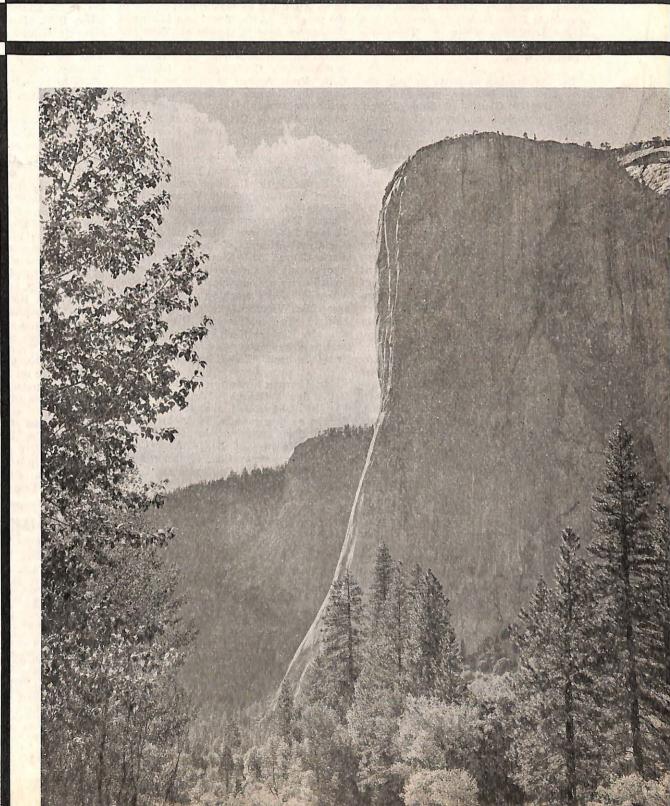
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Majestic El Capitan in Yosemite National Park of California



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What's Happening

ently resigned with his resignation takof his ministry in some field to which he may be called.

At a recent business meeting of the young people's society of the German lowing officers were elected: Emerson Milton Langhein, treasurer. The group structive work.

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 tions: "Is There a God?", "What Is City. God Like?", "Where is God?" and "How Can I Know God?" The response by members and friends of the church was very gratifying.

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 ance in all of these schools was better Berlin. Miss Schmidt is supervisor of than in any previous year. Among those the maternity department of Christ Hos- who led in the teaching of the schools pital, Jersey City, N. J. She will return were Miss Victoria Orthner, church misto the U.S. at the close of August on the steamship, "Europa."

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 and neighboring churches. Four of the baptismal candidates were members of a single family.

On Sunday, June 7, the Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, pastor of the Englewood Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., had the joy California he has made archeology a of baptizing 9 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The Rev. F. S. Georgens 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.

Mich., under the leadership of its pastor, in which they are enrolled as second year the Rev. Walter Damrau, has begun a students. They are singing in the quarmissionary work in the Hubbard Lake tet, playing the vibra harp, accordion, region about 20 miles from Alpena with and other instruments and bringing their

The Rev. David Zimmerman, pastor a monthly prayer meeting. At a recent testimonies in brief messages. of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, meeting about 30 persons were present brother, Clinton, was killed in an acci-Pa., for the past several years, has rec- and enthusiasm seems to be deepening in the services. Mr. Damrau wrote: "It pleted his preparation for the Christian ing effect on August 1st. He is await- is our hope and prayer that the Lord ing God's guidance in the continuation may help us to enlarge the meetings and give us an opportunity to hold them the Bible Institute. more frequently."

The Rev. Samuel Blum, editor of "Der Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, the fol- tended itinerary, visiting and participating in several conferences. From July president: Edna McAdam, secretary, and the program of the Texas and Louisiana Conference held in Greenvine, Texas, in is looking forward to a year of con- connection with the church's 75th anniversary and from August 12 to 16 in the Scuthwestern Conference at La Salle, prior, Ontario, and from August 26 to

> 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 attendsionary, 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."

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 of the members and friends of the Hilda 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 captivating hobby. An article about his work has been promised for publication in "The Baptist Herald."

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 Cal'fornia during the summer months with the gospel team of the The German Baptist Church of Alpena, Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif.,

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dent in 1934 after having almost comministry. The gospel team is in charge of the Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Whitwell of

The Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke has presented his resignation to the First Ger-Sendbote," is in the midst of an ex- man Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., of which he has been pastor for 4½ years. Mr. Wuttke will retire from Blome, president: Arthur Blome, vice- 28 to August 2 he was a participant in 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, Colo. From August 19 to 23 he will at- where he served the church for two pertend the Eastern Conference at Arn- iods; Winnipeg, Manitoba; and the Second Church of Portland, Oregon, He 30 the Atlantic Conference at the Im- and his family will make their home in based on the following provocative ques- manual Baptist Church in New York Sacramento, Calif., to which he went as a lad 50 years ago and where he was ordained into the Christian ministry. * * *

> 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."

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 (Continued on Page 268)

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

Out Where

Flowers bloom the year around in gorgeous profuthe West Begins sion. 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 eves!" 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 reproducd 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 Onoway 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 oldfashioned 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

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."

T O 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 Melanchthon, 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. Al-

brecht, 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 a mong 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 predominantly: "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

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.



graving on metal, es- "The Prodigal Son," One of Dürer's Famous Engravings, Produced in 1504 book form, brought

A Study of the Etching

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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 multiformity 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 hand-kerchief 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 sinshackled 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.

Denominational Forum

A PAGE OPEN TO ALL READERS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF THOUGHT

FINDING FAULT

By the REV. A. L. TILNER of Buffalo Center, Iowa

Is finding fault with the state, society, or church something of which to be ashamed? It all depends on who it is who is finding fault, and how finding the fault happens to be used. It is not only the parents' privilege but their solemn duty to find fault with their children when they are wrong and to correct them. It is the teacher's task to examine the lesson of his pupils to find the mistakes and to see that the children are taught to avoid the faults. No. faultfinding has been used for the past five thousand years or more and will be practised as long as the world stands. Parents, teachers, preachers and prophets will have to watch the mistakes in the home, in the school, in the a prayer that all Christians might live church, in the state and in society, if out God's law of love. The reaction of truth, honesty and righteousness are to prevail.

The writer of this article has found, however, that in certain modern circles, fault finding is frowned upon as bad practise. A certain minister in commenting on Philippians 4:8 said that the apostle Paul taught the Christians a fine lesson by telling them that they should look and think upon that "which is lovely and of good report." "But," said the minister, "this is not always done. There are a lot of people who find fault with the church and society. They remind me of the dogs which noticed the sore spots on poor Lazarus. The apostle Paul teaches a different truth, namely, that we should look upon that which is lovely and of good report." But the minister made the mistake of stressing these two points in Philippians 4:8 and he forgot to stress the first part of Paul's words in that passage where he should think of that, too.

founded, as we can read in his epistles. The Lord Jesus found fault with the is full of doubters, but doubting is not churches in Asia. He found that which part of the great commission. was lovely and of good report in most of these seven churches, but where they cized it, found fault with it, and told them how to correct it.

The home and the church which everlook the faults and mistakes of the members of the household will soon be overrun with weeds, so that that which is lovely will be hidden by that which is true, but which may not be lovely nor of good report.

Of course, finding fault without trying to remedy or to correct it is wrong, but thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12: to watch and to correct the mistakes in 37). "Forbid him not, for there is no the Christian way is the divine order man which shall do a miracle in my and command!

THE GREAT COMMISSION

"An Answer to the Attacks on Kagawa" By Mr. Paul Shellhouse of Peoria, Illinois

(A student in the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Illinois)

For all Christians the gospel of Jesus Christ is not only a great commission but the great commission. It is sad, indeed, that Christians, being part and parcel of the great commission, should quarrel about what constitutes the gospel. I was deeply impressed and challenged by three articles, published in "The Baptist Herald" of April 15, 1936, expressing various reactions toward Kagawa and his message. In the opinion of Miss Kruse and Mr. Gieseke, Kagawa seems to have inspired a deep admiration and the Rev. John Warning to Kagawa's message seems to be the following: thrilled by the man's life, but doubting the practicability of the law of love, he acknowledges the failure of the Christian Church to inspire and to provide a definite program of works by faith and so expresses a preference to preach Christ and him crucified. Are these things included in the great commission? Has it been retracted? Let us analyze this thing which has upset the world and caused so much bitterness and discussions among Christian people.

The doubt as to achieving a world controlled by the law of love is well founded. Man is not willing to sacrifice for the good of the community and Scripture backs it up with Romans 8:7. But when we accept Jesus and the cross he bore for us, we not only must be, but we are eager to be, new persons and to bear a cross for him. Jesus said, "He says, "what is true and honest." We that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me" (Matthew The apostle Paul found fault with 10:38). If we doubt the practicability many of the churches which he had of God's love, we doubt the power of the cross and his redeeming grace. The world

The favor te indoor sport of some socalled Christians is doubting this man were wrong, Christ saw that and criti- and that man, because in his Christian work such a one is trying to lift his fellowmen materially, as well as spiritually. Bitter and caustic un-Christian remarks and insinuations are printed by religious publications about various leaders and sincere men. Is that a part of the great commission?

Jesus had very definite things to say of such a condition. "For by thy words

For he that is not against me is on our part" (Mark 9:39, 40). The apostle James writes these inspired words, "If any man among you seems to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain" (James 1:26).

The time has come when young people must face the fact that our great Christian family is polluted with war makers. liquor manufacturers and sellers, grafting politicians, cheaters and deceivers. but the greatest menace is the laziness and unwillingness of Christian people to consecrate their lives to our Lord and the great commission. When Jesus found the temple polluted with thieves, he drove them out. Determined that his Father's house should be one of prayer, he used positive and courageous action to bringt that about.

The question is asked, "Shall we abandon the great commission in an effort to change the existing social order?" What is the social order in which you and I and our neighbor live? Is it the liquor traffic, commercial prostitution, gambling, crooked and perverted politics and courts? Is the lack of the use of God's word in our public schools a part of our social order? Are we our brother's keeper? If so, shall we, "Christian youth building a new world," change this order? I say, "Yes!", and the great commission challenges us to do all these things which shall lift our fellowmen.

The Rev. John Warning asked, "If you choose, you may give your energy to reconstruct the present economic system. but I prefer to preach Christ and him ciucified." Is preaching alone the great co mission? The story is told about a minister who pleaded with a member of his congregation to abandon his business which was that of manufacturing amunitions. The wife of the man, a socially prominent lady, charged the man of God "to keep his nose out of other people's private affairs and preach Christ and him crucified." Can the ministers of the word preach such a gospel and ignore the conditions of their fellowmen? Does such a gospel sanction sin and war? Will words alone win an unsaved and sin-sick world to God? The word of God says, "No." "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel. not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God' (1 Cor. 1:17, 18).

Awaken, ye young soldiers of the thou shalt be justified, and by thy words cross! Put on the whole armor of God and go forth into battle against the angel of darkness! That is the task of "Christian youth building a new world," name, that can lightly speak evil of me. fulfilling the great commission!

Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Sunday, August 16

Perfect Peace

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3.

Read Isaiah 26:1-9.

How restless the world is about us! There is so much hurry and anxiety. There is need of that peace that banishes the restlessness and irritation that spoil life for millions of people. But peace does not come as the result of sheer will power. It is when faith does its work within, that the faces of men and women light up and give evidence of inner peace.

Prayer: "Work thou, O Lord, the peace that passeth all human under-

standing."

Monday, August 17 Fulness of Life

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10.

Read John 10:7-14.

Christ was interested in man's physical life, and so he healed the sick. He was interested in man's mental life and confounded the wise men of his day with his own wisdom. He was interested in man's social life and shared it. But above all, he was interested in enriching man's soul.

Prayer: "Out of thy inexhaustible fullness grant us, heavenly Father, an ever richer abundance of thy life and

power."

Tuesday, August 18

Where Do You Stand?

"Who is on the Lord's side?" Exodus 32:26.

Read Exodus 32:25-35.

Some Christian people came to Lincoln in the darkest day of the Civil War and said to him: "We trust the Lord is on our side." Lincoln replied: "I am not so much concerned whether the Lord is on our side, as I am that we should be on the Lord's side." Is the Lord on our side? That is not so important. Are we on the Lord's side? That is allimportant.

Prayer: "Thy side, O Lord, is always the side of right, justice and truth. May we stand with thee!"

Wednesday, August 19 Ridicule Became Prophecy

"He saved others; himself he cannot save." Matt. 27:42.

Read Matthew 27:38-44.

Thus the priests and scribes taunted Jesus, "He saved others; himself he cannot save." They did not realize that they were giving utterance to a wonderful prophecy. It was just because he came to save others that he could not

true Christian life. It is life through

Prayer: "Help us, divine Savior, to walk in thy footsteps, surrendering all, to gain all."

Thursday, August 20

Faith

"The just shall live by his faith." Habakuk 2:4.

Read Habakuk 2:1-4.

Faith is not sacrificing the present for the future; it is taking both the present and the future. Faith is not depleting life; it is completing life. Through faith we come to the discovery of a great God for ourselves and to the achieving of a Christ-like character in ourselves.

Prayer: "Almighty God, we walk by faith in thee and not by sight."

Friday, August 21 All Things

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Rom. 8:28.

Read Romans 8:22-30.

It is as true of the mercy of God that good fortune shall not harm us as that disaster and sorrow shall not disturb us. The grace of God is as much needed in green pastures as in the desert, as much by the still waters as on the stormy seas. Trusting in God's goodness, the bitter things in life may somehow ripen into sweetness.

Prayer: "May we, merciful God, at all times trust thee, knowing that thou dost order all for our good"

Saturday, August 22

The Right Road

"This is the way, walk ye in it." Isaiah 30:21.

Read Isaiah 30:15-21.

It is easy to get on the wrong road. We must watch and pray that we choose the right path and continue therein. The Word of God is our road book. Heeding it, we will not drift along aimlessly, but we will reach the goal.

Prayer: "Keep thou my way, O Lord, myself. I cannot guide;

Nor dare I trust my erring steps, one moment from thy side.'

Sunday, August 23

The Unknown God

"Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive that ye are very religious. For as I passed along, I found also an alter with this inscription, To an Unknown God. What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this I set forth unto you." (Amer. Revised Version.) Acts 17: 22,

Read Acts 17:22-31.

While we are enjoying the worship of save himself. "The seed must die, if it God today, it is well for us to be re-

shall bring fruit." Such, also, is the minded of the primitive days of Christian history, when the world, though idolatrous, was nevertheless blindly groping after God. But for the work of men like Paul we, too, would still be worshipping the unknown God.

Prayer: "We thank thee, Father in heaven, that thou today art being made known well-nigh in all lands and among

many nations."

Monday, August 24

The Angel of His Presence

"In all their afflictions he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them." Isa. 63:9.

Read Isaiah 63:1-9.

The mystery of suffering has always been hard to understand. Even our Savior in his passion, when the Father's face was turned away, cried out, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" The "thorn in the flesh" cannot always be removed, even in answer to prayer. But God is nigh. He knows how much we can bear. "In his love and in his pity he redeems us."

Prayer:

"Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to they bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high."

Tuesday, August 25

The Unchanging One

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13:8.

Read Hebrews 13:7-14. Jesus Christ is not like the ever changing fashions, but like the unchanging stars. His love is unchanging. His love survived the cross. His love will never let us go. His truth is unchanging. The teachings of Christ can never grow old. The cross will ever remain the unchanging grounds of forgiveness.

Prayer: "Change and decay all around I see; O thou, who changest not, abide with

me.

Wednesday, August 26 Why Halt? Go Forward!

"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Exodus 14:15. Read Exodus 14:13-18.

O cruel dilemma! The Egyptians or the Red Sea! The Israelites cry to Moses in their extremity. Moses answers: "Go forward!" In the face of difficulty we must not halt in cowardly fear. Problems are not solved by repining. Indeed, they grow larger and blacker as we dwell upon them. Go forward! God will surely go with you to open and to smooth the way.

Prayer: "With thee to lead us on, O God, we cannot be dismayed."

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BEAUTY for ASHES

by Grace Livingston Hill

SYNOPSIS

Vanna joined her sister, Gloria, in a picturesque village where they met two Christian young men, Murray MacRae and Robert Carroll. In their company they forgot all about their fashionable city friends and former worldly ways and through them were led, to make decisions for Christ as their Savior. Their happiness was rudely disturbed by the arrival of a former suitor of Vannas, Emory Zane, who persuaded her to go out riding with him for an hour before a rehearsal for a church program. Once Vanna was in the car and in his grip, Emory Zane drove off wildly with her far away from the village into the darkness of the night and impending danger.

CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

In silence the night settled down about them. She said nothing more and he said nothing. The way ran through the darkness of deep forest land, and then wound down, farther and farther, into pitch dark valleys and up again, but still more and more down, and less and less up. She wished she had noted the mileage when they started. How far were they from Afton?

Five o'clock had passed long since. Six o'clock, and seven had come and gone. They would be on their way to meeting now, and what would they think of her? "Oh, God, for Robert Carrolls'

It was after eight o'clock, if she could judge by her weariness, when having skirted the edge of a fairly large town they drove up to a hillside into a sharp turn among the trees and stopped before a heavily curtained, dimly-lighted house, where a number of cars were parked along the side of the drive. The place did not look attractive. It filled her with distrust. Would she find someone to help her in this place, or some way of escape?

It was too late now to get back for the meeting of course. That must be well under way, and what did they think of her, a deserter? But it was possibly not too late to get back before midnight. Or was it? She tried in her weary mind to calculate the hours they had been on the way in that fast flying car. But she must be on the alert and take any chance that offered.

"Come! This is the place!" said her escort and there was actually pleasant anticipation in his voice,

She followed him silently, hating every step she took, wondering if per-

this terrible man? Wondering, if it halt near the regions of the kitchenwas her punishment for insisting on going against Gloria's earnest plea?

He seated her for a moment in a sort of reception room and went to speak to a waiter. Her glance went hurrying around the room for possible escape, but she dared not attempt it yet. If she tried to dart out the door with Zane standing over there in full sight of her a word from him would have a dozen men at once after her. She had no hope of escape that way. She must abide her time.

He came back to her in a moment and she forced a haughty little smile, a she was here now, could not help her- Afton. self, and she would make the best of it. Perhaps that was the way he read it, for he smiled down at her as if nothing had happened between them.

"Yes, this is the place," he said. "1 was sure I was on the right road. Now, dinner is ready at once. I'm going to look over the tables and see which is best. The dressing room is through that door and up some stairs to your right. Would you like to go and powder your nose before we eat?"

Silently acquiescing she went toward the door to which he had pointed. It led to a short lighted stairway. She could hear voices up there. As she closed the door behind her she felt a tiny draught of air blowing across her hot cheeks and drawing a deep breath she turned toward it and discovered a door, unlatched, that led outside. Someone had forgotten to fasten it. She pushed it softly and stepped through, out to a stone doorstep with lilac bushes sheltering it on either s'de in great thick c'umps. Instinct led her to slip behind one of these and there she stood with her heart beating wildly. What should she do now? She could not stay here. He would inevitably discover her, and that right quickly.

Should she dare to run out to the car and drive away in it? But she remembered seeing him lock the car and put the key in his pocket. No hope of getting away that way. And even if she could she would soon be caught. He would send out word to the police in every direction that she had stolen his car. She could not hope to get away

But how could she get away. She could not walk all the distance to the village they had passed.

Then up the driveway with two bright lights streaming ahead, and noisy clathaps this was the way God was taking ter, came a delivery truck, thrashing

Her resolve was taken at once.

She waited till the delivery boy swung down with his basket and went noisily into the kitchen. Then she flew like some shadowy bird of the night across the drive and put herself on the other side of the truck, standing in the shadow waiting for his return, trying to remember how much money she had along with her. How thankful she was that her father had brought them up to carry money enough along for an emergency. It had been a habit with her always. But she couldn't remember how much she had. There smile that seemed to say to him that had been so little need for money in

But there was no time to calculate. The delivery boy was coming back with his empty basket and his hands full of cake that someone in the kitchen had given him. Now was her time.

"Could you take me back to the village with you?" she spoke out of the shadow. "I'll give you five dollars if

The boy's jaws paused in their chewing for a second as he surveyed her white face and delicate dress, then he shifted his cake to his cheek and said jovially, "Five bucks? Sure, sister. Hop in!"

He reached down a sticky hand and pulled her up to the seat then whirled his truck noisily about as if it had been a toy, and stepped on the gas.

Vanna shrank back into the shadow of the truck as they shot past the hooded windows and doors. It was all silent. N) one was after her yet. Zane would not have discovered her absence so soon. He would wait perhaps a few minutes before making an alarm, or sending some attendant up to the dressing room

She sat breathless as they thundered down the road, almost laughing hysterically at the contrast between this and the ride up to this place.

She found herself clinging to the seat frantically, expecting momentarily to be thrown out as the truck bumped wildly down the dark hills, and over the humpy road she had not noticed on her way up because of the resilient springs and soft upholstery. Here was a seamier side of life than even living on a farm and doing one's own work. Or was this perhaps a part of farm life? Would one perhaps have to ride on trucks sometimes? Well, better far a truck and peace in the heart, than luxury, terror, anger, hate.

"What train you lowing ta take?" the haps this track driver asked when the last mouthful of cake had disappeared, and he had wiped his mouth with the back of his hand, and his hand on the leg of his trousers, and turned to look her over.

"Why, I'm not sure just the exact time it goes," said Vanna, "that's why I am in such a hurry. I haven't any timetable. You don't happen to know about the trains, do you?"

"Well, there's a train around nine ur ten goes through to Portland, but it's a way train, an' powerful slow. I guess you could make that. It generally takes me ten ur fifteen minutes ta make this

He lit a cheap cigarette, took a puff or two, and leaning back gave her a friendly side glance.

"You work up ta that place?"

Vanna caught her breath and was about to make a haughty negative reply when she real'zed a vantage.

"No," she said with a slight drawl of ind fference, "I didnt like the looks of things."

"Don't blame ya!" said the lad approvingly. "It's a tough joint. Wouldn't want my sister ta stay in a dump l'ke that, though times are hard an' ya can't be too choosy of course. Come far?'

"Well, not so far," said Vanna. "It's this side of Portland," she added, "in the country. I can't thank you enough for taking me to the train. I just couldn't see staying there all night."

"Don't blame ya a bit. Well. I'm glad to help va out.'

The boy wasn't much older than Brandon she decided and she looked at him thankfully, and wondered what attitude he would take, just supposing Emory Zane should come after her and demand that the boy give her up, saying she was his wife, or sister? She felt convinced that he would stop at nothing to carry out his purposes. She recalled vague stories she had heard of his putting his last wife in the insane asylum. and since her experience of the afternoon and the look on his face when he had declined to take her back she could easily believe them true. She shivered a little, and drew farther back in her corner of the seat. If Zane should hold them up how much help could she hope from this boy?

"You cold?" asked the lad suddenly. "I got a piece of burlap back here in the truck that come over a crate of oranges. It's fairly clean if ya want it round yer shoulders."

He reached back in spite of her protest that she was all right, and brought it forward, shaking it out and laying it clumsily about her shoulders-

"It gets awful chilly sometimes of an evening coming down in these valleys," said the boy. "See them wreaths of fog! Ain't them purty? They look just like feathers sometimes, and then again it gets so thick I can't see a foot ahead of me when I'm bringin' the truck down the mountain in the dark!"

Vanna, in momentary fear of being followed, found herself nevertheless greatly entertained by this simple lad's

to pose as a country girl seeking work. Well, if she heard Zane's car following she would just throw herself on the mercy of the boy, tell him she had run away from a man whom she feared, and perhaps he would stand by her and hide her somewhere.

But the moments went by and Emory Zane did not arrive. The village in the valley drew nearer and nearer, till as they entered it they saw far on the upper road the lights of a powerful car shooting alone above the valley. Could that be the cream-colored car? Once it shot out into view with a strange glitter and Vanna was sure, and deeply thankful in her heart, that if it was ter go!" and "Awwright, hold her!" Zane's car it had taken the high road and she was safely sheltered in the val-

And so Vanna Sutherland, daughter of a multimillionaire, rode thankfully up to the little country valley station in a delivery truck, wearing burlap about her shoulders to keep her warm.

But when she got out her purse to pay the truck driver his promised fee he protested, the coveted "five bucks" almost in his grasp.

"Say, I hate to take this! You sure you can spare it? I'd hate ta rob ya. You've had a rotten deal, goin' ta a place like that fer work. You ain't their kind, anybody c'n see, and ya know I ain't out nuthin' bringing ya down. I'd ruther hev company than not, and it didn't cost me a cent. You better keep that five bucks. You'll need it likely."

But when Vanna insisted he allowed his wistful eyes to linger on the bill again, and his eager hand to grasp it.

"Well, ef you insist-!" he drawled with a grin, "course I kin use it," and he stuffed it nonchalantly into his pocket, of a mere truck driver. Also the position to which a multimillionaire's daughter could be reduced by circum-

Vanna had no difficulty in making the train. It was late. Later than usual. The truck driver before he left her discovered that fact for her from the loungers who usually made the platform their evening rendezvous.

They were sitting in a row on the edge of the platform with their feet comfortably settled on the nearest rail in earnest converse, and they looked up interested as she alighted from the truck.

Vanna drifted quickly around to the other side of the station and sought for haven within, but found to her dismay that the station, though lighted dimly, was locked. She stood leaning dismally against the wall, first on one foot, then on the other, till she spied an empty strawberry crate and sank thankfully down upon it. Vanna, garbed in burlap sitting on a strawberry crate! She laughed softly to herself at the irony of it all, and realized that all her trouble was of her own making.

Just before the freight rambled in like a lazy old bum to whom time meant nothing at all, the young truck driver conversation, found it even a comfort returned and put her in the caboose.

She had to walk the track for about the distance of half a city block before she reached even this haven, and when the boy swung her up the steep steps that seemed like a ladder let down from the skies, she looked about her in dismay. Was that what a coboose was like inside? And that hard seat was all the provision there was for stray travelers like her-

But nobody apologized and she slipped into the only obvious seat and waited, hours more it seemed, while the train lingered on a sidetrack, and outside men up and down the track shouted advice to one another, such things as "Let-

Then the tran would seemingly start on its reluctant way, amble along to another brief location, and return to be shunted back and forth.

But finally men seemed to be embarking. The young truck driver returned and spoke a good word for Vanna to the questionable looking man who seemed to be conducting affairs.

"Lock after this dame for me, wontya, Ted? She's all right and she's been having a rocky time of it."

Then to Vanna who had tried to smile at the forbidding looking conductor he called, as he swung off the now moving

"So long, sister! Hope ya get through awwright. Give all the folks my re-

With a grin he threw a package of lifesavers into her lap and disappeared into the darkness. Vanna felt as if she were bereft of her last friend.

She put her head back against the hard window frame that jutted behind her seat and closed her eyes. At least she was off and that was something for leaving Vanna to reflect on the gallantry which to be thankful. Not even the most zealous of followers could expect to find her at this hour of the night seated in the crude surroundings of a freight caboose. It was terrible but it was safe, at least safe from Emory Zane

The freight train clattered on with much the same sound and comfort that one might have in a spring wagon. Vanna ached from head to foot, and was cold in spite of her burlap wrap. She was faint from hunger now, too. Presently she thought of her lifesavers and ate them slowly one by one, reflecting on the kindness of a boy's heart.

There was ample time for reflecting during that long ride and Vanna went over her past life up to date and made a number of resolves about the future. She sat face to face with herself and saw that Emory Zane would never have dared to go as far as he had that afternoon if she had not encouraged him back at home. Why did she do it? Why was she such a fool?

Then she fell to thinking of her friends in Afton. Would she ever be able to hold up her head among them again? What sould she tell them? The whole truth, how she had been detained against her will? What would they think of her cho'ce of friends, of her

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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

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 con- received. This conference will long linger sidered. (See "Baptist Herald," June 1, as a sweet memory in the hearts of those 1936, Page 188.)

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 Satfelt in the prayer meetings, so God's urday 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

Seemingly of greatest interest were the presence of Mr. Fuellbrandt and his addresses on the missionary work in southeastern 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

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 who were privileged to share in its joy Mr. Leuschner was a great inspiration 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 oc-

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 dismissal 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. Seecamp, 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, selfeffort 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

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. Wurzback 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. of the Schmidt home in the suburbs of

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 und the male quartet as well as in word by representatives of the various church organizations was carried out. On behalf of the trustees Mr. Poppke 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.

ADOLF E. KANNWISCHER, Reporter.

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 Baumann.

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

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 tennies, 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

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

Eva Yung, Reporter.

Central Conference

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

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.

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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 Wedding of the Rev. and Mrs. of Jesus by bapting 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 consective 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

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

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 Emanuels 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 "To the Praise of the Lord," containing 25 of her compositions and songs.

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.

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.

Report of the Annual Meeting

of the Board of the German Baptist Children's Home in Saint Joseph

Tuesday, June 9, was a beautiful day in Saint Joseph Mich., amidst the picturesque setting of this choice part of the country, lying as it does on the smiling shores of Lake Michigan. But to some of us it was especially gratifying, in that it brought together in the delightfulness of Christian fellowship the members of the board of our Children's Home.

Besides the members of the board who live in Benton Harbor or Saint Joseph, there were also present the chairman, Mr. C. J. Netting of Detroit; Mr. J. A. Conrad from distant New Jersey; the secretary, Mr. Walter Grosser from Forest Park; a former pastor in these parts who is now in Milwaukee, the Rev. H. W. Wedel, making in all 12 of the 15 members present.

After the meeting was called to order by the chairman with the reading of an appropriate Scripture passage, Mr. Wedel led in prayer, and we were ready to hear the minutes and the interesting and gratifying reports of Mr. Christian Schmidt, a former president of the board, and of the Rev. Hans Steiger, who with his wife are really father and mother to our otherwise fatherless and motherless children.

We learned from the report of "Pa" Steiger that the Home's family at present consists of 25 members. The past year has seen 10 members of the Home leave, and 8 others come to take their places. The youngest member of the family is 4 years of age. During the past year we saw 3 of the family follow Christ in baptism and unite with the church, making 40 who have thus followed Christ during the 13 years of the Rev. and Mrs. Hans Steiger's leadership, and in all 54 since the Home came to Saint Joseph from Louisville, Kentucky. We are grateful that severe illness during the past year has been at a minimum, and were further

gratified to know that one of our fine young men, Irwin Metzler, this year graduated from High School.

Finances are a problem that are always with us, and a Home and family, such as ours at Saint Joseph, have their needs. But we rejoice that God through our loyal constituency has taken care of us in this way, too. We are also sure that the Home's friends will not forget us in the days to come.

During the year we lost two of the fine and faithful members of our board, and while fitting resolutions were adopted to become part of the records, we cannot refrain from remembering and expressing our appreciation of them in this report. Mr. Alfred Elwang of Louisville, Kentucky, who passed away on December 27, 1935, was a member of the board for 40 years, serving faithfully and with great interest. Mr. Daniel Knechtel of Hanover, Ontaro, Canada, who went to his reward at the high age of 92 years on January 18, 1936, was also an appreciated and respected member of the board. We are grateful to God for men of this type, and we are sure that we have another such friend in the Rev. Gustave Eichler of Streeter, No. Dak., who was elected a member of the board, as a representative of the Dakota Con-

One of the joys of this day for the members of the board of the Home is to fellowship with the Rev. and Mrs. Hans Steiger, to enjoy dinner with them in the family dining room between the morning and afternoon sessions, and to see the wholesomeness and happiness of the boys and girls. Let's think of them often, and remember them in our prayers and with our gifts!

H. L. BROEKER, Reporter.

Beauty for Ashes

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being willing to go out with a man like but she had been in the country long

Question after question beat its way through her weary mind as the train bumped on lazily through the night. Now and then it would come to a jerking halt, and wait till she could hear the treetoads singing, and the crickets in the grass by the tracks, and now and then a marsh frog giving a lazy, sleepy croak.

Three times they stopped at small towns and shuttled up and down the side tracks, making terrible collisions with a car they were picking up that shattered the little nerve Vanna had left. Then when she had almost given up hope they would move on again.

She dared not look at her watch. She knew the hour was a frightful one for a woman to be alone to be returning to Afton. At home it would not have been ya off all righty!" such a dreadful thing, easily explainable,

enough to get custom-wise, and her distress was great. She began to strain her eyes into the darkness to watch for names on stations that she seldom could distinguish till after they were past. She finally ventured to question the grumpy conductor when he returned on one of his infrequent trips to the caboose to get another lantern or flag for use in his mysterious machinations outside.

He assured her briefly that he would tell her when they reached Ripley, and he condescended to tell her the fare and accept it from her silently, almost as if it were a favor to take it.

And then at last, Ripley!

"This train don't usually stop at Ripley without there's freight," volunteered the conductor annoyedly, "but we'll let

He helped her down from an immense

height when they at last came to an uncertain stop, and she found herself sliding down a bank of cinders to unknown depths of blackness below.

"You'd best stick up here ta the track," he called back to her from the height of the last step of the caboose, "it's better walking up here in the dark. There's the station right down there a piece. You just foller on after the train."

She looked up in dismay from the slippery position, and saw him with his red lantern in his hand, the knotted blue handkerchief about his neck. His gruff countenance in the weird lantern light seemed almost like some seasoned old angel who had been sent down to drop her on the earth from a great height.

There she stood and watched him slip away into the night, herself slipping slowly, down, down, an inch at a time, and struggling to keep her balance. The train seemed to be going away from her so much faster than it had traveled while she was on it! It had gone around a curve now with one last wicked leer from the red lantern at the back, and she was alone! Alone in what seemed a vast crater of darkness. But presently when the clatter of the train died away the earth about her resolved itself into natural night sounds again. The tree toads in the distance, the crickets near at hand, the chug of a bull froge plunking into water. Water! There must be a pond or a swamp nearby and if she should inadvertently fall into it what terrible fate might not be hers. She turned in fright and scrambled toilsomely up the cinder steep back to the track as she had been advised, whimpering softly as she went.

But once firmly standing on the track she found herself trembling. How long would it be perhaps before another train would come rushing along? And where would she go, what would she do then? Yet there was nothing to do but walk that track till she came to something, and she had much ado to do that. Ties were not laid with pleasant calculation for a lady's walk in the dark, and she often missed her footing. Once she fell and ground the cinders into her hands and knees, then picked herself up quickly with a frightened look behind and before for that possible train that might come along on this single track railroad.

She peered into the darkness ahead, and to either side. They had told her that this was Ripley, but she could see nothing that could be either Ripley or any other town. On and on she stumbled from tie to tie, and sometimes the ties were far apart and sometimes too near together, and then down she would

The little crickets cricked on, the bull frogs and the tree toads sang their night song regardless of her strait, and ahead there were only dark shapes, like

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DAILY MEDITATIONS

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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 quandry. "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.

Praver:

"I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;

No other voice but thine can peace af-

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.

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 highwater mark of spiritual attainment. He is not content with the low standard of the ordinary run of nominal Chr stians. 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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teachers. younger The enrollment reached the total of 36 children. On Friday, June 26, a special program was held by the children of the school.

* * * 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."

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.