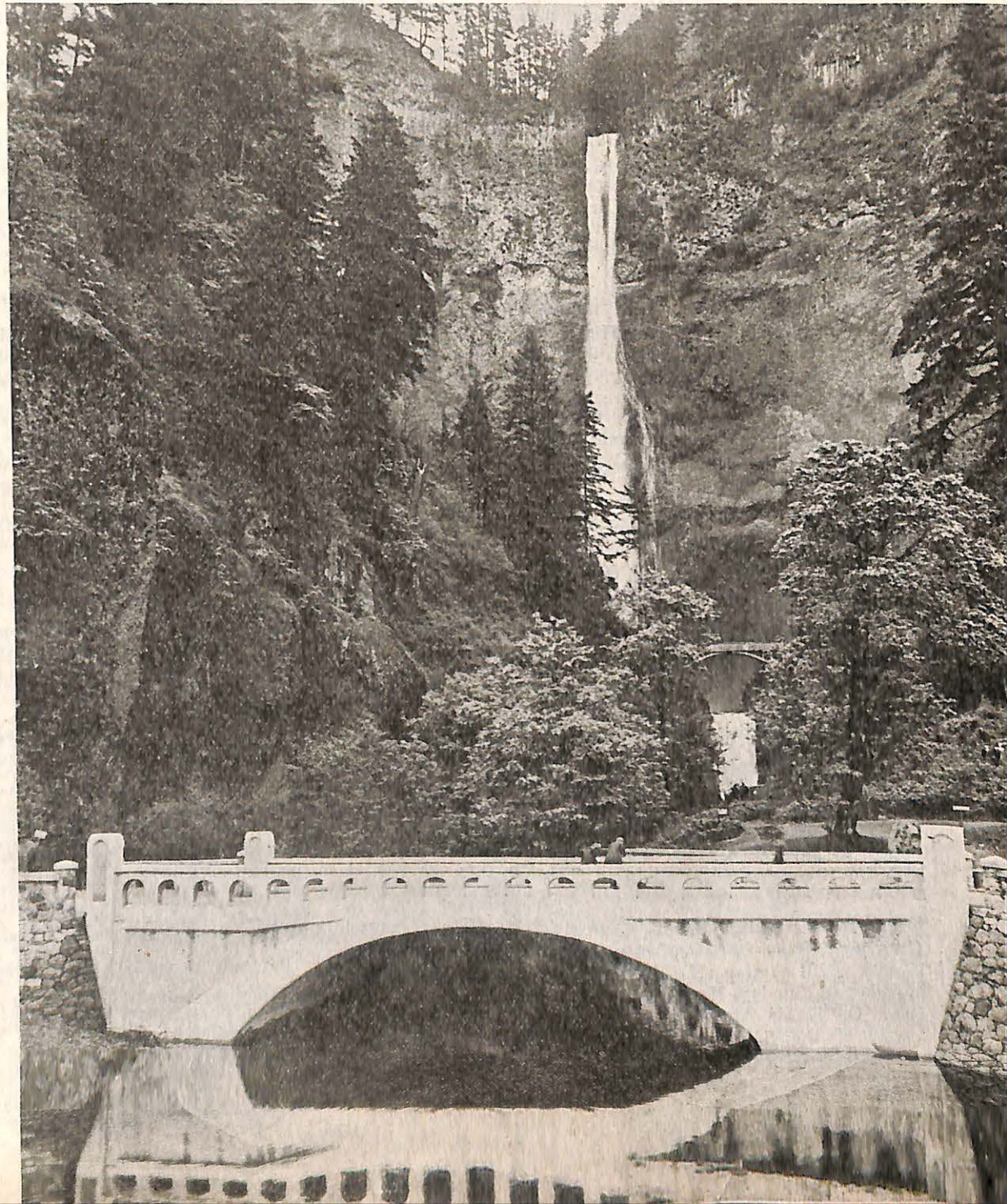


# THE BAPTIST HERALD

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An Inspiring View  
of Multnomah Falls  
Along the Picturesque  
Columbia River High-  
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Which Will Serve as  
Host to the 25th Gen-  
eral Conference of  
German Baptists from  
August 9 to 15, 1937.

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## What's Happening

The Rev. Herman Palfenier of North Freedom, Wis., has responded favorably to the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. He will begin his service on the new field at the middle of December.

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The Rev. John Weinbender began his ministry in the German Baptist Church of Southey, Saskatchewan, Canada, on Nov. 10. He was formerly pastor of the German Baptist Churches in Leader, Glidden and Burstall in Saskatchewan.

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The Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, pastor of the Englewood Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., has resigned his charge in order to become the superintendent of the Chicago Home for the Aged, beginning with Dec. 1st. Miss Mary Maibaum, the nurse of the Home, will be in charge of all housekeeping duties.

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Seventy persons enjoyed the Halloween party given by the Tabitha Society of the German Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, at which the husbands of the members were guests. A fine dinner, group singing, the interesting program and the varied games were under the general direction of the president, Mrs. B. J. Baumgartner.

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On Sunday, Nov. 1, the Rev. D. Meyerhoefer, pastor of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., had the joy of receiving 3 new members into the fellowship of the church, 2 of whom came by baptism. On Friday, Nov. 6, the church was host to the New England Y. P. and S. S. W. Union for its annual business meeting.

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The Rev. H. G. Braun of Gackle, N. Dak., has responded favorably to the recent call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak. He and his wife will move to the new field of service by Jan. 1, 1937. On Nov. 9 the Rev. N. E. McCoy and Mr. Braun began a series of evangelistic services at Alfred with accompanying success.

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Mrs. Marie Trudel, the mother of Dr. P. J. Trudel, died on Sept. 26 at Wangan, Allgau, Germany. Dr. Trudel of Buffalo, N. Y., is known to large numbers of young people for his inspirational addresses and lectures. He had hoped to have visited his mother this year but illness made the trip to Germany impossible.

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The Shaker Square Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, had Professor Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y., as guest preacher on Sunday, Nov. 1, at its services. On Sunday evening, Oct. 26, the pastor of the Shaker Square Church, the Rev. Max G. Mittelstedt, preached

in the Erin Avenue Church. It is hoped that a young people's society will soon be organized in the church.

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The Rev. W. Helwig of Wessington Springs, So. Dak., has accepted the call of our church at Ellinwood, Kansas, where he will begin his ministry about Dec. 15. Mr. Helwig has been privileged to baptize 76 persons and to receive 28 others into the church during the 4 years of his pastorate in Wessington Springs. He was also instrumental in organizing the nearby Woonsocket Church.

### GENERAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT Portland, Oregon from August 9 to 15, 1937

Portland, Oregon, has been designated as the meeting place of the 25th General Conference. Notice to this effect has been given in our publications. The decision of the last General Conference held in Milwaukee in 1934 designated the last full week in August as the date of the 1937 session. That arrangement, however, would make it difficult for those, residing in the Eastern and Central areas of our conference, to return home in time for the opening of the public schools. It was therefore deemed advisable to change the dates set by the last conference to an earlier time. The matter was submitted to the General Council and the executive officers of the conference, who voted dates as of August 9 to 15, 1937. We are making this announcement now so that the constituency of the conference may have due and timely notice and make their plans for next summer accordingly.

LOUIS B. HOLZER,  
Recording Secretary of the  
General Conference.

The Rev. William E. Schmitt recently resigned his charge as pastor of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. He and his wife have moved to Rochester, N. Y. On Sunday, Nov. 1, the church met for prayer services held during the day as a spiritual preparation leading towards the calling of a successor. The Rev. Benjamin Graf is serving the church during the interim period.

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The Rev. F. A. Bloedow of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, recently suffered a nervous breakdown, similar to that experienced 12 years ago, which was

brought on by the death of his grandson and wife. He is showing some improvement under the care of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Schirrmacher. Letters can reach him at the new address, 795 Simcoe St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

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The Rev. W. S. Argow conducted evangelistic meetings in Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, from Nov. 1 to 15, assisting the Rev. A. E. Jaster, pastor. From Nov. 16 to 29 he served the Sebastopol and Lyndock churches where the Rev. D. Little is pastor. He began evangelistic meetings in the Killaloe churches shortly thereafter and will continue until Dec. 15. Mr. Argow is available for interim pastorates or evangelistic services. His address is 428 Myrtle St., Erie, Pa.

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The sessions of the Northwestern Conference will be held from June 23 to 27, 1937, in the First Church of Parkersburg, Iowa. The Rev. August W. Lang, chairman of the arrangements committee and pastor of the host church, sent the announcement for publication in "The Baptist Herald." The earlier date of the conference will permit all conference business to be transacted before the sessions of the General Conference in Portland.

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The members of the choir of the German Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, recently held their annual picnic on the Sponholz farm, 35 miles from the city. The day was enjoyably spent by playing games and partaking of refreshments. In the evening the choir rendered a program of vocal and instrumental numbers and an address by Mr. E. A. Mantz on the topic, "Life's Beginning and Ending." The Rev. N. Christensen is pastor of the church.

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The Rev. B. W. Krentz, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., and its 4 preaching stations for  
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## EDITORIAL

FROM now until the summer of 1937 the watchword of German Baptists everywhere will be "On to Portland, Oregon!" The evergreen city

### On to Portland, Oregon!

of the Pacific Coast with its gorgeous array of roses, dahlias, zinnias and lilies, amidst a colorful setting of pungent, fragrant pine forests with the snow-capped Mount Hood in the distance, will be in its most enchanting welcoming mood next August. Hundreds of our church members will mark the days of next year's calendar when their trek to the General Conference, to be held at Portland from August 9 to 15, will begin.

This General Conference will be unusually interesting from several important aspects. As the 25th triennial conference of the denomination it will mark an historical milestone in our history. Plans are already under way to present a festival program which will leave abiding spiritual memories in the lives of all who attend. For the first time the sessions of the General Conference will be held on the Pacific Coast. The churches of Portland, mindful of this honor, have already made preliminary preparations to extend a warm and gracious hospitality to all visitors which will be like the unsurpassed beauty of the West. Youth will be especially served at this conference with a program adapted to its needs and interests.

Next August will be vacation time for ministers and laymen, youth and adults alike. The trip to the Pacific Coast will be associated with memorable experiences in God's out-of-doors, the beauty of which will abide like a peaceful benediction for the rest of one's days. The many choices of nature's wonderlands which can be visited without much extra charge by several of the splendid railway systems of the country will be announced in detail in later issues of "The Baptist Herald." You can view the most awe-inspiring mountain scenery of America in the Glacier National Park by way of the Great Northern Railway. A sojourn of several days in the resplendent Yellow-

stone National Park can be made over the Northern Pacific Railway. The streamline trains of the Burlington and Union Pacific Railways with their luxurious accommodations provide stop-overs at some of America's gorgeous garden spots. The Santa Fe railway system takes one directly to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, the masterpiece of the Creator of the world's handiwork. The kaleidoscopic panorama of the Pacific Coast with its parks and deserts, its mountains and plains, its beaches and lakes, its forests and fruit orchards, and its cities, the names of which thrill every inhabitant of the globe, can be seen to good advantage from the windows of the Southern Pacific trains. The bewitching lure of the most beautiful scenes, upon which the eyes of man have been privileged to gaze, will play a large part in the adventures of German Baptists next summer who are westward bound for Portland.

The subject of conversation among our church members at present inevitably turns to the question, "Are you going to Portland next August?" Indications already point to a large and enthusiastic attendance at the sessions of the conference. You, too, can be one of the fortunate, happy throng by making your plans now to attend and by beginning to save the necessary means with which to undertake the trip. Adventures in the unfolding landscapes of astounding and enrapturing beauty and a spiritual feast of God blessings in a challenging program await the singing pilgrims who will make Portland their Mecca next year.

The front cover of this issue of "The Baptist Herald" presents the first of many scenic views of the spectacular and thrilling beauty of the West to appear in forthcoming numbers. The conference date has been set—August 9 to 15, 1937! Our Portland friends have hung out their shingle—WELCOME! The eager wish in the individual's heart deserves to become the rising crescendo of the denomination's joyous shout—"On to Portland, Oregon! For God and his Kingdom!"



# The Story of a Consecrated Life

All who have been deeply moved and blessed by the singing of Frances Ridley Havergal's hymns and by the use of her devotional meditations will find in the reading of this beautiful story of her life, written with tender and sympathetic understanding by Miss Remmler, one of Dr. Kuhn's secretaries in the missionary office at Forest Park, Ill., a mountain-top experience of spiritual delight.

By MISS GRETCHEN REMMLER

WHO in the present Christian world would not recognize the five words, "Ever, only, all for thee," as the conclusion and climax of one of our most impressive and lovely hymns, "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee"? The name of the author of this hymn, Frances Ridley Havergal, is widely known. The occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of her birth during the month of December of this year deserves to be remembered by Christian people everywhere. Many hymns, compositions and books of great beauty tell the story of a tender and beautiful soul in her love to the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Frances Ridley Havergal was born in Astley, Worcestershire, England, on December 14, 1836. She was the youngest daughter of a clergyman, the Rev. William Henry Havergal, who himself was a skilled author and composer of church music. But what would these gifts have been had they not been consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ? Now spiritual life is kindled, nourished and deepened wherever her words and music find their way into the heart of mankind.

## A Happy and Precocious Childhood

From the memoirs of Frances Ridley Havergal, written by her sister, Marie, we learn that Frances, or Fanny, as everybody in the home insisted on calling her, from her childhood was a girl of rare beauty and of a happy disposition. When she was two years of age she spoke very distinctly and had a larger vocabulary than is usual for children so young. She also understood and took great interest in little stories that were told her. Her three sisters and two brothers were taught early by their mother to read and to write and to memorize Bible passages. Her sister, Miriam, who had just graduated from school, undertook the most delightful task of teaching her charming and intelligent little sister, Fanny.

When the child was four years of age she was able to read the Bible and ordinary books clearly. Gradually her curriculum also included French, German and music. However, great care was exercised not to tire the eager little student nor to foster her premature mentality unduly. The parents' prayers and their good example in studying daily and explaining the Word of God offered a wholesome influence, and thus a solid foundation

was laid in the life-building of loving, serene, active and punctual little Fanny.

When fourteen years of age Miss Havergal entered Mrs. Teed's school, a Christian educational institution for girls, at Belmont, where students spoke entirely in the French language. She then attended the Institute of Powick Court at Worcester for a few months, but she had to give up her study on account of illness. Her eyes became affected and almost rendered her blind.

After her mother's death she often visited with her eldest sister, Miriam, at Oakhampton, where people remember her as bright and effervescent, sometimes stubborn and wanton, yet very affectionate and grateful for any little attention. At that time she was a girl who read a prodigious amount of poetry, of which traces could be found in haystacks, barns and gardens in the form of forgotten books. Even in her early youth she never thought of herself as being good, or as being as good as others. She rather thought that she was a great, wretched, helpless sinner.

A year after the beneficial influence of Mrs. Teed's school and through the help of a woman who, afterward became Fanny's second mother, she wrote, "I committed my soul to the Savior, and earth and heaven seemed brighter from that moment." Henceforth her life was consecrated to her beloved King and Savior, Jesus Christ. She visited the sick and the poor, the downhearted and downtrodden, women's circles and individuals. Wherever she went, she became a channel of blessing and led many souls to Christ.

## Nothing Was Too Hard to Learn

However, her education was not ended with Mrs. Teed's school. In 1853 she accompanied her parents to Germany where her father hoped to secure relief from his eye trouble. She spent more than a year there, during which time she attended the Louisenschule at Duesseldorf. Several months were spent with the family of Pastor Schulze-Berge at Oberkassel where she pursued studies in literature, composition and history, both in the German and French languages. Under her father's tutoring she also studied Greek in order to understand the New Testament in this language. Later, during a prolonged visit to Ireland, she studied the Hebrew language. She must have read the Holy Bible regularly and memorized entire books of it, for the contents of the Gospels,

the Epistles, Revelation, Psalms and Isaiah were completely in her memory, and in later years she also committed to memory the Minor Prophets. She learned the finger alphabet in order to translate to her deaf landlord in Herfordshire the sermons which she had heard in church and to converse with him.

Nothing which she could use as a means to convey blessings to the unfortunate seemed too hard for her to learn. She had such an excellent musical memory so that she could play compositions by Handel, von Beethoven, and Mendelssohn without the music before her. Her touch on the piano and organ expressed deep feeling. Simply and sweetly she sang of the love of God and his way of salvation. The reading of biographies of famous people influenced her in her judgments, and she came to the conclusion that every life that is not consecrated to the highest purpose, namely, to the glory of God, is nothing but vanity of vanities. She learned to look upon trials as means to her own sanctification. Her talents and each single poem, book or piece of music were accepted by her gratefully and quite naturally as a special gift of God.

## A Variety of Interests But One Central Devotion

Not only did Miss Havergal cultivate her intellectual abilities, but she also was an expert in handwork, varying from the art of darning stockings to the finest crocheting and embroidering. She became the teacher of her two youngest nieces, which her father permitted in order to divert her mind from her constant strenuous studies. As teacher she also took part in the pastimes of her pupils, such as riding horseback, climbing, swimming, skating and playing ball. Nevertheless, in her spare time, she managed to learn Italian verbs. She studied Latin in the early morning hours according to the reports of her faithful old nursemaid, who, to her great dismay, found her engrossed in her Latin hours before breakfast.

Miss Havergal was generally the most desired and admired soloist for the great oratorios. The applause which was accorded her when she sang publicly in Philharmonic concerts made her so happy that she "forgot the giver over the gift," as she herself expressed it. She therefore prayed to God that he might take away this talent, if it would hinder her in her spiritual life. This prayer was answered when her health failed, and she was able to thank him for it.

One morning, a week after Miss Havergal had finished and had sent to the printers the extensive appendix to "Songs of Grace and Glory," which comprised many sheets of original music and poetry, she received a wire informing her that the printshops had burned down and that the greater part of her manuscripts had been destroyed. She had kept no duplicates of the manuscripts and she was obliged to do the laborious work all over again, which meant no less than six

months of labor and patience. In this mysterious trial she was able to say, "Thy will, o Lord, not mine, be done!"

## Her Hymns of Spiritual Refreshment

Among the present day favorite hymns of the Christian Church we find the following by Frances Ridley Havergal: "True-hearted, Whole-hearted", "Who is on the Lord's Side?", "I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus", "Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak", "Light After Darkness", "I Could Not Do Without Him" and "I Know I Love Thee Better, Lord". The hymn, "I Gave My Life for Thee", written in her youth, was suggested by the motto on a picture of the thorn-crowned Christ in the Art Gallery at Duesseldorf, Germany. This motto read, "I did this for thee; what doest thou for me?" The sight of this painting exerted its influence on her whole spiritual life.

When she was twenty-nine years of age she had to give up all her dearly beloved activities, such as Sunday School, Saturday evening classes, visitation and music. This seemed to her very hard, especially since she was hoping to grow strong again. It often becomes necessary to dig very deeply in order to find a well of fresh water. Miss Havergal became acquainted with doubts and gloom, so that she might be able to comfort others more lovingly in days of distress and misery and open up to them the depths of God's wisdom.

Space does not permit the writer to mention the manifold interests which engaged Miss Havergal's attention nor the amount of work which was daily accomplished during her literary career. From what a rich and abundant life in Christ was she called home to eternal peace and happiness on June 3, 1879! At that time she was living with her sister, Marie, at Caswell Bay. She was buried at Astley, her birthplace.

The writer of this article was deeply impressed by reading the life story of Frances Ridley Havergal by Marie P. G. Havergal, and also by the reading of "Kept for the Master's Use," Miss Havergal's last book which was published after her death. This beautiful devotion book consists of thirteen separate chapters on each couplet of her well-known consecration hymn, mentioned at the beginning of this sketch. Regarding the origin of this hymn she once wrote in a letter to a friend as follows:

"I went for a little visit of five days. There were ten persons in the house, some unconverted and long prayed for, some converted but not rejoicing Christians. He gave me the prayer: 'Lord, give me all in this house.' And he just did! Before I left the house everyone had received a blessing. The last night of my visit I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in renewal of my consecration, and these little couplets formed themselves and chimed in my heart one after another, until they finished with:

'Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.'



# Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Wednesday, December 3

## Here Am I, Send Me

"I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8.

Read Isaiah 6.

"Here am I, send me"—such was Isaiah's ready response to the divine summons. His sin had been purged and his heart cleansed, and he gladly dedicated himself to the service of God. Inner purification and consecration are the essentials to every genuine dedication. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"—serve God.

Prayer: "O Spirit divine, all my nature refine, that I may be truly and wholly thine."

Friday, December 4

## The Blessing of a Broken Heart

"And Peter went out, and wept bitterly." Luke 22:62.

Read Luke 22:54-62.

Some of the richest gifts of life are discovered only through profound and humbling sorrow. Through God's chastening grace even our sins and imperfections, when truly repented of, become the occasion for the strengthening of character. By repentance and forgiveness Peter entered into a deeper spirituality and a finer sympathy with others.

Prayer: "We thank thee, dear Master, that thou dost meet with thy forgiving grace the broken heart and contrite spirit."

Saturday, December 5

## The Most Valuable Thing

"Do not despise one of these little ones. It is not the will of your Father . . . that one of them should perish." Matt. 18: 10; 14.

Read Matthew 18:10-18.

Jesus was convinced that every human being, no matter how small or weak or insignificant, is of supreme importance. He also believed that the ultimate destiny of each human being is a matter of profound concern to God himself. Was Jesus right or wrong in this estimate of a human being?

Prayer: "Dear Master, the little children were the peculiar object of thy tender care. May we, too, treasure highly that upon which thou didst set so high a value."

Sunday, December 6

## Strength for Weakness

"Behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child." Jer. 1:6.

Read Jeremiah 1:3-10.

John R. Mott says that the phrase which he has repeated most in his life is,

"You can become strongest in your weakest place." Jeremiah pleaded, when the divine call came to him, "I am a child; I cannot speak." But he offered this trembling hesitation to God, and when he did speak, how mightily he spoke!

Prayer: "O God, my silence is my weakness. Take hold of it and convert it into the power of convicting speech."

Monday, December 7

## The Pillar of Truth

"In the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:15.

Read 1 Timothy 3:14-16.

To Paul the Church was infinitely more than a human institution. Notwithstanding its imperfections he saw in it the instrument of the living God to uphold and support the truth—"the pillar and ground of the truth." Against this living Church, built upon Christ, the truth, "the gates of hell (Hades) shall not prevail."

Prayer: "O thou Head of thy blood-bought Church, make it a purer and a more potent witness of thy eternal truth."

Tuesday, December 8

## In His Hand

"All the saints are in thy hand." Deut. 33:3.

Read Deuteronomy 33:1-5.

What a comfort! The saints in God's hand—in his fashioning hand, in his preserving hand, in his guiding hand, in his chastening hand! Whatever may perplex God's saints, here is enough to cheer and to satisfy them. They are in God's mighty hand.

Prayer: "In thy hand, O God, we have protection and peace. Thou dost hold us with a grip of grace and power."

Wednesday, December 9

## Be Clean

"Keep thyself pure." 1 Tim. 5:22.

Read 1 Timothy 5:22-25.

Paul exhorts his youthful friend and fellow-worker: "Do not make yourself responsible for the sins of another man. Keep your own life pure." How essential are a pure life and a clean character in the ministry of Christ! To be clean in thought, in motive, in conduct and in influence is the highest requisite.

Prayer: "O Spirit divine, all my nature refine, that the Master's purity be also mine."

Thursday, December 10

## Seasoned Speech

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how to answer every man." Col. 4:6.

Read Colossians 4:2-6.

The gift of speech is one of the greatest assets, if rightly used. The abuse of it, however, is often the source of much woe. To know how to say the right thing at the right time in the right way—seasoned with salt—is true wisdom.

Prayer: "With the Psalmist I pray: 'I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue. I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.'"

Friday, December 11

## Robbing God

"Will a man rob God?" Mal. 3:8.

Read Malachi 3:8-12.

Rob God? How? By withholding from him what he rightfully claims—your goods, your gold, your time, your opportunities, your talents, your learning, your memory, your influence. He is the owner. You are his steward. Above all, do not rob him of your heart, for out of it flow the issues of life.

Prayer: "Forgive us, O Lord, that we have robbed thee of so much of what we have and are, forgetting thee in selfish living."

Saturday, December 12

## A God of Mercy

"Who is a God like unto thee? . . . He delighteth in mercy!" Micah 7:18.

Read Micah 7:15-20.

Causes are best known by their effects. The tree is known by its fruits. Men's principles and dispositions are learned from their pursuits, and their conduct. So too, if we would ascertain what God is, we have only to consider what he does. "He is rich in mercy." "He is the God of all grace." "He is the Father of mercies."

Prayer: "Father of mercies, we rest our hopes in thee. Thou art rich in forgiveness and pardoning grace."

Sunday, December 13

## Not We But God

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." 2 Cor. 3:5.

Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-6.

If we are prospering why should we boast? Our sufficiency is of God. Why should we take credit for it? If we face failure and defeat, it may be that we have forgotten that sufficiency is of God and not of us. In every event let us be modest and humble—and trust in God!

Prayer: "O Lord, keep us in trusting dependence upon thee. Save us from ourselves and from vain delusions of power."

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# "What's Happening" News

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the past three years, has recently resigned his charge to become the minister of the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif. He will begin his pastorate in "the Golden State" on Jan. 1, 1937. The Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, the former pastor of the Los Angeles Church, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, Nov. 8, and shortly thereafter moved to Sacramento, Calif., with his family.

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The Rev. J. J. Abel, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., after accepting the call extended to him by our church in Lansing, Mich., as reported in the Oct. 1 issue of "The Baptist Herald," was prevailed on by his church to remain in Lehr. During the 5½ years of Mr. Abel's ministry in Lehr he has been privileged to baptize 104 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The Lehr church voted Mr. Abel an increase of \$200 in his salary in spite of prevailing crop failures in that section of North Dakota.

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The annual report of the S. O. Club of the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., which is composed of a group of young ladies who are willing to serve others, revealed a variety of activities. Miss Doris Kamens wrote that "we sent flowers and useful gifts to the sick, presented the church with a new electric clock, donated money for the beautifying of the church and bought new curtains for the downstairs windows in the church. As this year is drawing to a close we pray that we may go on serving others."

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Mr. George A. Dunger of New York City, a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of that city, is serving as the librarian of the National Bible Institute in New York. He is also pursuing studies as a regular student at New York University, preparing himself for missionary service which, as he trusts and prays, may lead him and his wife to the Cameroons. Mr. Dunger wrote that the messages of the pastor of the Immanuel Church, the Rev. John Grygo, "are searching and inspiring. His winsome personality has proved a blessing to many."

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On Sunday evening, Oct. 25, the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held its Harvest and Mission Festival program with appropriate decorations and a varied program. The latest moving pictures of the Gebauers and the Kalkand mission and the Danubian work among the gypsies of Bulgaria were shown. Mr. M. L. Leuschner, guest speaker, addressed the large audience on the theme, "The Harvest Fields of the World." The goal of \$175 for the offering was exceeded by the generous

missionary gifts of the boys and girls and members of the Sunday School.

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The Sunday School of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, set as its Rally Day goal an attendance of 201. On the last Sunday in October the attendance was 231. The church attendance was also materially helped by this Sunday School campaign. Mr. Nick Giesse is the Sunday School superintendent. The Rev. E. Umbach, who is now a member of the White Avenue Church, spoke on "The Church on Fire" on Sunday evening, Sept. 27, at a consecration service and the observance of the Lord's Supper. The Rev. William L. Schoeffel is pastor of the church.

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On Dec. 1 the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Linder of St. Louis, Mo., will assume the duties as chaplain and matron of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Linder is a graduate of the German department of the Rochester Theological Seminary of the class of 1899. He and his wife will succeed the Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Kruse. Miss Erna Hoffman of Springside, Saskatchewan, Canada, recently became the new nurse of the Home, succeeding the former Miss Elizabeth Heide. Miss Hoffman is a graduate nurse of the Queen Victoria Hospital in Yorkton and has had a year of training in the Winnipeg Bible School. She is a member of the West Ebenezer Church in Saskatchewan.

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Evangelistic services were conducted in the German Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., from Oct. 12 to 26 by the Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch of Jamestown, N. Dak., with the result that 20 young people accepted Christ as their Savior. On Tuesday evening, Oct. 27, the meetings were brought to a glorious close by a baptismal service. The Rev. R. Sigmund, pastor of the church, baptized 18 of the new converts. Mr. Weyhrauch also brought the message at this occasion. On the following Sunday, Nov. 1, the hand of fellowship into the church was extended to these young people. Mr. Sigmund wrote that "rejoicingly we give God all honor and pray that he will bless us in our humble service."

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The annual banquet of the Sunday School Workers' Union of Chicago and vicinity was held on Thursday evening, Nov. 5, in the Lincoln-Belmont Y. M. C. A. Mr. Herman Sigmund, president had charge of the program. The Sunday School orchestra of the Second Church furnished the music while Mr. F. Grosner led the group in singing. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental numbers by the various church represen-

tatives and an inspirational address by the Rev. John Mueller, pastor of the Immanuel Church of Chicago, on "The Secret of Carrying On." Miss Olga M. Justin, the recording secretary, wrote of "the fine spiritual fellowship" of the festive occasion.

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From Nov. 1 to 15 the Rev. L. H. Broecker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., held evangelistic meetings in Berrien Springs, a neighboring city. In October after Mr. Broecker's return from Elgin, Iowa, where he had also conducted revival meetings, the St. Joseph church expressed its love and appreciation to him by presenting him with a new Chevrolet De Luxe sedan as a gift from the church members and friends. The reporter, Mr. Paul Schmanski, wrote that "God has richly blessed our church through the untiring efforts of Mr. Broecker and his assistant, Miss May Morey. All organizations of our church show constant growth and new members are welcomed into our fellowship nearly every month."

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The 25th anniversary of the Men's Anchor Class of the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, was held on Thursday evening, Oct. 22, with a banquet and an inspirational program. Professor H. von Berge, teacher of the class for 16 years, brought an address on "Looking Forward." A historical survey was presented by Mr. Harold Schultze, president, and reminiscences were brought by the Rev. Christian Dippel, organizer of this men's Bible class in 1911. The Rev. E. J. Bamgartner, pastor of the church, brought an address on "Our Present Church" at the rally. The officers of the class are Harold Schultze, president; Walter Graeter, vice-president; Harold Martin, secretary, and H. E. N. Behrend, treasurer.

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An intensive Bible School was held in the German Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, from Nov. 2 to 7 with 22 regular scholars and 12 visitors. Three courses on "The Old Testament," "Our Denomination" and "The Life of Christ" were conducted by the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, pastor of the church, and Mr. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary. The 22 regular scholars received credit cards for the work completed, leading towards the German Baptist Teacher's Diploma. Mr. Leuschner also addressed the services of the Morris church on Sunday, Nov. 1, and Sunday, Nov. 8. On Friday evening, Nov. 6, he spoke at a crowded church service in Overstone. The church choir of 30 members from Winnipeg under the direction of Mr. Hans Schirrmacher participated in the services on Sunday, Nov. 8. In the afternoon a festival of song was held with the combined Morris and Winnipeg choirs of 75 voices rendering several inspirational anthems under the direction of the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt.



# Reports from the Field

## Northern Conference

### Missionary Program at West Ebenezer Church

A very enjoyable program, built around the topic, "World Wide Missions," was given by the Young People's Union of the West Ebenezer Church at West Ebenezer, Saskatchewan, Canada, on Sunday, October 25. Amidst a beautiful setting of orchestral music, quartet and choir songs, an interesting play, "The Leaden Image," was presented.

Miss Ella Katzberg, a recent graduate of the Winnipeg Bible Institute, in a most inspiring address told us of the work that missionaries are now conducting on the foreign fields. She placed particular emphasis on the fact that deeper feeling and interest must be shown by the people at home in the work of our missionaries.

An offering of \$14.70 was realized which will be used by the Rev. Bruno Luebeck in furthering the gospel among the people in China.

### Farewell for the Rev. and Mrs. Phil. Daum and Family in Leduc

The members of the First German Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, and a large number of friends from neighboring churches gathered together on Sunday evening, Sept. 27, to bid farewell to Rev. Phil. Daum and his family who have worked faithfully and untiringly in our midst for the past four years.

After the farewell sermon by Mr. Daum on "Christian Love and Fellowship" Mrs. Daum and family were asked to take their places on the platform. Under the leadership of the chairman of the board of deacons, Mr. L. Priebe, a varied program was presented, showing our regret in seeing them leave and our thanks for the many kindnesses shown by them. Mr. Preis and Mr. Brown spoke brief words to the Daums, wishing them God's blessing in the new field of service. Mr. Rinas spoke in behalf of the Sunday School. Mr. Patzia, president of the choir, thanked them for the service rendered and the blessing which they had been to the choir. Mrs. Grunwald represented the Ladies' Missionary Society and with fitting words presented Mrs. Daum with a gift. Myrtle Hein spoke on behalf of the Young People's Society and Emil Preis represented the "Young Men's Class" of which Mr. Daum had been the teacher. Among the guests we were glad to have the Rev. H. Schatz of Leduc, who spoke a few words of regret over the loss of a helper and companion.

AGNES PRIEBE, Reporter.

### Welcome Reception for the Rev. Gottlieb Ittermann and Family in Rosenfeld

A reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Gottlieb Ittermann, the newly called pastor and his wife of the Rosenfeld Church at Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan, was held at the church on Sunday evening, Oct. 18.

The program was in charge of Mr. Adolph Jaster. Hearty words of welcome were spoken to the honored guests by the second deacon, Mr. Martin Unrath, by the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Adolph Jaster, by the president of the Young People's Society, Mr. Robert Jaster, and by the vice-president of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Ida Unrath. Instrumental and vocal numbers and recitations added to the impressiveness of the program.

The Rev. G. Ittermann and his wife responded by saying that the reception accorded them was one that made them very happy. They told of the many experiences they had had and the hospitality which they had received from the members and said that they were looking forward to increasingly happy relationships with the people in the work of the church.

ADOLPH JASTER, Reporter.

### The Central Alberta and Saskatchewan Tri-Union

The German Baptists of Hilda, Alberta, were the friendly hosts for many visitors of the Central Alberta and Saskatchewan Tri-Union at its sessions, which were held from Sept. 25 to 27. God blessed us with ideal weather and receptive hearts which made us feel even more thankful than ever to him.

These three days were happy but busy ones for us, since we were privileged to hear God's message by his servants and the many reports by the directors of the Union. The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: Rev. Otto Fiesel, president; Rev. J. Weinbender, vice-president; Mr. R. Jaster, secretary; Mr. P. Serr, treasurer; Mrs. O. Fiesel, pianist. The directors for the coming year are Rev. N. Christensen, Sunday School director; Rev. O. Fiesel, young people's director; and Rev. Gustav Schatz, music director.

On Saturday evening the young people's societies of the Union presented a program. On Sunday morning Mr. Geis, our colporter, brought us the message. The mass choir of 65 voices rendered two numbers in song at this time. The best was left for the last at the music festival on Sunday afternoon. After listening to the carefully prepared message in song our program closed.

MRS. OTTO FIESEL, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Young People's Night at St. Joseph, Mich.

Every Thursday evening is "Young People's Night" at the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich. At that time many of the young people from the Twin Cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor gather in the Fellowship Hall of the church for an enjoyable evening of helpful Bible study and Christian fellowship under the guidance of our pastor, the Rev. L. H. Broeker, and his assistant, Miss May Morey.

We start our meetings with a lively song service led by our president, Mr. Charles Bradley, followed by a short devotional period. Then about fifteen minutes are devoted to necessary business matters. The remainder of the hour is given over to the program which varies with every meeting. The second hour is called "the social period" and is mainly for the purpose of making the personal acquaintance of other Christian young people.

We have a membership of about 45 young people, who are divided into four groups, each taking charge of one Thursday's program every month. The fifth Thursday is devoted to outside speakers.

On Oct. 1st we had the Rev. G. D. Seifert, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Berrien Springs, Mich., speak to us. He gave us an interesting talk on "Perfect Timing."

SHIRLEY PETERSON, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### Program for Home's Guests By Tabitha Class of Pittsburgh

Recently the Tabitha Class of the Temple Baptist Bible School of Pittsburgh, Pa., gave a supper and entertainment in the church in honor of "the guests" of the Home for the Aged in Castle Shannon, situated several miles from the church. Afterwards a program was held, consisting of several readings and a number of vocal selections.

A hearty welcome was extended to the audience by Miss Lenore Sayenga, our faithful teacher for many years. Mrs. Taylor, matron of the Home, responded in her lovely way, and expressed appreciation for the assistance which the class has rendered to the Home in the past. Mrs. Lottie Schwartz, a member of our class who is engaged in missionary work in one of the hospitals of the city, gave an inspiring talk.

As a class we are trying to help in the work of our Master by bringing joy to others. Sick members and shut-ins of the church are remembered with cards

and flowers. We are also helping financially in supporting missionary projects as well as our own church.

MRS. BENJAMIN HAMEL, Reporter.

### A Glorious Revival in Buffalo

A great revival came to the Spruce Street Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y. when the blind evangelist, Dr. Walter D. Kallenbach of Philadelphia, Pa., with the assistance of our pastor, the Rev. C. E. Cramer, conducted two weeks of evangelist's services recently.

Dr. Kallenbach, who was peculiarly called and prepared by God for his life work, has a great passion for lost souls, a winning and magnetic personality and a keen and sympathetic understanding of human nature. He does not allow his lack of physical sight to handicap his work in any way, but permits God to use it, so that his works may be made manifest in and through him.

The meetings were very well attended, the church being filled to capacity almost every evening. The Holy Spirit worked mightily in our midst, speaking to the hearts of men, women and children, and many souls accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Seventeen of these followed Christ in baptism on Sunday, Nov. 1. It was also a time of spiritual refreshing and revival for the children of God, many of whom rededicated their lives to God.

Because of the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the Bethel Baptist Church of our city during the special meetings, four of the new converts were baptized by their pastor, Rev. P. Geissler.

MILDRED BECKER, Reporter.

### Andrews Street Church of Rochester Celebrates Its 85th Anniversary

Our denomination, becoming history-conscious, will soon celebrate its 100th anniversary. Some of our churches are passing the 90 year milestone. Others are in the eighties. Among these is the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y. On November 1 it celebrated its 85th birthday. In his message the pastor, the Rev. David Hamel, referred to its "work of faith, its labor of love, and its patience of hope." At the communion service letters were read from Professor O. Koenig and the Rev. C. A. Daniel former pastors, and also from Professor J. Heinrichs who retained his membership with the church during his long service on the foreign field.

The church has every reason to be proud of missionary George Geis, one of her illustrious sons, whose untimely death in Burma was announced at the service. A letter written by him to the pastor several months ago made every heart glad to know that true nobility is still produced by the spirit of Christ.

At the evening service Professor A. J. Ramaker spoke of the day of "small beginnings, great ingatherings and extensive expansions." The contributions made to the denomination and to a wider circle by the Andrews Street Church were dealt with by the Rev. Frank Kaiser who was pastor from 1909 to 1922. He said that the church had never had much money but that it had made a memorable record in producing

men, among these no less a man than Professor Walter Rauschenbusch. Through him and others the influence of the church has encircled the earth. Many parsonages in our denomination are ruled over by women who were at one time Rochester girls. The church has given 70 of her fine prospective home builders to that wider circle.

The church had hardly finished its building expansion project, costing \$44,000 when the stock market broke bringing in the depression with its unemployment and great financial losses. Under the calm guidance of the pastor the church fought manfully and paid off \$30,000. The financial resources seemed to have been exhausted at that point and a debt of \$14,000 continued to consume great sums of interest money and greater amounts of enthusiasm.

On the Wednesday night following the anniversary service, under the direction of Professors Kaiser and Bretschneider a new effort was made to reduce the debt. The attainment of the goal of \$3,000 for the coming year is in sight.

The church appreciates very much the pledges made by the students. Who has less money than a student? Since the church has set its shoulder to this task a new spirit of joy is breaking forth.

O. E. KRUEGER, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference

### Silver Jubilee and Harvest Festival in the Strassburg Church

The Strassburg German Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, celebrated its 25th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 4, in connection with which the annual Harvest and Mission Festival program was held. The three former pastors, the Reverends John B. Reh, John A. Pankratz and George M. Pankratz brought the addresses. It was a spiritual feast as well as a "scenic trip" back over the earlier and later years of the church's activity.

The church had a humble beginning with 31 members, 17 of which were present at the celebration. The various branches of church activity reported in the afternoon service. The Sunday School reported an average enrollment of 102 scholars, 113 conversions and the receipt of \$2,363; the Ladies' Aid an average membership of 23 and the receipt of \$6,049; the B. Y. P. U. an average membership of 36 with offerings totaling \$368. The church has had an average membership of 62, with the total sums given for local and mission purposes amounting to \$44,403. The present membership is 85.

There were 128 baptisms during the past 25 years. Of special note was the fact that there was a loss of 26 members to English speaking churches and no additions by letter from such churches, a commentary on the language problem.

The reports were interesting and helpful. They have stimulated greater efforts for the future. The church is hopeful as it looks forward. Our constituency is large. Pray for God's hand in our work.

J. H. KORNELSEN, Pastor.

### Annual Report of the King's Daughters Society in Stafford

During the past year "the King's Daughter's Society" of the German Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, held 10 regular meetings on the second Thursday afternoon of each month. At present we have 19 members on the roll, gaining 4 members during the year. The total attendance for the year was 126, representing a gain of 10 over that of the previous year.

We have kept busy in Christian service. We prepared a "Sunshine" basket for an invalid lady of the town and sent several baskets to some of the needy people in our community at Thanksgiving. Chickens were sent to our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., last Christmas. We send eggs to the Kansas Children's Home at Easter time.

During the year we have been supporting one of our missionaries, Sister Lydia Doellefeld, missionary to the gypsies of Bulgaria. Fifty dollars were given towards her support by our society.

Last May we held a "Mother's Day" meeting, which was very successful. On May 20 "the King's Daughters" presented the play, "the Open Window," at our church. It was presented again later at the Methodist Church of Stafford. On July 15 the class served lunch on one of the local farms from which the proceeds went to our work.

We have a visiting committee which functions effectively. Two members are selected monthly to call on sick members of the church. Flowers are also sent to them.

May the Lord bless our efforts and may each one of us have gained new strength during the past year to help further the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RENA M. WENDELBURG, Reporter.

### The Kansas Association from October 19 to 21

The Kansas Association was held at the Mt. Zion Church in Geary County from Oct. 19 to 21. At the opening evening the Rev. O. Roth of Marion brought a message on the topic, "Mind the Light." The Rev. T. Lutz welcomed the visitors to which the Rev. A. Weisser responded.

The devotional periods were conducted by the Reverends R. Vassel of Bison, Claus Neve of Marion, Stanley Geis of Dillon and Mrs. Charles Zoschke of the Mt. Zion Church. The Rev. E. Kary of Durham led the quiet hour on Tuesday, speaking on "The Abundant Life."

On Tuesday evening the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D.D., spoke on "Making Our Churches More Truly Christian." He pointed out that many things happen to mar the Christian spirit due to human weakness and sin. Jesus Christ must fill our lives and dominate us. He must come into our hearts and have the right of way in us. On Wednesday Dr. Kuhn had charge of the quiet hour speaking on



the text, "We know that all things work together for good."

The Rev. R. Vassel addressed the association on "Hindrances Which Obstruct the Success of the Church." On Wednesday evening the Rev. J. Pankratz of Chicago Ill., brought the closing message on "What Constitutes a Successful, Powerful, Influential Church."

The theme of the association was "The Church at Work." The following addresses on this theme were delivered: "Christian Tithing" by the Rev. A. Weisser of Stafford; "The Church at Worship" by the Rev. A. Kornelsen of Strassburg; "Young People in the Church" by the Rev. E. Kary of Durham; "Conducting a Prayer Service" by the Rev. J. Heer of Bethany; "The Church Facing National and International Problems" by the Rev. J. Broeder of Ebenezer.

The association will meet next year at Strassburg. The following officers were elected: moderator, T. Lutz; secretary, A. Weisser; treasurer, E. Kary; members of the mission committee, O. Roth, P. Smit and T. Lutz.

JOHN BROEDER, Reporter.

### The Ordination of the Rev. Edward Kary

On Oct. 22, following the sessions of the Kansas Association, the delegates and ministers assembled at the Durham Church to consider the propriety of ordaining its minister, Mr. Edward Kary, to the gospel ministry.

The Rev. S. F. Geis was elected moderator and the Rev. Alfred Weisser clerk of the council. Mr. Kary was introduced to the council by Mr. Frick whereupon he was given the opportunity of relating his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal views, which he presented in a clear and convincing manner. After the usual period of questioning the council expressed itself well pleased with Mr. Kary's presentation and unanimously recommended to the local church to proceed with the ordination, which took place that same evening.

A large crowd was in attendance as the Rev. J. H. Kornelson opened the song service. The Rev. John Broeder offered the invocation prayer, followed by the Rev. John Heer who read the Scripture passage. A ministerial quartet sang two hymns, and the Rev. R. Vassel read the opening prayer. The ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. Alfred Weisser who spoke on the theme, "The Call of God." The Rev. S. F. Geis offered the ordination prayer, the Rev. Pieter Smit gave the charge to the church, the Rev. O. Roth brought the charge to the candidate, and the Rev. Thos. Lutz extended the welcome into the ministry. The inspiring and uplifting service came to a close with the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Edward Kary.

May God richly bless both church and pastor in a long and fruitful ministry!

A. WEISSER, Clerk of Council.

## Northwestern Conference

### The Wisconsin Association at Wausau

The Wisconsin Association convened from Oct. 12 to 14 with the First Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., for its annual session. The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, moderator, was the guest preacher at the Sunday services. The speaker of the opening session on Monday evening was the Rev. G. Wetter of Watertown who brought an inspiring message.

The sessions were opened with devotional services which proved to be a spiritual preparation for the day. The first hour of each session was devoted to business matters and church reports. Dr. Kuhn in an address greatly stressed denominational loyalty.

The program of the association consisted mainly of 9 theses on the general theme, "Learning from Jesus." The topics were "Learning from Jesus About God," "About Sin," "How to Pray," "Facing Sorrow," "Facing Difficulties," "How to Preach and Teach," "Solving Social Problems," "Estimating Man's Worth" and "Immortality." Dr. Kuhn delivered the sermons on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The Rev. J. Wobig of the entertaining church together with his people spared no effort in making this occasion an enjoyable one. A fine spirit prevailed and good fellowship abounded throughout the sessions. Delegates and visitors are grateful to the Wausau Church for the warm reception and for the prevailing spiritual atmosphere.

LOUIS B. BERNDT, Reporter.

### Young Women of Racine Relate Summer's Experience in Germany

The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin, recently held one of its historic "Family Night programs," which again proved to be very popular. The pastor, the Rev. Alfred Engel, led a devotional service and conducted a song-fest in which modern gospel choruses were mingled with the old favorite hymns.

The program was presented by two of our ladies who spent the summer in Germany. Miss Clara Hilker sang a number of German songs and Miss Alma Wiechers in a delightful manner narrated their summer travel experiences. Miss Wiechers is a teacher of German in the local High School. This journey was the third which the young women have made together. Many local friends who are interested in conditions in Germany came to hear and were surprised at the stories of German cleanliness and thoroughness.

The travelers paid special attention to the study of the middle-schools for practical purposes and contrasted German educational methods with ours. All admitted that in many respects the new world has much to learn from the old. Political and economic conditions were described as satisfactory to the German

people who for the most part were grateful for the improved outlook for the future and were praying God to preserve and bless their "Leader" for many years to come.

Many pictures and curios were used to help convey an appreciation of the scenic beauties and historic wonders of the German fatherland. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all and the church feels richly blessed in having among its members some who have been thus privileged to go and see and who have the will and the gift of sharing their travel experiences with those of us who must stay at home. At the close of the evening all joined in praising the Lord. "Our times are in thy hand, O God, we wish them there."

Rev. A. Engel, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### A Recent Visitation Program in the Immanuel Church of New York

Each year, during the fall and winter months, it is customary for every young people's society belonging to the Jugendbund of New York and vicinity to visit another group, to present a program, and then to be visited in turn by some other society.

The first of these Inter-Society meetings this fall was made on Tuesday evening, October 14, when the young people of the First Church of Brooklyn visited the group at the Immanuel Baptist Church in New York City.

The meeting was in charge of Mr. Albert Dunger, president of the Immanuel Society, who led the devotions. The message of the evening was brought by the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, pastor of the Second Church of Brooklyn, who for the past two years has served as general secretary of the Jugendbund.

After the visiting group had been welcomed, Mr. William F. Strunk, president of the Brooklyn Society, announced the following program: duet, "The Garden of Prayer" by Helen Nestler and Edwin Neithardt; reading by William Strunk; duet, "It Pays To Serve Jesus" by Alfred Toelle and Philip Hauck. A playlet entitled, "So Let Us Serve," was presented by Eugene Noble, Marie Wegge-land, Helen Toelle, Edith Steinhilber, Adeline Prin and Edwin Neithardt.

Following the closing prayer offered by the Rev. John H. Grygo, pastor of the Immanuel Church, a social hour was enjoyed by all present, during which refreshments were served by the Immanuel young people.

The officers of the Jugendbund of New York and vicinity for the current year are: president, Edwin Marklein; first vice president, Alfred Orthner; second vice president, Edwin Lieb; recording secretary, Helen Nestler; corresponding secretary, Louise Dunger; treasurer, E. Earl Traver; honorary president, Fred J. Maeder.

Helen Nestler, Reporter.

## Annual Concert of the Jugendbund of New York and Vicinity

Approximately 275 persons were present at the annual concert of the Jugendbund of New York and vicinity held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 3, despite the fact that it was "Election Night," and that Times Square, three blocks away, virtually drew thousands of citizens to hear the returns of the Presidential campaign. The concert, which was one of the best attended, took place at the Second German Baptist Church.

After those present had been welcomed by Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, president of the Jugendbund, the following program, composed of talent from the several churches comprising the Union, was rendered: Violin solo by John Kuharetz accompanied by Ruth E. Schmidt; reading with piano accompaniment, entitled "The Model Church," by Mrs. Vincent Brushwyler; soprano solo, "Praise the Lord, O My Soul," by Miss Elizabeth Herzog; reading by Mrs. J. Rauser; piano solo by Mrs. Louise Heery; selection by the Harmony Trio of Passaic, N. J.; recitation by Miss Edna Atz; and piano solo by Mrs. John Grygo.

The Rev. John Kuehl, pastor of the Walnut Street Church of Newark, offered the opening prayer, and at the close of the concert the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Adolph G. Schade, pastor of the Second Church of New York City. The organ selections were played by Miss Helen Hansen, organist of the Second Church of New York.

The committee in charge of selecting the talent and preparing the program was headed by Mr. Alfred Orthner, first vice-president of the Jugendbund.

HELEN NESTLER, Secretary.

## Fiftieth Anniversary of Missionary Society in Bridgeport

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., celebrated its 50th anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 28, anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 28, anniversary a beautiful setting of palms and amidst a beautiful setting of palms and chrysanthemums, donated by the Ladies' Aid Society and the Sunshine Society of our church and members and friends from Bridgeport and Woodhaven.

We were glad to see so many guests from New Britain, Meriden, New Haven, New Jersey and New York. After an organ prelude by Miss Emma Naber and invocation by the Rev. D. Meyhoefer, our president, Mrs. Emil Berger, read our president's message. We then enjoyed a Scripture passage. We then enjoyed a solo by Mr. Meyhoefer, followed by the prayer by the Rev. Emil Berger. Of the four charter members, two are still with us, Mrs. Ottilie Zopf-Moesner and Mrs. Caroline Will, who were presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums, as a token of love for the long years of service.

Mrs. E. Wehger, secretary, gave a report of the 50 years of progress and

service, followed by Mrs. R. J. Dittrich with the treasurer's report. The church quartet rendered several selections, after which the offering for missions was received.

The guest speaker was Dr. F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., who spoke on the "Luxury of Love," and by his inspiring message we learned there is a greater meaning to the word, "love," than is given in the dictionary. He told of his visit to our little group 50 years ago and his doubt concerning any progress, but he had to give the women credit. They always come through!

Miss Evelyn Happel favored us with a solo, "Come Unto Me," accompanied by Mrs. R. J. Dittrich at the piano. Our motto is, "And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

LENA FOSTER, Reporter.

## Southern Conference

### The Festive Anniversary of the Gatesville Women's Missionary Union

For the past few years it has been the custom of the Women's Missionary Union of our church at Gatesville, Texas, to celebrate its anniversary jointly with the birthday of one of its oldest members. This year the birthday of Grandmother Henkel was chosen as the date for the event. Hence on Wednesday evening, Oct. 14, an enthusiastic congregation gathered in the church.

Placards bearing the names of the months of the year were attached to groups of pews and, as each guest arrived, he found his place where the month of his birth was designated.

With the president, Mrs. Bunning in charge, an interesting program was presented. Grandmother Henkel, who is very active despite her advanced years, was first given an opportunity to say a few words. Various numbers such as a short dialogue, readings and a vocal solo were rendered by members of each circle of our Union. We were also favored with selections by a male quartet. Since no such occasion is complete without some remarks by our pastor, the Rev. W. H. Bunning, he was given an opportunity to express his congratulations to Grandmother Henkel and to the Union and then to deliver an address.

Twelve children, one representing each month of the year, took "the birthday offering" which amounted to \$34.

The date of this happy occasion was also the 11th wedding anniversary of one of the younger couples of the church, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lengefeld, and a little surprise had been planned for them. The president presented them with a beautiful bouquet of pink rosebuds and then to the strains of Lohengrin's, "Bridal Chorus," led them to the altar where Mr. Bunning extended his congratulations and the good wishes of their many friends.

MRS. G. P. SCHAUB, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Sunday School Convention in Bison, S. Dak.

Bison was this year's Mecca of the Western Dakotas and Eastern Montana Sunday School Association. This little inland town without a railroad is a station of "the Gnadenfeld Church." A well built basement was dedicated there two years ago, which serves them as a meeting place until better times will enable them to erect the church itself. This basement, too, served the convention from October 2 to 4.

The Rev. F. Trautner, pastor, extended a very hearty welcome to the delegates and visitors, who had come from the various churches in fair numbers, to which the Rev. A. Stelter, moderator, fittingly replied. Both anticipated a blessed time which was abundantly verified. The messages in sermons were brought by the Reverends G. W. Pust, J. H. Matz and O. Lohse. Other timely topics related to the church and the Sunday School were treated by the Reverends J. R. Matz, F. Trautner and A. Stelter.

On Sunday morning and afternoon, Oct. 4, the basement-auditorium was taxed to its utmost capacity. After the Sunday School session, which was led by the superintendent, Mr. Carl Broeckel, and addressed by the Reverends A. Stelter and G. W. Pust, the Rev. O. Lohse preached an inspiring missionary sermon. The offerings at this service and the afternoon session amounted to \$45.97, which represented a real sacrifice on the part of the people in this drought and dust stricken area. This money is used to help in supporting our missionary among the gypsies in Bulgaria, the Rev. Georgi Stefanoff.

In the afternoon the young people had their opportunity. The program was brief but interesting and inspirational. The concluding message was brought by the Rev. G. W. Pust.

Throughout the convention music played an important part in the program. Some of this was rendered by those who came from a distance, but by far the most of it by the various choirs and choruses of the Gnadenfeld Church, which were under the direction of the musically gifted minister's wife, Mrs. F. Trautner.

The question as to whether there will be two sessions annually, as heretofore, or only one and the time of meeting are to be determined by the churches. The convention favored the latter procedure but left the matter of time in abeyance.

G. W. PUST, Reporter.

## Golden Jubilee of the Wishek Church

On Sunday, Oct. 4, the German Baptist Church of Wishek, N. D., celebrated its 50th anniversary. The Rev. H. P. Kayser of Goodrich, N. D., was the guest speaker on the occasion. The afternoon service was devoted to reports by the various organizations. This was clim-



axed by a message by the Rev. A. Heringer, who at one time served the church continuously for 17 years as pastor. The church has the pleasure of counting among its members two persons who are charter members. Both of these could not be present because of illness.

The evening service consisted of literary and musical numbers by the different organizations. The Rev. A. Guenther of Ventura, and the Rev. W. Luebeck of Ashley were honored guests with members of the congregation. Both of these churches originated from the Wishek Church, known at that time as "die Gemeinde Danzig."

In these 50 years the church received 792 persons into membership by baptism and letter. The contributions for missionary and benevolent purposes were \$32,645 and for current expenditures \$82,059, making a grand total of \$114,707. At present there are four preaching stations with a combined membership of about 275. Last year, before the exodus to California started, the church had its largest membership since it was organized in 1886 with 15 people, namely, with 300 members on its list. In the compilation of the statistics the church was greatly aided by the Rev. B. Schlipf. B. W. KRENTZ, Reporter.

#### The Northern North Dakota Sunday School Convention

The Sunday School Convention of the Northern North Dakota Association was held at the Rosenfeld Church on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 14 and 15. Large crowds of interested friends attended the sessions. The evening sermons were brought by the Rev. W. W. Knauf who preached on the text, "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ" and by the Rev. Daniel Klein on the theme, "Faith."

The following topics were considered: "Acceptable and Unacceptable Excuses for Not Teaching a Sunday School Class" by Rev. H. P. Kayser; "How Do Scholars Aid and Hinder Their Teacher?" by Rev. R. Sigmund; "The Cost and Reward of a Sunday School Worker," by Rev. E. Becker; "The Cross and the Crown of a Sunday School Superintendent," by Mr. E. Wehr; "The Qualifications of a Sunday School Teacher," by Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch; "The Word of God, a Light to the World," by Rev. N. E. McCoy.

A demonstration how to begin and to close a Sunday School was conducted by the Rev. R. Kaiser. Mr. Knauf in a practical way answered questions pertaining to Sunday School work. Steps were taken to hold Teacher Training Classes in the various Sunday Schools.

Reports showed that there are 24 Sunday Schools in the association with an enrollment of 2250, an average attendance of 1513 representing an increase of 235 over last year, 145 classes, 202 officers and teachers, 125 conversions and 63 baptisms. The officers for the coming year are Karl Gieser, chairman; Daniel Klein, vice-chairman, and G. Rauser, secretary-treasurer.

W. WEINHOLZ, Reporter.



Rev. Thorwald W. Bender of Emery, So. Dak.

#### Jubilee Program Held at Emery Church

The 50th anniversary of the German Baptist Church of Emery, S. D., was held on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 25 and 26. Large crowds of members and friends attended the Sunday's festivities. The auditorium, seating almost 450 persons, and the church basement were packed. Amplification and loud speaker units had been installed and enabled everyone to hear the program.

The Sunday School service was in charge of the superintendent, Mr. Ed Rosens. Musical numbers were rendered by the Girls' Glee Club and a male quartet. The Rev. John F. Olthoff of Salem, Oregon, brought a message at this time about the beginning of the young people's work in Emery. The Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon, S. D., brought the German message at the morning service. The choir which sang under the direction of the Rev. F. Dobrovolny in earlier years also took part in the service. In the afternoon greetings were brought by the pastors and members representing the churches in Madison, Plum Creek, Parkston, Avon, Chancellor, Unityville, Corona and Spring Valley. An address was also brought by the Rev. John F. Olthoff, D.D., dealing with the early years and experiences of the church. At the evening worship service the Rev. John Borchers of Chancellor, S. D., and the Rev. T. W. Bender of Emery, spoke, stressing the challenge of the future. On Monday evening a "Church Fellowship Night" was held for the members and local friends of the church, at which Dr. Olthoff and Mr. Bender brought appropriate addresses. Musical numbers were also rendered by a Girls' Glee Club organized during the Rev. George Pust's pastorate and by a Men's Glee Club which had its beginning under the Rev. Samuel Blum's ministry.

The Emery Church was organized on Feb. 24, 1886, by 16 charter members of whom the following are still living: Mr and Mrs. George Letcher of Emery, S. D., and Mrs. George Lubbers of Westington Springs. On the same day of

the organization of the church Mr. O. Olthoff, one of the charter members and the first pastor of the church, was ordained. The American Baptist Home Mission Society supported the church for the first years of its life.

A statistical table of the membership of the church reveals a steady growth throughout the years. The present membership of 317 is the highest in the history of the church. By 1895 the membership had grown to 80. This is remarkable when one considers that in 1890 there were 24 members dismissed to organize the Unityville Church, 24 others to organize the Avon Church and in 1892 28 members dismissed to found the Chancellor Church. The churches of Corona, S. D., and Jeffers, Minn., also owe their beginning to the Emery Church. The German Baptist Church of Donna, Texas, has a membership which is composed almost entirely of such who took their letters from Emery. During the 50 years of its history the church has sent 216 members into churches all over the country and its pastors have baptized 407 converts.

The Emery Church has had eight pastors in 10 pastorates during its history. These ministers and their terms of service are as follows: Rev. O. Olthoff (3 pastorates, 1886-1893, 1896-1897, 1898-1906); Rev. J. J. Valkenaar, 1893-1895; Rev. H. Dallman, 1907-1913; Rev. F. Dobrovolny, 1914-1919; Rev. G. Lohr, 1919-1924; Rev. Samuel Blum, 1924-1927; Rev. George Pust, 1927-1935; and the present pastor, the Rev. Thorwald Bender, who after serving the church in part time service began his full time ministry in July, 1936.

The church building was dedicated in 1908 and enlarged in 1929. In later years the church has contributed liberally to the support of missionary enterprises. Its present pastor is a son of the late Rev. Carl Bender, Cameroon missionary. Dr. John F. Olthoff of Oregon, is a son of the first pastor of the church and the only son of the church who is in the ministry.

The present board of deacons is composed of Henry Olthoff, Carl Forsch, George T. Terveen and Wm. Harms. The trustees are Hans Edwards, Albert Terveen and J. J. Hofer. Mr. George J. Terveen serves as church clerk and treasurer. A picture of the present pastor of the church appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald" accompanying this report.

#### Recent Sessions of the Central Dakota Sunday School Association

The Central Dakota Sunday School Association convened with the church at Ashley, N. D., from Sept. 22 to 24. The local pastor, the Rev. W. Luebeck, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates as well as to the guests, after which the Rev. J. J. Abel delivered a timely message to the Sunday School workers and parents. The following evening we

had the privilege of listening to our young people's secretary, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner. With enthusiasm and conviction he spoke on the topic, "Iron Doors and How to Open Them." The closing sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Alf on the text, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

The morning devotions were conducted by the Reverends B. W. Krenz on "The Reward of a Teacher" and A. Heringer on "How the Lord Chooses and Commissions His Workers." In the afternoon sessions the Messrs. G. Rott and G. Herr opened the meetings with devotional exercises.

During the forenoon and afternoon the following topics concerning our Sunday School work were discussed: "What Can One Expect of a Sunday School Teacher?" by Rev. M. L. Leuschner; "The Sunday School Teacher and the Prayer Meeting" by Rev. A. Guenther; "Young People and Christian Character" by Mr. Leuschner; "Why Do So Few Children of Christian Parents Affiliate Themselves with the Church?" by Rev. A. Krombein, and "The Vision of the Whole World" by Mr. Leuschner. A practical demonstration how to conduct a Sunday School was given with the Rev. B. W. Krenz acting as Sunday School superintendent, the Rev. H. G. Braun as teacher of the Bible class, Mrs. W. Luebeck as teacher of the Intermediates and Mrs. W. H. Herr teacher of the Primary department.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Rev. F. Alf, chairman; Rev. A. Krombein, vice-chairman; and Rev. H. G. Braun, secretary-treasurer.

H. G. BRAUN, Reporter.

#### Dedication of the New Church at Herreid, So. Dak.

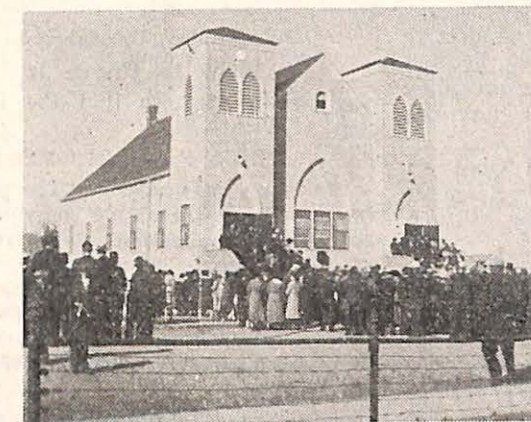
Sunday, Oct. 11, was a very pleasant day at Herreid, So. Dak., when a great number of German Baptists came from all directions to attend the dedication of the newly built German Baptist Church. The old church building, erected under the leadership of the Rev. H. G. Bens in 1921 and enlarged in 1931, was completely destroyed by fire in January of this year. With the help of the insurance sum of \$8,000 and funds liberally furnished by the members of the church and the business people of the little city the present pastor, the Rev. E. S. Fenske, and his officers undertook the task of building a new and beautiful house of worship with a seating capacity of about 450. It stands exactly on the same site where the older church buildings stood for almost 32 years.

At the appointed hour, 9:45 a. m., the Rev. E. S. Fenske and the officiating ministers appeared before the church doors. After the singing of the hymn, "Open Now the Gates of Beauty," an excellent address by the Rev. F. Alf of Linton, No. Dak., and prayer by the Rev. F. Trautner of Hettinger, No. Dak., the genial architect, Mr. Irvin Rische, de-

livered the keys of the edifice to the trustees of the church, who, in turn, opened the doors. Since Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Chicago had found it impossible to be present because of illness, the Rev. H. G. Bens of Bismarck, No. Dak., "the Senior" among the German Baptist ministers of the Dakotas, was selected to preach the dedicatory sermon. Since Mr. Bens had been pastor of the church for 16 years, it afforded him great pleasure

the crucified and risen Christ. The Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of Vienna, Austria, related his wonderful experiences of God's guidance and work in the Balkan countries along the blue Danube River. The several choirs and Miss Gray again favored the audience with songs and anthems, whereupon there followed the dedication of the baptistry.

Thirteen persons, nine young women and four boys, followed the Lord in



The New Church Building Recently Dedicated, at Herreid, South Dakota

to serve the church and its guests at this festival occasion. He spoke on "The Spiritual House" according to 1 Peter 2:5, dwelling on the purpose of the house, the building material, the construction of the edifice and the functions of those dwelling in it. The Rev. A. Heringer, another well known pioneer minister, in a solemn dedicatory prayer committed the beautiful church home to the service of God. The Rev. E. S. Fenske presided at all the exercises, and the Herreid church choir under the able leadership of Mr. Henry O. Bens, the Artas choir directed by the pastor and an excellent male quartet furnished inspiring music. With prayer by the Rev. O. Lohse of McIntosh, So. Dak., the morning service, which was so rich in blessings, was brought to a close.

The afternoon service brought new blessings. The Rev. Benjamin Schlipf, of Bismarck, No. Dak., preached an excellent sermon on "The House of God," (Genesis 28:17). The following ministers presented in five minute addresses the greetings and congratulations of their respective churches: the Reverends A. J. Fischer of Beulah, N. D., A. Krombein of Fredonia, N. D., Wm. Luebeck of Ashley, N. D., B. W. Krenz of Wishek, N. D., G. Eichler of Streeter, N. D., Geo. Pust of McLaughlin, S. D., F. Trautner of Hettinger, N. D., and O. Lohse of McIntosh, S. D. Miss Gray, "the nightingale of Herreid," known for her marvelous voice, delighted the audience with a beautiful solo.

At the evening service an inspiring sermon was preached by the Rev. Geo. Pust, who 35 years ago had been baptized by the Rev. H. G. Bens at Hutchinson, Minn. His topic was "Seeking for High Things," (Colossians 3:1), and in an enthusiastic and convincing way he pointed out that our souls can be happy only when they are united with

baptism when the Rev. E. S. Fenske led them into the baptismal waters to be buried with Christ and to walk with him in the newness of spiritual life. So closed a long day that will long be remembered by our friends at Herreid.

It was stated that about 2000 people had attended the dedication services and that about 1000 persons had enjoyed the meals in the church's dining room. The building, costing about \$12,000, has been almost entirely paid for by the church. The pulpit chairs were a gift of the Ladies' Aid Society, the fine piano a present from Mr. Henry O. Bens who also installed the lighting system without cost, and the pulpit Bible a gift from the church at Edenwald, Sask. Mr. Fenske, who so ably planned and worked for this elaborate house of worship, and his brave band of workers are certainly to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

H. G. BENS, Reporter.

#### OBITUARY

##### Mrs. Amelia Norman

Mrs. Amelia Norman, nee Boltz, was born in Germany on Dec. 27, 1853, and died on Oct. 28, 1936, in Wausau, Wis. In 1870 she came with her parents to America and made her home near Whitewater Wis. On Oct. 8, 1872, she was married to Mr. Constantine Norman. At the age of 36 she was baptized on confession of her faith by the Rev. Henry Mueller and became a faithful member of the Concord Church, where she retained her membership until her death.

Mrs. Norman had many fine qualities and as a result had many friends. Her life was a blessing and an inspiration to many with whom she came in contact. She enjoyed good health most of her days until shortly before her death. She was given to hospitality and always was a friend of her pastor. The undersigned took as the text of his message at the funeral service Genesis 47:8—"How Old Art Thou?"

Surviving are a son, Frank, who lives on the homestead farm, with whom the departed had made her home; a sister, Miss Johanna Boltz of Milwaukee; nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Her husband, one son and two daughters preceded her in death.

G. WETTER, Concord, Wis.



## DAILY MEDITATIONS

(Continued from Page 370)

Monday, December 14

**How God Answers Prayer**

"And Moses said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory." Exodus 33:18.

Read Exodus 33:13-23.

It would seem as if Moses desired some visible display of God or some kind of representation of him. And so far it was refused. "Thou canst not see my face." Our prayers must be subject to his judgment. He answers us, but not according to our wishes, but according to our need. He shows us his glory, but after his own manner.

Prayer: "O thou Eternal One! I trust in thy lovingkindness. Hear my prayers in accordance with thy will and purpose."

Tuesday, December 15

**The Power of the Gospel**

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Romans 1:16.

Read Romans 1:13-17.

The glory of the gospel is not found

in its outer garb but in its hidden power. Faith links us up with that power, and we experience its saving virtue. It proves itself to be the power of God unto salvation. It is, indeed, nothing to be ashamed of. No, we glory in it!

Prayer: "Our great Redeemer, we thank thee that thy gospel has brought us peace of mind and freedom of conscience."

Wednesday, December 16

**How to Prove It**

"O taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34:8.

Read Psalm 34:6-22.

It is a common saying: "The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof." That has a wide application. It is true, too, of religion and, in particular, of the doctrine of grace. If we would know God in the dispensations of his grace and goodness, we must submit ourselves in joyful surrender to him. We must taste and see.

Prayer: "Eternal God, as our hearts are opened to thee, thou dost reveal thyself to us in the plenitude of thy grace."

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# A Chat About Books

By the Editor

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**THE GLORIOUS GALILEAN**

A book of colorful and vivid imaginary narratives of 17 Biblical characters whose lives were touched by "the Galilean," which in itself is a unique volume of sermons, is "The Glorious Galilean" by Dr. J. W. G. Ward (Cokesbury Press, \$2.00, 234 pages, 1936). Dr. Ward, who is one of England's greatest ministers, now serving the First Presbyterian Church of Oak Park, Ill., formerly preached in Tollington Park in London, England, as the successor to Dr. J. Campbell Morgan.

Dr. Ward is a dramatist with the skilled touch of an artist, who has woven the stories of these Biblical characters into the strands of glowing life. Such well known individuals as John the Baptist, Mary Magdalene, Zacchaeus, John Mark and Simon Peter become living, glowing figures along with those about whom we know little from the Scriptural record as the Samaritan woman, a certain lawyer, the centurion, Procula, and the Bethlehem innkeeper.

The author is a master in wielding the pen. His words are like flaming comets that shoot across the pages of the book. He describes the Apostle Paul by "the flash and glint of sunlit spray which was in his eyes as he spoke of Christ, the Savior of the world." The radiant look on Mary Magdalene's face "revealed an inner light like that of the seven branched candlestick burning within the Temple." The words of Jesus addressed to the young ruler were "like a spear piercing the armor of pride and reaching his heart."

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