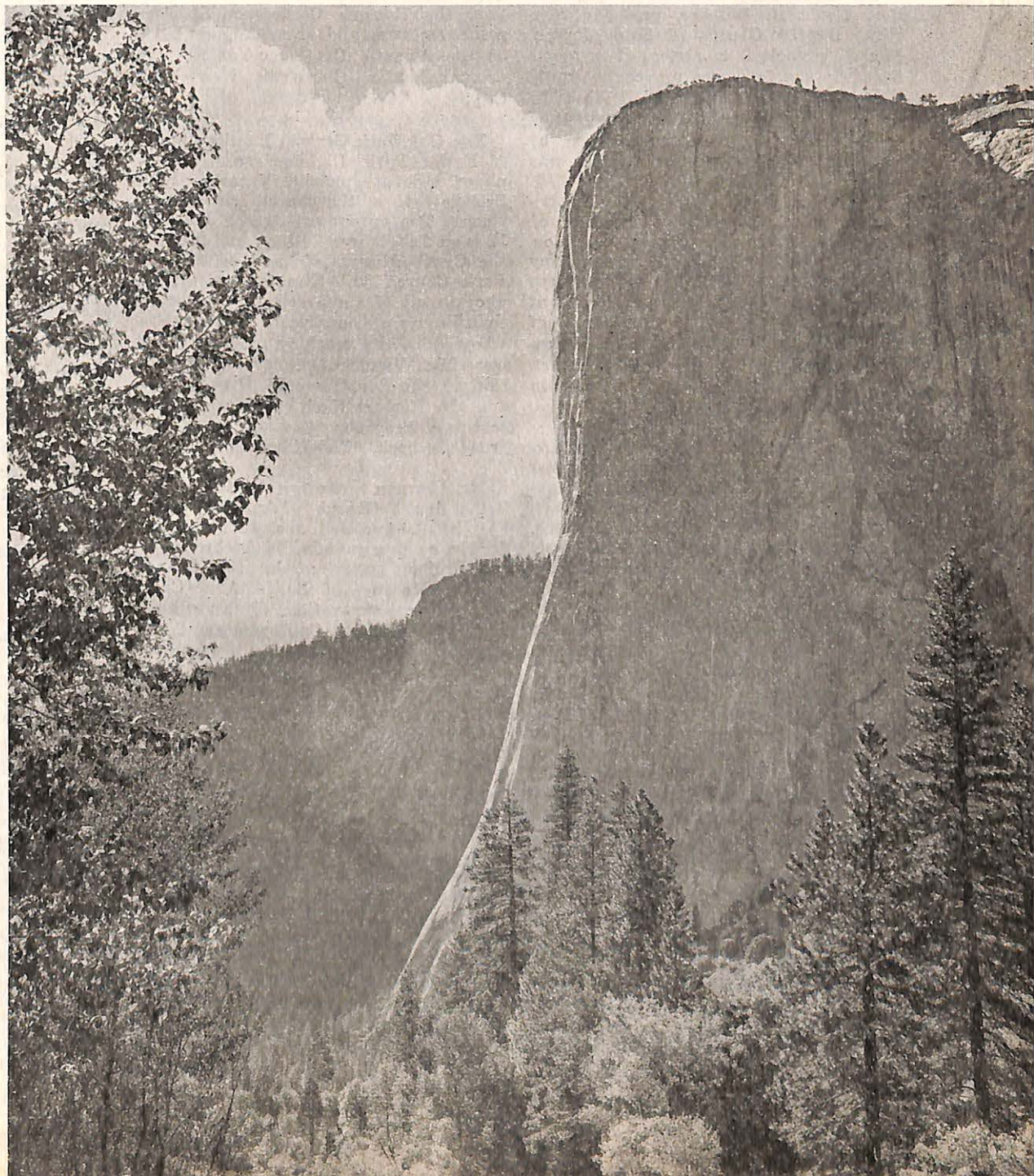


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What's Happening

The Rev. David Zimmerman, pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., for the past several years, has recently resigned with his resignation taking effect on August 1st. He is awaiting God's guidance in the continuation of his ministry in some field to which he may be called.

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At a recent business meeting of the young people's society of the German Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, the following officers were elected: Emerson Blome, president; Arthur Blome, vice-president; Edna McAdam, secretary, and Milton Langhein, treasurer. The group is looking forward to a year of constructive work.

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On the Sunday evenings of July the Rev. Louis H. Broeker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Saint Joseph, Mich., preached a series of sermons based on the following provocative questions: "Is There a God?", "What Is God Like?", "Where is God?" and "How Can I Know God?" The response by members and friends of the church was very gratifying.

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Miss Alice Schmidt, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John Schmidt of Union City, N. J., sailed on July 8 for Germany where she will visit friends and relatives and will attend the Olympic games at Berlin. Miss Schmidt is supervisor of the maternity department of Christ Hospital, Jersey City, N. J. She will return to the U.S. at the close of August on the steamship, "Europa."

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On Sunday, July 5, the Rev. Otto Fiesel, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Hilda, Alberta, Canada, baptized 11 persons and extended to them the hand of fellowship into the church. Before the baptism the Rev. Otto Fiesel preached to a large audience, composed of the members and friends of the Hilda and neighboring churches. Four of the baptismal candidates were members of a single family.

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On Sunday, June 7, the Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, pastor of the Englewood Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., had the joy of baptizing 9 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The Rev. F. S. Geergens of Chicago assisted Mr. Lengefeld in the preaching service before and after the baptism. The converts were the result of the evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. H. C. Baum in March and the evangelistic ministry of Mr. Lengefeld.

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The German Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., under the leadership of its pastor, the Rev. Walter Damrau, has begun a missionary work in the Hubbard Lake region about 20 miles from Alpena with

a monthly prayer meeting. At a recent meeting about 30 persons were present and enthusiasm seems to be deepening in the services. Mr. Damrau wrote: "It is our hope and prayer that the Lord may help us to enlarge the meetings and give us an opportunity to hold them more frequently."

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The Rev. Samuel Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote," is in the midst of an extended itinerary, visiting and participating in several conferences. From July 23 to August 2 he was a participant in the program of the Texas and Louisiana Conference held in Greenvine, Texas, in connection with the church's 75th anniversary and from August 12 to 16 in the Southwestern Conference at La Salle, Colo. From August 19 to 23 he will attend the Eastern Conference at Arnprior, Ontario, and from August 26 to 30 the Atlantic Conference at the Immanuel Baptist Church in New York City.

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The Oak Park German Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., has recently completed several splendid Vacation Bible Schools held at the church and its missions. The enrollment at the Bellwood Mission School was 80 boys and girls, at the Cicero Mission 65, and at the Oak Park Church 80. The average attendance in all of these schools was better than in any previous year. Among those who led in the teaching of the schools were Miss Victoria Orthner, church missionary, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, pastor, and Mr. Herbert Koch of Chicago. The teaching program was an adaptation from the book, "The Kingdom of Love."

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Mr. Herman Strandt, a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., has been appointed technical director for the coming year in the Anthropological Project sponsored by the Orange County Museum of Santa Ana, Calif. Archeological excavations are being made along the Southern California coast and especially in Orange County to learn the early history of that section. Mr. Strandt has served as archeologist in Germany, but for the past 22 years in California he has made archeology a captivating hobby. An article about his work has been promised for publication in "The Baptist Herald."

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The Messrs. Roy and Ralph Kraft, the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Kraft of the German Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., are touring the Southern and Central sections of California during the summer months with the gospel team of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., in which they are enrolled as second year students. They are singing in the quartet, playing the vibra harp, accordion, and other instruments and bringing their

testimonies in brief messages. Their brother, Clinton, was killed in an accident in 1934 after having almost completed his preparation for the Christian ministry. The gospel team is in charge of the Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Whitwell of the Bible Institute.

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The Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke has presented his resignation to the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., of which he has been pastor for 4½ years. Mr. Wuttke will retire from the active ministry at the close of October, 1936, after the celebration of the church's Golden Jubilee program. He has enjoyed an extended ministry of almost 40 years in Hanover, Ontario; Bethany, Oregon; Tacoma, Washington, where he served the church for two periods; Winnipeg, Manitoba; and the Second Church of Portland, Oregon. He and his family will make their home in Sacramento, Calif., to which he went as a lad 50 years ago and where he was ordained into the Christian ministry.

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On Sunday afternoon, July 12, the Rev. Fred Trautner of Hettinger, No. Dak., had the joy of baptizing 9 persons on confession of their faith in Christ in the Grand River, 16 miles south of Hettinger. In the morning the members and friends of the church gathered together in the big hall of Hettinger for the service of worship, and after the baptism the church held the communion service at which the baptized converts were given the right hand of fellowship. On June 25 another son was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner, who is now the eighth member of the family. A picture of the other members of the family appeared on page 96 in the March 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald."

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A Vacation Bible School was held the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., for 4 weeks in June under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Pankratz, and a faculty of several

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DESCRPTIVE adjectives are utterly inadequate to portray the beauty of the Pacific Coast states, out where the West really begins!

Out Where the West Begins

Flowers bloom the year around in gorgeous profusion. The mountains of the north are festooned by the stately white stalks of the bear grass; the fields of California are bedecked by the golden poppy; even the desert is transformed into a colorful garden by the numerous cacti flowers.

How richly God has blessed the West with scenic wonders of the world! One can never forget the sight of the city of Vancouver, lying quietly at the water's edge of Georgia Straits, as seen from the surrounding hills. Mt. Rainier, or Mt. Tacoma as it is sometimes called, rising majestically with its snow-capped peak into the blue of the heavens, reminds one graphically of the Psalmist's words, "I will lift up mine eyes!" No other stretch of miles in all the world is comparable to the renowned Columbia River highway near Portland with its scenic surprises at every turn in the road. The most awe-inspiring sight in all of America, next to the Grand Canyon of Colorado, is that of El Capitan in Yosemite, that towering wall of granite rising 3604 feet from the floor of the valley, an unusual picture of which is reproduced on the front cover of the current issue of "The Baptist Herald." Beaches are scattered like the shells along the sea in Southern California which with a siren's enchantment call young and old alike to its cooling waters. The evergreen orange trees with their golden fruit, the palm trees lining the streets and highways, the eucalyptus trees that take the record for height, and the large, shady walnut trees are only a few of the fascinating types of trees in the west.

Our German Baptist churches in this setting along the Pacific Coast from Vancouver and Onaway in the north to Los Angeles and Anaheim in the south form one of the most active and interesting conferences in our denomination. Even though

they are scattered at great distances from each other, their conferences and young people's assemblies are unusually well attended. In spite of the many out-of-door attractions for week-end trips, the regular services of the churches maintain a high average in attendance. The largest church of the denomination is the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Ore. The most rapidly growing church within the scope of our work is undoubtedly that of Vancouver, British Columbia. The church edifice in Anaheim, Calif., is regarded by many as one of the most beautiful of all our church buildings.

The most strikingly characteristic feature of the young people in the Pacific Conference churches is their constant and enthusiastic activity. They never seem to tire of going somewhere and doing something with a unity of purpose and wholesomeness of spirit that are delightfully contagious. At almost every church the Sunday evening service is continued for the young people on the lawn of someone's home where choruses are sung and the spirit of worship maintained. More than sixty-five young people gathered in a private home after such a service in Anaheim for an old-fashioned and inspiring song-fest. The young people of Vancouver come together on Sunday afternoons at one of the many parks for games, a program of songs and a brief devotional service. The Twin Rock Assembly held near Portland, Oregon, is one of the earliest institutes and has grown to be one of the largest and most influential of such assemblies.

Because of language difficulties the young people have not assumed the same positions of leadership in the churches as elsewhere, but they are spiritually sound and wholesome, talented to an unusual degree, zealously active and willingly responsive to Christian leadership. Out where the Golden West begins, along the foaming breakers of the Pacific, a Christian youth is arising in our churches which assuredly will make a lasting contribution to the pages of tomorrow's history.

The Prodigal Son

This comprehensive article about the first of all German masters of art, Dürer, and his world famous etching, "The Prodigal Son," has been prepared as the fourth in "The Baptist Herald" series of articles on great religious masterpieces by the popular and consecrated young pastor of the German Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington.

By the REV. GEORGE LANG

"Back to my Father and Home,
Back to my Father and Home,
I will arise and go
Back to my Father and home."

TO the great German master of art, Albrecht Dürer, we are indebted for the wonderful engraving, "The Prodigal Son." If ever a master artist was "without honor" in his own city and community, it was Dürer. A native and citizen of Nürnberg, son of a goldsmith, scholar of the renowned artist, Wohlgemut, Dürer sought his livelihood through an income from without the city. Born on May 21, 1471, he was descended from a noble Hungarian family, whose name was Ajtos, (from Aites, meaning "a door") and changed into German to Thürer or Dürer. He lived during the important period of Luther and Melancthon, Columbus and Cabot, Raphael and Moore.

Dürer, the First of All German Masters

His father wanted him to learn the trade of goldsmith and began teaching him the art of engraving on metal, especially copper. Albrecht, however, was deeply inclined toward painting. He was therefore apprenticed to the best artist of his day, Michael Wohlgemut, from whom he learned the art of painting and carving on wood. Because of his versatility, being like Leonardo da Vinci sculptor, engraver and architect, as well as a painter, many critics rate Dürer as THE master of his age. Lübke says: "In crea-

tive richness of fancy, in extensive power of thought, and in moral energy and earnest striving, Dürer must be called the first of all German masters, and as regards artistic gifts need fear no comparison with any master in the world, not even Raphael and Michael Angelo." Other art critics are not willing to estimate him so high, although they all rank him high among the foremost.

Dürer was a prolific producer of art. Being religiously reared by a strictly devout father and living in an age of great religious changes, his mind was especially occupied with religious subjects. Therefore, though he painted and engraved other subjects, the most of his productions are of a religious nature. Among his paintings the following stand out prominently: "St. John and St. Peter," "St. Paul and St. Mark," "The Crucifixion," the portrait of his father and that of himself. His series of wood-cuts on "The Apocalypse," "The Life of the Virgin" and "The Great Passion," each published in book form, brought him honor and distinction. His engravings, "Adam and Eve," "The Nativity" and "The Prodigal Son," all produced in 1504, are masterpieces of art which have never been surpassed at any time. Thus, it was not through his paintings, but rather through his engravings and wood-cuts that he received his world-wide fame as master-artist.



"The Prodigal Son," One of Dürer's Famous Engravings, Produced in 1504

A Study of the Etching

The characteristics of Dürer's artistic genius are especially prominent in "The Prodigal Son." The folds of the prodigal's garment, the hair on the backs of the hogs, the strands of hay and the stones of which the lower parts of the barns are made, reveal his thoroughness in detail. The hogs occupied with their feeding, the little pigs scampering to the eating place, the rooster scratching on the pile of straw, the two-wheeled cart in the foreground, the cow to the left, the swallow on the roof of the barn and the many buildings with their particular and individual structure present a multifirmity of objects unsurpassed in the engraving art. And still clarity has not been sacrificed but rather enhanced. Every line has a purpose and is distinctively shown. Nothing seems crowded but every detail seems important to make the scene complete.

The Story of "The Prodigal"

As we look at the picture we must think of the story of the prodigal as recorded in the fifteenth chapter of Luke. He left his home as a noble, wealthy young man. He spent his possessions on self and others in debauch and vice. He came into financial straits and sought out employment. He secured a job as a swine herder. He worked, thus, out of sheer necessity. The swine became his companions. One day while observing the troughs filled with feed he perceived that the swine were cared for, but that he was destitute and suffering for want of food and care. This was the result of his wayward ways. The turning point in this man's career when he repented and determined to return to his father is the focal point of the picture.

Let us examine the prodigal somewhat closer. We can see nobility still in his face, though it is haggard, worn and sunken. In him we see the results of a dissolute life. A firm religious resolve has taken possession of him. He is through with his past "fast" and now lonely life.

"O that I never had gone astray!
Life was all radiant with hope one day;
Now all its treasures I've thrown away,
Yet I'll arise and go."

As we fasten our gaze upon his lips, they seem to open and we can almost hear him utter the penitent and purposeful prayer: "I will arise and go to my father, and I'll say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee. I no longer deserve to be called a son of yours. Treat me as one of your hired men.'" He is casting it back and forth in his mind: "I will cast myself completely upon the mercy of my father. The world has been cold and unmerciful. Sin has a glitter and an attractive appeal, but sooner or later it lands its victim into dreariness, darkness and despair. Even the dumb animals have a more joyous life than one shackled by sin and its consequences. What a contrast between my father's wish, plan and provisions for me, his son." What can the prodigal plead?

"Something is saying, 'God loves you still,
Tho' you have treated his love so ill,'
I must wait, for the night grows chill,
I will arise and go."

We are ready to see him arise from his knees, place a stick over his shoulder to which his handkerchief containing his "seven belongings" is tied, and return home. A wayward boy returning home—worn, weary, miserable, yet penitent, purposive and wiser! And ready to plead mercy of his loving father!

Love's Universal Invitation

The love of the father, experienced before leaving home, causes the new resolve to rise in his heart. He would rather deal with his father now than with all the people in the world. A reconciliation with his father must be accomplished, whatever the price. He is willing to throw himself entirely upon the mercy of the one whom he has offended.

We know the remainder of the story. The repentance, the sorrow, the resolve to come back, the return, the appeal for mercy were not in vain. The father waits for the prodigal with open arms, with a heart full of forgiveness and love.

What a warning and challenge to every sin-shackled soul! Remember the prodigal! Once he was wealthy, healthy and happy; now he is weary, haggard and helpless. He repents and returns to his father. It is an invitation, likewise, for all who are separated from the Father-God to repent and to resolve:

"I will arise and go
Back to my Father and home."

The Prayer of a Pilgrim

BY REV. SIMON BLOCKER

O Master of the changing road,
Direct me on the unknown way;
Make my poor heart thy blest abode,
And suffer not my feet to stray.

O Master of unchanging love,
Thou mighty friend through years of grace,
As to her window flies the dove,
So may my heart thy will embrace.

O Master of the inner light,
Uphold me when the way is dark;
When thy wise plan eludes my sight,
May I in faith press toward the mark.

O Master of my destiny,
Keep clear before my vagrant eyes
The joy and power of life in thee;
Be thou my way and thou the prize.

O Master of eternal life,
Me lead to thine own victory,
May there await, beyond the strife,
The crown of immortality.

—The Homiletic Review.

Reports from the Field

Pacific Conference

The Pacific Conference at Lodi, Calif., from June 24 to 28

From the far-reaching borders of the Pacific Conference, extending from the southern part of California to the province of British Columbia, the visitors and delegates came to Lodi, Calif., for the conference days, June 24 to 28. It was, indeed, a delightful time to greet one another again after a year of labor in the vineyard of our Lord.

On the opening evening a large company of people gathered in the spacious auditorium of the Lodi church. The warm welcome of the pastor, the Rev. G. E. Lohr, was followed by a hearty response from the moderator, Dr. Jacob Kratt. It was said that it is a fine thing that we can come together in this way, for we are greatly separated from each other on the walls of Zion. The trumpet has called us together once more to deepen our convictions and to receive new orders. The sermon on this occasion was preached by the Rev. F. W. Mueller of Portland, Ore., who had chosen for his text Luke 24:32, and who spoke on "The Conversion of the Christians." In the service on Thursday evening the Rev. J. F. Olthoff of Salem, Ore., preached on "Abiding in the Lord's Word," a message based on John 8:31, 32. On Friday evening at a service in the English language the Rev. M. L. Leuschner spoke on "Things that Cannot be Shaken." Dr. C. W. Gawthrop of the Northern California Baptist Convention was the second speaker at this service.

In addition to the sermons that were preached in the services, the following addresses were given in the sessions held during the day: "The Minister's Culture of His Own Soul" by the Rev. O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif.; "What is Most Important in Sunday School?" by the Rev. G. R. Neuman of Salt Creek, Ore.; "Scriptural Sanctification" by the Rev. F. E. Klein of Wasco, Calif. On Friday afternoon, after the beautiful program of the Women's Missionary Union, the Rev. C. E. Schoenleber of Startup, Wash., preached the doctrinal sermon on the subject, "Justification by Faith."

Among the hours of highest importance in all the conference days were those of prayer and meditation, with which the sessions were begun. On the first morning the Rev. G. Schunke, pioneer-laborer in the Pacific conference, led the meeting, speaking on "Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life." The second meeting was led by the Rev. R. E. Reschke of Spokane, Wash., who spoke on "Jesus, the Light of the World." The last prayer meeting was led by the Rev. George Lang of Tacoma, Wash., based on the theme, "Jesus, the Bread of Life."

As the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt in the prayer meetings, so God's

guidance was manifested in all the business sessions. The deliberations and decisions were made in a harmonious and orderly way. Dr. J. Kratt of Portland, Ore., was again chosen as moderator of the conference, and the Rev. E. P. Wahl of Portland, likewise, being re-elected as vice-moderator. The same is true of both the secretaries of the conference. The Rev. R. M. Klingbeil was again elected recording secretary, and the Rev. G. R. Neuman was again honored with the office of statistical secretary. Mr. Klingbeil of Colfax, Wash., was elected for a second term and Mr. Klein of Wasco, Calif., for the first term as members of the mission committee. Dr. Kratt was again elected secretary of the mission committee.

One of the most interesting items on our conference program was the reports from the various churches. A note of joy and thanksgiving as well as of faith and courage was expressed in these reports. A healthy and progressive state of affairs throughout the churches presents itself in this bird's eye view. The total number of baptisms during the past year was 107, bringing the membership of the churches to an increase of 86 over last year. While the financial status showed less money raised during the past year, it is, however, by no means discouraging to see what the churches were able to do. For local purposes \$44,153 and for missionary contributions \$13,612 were raised during the past year.

The representatives from our general work were Dr. Wm. Kuhn, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Mr. H. P. Donner, and the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, director of our missionary work in the Danubian countries in Europe. Dr. Kuhn appeared several times on the program, as did also the others. In his first address he spoke assuredly on "Twenty Years as Missionary Secretary." He said that the greatest of all treasures which we as a denomination possess is the consciousness of the presence of the almighty God. He also paid a warm tribute to the unusual ministry of 40 years of Dr. Kratt in the First German Baptist Church of Portland. By a rising vote the conference added its tribute in recognition of Dr. Kratt's service.

Dr. Kuhn also presented the resolutions of the General Council to the conference and, after some discussion, the conference voted of being in favor of them. These resolutions will undoubtedly have their bearing upon our general work and deserve to be carefully considered. (See "Baptist Herald," June 1, 1936, Page 188.)

Mr. Leuschner was a great inspiration to the conference with his lively messages. In addition to the sermon already mentioned, he spoke at the large rally of the young people on Sunday afternoon on "The Tests of Discipleship." On Saturday morning he addressed the confer-

ence in the German language, speaking in general of the work he is doing as editor and young people's and Sunday School workers' secretary.

Mr. Donner represented our Publication Society located at Cleveland and spoke interestingly on the past progress of that branch of our work and in what way its present needs may be met. We were glad to hear that the subscriptions both of "Der Sendbote" and "The Baptist Herald" have materially increased in number.

Seemingly of greatest interest were the presence of Mr. Fuellbrandt and his addresses on the missionary work in south-eastern Europe. With unusual fervor and with great joy he related many instances how the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ has reached the hearts of men and women of all classes and ranks and has transformed them from the lowest sinners into the noblest Christians. It was a source of great blessing to hear how the grace of God still performs the most wonderful miracles in saving people. We were happy to have Brother Fuellbrandt with us and to hear his message.

Sunday, June 28, was the greatest of all the conference days. The large Sunday School had its session under the leadership of the local superintendent and was addressed by the following brethren: the Rev. J. G. Rott of Odessa, Wash., the Rev. M. Leger of Bethany, Ore., and the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke of Los Angeles, Calif. For the missionary service the large church was crowded to capacity with an eager and interesting company of people. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer of Vancouver, B. C., preached the missionary sermon taking as his text, John 4:35, and speaking on "The White Harvest."

In the closing service on Sunday evening Dr. Kuhn preached on the text: "Such as I have give I thee" from Acts 3:6. Dr. Kratt preached in the German language on "The Praise and Thanksgiving of the Christian." (Psalm 57:8.) These messages were both well adapted for the occasion and formed a worthy climax to the forty-second Pacific conference.

Once more we wish to thank the members of the Lodi church for their warm welcome, their kind hospitality and their constant effort to make us happy and comfortable. Above all, we thank our heavenly Father for the rich blessings he gave us and the new vision we have received. This conference will long linger as a sweet memory in the hearts of those who were privileged to share in its joy and blessings. Now we are back on the firing line, holding high the banner of the cross and marching forward, hoping to win new victories. After another year we expect to meet with our church at Salt Creek, Ore.

REV. F. E. KLEIN, Reporter.

The Fortieth Anniversary Celebration of the Ministry of Dr. and Mrs. J. Kratt

The First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, observed the fortieth anniversary of the ministry of Dr. and Mrs. Kratt from July 2 to 5. A special Jubilee Committee, appointed by the church, planned a program for this occasion.

The four day celebration started on Thursday night with a program held for the local church. It was both in the German and English languages with H. Neubert presiding. The opening prayer was by the Rev. G. Schunke of Salem, who at 86 years of age is the oldest living German Baptist minister in the Pacific Conference. The three church clerks, who have served since the church was organized in 1891, were presented. Conrad Wyss, represented by his wife, served in 1891. Fred Maulbetsch served in 1892, and James Billeter in 1893 to date. The latter was the clerk who sent the pastoral call to Dr. Kratt 40 years ago. The various organizations of the church which extended congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Kratt through representatives were as follows: Deacons by M. Bertuleit, chairman; Sunday School by Harry Johnson, superintendent; Schwestern Verein by Amalie Bachofner, treasurer; B. Y. P. U. by George Peters, president; and Trustees by G. F. Wardin, chairman. The church and Schwestern Verein, of which Mrs. Kratt has been president for 39 years, gave Dr. and Mrs. Kratt purses in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. Numerous congratulatory letters were presented and read by H. P. Donner, manager of our German Baptist Publication Society. A response followed by Dr. and Mrs. Kratt. A reception and social followed in the church parlors.

Friday was Guest Night. The English Baptist churches and German-speaking churches of other denominations participated in the program. The first part of the program was an exercise by 40 church members, called "March of Time," which was a symbolic representation of the progress of the church from 1891 to 1896 and 1896 to 1936. Each member carried a large card which had three figures, namely, the number of the year, the number of people baptized that year, and the number of people received by letter and confession. The church was organized 45 years ago with 17 members, two of whom are still living as members of the church. Dr. and Mrs. Kratt arrived 40 years ago as bride and bridegroom. The membership 40 years ago was 85, and today it is 657. Dr. Kratt baptized 889 persons and received 781 by letter and confession. The dismissals to other churches, deaths and exclusions were 1098, leaving a total of 657 members.

After "The March of Time," greetings and congratulations were extended by the following: Dr. O. C. Wright, the pastor of the Grant Baptist Church; Dr. W. Milliken, president of Western Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. C. Cline,

pastor of the Glencoe Baptist Church; Dr. F. Starring, executive secretary of the Oregon Baptist State Convention; Dr. T. Hagen, Oregon Convention director of Christian Education; Rev. G. Hafner, pastor of the First Evangelical Reformed Church; Rev. C. Wentsch, pastor of the First German Methodist Church; Rev. F. Schumann, pastor of the Rodney Ave. German Methodist Church; Mr. Larsell, chairman of the board of trustees of Linfield College and Dr. Maulbetsch. Special music was provided by the choir and a male quartet.

On Saturday, July 4, the church and Sunday School honored Dr. and Mrs. Kratt at a picnic at Pier Park, St. Johns. In the evening a Jubilee banquet was served in Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall with George Peters presiding. We were favored with special music such as group singing, two piano trios, two vocal quartets, a violin solo and after dinner speeches by the following: Rev. C. Secamp, Rev. G. Neumann, Rev. E. Wahl, Rev. G. Schunke, Rev. J. Olthoff, Rev. F. Buermann, Rev. C. Fuellbrandt and Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

Sunday, July 5, was a great day with four special meetings. At 9:45 A. M. the Sunday School met in joint session to hear the guest speakers, Dr. Wm. Kuhn and Rev. C. Fuellbrandt. Their messages were very inspirational and interesting to the Sunday School. At this time three sons of Dr. and Mrs. Kratt, Walter, Edwin and William, had the privilege of paying tribute to their honored parents. Later the morning sermon was given by the Rev. C. Fuellbrandt.

The last two meetings of the celebration at 2:30 P. M. and 7 P. M. were held in the Lincoln High School auditorium to accommodate the crowds. The afternoon meeting was sponsored by the B. Y. P. U. with the Rev. F. Mueller presiding. After a rousing song service, guest speakers preceded the main address given by Dr. Wm. Kuhn, who spoke on "The Making of Jacob Kratt." The four main points were heredity, environment, self-effort and God's grace. Following this stirring message Dr. Wm. Kuhn was presented with a beautiful basket of roses in behalf of his 20th anniversary as general mission secretary.

The closing service of the fortieth anniversary celebration of the ministry of Dr. Kratt was historical, with Emma B. Meier presiding. The combined children and church choirs rendered special music. A history of the church was illustrated by stereopticon slides compiled by James Billeter, secretary of the church for 43 years with David Billeter, his son, lecturer. Dr. and Mrs. Kratt responded with hearty thanks to the Jubilee committee in behalf of what they had done to make the celebration such a wonderful success. Thanks was also given to the church for all of the love shown towards them.

We wish Dr. and Mrs. Kratt many more years of joy and God's richest blessings in our midst.

ANNA WARDIN, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Bradley Beach Ministers' Institute

Every Spring, when the busy church year draws to a close, the ministers of the Atlantic Conference look forward with eager anticipation to four days of study, fellowship and recreation at the Young People's Cottage of Bradley Beach, N. J. This year they were again pleased to accept the invitation of the Young People's Union of New York and vicinity, and accordingly held their annual institute there from June 22 to 27.

The value of these institutes for our ministers can hardly be overestimated. It gives them an opportunity to become better acquainted in an informal atmosphere, and from this deeper understanding of each other there results a closer bond of fellowship. It also makes possible a discussion of the problems and needs of our churches, which elicits many helpful suggestions. Finally, it helps them to become more firmly grounded in the gospel of Christ, and inspires them to greater zeal for his cause.

The order of the day was the same as that which has been customary in other years. Some of the more venturesome visitors took an early morning dip in the Atlantic, but for most of us the day began with breakfast at eight o'clock. A brief devotional period followed, and papers and discussion took up the rest of the morning. The afternoons were given over to quoits, swimming, informal conversation, or promenading on the boardwalk. In the evening a brief service closed the formal program of the day.

An interesting exception this year was a trip to Lakehurst, N. J., on June 23, to see the departure of the Zeppelin, "Hindenburg." Although many were rain-drenched when they arrived home, all felt well repaid for the trip. Other special treats were ice cream given by Mr. Christian Schmidt of Newark, N. J., and a bowling party sponsored by Mr. Wurzbach of New York City.

The general theme of the institute was, "The Character and Development of the Church of Christ." The devotional periods in the morning were led by the Rev. W. J. Zirbes in his inimitable way. A note that was dominant in all the addresses and discussions of the program was a strong and vibrant faith in the ultimate triumph of the Church of Jesus Christ, no matter how formidable its foes now may be.

The Young People's Union of New York and vicinity merits our sincere gratitude for making this delightful institute possible. Nor would we forget the genial and generous service of Mr. and Mrs. A. Neuschaeffer, managers of the cottage, and their helpers. They ministered to our bodily needs in a faultless way, and we can heartily recommend to all of our people a vacation in a wholesome, Christian atmosphere at the Bradley Beach Cottage.

FRANK H. WOYKE, Reporter.

Farewell for Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Mueller

A large group of the members and some friends of the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., gathered around decorative tables in the Sunday School room on Wednesday evening, July 1, to bid farewell to Dr. and Mrs. William A. Mueller, their former pastor and his wife who are leaving for Philadelphia, Pa., where Dr. Mueller will serve on the faculty of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Under the tactful leadership of the chairman of the board of deacons, Mr. John C. Lotz, a varied program consisting of appropriate farewell messages both in songs by the church choir under the direction of Mr. Ross and the male quartet as well as in word by representatives of the various church organizations was carried out. On behalf of the trustees Mr. Poppe with fitting words presented the departing pastor with a valuable envelope. Mrs. Mehl represented the Women's Missionary Society and presented Mrs. Mueller with a fountain pen set with a kind request to use it in writing to the Society after her departure. Mr. Alfred Toelle spoke on behalf of the Young People's Society, thanking Dr. Mueller for all the help he had given them in the past.

Among the guests of honor were Professor Vartan Melconian of the Biblical Institute of New York, the Rev. Mr. Strassburger of the Woodhaven Reformed Church, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Judd, and Miss Helen Grimmell. The last two named are the daughters of a former pastor, the Rev. J. G. Grimmell. All paid eloquent tribute to the personality and work of Dr. and Mrs. Mueller. The undersigned, as acting pastor of the church, likewise added his felicitations.

Deeply moved by these expressions of Christian love, both Dr. and Mrs. Mueller gratefully acknowledged the co-operation of each society of the church and the many kindnesses shown them by individuals and by the church collectively.

During the hour of informal fellowship with refreshments afterward reminiscences were exchanged and best wishes for the future extended to the departing guests by many of those present.

Shower for the Rev. and Mrs. Milton Schroeder in Philadelphia

The members of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., received the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder and his bride into their midst on June 7. As they had come from St. Paul, Minnesota, and in a few days were to occupy the newly decorated parsonage, the Women's Missionary Societies, from the World Wide Guild age to the older women, decided to give them a complete kitchen utensil outfit.

At the invitation of Mrs. G. Schmidt, a shower was held on the spacious lawn

of the Schmidt home in the suburbs of the city on Thursday, June 11. A large circle was formed around the gifts on the lawn while the pastor and his wife were being occupied indoors by several friends. As they emerged from the house and were being escorted to their places, the group sang, "We wish you much joy." In the twilight hour they opened the packages, many having appropriate verses accompanying them. Darkness having fallen, we went inside to a bridal decorated dining room and partook of ice cream and cake.

May God bless this union of the pastor, his wife, and the church!
MRS. A. MERCNER, Reporter.

Choirs of the Second Church of Philadelphia Are Honored

In recognition of the faithful and efficient service rendered untiringly both by the male chorus and mixed choir of the Second German Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., directed by Mr. Paul Zabel and the Rev. A. Husmann, respectively, the trustees of the church arranged a picnic and dinner in their honor at the Riverside Inn, Graterford, Pa., on Saturday, July 11.

The usual activities of tennis, volley ball, canoeing and swimming gave variety and enjoyment to the day's program. One of the main features was the full course chicken and waffle dinner which was most delicious, to say the least. Almost 100 persons partook of the meal.

The motive which prompted this action on the part of the church is greatly appreciated by and serves as an incentive and an encouragement to the choirs.

Competitive games were played after dinner but these were ended abruptly by a terrific thunder and rain storm. However, we gladly dispensed with the games since it meant cooler weather after the thermometer had been soaring past the 100 mark.

Both choirs serve throughout the summer months and assist the pastor, the Rev. A. Husmann, in a weekly radio broadcast.

EVA YUNG, Reporter.

Central Conference

Wedding of the Rev. and Mrs. Max G. Mittelstedt at Dayton, Ohio

Late Tuesday afternoon, June 16, the nuptials of Miss Dorothy Ellen Barr, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Barr of Dayton, Ohio, and the Rev. Max G. Mittelstedt, pastor of the Shaker Square Baptist Church of Cleveland, were beautifully solemnized in the First Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio.

Preceding the ceremony, a program of wedding music was presented by Robert Kline, organist, and Frederick G. Barr, Jr., brother of the bride, tenor soloist. Dr. Harry G. Barr of Urbana, Ohio, an uncle of the bride, officiated at the ring ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Emil Baumann.

Miss Barr was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Barr, as maid of honor, and by Miss Lois Barr, her cousin, as bridesmaid. Lois Baird served as flower girl. The bridegroom had as his best man a former school-mate at our Rochester Seminary, the Rev. Frank H. Woyke. The ushers were William and Frederick Barr, brothers of the bride, Harry Barr, and the Rev. Reuben P. Jeschke of New Britain, Conn.

Following the service, a reception was held at the home of the bride, after which the couple left for a honeymoon trip into the Adirondacks.

The bride is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester. The Rev. M. G. Mittelstedt, a graduate of our seminary in Rochester, later studied at the University of Rochester and the Hartford Theological Seminary, and this spring received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Reserve University of Cleveland, Ohio, in which city he is also serving as pastor of the Shaker Square Baptist Church. May this union result in a long and fruitful mutual service in the Kingdom of Christ!

Northern Conference

Revival Meetings and Baptism in Rosenfeld, Saskatchewan

The German Baptist Church of Rosenfeld, Saskatchewan, Canada, is rejoicing over the rich blessings which it received during the two weeks of revival meetings commencing June 8. As a result of these services we all received more enthusiasm which inspired us to be more loyal to our Lord. The Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Ittermann and daughter served us with their best talents during the two weeks. In the second week the Rev. J. Weinbender of Leader, Saskatchewan, assisted Mr. Ittermann and brought us very inspiring, heart-stirring messages. Thirteen persons rejoiced in having given their hearts to the Lord.

On June 21 we had the joy of witnessing the baptism of twelve of these converts. The Rev. J. Weinbender brought a message after which the Rev. G. Ittermann fulfilled the commandment of Jesus by baptizing the converts on confession of their faith. In the afternoon we listened to an inspiring message by Mr. Ittermann, and the hand of fellowship was given to these before the Lord's Supper. We praise the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who has done wondrous things in our midst.

A. JASTER, Reporter.

The Northern Conference Held at Leduc from July 8 to 12

July 8 to 12 were days of spiritual uplift and harmonious fellowship for the delegates and friends attending the 34th convention of German Baptist churches of Western Canada, comprising the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, held at the country church of Leduc, Alberta. The Rev. Philip Daum,

the energetic pastor of the church, presided at the opening meeting and extended warm words of welcome to the many delegates and visitors, who had come for this auspicious gathering.

The choir voiced the sentiment of the occasion in rendering an appropriate hymn of greeting. The Rev. John Kepl of Regina, chairman, fittingly replied, expressing a desire that the convention might be a great spiritual impetus to carry on the work of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. The Rev. E. Mittelstedt of Morris, Manitoba, sounded the keynote in the opening address, based on John 4:35, 36. The devotional periods were very helpful as the following brethren spoke on consecutive mornings: Rev. A. Kujath, Calgary, Alberta; Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, Wien, Austria; and Rev. A. Bibelheimer, Southey, Saskatchewan.

We were especially happy in having in our midst representatives of our general mission work: Dr. William Kuhn, our beloved general secretary; Professor Albert Bretschneider, the new dean of our German Baptist Seminary; Mr. H. P. Donner, the capable business manager of our denominational papers; and, last but not least, the highly esteemed Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, inspector of missions in Europe. Their inspiring talks were stimulating for greater efforts in the Lord's work. Mr. Fuellbrandt graphically depicted the striking conversions and the wonderful progress that the cause of our Savior, Jesus Christ, is experiencing, despite persecutions. Dr. Kuhn's heart-searching talks made a deep impression on all assembled. He expressed very strongly this great truth: "God has a part in our lives if we only let him." On Sunday afternoon the convention tendered him through their representatives a hearty vote of thanks on the occasion of his 20 years of tireless, wise and devout leadership in our denomination. We thank God for the men of such self-sacrificing spirit whom he has given us to promote his cause, even in these trying times.

Important resolutions which were passed were to promote with greater effort the young people's work, to conduct systematic Bible Schools in all the provinces, to appoint an evangelist for the convention, and to seek to further the spiritual life and mission interest of the convention. The following list of officers for the ensuing year were elected: chairman, John Kepl; vice-chairman, A. Kraemer; recording secretary, E. Bonikowsky; statistician, G. Schroeder; mission committee, Philip Daum (secretary), A. Kraemer, A. Rosner, John Luebeck and H. Schatz.

Large audiences attended every session, and the days passed only too quickly. We have again returned to our respective fields of service in the Lord's work, each trying to do his bit and yet with the sense of unity. Though distance and circumstances may differ, we are linked together by the bonds of Christian fellowship. Next year we shall meet in the East Ebenezer Church, Saskatchewan.

FRED W. BENKE, Reporter.

NOTICE!

Churches of Northwestern Conference!

By reason of the fact that Mr. H. Keiser of Elgin, Iowa, has resigned from the position of conference treasurer due to ill health, the treasurers of the local churches within the limits of the Northwestern Conference are herewith advised to send all contributions for the denominational budget to Mr. Ben Baumgaertner, Elgin, Iowa. Mr. Baumgaertner has kindly consented to serve as treasurer until the convening of the conference in September.

With rare faithfulness and painstaking care Mr. H. Keiser has served for many years as treasurer of the Northwestern Conference, and no doubt it was with a sigh of regret that he was forced to lay down the task grown dear to him throughout the years. The Northwestern Conference acknowledges its debt of gratitude to Mr. Keiser, a debt that cannot be paid in dollars and cents but can only find its just expression in the faithful emulation of those virtues so constantly and yet modestly shown in his service to his beloved Lord and denomination.

It is our fervent prayer that the Lord may speedily restore him to health and well-being.

In behalf of the Northwestern Conference,

H. PALFENIER, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Mr. and Mrs. August Schacht Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin, for the second time in a year celebrated a golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. August Schacht completed their 50th year of wedded bliss on June 16. The honored couple held open house at their home on that day when their many friends expressed their sincere congratulations and brightened their lives with many beautiful gifts.

In the evening a program was held at the church at which the grandchildren furnished the talent along with the church choir. Tributes were offered the Jubilee couple and more beautiful gifts were presented to them. To these they responded in a most gracious and grateful manner to the delight of those assembled.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Schacht were born in Hannover, Germany. Mr. Schacht came to America in his 18th year and went directly to Racine, Wisconsin, where he was employed in the grocery and dry goods business. He organized his own business in 1881 which since his retirement about 12 years ago is operated

by a son. Two of his brothers later joined him in America and for years they operated their business in a partnership. Another brother, Henry, went to Lorraine, Kansas.

Mrs. Schacht was formerly Anna Niebuhr. She came to America in her 10th year. A brother is in the ministry of the German Baptist denomination.

They are the parents of 8 children, 7 of whom are still living. All of them are members of the parents' church. A daughter, Ruth, is the wife of Dr. F. W. Meyer, medical missionary to the Philippine Islands. She is expected home next spring.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Schacht united with the German Baptist Church of Racine soon after their arrival and have remained with this church ever since. Mr. Schacht served the church for many years as choir director, treasurer and deacon and was formerly a trustee of our denominational orphanage. He is in comparatively good health at present and his regular attendance at services, his participation in the regular activities of the church and his testimonies at the prayer meetings are an inspiration to church and pastor. Mrs. Schacht is a frequent attendant at the services but her health does not permit regular attendance. However, she is an ardent radio fan and her enthusiasm in recruiting others to listen in on her favorite radio preachers is her principle means of witnessing, and thus she also bears her testimony and seeks to interest others in the gospel of Christ.

Their many friends in Racine and elsewhere wish them peace and prosperity on the pilgrimage that lies ahead of him!
REPORTER.

OBITUARY

MRS. RAHEL HINZMAN

Born—Dec. 9, 1850
Died—June 4, 1936

Mrs. Rahel Hinzman, nee Quartier, a daughter of Lorenz and Elizabeth Quartier, was born in Old Danzig, Southern Russia, on Dec. 9, 1850, and died on June 4, 1936, at the age of 85 years, 5 months and 25 days. In 1868 she was married to Mr. Wm. Hinzman who died on Aug. 4, 1929. In 1877 they came to the U. S. and made their residence 6 miles north of Avon, So. Dak., where they continued to reside until their deaths.

In 1870 Mrs. Hinzman was baptized on confession of her faith by Brother Wendt. Since 1877 she was a member of the Emanuel's Creek Church near Tyndall, So. Dak. In her earlier years she served as a Sunday School teacher. She was an accomplished poetess and in 1901 she compiled a small booklet, called "The Praise of the Lord," containing 25 of her compositions and songs.

Besides her husband there were 4 children who passed into the eternal beyond before her. Those who are sorrowing because of the passing of mother are 3 daughters: Mrs. P. Huebner of Tyndall, So. Dak., Mrs. J. Huebner of Bristow, Nebr., Mrs. L. L. Brokofsky of Lodi, Calif., and 5 sons: Henry of Rapid City, So. Dak., Theodore of Lodi, Calif., William of Springfield, So. Dak., Emmanuel of Eagle Butte, So. Dak., and David of Avon, So. Dak., besides many relatives and friends.

At the funeral service the texts of Psalm 17:15 and Acts 2:28, which she herself had chosen, served as the basis for the message. Her blessed life was an inspiration to the bereaved. Her memory will live on as a benediction for many.

Rev. E. Broeckel,
Tyndall, South Dakota.

DAILY MEDITATIONS

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Thursday, August 27

What to Do With Your Cares

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7.

Read 1 Peter 5:6-11.

Why is your face lined with care? Where is the old-time smile and sunshine? Yes, cares have come: you have been wounded in the struggle. But have you forgotten that God cares? Bend your knees and fold your hands and in the name of Jesus throw all your cares on God, for he careth for you.

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, thy love is all around me. Thy everlasting arms carry me gently and safely through all trouble and trials."

Friday, August 28

Encouragement

"David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." 1 Sam. 30:6.

Read 1 Samuel 30:1-6.

The world is full of discouraged people. How many are bewildered by circumstances and ask: "Oh, what shall I do?" David's experience gives us the best lead on the way out of such a quandary. "He encouraged himself in the Lord his God." Yes, the Lord can transform our fears into courage, our doubts into trust, and our defeats into victories.

Prayer: "O Lord, thou didst say: 'Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee.' I put my trust in thy promise."

Saturday, August 29

The Need of Prayer

"Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Luke 18:1.

Read Luke 18:1-8.

Returning from Chicago in the flyer, I noticed between the tracks long, narrow trenches of water. I asked the man in the chair alongside of me as to their purpose. He answered: "This flyer cannot take time to stop for water; she must scoop it up, as she rushes along." And so we, hurrying along life's way, can scoop up strength and courage in prayer.

Prayer:

"I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No other voice but thine can peace afford."

Sunday, August 30

Take God At His Word

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the gates of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10.

Read Malachi 3:7-12.

Men will trust a company which has proven the value of its products, but man is not willing to trust God who for thousands of years has been supplying the needs of the entire world. Take him

at his word. Prove him, and the blessings from heaven will come upon you and yours.

Prayer: "Forgive us, gracious Father, for being so lax and hesitant in living up to thy promises."

Monday, August 31

The Highwater Mark

"What do ye more than others?" Matt. 5:47.

Read Matthew 5:38-48.

The consecrated follower of Jesus puts his ideal ever higher. Like Paul he is conscious of not having reached the high-water mark of spiritual attainment. He is not content with the low standard of the ordinary run of nominal Christians. He is ready to go the second mile, to love, not only his friends, but also his enemies. He aspires to be perfect, even as his Father in heaven.

Prayer: "O divine Master and Lord, take thou my heart; I would be thine alone."

Tuesday, September 1

God's Favorite Perfume

"And the Lord smelled a sweet savor." Genesis 8:21.

Read Genesis 8:18-22.

We have our favorite perfumes. And so God has his, too. Nothing is so sweet to him as the sincere, grateful worship of his children. Noah's sacrifice was the expression of his grateful trust in God. Have we any cause for praise? Let our thanksgiving rise like sweet incense.

Prayer: "How many reasons we have for rendering thee thanks! May our whole life be a thank offering of sweet-smelling savor!"

Wednesday, September 2

Boast Not

"What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" 1 Cor. 4:7.

Read 1 Corinthians 4:1-7.

Are we ready to admit that all that we are and that we have we owe to God? In the mercies and favors he bestows, we see the beating heart of infinite love. That should inspire us to put ourselves and our possessions with something of the same love at the service of others.

Prayer: "Dear Master, impart to us thy spirit, the spirit of unselfish devotion to the highest good of others."

Thursday, September 3

Reflection on the Brevity of Life

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalm 90:12.

Read Psalm 90:1-12.

The 90th Psalm has been called the dirge of humanity. What is more certain than death? It is well for us to remember that our days will have an end sooner or later. We then look upon life more seriously.

Prayer: "O Lord of life and death, wilt thou sink our mortality in the immortality of thy marching plans?"

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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younger teachers. The enrollment reached the total of 36 children. On Friday, June 26, a special program was held by the children of the school.

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The young people's society of the Walnut Street Church of Newark, N. J., held its last meeting on Tuesday evening, July 7, for the summer season. The program was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. John Kuehl, who gave an inspirational talk on "The Three V's of the Christian Life," in which he pointed out that the apostle Paul had received a vision to help the people of Macedonia, later heard the voice of appeal and finally responded to the volition which sent him off on his great mission. New officers have been elected and already the group is looking forward to an enterprising year ahead of them. The reporter stated that there is "a fine spirit of loyalty and fellowship in the B. Y. P. U. group."

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On Sunday, July 12, the Rev. Frederick Alf of Linton, No. Dak., baptized 19 candidates before a large crowd of members and friends of the church. Afterwards these and 3 others were given the hand of fellowship into the church. Recently the cantata, "Joseph and His Brethren," was rendered in the Linton church by 65 young people from the 4 churches of the field, which was repeated in the Wishek Church. One of the young people's societies bought a new piano for the church, and another has decided to buy one. Two of the churches of the Linton field financed and arranged for the redecorating of the interior of the church. All this has been done with willingness and joy in spite of total crop failures in the territory.

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The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, has spent the Sundays of July and August visiting the churches of the Pacific Conference. On Sunday, July 12, he preached in the morning service of the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., and in the evening addressed the Union service in the city park in charge of the church. On Sunday, July 19, he was the guest-preacher in the First and Ebenezer churches of Los Angeles. He spent Sunday, July 26, in Wasco, Calif., of which the Rev. F. E. Klein is minister, speaking to well attended services. On Sunday, August 2, he participated in the services of the German Baptist Church in Tacoma, Wash., which he had served ten years previously as supply pastor for the summer months. During the following week he visited the churches at Colfax, Spokane, Odessa and Startup in Washington. At the Sunday morning service on August 9 he was the guest of the First Church of Portland and in the evening preached in our church at Salem, Oregon. On August 12 and 13 he spoke in the Bethany and Salt Creek churches, respectively.