort wherewith we are comforted," said Paul. Useless words are a burden to an agonizing soul. Assumptions and mere prejudices may cause us to do grievous harm where we sought to do good. To comfort is a great task implying great responsibility. But this world needs comforters since it is full of souls in agony.

"We know, O Christ, that thou alone hast words of eternal life; so fill us with thy spirit that we might have to give to others."

Sunday, September 22

Bitter Words

"I have said to corruption, thou art my father: to the worm, thou art my mother. —Where is now my hope?"

Job 17:14-15

(Read Job 17)

Disappointed in man and God, Job pours out his heart in bitter words. My mother used to prepare our supply of cooking butter by boiling it as long as any scum would form, which she skimmed off carefully. All the impurities thus

removed, the butter would stay sweet indefinitely. We all have that in us that tends to bitterness; capable souls are thus made useless. Job's gravest danger came from within, making him rebellious and blind to God's dealing, filling him with bitterness of soul overflowing in bitter words.

"Our Savior, help us to realize that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us, if we trade not our birthright for a mess of pottage."

Monday, September 23

Undergoing an Operation

"He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass and he hath set darkness in my path.—He hath destroyed me on every side and I am gone." Job 19:8-10

(Read Job 19:1-20)

Job felt as one who is given an anaesthetic namely, "fenced in," made helpless, and as if some one were operating on him un-hindered. Yes, the illustration is applicable. God was operating on Job and it was real agony for him. God thereby intended to give him glorious and abiding blessings. "If ye want to be my disciples, take up the cross and follow me." Our Christ, when he was "operated" upon for our sakes "as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." So Job and we shall by the very "travail (suffering) of our soul" find satisfaction at God's hands through Jesus Christ.

"This we would ask for ourselves, O God, to hold still under thy operation, so as not to spoil thy labors."

Tuesday, September 24

A Re-awakened Memory— A Ray of Light

"I know that my Redeemer liveth,—yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:25-26

(Read Job 19:21-29)

In the sea of Job's bitter words we suddenly find this island of assurance and hope. As one coming from under the anaesthetic has visions of health and renewed strength, so Job experienced Christ's promise: "But the Holy Spirit shall bring all things to your remembrance." The psalmist cried, "Oh my soul, forget not all his benefits." To remember our Savior and his promises is a means of grace to renew courage and remembrance of me.

"How wonderfully thou hast made us, our God, that memory should thus sweeten the bitterness of the present, and above all the memory of thy love in Christ Jesus."

Wednesday, September 25

A Glorious and Incontrovertible Fact

"Does the Almighty profit if thou be righteous, or gain if thy ways be blameless?" (Kautsch) Job 22:3

(Read Job 22)

Eliphaz here points out a great but little realized truth. Because Job lacked this realization he found it so difficult to understand God's dealings with him. Eliphaz asks this question: "Does God or man profit by God's dealings with man?" Job was still thinking too much of himself and not enough of God. He had not yet realized God's attitude, as expressed in John 3:16, "God so loved the world that he gave his son." This conception gives the necessary incentive for heroic faith in spite of sorrow and stress. This conception is only possible through faith in Christ. Eliphaz emphasized a truth which we need to keep in mind.

"Eternal God, we would ask for that childlike confidence knowing that thou art our heavenly father, who always seeks to bless his children."

Thursday, September 26

Where Else Shall We Go?

"It is not in mee." Job 28:14

(Read Job 27-28)

Job was seeking help and consolation, but wherever he looked, he was disappointed. The rectitude of his life was not enough; it was not in himself that he could find salvation. His friends should have told him. Who or what can say to us as Christ said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are weary and heavy laden, I will give you rest?" Even to-day he alone can say: "It is in me!"

"O God, after we have given the world our money and the best part of our lives only to receive a scorpion, thanks and glory to Christ who hath that which is truly good to give to us."

Friday, September 27

Age Versus Youth

"Now Elihu had waited . . . , because they were elder than he. When he saw there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled." Job 32:4-5

(Read Job 32)

This is the turning point in Job's trial. The flow of endless words from Job's friends has ceased. Another, Elihu, the Buzite, had also listened to the conversation. Being much younger, he respectfully gave age precedent. But the uselessness of it all aroused his youthful ire and what he says in way of criticism or exhortation proves helpful to

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Job. Does age guarantee wisdom? These old friends were guided by old assumptions rather than newborn truth. But youth should not be guilty of presumption. Elihu patiently waited and listened to prove his wisdom.

"We know that if we learn from thee, the Oldest and the Youngest, we will always learn that which is right."

Saturday, September 28

I Have Found an Atonement

"Deliver him from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom (atonement)."

Job 33:24

(Read Job 33)

Elihu is speaking kindly to Job. His instruction is sympathetic. He explains God's ways with sinners. A sincerely repentant soul will hear God say: "I have found an atonement for him." It does take more than mere human uprightness to find joy in God's presence. "We have all fallen short of the glory of God" simply means that none of us are fit for that glory. Even Job, perfect and upright man that he was, needed to realize that truth before he could gain comfort in his trials and find peace. The realization of our need and the experience of salvation in Christ are the source of consolation and strength in sorrow.

"Through thy poverty we were to be made rich; so help us, O Christ, to throw out that which hinders thy grace to fill us."

Sunday, September 29

The Storm is Abating

"When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?" Job 34:29

(Read Job 34)

Elihu is continuing to give to Job words of truth and wisdom. Who can make trouble, when we have God-given quietness in our soul? The peace of God in our souls in times of testing is an efficacious prescription, indeed as well as a great accomplishment and therefore not altogether easy of attainment. To take ourselves in hand and to hold our emotions as well as our thoughts and tongues in check as the Psalmist does in Psalm 142:5-6 is the best proof of faith and grace. Whenever Peter was quiet enough to "let another gird him," he became really efficient in Kingdom service.

"O Christ, give us this quietness of soul, that we may discover the deeply hidden springs of strength and consolation."

Monday, September 30

When God Speaks

"The Lord answered Job and said: Shall he that contendeth (quarrels) with the Almighty instruct him?" Job 40:1-2

(Read Job 39-40)

Much and long had Job heretofore pleaded with God to speak to him. Does God speak what Job wanted to hear? The Lord's words seem to express a sharp rebuke to Job: "Will you, a faultfinder, undertake to instruct the Al-

mighty?" Suddenly Job is forced by his own sincerity to retract his many challenges to God. Listen to him: "Truly I am vile! I will lay my hand upon my mouth." Whenever we make our respectability a contention before God we are due for a severe shock when God does speak to us. Job is forced to change his attitude toward God, and thereby his attitude toward his personal problems are changed.

"Make us less willful, O God, and thereby readier to listen."

Tuesday, October 1

When Truth Hurts, Confession Heals

"No thought can be withholden from thee—therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me that I knew not." Job 42:2-3

(Read Job 42:1-4)

God's word is always a two-edged sword, which hurts when it strikes or is struck against. God's truth had wounded Job's soul deeply; he is as one stunned. He did the one thing needed to bring healing for he says: "I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes." What he had complained of before, that he now finds good. The fiery challenger of previous chapters now prays: "I will demand (rather inquire) of thee; declare (rather teach) thou unto me." (Verse 4.) The light is breaking and the day of redemption is drawing near, as Job exclaims: "Now my eye seeth thee." (Verse 5.)

"God, thou hast never hurt us but that thou hast brought healing to our souls; grant us hearing ears and an understanding heart."

Wednesday, October 2

When Repentance is Not Difficult

"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye seeth thee. Therefore I abhor myself." Job 42:5-6

(Read Job 42: 5-10)

Repentance seems to be difficult for most of us. That is so, because like Lot's wife we are still too fond of that which we must give up for our own good. But Job's repentance now seems to come easily. There is exaltation in his soul; a freedom of spirit that is happy and now able to forget the hardship of bygone days. "I have heard of thee—my eye seeth thee—" Psalm 73:25. "There is none on earth I desire but thee!" The prodigal had a hard time reaching the father's house, but once near it, the father's love made his repentance easy.

"O Father, thy compassion, thy mercy, thy infinite love are our hope and our joy through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Thursday, October 3

The Forgiveness of Man

"And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends."

Job 42:10

(Read Job 42:11-17)

One more experience was to come to Job. Though happy in his new faith, something seemed to hold back the free flow of the spirit. There was a haze which seemed to be hindering the light. Men had done things to him; their cruel words had caused deep hurt; they had been so unjust in their self-satisfied attitude. Feeling that way toward them, Job's joy could not have free flow. "Forgive us as we forgive" is not always an easy prayer. But easy or difficult, not until Job could thus pray were God's hands loosened to bless him fully. Prosperity was "around the corner."

"Grant, O Savior, that even the fact that friend or foe has grievously wronged us shall not be used by Satan to cheat our soul through bitterness and thereby prove us unworthy of thy forgiveness."

Friday, October 4

The Latter End

"So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning." Job 42:12

(Read Job 42 again with prayerful meditation)

The trial of Job has ended. He has won the victory by surrender to God. The blessedness of Job is described in a rather materialistic way by the increase in the number of camels, oxen, and sheep and the amount of silver and gold. Too much are we inclined to take that as proof of God's approval. It only proves how poor human words are to describe the preciousness of spiritual wealth. Was it worthwhile for Job "to have endured"? How did it all appear to him now, as he looked back? Moses had vision of "the latter end" and forthwith he deliberately decided "rather to suffer affliction" with God's people.

"We thank thee, Father, for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Give us the vision of the latter end, thus to be enabled 'to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, our Lord.'"

THE LARGER PRAYER

At first I prayed for Light:

Could I but see the way,
How gladly, swiftly would I walk
To everlasting day.

And next I prayed for Strength:

That I might tread the road
With firm, unflinching feet to win
The heaven's serene abode.

And then I asked for Faith:

Could I but trust my God,
I'd live enfolded in His peace,
Though foes were all abroad.

But now I pray for Love:

Deep love to God and man,
A living love that will not fail,
However dark his plan.

And Light and Strength and Faith
Are opening everywhere;

God only waited for me, till
I prayed the larger prayer.

MRS. E. D. CHENEY.

PLEDGED-PARTNERS AND PRAYER-HELPERS

"Take it to the Lord in Prayer"

Pray for our Seminary at Rochester

By PROF. ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER

One of the most important phases of our denominational activity and life is our seminary at Rochester. In the degree that our seminary prospers and reveals a healthy life will our churches reveal strength and vitality. "Like priest like people." It is of utmost importance, therefore, that our seminary be strengthened and vitalized so that it may produce the kind of ministers which our churches need. The church can survive only if its leadership is both evangelical and dynamic. Scholarship must be coupled with a devout personal religious life. But the minister must also understand the vital problems of today and must be able to see how the spirit of Christ can transform not only the individual but also society as a whole.

In our seminary at Rochester we are trying to train ministers who will have a first hand understanding of evangelical truth and an experiential knowledge of the fundamentals of the Christian life and service. It is our aim, therefore, not only to educate the students theoretically but also to train them practically. We are seeking and welcoming opportunities for our students to instruct in the various churches of our city and to assume leadership in the young people's groups.

This fall and winter the students will also be instructed in the message and methods of evangelism and will engage in definite evangelistic work and in personal soul winning. Various churches are co-operating with the seminary in these activities. We are hoping, too, to visit some of our churches in the Atlantic, Eastern and Central conferences. We are quite convinced that religion will stagnate and that the evangelistic fervor of students will subside unless they have opportunity to express their Christian convictions not only in life but also in testimony and in challenge to others to live the Christian life. Each fall our young men come back enthusiastic over their summers' experiences and success in soul winning in the churches. We wish to conserve this evangelistic enthusiasm and to deepen it and to direct it into channels of greatest usefulness for all our churches. To that end we solicit your interest and prayers. We cordially co-operate with our general missionary secretary, Doctor William Kuhn, as "Prayer Helpers" for the various branches of our denominational life. But we also desire to have your prayers in behalf of our most vital task.

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Pacific Conference

THE CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Cal., was host to the 10th annual B. Y. P. U. and S. S. Workers' Union of California from July 24 to 28. Comparing this convention with the first, which met in Anaheim in 1925, one noted considerable growth in attendance, enthusiasm and Christian fellowship. The theme, "In the Service of the King," presented a dynamic challenge throughout the entire meetings. A picture of the convention group is produced on the front cover of this issue of "The Baptist Herald."

The opening session on Wednesday revealed a remarkable display of enthusiasm on the part of our large delegation. After a rousing song service led by the Union's president, Henry Schmierer, a hearty welcome by the local president, Herbert Stabbert, and roll-call, Prof. L. Kaiser, our guest speaker, brought the keynote address on "The King's Service."

On Thursday morning Gerhard Stabbert of Lodi led the devotional period. Brief reports were given by the various societies and Sunday Schools telling of their accomplishments during the year. Various phases of Christian service for young people were discussed by able representatives from the societies of the Union. The following topics were discussed: "Call for Christian Service" by Gerhard Stabbert of Lodi; "Ability for Christian Service" by John Wageman of Franklin; "Great Need for Christian Service" by Mildred Ehrhorn of Wasco; "Cooperation in Christian Service" by Esther Leuschner of Los Angeles; and "Reward for Christian Service" by Mrs. Lydia Stranske of the Ebenezer Church in Los Angeles. The afternoon was spent in recreation consisting of group games, ball games and swimming at Anaheim Park, one of Southern California's beauty spots.

In the evening we again heard a stirring message by Prof. L. Kaiser on the theme, "Are You on the Job?" He stressed the fact that we have an important share in the building of the Kingdom of God.

On Friday morning the devotional period was led by Evelyn Wedel of Wasco. The following topics on Sunday School work were discussed: "S. S. Workers and Their Qualifications" by Mr. A. Pletz; "What the S. S. may Expect from the Church" by Rev. K. Feldmeth; and "S. S. and Missions" by Rev. O. R. Schroeder. The afternoon was again devoted to recreation. About 100 young people motored to Irvine Park in two trucks where everybody participated in the contests, boating, bicycling and horseback riding.

On Friday evening the Rev. G. E. Lohr brought an inspiring German message on the subject, "An Abiding Monument." At the close of the service, Prof. and Mrs. Kaiser were pleasantly surprised

by a belated celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. This distinguished couple made the Golden State the destination for their golden wedding trip. The Rev. O. R. Schroeder extended felicitations in behalf of the Anaheim Church and presented them with a gift and a basket of beautiful flowers. Henry Schmierer congratulated and presented them with a gift from the Union after which Prof. and Mrs. Kaiser made appropriate responses.

On Saturday morning we met on Fullerton Hill at 6 o'clock for a sunrise service. As we viewed the magnificent panorama below us, Paul Leuschner led the devotional service in his capable manner. Immediately following, a delicious breakfast was served on the hill. The morning service consisted of talks by the Rev. Mr. Auch on "What Can the Church Expect of our B. Y. P. U.?" and by the Rev. Mr. Penner on "The Christian Education of the Home." During the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Carl Feldmeth, Los Angeles; vice-president, Gerhard Stabbert, Lodi; secretary, Eva Krenzler, Anaheim; and treasurer, John Wageman, Franklin.

Sunday, the last day of our convention, was by no means the least. The Sunday School with the local superintendent, Walter Schroeder, in charge, was addressed by visiting superintendents. The German sermon, "Der Adel des Dienstes," was delivered by Professor Kaiser. At the Sunday afternoon session the various societies represented gave a program consisting of musical selections, readings and plays. The newly elected officers were installed by Professor Kaiser. The evening consecration service which followed Professor Kaiser's message, "Meet for the Master's Use," was indeed a fitting climax for the glorious days which were spent in blessed fellowship.

The Social Committee in charge of Lois Schroeder provided such a splendid recreational program that no room was left for a dull moment. A novel feature was the daily paper, "Sun-Kist Echoes," which contained news, announcements and humorous observations. The spirit of friendship and generous hospitality extended to all those present made everyone feel that not only the weather but also the hearts of the Anaheim people are warm to all in "the service of the King." EVA KRENZLER, Secretary.

Dakota Conference

B. Y. P. U ASSEMBLY AT
WASHBURN, NO. DAK.

Beginning at noon on Monday, July 8, and continuing throughout the entire week campers came in large groups to Asbury Park, Washburn, No. Dak. The young people of the Northern North Dakota Association were gathering for their fourth annual assembly of the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Workers' Union.

The opening service on Monday evening was led by our president, Ernst Klein. The Rev. B. Schlipf of Avon, So. Dak., brought a very fitting opening address on the subject, "The Seeking Christ."

Every morning we gathered for a half hour of devotional services. These were led by members of different societies, namely, by Miss Esther Kaiser of McClusky, Mr. Fisher of Beulah, Mr. Walter Paul of Fessenden, the Rev. N. E. McCoy of Carrington, and Miss Ella Albus of Pleasant Valley.

The devotional period was followed daily by a class period conducted by the Rev. B. Schlipf on the course, "Some Problems of Youth." Mr. Schlipf dealt with these problems very tenderly and earnestly causing us to think.

The second class period brought to us a series of lectures by the Rev. R. Nelson of the Bethel Institute of St. Paul, Minn., during which it was our privilege to learn some ultimate truths in regard to "Our Principles." After hearing these lectures all of us know what it means to be a Baptist and what we as Baptists stand for. Other features before the noon hour consisted of a question box by Mr. Schlipf, an essay, "How Shall a Christian Choose His Vocation?" by the Anamoose society and the reports of the various societies.

In the afternoon we assembled again for a short devotional service followed by a second class period under the instruction of the Rev. R. Nelson on the theme, "Stewardship and Young People." Mr. Nelson made us feel the necessity of giving in our Christian life, showing us that it is the natural expression of the Christian life.

The evening meetings were also of special interest. The Rev. R. Nelson spoke to us on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Mr. Henry Koslow of Coleharbor gave us a discussion of present conditions in Russia. Thursday evening was devoted to the young people. Each society contributed a number for the program. The banner for the point system was awarded to the Anamoose society.

At the business meeting on Thursday afternoon the following officers were elected: Ernst Klein of Grand Forks, president; Rev. G. Rauser of Martin, vice-president; Ruth Broschat of Cathay, secretary-treasurer, and Rev. N. E. McCoy of Carrington and Pleasant Valley, dean. Our assembly donated a large blackboard to the Asbury Camp Association. It also resolved to give fifty dollars to help support some foreign missionary.

The last evening of our assembly came much too soon. The Rev. B. Schlipf was in charge of the consecration service. At the close of the service opportunity was given to every person to make a pledge of consecration to God.

The attendance at this year's assembly was nearly twice as large as last year, showing that we are going forward.

ELLA ALBUS, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School at Gackle, N. Dak.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT GACKLE, NORTH DAKOTA

It was a happy and eager group of children which met each morning at the church doors for the Daily Vacation Bible School, as can be seen by the picture on this page. Promptly at 9 o'clock they formed in line and marched into the church to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers." The leader carried a Bible and remained standing while the Bible Salute was given, the first Psalm and the school motto were repeated in unison, prayer was offered and the song, "The Bible is the Best Book," was sung. After the worship period each class took up the various studies.

The intermediate group taught by the minister, the Rev. H. G. Braun, studied "The Life of Christ." The aim of the lessons taught the juniors by Mrs. Braun was to make Jesus real to the boys and girls of to-day. The children of the Beginners and Primary departments were taught by Miss Freda Remboldt and Mrs. Wolfe, assisted by two willing and capable High School girls, Clara Ruff and Adella Schmidt.

Our school motto was, "Freely ye have received, freely give." We decided not only to memorize it but to live it out. Instead of the usual handwork the intermediates and juniors planned a gift box for our Orphan's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. We decided to give a towel and a handkerchief to each of the orphans and during the handwork period their names were embroidered on the towels and their initials on the handkerchiefs. One evening we gathered in the church kitchen to make fudge for our box to St. Joseph, Mich. What fun we had making it! The Beginners and Primary children made scrap-books and each child also brought a toy and a candy sucker for the box which was sent to the Home for Crippled Children in Fargo.

On Sunday evening, July 21, we had

our closing exercises. We opened our program by having our regular worship service followed by a general review of the songs, Bible passages, names of the apostles and other memory work of the vacation school. The intermediates presented a wonderful pageant, "The Living Bible." At the close of the program came our "Giving Service." The primary pupils gave a dialogue, "What We Can Do," after which they all marched to the platform filling their gift box with the scrapbooks, toys and candy. As the intermediates and juniors marched up to fill their box with their gifts each recited a Bible verse on giving and together they sang, "Freely Give to the Lord." After the program the parents and friends were given an opportunity to see the handwork.

As a church we are fortunate, indeed, to have Miss Freda Remboldt as a member. She is a graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago and is giving her time and talents wherever needed in her home church. Sometimes we have the mistaken idea that to do really worthwhile things we must go to distant places. Often the greatest need is at home. We hope that her work and life will continue to be a blessing in our church, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. MRS. H. G. BRAUN, Reporter.

Central Conference

RECOGNITION AND RECEPTION
SERVICES AT ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

On Sunday evening, July 14, the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., dispensed with its accustomed preaching service in order to honor the Rev. E. Umbach, who closed his ministry with the church on that day. The service was in the nature of an expression of appreciation from the church and its organizations for the work which Mr. Umbach had accomplished as pastor during the past 8 years.

The meeting was in charge of Mr. Paul Schmanski. Those who spoke appreciatively of Mr. Umbach's ministry were Mr. Dan Pschigoda, representing the board of deacons, Mrs. P. Schmanski on behalf of the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Service Guild and Mr. Henry Bartz, representing the Sunday School. The Rev. Freeman Traverse, rector of the Episcopal Church and vice-president of the St. Joseph Ministerial Association, spoke of the high regard which the organization has for Mr. Umbach who served as its president for some time. The Rev. R. J. Kelly, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., also brought a brief message in behalf of the Twin City Ministerial Association. Mr. Umbach responded in a very fine way to these expressions of appreciation. On the evening of July 10 the church had its annual business meeting, preceded by a church supper at which time a gift was presented to Mr. Umbach as a further expression of esteem. As a church we are indebted to Mr. Umbach very much, and we sincerely appreciate the splendid spirit he manifested in securing his successor, the Rev. L. H. Broeker, formerly pastor of the Albany Park Baptist Church of Chicago, who began his pastorate on July 21.

On Monday evening, July 29, a reception was held by the church honoring its new pastor, the Rev. L. H. Broeker. Bouquets of beautiful flowers adorned the platform and a very large congregation including delegations from the Clay Street Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church from Benton Harbor were present to listen to the well arranged program which was again in charge of Mr. Paul Schmanski. Mr. Max W. Stock, a member of the church for over 50 years and senior trustee, extended greetings to the new pastor in his pleasing and tactful manner in behalf of the church and urged each member to be loyal in its obligations. Mr. Henry Bartz welcomed the new pastor in behalf of the Sunday School, which is doing very satisfactory work and which is growing fast. The Rev. Freeman Traverse of St. Paul's Episcopal Church extended greetings and a hearty welcome in behalf of the St. Joseph Ministerial Association. The Rev. Leo Gassner, pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., spoke very fittingly and in behalf of his church most heartily welcomed the new minister. Mr. Broeker was also given an opportunity to express himself. He conveyed to the congregation his joy in accepting this call and said how he firmly believes that the church in Saint Joseph presents a real challenge. He urged full co-operation between pastor and members.

The Rev. L. H. Broeker, a graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., was pastor of Aiken Institute in Chicago for 8 years and pastor of the Albany Park Church for more than 7 years. At each of these charges

he enjoyed a successful and blessed pastorate. The Saint Joseph Church has never presented a more glorious and promising future than at the present time. The prayer of each member is that the church may always be a beacon light to many a ship-wrecked soul.

REPORTER.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEAVER YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

As young people of the Beaver Baptist Church we are happy to report of the celebration of our fourth anniversary. Slowly but steadily we are moving forward in the name of him who has called us into his service.

Originally only one meeting united us in our endeavors, but now we gather twice every month spiritually to uplift us and socially to unite us. During the last year we had the joy of adding nine new members to our group to bring the present membership up to thirty one. In our meetings we enjoyed the variety of comments on different Scripture passages, selections of essays by some of our members, spelling contests of all kinds, such as the books of the Bible and names of men and women thereof, prayers and meditations. Since we have our pastor, the Rev. H. Pfeifer, with us, all of these meetings proved to be of great importance and blessing to us. Several debates in our meetings have also caused us to think more seriously about life, the Bible and Christian living. We were also proud to present to our church a new pulpit Bible, and the dedication service proved to be a blessing to all. On Mother's and Father's Day, respectively, we presented carnations and roses, proving thereby our loyalty, love and obedience to our parents.

In looking back over the activities of the old year, we also fastened our eyes on Jesus, the Master of our future. In sincere gratitude and appreciation we united our hearts and minds in the observance of our anniversary. The ideal weather permitting many friends to come from far and near to fill our church to capacity. The hearty welcome of our president reached its climax when she greeted our beloved missionary, Brother Orthner. The young people rose individually and gave a living testimony of God's word. After the reports of the secretary and treasurer our young people sang, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Rev. Henry Pfeifer brought the anniversary address on "Consecrated Youth," which was followed by a recitation by Emma Mieske, a piano trio by the Majeske sisters and a selection by the choir.

The height of the program was reached in the presentation of a dialogue entitled "In the Service of Jesus," which had been translated from the German by our pastor.

REPORTER.

"IN THE SWEET SUMMER TIME WITH THE AMITY CLASS OF BAY CITY, MICH.

The 21 of July proved to be one of the many beautiful summer days prevalent in Michigan. Nature with its varieties of attractions finds innumerable admirers here, there and everywhere. Many are the churches that close their doors for the season. The home town is forsaken and with that the longing soul wandering in the world of sin. Can we as Christians solve only the problems of fall and winter days? Is Christ our Master only for one half of the year or for only part of the time? Most certainly not. Our lives belong to him at all times and our service and talents any time.

How it can be done was proven by the Amity Class of the German Baptist Church in Bay City. Under the efficient leadership of Mr. Arthur Shiell and through the encouragements of our sponsors, the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Pfeifer, preparations were made for a "Special Summer Program."

The motto of the program, "At the Pearly Gate," deeply impressed the audience which filled the church to capacity. The Amity Class entered the church singing, "You Can Smile." All were assured of a hearty welcome by the president of the group, Miss Erva Ebbert. A recitation, songs by the entire group, duets, trios and solos fittingly surrounded the dialogue called, "At the Pearly Gate." The presentation thereof proved that only a true, faithful and real Christian will enter heaven.

The Amity Class is moving steadily forward with God's grace to higher achievements. Two new members have been added and as we look forward, giving God all glory and honor, we expect greater things and are assured that we shall receive them.

REPORTER.

THE LINWOOD ASSEMBLY

The Linwood Assembly sponsored by the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Central Conference was held at Linwood Park, Vermilion, Ohio, from July 29 to August 4. Linwood Park with its beautiful lanes, excellent bathing beach and its adequate physical equipment provides an ideal place for a summer assembly.

The assembly theme was, "I Will Be Christian," and this challenge was repeatedly mentioned in the various courses taught. The officers of the assembly made a definite effort to plan a program which would be inspirational, educational and recreational, and all who went to Linwood this year will agree that the officers succeeded. The day was divided into three parts. The forenoon was devoted to study; from noon to 2:30 P. M. rest period was held; the balance of the day, with the exception of the sunset service, was devoted to planned recreation.

The first class at 9:15 was a Bible Study class taught by Dr. Chas. W. Koller, pastor of the Clinton Hill Church,

Newark, N. J., which proved to be highly interesting and helpful. In this class we learned what Jesus taught his own generation about some of the vital factors of life, such as, "Making a Living" and "Keeping Well."

At 10:00 the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, our general secretary, told us many things about the Christian and his attitude towards some of the fundamental features of life such as "Home," "Work" and "Amusements." This class also proved to be very helpful and practical.

At 11:00 Dr. Paul J. Trudel, laboratory director of the J. N. Adams Memorial Hospital, Perrysburg, N. Y., and also an instructor at the University of Buffalo, N. Y., gave a very interesting series of illustrated lectures on "God's Hand in Nature," in "Medicine," in "the Human Body," and "Seeing God's Hand through the Microscope." This was a new feature for the assembly, and it proved to be exceedingly helpful for the young people. They became better acquainted with the wonder of the human body and were given many helps and suggestions for taking care of the body. The doctor also pointed out how serious the consequences of sin are and how they will break down the human body.

The recreational committee provided many and varied recreational features for the afternoon. Swimming, horse-shoes, tennis, baseball and shuffleboard were some of the events on the program.

At 7:00 the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner spoke at "the Sunset Services." A sunset service at Linwood Park will long be remembered, and this year was no exception, for surrounded by the beauty of nature, we looked out over the vast expanse of Lake Erie and watched the sun go down in a splendor of color as Mr. Leuschner gave us some heart-to-heart talks, in which he again and again made the plea that we as young people should determine to be Christian.

The recreation committee provided various social projects for the evenings among which were games, a watermelon feed, a lantern parade and a treasure hunt. A new recreational feature was offered in "stunt night," each society being asked to present some stunt. Dr. Trudel was asked to serve as Master of Ceremony, and he cast all professional dignity aside and opened the program by leading his famous German Band to the platform, where under his inspiring direction the band played several selections with "kazoo's." Stunt after stunt followed, each bringing forth much laughter and enjoyment. On Friday night there was a lantern parade, in which 125 persons marched around Linwood Park carrying Japanese lanterns and singing at the cottages of our assembly folk and after singing to them receiving a treat. This year a treat was given to us by our faculty. The last stop of the lantern parade was made at a large camp fire on the beach where dozens of ears of roasted corn awaited the happy marchers. Members of the faculty roasted the corn, prepared it

with butter and salt and gave them to the members of the assembly. This feature was highly enjoyed and greatly appreciated.

The week passed entirely too quickly, for there wasn't a quiet moment. All joined in the conviction that this was the best Linwood Assembly we had ever had. The whole assembly program testified to the careful planning and faithful work done by the president, Norman J. Boehm, the dean, Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel, and the treasurer, Rev. E. G. Gliese, and the recreational committee, Alice and Dorothy Reinicke.

Some outstanding features of the assembly were the splendid addresses by the faculty, the fine spirit of fellowship, the excellent recreational program and the large number of young people who registered. We are looking to a bigger and better Linwood Assembly next year, and in the hearts of the young people who attended this assembly there lives a hearty "thank you," to the officers of the assembly and to our teachers, Dr. Chas. W. Koller, Rev. Martin L. Leuschner and Dr. Paul J. Trudel.

RUTH GROTTKE, Secretary.

"A WORKERS SUNRISE BREAK-FAST"

Under this title a group of about fifty officers and workers of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., recently met at the famous Belle Isle Park. It was an attempt to bring together the workers of the church in order to make timely plans for the fall and winter church work. The loyal workers arrived at the park on a beautiful Sunday morning, August 11, to breakfast together at 7 o'clock.

From 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock a consecration service was held with the sun peeping at an angle through the trees and casting long morning shadows here and there and with the birds warbling their morning lays, all of it making an ideal temple of worship. The pastor, the Rev. Paul Wengel, introduced this consecration service with a short message about another early morning breakfast long ago that Jesus himself had prepared on the shore of the Sea of Galilee for his fishermen disciples. This service brought everyone closer together and all together closer to God.

At 8 o'clock this group entered into a conference session about the Bethel Church and its activities for 1935-1936. Different boards and committees of the church presented proposed programs and objectives that were finally accepted after the pastor in his report had summarized the various suggested activities and ideals for the coming year. All in all it was one of the most unique endeavors which was most successfully concluded that has ever been undertaken in this church.

We commend it for consideration to other churches everywhere. We now pray for strength and wisdom to carry out the program that has been envisioned before our eyes. REPORTER.

Northwestern Conference FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE OF THE RANDOLPH BAPTIST CHURCH

As a Mission Circle of the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., we were privileged to meet for eight regular meetings during this past year.

The gatherings brought inspiration and help to us in our relationships toward the Master in his work and toward one another. We had the honor of being host to our German Baptist women of the state in connection with our Minnesota State Convention in June. We were able to contribute to the general missionary endeavors of the denomination as well as to our local church work during the year.

Our hearts are thankful to our heavenly Father for his leadership. Our foremost aim is to deepen the spiritual life of the church. As we begin the new year, we pray that we may use every opportunity God gives us to serve him with surrendered lives.

Mrs. H. C. WEDEL, Secretary.

WISCONSIN'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

The German Baptist young people of Wisconsin are looking back happily upon the days of inspiration and fellowship spent together at the Kossuth Baptist Church near Manitowoc from July 15 to 19.

Here, amid a typical country setting of fields of ripening grain, trees and hills, we were privileged to partake of the "true-to-the-Bible" messages prepared by the able members of our faculty, which consisted of Rev. L. B. Berndt of Sheboygan, Rev. J. Wobig of Wausau, our new general secretary, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, and Rev. T. Dons, pastor of the Oak Park German Baptist Church of Oak Park, Illinois. Rev. H. Palfenier of North Freedom served as our dean.

In customary manner our assembly opened on Monday evening with the roll call. Each society represented responded with some original song or similar number. The meetings during the day opened with devotional services led by the Rev. L. Berndt. His thoughts centered about the Christian, his Leader, his Guidebook, and his Church. "Life is like an uncharted sea. We need a captain, Christ. We also need a mapped course, the Bible."

The first study period from 9:30 to 10:15 was centered about "the Church." "The church of Jesus Christ is a company or institution united for the express purpose of evangelizing, teaching, training, and benevolence through Christian service." The Rev. John Wobig was the instructor.

After the recess Mr. Leuschner led another class, pointing out that the Christian in his relationship to the church and the worship service should

do everything to the glory of God. Each one should try through devotional reading, prayer and meditation to train himself for these attainments of Christian living.

The last period was under the leadership of the Rev. T. Dons, and his topic was "The Kingdom of God." "The Kingdom of God will not be complete until Christ comes back to this earth and takes complete possession."

All of our afternoons, except Thursday, were spent in some form of recreation. This included trips through the Mirror Aluminum factory and the White



Baptismal Service Near Pound, Wisconsin

House Condensery at Manitowoc as well as the ever popular trips to various Lake Michigan beaches. On Friday afternoon we were privileged to watch a Coast Guard demonstration. The annual business meeting was held on Thursday afternoon. The new officers for the coming year are as follows: president, Albert Rohrbach of Manitowoc; vice-president, Alex Alseer of Milwaukee; secretary, Frances Krueger of Lebanon and treasurer, Harold Anthold of Pound.

Thursday night was set aside for the all-state program. There was a variety of vocal and instrumental musical numbers, including piano, clarinet, and vibraphone selections. This program was a fine evidence of the talent and Christian spirit of our young people and their willingness to use it in the service of our Lord.

These days of inspiration closed on Friday evening with a consecration service led by Mr. Leuschner. His heart-searching words renewed our realization that we are partners with Christ and that our lives must be completely consecrated to him and his service. Each one was given an opportunity to make his consecration in the form of a written and signed commitment to the items of "Pledged Partners." (See Editorial of June 1 issue of "Baptist Herald.") The service closed with a very appropriate song, "Let Jesus be Your Partner" sung as an alto and tenor duet. Everyone felt the presence of Christ and the sacredness of true consecration.

Especially did we appreciate the kind hospitality of those who so graciously

opened their homes to us, for we know it was a busy season and often necessary work was neglected in order to make our visit comfortable and enjoyable. A unique feature of our assembly was a large tent in which delicious meals were served by the Kossuth ladies.

"Assembly days are over,
Yet memories still remain
Of the happy hours of fellowship
Spent together in his Name."

ELSIE JAHNKE, FRANCES KRUEGER,
EDNA VOECK, Reporters.

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ships between pastor and church have been very happy.

Welcome speeches were given in behalf of the different departments and organizations by William Schacht, Mrs. Fred Frook, Women's Missionary Society; Otto Jander, Sunday School; Miss Bernice Block, King's Daughters' Society; Herbert Rose, Young People's group; the Rev. Thomas B. Frizelle, representing the city; and the Kenosha Baptist Church sent their greetings through their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Herman.

Adeline Jander and Alfred Hilker played the "Grand Aria" by Demarest in a piano and organ duet. Miss Lydia Helling sang "Faith, Only Faith" by Gaines, and the choir presented "Holy, Holy, Holy" by Stewart. Charles Meier acted as chairman.

The committee in charge of refreshments and decorations included Mrs. Mary Genich, Mrs. Mary Kryger, Mrs. David Rhinehardt, and Mrs. Otto Freimund.

During the past 5 years Rev. Engel held pastorates in Montana and Idaho. He received his training at the Missionary Institute and The Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill. His home church is the Ebenezer German Baptist at Detroit. Before going to the far west he was pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church in Decatur, Illinois.

MISS BERNICE BLOCK, Reporter.

Texas and Louisiana Conference

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SESSIONS OF THE TEXAS AND LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Texas and Louisiana Conference met on Friday afternoon, August 2, with the church at Crawford, Texas. The Lord had blessed us with an unusual cool breeze for these conference days and many young people, in fact, the largest number ever attending a conference, came from far and near for this great gathering.

The afternoon session under the leadership of the president, Adolph Guderian of Cottonwood, was devoted to the election of officers and business matters. At the evening service the installation of the new officers took place. They are as follows: Adolph Guderian of Cottonwood, president, (re-elected); Raymond Englebrecht of Waco, treasurer; Mrs. Grace (Schaible) Kittlitz of Waco, secretary; Rev. W. H. Buening of Gatesville, dean. They were introduced by our council member, Mr. Chester Buening of Gatesville. A splendid program was rendered by the various Unions, consisting of choir numbers, duets, solos, trios, sextet selections and readings. We were indeed fortunate to have Prof. Dymmel of Rochester, N. Y., as our guest speaker who brought a wonderful message from Matthew 25:21, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

September 15, 1935

On Saturday afternoon the young people met in Bohn's pasture for games and recreation. God's spirit prevailed here at the picnic. At 6 o'clock a picnic lunch was served, followed by a testimonial meeting led by the Rev. H. Ekrut of Donna. This meeting was an inspiration and will long be remembered by all who attended.

On Sunday afternoon the mass meeting was held. A program similar to the one on Friday evening was again rendered by the young people. A mass male chorus under the leadership of Chester Buening rendered two splendid selections. Prof. Dymmel again gave an inspiring and illustrative address on "The Harp." Just as the harp will do justice when touched by a master, so may we give our Master a fair chance in our lives and let him touch our life-strings!

We are looking forward to our fall assembly when we hope to have our young people's secretary, the Rev. Martin Leuschner, with us whom we are all anxious to meet.

MRS. WALTER A. HILL, Reporter.

THE TEXAS AND LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

A challenge, "On to Canaan, Crawford," summoned German Baptists from all over Texas and Louisiana to the convention held at that place during the days of July 30 to August 4. It was, indeed, as a march to the land where God never fails to keep his promise: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I will be in the midst of them." The delightful cool weather, the fellowship of Christian people and the preaching of the gospel added to the assurance of God's presence.

The opening exhortation by the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn, "Let us gain something during these days that we shall never forget," besides the cordial message of welcome by the Rev. C. C. Gossen in the name of the church, as well as the welcoming number of the choir and the message on "The Light of the World," by Rev. W. H. Buening, made everybody feel from the beginning that great blessings lay in store for the convention.

The morning devotional services conducted by the Rev. Edwin Kraemer, Mr. Stoeppi, the Rev. G. F. Schwandt and the Rev. A. Becker were blessed moments of prayer and meditation.

In the business meetings a spirit of co-operation and earnestness prevailed and much was accomplished. The Rev. J. J. Lippert and wife and the Rev. Edwin Kraemer were welcomed as new pastor members to the conference by the moderator, the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn. The new officers of the conference are: chairman, Rev. W. H. Buening; secretary, Rev. G. C. Schwandt; conference secretary of our Orphanage, Rev. C. H. Edinger; and mission secretary, Rev. C. C. Gossen. A general report was also made which may be summarized as follows: Local expenses of the conference churches amounted to \$13,337.66; contributions to missions and benevolence,

\$3,964.66; deaths, 11; baptisms 261; growth of membership, 30.

Further messengers during the conference were the Reverends J. J. Lippert, Philip Potzner, C. H. Edinger, P. Hintze, H. Ekrut, J. E. Ehrhorn, A. Becker and J. A. Pankratz of Chicago. The most frequent speakers were the Rev. Wm. Kuhn of Chicago, Ill., and Prof. Dymmel of Rochester, N. Y. All messages led deeply into the Word of God and brought us closer to its Author and Finisher, Jesus Christ.

EDWIN KRAEMER, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

WEDDING BELLS RING AT BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

A very beautiful wedding was solemnized at the German Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., on August 10. Miss Sabina Jacopian became the bride of the Rev. Reuben P. Jeschke, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Emil Berger, former pastor of the Bridgeport, church, and a program of nuptial music was played by Miss Clara Berger. Miss Alice Masden sang, "At Dawning," "I Love You Truly" and "Because."

The bride had as her only attendant her sister, Miss Christine Jacopian. Mr. Jeschke had as his best man the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, former classmate at our seminary in Rochester and now pastor of the Meriden church. The ushers were Max G. Mittelstedt, also a fellow student from Rochester, and Minas Jacopian, brother of the bride.

A reception was held at the Housatonic Lodge following the ceremony, after which the couple left for a wedding trip to the West by motor.

Miss Jacopian will be missed in Bridgeport, where she has been a very active member of the church. The Rev. Jeschke is a graduate of our seminary in Rochester, Wesleyan University of Middletown, Conn., and of the Hartford Theological Seminary.

Northern Conference

YOUNG PEOPLE'S VISITATION AT YORKTON

On Sunday, July 28, the Yorkton Young People's Society served as host to the B. Y. P. U. of Lockwood, Saskatchewan, Canada, whose members gave of their time and talent by favoring all with a very interesting program. This consisted of musical features, songs and several dialogues which proved especially entertaining. The program was directed by the capable president of the Lockwood Society, Mr. H. Bonikowsky. This occasion was received with much enthusiasm and left with all a deeper imprint of harmony, unity and appreciation. More than one hundred people enjoyed the day's festivities.

ELIZABETH MONTIE, Secretary.

SINGING OUR WAY ACROSS THE CONTINENT

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Due to that delay and the fact that we had to travel by means of horse and buggy, we were late for our afternoon program at Wiesenthal and also for our evening program at Edmonton. The people understood our predicament and readily forgave upon our promise to give our best in order to make up for lost time.

Inasmuch as all the ministers of this section except one had gone to the conference in Winnipeg, we felt rather deserted in our Alberta churches and were therefore doubly glad that Brother Kujath hurried home and adopted us. He was not only a splendid traveling companion during the four days which we spent together but also a fatherly advisor and friend.

From Calgary, our last stop in Canada, we made an excursion into the Canadian Rockies in order to see Banff and Lake Louise. The beauty of the Canadian Rockies is, to our mind, unsurpassed by any scenery which we have seen. There we actually found "books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything." Especially is this true of Lake Louise. Its azure-colored water clearly reflects the beauty of the snow-peaked mountains surrounding it. As we walked along the shore we heard the dull roar of falling water coming from the distant but visible glaciers. At the sight of this panorama our souls were filled with awe and wonder, and we felt strangely conscious of the nearness of God. We stopped in our path, and spontaneously we sang praises to him who is the creator and sustainer of all. Unknown to us our songs had attracted the attention of people across the lake, for when we came there at twilight to hire a boat, the manager offered us one free of charge upon the promise to sing a song from the water. He had no difficulty in closing the bargain and joyfully we rowed to the middle of this idyllic lake. The water was perfectly calm. From the clear sky twinkled the brilliant stars, vying for supremacy with some bright planets. Especially inspiring was the Milky Way with its myriads of stars and nebulae. Who could not sing in such an environment? We did! And soon we found an appreciative audience which followed our drifting boat from the shore. Tired, yet happy, we arrived at our log cabin that evening, realizing that we had spent a day which is indelibly inscribed in our minds.

The School Lesson

"Now, Bobby Jones," the natural history teacher said, "tell me where the elephant is found."

"The elephant, teacher," he said, "is such a large animal it is scarcely ever lost."—The National Lithographer.

Our Aim For 1936

FIRST—A new dress

SECOND—A better type arrangement

THIRD—More fascinating and impelling reading matter

FOURTH—Many more subscribers

FIRST

As seen in the "Editorial" we are calling on our readers, whoever they may be, to submit designs either for a head of the title page or for a full page outline if such should be regarded a better arrangement. These to be entered on a competitive basis with the understanding that the design selected becomes the property of the "Baptist Herald" to grace the first issue of the year 1936 and all subsequent issues. The drawings may be pencil sketches of proper scale but the successful contestant must agree to furnish an ink drawing fit for the photo-engraver. The prize of \$10.00 is to be accepted as an appreciation rather than a remuneration. The judges in the contest are Mr. Norman Boehm, president of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, the editor of the "Baptist Herald" and the business manager.

Note—For another contest in which all may participate see editorial mention.

SECOND

To make the pages of the "Herald" more legible as well as more attractive we have certain improvements now under consideration which should enhance the popularity of the publication.

"The Baptist Herald" is published by the authority of the General Conference twice each month and has for its objective the furtherance of the cause of the German Baptists of North America irrespective of the language in which their work is carried on whether it be German or English.

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THIRD

Possibly the outstanding feature for the new year but which commences with the October fifteenth number is the serial story by the widely known Christian novelist Grace Livingston Hill entitled "Beauty for Ashes." This is full of tragedy, charming in its delineation, fascinating in its love tale and withal pervaded by a Christian influence helpful in its reaction to the reader. Don't miss it.

FOURTH

What has been announced herein speaks for the determined effort of the editorial and publishing departments to place the "Baptist Herald" on a high plane of journalism so as to command the interest and support of our constituents who are preferably using the English language. It is in their behalf that we are aiming to publish a paper worthy of their perusal. This is essential to our own denominational progress.

To accomplish this end more subscribers are needed and they are needed right away. What we mean is that this new effort to win readers for our paper must bear fruit this fall. The year 1936 must surpass anything achieved heretofore. It is largely a question of life and death. The publishers dare not think of repeating the losses of the past few years. The remedy lies in a materially larger circulation.

The next three months will be a testing period for our young people who sponsor the introduction of this periodical to the families of our distinctive group. The time is also a challenge to the church agents for in quite a number of our churches they canvass their particular field.

After all has been said, the pastor remains the "key man" whose announcements, and whose diligence in placing the paper in the families of his church are the factors that make for success. We need his general help.

Churches who have not yet sent in lists of prospective readers requested last Spring will contribute materially to the accomplishment of our concerted effort this fall by sending them now using the stamped envelope accompanying the request.

The Publishers

H. P. Donner,
Business Manager