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**The Singing Tower
of Mountain Lake,
Florida**

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"I will make a covenant
of peace with them and
will set my sanctuary in
the midst of them forever
more." Ezekiel 37:26.



What's Happening

The Rev. and Mrs. John Heer of the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas, are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, who was born to them several months ago. He has been named John Stanley.

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The anniversary program of the B. Y. P. U. in the Ebenezer West German Baptist Church in Saskatchewan, Canada, was held on Sunday evening, March 8, with a good-sized attendance of friends. Mr. Henry Hoffman has been ably serving as president of the organization.

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The Rev. G. O. Heide, one of our retired ministers, has been quite ill in Los Anamos, Colorado, where he has been living recently with his daughter. For 18 years he was the pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Kansas. His recovery is gradual but seems to be assured.

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The Men's Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., celebrated its fifth anniversary with a special program on Thursday evening, Feb. 27. Two former ministers of the church, the Rev. Fred Erion and the Rev. W. J. Appel, were the guest speakers. The Rev. John Wobig is the present pastor of the church.

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On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Women's Missionary Society in Nokomis, Saskatchewan, Canada, held its annual election with the following results: Mrs. Walter Fenske, president; Mrs. Gottlieb Jeschke, vice-president; Mrs. William Lach, secretary; and Mrs. David Jeschke, treasurer. The anniversary program was held towards the close of March.

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On Thursday, Feb. 20, Miss Grace Meier and Mr. Ernest Passarge of Portland, Ore., were married in the First German Baptist Church by the Rev. J. Kratt, D. D. The newlyweds are very active members in the church, B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School. Mrs. Passarge has attended all of the seven Oregon assemblies which have been held at Twin Rocks, Oregon.

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Miss Edith Koppin, our Cameroon missionary, will continue her stay in Germany until May 6, studying at the Institute for Tropical Diseases in Tuebingen, and making all preparations for the dispensary to be established in Kakaland. She will sail on the steamer, "The Pelkan," on May 6 for Tiko, the Cameroons, and will join the Gebauers at the beginning of June.

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Ten subscriptions to "The Baptist Herald" for worthy individuals who could not subscribe to it otherwise are made possible by the generosity of the Men's

Baraca Class and Sunday School of the Oak Park German Baptist Church. Mr. Herman Herzfeldt, the efficient "Baptist Herald" booster, reports that the church has almost 75 subscriptions, which is even better than last year's fine record.

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Because of impassable muddy roads and adverse weather conditions, all of the services in our church in Victor, Iowa, were held in the parsonage in the town from the second Sunday in January until early in March. The Rev. William

The Front Cover Picture

"The Singing Tower" of Florida which has so often been called "The Taj Mahal of America" was the gift of Mr. Edward W. Bok, the well known Christian philanthropist, to the American people. The inspiration for the Tower and the adjoining sanctuary of 53 acres was the injunction of his Dutch grandmother to her children and grandchildren: "Wherever your lives may be cast, make you the world a bit more beautiful and better because you have lived in it."

For many people the Sanctuary has its most gracious moment at Easter when the Garden of Resurrection, that exquisitely beautiful surrounding garden, with its thousands of white and radiant colored lilies will be at its fullest display in the early awakening of a Florida springtime. A sunrise service will be held on Easter morning in the Sanctuary, when the Sanctuary bells in the Tower, one of the largest carillons in the world, will ring their paean of praise to the Risen Christ.

The lovely picture of "The Singing Tower" is reproduced on the front cover of this issue of "The Baptist Herald" by the courtesy of Major H. M. Nornabell, director of the Mountain Lake Sanctuary.

H. Schobert has been preaching a series of sermons on Philipians since the first of the year. Regular services in the church building located in the country have again been resumed.

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Since the Rev. J. F. Olthoff began his ministry last year in our church in Salem, Ore., the Sunday School attendance has grown from 67 to 87 scholars. There have been 13 new members who have entered the fellowship of the church by baptism, experience and letter since the first of the year. Two persons were baptized on Sunday, March 1. Mr. Olthoff

began a series of sermons on the "Sermon on the Mount" with Sunday evening, March 1.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glanz, members of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., have recently contributed a gift of \$1000 toward the purchase of a Ford truck to be used on our mission fields in the Cameroons. The truck is to be bought and delivered in Africa for missionary use. Mrs. Glanz is a sister of Miss Edith Koppin, who is at present on her way to the Cameroons.

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The annual Oregon Y. P. and S. S. W. Union Conference was held in the First German Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., on March 7 and 8. At the banquet and consecration service on Saturday evening the Rev. G. Neumann of Salt Creek was the special speaker. The mass meeting on Sunday afternoon was addressed by the Rev. Stanley Cornils, who served as president of the Union during the past year. Special numbers of the various societies were given at each meeting.

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Mr. Gustave Gabelman, a former president of the Kansas Y. P. and S. S. W. Union and a student at Ottawa University, will participate in the National Debating Tournament to be held at Houston, Texas, from April 1 to 4. The debate question is: "Resolved, that Congress should have the power to override, by a two-thirds majority vote, decisions of the Supreme Court declaring laws passed by Congress unconstitutional." Mr. Gabelman is also serving a small Baptist Church at Lyndon, Kansas, as a student pastor.

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The annual sessions of the General Council of our denomination were held in Rochester, N. Y., on Saturday, March 28, with many important issues affecting our churches on the agenda for discussion. The annual meeting of our German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

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EDITORIAL

THE two great Christian festivals of the year—Christmas and Easter—become significant only as they embody the spirit of sacrifice and the ministry of giving. Christmas has a vital message for us today because of the fact that almost twenty centuries ago "God gave his only begotten Son." Who is there who dares to presume that he has enjoyed Christmas without any thought of giving gifts to others?

The Secret of Easter's Joy

The meaning of Easter Sunday is equally profound. The historical reality of the resurrection of Christ is just as much a stumbling-block to the sceptic as the spiritual mystery of the incarnation. Easter can only be understood in the perspective that envisions the cross of Good Friday on which "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures," as he emptied himself of all heavenly splendor and gave "his life as a ransom for many."

"But Calvary and Easter Day,
Earth's blackest day, and whitest day,
Were just three days apart!"

For Easter Sunday is a spiritual symphony of rapturous beauty which breaks forth like the golden splendor of the dawn dispersing the pitch blackness of the night.

The Easter joy is far more than an individual's rejoicing over the knowledge that death could not hold the Master of life in its mortal grasp. It is far more than the delight which is awakened by the rebirth of spring in the budding flowers and green carpet of grass. The Easter joy is the ecstasy which floods our souls in the indwelling consciousness of Christ's living, personal presence within us as we give ourselves in consecration to him. That joy is always commensurate with the extent of our gifts to him, our Lord and Savior. As our Easter gifts have been, so our Easter joy will be!

Anna E. Hamilton has beautifully characterized the spirit of "Christ's Giving" in a poem of a few lines:

"The spirit of self-sacrifice
Stays not to count the price.
Christ did not of his mere abundance cast
Into the empty treasury of man's store:
The First and Last
Gave until even he could give no more;
His very living,
Such was Christ's giving."

Until we know the cost of that cross on which Christ died and are constrained by that love of God within us to lay our gifts of self and substance on the same altar of self-sacrifice, our Easter joys will be only "a noisy gong and a clanging cymbal."

The Easter offerings which are to be devoted in our churches to our beloved missionary enterprise will be the fruit of this dedication of self with its attendant joys. That which gives fragrance to our denominational garden are the gifts which are being brought by noble souls for the furtherance of the gospel of Jesus Christ, representing costly self-denial, the utter forgetfulness of self, the emptying of life for others.

Would you enter into the temple of Easter joy, there to sing the "Hallelujahs" with unalloyed fervor? Would you walk with him in the garden of heavenly delight even as Mary Magdalene did on the day of Christ's resurrection? Then you will have to give yourself to his regnant spirit in a manner which goes far beyond what you have done in the past until his living presence in you becomes the most real, the most hallowed, the most joyous possession of life. For such disciples of the risen Christ the Easter offering will be a coveted privilege, the cost of which they will not reckon in the light of future glorious joys.

As you bring your gifts in consecration of life and in support of God's work in our missionary enterprise at this season of the year, may this Easter prayer of ours reecho in your heart:

"May the glad dawn of Easter morn bring joy to thee!
May the calm eve of Easter leave a peace divine with thee!
May Easter night on thine heart write, 'O Christ, I live for thee!'"

The Living Christ

This inspiring Easter sermon is by the young virile pastor of the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota.

By the REV. A. G. SCHLESINGER

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore."

Revelation 1:18.

IN a large public assembly hall in Moscow some years ago a lecture was being given by Comrade Lunatscharsky, the Commissary for Popular Education, attacking the Christian faith. "This faith," he said, "is a product of the capitalistic class, but it is now completely overthrown; its nullity is easy to prove." The address seemed successful, and the lecturer was so pleased with his victory that he brought it to an end by inviting a discussion of his subject. There came forward a young Christian minister who mounted the platform and, turning to that vast audience, he said: "Christos Woskress—Christ is risen!" As one man the great audience answered: "Woistinu Woskress—He is risen indeed!" "I have finished. I have no more to say," and the minister sat down. The meeting closed at once. All of Comrade Lunatscharsky's eloquence availed him nothing.

Life's Purpose Proven By Easter

Sometime ago one of our own leading statesmen made the same mistake when he said: "There is neither purpose in existence nor a goal in living. If we knew where we were going, we could pick out the road. But so far as science, philosophy or history can throw any light on the subject, we are not going anywhere, and there is no purpose in life." That man was wrong. There is a purpose behind this journey we call life. No greater proof of this is necessary than the fact that millions of Christians on this Easter day will sing from the depths of grateful hearts: "Christ, the Lord, is risen today. Hallelujah!"

This is the Easter message—the gladdest note that man has ever heard. So shout it out; let the choirs sing it; let the messengers of Christ proclaim it; let a lost world hear it—"Hallelujah! Christ arose! Because he lives, we shall live also!"

The Resurrection an Assured Fact in History

Easter and all rejoicing can have little import if the event itself is not the most assured fact in his-

tory. One cannot thrive spiritually for any length of time on sentiment alone. The soul will not rest until it finds the facts. The resurrection of Christ is the most profound fact in history and, at the same time, a most certain proof of the deity of Christ. It is a fact in human history as certain as Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon or Washington.

The fact of Christ's resurrection is the historic basis of the experience of the very first disciples without which the Christian church would never have been, and the life and the teachings of the Master would have faded into oblivion before the death of his last disciple. The disciples of Jesus had no hint of Easter on Good Friday, when they laid away the body of their Lord. He was gone out of their lives. He was dead. They believed his cause was lost. Their Lord was in the grave and dead. But what a surprise and joy it was to them to learn that Christ had risen from the dead!

Great too will be the joy of millions who will throng our churches at Easter and who will experience anew the living Christ. If Christ had not risen, there would be no gospel to preach by his disciples and no need to perpetuate his memory or his teachings. The resurrection of Christ is a recorded fact in ancient history.

It made a wonderful difference to men when Jesus rose from the dead. It meant he was alive again forevermore and could give eternal life to every one of them.

I rejoice with faith in the living Christ alone, man's only hope. That hope is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only one who could pay the price of man's redemption; the only one who could break the shackles of death and rise as a conqueror from the grave; the only one who could bring life and immortality to light; the only one who, coming in power and glory, will some day raise the righteous dead from their sleeping dust. Oh, I am thrilled with glorious hope as I hear him say, "I am he that liveth evermore!" Let Satan say we live no more. Let those who will say death ends all. Let infidelity talk of oblivion. But as for me, the living Christ has a message that towers above all



The Women Receive the Tidings of the first Easter Day

else in the world. The history of the entire world has been affected by the influence of the life and message of the risen Christ.

The Joyous Experience of the Easter Story

The Easter story should be more than a mere recital of facts of history or a cold doctrinal statement. It is, above all, to be in us an ardent life-experience. Timid, despairing, desponding disciples with every shred of hope cut off when the sun went down on the first Good Friday, were changed into courageous messengers of a flaming evangel; their mourning turned into great rejoicing; their despair into confident courage; their gloom and darkness into light by the resurrection of Christ. Picture for yourself the defeat of this little band of Christ's disciples. Their dream of Christ's Kingdom was shattered; their cause was lost; they were utterly defeated. Their leader and Lord was dead in the grave, and they also were ready to give up the good fight. But the appearance of the risen Christ transformed them into stalwart conquerors of the Christian faith.

Kings and conquerors have passed away after careers of wars and oppression, for death cut short their power. Statesmen, scholars and poets leave an influence that outlives their earthly lives. But the risen Christ lives today in the hearts and lives of his redeemed ones to the glory of his holy name. That is proof of the human experience that Christ is risen and is living forevermore.

You may wonder why those dark-skinned savages could carry the body of Livingstone two thousand miles through the pestilential, fever-ridden jungles of the dark continent. It was because he had brought to them the risen living Christ; the one who rose from the dead and who is alive forevermore! A real Christ-consciousness cannot fail to vitalize our faith. We are committed by our Christ to the great task of the establishment of the Kingdom of God in human hearts and society, and if we would find fresh inspiration for our work we shall discover it as we become aware that the church of Christ has the ever living Lord.

The Living Christ the World's Only Hope

The risen and living Christ solves a thousand problems! He is the answer to our hopes and fondest dreams in life. He is the believer's guarantee of immortality and the heavenly life. "I am alive forevermore." Oh, what encouraging words to the disciples and to us today! How we need this assurance in this despairing time! The living Christ is the source and power of the soul's life.

He is also the life of the Christian church. What would the Christian church be without the living Christ? It is for us to lead the new life of joy, peace, purity and unselfishness, namely, the Christ-life. He is our Christ, our Redeemer, our Lord! Are you his true follower?

"The Lord is risen! Behold the place
Where he was laid," the angel said.
"Seek ye not the living here
Among the dead."

The risen living Christ is, therefore, the greatest force and power for our faith and hope in this world.

The Christ-life is a life of supreme beauty and power, of suffering and sacrifice, and yet attaining a supreme victory. The road of service is revealed as infinitely superior to the road of selfishness. The life of the Master led toward suffering and the cross; and all who follow him in that way today will also go toward suffering and a cross. But this is the way of real life and victory and joy. No one simply wants an endless number of days in the future life; he wants life filled to the brim with joy and purpose and service.

Out here in the Middle West there is a little home in a certain town. In that humble home there is a young wife. She lives alone since her husband was struck down in the prime of his life. On every Easter she goes away. Some wonder why and where. But her loved ones know where she has gone. Out yonder in a distant cemetery is a mound with a stone that tells where the one she loved now lies. There she goes to be alone. No human hand or heart or tongue can give the needed comfort. But there amid the bursting buds of spring, and the flowers around her, she turns to the living Christ for comfort. Listen again to his message: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore!"

"My risen Lord, I feel thy strong protection;
I see thee stand among the graves today;
I am the Way, the Life, the Resurrection,
I hear thee say."

When you are depressed, strengthen your personal fellowship with our risen, living Lord.

The Real Test of Easter Sunday

The real test of the value of Easter is how much of the Easter spirit and message gets into our lives permanently. Let us resolve: "I will walk henceforth in the company of the risen, living Christ. I will seek more and more to know what it means to grow like him and always to follow him!"

Easter gives vitality to life. For me, the Easter season means a call to greater faith, to a greater attempt to make Christ vital in daily life and in all our dealings with our fellowmen, to a greater joy in life, to a greater assurance that these words and promises of Jesus will bring peace and comfort to all who accept him in true faith.

Oh, if we could only lift up our hearts and live with him! If we could only live new lives, lives of love and hope and holiness, to which death should be nothing but the breaking away of the last cloud and the letting of the life out to its fullness!

"I know not how that Calvary's cross
A world of sin could free;
I only know its matchless love
Has brought God's love to me."

"I know not how that Joseph's tomb
Could solve death's mystery;
I know there is a living Christ,
Our immortality!"

"Christ Liveth in Me"

WHAT EASTER MEANS TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR CHURCHES

CHRIST'S REIGN IN US

By FLORENCE SCHLIPF
of Avon, South Dakota

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Gal. 2:20.

Each spring, since that Easter Sunday of my tenth year, when I followed Christ into the baptismal grave, the joyous news, "Christ liveth!", has become more meaningful and real to me. One Easter service of several years ago is especially memorable. As I look at the beautiful Easter lilies, preaching their message of resurrection, and listened to the choir joyfully singing the anthem, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," my heart was filled with thanksgiving that the message of the angel is true, that Christ, indeed, has risen.

But the apostle Paul carries this message one step further. Christ not only lives away off in some celestial abode far removed from our earthly walk, but he lives *in us!* If I am a true child of God, my ego, my selfish desires for personal gain, will be "crucified," and Christ will have full possession of my heart to guide my every action. The life which I live will be no longer mine but Christ's. What a glorious privilege to be chosen as the medium through which Christ can carry on his work in the world!

Ring out, O bells, your message tell,
"Christ lives! He rose again."
Join in the chorus, Christians all,
"He lives, in me to reign."

THE UNIQUE EASTER JOY

By HERBERT STABBERT
of Anaheim, California

Several years ago I attended the renowned Sunrise service on Mt. Rubideau at Riverside, California. This service is always most impressive. Starting at the base of the mountain one follows the procession upward along a candle-lighted path. Thousands of people climb laboriously to the top and wait for the first glimpse of day-light, at which time a bugle call brings every one to attention. The white robed choir seated at the base of the cross singing a song of hope and Easter joy gives one an Easter impression long to be remembered.

But of the many thousand who have witnessed this impressive scene, how many are mere curiosity seekers, using it as a novel experience? Does Christ live in them? Do they know what really took place over two thousand years ago? Do they really know why Christian people are happy at Easter time with the hope of eternal life through Christ's resurrection? The real blessing of this mountain-top experience for the writer was not the uniqueness of the experience itself, nor merely the recognition of

Christ's resurrection, but the inner satisfaction that Christ "liveth in me." If Christ really lives in me, my life will radiate him and the "beauty of Jesus" will be seen in me.

THE PRECIOUS THOUGHT OF EASTER

By ADELAIDE KLATT
of Forestburg, Alberta

He walked the way of sorrow, and for me
He carries all the burden, leaves me free.

They scourged him, crucified him, now
the door
Of death he has flung backward forevermore.

The precious thought of Easter! How it makes one rejoice to know that the long, cold winter lies in the past and we are able to look forward with new hopes and anticipations to a re-awakening and budding earth!

I clearly recall the dark hours that filled my life when my joy and everything worth while, namely, my faith in God, was robbed and replaced by anti-God conceptions! This resulted from the atheistic teachings of a high school teacher who sought only to shatter my rather small faith in an eternal God. My childhood convictions were taken from me and my mind was in such a morbid state that the Word of God in any form presented itself as the negation of truth. Misery filled my young life. I was desperately unhappy; I prayed, "God, if there be one, give me back my faith in thee!"

How he has answered my prayer! Darkness fled! The stone was rolled away and Jesus rose triumphantly within my heart! It is most glorious to be able to say with the apostle Paul, "Christ liveth in me!"

THE TRIUMPHANT LIVING CHRIST

By REUBEN BLESSING
of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

When I meditate on the many reasons why God sent his son into the world, the ultimate purpose predominates, that he enters the hearts of men a triumphant, living Christ. Thank God for his resurrection!

I cannot write of "Christ Living In Me" with the same fervor that characterizes the writings of the apostle Paul, nor can I speak profusely of the proof of his indwelling, but there is ample testimony in experiences which give me this assurance but which are too personal and too sacred to relate.

If we have any of the magnanimity, love, sympathy, humility or courage of Jesus, it is not for us to tell. The evidence of Christ living in me is in the con-

sciousness of his guidance. With definite reality I have felt his presence in times of stress and discouragement, when economic disaster faced me, when temptations harrassed me, and in mountain-top experiences of joy and exultation.

Very recently, with the passing of my father from this life, there was within me a strong consciousness of Christ's presence. This assurance gave me a buoyancy and strengthened me when poise was necessary. Furthermore, I became more intimate with the living Christ. Surely, I thought, Jesus, who conquered death, lives within me now.

THE SECRET OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

By BERTHA SCHWITTERS
of Steamboat Rock, Iowa

As I look out upon this beautiful spring day, it reminds me of the dawn of a new day in the soul. After the cold, dark winter, how thoroughly we appreciate the spring! There may again be dark days, but the sunshine and warmth always return. The dispensation of the law was surely a dark age when men were daily striving and daily failing to obey the law. But "When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law to redeem them that were under the law, to redeem them that were under Christ accomplished our salvation on Calvary. Then he could say, "It is finished." Then there could come that blessed Easter morning when Christ gained the victory over death and there was a new dawn of hope.

Now we have life through faith in Christ Jesus. The secret of Paul's life was that he had crucified self. The trouble with our Christian lives is that we hang on to the things of the world and are not willing to crucify the lusts of the flesh. If we would yield our lives to Christ's control, he could be a power through us. Those things which are a hindrance in our lives would melt away in his love, and we could give thanks to God "who always causeth us to triumph in Christ Jesus."

"With longing all my heart is filled,
That like him I may be,
As on the wondrous thought I dwell
That Christ liveth in me."

ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

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Young People's and Sunday School Workshop Page

Successful Teacher Training in Our Sunday Schools

BY MR. HERMAN J. WEIHE OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

"When is a school not a school?" The answer is sometimes given: "When it's a Sunday School." Although such a criticism is not justified in all cases, it is undoubtedly true that Sunday Schools in general do not rank so high as they should as real schools of religion. As a matter of fact, even the best of Church schools do not as yet fully achieve their divine mission.

Many experienced and capable workers have also become convinced that all plans and efforts for making our Sunday Schools bigger and better are in some way related to the question of leadership. There is a growing conviction that the educational program of every church should include some definite provision for the training of Sunday School officers and teachers. Many churches have neglected this important matter in the past and are therefore greatly handicapped in their present activities.

In view of such facts there should be a hearty and generous response to the diligent efforts which our denomination is now making for the improvement of its Sunday Schools through "Leadership Training." The stirring article by the editor of "The Baptist Herald," the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, which appeared in a recent issue of the publication, contains much illuminating information and should lead to definite action. It is quite possible that many of our churches have already decided to do constructive work for the improvement of their Sunday Schools by means of "Teacher Training" and are considering the question: "Just how can such work be done in the most successful manner?"

Although a large variety of local conditions exist which will have to be taken into consideration, it may be possible to indicate some plans and methods of procedure which have proven to be successful in the past.

HOW TO BEGIN A CLASS

In many cases the systematic training of teachers may have to begin with the enlightenment of church members. Many good Christian people have a very inadequate conception of the nature and essential requirements of Christian education. Perhaps the organization of a Teacher Training Class will appear to some of the members of your own church to be like a fad or an unnecessary innovation.

These people may not realize that the greatest of all teachers, who is also our Lord and Savior, started a teacher training class about nineteen hundred years ago, which has brought marvelous blessings to the world. Other misconceptions may also exist among the church membership which should, if possible be cleared away, in order that the work of the Training Class might be done under

the most favorable conditions. The pastor's public and private ministry will be an important factor in creating right attitudes with reference to the leadership training enterprise.

TYPES OF TRAINING CLASSES

What kind of a class shall we organize? While there are many types of teacher training classes, the three kinds which have probably been found most successful have been the following:

1. There is the class which meets during the regular Sunday School session and prepares young people for future service.

2. Another important type of training class is that which meets at some other time, during the week, and furnishes the present workers with an opportunity for further advancement in knowledge and skill.

3. Much has also been said and written about what is generally known as "the monthly workers' meeting." Such a meeting may become a valuable means of improving Sunday School work if the discussion of matters which are of a purely business matter is kept at a minimum and a well planned educational program is carried out.

WHO SHALL TEACH THE CLASS?

It must be admitted that the success of any training class will depend to a large extent upon the teacher. In some cases it will be possible to secure the services of a public school teacher for this important work and in other cases the pastor of the local church may be available.

While a pastor may have many other duties, the question might well be considered by him as to whether the teaching of present and prospective teachers of religion does not offer him the greatest possible opportunity for rendering service of far reaching importance.

According to another plan, which also deserves consideration, each unit of the training course is taught by a different person. For instance, some capable mother might teach the subject of child study; a public school teacher might teach the unit dealing with principles and methods of teaching, and the pastor could take charge of the Biblical subjects.

METHODS TO BE USED

We are probably agreed that the desired results cannot be produced by simply talking to the class. While the lecture method is well adapted for some purposes, it should be used very sparingly in Sunday School work. In his book, "Making the Old Sunday School New," Ernest A. Miller writes: "Many a training class has been smothered; what it needed is light and air and exer-

cise. Do not endeavor to cover so many pages in so much time; seek expression, encourage thought and insist on thorough-going assimilation."

It is certain that no one method of instruction should be followed exclusively. The efficient teacher will avoid getting into a rut by introducing variety. While a wise combination of the recitation and the discussion method has some important advantages, some other forms of instruction will occasionally produce good results. It is also well to remember that the art of teaching cannot be acquired by simply studying a book, valuable as that may be. Practice in actual teaching under competent supervision is also needed. "Learn to do by doing" is an important educational maxim.

THE BRAESE LOAN LIBRARY

The Braese Loas Library, located in our missionary headquarters with the address, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., contains a well selected assortment of excellent books on Bible study and the various phases of Christian education and Church School work.

If a Teacher Training Class should be looking for a good class motto, it could probably not find anything better than the following: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

CHRIST LIVETH IN ME

About the Contributors

(Continued from Preceding Page)

The name of Miss Adelaide Klatt of Forestburg, Alberta, is usually very prominent in every Bible School, conference and assembly held in the province of Alberta in Canada where her leadership is acknowledged and admired by all.

Miss Bertha Schwitters of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, the efficient secretary of the Iowa Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, is a young woman whose testimony of her Christian faith finds beautiful and memorable expression in her articles as well as life.

Mr. Herbert Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., a graduate of the University of California, is one of California's most active young people's leaders, having rendered unique service as president of the California Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

Mr. Reuben Blessing, one of the most devoted members of our Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pa., where he is choir director, a deacon and assistant S. S. superintendent, is now in glowing prominence as the president of the Atlantic Conference Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

Reports from the Field

Central Conference

A Happy Birthday in Our Children's Home

I wish that all of our kind friends might have been present at the most unusual birthday celebration ever held in our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. I say "unusual" for it took place on the 29th of February, one of our boys having his birthday on that date. Charles Link, originally from Philadelphia, is the only member of our entire family to be distinguished in this way; for, strange as it may seem, he has had only four birthdays instead of the sixteen he should have had.

The celebration took place at supper time, having been kept a careful secret until that time. Even our guests, the Rev. L. Broecker and Miss M. Morey, fell in with our plan by arriving at the very last minute so as to avoid suspicion on the part of our children. When the supper bell summoned the boys and girls to their places, there was much evidence of their delight at the special supper prepared for them. Before the meal was over, four cakes,—each boasting four candles,—were brought in by the little ones and carried over to Charles's place with everyone enthusiastically singing "Happy Birthday to You" as the procession entered. Charles, who in his delight could do little else but exclaim, smiled happily at the while. After the cake and ice-cream had disappeared as if by magic, a few words in honor of the occasion were spoken by our minister, the Rev. L. Broecker. Thus ended our happy and unique celebration with our best wishes to Charles for many happy returns of the day.

Dakota Conference

Third Annual Rally of Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of Dakota Conference

On Nov. 24 we as young people of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of the Dakota Conference assembled for our third annual rally at Emery, So. Dak. The theme of our rally was "Evangelism."

The opening devotional period was led by Miss Frieda Fauth. The Parkston church rendered an instrumental number. Miss Ella Bangert of Avon spoke on "Youth and Evangelism," followed by Sidney Hebner of the Danzig society who brought an essay on "The Purpose of Evangelism." Mr. Ed. Ruskin of Emery presented the topic, "Promoting Efficient Evangelism," and a member of the Chancellor society answered the question, "Why Concentrate B. Y. P. U. Programs on Evangelism?" The boys' quartet of Tyndall favored us with a selection.

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After a fellowship hour and lunch in the basement of the church, the evening session was held with an opening devotional service led by Mr. Charles Voigt of Avon. Due to car trouble the Rev. E. Broeckel was unable to reach Emery in time for the session, and the evening program was capably filled out with musical numbers by our B. Y. P. U. societies in Unityville, Chancellor, Avon, Danzig, Emery and Plum Creek.

MILDRED HEBNER, Reporter.

A Daughter's Loving Tribute to Her Deceased Mother, Mrs. Henry Hehn, of Wessington Springs, So. Dak.

As the youngest member of our family which has recently been bereaved by the death of our mother, Mrs. Henry Hehn, I want to write a few words in honor of our beloved mother. Words of mine cannot tell how hard it is to lose one's mother with whom many happy hours were spent. It seems only a few days ago that she was with us all. But where is that smiling face today? She left us all and went to meet her God whom she served with great loyalty until her end.

Here in our happy home she lived with her husband and children for 34 years. On the last Sunday, on which she went to church, she went with us. But on Monday, Jan. 13, she became seriously ill and passed away on Jan. 19.

Mother was born in Southern Russia on May 8, 1883. On Feb. 2, 1902, she was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Hehn. Mr. and Mrs. Hehn and two daughters, Pauline and Emma, came to America in 1905 settling down in Emery, So. Dak. There she was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Pfeiffer and became a member of the Plum Creek Church. Later they moved to Jamestown, No. Dak., and from there to a farm 20 miles west of Wessington Springs, So. Dak., where she became a charter member of the Ebenezer German Baptist Church in 1917.

In a lonely graveyard,
Five and some miles away,
Lies our dear mother
Slumbering 'neath the clay.

Oh, we haven't forgotten
All her tears and sighs;
We all love our mother
And we shall meet her in the skies.

ELLA HEHN.

Pacific Conference

Seventy-Five Young People Consecrate Themselves Anew

On Sunday evening, Jan. 6, the minister of our church in Salt Creek, Oregon, the Rev. G. Neumann, very ably preached a consecration sermon to our young people and to all in the congregation. Out of an audience of more than 100 people, 75 raised their hands as a sign that they would consecrate their lives to the Savior during this year.

Those of our young people who attended the Oregon assembly last summer were greatly blessed and had a most enjoyable time. We feel that as young people of Salt Creek we helped to make it a success since a large number of our group attended and our pastor was one of the instructors.

On New Year's Eve we held our Watchnight service. A part of the program was in charge of the young people. They presented a dialogue entitled "The Ten Virgins." Everyone was greatly blessed.

We have had some very enjoyable and inspirational meetings during the past year. Under the leadership of our new president, Orval McFadyen, we hope to do even greater things in the future.

Evangelistic Services in Stafford, Oregon

Sixteen miles southwest of Portland, in Stafford, Oregon, one of our Baptist churches is located which is the only Protestant church in that community. It is only a small church with a membership of about 45 people but it is actively engaged in the service of God's Kingdom.

Mr. and Mrs. Seecamp, who were formerly members of our church in Vancouver, B. C., and are now members of the First Baptist Church in Portland, are attending "The Western Theological Seminary" in Portland. Early last fall the Stafford Church called Mr. Seecamp as its temporary student pastor. He willingly and gladly accepted to serve in the church and also to carry on with his full course at the seminary. The church has grown during his brief ministry and the Sunday School now numbers 60.

The Rev. F. Mueller of the First Church in Portland conducted evangelistic services in Stafford during the last week in January and the first week in February. The Rev. J. Kratt of the First Church in Portland brought the evangelistic messages on the two Sunday evenings. Singers of the First Church furnished special music for the services.

Souls were saved. Many took part in the testimonies and prayers. The church experienced a revival and was greatly blessed and strengthened.

ANNA WARDIN, Reporter.

Northern Conference The B. Y. P. U. in Edenwald, Saskatchewan

On February 9th the young people of the German Baptist Church in Edenwald, Saskatchewan, gathered together to have their annual election of officers. Mr. William Kraemer was re-elected president, along with other new and old officers.

Our membership list has been greatly reduced during the last few years. From a previous membership of 60 members, we began our work this year with 20 members. We still strive to carry on our work as best as possible although the times are trying. A box-social is being planned for the near future in order to raise funds for the church. May the Lord bless us in the ensuing year so that it will be more successful than the previous year!

MRS. I. BRUCKER, Reporter.

Revival Meetings and Birthday Celebration in Hilda

For three weeks in January we had revival meetings in Hilda, Alberta, and God poured out his blessings upon us in giving spiritual life to 14 souls who eagerly dedicated their all to their Savior. Among these converts was a family consisting of the parents and two sons. The Rev. Niels Christensen of Medicine Hat brought the inspiring messages each evening.

On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26, about 150 members and friends of the church gathered together to surprise their beloved pastor, the Rev. O. Fiesel, on his birthday. Seated around tables in the basement we partook of a lunch including three beautiful birthday cakes prepared by the ladies. Mr. Fiesel was also presented with gifts from the church and the B. Y. P. U. Afterwards a musical program was rendered by young people and older members of the church in honor of the celebrating pastor. May God bless him with us for many years to come!

REPORTER.

Bible School and Revival Meeting in Olds, Alberta

The young people of our church in Olds, Alberta, Canada, were delighted to have the privilege of attending two weeks of Bible School from Feb. 17 to 28. Our teachers were the Rev. B. Jacksteit of Leduc and the Rev. C. B. Thole of Olds. Both were capable instructors, and we as young people owe them many thanks for their kindness shown towards us during these two weeks.

The morning sessions were devoted to the study of "Religious Education" led by the Rev. B. Jacksteit and to "Bible Study" by the Rev. C. B. Thole. The afternoon began with the devotional exercises led by one of the students. We then had a study of "The Baptists" led by the Rev. C. B. Thole and "Music" by the Rev. B. Jacksteit. Twenty-one students attended on an average and derived great benefit from the studies.

Not only did we have the opportunity of having a Bible School for the first time in our church but each evening we had evangelistic meetings as well. Stirring messages were brought to us by the Rev. B. Jacksteit. We are very happy to report that as a result of these meetings 14 were converted and 5 persons consecrated their lives anew to Christ.

Friday evening, Feb. 28, marked the close of our Bible School and meetings. Students provided the singing. Addresses were delivered by two of the students on behalf of the school. Afterwards Mr. Jacksteit delivered an inspiring message to all. After several responded in prayer a consecration service was held when the new converts and pastors and our deacons clasped hands and a consecration prayer was offered.

We are very thankful for the blessings received, and as we look into the future our prayer to God is for even greater blessings, that we may prosper in the winning of souls for our Lord and Redeemer.

FRANCES LINK, Reporter.

Recent Joyous Events in Our Winnipeg Church

It may be of interest to the readers of "The Baptist Herald" to hear something from the Middle West. The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has many reasons for rejoicing at the present time because of blessings received.

Our church is primarily a young people's church. The pastor, the Rev. A. Felberg, is a young man, and most of the workers in the various branches of the church are young people. May they always be found worthy of the great task with which they are entrusted!

Mr. Felberg is ably assisted by our second minister, Mr. E. Wegner, who leads the services at the various stations, of which we have three, namely, Oak Bark, the North End and Elmwood. Another of our missionary workers is Mr. Rogalski, who assists wherever needed.

At the North End station Mr. Felberg recently conducted three weeks of evangelistic services. A campaign for two weeks has just been completed in the Winnipeg Church. God has revealed himself in these meetings to the extent that 23 persons, most of them young people, decided to give their hearts to him. Mr. Felberg had the privilege of baptizing all of them on Sunday, March 1, in the presence of many witnesses and to the joy of all God's people.

The Young People's Society is carrying on under the able leadership of Mr. G. Streuber, who at the present time is "The Baptist Herald" booster.

We also had the privilege of having with us for a recent Sunday evening our beloved young people's secretary and editor of "The Baptist Herald," the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, whose sermon at the church service and following address to the young people were an inspiration to all who heard him.

All meetings, especially on Sundays, have been and are well attended in spite of the severe cold weather which has prevailed here. We feel that God is still working in our midst and is willing to reveal himself if we only give him the opportunity.

P. PENNER, Church Clerk.

The Junior Church in Morris, Manitoba

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God." Can there be a more beautiful description of the Kingdom of heaven than these words of Jesus? At the same time does not the responsibility of bringing the Word of God to these little ones in the right way seem almost to great? And yet God has endowed every human being with ways and means by which he may do his duty to the children of his home and community.

From the time that our church in Morris, Manitoba, was organized until some months ago the young children of our church attendants had nothing to interest them in religious instruction besides the Sunday School. Recently the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt pointed out a plan to us by which the children could receive Biblical instruction during the time of the worship service.

In spite of numerous difficulties our Junior Church was soon organized with 45 children at the outset. Each Sunday morning the little group was taken to our basement, un-furnished at the time, and huddled together on hard benches, there to chant their short Bible memorizations, to hear the old stories from the Book of books and to sing child-like songs of praise.

How excited the little ones were when they were told that on a certain Sunday afternoon they were to occupy the seats in the choir loft and to render a program which was to consist of what they had learned on the Sunday of the Junior Church sessions! At last the eventful day arrived. Our Junior congregation marched to the front of the church, rather hesitatingly on this first occasion. But when they found themselves safely seated together, fear vanished and one by one or in groups they came forward to bring their various contributions in clear, confident voices.

The program of memorized work, songs and recitations found a very favorable response by the audience for the parents and friends could see what had been actually accomplished during these Junior Church services.

Such that Sunday these same little people of our church have rendered another fine program. There is certainly nothing more beautiful and impressive than a story, a Psalm or a song brought by a child in tribute to the King of its life! Steadily our little group is growing. God grant that every child may grow steadily in wisdom, in spiritual knowledge and in the love of God!

IDA J. HOFFMAN, Reporter.

FINDING THE LOST CHRIST

ON that early Easter morning at the open and empty tomb Mary Magdalene made that memorable experience of finding the Christ she had lost. Listen to her lament: "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him." She charged his enemies with having taken him away, but in this she erred. How often he had told his disciples that after three days he would come forth from the grave! She had lost her Christ through unbelief.

How often we lose the consciousness of his presence because of our unbelief and disobedience! At such a time a crushing gloom envelops our souls. Even when we have lost him, he is nearer than we think. Often he is standing at our side, waiting to reveal himself.

John and Peter had also come to the empty tomb, but they returned home without having found their "lost Christ." Mary Magdalene, however, remained at the tomb weeping. It was only after the Lord had spoken her own name in those self-revealing tones that Mary could worship at the feet of the lost Christ whom she now had found. What a change had now come over her entire being! All her tears were now dried and her doubts were dispelled. "Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her." "Finding the Lost Christ" will do as much for all of us even in this day.

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