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What's Happening

Mr. Harvey Koester, one of the students in next year's graduating class of the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., is serving as summer pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. His brief service in the church has already been effective and happy.

The Rev. Erich Bonikowsky, pastor of the German Baptist Church in White-mouth, Manitoba, Canada, has resigned from his charge in order to resume his studies this fall at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, So. Dak. The 30th anniversary of the church will be observed late in August.

The Rev. A. Knopf, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., baptized 6 young people on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. The pastor reported that "they were won into the Kingdom of God through the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. by the personal efforts of some of its members."

The Rev. G. W. Pust began his ministry as pastor of the churches in McLaughlin, So. Dak., and Selfridge, No. Dak., on June 17. A service, welcoming the pastor and his family, was held on Wednesday evening, June 17, which was in charge of Mr. J. J. Schweigert and addressed by representatives of organizations in both churches.

The Rev. B. W. Krentz, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Wishek, No. Dak., received his commission as First Lieutenant Chaplain in the Reserve Corps of the United States Army from the president of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt. He will serve as chaplain of the CCC camp which is located in Wishek, No. Dak.

The feature of the Children's Day program held on Sunday morning, June 14, in the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland Ohio, was the pageant, entitled, "The Floral Jubilee," in which a number of young people took part. The annual picnic of the Sunday School was held on Saturday, June 27, at Lakewood Park in Cleveland.

A Vacation Bible School was held from June 8 to 14 in the German Baptist Church in Startup, Wash., with an average daily attendance of 35 girls and boys. The Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Schoenleber served as teachers of the school. On Sunday evening, June 14, the closing exercises were held with an interesting program presented by the boys and girls under the guidance of the teachers.

Mr. Arthur Kannwischer, a recent graduate of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., has accepted

the permanent call extended to him by the High Street Baptist Church in Buffalo, N. Y., and began his ministry there on June 21. He succeeds the Rev. R. A. Schmidt, the former pastor of the church, who has retired from active service.

Mr. Fred Schilling, a member of this year's graduating class of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., ably preached in the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., on Sunday, July 12. He and his wife are spending the summer months in Los Angeles with his wife's family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wolst, awaiting a call from some church for his first pastorate.

The June, 1936, issue of "The Moody Monthly," the publication of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., contains a poem, "Peace in Storm," of which the author is Miss Ethel L. Rennison of Elgin, Iowa. Several of her poems have already been published in "The Baptist Herald" and the above named poem as well as others from her pen will soon make their appearance in these pages.

On Sunday, June 14, the Rev. J. H. Pankratz, pastor of the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., had the great joy of baptizing 6 young people on confession of their faith in Christ, and these were given the hand of fellowship into the church at the communion service on Sunday, June 28. Mr. Pankratz wrote that these Sundays were "worship days of joy and blessing for our church."

The Rev. N. E. McCoy, pastor of the German Baptist churches in Carrington and Pleasant Valley, No. Dak., had the privilege of baptizing 13 young people on Sunday, June 21, at the Pleasant Valley Church. A total of 31 persons have been baptized by Mr. McCoy during the past two years. Mr. Charles Seibold, the church clerk, wrote that "the Lord is wonderfully blessing Brother McCoy's efforts in this field."

The Second German Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., recently held a Vacation Bible School for two weeks with an average attendance of 36 boys and girls. Mrs. J. A. Hoelzer served as superintendent of the school, assisted by 9 regular teachers and 4 assistants. Eighteen scholars had a perfect attendance record. The Junior girls made tea towels for the only Protestant Orphans' home in Oregon as their project work.

The Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Kruse, chaplain and matron of the German Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., have recently resigned their position in order to move to Kankakee, Ill., early in

the fall where they will take up farming. The Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Kruse in their responsive positions have rendered the Home an inestimable service in caring for the aged guests and in beautifying the grounds and have thereby won the affectionate appreciation of the Home's many friends.

Mr. Reuben Windisch and Miss Elsa Freese of Philadelphia, Pa., were quietly married on Wednesday, June 17, in "the city of brotherly love." Mr. Windisch is widely known throughout the denomination as the song leader and soloist at several of the recent General Conferences and as the energetic president of the board of managers of the Philadelphia Home of the Aged. Both Mr. and Mrs. Windisch are members of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of that city.

On Thursday evening, June 11, Mr. Carsten H. Seecamp was ordained into the Christian ministry at an inspirational program held in the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. Dr. W. Milliken, dean of the Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland, brought the ordination sermon. The Reverends J. Kratt, J. F. Olthoff, E. P. Wahl and Cline also had a part in the service. The Rev. C. H. Seecamp, who is serving the Stafford Church as its pastor, will be graduated from the Western Baptist Seminary in 1937.

At a recent business meeting held by the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church of Harlem in New York City the following officers were elected for the coming year: Alfred F. Orthner, president; William Kosik, vice-president; Werner Sewald, secretary; Ludmilla Aherno, asst. secretary; Martin Kosik, financial secretary; F. J. Maeder, treasurer; Lawrence Orthner, pianist; "Baptist Herald" Booster, Eleanor Orthner; and delegates to the executive committee of the N. Y. Youth Union, Wm. Kosik, John Lauber and Eleanor Orthner.

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EDITORIAL

THE American people are face to face with the monster of the liquor traffic in a more hideous guise than ever before. The repeal of the eighteenth amendment solved nothing, in spite of the empty promises of politicians. Our cities and towns are flooded with taverns and taprooms which are a great deal worse than the saloons of pre-prohibition days ever were. Automobile accidents due to drunken drivers have increased in every state of the union from 29 to 45 per cent. Bootlegging and hijacking are flagrantly carried on, sometimes under police protection. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by women and young people as a result of the brazen advertising by liquor interests has increased to alarming proportions.

One of the few bright rays shining into this dark and discouraging picture of American social life is the attitude of Christian youth toward this issue. The old practice of temperance, by which so many adults in our churches still regulate their lives, has been weighed in the balance and found wanting! The Christian youth of this country, marching under the banners of Christian Endeavor societies, denominational youth unions and religious organizations, is engaged in a crusade to disseminate information concerning the dangers of drinking alcoholic beverages, even in moderate form, and to secure pledges involving personal total abstinence.

In many of the German Baptist assemblies and institutes the young people themselves, because of their concern over this issue, requested a course or forum topic dealing with the liquor problem. Recently in Lorraine, Kansas, at the state young people's convention a secret vote was taken after a thought provoking and intelligent discussion of this subject, in which each young person was asked to state whether his Christian practise in drinking was that of temperance or total abstinence. The tabulation of votes showed 15 who

were practising temperance and 105 who were following the rule of total abstinence. Any similar cross-section of adults in our churches, voting on the same question, would produce quite different results! The splendid article of Miss Eva Krenzler of Anaheim, Calif., on "Dangers of Drink" in this issue of "The Baptist Herald" is another indication of the profound thinking which our young people are doing on this subject.

In the age in which we are living temperance in drinking alcoholic beverages is not a Christian virtue! Let us state that emphatically. The liquor interests with all their diabolical trade are espousing temperance in their educational and advertising campaigns. If the drinking of such beverages even in moderate amounts effects an injury on mind and body, largely because of habits which are formed that lead to excessive drinking, and are the cause of terrific social problems in our modern machine age, the Christian church needs to assert with no compromise that total abstinence is the only true Christian practise to follow.

A Japanese proverb describes this truth with lucid emphasis: "First the man takes a drink; then the drink takes a drink; then the drink takes the man." When one views the catastrophies which have overtaken some of one's earlier school and home-town friends who have become addicted to drink after having proudly proclaimed that they could always drink temperately, or when one reads the cold statistics of heartbreaking tragedies in automobile accidents and broken homes due to excessive drink, or when one's finer senses are being constantly degraded by bill board signs, radio programs and magazine pages of liquor advertising by a traffic that can never be controlled for the welfare of man, one is compelled by Christian convictions and the constraining power of Christ to say: "For my part, I'll have nothing whatever to do with alcoholic beverages in any form or quantity. By that pledge I believe that my body can best become a temple of God and my life a Christ-like ministry in service to others."

# Hitler, Germany's Beloved "Fuehrer"

This article on Germany's "Fuehrer," who easily ranks as one of the world's most important men in this day, is especially timely in view of the 1936 Olympic games which will be held in Berlin from August 1 to 16. The author, who is a retired minister of the denomination residing in Baraboo, Wis., spent several months on a world tour in 1934, making an intensive study of conditions and personalities in the countries which he visited.

By the REV. CHRISTIAN DIPPEL

ON almost every day for months I passed Hitler's home and office on Wilhelm Strasse in Berlin. Every time I saw people standing on the opposite side of the street looking toward his office windows in the second story in order to get a glimpse of him, if possible.

About one o'clock one afternoon I saw hundreds of people standing and waiting on a certain street in Berlin. When I asked a stranger what was going on, he told me, "Hitler is coming!" After having waited for about twenty minutes, I asked another man how soon Hitler was going to arrive. "He may come any minute," was the reply. I waited for another twenty minutes and then asked an intelligent looking gentleman about Hitler's arrival. He answered, "Hitler is to arrive in his airplane on the 'Tempelhofer Feld' sometime during the afternoon!" So I walked on!

Whenever Hitler is scheduled to speak, people from all over flock to see and hear him. At the annual harvest festival celebration at Bueckeberg several thousand people gathered to secure a glimpse of him. The reverence of "der FUEHRER," which almost borders on worship, is sincere. In a recent letter one of my relatives included a prayer to the effect, "if only God will preserve for us our glorious Hitler." I really wonder whether there is any ruler in the world of today who is applauded and beloved so much as Hitler of Germany.

## Hitler, the Bearer of Hope

What is the reason for this love and homage? The answer is easy to find. He brought to a despairing Germany a new ray of hope. That iniquitous Versailles treaty, which Germany, at the point of the revolver, had been forced to sign, had bled the country white, had brought it to bankruptcy and had made it the outcast among the nations of the world. Its intention was to keep Germany in crippled condition for generations to come. From 1918 to 1933 twenty-three cabinets with over one hundred ministers had tried to ameliorate conditions in Germany. All had failed. During the same time 224,900 Germans with hopeless spirits had committed suicide.

In 1920 Hitler appeared on the scene, telling the people that there was still hope. "Do not give up! Believe in and work for a better future!" A small number of friends united with him. They adopted his constitution for the formation of a new national Socialist party and agitated for it.

As his program suited neither the Allies nor the professional politicians, Hitler was sent to prison. Here he wrote, "Mein Kampf," a work of 800 pages giving in plain words the cause of Germany's ruin and the means for its recovery. It gave the German people a new vision of a better future. And so Hitler carried the day!

He also rescued Germany from the curse of Communism which was about to take control of the country. The alternative was either Communism or national Socialism. When a nation by the brutality of its enemies is deprived of its wealth and work, when taxes rise because of the spoils of victors, and opportunities to earn one's living are reduced, then Communism finds a fertile ground. In Germany it had felt assured of victory. The street corners were the favorite gathering places for the Communists, who, protected by freedom of speech, carried on their propaganda against capitalism all over Germany. Hitler with his brown shirt men decided to drive them off the street and to break their influence. It cost them the lives of hundreds of their comrades, but they succeeded!

## Problem of Unemployment Solved

Hitler reduced the number of the unemployed from seven to two million. Part of them were placed in labor camps for six or twelve months, to build roads, improve forests and cultivate the land, all for the common good. While the personal needs of these men are well supplied, they receive no pay for this work, but are graded for possible future government positions. As the government subsidized many public and private enterprises, innumerable new jobs were created. Recently 300,000 young men have also been called to the colors.

Hitler instituted a great voluntary winter relief work, which probably finds no parallel in human history. Every October at a meeting in the Krall Oper, attended by the Nazi leaders, the campaign for voluntary contributions is opened. It was my privilege on October 9, 1934, to attend this meeting and to hear Hitler, Goebbels and others speak. Their appeals were broadcast over the radio. The response of the nation for three years in cash and goods has been a contribution of over 360 million marks each year, sufficient to take care of all needed relief. This relief work includes the Jews and even the foreigners. It is administered in a very economic and efficient

manner. The cost of gathering, transporting and distributing this colossal collection of money and goods is less than one per cent. It has for its motto, "No one must hunger or freeze," and no one does! Beggars are not allowed on the streets, because systematic help is given to all the needy, including the aged.

## Political and Economic Union

Germany's "Fuehrer" brought about a complete union of the "Reich." When he became chancellor, he was confronted with conditions and problems which seemed insurmountable. Confusion reigned everywhere. Democracy had failed. Complete collapse seemed inevitable. Thirty-eight political parties had organized and were fighting one another. To all appearances the next election seemed doomed to deliver Germany into the rule of Communism.

This intolerable condition suited the Allies by promising to give them a chance to squeeze the last ounce of blood out of Germany, but it spelled ruin for the country. If we feel that we owe a lasting debt to Lincoln for preserving the Union, much more do the German people feel obligated to Hitler. What the Weimar constitution had been unable to accomplish, because of the particularism of the various states of the former Germany, Hitler achieved. He brought about a political and legal union by gradually banishing all the organizations that made for division and confusion. There is now only one government, to which the former state governments are subordinated as executive agencies. All possible frictions between them, under which the former Germany suffered so much, have been eliminated. Germany now has one unified judicial system and one central administration, enabling it to show to the world a united front.

He eliminated the warfare between the employer and employee by forming the labor front (Arbeitsfront). This organization accords equal representation and equal rights to both sides. The officials of the former unions of labor and capital are the officials of the labor front. Private capital is no longer regarded as hostile to the cause of labor. Manual labor is no longer considered inferior but dignified, equal with capitalism. In this organization all differences are peaceably discussed under the supervision of a paternal government which gives due consideration to both sides and sees to it that the agreements reached are carried out. One employer in Hamburg who was caught paying below the agreed minimum wage level was promptly sent to jail. As a consequence devastating strikes, so common in our country, are unknown in Germany.

## Farm Relief and Recreation for All

Hitler brought the needed relief to the farmer. As in our country, the farmers had been unable to make ends meet for years. Many farms were mortgaged by bankers and Jews. A number had already been sold under the hammer. Hitler in a

new law made foreclosure under normal conditions impossible. Farms had to remain in the hands of their owners as long as there was someone in the family to work them.

By fixing the prices for the products of the farm, German farmers are now in a position to receive a fair reward for their labor. As the profit of the middle man is also carefully watched by Hitler's officials, profiteering is impossible, but the interests of all concerned are guarded. Through government agencies the why and wherefore of these measures are explained. It seems that everybody is satisfied, as I learned from representatives of all the classes.

He organized a fellowship in Germany which is called "Strength through Joy" (Kraft durch Freude), for the purpose of giving to all Germany who otherwise could not afford it, a chance to see some of the scenic beauty of Germany and to others to enjoy a much needed recreation. Of the two millions who enjoyed these privileges in 1934, I saw quite a number of individuals. In depots I noticed special trains filled with happy boys and girls. Under safe supervision and with plenty of provisions they seemed to have the time of their lives. During the same summer about eight thousand in need of recreation were sent on an ocean voyage to Spain, England and the Scandinavian countries. In all twenty million dollars were spent for these excursions. What formerly only the well-to-do class could afford is now made available for all.

These are some of the reasons why the German people love and revere Hitler. At every election so far they have endorsed his program by a nine to one vote. Minister Dr. J. Goebbels in his speech at Warsaw said, "We have the right to demand, that the state of affairs in Germany should be presented as it really is and not as it is seen through the tinted spectacles of party prejudice." Such a demand is fair and is especially applicable to Hitler.

## The Greatness of Hitler

Dr. H. Chamberlain, author of the book, "The Foundations of the Nineteenth Century," was attracted by the thoroughness of the German spirit. While he was sick in Bayreuth, Hitler visited him. In a letter that he afterwards wrote to Hitler, he said, "You are not as you have been described to me—a fanatic—but rather the opposite. The fanatic inflames the head; you warm the heart. The fanatic will persuade; you will convince. The fact that Germany in its desperate needs brings forth a Hitler shows its virility and real life." Having seen and heard Hitler myself, I can testify to the truth of this striking statement.

In view of the love and devotion that Germany exhibits toward its "Fuehrer," Hitler, a remark of the Chinese sage, Confucius, may be very appropriate: "In judging the work and character of a ruler, the opinion of his own nation is of primal importance; the opinions of other nations are of secondary consideration."

# Dangers of Drink

The author of this stirring challenge, which deserves to be studied by all readers of "The Baptist Herald," is a member of the young people's society of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., and is prominently active in young people's work on the Pacific Coast, serving as secretary of the California Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

By MISS EVA KRENZLER

"LOOK not upon the wine when it is red, when it sparkleth in the cup, when it goeth down smoothly; at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23: 31, 32.

The best medical authorities declare that alcohol is not a food but a poison and the same as morphine and opium. Alcohol is a habit-forming drug. Small amounts do not satisfy and the system calls for more. The more the body takes in, the more it craves.

## Alcohol and Physical Health

In sufficient doses, alcoholic beverages can cause death. One and one-half pints of whiskey taken at one time could kill an average man. People seldom take alcoholic doses large enough to cause death, but it does not take a large dose to do harm. Overindulgence in alcoholic drinks undermines the health of the body, lowering its resistance. When one then becomes ill, it is less certain that one may be cured.

Perhaps the most important organ of the body is the heart. Doctors contend that alcohol injures the muscles, clogging them, slowing the action and that it has a paralyzing effect upon the heart.

Alcohol in large doses burns the lining of the stomach. It has the same effect as pepper on the lining of the nose. Quite frequently it is a contributing cause to stomach ulcers.

Alcohol attacks the entire nervous system. The nerves are the message carriers of the body. The effect of alcohol is to inflame, to enlarge and to harden the nerve cells. When this is accomplished, the nerves are sluggish and lazy and sometimes they lay off work altogether. Alcohol has the same effect on the nervous system as getting sand into a watch. It wears it out quickly, thereby making it useless.

## It's the Brain That Counts

Alcohol changes the brain tissues. It is rapidly absorbed by the digestive tract, quickly enters the blood stream and affects the brain. The highest powers of the mind and the finest qualities of the soul are the first to be destroyed by alcohol. After a man has had a few drinks, he becomes boisterous, talks foolishly, and is sometimes quarrelsome. At any rate, he does not behave normally. The reason for this is that alcohol deadens the higher functions of the brain and puts the cells to sleep. Then there is nothing to guide and to direct his actions. Shakespeare has said: "Alcohol steals away one's brain. A man cannot even walk

straight, let alone think straight, when his brain is befuddled with drink."

Dr. Charles Mayo, the noted surgeon of Rochester, Minn., in addressing a convention of boys said: "You can get along with a wooden leg, but you can't get along with a wooden head. It's the brain that counts, but in order that your brain may be kept clear, you must keep your body well and fit. This cannot be done if one drinks."

## Staggering Increase in Auto Accidents

Alcohol has a serious effect on the eyes, making it difficult to distinguish color or to judge distance. Henry Ford once said that alcohol and autos don't mix, but, alas, they do mix and very much so! Since the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, auto accidents through drunken drivers have increased by leaps and bounds. Since the power and speed of the new cars have been greatly increased, it is all the more necessary for drivers to be in perfect control of their senses at all times.

Sixty life insurance companies made a record of two million people whom they examined for policies. They discovered that the span of life was reduced on the average of four to six years by moderate drinking. Their report was that each drink shortens life on the average of twenty-five minutes.

The Bible says that "wine is a mocker." It mocks people with lies. It sometimes seems to make men stronger, but in reality it makes them weaker. It seems to warm them up, but in case of exposure a man will freeze to death more quickly if he drinks intoxicating beverages.

Paul calls attention to the fact that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. How can a drinking youth ever be spiritual?

## THE MARGIN OF SAFETY

To the thoughtful man today total abstinence becomes his personal margin of safety, set up as protection from the almost monotonous regularity of wrecked health and lives due to the failure of moderation. Total abstinence is his accident insurance policy against the dangers of alcoholism.

Total abstinence has never failed. Moderation is constantly on trial.

Every chronic alcoholic being treated in psychopathic clinics is a moderate drinker who failed. Motorists or pedestrians who cause accidents through even the mildest degree of intoxication have failed to keep within the safety zone.—From "The Allied Youth."

# What's Happening News

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On August 11 of this year the Rev. August J. Marquardt, a retired minister of the denomination, will celebrate his 90th birthday. He still enjoys fairly good health and is able to participate in most of the church activities in Beatrice, Neb. His many friends are urged to remember him on his memorable birthday by addressing letters to him at 900 E'k Street, Beatrice, Neb. His ministry included pastorates at Winona, Wis., Salem, So. Dak., Ellinwood, Kans., Hutchinson, Minn., and for two terms of service at Beatrice, Neb.

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The return to the United States of Mrs. Anna K. Speicher, missionary in Swatow, China, for more than 40 years and the widow of Dr. Jacob Speicher with whom she served so sacrificially for many years until his death in 1930, will be of great interest to her many friends. Mrs. Speicher's articles about the work in the Christian Institute in Swatow have been read with widespread interest. She is still a member of the Fle'schmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa. For the present she will make her home with a daughter, Mrs. F. M. Cochran, 616 East Erie Street, Albion, Mich.

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Mr. Robert Quast, a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., was one of thirty young men from California to attend the National Hi-Y Convention which was held from June 20 to 24 at Berea, Kentucky. The Hi-Y is a branch of the Y. M. C. A. in the high schools of the country for the purpose of "creating, maintaining and extending high standards of Christian character in school and community." Among the outstanding speakers of the convention was Dr. Bernard C. Clausen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa.

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The large Sunday School pictures, which are widely used in our churches to illustrate the Sunday School lessons, can be used to good advantage in the mission stations of the Danubian Mission field, according to the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, the director of the field. These large pictures or the smaller illustrated cards can be sent to the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., by parcel post after they have served their purposes in the church, from where they will be forwarded to the Danubian field. The gratitude of the denomination is assured the gracious givers in advance of their gifts.

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The Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, who has served on the faculty of Sioux Falls College at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., during the past year, has accepted the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., and has begun his ministry on the field with the 15th of July. Mr. Bender has supplied the pulpit since Jan. 1, 1936. Recently

he has filled a number of speaking engagements, serving as the banquet speaker for the Swedish B. Y. P. U. of the state and addressing the National Dan'sh B. Y. P. U. Conference and leading a class in the South Dakota Young People's Conference of the German Baptist churches.

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Dr. Emilie Bretthauer, missionary in China, who is widely known in the German Baptist churches since she went to China from our denomination, presented a message on missions in China, illustrated by stereopticon pictures, on Sunday evening, May 31, in the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. On Wednesday afternoon, June 17, Dr. Bretthauer addressed the Women's Missionary Society of the Second Church, describing the typical customs of the Chinese people. At this occasion Dr. Bretthauer was accorded a farewell reception by the women in view of her departure shortly thereafter for the return trip to China.

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A Vacation Bible School was held at the German Baptist Church of E'gin, Iowa, from June 15 to 26 with a large attendance of 66 boys and girls, more than half of whom had a perfect attendance record. The following teachers from the church served on the faculty: Mrs. Edward Krueger, Mrs. Alfred Baechler, Misses Anna and Mabel Ren'ison, Miss Elizabeth Jacobs, Mrs. Clarence Muehlethaler, Miss Luella Miller and the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Zoschke. A worship service was held at the opening of each day's session on the general theme: "Know that I am God." The daily missionary offering besides the commencement program collection were designated for the Gebauers in Africa.

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On Thursday evening, June 18, the choir and orchestra of the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., were the guests at a program and social in their honor sponsored by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church. Brief messages of appreciation were brought by Mrs. Hannah Lippard, president of the society, Messrs. R. Moritz and O. Stabbert in behalf of the church and Mr. Paul Leuschner representing the Sunday School. Mr. Ted Bornschlegel, president of the choir, and Mr. Carl Stiller, director of the orchestra, responded graciously. A surprise number of the evening's program was the presentation of a bouquet of flowers to the pastor of the church, the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, in recognition of his birthday, which was on July 1.

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About 200 young people of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim and of the First German and Ebenezer Churches of Los Angeles, Calif., gathered around the banquet tables in the Anaheim Church on Tuesday evening, July 7, for a special program. The tables were

beautifully decorated with Fourth of July holiday favors. After the fine dinner, prepared by a group of women under the leadership of Mrs. J. Quast, the toastmistress, Miss Lois Schroeder, took charge of the program. Mr. Herbert Stabbert led the group in the singing of songs and choruses. Humorous stunts were presented by the several societies. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, whose home originally was in Southern California, brought the message to the attentive young people. The Rev. Otto R. Schroeder, pastor of the Anaheim Church, and the Rev. Fred E. Klein of Wasco, a visiting pastor, also had a part in the festive occasion.

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The octogenarians of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, were honored at a program and social hour at the church on Sunday afternoon, June 14. Mr. H. J. Rieke, church historian, presided over the program which included the singing of favorite hymns of these honored guests, who had attained the age of 80 or more years, and addresses by Professor O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., a former pastor of the church, and the Rev. Charles F. Zummach, the incumbent pastor. The following members of the church were the honored guests: Mrs. Marie Gierke, Mrs. Anna M. Weber, Gerhard Meilahn, Mrs. Anna Plock, Fred Lockmann, George Wemmie, Mrs. Dorothea Schulz, Otto Schwieger, H. G. Meyer, William Fromm, W. F. Rieke, Mrs. Eliza Williams, Mrs. Marie Johnson, Mrs. Mary Westerbrook, Anton Addicks, F. G. Schwerin, G. O. Gerdes, F. C. Jordan, Mrs. Rosetta Lynn, Mrs. Amanda Lohmann and Mrs. F. C. Jordan. Tribute was also paid Mrs. Minna Bretschneider, who passed away on June 6.

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The 25th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., was held on Sunday evening, July 5, before an audience of friends from Anaheim and Los Angeles which almost taxed the capacity of the church. Mrs. Hulda Stark, president, was in charge of the program which featured the presentation of the play, "The Prodigal Son," an address by Mrs. Dan Wedel of Wasco, California, the first president of the society, and a message by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, general young people's secretary, who was visiting in California at the time. The former presidents of the society who were introduced and presented with corsages were Mrs. Dan Wedel, Mrs. Max Leuschner, Mrs. David Grauer, Mrs. Harry Urbigkeit and Miss Franz Trapp. The charter members who are still members of the society and were also given flowers are Mrs. Robert Dargatz, Mrs. Albert Dargatz, Mrs. Gustav Spingath, Mrs. M. Hemmerling, Mrs. Theresa Fries and Mrs. Ernestina Schacht. The newly elected officers are as follows: Mrs. Hulda Stark, president; Mrs. Dora Quast, vice-president; Mrs. Emma Trapp, secretary; and Mrs. Minnie Strandt, treasurer.

# BEAUTY *for* ASHES

by Grace Livingston Hill

## SYNOPSIS

Gloria and Vanna, daughters of a fashionable urban family, have been spending several weeks in a picturesque village where they met Murray MacRae and Robert Carroll and learned a great deal about the Christian faith. The beauty of these newly formed friendships was rudely disturbed by a former suitor of Vannas, who came and insisted on taking her in his high-powered car for a ride, thus breaking up their plans for an evening church program, frightening Gloria because of fear for her sister's safety and sending the two young men into the pitch-black night in search of her whereabouts.

## CHAPTER TWENTY

When Vanna got into the luxurious car and was sped away into the glorious sunshiny day her heart sank. She distinctly did not want to go. She felt that she might be losing something interesting by being away for an hour, and the company of this man was so insistent upon taking her away to visit with himself and ceased to be interesting to her. The question of a possible closer relationship between herself and him which she had been considering when she came up had drifted completely out of her mind, and now that it was brought to view again she wondered why she had ever been uncertain about it.

Moreover, a vague premonition hovered over her and would not let her forget her sister's warning. Well, of course, that was silly, but what if something should happen, some accident, and she be late at the meeting after all their preparation? How disappointed they would all be! How disappointed she would be herself!

She knew that tonight the meeting was of especial moment to Robert Carroll. He had planned it long for this special region, he had worked and prayed for it, he had made several trips to remote districts to get some prodigal sons who never heard a message to promise to come, and he had told her about some of them. She would feel personally disloyal to him and his plans if she failed him tonight, especially in that solo that he sang with so much feeling, that was intended to come at the close of Murray MacRae's address. She loved to play that accompaniment for him because while she was doing it she had a strange ecstatic feeling that she was working with him, helping him to do a great thing that in some mysterious way affected destinies.

"You're not listening!" said Emory

Zane looking down at her with a haughty frown. "You act to me as if you had left your real self behind."

She came back to the present with a start. Of course, it was foolish to think of not getting back in time. She would insist on that, and of course now she had come she must be polite and talk, so she roused herself and threw him a careless little smile.

"Oh, yes, I'm listening," she said. "I was just thinking about some of the things I have left undone in running away like this right in the middle of the day."

"What on earth could you possibly have to do up here that would matter in the least?" he sneered amusedly. "I should think you would be entirely fed up on this place. That's why I came up here, to set you free, but I don't seem to get much thanks for it."

"Oh," laughed Vanna decorously, "that was very kind of you of course, but I'm really having a lovely time up here and don't in the least need to be pitied. I'm quite in love with this part of the world."

Suddenly as they swept along she saw the cornfield in the distance where she had planted a whole row of corn and her heart gave an unexpected little leap as if she had sighted something precious. And was that one of the men walking toward the fence? The color flew into her cheeks. Why, that was Robert Carroll! And he would see her go by! He would wonder! This noisy car! This world-weary face beside her. She would have to explain to them when she got back. She had a desperate longing to stop a minute, to have just a word with Robert Carroll, to look into his eyes and let him read in hers that this trip was not her wish, to get an assurance from his eyes that he would understand. But the worst about that costly car in which she was traveling was that it was seen at a distance and it shot by before one could draw breath. Before the thought Zane to stop, before even she was quite sure that it was really Robert standing there by the bars, she was upon him.

She gave a little gasp, and waved her hand with a bit of frantic motion, calling as loudly as she could:

"I'll be back in time!" and then saw him far in the distance behind her.

When the ghastly feeling that settled down upon her had somewhat subsided she found Zane looking at her in curious amusement.

"What possible interest could you have in a common laborer that you should make a demonstration like that?" sneered her escort. "Is he one of the farm hands

on your father's place? I should say you were being rather condescending to him!"

Vanna drew a deep breath and tried to put down the awful feeling of indignation that seemed to be choking her, tried to summon a laugh.

"No," she said, a little lilt coming in her voice in spite of herself, "he isn't anybody's farm hand. He's a graduate of two colleges, and that's his own land back there! He's a gentleman!"

"Dressed like that?" said Zane lifting supercilious eyebrows. "In the words of the small street urchins, 'Oh yeah?'"

"One doesn't do farm work in a frock coat," said Vanna sharply.

"Neither does a gentleman put on overalls," said Zane contemptuously.

"Perhaps your definition of a gentleman and mine differ," said Vanna, now thoroughly angry. "Let's change the subject. We haven't but a short time to ride, let's enjoy this lovely day and this lovely car."

"I'm not so sure that we have but a short time to ride," said the man with a sinister glitter in his dark eyes. "Has your desire to be back so soon anything to do with that country lumpkin back there? If it has I certainly don't intend to let him win out."

"You are making me very angry!" said Vanna haughtily. "If you are going on to talk this way I shall have to demand that you let me out and I'll walk back."

"And suppose I didn't stop?" asked the smooth voice.

"Well, then I might have to jump out anyway!" said Vanna, "only that would be rather messy for us both, wouldn't it?" She was very angry now, but she did not want him to see it and she was trying desperately to give an amusing turn to the conversation.

"Come," she went on, glancing at her wrist watch, "we've got an hour to ride and then we must turn back. Two hours is positively all that I can spare you this afternoon. Please let's make it as pleasant as possible."

"Assuredly!" said the smooth voice, giving her another narrow, vexed glance. But immediately his manner changed and he began to talk pleasantly.

"See that wooded hillside over there? Those are pines. They are really lovely, aren't they? But you should see the Black Forest as I have seen it," and he was off into a reminiscence of some of his foreign adventures.

He could talk most fascinatingly when he chose. Just now he chose. It was his marvelous gift of conversation that had first interested Vanna in him. He knew how to describe an Italian sky, or an

adventure on snow clad mountain, or a perilous voyage at sea, or the depths of a treacherous jungle, till one forgot all else in listening.

Vanna was charmed into forgetting her own present peculiar form of tortured uneasiness, and listening, regained some of her first respect for the man, and interest in his charms. There was a mysterious lure in his glance when he was like this, and Vanna felt more respect for her own first judgment of him, more of her initial confidence.

For an hour this went on until he had her thoroughly in sympathy with his mood, until her eyes began to respond to his expression with a merry interest, and she was laughing and answering in a natural way.

Then suddenly, in just an hour, as if the alarm had been set in her mind and had gone off with a whirr, she roused to the fact that it was time to turn back.

"Well, this has been lovely," she said heartily. "I've enjoyed your descriptions so much. It is wonderful to hear such experiences from one who has passed through them. But now, I'm sorry, the hour is up and I shall have to ask you to turn back."

But the speed of the great car did not lessen one iota. In fact it fairly seemed to take warning and leap forward to greater speed and she felt the wind whipping her cheeks.

Her heart began to beat very fast now. She knew she was going to get angry again. She was not used to such high-handed ways. She cast a furtive glance at his side face and saw that it had hardened into cold stubbornness with that haughty sneer lying in wait about his lips like a wild snarling animal waiting to leap upon one's dearest wish.

"Please," she said gently, looking at him with the calmness of a lady claiming his gallantry.

But the car went flying on. At last he broke the silence.

"You didn't imagine that I really would bring you back in an hour did you? You didn't suppose I would take you for a few minutes ride, or a call, did you?"

"I'm sorry," she said coldly. "You didn't let me know you were coming or didn't let me know you were coming. I certainly would have forbidden you. I have made an end did not expect you, I have made an engagement that I must in honor keep!"

"An engagement with a country lout!" sneered the man amusedly, and then it was as if the lion lying in wait about his lips sprang out and clawed about her heart.

The car leaped forward up steep inclines now, climbing with vast views in every direction, and the sun a great red ball of majesty sinking down the opal sky. Farther and farther fairly flying, the now, and her watch fairly flying, the sun sinking lower and lower.

"I understood that you promised me you would get me back for my appointment at five o'clock." She spoke through the breathless rushing silence.

"No, I didn't promise. Think back

and see what I did say. I said have it your own way. But I knew when I got you into my car it would be my way, not yours!"

"Oh!" said Vanna in a very small voice and sat thinking that over for a time. She wondered. Was that the way he had treated his wives when they were once in his power? Well, here was one who would never again be in his power if she could help it. But could she? Was he somehow by his ride planning to get her in his power in such a way that she would have to yield to his wishes? She shuddered and sat trying to think what to do.

This was no time for mere anger. The furtive glances she cast his way told her that he was playing a favorite game now, and that he would play his own part skillfully and firmly. She need not hope to win by using her usual weapons of hauteur. He had preempted those for himself.

"Just what do you expect to gain by acting this way?" she asked him at last, trying to make her tone quite calm and commonplace, although she had much to do to keep her voice steady.

"I expect to make you a delightful evening when you come to yourself and give up your childishness."

After considering this for several minutes, she asked:

"And you don't think that possibly you'll end up by making me hate you?" He laughed at that.

"Hate is akin to love, you know. Many a woman has come to the greatest love of her life through hate."

A great wave of helplessness came sickeningly over her at that, and she suddenly felt like putting her head down and weeping. Oh, if she had only listened to Gloria! And now she began to wonder why in the world she came with this man.

After a long time she said through shut teeth that had suddenly taken to chattering as if she were cold:

"Then I shall certainly endeavor not to hate you!"

He laughed again, and looked at her. "You are getting facetious!" he said.

"I think you will soon be recovering. A woman likes to find her master."

A still coldness settled down over Vanna's heart, and something warned her that she must go very carefully. This was a man of the world, experienced, sophisticated to the last degree! She could not hope to pit her feeble girl strength against his malignant will.

She recalled certain things she had recently been hearing concerning Satan as the prince of the powers of the air, and shuddering again as she caught another glimpse of his handsome and now hateful face. Then she knew that she was frightened. Terribly frightened! And her first thought was of Robert Carroll. If she only had some kind of a broadcasting instrument whereby she could send a message, an S.O.S. How quickly he would come to her. He would save her she was sure.

But she had only her mind. Was it

possible for one mind to reach another across the space of miles. She had heard much talk of thought transference. Was it true? If she concentrated her mind on thinking of him and calling for help, could he hear? For several consecutive minutes she sat, her eyes cast down, trying to send her mind across the great spaces to where she had seen him last: "Robert! Robert Carroll! Come and help me! Help! Help! Help!"

But her overwrought mind kept jerking back to the present and thinking how impossible it was for Robert Carroll to hear! That might be all very well for a theory, but she knew too little about it to put it to any practical use now in her need.

But there was Robert Carroll's God! He would call upon his God if he were in trouble. If she only had a right to call upon Robert Carroll's God!

"Oh, God!" her heart cried groping through the gray colored clouds overhead, "Oh, God, find some way to help me for Robert Carroll's sake who loves you!" her heart kept saying it over and over.

The sun had gone down sharply, and left the mountains in a dark purple haze, laying their piny-plumed cheeks against the breast of the sky, and all the air was luminous with lovely light.

Down in the valleys off in the distance there were little nestling villages with dots of lighted windows beginning to show against the valley dusk, and the stern image at her side went driving madly on, never taking his eyes off the wheel, the miles leaping by with maddening haste. She looked at the speedometer and was alarmed at the pace they were making. She watched the road leap away and wished she dared jump out and dash back out of this man's sight as the road was doing! At last she summoned voice again to speak:

"Would you mind telling me your plans?"

Her voice was sweetly steady now as if she were entirely in accord with his purposes.

"Not at all," he said briskly, quite ready to forgive her if she would be reasonable. "We are going to a place I've heard of where we can get a fine dinner, and plenty to drink, and where they have a good orchestra and we can dance, and then we are going to sit down and have a talk in which we shall come to an understanding. After that we will make our plans."

"Your plans, you mean?"

"Yes, if you want to put it that way." He smiled that supercilious smile again. "But I'm expecting by that time that they will be your plans also. I'm not without some worldly experience you know." The smile he gave her now made her desire never to see his hateful face again.

She struggled with her feelings. She did not easily yield to anyone who tried to coerce her. But she knew this man to be more than her match this time. He had her in his power. She must wait. She must think. (To Be Continued)

# Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Saturday, August 1

## The Spirit Blocking Our Way

"After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit suffered them not." Acts 16:7.

Read Acts 16:4-12.

The Spirit shut the door into Asia and Bithynia, in order to guide the Apostle Paul into Macedonia. The guidance of the Spirit is sometimes manifested in our reverses. He crosses our wills and frustrates our plans, and we wonder about it. In time, however, we discover that it was God's way of leading us into a more fruitful field. The Spirit guides, not by articulate words, but by circumstances.

Prayer: "O thou, whose path is in the sea, reveal unto us the way we should take. May we not miss thy purpose in our lives!"

Sunday, August 2

## For Safety on the Road

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:105.

Read Psalm 119:97-112.

There are many pit-falls on life's treacherous road, especially as we walk upon it in the darkness of night. But the light of God's revealed Word will safeguard us, if in simple trust we will commit our souls to its teaching. It has come to us as a precious legacy from the past. It endures, while men and institutions pass.

Prayer: "Open our inner eyes, dear Lord, that we may discover ever deeper life-springs of wisdom and inspiration in thy Word."

Monday, August 3

## A Practical Saint

"Tabitha (Dorcas) . . . this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds, which she did." Acts 9:36.

Read Acts 9:36-43.

Dorcas was one of the shining lights of the early church. She was not a teacher nor an evangelist, but she had the gift of helpfulness to the needy. Her sainthood was of the practical kind. With her needle she had acquired true riches—love, gratitude and a blessed memory—an imperishable monument!

Prayer: "May thy Spirit turn our thoughts away from ourselves and center them upon those who need our ministrations."

Tuesday, August 4

## A Minority Report

"Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Numbers 13:30.

Read Numbers 13:23-30.

Caleb and Joshua were men of faith. They were not hotspurs, ready to plunge blindly into danger. They knew the difficulties in the way of the conquest of the land. But they had the self-confi-

dence that is born of trust in God. Hence, their confident assertion: "We are well able to overcome it!"

Prayer: "O God, we trust in thee for conquering strength. We build upon thy unfailing promise."

Wednesday, August 5

## Regeneration

"Ye must be born again." John 3:7.

Read John 3:1-11.

Did Nicodemus marvel to be told, "Ye must be born again"? Yes, for with all of his acumen and supposed wisdom, he was greatly puzzled by the remark of Jesus. He believed himself to be an heir to the Kingdom, and yet he had not been born into the newness of life that opens up the way into God's Kingdom.

Prayer: "Dear Lord, we thank thee for the regenerating power of thy Spirit, that makes of us new creatures, fashioned in the image of Jesus Christ."

Thursday, August 6

## The Majority Report

"We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we." Numbers 13:31.

Read Numbers 13:27-33.

The majority report was supported by ten of the spies against Caleb and Joshua. They held the conquest of Canaan to be an impossible task. They saw the land swarming with giants and they forgot God. That is what comes of magnifying fears, minimizing our resources and leaving God out of account. Majorities may be wrong, and sometimes it is our duty to resist them.

Prayer: "Forgive us, O Lord, that we are so often paralysed by fear, forgetting thee and thy conquering might."

Friday, August 7

## Not Yet There

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended." Phil. 3:13.

Read Philippians 3:13-21.

There are some Christians who claim to have attained the goal of perfection. Not so with Paul! He was deeply conscious of still being short of the highest. But he eagerly pressed forward, forgetting the things behind him and straining toward the things ahead, with his eye of faith upon the prize of God in Christ Jesus.

Prayer: "Gracious Lord, keep my vision of faith clear to see the goal ahead and make me eager and strong to secure it."

Saturday, August 8

## The Pillar of Cloud and Fire

"The pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night departed not from the people." (Am. Revised Version.) Exodus 13:22.

Read Exodus 13:17-22.

The pillar was a symbol of Jehovah's presence, proclaiming in blazing letters divine protection to the Israelites on their pilgrimage. We now have better symbols and means of divine guidance in the Word of God and in Jesus who is "Immanuel," God with us. The same pillar of cloud gave light to the Israelites and darkness and confusion to the Egyptians.

Prayer: "In thee, Lord of our lives, we live, move and have our being."

Sunday, August 9

## What Then?

"If Christ is not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." 1 Cor. 15:17.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:15-20.

What if Jesus had not risen from the dead? The apostle declares emphatically that salvation would then be a tragic delusion. "We would still be in our sins." The risen Lord is our life and eternal hope. "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19).

Prayer: "O thou, who didst pass through the dark portals of death, and didst come out into life and light, give unto us to know thee as thou now art, and the power of thy resurrection."

Monday, August 10

## The Voice of God in Nature's Ministries

"Let the earth hear, and all that is therein." Isa. 34:1.

Read Isaiah 34:1-6.

God speaks in many voices through the ministries of nature. The wonderful tints of the changing year, the varying lights of day and night, the altered moods of storm and calm, the many sounds of animate life—all are ways, in which the life of God discloses itself to our souls.

Prayer: "Give us, our Creator and Sustainer, an understanding of thy revelations through the varied ministries of nature."

Tuesday, August 11

## Why Fear?

"Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

Read John 14:1-10.

As followers of Jesus it is our right and duty to live without fear. We should let our Lord free us forever from that dread which regards with apprehension the events of daily experience and from that haunting sense of possible failure or harm which robs the soul of power. With Jesus near, why should we fear?

Prayer: "Our Father, believing in thee with all our hearts, may we in the strength of that faith achieve the victory which overcometh the world."

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# Reports from the Field

## Northwestern Conference

### Large Minnesota Assembly at Medicine Lake

The German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Minnesota held its annual summer assembly at Mission Grove, Medicine Lake, Minnesota, from June 18 to 21.

The assembly opened on Thursday evening, June 18, with a picture portrayal and sermon by the Rev. Mr. Mead of the Oakdale Baptist Church, St. Paul. Friday evening's sermon was given by the Rev. A. Foll of Hutchinson. The Rev. G. M. Lenox of Minneapolis gave the address at the banquet on Saturday evening. The Friday afternoon discussion was led by the Rev. H. Hirsch and Saturday afternoon's discussion by the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger.

Professor Otto Krueger led two classes in the morning and brought the closing address on Sunday afternoon on the subject, "It's Up To You."

The Rev. H. C. Wedel, dean, installed the new officers on Sunday afternoon. They are as follows: president, Vernon Heckmann; vice-president, Margaret Fratzke; secretary, Gertrude Helms; treasurer, Linda Beth Wedel.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson won the award for having the largest number of points. The points were based on registrations, attendance at classes, mileage and those staying full time. There were many young people present who had not attended an assembly before. The registrations of 136 for this year's assembly were higher than they had ever been in previous years.

Along with the spiritual program we enjoyed a well planned recreational program. The young people were divided into four Indian tribes, and a record was kept of all points made by each tribe throughout the entire assembly. An award was given to each member in the winning tribe, which happened to be "the Sioux."

The young people of Minnesota had an assembly that they will long remember. It made many new and lasting friendships for us and brought us into closer fellowship with our Lord and Master. May all assemblies be so blessed.

GERTRUDE HELMS, Secretary.

## Atlantic Conference

### Ordination of Rev. Milton R. Schroeder in Philadelphia

A council of the Philadelphia, North Philadelphia and Delaware German Baptist Associations was called by the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., for Thursday, June 18, to consider the advisability of publicly setting apart for the gospel ministry Mr. Milton R. Schroeder.

The council session was held in the

### Vacation in Connection With the Northwestern Conference

An exceptional opportunity is offered the members of the Northwestern Conference, which will meet with the Minneapolis Church from September 2 to 6 at the shores of beautiful Medicine Lake. This is a place well equipped in every respect for conference as well as for vacation purposes. You may choose your room in a "Wigwam" or a "Tepee." The price of three good meals and lodging is one dollar. Labor Day is on Monday, Sept. 7, following the conference. We are informed that during the same week the Minnesota State Fair will be held. Utilize this double opportunity and plan now to attend the conference!

H. HIRSCH, Minneapolis, Minn.

## Thirteen Teachers Graduate from Training Class at Clinton Hill Church

Thirteen teachers graduated on Sunday morning, June 28, from the Teacher Training Class which had been conducted for forty Sundays by the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., of which Dr. Chas. W. Koller is pastor.

The class was taught by Miss Wilhelmine Feist of the Children's Temple. Each session covered one full hour and was timed so as to permit the members of the class to be in the opening exercises of the Sunday School and to be in the preaching service afterwards in time for the sermon.

The course was based on four text books of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, dealing with the Bible, the Sunday School, the Teacher and the Pupil. Each text book contains nine chapters, and provides that the tenth be devoted to examinations.

The following class members completed the forty hour course and have received the diplomas issued by the Baptist Sunday School Board: Miss Ethel Daremus, Mrs. Charlotte Dow, Mrs. Lucien Leonard, Mrs. Elva Tothe, Miss Elfrieda Steeple, Miss Wilma Steeple, Miss Miriam Wonfor, Mrs. Alfred Stuerze, Mr. Milton Frahme, Mr. Elmer Schick, Mr. Eugene Schmidt, Mr. Erwin Weiland, Mr. Herbert Weiland.

The pastor spoke on "The School of the Soul" at the service, and there were also brief talks by Walter A. Staub, under whose superintendency the class began, and by John J. Ulrich, the present superintendent of the Sunday School. A new training class of twenty members is being organized to begin on the first Sunday in October.

## New Pastor Installed at the Walnut Street Church of Newark

The Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., had the great pleasure of welcoming its new pastor, the Rev. John P. Kuehl, and his wife at an installation service in their honor on Friday evening, June 19.

We had two reasons to be joyous, for not only were we welcoming a new pastor, but we were also welcoming a bride and bridegroom into our midst. The Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Kuehl had just been married on the 3rd of June and were returning from their "honeymoon" for the installation service. Mrs. Kuehl, the former Doris Smith of Laconia, New Hampshire, is a recent graduate of Gordon College, Boston, where she majored in foreign missions and domestic social work for her Th. B. degree. The Rev. John P. Kuehl came to us after a splendid pastorate at our church in Boston, Mass.

The installation service was truly in-

CHRISTIAN PETERS, Clerk.

spiring. After the scripture reading by the Rev. A. Bernadt of the Second Church of Brooklyn and invocation by the Rev. V. Brushwyler of the Evangel Church, our senior deacon officially welcomed the new pastor and his wife. Greetings from our neighboring churches and the reading of letters of congratulation followed. Our church choir and the newly organized World Wide Guild choir sang two beautiful hymns of praise. The presidents of the various societies were unanimous in pledging their loyal and earnest co-operation in aiding our pastor in his new undertaking.

The Rev. Charles W. Koller of the Clinton Hill Church of Newark delivered the charge to the church, in which he earnestly urged us to model our church after the first Christian church at Jerusalem, where the members magnified the pastor, respected his leadership, relieved him of petty duties, thereby giving him more time for the greater work of the Kingdom, co-operated in spiritual service and prayer and lived the doctrine which he preached in their daily lives. Major Kaizer of the Salvation Army also brought a brief address.

Mr. Kuehl responded with a word of sincere appreciation and expressed the hope that as pastor and church we would faithfully serve our Master.

We earnestly pray God's blessing on this new alliance of church and pastor that we may really be "a light set on a hill" in our community!

JOHN SCHMIDT, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### New Pastor Welcomed to the High St. Church of Buffalo, N. Y.

A reception was tendered the Rev. Arthur Kannwischer, the new pastor of the High Street Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., on Wednesday evening, July 1. The Rev. William Jaster, who had been serving the church during the illness of the Rev. R. A. Schmidt, our former pastor, was in charge of the service.

A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. Kannwischer by the various church organizations. Among the many visitors from out of town were the young pastor's parents, a sister and a brother who had come from Rochester, N. Y., to attend the service. Others were Mrs. Grace Domes of Folsomdale, N. Y., the Rev. R. Schade of New York, and the Rev. Walter Laetsch from the state of Washington.

The Rev. P. Geissler of the Bethel Church and the Rev. C. E. Cramer of the Spruce Street Church of Buffalo, N. Y., brought words of welcome from their respective churches. The Rev. F. G. Reynolds, secretary of the Buffalo Baptist Association, delivered a stirring address of welcome on behalf of the association.

Refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid society and thus ended an event long to be remembered.

CARL J. HOFFMAN, Church Clerk.

## Attention, Central Conference!

In four weeks the delegates of the Central Conference churches will again be on their way to the conference to be held at Gladwin, Mich., from Sept. 1 to 6. Predictions are being made that we shall have a large gathering at the conference. Mr. Strauss, president of the B. Y. P. U., expects at least 200 persons at the banquet. Therefore, we have a request to make of our churches and young people's leaders.

Please, notify us not later than the 15th of August about the number of delegates and friends who will attend. State whether the visitors are couples or single. If anyone prefers to stay in the hotel, we shall make arrangements for such. If others should come unannounced, they should bring a tent, cot and a blanket along with them. It is necessary to have this information in order to be able to take good care of everyone.

REV. P. F. SCHILLING,  
Star Route, Gladwin, Mich.

## Central Conference

### Sunday School Rally in Chicago

On Sunday afternoon, May 17, the Sunday Schools of Chicago and vicinity held their 13th annual Rally Day at the First German Baptist Church of Chicago.

There was considerable excitement over which Sunday School would receive the prizes, the Christian flag and the picture, "Christ in the Temple." To the beating of the drum all stood at attention while the boy scouts presented the American and Christian flags. After the pledge of allegiance, one stanza each was sung of "America" and "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

The Rev. J. A. Pankratz, pastor of the First Church, extended a hearty welcome to all visiting Sunday Schools. Mr. Fred Grosser read the Scripture passage, and the Rev. E. R. Lengefeld led in prayer.

The children enjoyed hearing Mr. Arthur Pankratz play a medley of Sunday School songs on the pipe organ and as soon as they recognized the songs, they hummed or sang along. The Sunday School orchestra of the Second Church played two selections and a Sunday School scholar favored us with a cornet solo, "The Holy City." The Oak Park Sunday School Junior Choir sang a song, "A Place for All," and Miss Ella Steele sang two soprano selections.

When our president, Mr. Herman Siemund, called the roll there was a friendly rivalry as each Sunday School responded with an original song. Nine Sunday Schools were present with a total attendance of about 700. The Englewood Sunday School received the flag for highest percentage of attendance and the Oak

Park Sunday School the picture for the best song.

Mr. C. B. Nordland, the assistant manager of the Moody Bible Institute, brought the address, "Loyalty to Christ." Mr. Nordland used a box which contained eight colored ribbons each representing a reason for loyalty to Christ.

The afternoon ended with the singing of one stanza each of "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." The Rev. Arthur Itterman of the East Side Church pronounced the benediction and each Sunday School traveled homeward with a feeling that it had been good to have been there!

## Pacific Conference

### B. Y. P. U. Annual Report of First Church, Portland

During the past year twelve meetings were held by the combined B. Y. P. U. societies of the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Ore. These included a lecture by Mohan J. Raj, two missionary forums led by the Rev. Paul Gebauer, a talk by Mr. Wright of the Western Baptist Seminary, a Thanksgiving program, a program by the vice-presidents, a talk by Kurt Woerner on "Conditions in Germany," a talk by the Rev. George Lang of Tacoma, Wash., a Chinese Baptist Mission program, and a Mother's Day program.

Besides these Sunday evening meetings, some of which took the place of the evening services, the society sponsored a missionary evening at which time the Rev. F. W. Mueller talked of his trip to Canada and the Okanagan valley. The B. Y. P. U. members brought over 750 pounds of clothing and collected more than \$25 to pay the freight charges to Canada.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas time the society gave baskets of food to the needy. We have also taken charge of the meeting at the Union Gospel Mission once every month, giving sandwiches to the men present.

The membership of the different groups at present is as follows with a total membership of 198: Faithful, 80; Beacons, 51; P. E. P., 40, and Junior 27.

The officers for the 1936-1937 year are as follows: president, George Peters; vice-president, Ed May; secretary, Viola Kimmel; treasurer, Fred Schmunk; "Baptist Herald" reporter, Elsie May; "Baptist Herald" booster, Wilfred Zink; and librarian, Betty Pfaff.

Our hope is that in the coming year we may do more for the glory of God and his Kingdom.

ARPA SCHMUNK, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference

### Beatrice B. Y. P. U. Guests at Wiener Roast

The members of the B. Y. P. U. of the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebr., were treated to an outing at Chautauqua Park on Friday evening, June 12, by Mr. William Sturmer, an older but

very much interested member of the society. The occasion is becoming a tradition, since this was the sixth annual affair of its kind. A picture of the group is reproduced on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

This year the party assumed the nature of a wiener roast. About 30 young people were present. The food was provided by Mr. Sturmer, and the appetites, of course, were provided by the young people.

A crackling fire in the large outdoor fireplace formed the center of attraction for a time, where wieners were roasted. A nearby table, supplied with buttered buns, baked beans and quantities of ice cream sandwiches, ran a close second.

Following the supper a baseball game with girls and boys alike as participants provided entertainment until dark. The young people gave some lusty cheers for Mr. Sturmer and disbanded to attend the first municipal band concert of the season in another part of the park.

The president of the B. Y. P. U., Mr. Herbert Kipf, made his first official appearance as a member of the band.

## Mother and Daughter Banquet of Beatrice, Nebr.

The annual mother and daughter banquet, held on May 15 in the Y. W. C. A. rooms of Beatrice, Nebr., under the auspices of the West Baptist Senior World Wide Guild, proved to be a great success with about forty mothers present.

Color schemes of blue and white were carried out, with ships arranged at different lengths of the table. As place cards ships containing the daughters' names were used, and printed pamphlets of blue and white, giving the menu, songs and program for the evening, were placed on the tables. The decoration committee consisted of Norma Larimore, Esther Miller, and Esther Keeley.

The program for the evening, which began with the song, "Love of our mothers" followed by the "Beatitudes for Mothers," was in charge of the guild president, Miss Fern Coates. The welcome to mothers was given by Pernal Hines. Following this the guild president introduced the toastmistress for the evening, Minnie Paul. As "Ships" was the topic for the occasion, the following program was arranged in form of toasts and musical numbers: "Ships on Deck," Esther Keeley; "Stewardship," Lola Pethoud; "Friendship," Geraldine Peterson; "Fellowship," Lucille Fraley. We were then delighted with a violin solo by Katherine Gilbert, followed by the toasts on "Leadership," Vera Paul; "Companionship," Francis Kaminska; and "Worship," Norma Larimore. The mothers' response was given by Mrs. Jolly, followed by a song by the Guild quartet, "O Motherhood the Beautiful." After a poem with a tribute to mothers by Esther Miller, the closing remarks were brought by Mrs. Pankratz. We closed another successful mother and daughter banquet with prayer by Mrs. Kipf.

FERN COATES, Reporter.



B. Y. P. U. and the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Pankratz of Beatrice, Nebr., at the Outing Given by Mr. Sturmer

## Northern Conference

### Inspirational Assembly of the Manitoba Association and Tri-Union

A family reunion is a happy occasion. Such was the conference of the Manitoba Association and Tri-Union as delegates and visitors of our churches and their various young people's unions had assembled in Winnipeg, Canada.

The opening of our association took place on Thursday evening, June 11, in the spacious and commodious McDermot Avenue Baptist Church. The candid welcome of the Rev. A. Felberg found a warm response in the hearts of all visitors. On wings of song we were carried by the male chorus of the Winnipeg church into a atmosphere in which the inspired message of the Rev. J. Luebeck on "Small Causes and Great Effects" was the more effective.

On the following morning after a short devotional period conducted by Mr. E. M. Wegner, we were prepared in spirit to dispatch the business of our association. Out of 6 churches 47 delegates were registered, among whom were 6 ministers. As officers the following were re-elected: Rev. A. Felberg, chairman; Rev. E. E. Bonikowsky, secretary; Mr. A. Krueger, treasurer.

In the afternoon the missionary aspect of our work was stressed, especially in the reports of two ministers. The Rev. F. A. Bloedow pointed out the "Missionary Obligations of Our Time," and the Rev. E. Mittelstedt brought a more individualistic message on the "Winning of Souls."

In the evening it was the privilege of two young ministers to preach to a large audience. The complementary messages were: "Hidden Forces in Our Life," by the Rev. E. E. Bonikowsky and "Christ the Power of God," by the Rev. E. Mittelstedt.

On Saturday morning, June 13, the young people of our churches appeared on the scene as delegates of the Manitoba

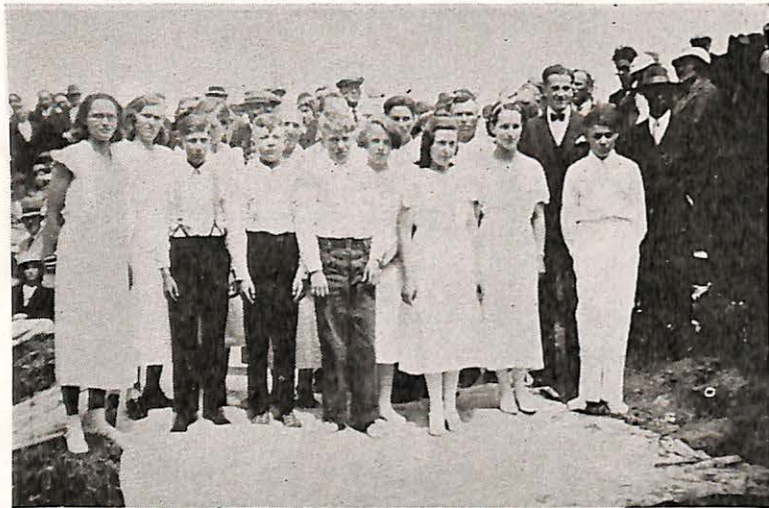
Tri-Union, including the Young People's Unions, Sunday Schools and Choirs. After the devotional period led by Mr. R. Stober, Mr. E. M. Wegner lectured on "The Christian and His Bible" and the Rev. E. E. Bonikowsky on "The Christian and His Prayer."

The afternoon of this day was set aside for the transaction of our business. The roll call showed 103 delegates in attendance. The following officers were elected: president of the Tri-Union, E. Mittelstedt; vice-president, E. E. Bonikowsky; Sunday School director, F. A. Bloedow; song and music director, E. Mittelstedt; director of young people, E. E. Bonikowsky; secretary, Alice Herb; treasurer, R. Stober; first pianist, Frohmüt Streuber; second pianist, Dorothy Ross; publisher of a monthly bulletin of the Tri-Union, E. E. Bonikowsky.

With eager expectation we awaited the contest in the evening. There were nine attractive prizes to be won in the form of batons, banners and vases, given for the best renditions in song and numbers on the program. The following awards were made: Batons—First prize, Winnipeg male chorus; Second prize, Morris mixed choir; Third prize, Minionas choir. Vases for Sunday Schools—First prize, Morris; Second prize, Beausejour; Third prize, Elmwood. Banners for B. Y. P. U.'s—First prize, Morris; Second prize, Winnipeg; Third prize, Beausejour.

Although the contest program seems to have been the climax of our assembly days, we remained on the mountain top during the next day. The sermon by the Rev. F. A. Bloedow on Sunday morning on "World Moving Men" found a large and responsive audience. "Seven Sermons for One Collection" in the evening was certainly worth more than a common collection. These seven speeches were given by seven speakers on the general theme, "Our Attitude Toward Christ."

The mass choir of about 120 voices singing "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God," conducted by our splendid mu-



Baptismal Candidates and the Rev. B. Jacksteit at Rabbit Hill, Alberta, Canada

sician, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, gave us a glorious vision as we left the assembly. Even now we are still looking upward and beholding only Christ in a clearer vision and descending with him into the valley to meet duty and even drudgery daringly!

ERICH E. BONIKOWSKY, Reporter.

**Baptism at Rabbit Hill, Alberta**

Sunday, June 28, was a day long to be remembered by the members and friends of the German Baptist Church of Rabbit Hill, Alberta, Canada, and of the surrounding churches. From far and near they came to witness the baptismal service. A picture of the baptismal candidates appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

At the opening service the Rev. B. Jacksteit of the church heartily welcomed all visitors. The Rev. P. Daum of the First Church of Leduc, spoke stirring words in the German language which were a blessing to everyone. Of the 14 persons who were baptized by the Rev. B. Jacksteit, 2 were from the Wiesental Church, one from the Second Church of Leduc and 11 from Rabbit Hill. Mr. Jacksteit spoke in the English language for the benefit of the Ukrainian and English friends. During the baptismal service music was rendered by the choirs from the Second Church of Leduc, Rabbit Hill and the band from Wiesental, directed by the Rev. F. Benke. Later about 800 friends partook of the lunch served under the trees.

In the afternoon we were favored with the presence of a special guest, the Rev. A. Hager, who had occupied the pulpit of the Rabbit Hill Church about 35 years ago. The Rev. F. Benke, minister of the Wiesental and Wetaskiwin churches, spoke during the afternoon. The Men's Choir from Wetaskiwin favored us with several numbers which were rendered with fine precision and harmony.

May God richly bless the work that has been done through Christ by the Rev. B. Jacksteit!

MISS G. KUHN, Reporter.

**Dakota Conference  
Golden Jubilee at the German  
Baptist Church of Eureka**

On June 28 the German Baptist Church of Eureka, So. Dak., celebrated its Golden Jubilee. The church members were greatly honored in having Prof. A. Bretschneider, dean of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, as their guest speaker.

Prof. Bretschneider brought the morning message and the Rev. E. S. Fenske of Herreid, So. Dak., the afternoon message. It was estimated that at these two services over 2000 people were present. At the evening service Prof. Bretschneider addressed the young people, speaking on the topic, "A Successful Happy Life." The following brethren participated in the services during the day: the Rev. A. Guenther, pastor of the neighboring church at Venturia, Mr. Geis, our colporter, and the students O. Bonikowsky and R. Grenz. All services were under the leadership of student J. C. Gunst, who is serving the Eureka church for the summer months. A choir was recently organized in the church under the leadership of Mrs. Alex Mehlhaff, which added much to the beautifying of the services.

The Eureka Baptist Church was organized on June 21, 1886, with 21 members. During the fifty years the church has had fifteen pastors who served as follows: B. Matzke, 1886 to 1888; G. C. Engelmann, 1888 to 1890; A. Penske, 1891 to 1893; F. W. Golling, 1894 to 1897; L. Wiesle, 1897 to 1900; H. Hilzinger, 1900 to 1904; A. Heringer, 1905 to 1910; Karl Roth, 1910 to 1911; F. W. Schaeffer, 1912 to 1915; Bauer, 2 1/2 months in 1916; E. Broeckel, 1917 to 1919; D. Klein, 1920 to 1924; J. L. Schmidt, 1925 to 1930; E. S. Fenske, 1931 to 1934. Student J. C. Gunst is now serving the church during the second consecutive summer.

In these fifty years the church has raised for missions and benevolent purposes the fine amount of \$70,127.36. At present the church is divided into five stations and has a membership of 178.

**Assembly of the Central Dakota  
Association**

From all reports the Baptist Young People's Assembly of the Central Dakota Association held in the First Baptist Church of Jamestown, No. Dak., from June 23 to 26 was a source of enjoyment and benefit to all of the young people attending.

In the absence of any officers, Mr. Jacob Gunst, a student of the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., was appointed temporary chairman. The song service on the first evening was led by the Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch of the local church. Miss Gae Porter of Jamestown extended the welcome to the young people and Mr. Gunst responded. Prof. A. Bretschneider of Rochester gave the first address of the series, speaking on the "Irresistible Religion."

On Wednesday morning the devotional service was led by Miss Gae Porter. At the afternoon business meeting the following officers were elected: J. C. Gunst of Eureka, So. Dak., president; Miss Gae Porter, secretary; Miss Phyllis Bushy of Jamestown, No. Dak., secretary; Miss Viola Graf of Linton, No. Dak., treasurer; and Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch of Jamestown, No. Dak., dean of the assembly. In the evening Prof. O. E. Krueger spoke on the theme, "It's Up to You."

The Thursday morning session opened at nine o'clock, with the devotionals being led by Mr. Oscar Bonikowsky. Prof. Krueger spoke on "The Aim" and Prof. Bretschneider on "Heroism." In the afternoon the young people went to Homer Park for an outing. A splendid vesper service was held in the park at seven o'clock. Prof. Bretschneider used as the subject of his talk, "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life."

The devotionals on Friday morning were conducted by Mrs. G. Kramer of Linton, No. Dak. Prof. Krueger spoke on "The Lame" at the morning session and on "The Blame" at the afternoon meeting. Later in the morning Prof. Bretschneider spoke on "Love."

At six o'clock on Friday evening a banquet was served in the basement of the church. At eight o'clock the literary program of the assembly was given, consisting of solos, duets, quartets and a double quartet given by the various societies. A playlet depicting the necessity of subscribing to "The Baptist Herald" was given by the Wishek society. A silver cup, presented to the society having the highest number of points, was awarded to the Venturia society. Delegates and visitors represented the following societies: Ashley, Bismarck, Cathay, Cleveland, Eldridge, Eureka, Gackle, Greenway, Lehr, Linton, Medina, Napoleon, Rochester, Streeter, Venturia and Wishek.

We, the young people of this assembly, owe much to Professors Krueger and Bretschneider for their helpful messages and during the coming year we shall endeavor to conform to their teachings.

PHILLIS BUSHY, Secretary.

**Dakota Conference at Tyndall,  
So. Dak.**

On Tuesday evening, June 16, many members of the Dakota Conference were happily gathered in the city auditorium of Tyndall, So. Dak. It was on this occasion that the conference, entertained by the Emanuel's Creek Baptist Church, opened its sessions. The Rev. E. Broeckel, local pastor, and the mayor of the city welcomed the guests, to which the Rev. E. Fenske responded. The opening message based on the text, "Come up to me into the mountain and be there," (Ex. 24:12), was delivered by the Rev. H. P. Kayser of Goodrich.

At the business meeting on Wednesday morning Rev. H. P. Kayser was elected moderator, and Rev. B. Schlipf and Rev. E. Gutsche were elected as clerks. The theme of the conference was "The Kingdom of God and Our Part in it as a Denomination." The lectures, closely related to each other, were as follows: "Our Denomination," H. R. Schneider; "The Historical Background of our Denomination," H. P. Donner; "A Survey of our Mission Fields," R. Kaiser; "Outstanding Achievements of Our Denomination," A. Krombein; and "The Goal of our Denomination," F. Balogh. The devotional periods in the morning were conducted by H. Koslow, W. Helwig, A. Fischer, and J. Borchers. For the quiet half-hours at noon we had the joy of hearing Mr. H. P. Donner, the Rev. E. Umbach, and Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

All of the ministers of the conference who were present were on the program. Those who delivered sermons in the evening were W. L. Luebeck, E. Becker, and F. W. Bartel. The messages on Wednesday and Friday evenings were brought by the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt and Professor Bretschneider, respectively. They also spoke at several other occasions.

The Ladies' Missionary Union presented its program on Friday afternoon, at which missionary Fuellbrandt was the main speaker.

Saturday afternoon and evening were devoted to the work of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. The business meeting in the afternoon was in charge of the president, the Rev. Fred Alf. The newly elected officers are Rev. E. Gutsche, president; Rev. B. W. Krentz, vice-president; Miss Lillian Schlipf, secretary; and Alma Kayser, treasurer. In the evening a fitting program with different groups of young people participating and with a challenging message by Professor Bretschneider brought the day to its close.

On Sunday morning Mr. J. C. Gunst, the Rev. Wm. Knauf, and the Rev. R. Sigmund spoke to the Sunday School. At the beginning of the morning service the Rev. H. P. Kayser presented to Brother Kuhn a bouquet of flowers and a Bible as an appreciation of his twenty-year service as general missionary secretary. During the same service Dr. Kuhn brought the message after which the mission offering was received, amounting to \$366. In the afternoon we again heard

a sermon by the same speaker and also one by Brother Fuellbrandt.

The conference closed on Sunday evening, at which time Professor Bretschneider brought the message. We are very grateful to our guest speakers for the inspiration which they have been to us and for the things for which they stand.

R. SIGMUND, Reporter.

**The Northern North Dakota Convention at Fessenden**

The Northern North Dakota Convention was held at Fessenden, No. Dak., where we enjoyed the blessings that God had prepared for the occasion. Among these were the fine weather, the hospitable spirit of our brethren in Christ and friends of Fessenden, the tasty meals prepared by the ladies of the church, and the fine Christian fellowship of the convention.

We had, however, the joy of being the happy recipients of many spiritual blessings. Besides the many instructive addresses delivered by the various pastors of the convention, our guest speakers, Professor A. Bretschneider and the Rev. C. Fuellbrandt, were the sources of inestimable inspiration.

A matter of business, that was the subject of considerable discussion at this convention, was the founding of a Dakota Old People's home. It seems quite reasonable to assume that this move ought to win the interest of every Dakota Baptist.

Last but not least, mention must be made of the active part which our young people took in the convention. Both Saturday afternoon and evening were at their disposal. During this time they delighted us with many special songs, a play and two timely messages, "The Challenge of the Church to the Youth of Today" and "How to Find Oneself," brought by Prof. Bretschneider and the Rev. H. Koslow, respectively.

This inspiring time of Christian fellowship was concluded on Sunday, when we were edified by several fine messages. In the morning the Rev. C. Fuellbrandt delivered the address to which the audience responded favorably by giving approximately \$350 for missions. In the afternoon it was our privilege to listen again to the Rev. H. Koslow and Prof. Bretschneider.

**Sessions of the Dakota Central Association at Hebron**

Once more the meetings of the Dakota Central Association have become history, and what history-making sessions they were! Almost all the delegates arrived on Wednesday, June 3, for the opening session. During the meetings, held from June 3 to 7 at Hebron, No. Dak., we had ideal tent weather, which was not too warm and not very cool, with little wind and no rain.

The program, too, was one of the best. Local talent seemed to treat such subject matters as repentance, faith, baptism, church membership, the Lord's Supper and sanctification in a very original manner. Outstanding among these addresses was the Rev. A. Guenther's message on "The Lord's Supper." The audience was deeply moved as over and over again he used the words: "This do in remembrance of me," emphasizing the word "me."

We were, indeed, fortunate in having with us Prof. A. Bretschneider of Rochester and the Rev. C. Fuellbrandt of Europe. Their able leadership of "the consecration meetings" was very inspirational. Prof. Bretschneider's topic, "Christ in Us," moved every heart and Mr. Fuellbrandt's inspirational messages, in which he freely used experiences from the mission fields by way of illustration left nothing to be desired.

This associational gathering also proved to be an epoch-making one. Things like the following incident do not happen in North Dakota every year. We were privileged to witness the organizing of a "Frauenbund of the Association." The aim of these women is a very commendable one, and as for programs, they know how they should be rendered. Another idea which was entirely new was that of the possibility of erecting an Old People's Home within the boundaries of our conference. The Rev. B. Schlipf of Bismarck seemed to have found the possibility for carrying out such project.

As usual the mission committee presented its report and recommendations. The latter included an expenditure of more than \$900 for the support of mission churches in our midst.

Our officers for the ensuing year are Rev. W. Luebeck of Ashley, chairman; Rev. F. Alf of Linton, vice-chairman; Rev. A. Krombein of Fredonia, secre-



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tary; Rev. B. Schlipf of Bismarck, treasurer.

The Hebron church and the Rev. C. M. Knapp, its pastor, did everything possible to make our stay pleasant, and every delegate expressed himself to the effect that the association was a success!

### South Dakota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union Convention at Corona

The 16th annual convention of the South Dakota Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was held at Corona from June 23 to 26.

The Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon brought the opening message on Tuesday evening, June 23, speaking on the subject, "Where There is No Vision, People Perish." He told us to get a vision of Jesus as our Lord and Savior and of the work that can and should be rendered.

The Rev. H. Lohr, pastor of the entertaining church, led us in the devotional hour on Wednesday morning, speaking to us on prayer and fellowship with our Lord.

The Rev. Henry Schroeder of Madison had charge of five classes during the convention on "The Teachings of Jesus." His first class dealt with wealth, in which he told us that Jesus spoke more times about money matters than about the new birth or about prayer and that we must master money or money will master us. In the second class period Mr. Schroeder spoke on "What Jesus taught about Marriage and Morals," showing us how in Jesus' home we have an example of what a true home should be. In speaking about "Jesus in Regard to War" he showed us that the best way to get rid of an enemy is to love him. In his last class Mr. Schroeder discussed what Jesus taught about the pleasures of life.

The Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon taught several classes on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work. We were told to strive for higher efficiency both in our Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. societies.

Prof. T. W. Bender of Emery spoke to us on "The Essentials of Sunday School Teaching." "If the pupil has not learned, the teacher has not taught."

On Wednesday afternoon the Rev. John Borchers led the devotional hour, leading us to think of the power of young people who are willing to serve. Mr. Borchers also brought the message on Thursday evening, June 25.

On Wednesday evening we enjoyed a program rendered by the young people of the various societies represented. On Friday afternoon the young folk enjoyed an outing at Big Stone Lake.

The Rev. Thorwald W. Bender delivered the closing message of the convention on Friday evening. He urged us "to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

The officers of the Union for the coming year are Charles Voigt of Avon, president; John Terveen of Emery, vice-president; Martha Wiese of Corona, secretary; and Dorothy Lehr of Plum Creek, treasurer.

MAGDALENA POPPINGA, Reporter.

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## DAILY MEDITATIONS

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Wednesday, August 12

### Always Faithful

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

Read Revelation 2:8-10.

The motto of the "United States Marine Corps" is "Semper Fidelis," that is, "Always faithful." What a splendid motto for the Christian! Loyalty is the great essential of life,—of the Christian life, too. There may be mistaken loyalties, but loyalty is never mistaken. The faithful ones in the end are crowned with honor and glory.

Prayer: "O God, to us may grace be given,  
To follow in their train."

Thursday, August 13

### Thirsting for God

"My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God." Psalm 42:2.

Read Psalm 42.

God has taught us that he himself is the one all-inclusive blessing, sufficient for every need. If we can only lay hold of the gift, then there will be no restlessness, no darkness, no weakness, no sorrow, no deadness. For he who hath God, wanteth nothing.

Prayer: "May we, merciful God, at all times trust thee—in sunshine and in storm—knowing that thou do'st order all for good."

Friday, August 14

### A Safe Guide

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Read Proverbs 3:1-8.

What a gilt-edge, love-laden, proof-lined, God-assured promise is here given us! To follow its instructions is sure to blaze for us a safe and successful pathway through all the intricate and perplexing problems which beset life in all stages and situations.

Prayer: "Guide us, O thou great Jehovah, through life's shifting scenes."

Saturday, August 15

### The Cross in the Center

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Gal. 6:14.

Read Galatians 6:11-18.

The cross of Christ exemplifies his sacrificial love and his boundless mercy. If we make that cross central in our lives, no matter what changes may come, what blights and abuses of a cruel world, nothing can rob us of our peace, or change the beauty of our character. God forbid that we should glory save in the cross!

Prayer: "O divine Savior, in thee we rejoice, for thou hast given us life and power over sin and death."