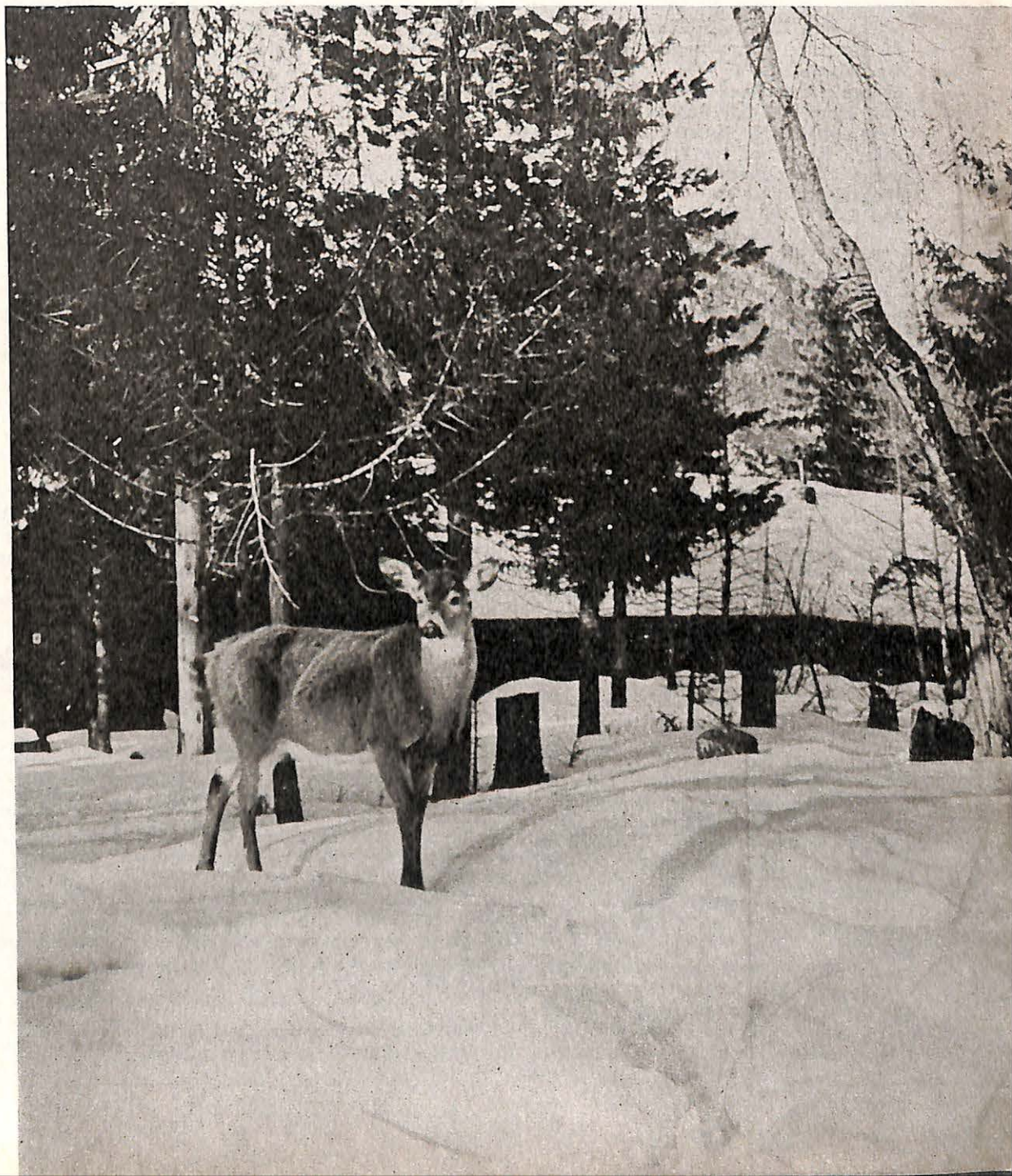


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**A Picturesque
Christmas Scene At
Headquarters in
Glacier National
Park**

Courtesy of the Great
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What's Happening

The Rev. Thomas Stoeri, minister of the St. Louis Park Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., has accepted the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis. He and his wife will soon move to North Freedom for the beginning of the pastorate on Jan. 1, 1937.

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The Rev. L. Hoeffner, formerly of Durham, Kansas, has begun his work on the new field of service at Donna, Texas, with the first of December to which he was recently called. This promising mission field of our denomination in the southern part of Texas has been without a pastor since the departure of the Rev. H. G. Ekruet, almost a year ago.

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The Rev. Charles F. Zummach, pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, has resigned his charge and accepted the call extended to him by the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill. Mr. Zummach served this church for a few years after his graduation from the seminary 25 years ago. He will begin his service in Trenton on Jan. 1, 1937.

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The Rev. L. H. Broecker of St. Joseph, Mich., conducted evangelistic meetings at the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, from Oct. 12 to 25. The reporter stated that "the word of God was preached in a clear and simple manner and that a number of young people came forward to make their decisions for Christ. Everyone attending the meetings received a blessing."

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From Nov. 1 to 15 a revival campaign was held at the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada. The Rev. W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., brought a series of heart searching messages from the Word of God which resulted in 16 conversions. The pastor of the church, the Rev. A. E. Jaster, wrote that "the spiritual life of the whole church was admirably quickened by these evangelistic services."

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The Rev. G. Beutler, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta, Canada, recently baptized 12 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The Harvest and Mission festival held at the station, Knee Hill Creek, was the first to be observed in five years. The missionary offering amounted to \$25. The church choir and young people's society in the Olds church have taken on a new lease of life.

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A church choir has recently been organized in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., by its pastor, the Rev. John Mueller. About 15 young people

are enthusiastically rendering an invaluable ministry through the choir in beautifying the services of the church. Mr. Daniel Schlesinger is serving as choir director, Mr. Herbert Hecht, as president, and Mr. Harold Retzke as secretary and librarian. The choir is planning on rendering a Christmas cantata shortly before Christmas.

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On Sunday evening, Nov. 1, the members of the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, gathered at the church to share in the observance of the 10th wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Zoschke, its pastor and his wife. After a short program of music and readings, Mr. J. F. Miller presented Mr. and Mrs. Zoschke with a basket of flowers and a gift. Opportunity was later given to the members and friends of the church to extend their felicitations to the honored couple.

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The Sunday School of the German Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, North Dakota, celebrated the Harvest and Mission Festival with a special program on Sunday morning, Nov. 15. The church was filled to its capacity for the occasion. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Karl Gieser, wrote that the singing by the children and congregation and the variety of recitations were features of the program. A missionary offering was received.

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Miss Laura Reddig of Cathay, No. Dak., is a student at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., where she is also serving as the school nurse. Miss Reddig is a graduate of the Mounds Park Sanitarium at St. Paul, Minn., and at present holds her membership in the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul. Miss Alethea Kose, one of the teachers of the Missionary Training School, writes that "Miss Reddig is preparing to be a missionary-nurse, hoping to go to the foreign field after graduating from the school."

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On Sunday, Nov. 8, the Rev. H. G. Bens of Bismarck, North Dakota, brought a missionary sermon in the morning service of the church at Washburn, North Dakota, following which a missionary offering was received. In the evening Mr. Bens brought a baptismal message and the minister of the church, the Rev. Emil Becker, baptized a young man from the station at Underwood on confession of his faith in Christ. He and his mother were given the hand of fellowship into the church on the following Sunday, Nov. 15.

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Evangelistic services were held in the Friedensfeld Church, a mission of the

German Baptist Church of Hilda, Alberta, Canada, by the Rev. Albert Ittermann of Freudental, Alberta, from Oct. 11 to 23. As a result of the meetings, which were very well attended, there were five conversions. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Otto Fiesel, in exchange for Mr. Ittermann's services, spent two weeks in evangelistic meetings in the German Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta, beginning with Sunday, Nov. 22, with accompanying success.

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The Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., of which the Rev. A. Engel is pastor, recently held a brief series of "Awakening Meetings." The Rev. John Heumann of Chicago, a leader among collegiate Christian youth and a keen student of world events, brought several earnest messages on the burning questions of the day and a stirring challenge to the church. He spoke on the topics: "The Church's Only Hope," "The Present Great World Revolution," "The Challenge of Unbelief," "Is Communism Challenging America?" and "Youth's Greatest Question."

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"The Baptist Herald" posters, announcing the new features of the paper and promoting the campaign for new subscriptions and renewals, have been mailed to all agents of the publication society and "Herald" boosters. A special letter by the editor with more detailed information concerning the 1937 "Baptist Herald" was also enclosed. It is hoped that these attractive posters will be placed in a conspicuous place on the church bulletin board and announcement be made by the pastor of the subscription campaigns for "The Baptist Herald" and "Sendbote."

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The German Baptist ministers of New York City and vicinity held their November associational meeting on Monday afternoon, Nov. 9, at the Second Church of New York. The Rev. (Continued on Page 390)

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AT the heart of Christmas is the stirring proclamation of the love of God to all people. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." That truth

The Heart of Christmas

was illumined by the Bethlehem star and made melodious by the echoing refrain of the angels. Central in the Christian faith is the fact that God was in Christ revealing his mercy and loving kindness toward all life, that bears the imprint of his Spirit, and "reconciling the world unto himself." The festival of Christmas is only a partial and limited reflection of the most tremendous truth and momentous event in human history "when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son."

At the heart of love is the art of giving. There can be no love where there is no effacing of self and a lavish expenditure of life for others. "Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish." Originally, Christmas was synonymous with the spirit of giving which, like the sunshine, knows no bounds nor cessation. For the incarnation is "the good news" of God's most treasured gift imparted to mankind for the salvation of all.

The true Christmas observance for those, in whom the Spirit of God dwells, should focus its attention exclusively on the gifts of love that can be given in behalf of others. Christmas should be supremely the time of the year when we come more closely than ever to be like unto God. However, one cannot observe the Christmas of our modern day and not be aware of a strange and alien note that is being sounded. The foremost question in December for many lives is, "What am I going to get? What will Santa Claus bring to me?"

In a day when Christmas has been largely commercialized by advertising, appealing to the eye and catching the attention of the ear, the children of our homes and Sunday Schools grow up from infancy in an observance of this festival in which

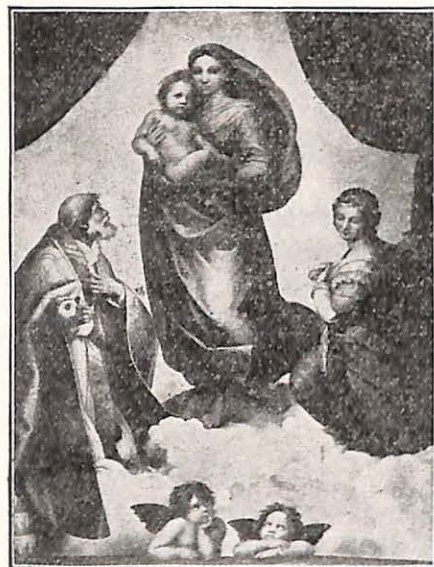
the emphasis is placed on all that they are going to receive. It's a time of bountiful and luxurious receiving of presents, clothes, playthings, candy, apples, books and cards until the lesson of giving is largely buried under the avalanche of things.

There are seasons of the year when the church and home can bestow their gifts bountifully on the children. The observance of birthdays in the home and of Children's Day and the annual picnic by the Sunday School are opportunities for this. But Christmas, in order to recover its lost radiance with which it began, should be a time when everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, should find his or her joy in giving gifts of love to others in need.

"The White Christmas observance," now largely forgotten, was a sincere effort in this direction. The entire Sunday School was thereby cooperating to bring its gifts to the Christ-child. What a power for love and service our Christian churches could become if in their memberships, Sunday Schools, missionary and young people's societies every individual were only thinking of following Christ in "ministering unto others."

There are hundreds of people in dire physical and spiritual need living in or near every community, who seldom enter a church but whose lives would be tenderly touched by such a revelation of a loving, giving spirit in the name of Christ. The foreign mission fields and Christian institutions at home need a variety of gifts for their more effective service. The money which is usually spent for candy and nuts for Sunday School scholars could reverently be laid upon this altar of service. There are sick and shut-ins and elderly people in every church to whom the singing of Christmas carols and gospel songs would be like a visitation of angels.

If we as Christian people truly loved by giving bountifully of ourselves and our gifts of life to others, even as God revealed his love in Christ, what a spiritual miracle Christmas would be even in our age!



Raphael's "Sistine Madonna"

The Sistine Madonna

"THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS CHRISTMAS PICTURE"

The author of this interpretative article with its clear style and lovely portrayal, written about a masterpiece of religious art known the world over, is a member of the German Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas.

By MRS. W. W. MOLLHAGEN of Frederick, Kansas

A Celestial Being of the Clouds

The Madonna is here portrayed as a celestial being, who appears upon the clouds of heaven. You can see the effect of the wind in the clouds upon her garments and the child's hair. Her eyes are big with wonder and there is a hint of anxiety and fear as she gazes down from her cloudy cushions at the sordid and suffering world of sin which her child will enter, and in which it will bear its trials and suffer for its redemption. Nothing can surpass the gaze of those eyes, so large, so wide open, so lustrous and appealing. Those eyes could not have found their place in a Madonna of the throne, nor could they be the eyes of the Madonna of the fields in a quiet nature setting. Naturalness is not an occasion for wonder. Raphael found the place for those eyes in a new creation, unique in all Christian art, eyes deep with seriousness tinged with pathos. In them are fused the simplicity of the Madonna, the consciousness of the world's sin and sorrow and the faint foreboding of a Savior's pain.

The Child And His Mother

In direct contrast to the Madonna is the face of the child, the artist's supreme triumph. His thoughtful and wondrous eyes reveal the calm and infinite repose of the Divine, as if he were conscious of his destiny as Savior of the world. In the background, probably not discernable in the accompanying print, are hundreds of baby faces, as though the Christ-child were the envy of all babyhood.

The Madonna has not been degraded to the level of a woman; the woman has been exalted to the level of a Madonna. Although she does not caress her child, there is no doubt of her love for him, even though her attention is given to the world below. Her hands support him with security and grace.

The Rich Symbolism of the Picture

The question is frequently asked, "Are the curtains in the painting a part of the interpretation or have they been placed in front of the canvas to keep off dust and merely pulled aside when a photograph, print or reproduction is made?" The curtains have a significant meaning. They are used by the artist as a division between heaven and earth, between things celestial and things earthly. They are drawn aside to permit the

mother and child to gaze upon the sin wrecked world beneath them.

Saint Sixtus must set off his crown in the presence of the apparition of the Madonna. He can no longer wear his crown in the presence of the Christ. He is absorbed by the deep emotion which fills the Madonna's eyes as she looks upon the world, which his outstretched hand points out below. Santa Barbara at the right is kneeling, with folded hands in devotion, with her pretty face turned toward the spectator.

A Spiritually Dramatic Theme

The story goes that while Raphael was at work painting the Madonna in the Church of St. Sixtus in Piacenza, two street urchins chanced to enter and watch him at his work. He decided to include them in his painting as two little cherubs, and they are in the loveliest harmony with the Christ-child, whose beauty and repose they reflect. Their upturned faces serve as eye paths to the celestial scene above them.

The "Sistine Madonna," so deeply imbued with divine feeling, is Raphael's successful attempt at a spiritually dramatic theme. Study it a hundred times and it will always reveal itself under a new aspect.

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today."

Raphael's Interesting Life

Raphael Sanzio, one of the greatest painters who ever lived, was born at Urbino, April 6, 1483. His father, Giovanni Sanzio, a painter of some merit, from whom young Raphael received his first instruction, died in 1494, and he was then intrusted to the care of an uncle. His studies, however, were not interrupted, and at the early age of twelve he was received into the studio of Perugino at Perugia as one of his pupils and con-

tinued with that celebrated painter for six or eight years. The pupil was soon permitted to share in the master's work, and when he came to paint independently he was seen to have acquired Perugino's manner.

About this time the painting of the library of the cathedral at Siena was intrusted to Pinturicchio, a fellow pupil, and Raphael is said to have assisted in the work. In 1504 he visited his native town, and while there painted "Christ Praying on the Mount of Olives," a "St. Michael" and a "St. George," the last two of which are in the Louvre. Towards the end of the same year, he proceeded to Florence, attracted thither by the fame of its famous artists and in this center of the highest artistic life of the time he studied diligently over a period of four years, with short intervals of return to his native city. In Florence he rapidly gained a wider knowledge of his art, and soon began to forsake the manner which he had adopted from Perugino.

Painting In the Florentine Manner

The sources from which he sought and obtained the artistic knowledge which enabled him to develop his new style were various. From Michael Angelo he learned simplicity and strength of outline, from Leonardo da Vinci he acquired grace of expression and composition, while from Fra Bartholommeo he gained a subtler depth of coloring and from Masaccio a broader treatment of drapery and dramatic effects. During the last two years of his stay in Florence, he painted, in what is known as his Florentine manner, many of what are now considered his most important works.

Attacked by a violent fever, which was increased by improper treatment, this great artist died at the age of thirty-seven years, and was buried with great pomp in the Pantheon. He died on April 6, 1520.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;

"For hate is strong, and mocks the song

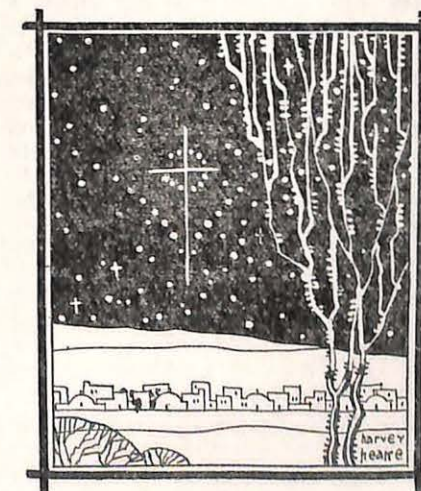
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!

The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

Till, ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,

A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!



From the Pulpit to the Typewriter

By PAUL HUTCHENS, Author of "A Song Forever" and Other Religious Novels

"From the Prison to the Pulpit," "From the Saddle to the Pulpit," "From Gangland to the Pulpit,"—these expressions as sermon topics and article headings are not new to us. Many are the men in the ministry today, who, having come to know Christ in the right and only way, have been called out of almost every walk of life to preach the gospel.

My own experience has been somewhat different. I have been led by an arduous, yet peculiarly blessed, route from the pulpit to the typewriter.

Today my Christian novels are receiving an acclaim seldom accorded writings of a similar nature. From every state in the nation and from many foreign countries letters have come streaming in to the publishers and to myself, praising, not the author nor the books alone, but praising God for the message of the books. Each of my published novels, "Romance of Fire," "This Way Out" and "A Song Forever," has been read serially over a number of radio stations in America. From the reading of one of them I received over four hundred letters. I am told that scores of thousands have read these books and heard them read. Souls are led to Christ; important life decisions are made; the work of Christ is being honored and pushed forward.

It has all come about in God's way and in God's time. From an active evangelistic ministry over a period of seven years, ranging geographically from Pennsylvania to California, I was suddenly ordered by a tuberculosis specialist to stop all preaching and "go to bed." A large cavity in my right lung, a terrific cough, raging fevers, hemorrhages and emaciation backed the doctor's orders with authority.

But to me there was only one calling in life, only one work in which I could be satisfied, only one vocation in which I could glorify my Savior. Men and women were dying without Christ and I had to keep on preaching the only message that could save them. I did not have any desire to stop preaching. I believed God would restore me to health.

After resting "without going to bed" for seven months, I returned to the evangelistic field, watching my condition carefully by X-ray examinations. In January of the following year, 1931, another X-ray showed my right lung to be in a terrible condition, with several large cavities and plenty of trouble in the other lung. The right lung as the doctors said, "must be collapsed at once to save his life." I could take my choice of going to bed or going to the graveyard. "Keep on fooling around like this," my physician told me, "and they'll bury you."

But I hated to give up. I HAD to get well! God HAD to heal me! I HAD to preach! For, unless I did, one



Paul Hutchens, Author of "A Song Forever," To Be Published Serially in "The Baptist Herald"

thousand or more souls who were converted each year under my ministry would never be saved! I prayed; I agonized; I cried with a broken heart. But it was no use. It WAS no use. Another plan had been arranged by God; a better plan.

Because I became too ill to do anything else, I went to bed, an apparently hopeless case. A little two room cabin, with a back porch opening toward the north, was furnished rent free for six months by a true Christian gentleman. This was at Los Gatos, California.

With Mrs. Hutchens as my nurse, I went down there from the northern part of Iowa to fight the monster of death which was slowly, surely taking my life, I shall never forget the morning on which they came to take away our tiny, six months old baby girl. She was to live with another family. No, we could not keep her with us. It was not safe. As I lay on the couch that morning, waiting, Mrs. Hutchens kissed our baby good-by and came back to me. Straight to the piano she went, rather blindly, I think, and played and sang for me—and for herself:

"Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight
Rolls a melody sweeter than Psalm;
In celestial like streams it unceasingly rolls
O'er my soul like an infinite calm,

"Peace, peace, wonderful peace:
Coming down from the Father above,
Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray,
In fathomless billows of love."

How brave she was! Bravery, the gift of God! Peace, the gift of God!

For four and one-half months I lay in bed, one purpose ruling my mind and heart. Some day I would preach again! Men were dying without Christ! I HAD to get well. God needed me.

"Collapse it to save his life!" Easier said than done. Harder to pay for.

I didn't get done. I'm glad I didn't. God had another plan. A better plan.

Another doctor said, "It is not advisable for Mrs. Hutchens to stay with you all the time. Yours is a hospital case."

I went to the hospital. Before going, I saw my baby once again, the only time I saw her in more than nineteen and one-half months. Straightened financial circumstances meant "a County Hospital." It also meant separation from my family—my wife and little girl.

The train took them to Iowa, about one thousand miles away.

The months dragged by until they numbered, all told, nineteen and one-half. Tiring, discouraging, lonely months. And yet, not tiring, not discouraging, nor lonely. For though I walked through the valley of the shadow of death, I feared no evil, for God was with me. Whenever I was afraid, I trusted in him.

I devoured scores of books and magazines, hundreds of stories and articles. I memorized over four hundred Bible verses, including the first fourteen chapters of the book of Romans and could quote them all readily. Some day God would let me preach again, and I must prepare myself—and keep prepared. I HAD to get well!

Sometimes in the night, when silent, white clad nurses and doctors went quietly down the hall and stopped at the cubicle next to mine, and when I knew that the morning would reveal an empty bed only a few feet away from mine, and one more long hard battle against the great White Plague of tuberculosis fought and lost, I would cry out to him with tears streaming down my pillow, "Oh my God! Let me go back! Let me preach for thee once more. Lost souls! Lost souls! Let me go to them! I have to get well! O God!"

In my reading I found new words, words in common usage but whose meaning I did not know—dozens of them, hundreds of them. I listed them on sheets of paper, ten or more on a sheet, and hung them on the wall beside my bed, until five hundred and more were there. I learned them all and learned how to use them.

I talked to nurses, doctors and "up" patients who came to my bedside about Christ. I urged many of them to ac-

cept him as their own personal Savior. I also preached on paper. A sixty page book, containing five gospel addresses, entitled "The Know-So Christian," was one of my first efforts. It was printed later and its second edition of four thousand copies is nearly exhausted. A girl in the sanatorium, who had been seeking Christ without finding him, was saved while reading the fourth chapter of this book. This greatly encouraged me.

About this time a writer's magazine fell into my hands. I read it from cover to cover and asked for another copy. Perhaps, while convalescing, I could write for Christ; but only until I was well. For then I must preach again. I wrote, just for practise, two secular stories which my fellow-sufferers pronounced "good." One was "good enough for the Saturday Evening Post."

But the Saturday Evening Post didn't feel the same way about it. The other story also came back from various magazines to which it was sent, and I was promptly and thoroughly deflated. But something had happened to me. I had unearthed an urge to write. Heretofore, I had scorned to write even a sermon. I was an extemporaneous speaker, memorizing even my notes. I remembered the words of Sam Jones who once had said, "I'd rather have a man draw a gun on me than to have a preacher draw a manuscript on me!" I still feel the same way about written sermons.

I wrote a story, weaving in the gospel of Christ, and sent it to the Sunday School Times. Back came the acceptance and a small check. But every penny of it was a ton of encouragement. A second story to the American Baptist Publication Society brought a larger small check. I walked on air, even though not able to breathe in as much of it as I needed. Grace and Truth magazine asked for a series of stories. Soon articles, stories and poems began to appear under my name in such magazines as Christian Youth, California, Moody Monthly, Grace and Truth, King's Business, and the like. I began to be happy in this new work, which I was able to do in bed.

I left the sanatorium in August, 1932, and was motored to my family in Iowa. Glorious reunion! I was overweight, looking fine—a quiescent case, but forbidden to preach.

I started to write another story. A half dozen others that I had written, had been rejected. I wondered if "the knack," which I thought I had won, had been lost. The difficulty was that I had been lost. The difficulty was that "art may teach not as yet learned that" forward in my messages from the pulpit. I wanted to preach in my fiction, also. But readers would not stand for it. They would skip the sermons and theological discussions and read on for the story. I soon learned, that even the most spiritual readers did the same thing. Preaching in fiction must be by implication. This art, Grace Livingston Hill has learned so well.

I, too, was not satisfied with most of the Christian fiction of the day. Much of it was excellent. But most of it was of the sermon type that young people would not read. There was much religious fiction, but so little worthy of the name "Christian." So much of it was dry. Plots were too shallow. Characters were not true to life. I became desperately in earnest about writing a book that would startle the world. I did not know that all young writers hope for the same thing for their first books. I'm glad I didn't know. I was angered with the modern stories. The magazine stands were filled with filth and froth. The consciences of our young people were being seared by the "hot stuff" of the popular news stand magazines. Bold, daring stories with white hot, high voltage thrills were warping the emotions and sowing the seed of "the enemy" while men slept. God had a few writers, but only a few whose writings were reaching the thousands. Perhaps he could use me. I could sow the seed. Others could reap the harvest. Somebody had to write. I had to write.

My story grew and the plot became complicated. I myself did not know how to get my characters out of the criss-cross labyrinth in which I had lost them. I wrote on, studying my writer's magazine, praying and believing in the message I was weaving into the story. My characters were finding Christ, were preaching Christ, and still the book was not going to be a "preachy" book.

Again straightened financial circumstances! I was feeling quite well. It looked as if God were forcing me out to preach again. Perhaps I was only dreaming my time away over this writing business.

One campaign. Two. Three. Four. Hundreds of souls were converted to Christ. Over three hundred in less than three months. All this time I carried with me the unfinished story, writing only occasionally as I was able to find time.

The summer months brought a time of rest in the Colorado mountains. Passionate, burning desires to put out a book to awaken Christian workers drove to the typewriter once more.

I reeled off pages and pages. Then came more preaching and more souls were converted, hundreds more. At length, after fifteen months the book was done.

It began to look as if I should have to publish the story myself. One publisher wrote, "fiction with a purpose is the hardest for us to market." Another was too busy to read it, taking an attitude of absolute indifference. A third talked "business," creating the impression that he was interested mainly in the book's financial success. A fourth offered to do the work of editing and printing (if after reading the story it was found acceptable) but I was to pay for the work. One reader reported, "gems of truth in a setting of sensationalism."

Things looked dark and it began to

look as if my dream was only a dream. Other new writers have had similar experiences. But every time I re-read the story I was convinced that it was worthy. And every time I read it, I made minor changes. The story had to be published. Souls were at stake, and the message of the book would grip and stir men. I knew it. I was sure, also, that the book would sell and be a success in the generally accepted meaning of the term.

Then God led me to one of the truly great publishers of the nation, Mr. Wm. B. Eerdmans of Grand Rapids, Mich. He was looking for just such a story. He believed in wholesome, Christian fiction. He rejected from his list all literature tainted with false teachings. Satisfactory arrangements were made, and the work of typesetting, proof reading and other necessary things was begun. The approval of the Lord was evident from the beginning. One book store gave the publishers an initial order of one thousand copies. The book was titled, "Romance of Fire." It is still burning its way through Christian reading circles and is popular among all classes. Seven editions were printed and were run off in a little over a year, and the book was termed a "best seller." My dream was a prophecy coming true.

But what? My health had broken again. "One year in bed," the doctor said.

I went to bed. But the fire burned on. My whole life had become a Romance of Fire. I wrote each day while in bed, except when raging fevers came and interrupted the work for a period of weeks and sometimes for a month. Only a little each day would produce another book in six months. A stenographer came to my bedside and I dictated to her my story as I was able to stand it and in due time "This Way Out" was finished and off the press, and receiving even higher acclaim than "Romance of Fire."

I stayed in bed seven months at this time. But I was unable to preach when I was allowed to get up. I soon began to write another story. "A Song Forever" came from the press in March, 1936, and was immediately claimed by two Christian book-of-the-month clubs as their April choice. Radio stations began to broadcast it. Letters began to pour in again.

I have tried to preach again and again, but each time something has happened and I am warned of the caged lion within only waiting for a chance to break out. My physician forbids me even to sing. But I feel well, look well and have absolutely no noticeable symptoms of my former trouble, except that I tire too easily. As long as I write, I am all right.

All right, I'll write! I am told that my stories are intensely interesting, that the readers cannot lay them down once they start to read them. I am told of souls being

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My Acquaintance with Paul Hutchens

By the Rev. THORWALD W. BENDER of Emery, South Dakota

"Let's go back to the park, Daddy. Let's go to the park!" And since Daddy liked to swing as much as his boys, Bobby and Jimmy took Daddy to the park.

Approaching the little park of George, Iowa, we saw a Ford sedan backing out to leave. It was Paul Hutchens' car. As at other times this summer, he had been sitting in the park working on a book. We exchanged greetings. The boys ran to the swings. Paul Hutchens settled comfortably in back of the steering wheel, and I parked one foot on the running board. Then we chatted.

Mr. Hutchens was happy that afternoon as always! His first book had come off the press and was beginning to sell. But the sales of the "Romance of Fire" were not the source of his happiness. Paul Hutchens was happy because he had found a new avenue of service for his Master.

It is said that religion is not taught but caught. Certainly, this is even more true of evangelism. Whoever has made the acquaintance of Paul Hutchens will have been impressed by his ardor for his Savior and his fervor for the telling of "the good news."

So it was this afternoon. Before me was a man who was sick. He could come to the park only when his physical strength permitted it. On other days he would be home in bed. I almost pitied this young preacher that afternoon, pitied his little girl and his ever cheerful wife. Here was a successful evangelist, a powerful preacher, a young man, cut down from the active preaching ministry by a disease which stubbornly refused to yield to all medical attentions. But I could not pity him. I envied him. And silently, although I did not wear a hat, I took off my hat to this man of victorious faith. He possesses the faith that overcomes the world, even the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God with all its implications.

Since my work in George and Sioux Falls combined taxed me to capacity, I did not visit with Mr. Hutchens and his family as frequently as I should have liked. But I have been in their home a number of times. I have seen him lie there in his fever. I have heard him speak of God's faithfulness and goodness when he and his loved ones were passing through great trials. They had no resources of their own, and there seemed to be no way out. But they possessed a way out through faith, and Paul could write about "This Way Out."

Among his greatest comforts at this time were the many letters from friends and Christian brethren who enjoyed his book. He smiled as he pointed to the mail and testified to the sustaining strength which came to him through the intercession of the saints. It will make him very happy and be a source of en-

THE NEW STORY
"A Song Forever" By Paul
Hutchens Will Begin in the
Next Issue of The Baptist
Herald

From the first page to the last, the story of Gardner Wilkins sweeps straight along, carrying the reader with it.

Editor of a small newspaper which he had inherited from his father, Gardner had not inherited his father's beliefs and standards. A vital and living faith came to him only after a painful accident, when Jean Carroll nursed him back to health and showed him the beauty of triumphant belief.

The rest of the story—about Gardner's reckless brother, about lovely Lela Harrison and her selfish mother and about the song which Gardner and Lela found—moves from intensely exciting moments to a quiet, deep happiness.

Our readers will find this thrilling and captivating story even more interesting by becoming personally acquainted with the author, the Rev. Paul Hutchens, in these accompanying articles. "Better than ever" will be the comment of hundreds of our readers as they follow the serial installments of "A Song Forever."

couragement to him when readers of "The Baptist Herald" will drop him a line and tell him how they like his story, which will be published serially in "The Baptist Herald" beginning with the next issue. Such letters addressed to Mr. Paul Hutchens at George, Iowa, will reach him.

Paul Hutchins is an ordained Baptist evangelist. Although a member of the English Baptist Church in George, he preached for me a number of times in our church. He has conducted evangelistic campaigns in other churches of our German Baptist denomination, when his health permitted him to be in that work. Mrs. Bender and I went to some of his meetings when he conducted services in neighboring towns. His message is scriptural; his presentation is powerful; his fervor consuming; and his enthusiasm catching. His devotion to Christ is wholehearted. His passion for lost souls genuine.

When Mr. Leuschner remarked in my hearing that his book, "A Song Forever" would be published in "The Baptist Herald," I was delighted. A remark by me resulted in the request for these lines. And as I write them, I want to refer once more to Mrs. Hutch-

ens. God only knows the burdens, doubts and fears which at times must have oppressed her. But to those about her she was always cheerful. She could smile through the tears of heartache. She, too, with her husband, was victorious through the faith that overcomes the world and she possesses that peace which passeth understanding.

May God bless the readers of Mr. Hutchens' story, "A Song Forever!" May they catch the spirit of the author as he reflects the spirit of his Master! As I have not read this book, I am eagerly looking forward to the installments. If I know Mr. Hutchens aright, the story will be another testimony that

“There is never a day so dreary,
There is never a night so long,
But the soul that is trusting Jesus
Will somewhere find a song.

"Wonderful, wonderful Jesus,
In the heart, he implanteth a song;
A song of deliv'rance, of courage, of
strength,
In the heart he implanteth a song."

And as these lines come to you, Paul Hutchens, I would send you and your family a hearty, prayerful "God bless you," since I and many others have been blessed through you!

From the Pulpit to the Typewriter

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saved and of life decisions being made. One evangelist wrote that after he had read my last novel, he preached with such power that he had not had for a long time. For five nights he was so filled with the Spirit that the meetings were filled with extraordinary power and many souls were saved. So, I am still preaching, and preaching while I am not preaching.

My fourth book, "The First Last," appeared in August, 1936, and another will appear in February, 1937. After that, who knows? There should be at least two books each year, as God may lead. One family in Illinois has bought twenty-eight copies of my books. They have passed them around to their friends and relatives.

Sunday School teachers, Christian School teachers, Christian workers everywhere are buying and circulating these books. Young people, I am told, devour them and ask for more.

I like this new work. I feel God's power upon me while I write. I shed tears over my characters and over the message I weave in. I pour my books full of tears. God is keeping me in sufficient health to continue writing. And until the doctor says that it is safe for me to preach again, I shall continue to write.

I had to write! When I write, I am all right. All right, I'll write!

Young People's and Sunday School Workshop Page

THE NEW UNIFORM RECORD SYSTEM FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES IN OUR DENOMINATION

SUNDAY SCHOOLS
Six Point Record System for
Individual Scholars
(To Be Kept Every Sunday)

1. Present—20 per cent.
 2. On Time—10 per cent.
 3. Studied Lesson—25 per cent.
 4. Brought Bible—15 per cent.
 5. Staying for Preaching Service—15 per cent.
 6. Giving to Kingdom Work—15 per cent.
- Total Grade—100 per cent.

Standard of Excellence for the Sunday School

(Quarterly Report)

1. Present—Average attendance for the quarter must be 60 per cent of the enrollment.
2. Studied Lesson—There must be a total of 75 per cent of those present for the quarter who have studied the lesson.
3. Bring Bibles—At least 50 per cent must have brought their Bibles to Sunday School during the quarter.
4. Attend Preaching Service—Total must be 50 per cent of the average attendance.
5. A Leadership Training Class must have been held during the year.
6. Six Teachers meetings must have been held during the year with 50 per cent of teachers and officers present.

Send Quarterly Reports to your Conference Secretary and to the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union Secretary, M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., for "Excellence Banner."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

Six Point Record System for Individual Members

- (To Be Kept Every Sunday)
1. Present—20 per cent.
 2. On Time—10 per cent.
 3. Program Work (15 per cent off for reading)—30 per cent.
 4. Reading "Baptist Herald"—10 per cent.
 5. Bible Reading (daily)—15 per cent.
 6. Giving—15 per cent.
- Total Grade—100 per cent.

Standard of Excellence for the Society

(Quarterly Report)

1. Present—Average attendance for the quarter must be 75 per cent of enrollment.
2. Program Work—At least 50 per cent of the society must have had some part on programs during quarter.
3. Bible Reading—At least 50 per cent of society must be daily Bible readers.
4. Read "Baptist Herald"—Some article in "The Baptist Herald" must have been read by 75 per cent of society.
5. Giving—Those who give to the support of God's Kingdom must number 75 per cent of society.
6. Socials—At least two socials a year must be held.

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March, June, September or December, that report with the statistics should be sent to the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union secretary, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., and an attractive "Excellence Banner" made of durable cloth will be forwarded to the group as its permanent possession.

The requirements for these "Standards of Excellence" are within easy reach of attainment by all groups. They are so arranged so as to give certain advantages both to the rural and urban churches and to be used effectively in any of our conferences. It is hoped that the Sunday School conventions, state and sectional young people's conventions and city unions will cooperate by promoting these record systems in their areas. A

friendly rivalry in a campaign to ascertain the Sunday School or B. Y. P. U. with the highest average percentage can easily be begun in such sectional groups. Publicity of this will be gladly and generously given in "The Baptist Herald."

Further correspondence concerning this Uniform Record System of our denomination is invited. Address your letters with questions or suggestions to the secretary, Mr. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. The returns from the expenditure of some time and effort in the promotion of this plan in your Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. will even be in excess of your highest expectations. Such has been the experience of the groups, which already have given this plan their attention and consideration.

"What's Happening" News

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Charles W. Koller, Th.D., of the Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J., led the inspirational devotional period, and Mr. William Schmidt of the same church brought an interesting lecture on his impressions of Germany last summer. The December meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 14, at the new German Baptist Girls' Home in New York City, to which the ministers' wives have been invited for an interesting program and for a dinner in the Home's dining hall.

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A Fathers' and Sons' banquet was held at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., on Tuesday evening, Nov. 8, which was sponsored by the Men's Bible Class as a late fall rally for the men and boys of the church. Sixty-five "fathers" and "sons" were present. Mr. John Wiechers, the class teacher, served as toastmaster. Mr. Henry Binder brought "A Toast to Our Sons" and Paul Meier "A Toast to Our Fathers." Russell Griep, aged eight years, played a piano solo, and a men's quartet rendered several numbers. The pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Racine was the principal speaker. Mr. Charles Meier is the president of the Men's Bible Class.

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A Teacher Training Class was held from Oct. 19 to 23 at the German Baptist Church of Avon, South Dakota, for which 16 young people were given credit cards from the German Baptist Y. P. and S. S. W. Union leading towards a diploma. The textbook was Flake's "Building a Standard Sunday School." The pastor of the church, the Rev. F. W. Bartel, taught the class. Nine other persons attended the class as visitors. Recently the church adopted the new Standard of Excellence and inaugurated the Six Point Record System in the Sunday School to make its work more effective. On Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 29, Mr. Bartel baptized 13 young people and adults.

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The cablegram from India to the headquarters of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in New York concerning the recent death of the beloved missionary, the Rev. George J. Geis, brought widespread sorrow to his many friends in our denomination. Brother Geis had served faithfully and sacrificially as a missionary among the Kachins in the hills of Burma for more than 40 years. An autobiographical article, "A Modern Apostle in India," published in "The Baptist Herald" in its issue of April 1, 1935, was read with profound interest at that time. Brother Geis was a member of the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, New York, until his death. The resolutions of that church concerning him are published in "The Report Section" of this issue.

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The 40th anniversary of the Salt Creek Church, near Dallas, Oregon, of which

the Rev. Gerhard Neumann is the aggressive pastor, was held on Sunday, Nov. 8, with large crowds attending the festive services. In the morning the guest preacher was the Rev. Jacob Kratt of Portland, who had been present at the organization of the church in 1896. The Rev. Gustav Schunke, the senior pastor in the Pacific Conference who had been instrumental in organizing the church and had been its pastor for four years, spoke beautifully of his reminiscences concerning the church on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Wm. Kuhn of Chicago, Ill., brought the anniversary address in the English language at that same service. In the evening the Rev. J. Olthoff of Salem brought the closing message. Many friends from the other Oregon churches were in attendance at the joyous anniversary.

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The Northern North Dakota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union has recently issued its first number of a quarterly mimeographed newspaper of eight pages called, "The B. Y. P. U. Record," edited by Mr. Gilbert Derman and Mr. Ernst Klein. A sermon by the Rev. Henry Koslow, formerly of Max, No. Dak., on "Youth in Quest of the Abundant Life," is published in full. The statistics of the Union reveal the interesting fact that out of a total of 740 members in 15 societies there are 110 who subscribe to "The Baptist Herald." The largest society in the Union is that of Fessenden, No. Dak., with a membership of 113. Five societies in Beulah, Cathay, Martin, McClusky and Grand Forks have B. Y. P. U. libraries. The annual rally of the Union was held on Friday, Nov. 27, at Carrington with a Bible baseball game on the book of Acts, a debate and a banquet program addressed by the Rev. A. Ittermann of Cathay.

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The young people's session of the Oregon Association was held on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1, in the Second German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, with the president, Mr. Harold Petke, in charge. Three outstanding members of the respective B. Y. P. U. societies brought messages as follows: James Billeter of the First Church of Portland on "Youth and the Church of Yesterday;" Mildred Voth of Salt Creek on "What Christ Expects of Young People Today;" and Sam Rich of Bethany on "Youth's Leadership in the Church of Tomorrow." Musical selections were rendered by a male quartet from Salem and a young ladies' sextet from the Second Church in Portland. An offering was held for the proposed church building in Kelowna, British Columbia. Announcements were made to the effect that the Oregon Y. P. and S. S. W. Union conference will be held on March 6 and 7, 1937, and that due to the General Conference at Portland next August no summer assembly will be held.

A notably fine Bible School, attended by 30 young people from several of the churches of the Central Canadian Dreilbund, was held for three weeks from Oct. 29 to Nov. 19 at Hilda, Alberta, Canada. The courses and their respective teachers were "the Sermon on the Mount" by the Rev. Otto Fiesel of Hilda, who also served as dean; "Acts and Hebrews" by the Rev. G. Ittermann, pastor of the nearby Rosenfeld Church; "The Theory of Music" by Mrs. Otto Fiesel; "The Practice of Music" by Mr. Gustav Schatz; and "Baptist Principles" and "The Book of Genesis" by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago, Ill. Evening services, which were held daily during the last two weeks, found the church building almost too small for the crowds that wanted to attend. As a result of these evening services, which were addressed by the Reverends G. Ittermann and M. L. Leuschner, two young people were converted. On Thursday evening, Nov. 19, the closing exercises were held with a large variety of inspirational musical numbers and recitations by the young people and brief remarks by Mr. Leuschner. Each of the 30 pupils of the student body will receive six credit cards leading towards the diploma of the new German Baptist Leadership Training Curriculum, announced in the Nov. 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald."

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The Rev. H. C. Baum, the general evangelist of our denomination for seven and a half years, passed away quietly in his sleep on Nov. 12 in Chicago, Ill. His sudden death came as a great shock to his many friends throughout the denomination. Mr. Baum was 66 years of age at his death. He is survived by his widow and four children, the Misses Alice, Mildred and Winifred Baum and Mr. Henry Baum. During his extended ministry of 42 years he had been pastor of our churches in Jersey City, N. J.; Wilmington, Del.; Union Hill, N. J.; Boston, Mass.; First Church of Cleveland, Ohio; and First Church of Chicago, Ill., besides his service as the denominational evangelist. The memorial service was held in the Oak Park Church on Friday, Nov. 14, with the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D.D., in charge and with several ministers of Chicago participating. Dr. Kuhn paid the following tribute to Brother Baum's splendid ministry: "For what a large host of people was he privileged to serve as the guide to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world! Many churches have gladly testified to the fact that Brother Baum's sermons led them deeply into the treasure house of God's truths. In his messages he always presented a banquet table of spiritual food. He received the grace faithfully to complete the divine tasks given to him by God."

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The ordination of the Rev. Henry Rumpel, pastor of the German Baptist churches at Kelowna and Vernon, British Columbia, will be held on December 15, 1936.

Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Thursday, December 17

A Promise for All Time

"For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off." Acts 2:29.

Read Acts 2:36-41.

The promise of the Holy Spirit was unlimited in the scope of its application. It was not held out to a select few but to all who would gladly respond to the divine call—Jews and Gentiles. Somewhat later Peter came to see the universality of grace, wrought through Christ.

Prayer: "We praise thee, O Lord, for the gift of thy Spirit in fulfillment of thy gracious promise."

Friday, December 18

On the Scales

"All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits." Proverbs 16:2.

Read Proverbs 16:1-9.

"The Lord weigheth the spirits." We all come upon his scales to be judged. God weighs, and he makes no mistake. We weigh in the gross. But God weighs the actual weight, the content without the wrappings, the spirit, which is man himself. Thus, Belshazzar was weighed in the balance and found wanting.

Prayer: "Thy judgment, O God, is a righteous one. Thou weighest our inmost thoughts and desires."

Saturday, December 19

No More Tears There

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Rev. 21:4.

Read Revelation 21:1-7.

In our present state our liveliest feeling of good is the absence of evil and the presence of pleasure, the cessation of pain. So it conforms to our experience here and now that the happiness of the heavenly state is held forth to our hopes as an exemption from every kind and degree of sorrow. No more tears!

Prayer: "Thou dost comfort us amidst our griefs here by the hope that sorrow and suffering will be banished from our heavenly home."

Sunday, December 20

An Enduring Tie of Love

"I will betroth thee unto me for ever." Hosea 2:19.

Read Hosea 2:14-23.

Of Christians it is said: "Ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." They are not only pardoned but employed in his service. They are not only reconciled but admitted into friendship and fellowship. They are not only friends and favorites but they are his bride, and the relation is a permanent one. And permanency adds bliss to bliss!

Read John 1:1-14

There is something peculiar in this name, "The Word." The writer of this gospel employs it, not as an attribute, but as a person and applies it to the Messiah. He who was God was made "flesh"—a man. He partook of our humanity, although sinless, that he might redeem us. He came and dwelt among us, that he might bring us to God.

Prayer: "We praise thee, our Father, for the unspeakable gift of thy son and of eternal life through his sacrifice."

Thursday, December 24

Jehovah-Nissi

"And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-Nissi." Exodus 17:15.

Read Exodus 17:8-16

Moses built this altar as a sacrifice and thanksgiving for the defeat of Amalek and his people. He erected a standard and called it Jehovah-Nissi, which means, "the Lord, my banner (or flag)." Jehovah had led the Israelites to victory. So in our Christian warfare the Lord is our banner, our Commander, under whose leadership we march to victory.

Prayer: "Help us to be loyal to thee, O Christ, in the great fight of faith."

Friday, December 25

Mary To Gabriel: How Shall This Be?

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" Luke 1:35.

Read Luke 1:27-38

The angel announced that the birth of Jesus was to be a revelation of the Holy Spirit and a manifestation of "the power of the Highest." It was to be, not merely an historical event, ushering in a new cycle of time, but the advent of the son of God, bringing life and peace into the world torn by sin. That is the prophetic meaning of the nativity.

Prayer: "We pray thee, divine Redeemer, that the revelation of thy saving power may be realized in ever richer fulfillment."

Saturday, December 26

Gloria In Excelsis

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

Read Luke 2:8-15

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WORD OF APPRECIATION

With this issue of "The Baptist Herald" the "Daily Meditations," edited by Professor Lewis Kaiser of Rochester, New York, throughout the past year, 1936, will come to an unwelcome close. Readers of "The Baptist Herald" have expressed their deep appreciation to Professor Kaiser for this inspiring ministry, interpreting God's Word with such clear and practical forcefulness and guiding them in their spiritual meditations. We are indebted to Professor Kaiser for his invaluable service, the benign benediction of which will abide on us for many years to come.—Martin L. Leuschner.

Prayer: "We praise thee, O Christ, that thou hast bound us to thee with the bonds of an everlasting love."

Monday, December 21

Jesus Glorified

"He shall glorify me; for he shall receive of mine and shall shew it unto me." John 16:14.

Read John 16:7-16

The work of the Holy Spirit cannot be detached from Christ, for his chief function is to glorify (exalt) Christ in the believer. The more the Spirit reigns in us, the more our vain selves are put under, the more Christ shines forth. He reveals to us the things of Christ, that Christ might be preeminent.

Prayer: "Spirit of the living God, make Christ the shining center of our lives and service."

Tuesday, December 22

Joy In The Harvest

"They joy before thee according to the joy in harvest." Isaiah 9:3.

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

True religion does not spread gloom but radiates joy. "Rejoice evermore," enjoins the Apostle. "Blessed is the people, that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance." "They joy before thee" a joy before the Lord, sincere and holy, like "the joy in the harvest," when the very toil seems to be delight. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

Prayer: "Grant us, gracious Lord, a large measure of thy joy, that we may radiate thy brightness in our daily walk."

Wednesday, December 23

The Word Made Flesh

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1:14.

Reports from the Field

Northwestern Conference Baptismal Service and Harvest Festival At the Kossuth Church

On Sunday evening, Nov. 1, the Kossuth Baptist Church near Manitowoc, Wisconsin, had the joy of witnessing the baptism of three persons from one family, namely, the parents and their 13 year old son. These conversions were the result of personal work by the pastor. As our most recent members, this family has shown a great desire to delve more deeply into Scriptural truths. The hand of fellowship into the church was extended to them at the communion service on the following Sunday, Nov. 8.

On the same Sunday evening we observed our annual Harvest and Mission festival, at which a program by our Sunday School was rendered with Mr. George Anthold, superintendent, in charge. The church platform was appropriately decorated for the occasion. In spite of the snow outside, the scene in the church presented a beautiful picture with the fall flowers and brightly colored leaves and luxuriant products from fields, gardens and orchards in artistic exhibit. The program consisted of songs, recitations, dialogues, instrumental and orchestra numbers and a brief address by the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler. An offering of \$16 was received for missionary purposes.

May our Master, whom we serve, use us as he enlarges his Kingdom among us and through us to the glory of his name! J. C. KRAENZLER, Reporter.

Farewell and Welcome Receptions in Wausau

A farewell reception was held in the parlors of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., on Nov. 5, to which a large group of friends and associates of the Rev. and Mrs. John Wobig gathered to bid them adieu. Mr. and Mrs. Wobig left Wausau on Nov. 10 for St. Paul, Minn., to make their home, where Mr. Wobig will serve the Riverview Baptist Church. The program consisted of prayers, a number by a chorus of 25 men, violin solo, several duets, trios and quartet numbers and selections on a harmonica and clarinet. A reading was also given and a farewell message by Mr. Fred Pierce with a short response by Mr. Wobig.

A welcome reception was held on Thursday evening, Nov. 19, to which a hundred friends came to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schilling into the fellowship of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Schilling arrived a few days previously from Detroit to take up their work with the congregation.

The program consisted of several prayers, talks of welcome by Frank Benedictz and Fred Pierce, with a response by Mr.

Schilling, followed by several male quartet selections, a talk of welcome by Mrs. Frank Buss, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society, with a response by Mrs. Schilling. After the program the rest of the evening was spent in the church parlors getting acquainted with the new pastor and his wife. A substantial "love" offering was presented to them, after which a lunch was served by the Ladies' Missionary Society.

ZENAS H. PITTSLEY, Church Clerk.

Eastern Conference Resolutions of the Andrews Street Baptist Church On the Death of Missionary George J. Geis

The news cabled to the Baptist missionary headquarters at New York City and by their courtesy forwarded to us in Rochester, N. Y., on the death of the missionary, the Rev. George J. Geis, was a distinct shock to this church, with which Mr. Geis had maintained his membership during the 44 years of his eminent service in Burma. His death, the particulars of which we have not as yet learned, has brought to a triumphant close a life signally blessed of God through the Christianization of the Kachin tribes in Upper Burma and through the effective gospel work in the Philippine Islands.

Brother Geis was peculiarly fitted for the great service which he rendered in Burma. He labored untiringly and with marked success, so that hundreds were led out of heathen darkness into the light of Christian faith and hope.

He endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact through his genial, winsome personality, his gracious manner, his optimistic faith and his unselfish devotion to Jesus Christ. He was, indeed, a fine type of Christian symmetry and wholesome spirituality. He acquitted himself as a true soldier of Jesus Christ and is now crowned with honor and glory.

We hereby express our sympathy to the board of the Missionary Union on the loss of one of its veteran missionaries who has had a notable part in the spread of the gospel, which is the exalted task of this society.

We would also assure the bereaved widow in Burma, the orphaned children, the son, Alfred, and the daughters, Emma and Elinore, and the relatives of our most heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

We gratefully recognize, too, the fact, that while missionary Geis was absorbed in his great task in distant Burma, he maintained a loyal interest in the work and welfare of his home church.

By order of the Andrews Street Church.

DAVID HAMEL, Pastor.
OSWALD KANWISCHER, Clerk.

Southwestern Conference

Report of the Oklahoma Association

The Oklahoma Convention of the German Baptist Churches met for its 66th sessions at the Bethel Church in Ingersoll from Nov. 5 to 8. The first meeting was opened with a song service led by the Rev. R. A. Klein. The Rev. A. Knopf, pastor of the Bethel Church in Ingersoll extended a welcome to the convention, to which the Rev. Chas. Wagner responded.

The general theme of the convention based on Matt. 5:48 was "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," or "Perfection As Revealed in the Sermon On the Mount." The Rev. Chas. Wagner of Okeene, brought the message of the evening on the topic, "Listen to What Jesus Has to Say."

On Friday morning the Rev. F. W. Socolofsky led the devotional hour. The business of the convention was transacted with the Rev. A. Knopf acting as chairman. The Rev. Geo. Ehrhorn of the Bessie Church brought a message on "Perfection According to Matthew 5." On Friday afternoon Mr. H. Meyer of Ingersoll led the devotions and the Rev. F. W. Socolofsky brought a message on "Perfection According to Matthew 6:7-6." Later the Rev. Chas. Wagner of Okeene, brought a message on "Perfection According to Matthew 7:7-11." The Friday evening service was addressed by the Rev. R. A. Klein on "The Call into the Harvest Field."

After the reports of the different committees on Saturday morning the Rev. J. Ehrhorn brought a sermon in the German language. On Saturday afternoon the ministers of the convention met at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Knopf for a dinner after which a discussion concerning the mission work of this state followed. On Saturday evening the Rev. Geo. Ehrhorn brought a message on the text, "Whatsoever He Says, Do It."

On Sunday morning the different representatives of Sunday Schools gave short talks, followed by the jubilee address by the Rev. J. Ehrhorn on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Ingersoll Church. The afternoon was spent very profitably for the reports of the 25 years were given by the clerk of the church, and charter members spoke of the early days of the church. At the B. Y. P. U. meeting in the evening the Rev. Chas. Wagner spoke on "The Man With the Hammer" and the Rev. R. A. Klein "Burning the Bridge Behind Us." The Rev. F. W. Socolofsky brought the closing message at the evening service. All who attended received many blessings. R. A. KLEIN, Reporter.

December 15, 1936

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Ingersoll Church

The Bethel Church of Ingersoll, Oklahoma, of which the Rev. A. Knopf is minister, celebrated its 25th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 8. The Rev. J. Ehrhorn of Shattuck, brought the anniversary sermon based on Psalm 2:3-4. In the afternoon meeting greetings were brought from all our German Baptist and several English churches in the state. Former ministers, who sent letters of greetings that were read by Mr. Herbert Meyer, were the Reverends Phil. Lauer, A. Foll, L. Hoeffner, Fred Bartel, R. Kaiser and A. Rosner.

The history of the church was read by Mr. A. Beltz. At the founding of the church there were 31 members. At present the membership is 56. During the years 36 souls were baptized and 39 members were received into church, totaling 75. For missions the church during the 25 years gave \$12,451. The B. Y. P. U. membership at present is 17. The Ladies' Missionary Society founded in 1913 has a present membership of nine women. Noteworthy to mention is the fact that, in the early days, the church was called the "Three Sister Church," because these three sisters were the instrument in God's hand to start the mission there. Mrs. Hildermann, formerly Staley, residing in Okeene, was one of the three sisters.

Our general mission society has also supported this field for many years. We were reminded of such pioneers as the brethren E. Vogt, Edward Graalman, J. Sievers, Keese and others. Mr. O. G. Graalman, son of the pioneer minister in our state, addressed the audience, challenging them to the great work that must not be neglected.

The Rev. J. Ehrhorn spoke of the bygone days when the roads were not so good, and the house of worship rather small. The Geis brothers quartet, the church choir and other singers helped in celebrating this jubilee. God grant the Bethel Church another 25 years of faithful service.

CHARLES WAGNER, Reporter.

Dakota Conference Farewell and Reception Services at Cathay

Recently the German Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota, has held two interesting observances. After serving this church for more than five years, the Rev. E. Bibelheimer, our pastor, felt called upon to resign in order to follow the call extended to him by the church in Missoula, Mont. The farewell service in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. E. Bibelheimer was a sad occasion for us, for they had endeared themselves to our hearts. As they left us, we wished them God's richest blessings on the new field of their labors.

In the interim we soon called another pastor, and to our great joy the Rev. Arthur Ittermann of Chicago, Ill., accepted the call and came to us shortly

thereafter as our pastor. He brought his first message to us as a church on Sunday, Nov. 1.

The reception for the Rev. and Mrs. A. Ittermann was held on Sunday evening, Nov. 1, when the church was crowded to the doors by the members and friends of our church and by the members and pastors of neighboring churches. The program consisted of a choir anthem and other musical numbers and of brief messages of welcome by the various representatives of our church organizations. A male quartet of the Germantown church also rendered a number. Greetings were also brought by the Reverends Daniel Klein of the Germantown Church and R. Sigmund of Fessenden and by Mr. Albus of Pleasant Valley. Opportunity was also given to Mr. and Mrs. Ittermann to respond. The occasion was a joyous festival, for which we are very grateful to God.

HENRY BROKOFKY, Reporter.

Central Conference Our Missionaries At Friendship House Near Detroit

Have you ever heard about "Friendship House"? Near Detroit, Mich., in fact, almost surrounded by Detroit, is the Polish city of Hamtramck with its 51,319 inhabitants, most of whom are Polish Catholics. No Protestant work of any denomination is being carried on in this vast area, except for the work at "Friendship House," which is a Christian Center, supported by the Women's American Home Mission Society and the Detroit Baptist Union.

The children flock there, not only on Sundays for Sunday School, but they come every day of the week for nursery school, clubs and classes of all descriptions. Forty activities are carried on weekly for all ages. Three hundred families, most of them large, are enrolled. The children, the young people and mothers come regularly, but unfortunately, it has been difficult to reach the fathers as yet.

It is of interest to note that two of the workers there are from the German Baptist denomination. Both Miss Pearl Vilhauer, formerly of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., and Miss Celia Kose are members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit. It takes as much courage to carry on missionary work in this foreign community as it does to do foreign mission work in far off lands.

During the recent Michigan Baptist Centennial held in the city of Detroit, "Friendship House" served a delightful tea, giving the convention delegates a chance to visit this Christian center and to see the new improvements throughout the building. The tea was well attended and everyone seemed to be filled with gratitude that Baptists have places such as "Friendship House," always ready to acquaint a foreign community with their Master and great Friend, Jesus Christ. REPORTER.

Bethel Church of Detroit Burns \$12,000 Mortgage

On Wednesday night, November 4, about 200 members of the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., celebrated another great event.

We met in the evening for a dinner served by our own "Puellae Diligentae" organization and, just to remind some of our new members (our membership is becoming more cosmopolitan) that this church was organized as a German Church, they served us with a sauer kraut dinner. After dinner we entered into the real spirit of the evening by singing hymns of thanks. Our choir also rendered an anthem in its usual excellent manner. Mr. J. E. Green, acting as toastmaster, called our attention to the fact that we had reasons for rejoicing as we were going to burn a \$12,000 mortgage, which was made in 1927 against our Mack Avenue frontage of our present church site. Mr. Conrad J. Netting, chairman of our board of trustees and a member of this board for forty years, was delegated to burn the document, which he did with pleasure.

The toastmaster then presented Mr. Netting with a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums and congratulated him in behalf of the church, the occasion being his 68th birthday.

Dr. H. C. Gleiss, general secretary of the Detroit Baptist Union extended greetings from all the Baptist Churches in our association and also spoke words of encouragement. Our former pastor, the Rev. C. A. Daniel, and his wife were also present. Our festivities closed with a talk by our own pastor, the Rev. Paul Wengel, who, after being on the sick list for about two months, had recently returned to us.

A. W. KEPPLER, Church Clerk.

Atlantic Conference Combined Male Chorus Festival In Philadelphia

Denominationalism was no barrier to corporate Christian fellowship on the occasion of the annual "Maennerchorfest" held in the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., on the evening of Nov. 8, for Methodists, Lutherans and Baptists joined heart and voice in lifting the congregation into a realm beyond church affiliation. Potent is the power of music!

For the past several years the male choruses of two German Lutheran, a German Methodist, and the Second German Baptist Church have united when rendering sacred concerts in either of the four churches, thus forming a combined chorus of approximately 100 voices. We had the privilege of being the entertaining church this year, and, despite adverse weather conditions, the church auditorium was taxed to capacity.

How can we convey to our readers the pathos and sublimity of melodies and harmonies such as were heard that

night? Since music takes up the thread that language drops, it is well-nigh impossible. The mixed choir of the entertaining church fittingly opened the service with Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. A. Husmann. Then followed selections by the male choruses as individual groups and in a combined chorus, interspersed with short appropriate addresses by visiting pastors. We were much impressed with the genuine accomplishments of an aspiring and promising concert violinist from Alberta, Canada, Egon Grapentin.

Not every church can boast of a male chorus. Under the able leadership of Mr. Paul Zabel our chorus renders a unique and distinct service to the church every Sunday with few exceptions, for which we are deeply grateful.

EVA YUNG, Reporter.

Church Supper At the Fleischmann Memorial Church

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 28, the members of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., met for a "Home-Coming Fellowship." The festivities began with a supper which had been prepared by the ladies of the church and of which we partook after we were led in a prayer of thanks by the Rev. Emil D. Gruen. After the supper all enjoyed a song period during which the old familiar songs and hymns were sung. After the song fest three of the young people presented a playlet, entitled "The Five Thousand Dollar Lesson." This was a splendid and opportune lesson on the value of tithing.

The speaker for the evening was the Rev. A. T. O. Marks, executive secretary of the Baptist Union of Philadelphia and vicinity. In his message he challenged us to realize anew our responsibility as followers of Christ and members of a denominational body.

As the Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Kruse were to leave our midst in November, the evening was climaxed with a fitting tribute to them. Mr. Gustav Schmidt called upon our pastor, the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, to read the resolutions expressing our appreciation to Brother Kruse for his splendid service as pastor, Sunday School teacher, church clerk and wise counselor during his membership in our midst. Mr. Philip Hauck expressed the appreciation of the German class which had been served by Mr. Kruse as teacher and presented to him a gift as a token of appreciation from the class. Mr. Reinhold Gewiss, another member of the class, brought a fitting tribute in the German language, expressing regret at Mr. Kruse's leaving and assuring him of their continued loving friendship. The pastor, Mr. Schroeder, joined in giving tribute to Brother Kruse for his counsel and guidance. Mr. Kruse answered these many expressions assuring all the members and friends that he would never forget the many years spent in happy fellowship at Fleischmann.

EMIL D. GRUEN, Church Clerk.

Farewell for the Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Kruse At the Home for the Aged

Amid the familiar strains of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" the Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Kruse, the chaplain and matron of the Philadelphia Home for the Aged, were ushered into the dining room of the Home on Thursday evening, Nov. 12, for a farewell reception planned in their honor. Upon entering the room they found a good representation of the various boards of the Home waiting to express their gratitude for the services rendered and to extend their good wishes for the future.

Mr. Reuben Windisch, the president of the men's board, presided and opened the festivities by paying tribute to the work which Mr. and Mrs. Kruse had done. To make his expression of gratitude concrete, on behalf of the Board he presented to the guests of honor a substantial check. Then, because of recent bereavement in his family, Mr. Windisch sur-rendered the chairmanship of the meeting to Mr. A. Voegelin, who introduced the other speakers of the evening. Mrs. Chris Gaertner spoke for the ladies' board, while Miss Ida Draeger represented the ladies' auxiliary. Mr. Reinhold Gewiss, a member of the men's board, expressed some sentiments in the German language, after which the Rev. J. G. Draewell added his tribute and best wishes. Following him the Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor of the Second Church, and the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder, pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, of which the Kruses had been members, also spoke words of commendation and good will.

In answer to all the good things which had been said, Mr. and Mrs. Kruse were then given an opportunity to respond. Their response was gracious, modest and sincere; and rather than dwelling upon the achievements which were to their credit they expressed the wish that the future would be even more successful for the Home. Throughout the evening singing, led by Mr. Herman Zachay, made the program melodious.

Mrs. Kruse came to the Home as Miss Hendricks in 1930 to take over the duties of the matron while Mr. Kruse came in 1931 to assume the chaplaincy. In 1933 they decided to share, not only the responsibilities of the Home, but also those of life and accordingly were united in marriage. As they leave Philadelphia their intention is to live in quiet retirement in Kankakee, Ill.

MILTON R. SCHROEDER, Reporter.

Pacific Conference Golden Jubilee of the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

October 25 and 26 were happy days at the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of the organization of the church. A host of mem-

bers, former members and friends from far and near, including the Anaheim and Los Angeles Ebenezer Churches, came to help us celebrate this festive occasion.

The Sunday School session was in charge of Mr. Otto Stabbert, assistant superintendent. Mrs. Maragret Schultze, the only surviving charter member, spoke a few words about the beginning of the church and Sunday School. She was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation for her many years of faithful service. The superintendents who have served the Sunday School during these 50 years have been the Messrs. Schramm, Rapp, Kurzinski, R. Morris, Frank Wall and Paul Leuschner, the incumbent superintendent.

At the morning worship service the Rev. Wm. Kuhn spoke on Hebrews 12:1-2. At the afternoon meeting the Rev. M. Leuschner, a former pastor, spoke about many past experiences. Dr. Kuhn again addressed the gathering, using Philippians 2:5 as his text.

The evening service found the church filled to capacity. An interesting feature of the program was the singing of several numbers by a mixed choir composed of members of the church choir of years gone by. This choir was directed by Mr. John Griesinger, who was one of the first directors. Brief addresses were brought by the Reverends O. R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Fred Klein of Wasco, C. Feldmeth of Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles and F. Monschke, a former pastor.

On Monday evening, Oct. 26, the festivities continued. Seated around the tables in the church basement members and friends had an opportunity of relating interesting experiences of the past, after which refreshments were served. Our pastor, the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, brought a sketch of the church's history.

On Dec. 18, 1886, the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles was organized with 18 members by the Rev. F. C. Koehler, meeting in a small hall. On February 6, 1887, Mr. Koehler baptized the first candidates, three young men. Shortly thereafter Mr. Koehler left to serve another nearby church. The Rev. G. Glaeser served the church until 1889. The Rev. Wm. Appel was pastor from 1890 to 1898. During this time the church erected its own church edifice at Eighth and Maple Streets. The Rev. Jacob Albert was pastor from 1898 to 1904. The Rev. Max Leuschner succeeded him, serving until 1911. During his pastorate the present church building at Fifteenth and Myrtle Streets was erected. The Rev. Jacob Merkel was pastor from 1912 to 1915. During the next few years the Reverends C. Feldmeth and G. Peitsch served the church until the Rev. Carl Swyter began his work in 1917 which was continued to 1922 when the Rev. F. Monschke came. In 1926 the Rev. Max Leuschner served the church a second time completing his

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DAILY MEDITATIONS

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The Christmas time is the sacrament of divine love and of human hopes. It is the perennial reminder of the presence of God in our human experiences. The angelic song proclaims the eternal interest of heaven in the destiny of man. We welcome Christmas, not for its gifts and social joys alone but for its deeper lesson of a united humanity and of a coming reign of peace.

Prayer: "Help us, thou Prince of peace, to hear, above the strife and confusion of the world, the celestial song of peace and good will."

Sunday, December 27

God's Supreme Gift

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given—and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6.

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

Since that night, when the star of Bethlehem proclaimed the advent of the promised child, this message of the prophet has shone through the centuries with ever increasing splendor, dispelling more and more the gloom that enveloped the nations. The attributes of the new born king are the guarantee of his ultimate triumph.

Prayer: "We see amid the encircling gloom a great light. Make it shine brighter and brighter, until its beams flood the earth."

Monday, December 28

A Cheerful Giver

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." 1 Cor. 16:2.

Read 1 Cor. 16:1-7

Thus, the early church consecrated the first day of the week, not only with worship and prayer, but also by dedicating a part of their earthly gain—as the Lord had prospered them—for Christian charity. Love is at its best when unselfishly and cheerfully it gives itself for the weal of others. God loves a cheerful giver!

Prayer: "Thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, makes us like thee in giving our best for the good of others."

Tuesday, December 29

Freedom Through Intercession

"And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends." Job 42:10.

Read Job 42:10-17

At last there came to Job a happy deliverance. It came when he prayed for his friends, who had acted very unkind towards him. In interceding for them, he not only obtained pardon for them, but also deliverance for himself. Intercession for others, particularly for enemies, liberates our spirits from the gall-ing bondage of hate and revenge.

WANTED—CONTRIBUTORS!

Beginning with the Jan. 1, 1937 issue, "The Baptist Herald" will publish in each number a striking and memorable sentence of inspirational content by some noted author or speaker. Readers may send in as many of these sentences as they like, not longer than 25 to 30 words each. The person sending the quotation will also be named.

The readers of "The Baptist Herald" are urged to send their own poems or brief prose writings to the editor for the "Contributor's Page." Your contributions are always welcome!

"A Forum Page" will soon appear again in "The Baptist Herald" which will be devoted to letters of not more than 400 words, dealing critically but constructively with the consideration of matters or policies of denominational interest.

THE EDITOR.

Prayer: "Create in us, O God, a forgiving spirit, that we may cheerfully pray for them who despitefully use us."

Wednesday, December 30

Our Highest Aspiration

"To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." Eph. 3:19.

Read Ephesians 3:14-21

Is there anything higher than that? To know the love of Christ and in the knowledge of his love to be filled with all the fullness of God? What possibilities of attainment! And yet spiritually we are so lean and poor. Does Christ have undivided possession of our hearts? Is he at the center of our being?

Prayer: "Come thou, O living Christ, rid me of my selfish ambitions and make me truly and wholly thine."

Thursday, December 31

God Be With You!

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20.

Read Matthew 28:16-20

Graciously we close this record. We have shared God's mercies and have been inspired by his counsels of love. We lean upon his promises for further guidance as we look forward to the days of a new year. He never fails us, if we loyally cling to him. His presence is with us ALWAYS.

Prayer: "Gently thou hast led us, gracious Father, through the year, now coming to an end. Its days have held for us mingled good and evil, but thy loving kindness has ever been with us. We praise thee, our Guide and Protector."

ON THE EVE OF HOLIDAY By Miss Juanita Bitter of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The choicest tinsel of the earth
Was drawn up through
The distant blue—
And hangs upon the moon.

Twice fifty thousand candles lift
Their heads and burn.
Dark fir trees turn
Their faces upward—lay

Branches of greens against the sky.
The elfmen bring
Wee bells that ring
And sway upon the heights.

And all the little people of
The night stand by,
Watching the sky
Prepare for holiday.

CHRISTMAS DAY

By Mrs. Alyce Woolverton of Elmhurst, Illinois

Christ the Lord was born today,
In a manger bed of hay;
Christmas carols so gaily sung
Bring the glad tidings to everyone.

Wise men came from far away lands
To worship Christ the Lord,
Bringing rare gifts of the Orient
His manger to adorn.

The Star its silver radiance shed
Over the manger so dear,
And lit it up with a wondrous light
While the wisemen gazed on in fear.

Christ the Lord was born today.
Oh, praise ye him with song!
Kneel ye down and worship him,
Rejoice! Your praise prolong!

CHRISTMAS EVE

By Mr. Harold Konkle of Theodore, Saskatchewan, Canada

The team is fast and gentle,
The moon is in the sky,
One's breath like vapor rising,
Soft clouds are floating by.

The silence of the prairies
Surrounds the knolls of trees,
And geese that leave the north lands
Form and reform their V's.

The children cling so closely,
A circle bright and gay,
While grandma tells them softly
Of him who bade this day.

The children's hearts are full of glee
They make their gentle fuss;
Our hearts are full of something else,
For the gift he brought to us.

Oh, gentle, fragrant story,
That none could e'er deceive,
Blend in immortal glory
Our hearts this Christmas Eve!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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ish Columbia, was held on Thursday evening, Nov. 5, in the spacious house in Kelowna, which is the regular meeting place of the church, with more than 120 people present. The ordination council examining Mr. Rumble had met on Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Pacific Northwest Association in Tacoma, Wash., composed of the delegates to that convention. The Rev. Wm. Kuhn, missionary secretary, preached the ordination sermon; the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, the director of our Danubian work, offered the ordination prayer; the Rev. Jacob Kratt of Portland, Ore., brought the charge to the church; and the Rev. George Lang of Tacoma, Wash., the charge to the candidate and the welcome into the ministry. The brethren who participated in the ordination service also made a study of the future missionary prospects of the field. A fine church edifice is already under construction in Kelowna, where the church membership is about 80. The community of Vernon, 35 miles away, offers splendid opportunities for a strong Baptist church. The missionary brethren with Mr. Rumble also held a service in Osoyoos, about two miles from the U. S. border, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 3, where an enterprising city with missionary possibilities is in the making. All three of these cities comprising the field of service of the Rev. H. Rumble, are in the fertile Okanagan Valley.

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The anniversary program of the Women's Missionary Union of the German Baptist Churches of New York City was held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 19, in the Pilgrim Church of Jersey City, N. J. The guest speaker of the occasion was Professor O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y.

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The Rev. Raymond Kahle of Los Angeles, Cal., where he is associated with Dr. D. L. Cooper in "the Biblical Research Society," spoke on Sunday evening, Nov. 1, in the German Baptist Church of Oak Park, Ill., on "Jewish Revival—Present and Future." He is en route to Texas where he will serve as the field representative of this society which has as its purpose "the distribution of Christian literature in a systematic and careful manner among the Jews."

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On Sunday, Nov. 29, Mr. Adolf Kannwischer, pastor-elect of the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., was ordained into the Christian ministry at a service held in the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Kannwischer visited the Brooklyn church on Sunday, Nov. 1, and will probably spend a Sunday in December at the church. During the interim until Mr. Kannwischer assumes charge of the pulpit in June, 1937, the Rev. Herman Kaaz of New Haven, Conn., is serving as pastor of the church.

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Dear Friend

The "Herald" is issued for the last time in this year of grace 1936. You will undoubtedly agree that the volume coming to a close is better than those that have gone before; it marks improvement and advance. The editorial direction has been outstanding; it bears the mark of genius and there is every promise of continued progress in the year that will soon be ushered in.

It has been likewise obvious that its appearance has been improved, that it has become a magazine worthy of a place along side of other publications of this class. The new year will again add new features so as to make the "Herald" still more attractive. Surely everything within reason is being done to command the support and endorsement of our constituency with the aim of increasing the ever widening circle of readers and having that condition reflected in a growing subscription list.

If your subscription expires at this time, as most of them do, please plan for a prompt renewal. Just let the Publication House's representative for your community have the word and he will care for the details, otherwise use the accompanying order blank and mail it to Cleveland. Uninterrupted service depends on the renewal.

TO THE BOOSTERS

All signs indicate that the host of boosters are at work. Lists are reaching us right along. This has some advantage and is appreciated by our Circulation Department. Just so the renewals are in our hands before December thirty-first. The work must not be unduly hurried so as to lack thoroughness. Comb the field until everyone is won who should be a subscriber. If we can help you with sample copies do not hesitate to ask for them. We are also willing to mail a sample copy to any address you may furnish—the more the better. We assure you of our earnest desire to cooperate.

With appreciation of your splendid effort we extend sincere wishes for a Happy New Year. THE MANAGEMENT.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

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work in 1932. The Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke arrived in 1932 and brought his pastorate to a close on Nov. 8.

Mr. Wuttke has endeared himself to the hearts of our members and friends, and it is with regret that we see him leave our church and retire from the active ministry, but we trust that God's blessing may rest upon him and his family as he goes from here to his home in Sacramento, California.

During these fifty years the church has had several missionaries who have worked with zealous ardor for their Lord. Their names are the Misses Mary Wuttke (now Mrs. Allen), Mary Rupp, Anna Trieloff (now deceased.)

The B. Y. P. U., Ladies' Missionary Society, Junior Church, Choir, Sunday School and orchestra have been faithful in their service in the church during these past years.

ESTHER LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

OBITUARY

Miss Rosetta Laurine Peters

Rosetta Laurine Peters, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Christian Peters of Jamesburg, N. J., was born on June 17, 1919, at Gotebo, Oklahoma. She moved with her parents to Killaloe, Ontario, Canada, at the age of three years. In 1927 the family moved to Jamesburg, New Jersey.

During the special services held in 1928 under the leadership of the Rev. Chas. W. Koller, she received Christ as Savior and Lord. She was baptized by her father, the Rev. C. Peters, and joined the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., whose devoted and faithful member she remained until the time of her departure on Nov. 6, 1936. Her age was 17 years, four months and 19 days. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

The funeral service was held on Friday, Nov. 6, at Jamesburg with the undersigned officiating, assisted by the Methodist and Presbyterian pastors of the city.

At Chancellor, South Dakota, where her body was removed, the Rev. John Borchers was in charge of the funeral services, held on Monday afternoon, Nov. 9, at the German Baptist Church of Chancellor. He spoke in the German language using 2 Cor. 5:1 for his text and in English Psalm 144:3 served as a basis for his sermon. Interment was made at the Baptist Cemetery at Chancellor, South Dakota.

REV. CHAS. W. KOLLER.

Mrs. Charles Stielow

Mrs. Charles Stielow, nee Mary Christiana Loock, was born April 24, 1888, in Arnprior, Ontario, and very suddenly she was called away on November 12, 1936, to be forever with the Lord. On June 4, 1912, she was united in marriage to Mr. Charles Stielow. The Lord blessed this marriage with one daughter, Evelyn Alberta, who is a member of this church and a faithful Christian worker. Our departed sister Stielow leaves to mourn her husband, the daughter, her aged father, one brother, and many relatives and friends.

When she was 17 years of age she was converted and upon the confession of her personal faith in Christ she was baptized by the Rev. Edward Niemann and joined to the First Baptist Church of Arnprior where she remained a loyal and faithful witness for the Lord until her death. She had the much coveted grace of spreading cheer and sunshine on the pathway of wearied travelers everywhere. The many floral tributes and the large attendance at the services showed the esteem in which Mrs. Stielow was held in this community. The remains were entered in the family plot on the beautiful cemetery at Arnprior. Her pastor brought words of comfort to the bereaved and sorrowing from the Scripture text, John 14:3.

REV. A. E. JASTER,
Arnprior, Ontario.