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**Girls' Sextette with  
Accompanist of the  
Central Baptist  
Church of Waco,  
Texas  
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## What's Happening

The Rev. Ralph Blatt, pastor of our church in Pekin, Ill., for seven years, recently resigned and has become the minister of the English Baptist church in New Berlin, Illinois.

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Friends will rejoice with the Rev. and Mrs. Herman Palfenier of North Freedom, Wis., over the arrival of a nine-pound baby boy who was born to them on Dec. 14. He has been given the names of Daniel Charles.

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The Rev. Martin De Boer, pastor of our church in Chancellor, S. Dak., has accepted the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church in Shell Creek, Nebr. and will begin his ministry on the new field with April 1.

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The B. Y. P. U. societies of the Walnut Street Church, Cincinnati, Ohio held a Christmas program in the Cincinnati Altenheim on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15. A group of about 25 young people participated in the visitation.

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The Rev. O. W. Brenner, after a pastorate of several years in our church at Sheffield, Iowa, has resigned in order to accept the call extended to him by the Second German Baptist Church of George, Iowa. Mr. Brenner will begin of his services. May the days ahead be Sunday in April.

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On the first Sunday in December the Rev. A. Bredy held his seventh anniversary as pastor of the Bethel Church of Indianapolis, Ind. The Men's Brotherhood of the church presented Mr. Bredy with a gift in token of their appreciation of his services. May the days ahead be the brightest for pastor and the church!

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Mr. Henry Foss, a member of our Oak Park German Baptist Church in Forest Park, Ill., has recently been supplying pulpits in Chicago and vicinity. He will receive his B.A. degree from the Central Y. M. C. A. College on Jan. 28 and hopes to receive his B. D. degree from the Northern Baptist Seminary in May.

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A recent news item from the Rev. N. Michailoff, our missionary in Lom, Bulgaria in the Danubian Gospel field, reports that he and Sister Lydia, missionary among the gypsies, traveled by bicycle to Ferdinand, Bulgaria where a baptismal service was held in which several Christian gypsies were baptized. He also reported that, whereas last year in Wasilowtzki, there were no Baptists, it can now be said that a promising field has opened for us as a result of his evangelistic efforts there.

The Rev. John Grygo, pastor of our church in Lansing, Mich., has accepted the call extended to him by the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York City and will begin his work there on March 1. On Christmas Eve a baby boy was born to the Rev. and Mrs. John Grygo who has been named Roland. Mr. Grygo has rendered an influential ministry on the field in Lansing during the years of his pastorate there.

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The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Joithe was celebrated on Thursday evening, Nov. 21, at a surprise party tendered them by a large host of friends after the midweek service at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J. Their son, Wesley played the wedding march and Miss Erna Hoelzen, church missionary, sang an appropriate selection. Several members of the church brought brief messages of congratulation.

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The December copy of "The Messenger," a fine six page mimeographed paper published bi-monthly by the Y. P. and S. W. W. Union of Minnesota, carries an unusually attractive cover picture of a "Standard Bearer for the King" and is filled with much interesting news material. Miss Dorothy Pearson, a member of the Minnetriska Church, is editor-in-chief with the Misses Hilda Glewwe and Gertrude Helms serving as associate editors.

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Miss Lena Koller was tendered a farewell reception at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., on Thursday evening, Dec. 19, by her many friends. Miss Koller, a sister of the pastor of the church, the Rev. Charles W. Koller, was to leave for Texas thereafter in order to assume her duties on Jan. 1 as Assistant Dean of Women at Baylor University, Medical School, located in Dallas, Texas.

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The reception for the new pastor of the Conner's Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., was held on Monday evening, Dec. 16, with many members and friends of the church in attendance. The Rev. G. W. Enss, Th. D., pastor of the Ebenezer Church, was the principal speaker at the occasion. Mr. Hoover, one of our younger Canadian men, has begun his ministry in the newly organized church of Detroit, with promising success.

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The Sunday School of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., held its White Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 15. Every person in the school brought something in food or merchandise as his

or her gift for baskets for the needy of the community and church. The entire Sunday School under the leadership of Mr. Ed. Strauss, superintendent, has recently been departmentalized. An English Sunday morning service has also been instituted beginning at 11:30 A. M., conducted by the pastor, the Rev. G. W. Enss, Th. D.

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On Sunday evening, Dec. 8, the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, pastor of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, baptized 8 persons on confession of their faith. Professor Herman von Berge offered an inspiring dedication prayer with the baptismal candidates around him in a circle previous to the baptismal service. The superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. J. W. Tapper, will have completed 30 years of perfect Sunday School attendance with the year 1936, and his spiritual influence in the church and community is constantly growing.

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The 50th anniversary of our church in Bison, Kansas, was held on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 8 and 9. The Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., of Chicago, Ill., spoke at the Sunday morning and evening services. On Sunday afternoon a Young People's program was held consisting of a dramatization, "Building the Church," by the Junior B. Y. P. U. and several numbers by the Girl's Chorus of about 25 voices. The Rev. G. O. Heide, a former pastor, also brought interesting reminiscences of 30 years previous on Sunday afternoon. Three services were held on Monday with the Rev. John Borchers of Ellinwood preaching in the morning, the Rev. Alfred Weisser of Stafford in the afternoon and the Rev. Pieter Smit of Lorraine in the evening. The Rev. R. Vassel, the pastor, led the church in these inspiring anniversary services.

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## EDITORIAL

**T**HE first Sunday in February is annually observed by Baptist churches as Baptist World Alliance Sunday. This year that date falls on the second of February. There are a number of reasons why this year's observance should be especially memorable and should receive a wider recognition than ever before.

### Baptists In Their World-Wide Fellowship

Although a year and a half have passed since the sessions of the Baptist World Congress in Berlin in August, 1934, the spiritual impact of that momentous religious gathering and the epoch-making proclamations of that great body of Christian people have been increasingly strong since that date.

The world tour of Dr. George W. Truett, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, the general secretary, with the purpose of visiting the Baptist mission fields in Asia dramatizes the world-wide extent of our ministry and tasks. Our stations in Palestine, South India, Bengal-Orissa and Assam have already been visited, and these great Baptist leaders have participated in the centennial celebration of Baptist missions on the latter fields. Early in February the party will sail from Calcutta for Rangoon and will spend considerable time in Burma, which will always be associated with the name of Adoniram Judson. From the close of February to May these Baptist ambassadors of good-will will tour through China and Japan, stressing, according to their plans, "evangelism, inspiration and brotherhood."

The observance of Baptist World Sunday is also of unusual importance this year because it calls our attention to the spiritual ties that bind us together across racial, national and social boundaries amidst divisive and disruptive forces that tend to make us provincially-minded with strong nationalistic prejudices and racial bias. The eleven million Baptists form an inspiring host of black, yellow, brown and white people all of whom are

"in one great fellowship of love throughout the whole, wide earth." Dr. Truett has pictured these prosaic facts in graphic and impressive words. "In the providence of God, our Baptist family, witnessing in sixty-nine nations, is now the largest free church group in the world. Its growth is amazing. There are twenty-three times as many Baptists today as there were a hundred years ago."

This year will witness several Baptist anniversaries which will reveal to the world the contribution which Baptists have made to the cause of the Christian religion. The tercentenary of Roger Williams' exile prior to the founding of Providence, Rhode Island, and the centenary of Luther Rice's death after his heroic labors in India will unfold to us the history of inspiring spiritual adventures.

The distinctive message of Baptists needs to resound mightily through the corridors of the world. With a spirit of fearlessness and passionate zeal Baptists ought to proclaim the testimony of their faith. In the words of Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, that message is one "of soul-freedom, of direct access to God, of the competence of the soul to enter into the presence of God, the Father, through Jesus Christ alone, without mediation of preacher or priest. It is a message of personal growth in grace through spiritual conquest. It proclaims national good-will through the great unifying experience of regeneration through Christ, our Lord."

Baptist history glows with the adventures of men and women of God who stressed spiritual experience rather than the institution as the bulwark of the Christian religion and who fought valiantly to preserve this principle of spiritual freedom. Our day calls for an aggressive leadership in presenting the claims of Jesus Christ to the world and in solving the problems of the present order in the light of divine wisdom. How we should covet that high position of spiritual leadership for our Baptist fellowship in order that we might be the channels of God's power to the peoples of our day!

# Germany under the Swastika

The author of this noteworthy article spent a year from 1934-5 in Germany as a student at the University of Marburg and as a result of his experiences and travels became intimately acquainted with the third German Reich before returning to America to continue his pastorate at the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn.

By the REV. FRANK H. WOYKE

FOR those of us whose ancestry is German, it is only natural to wish to hear favorable news concerning the land of our forefathers. More than that, however, we have a desire to know the truth about conditions in Germany, whether entirely favorable or not.

## Avoiding a One-Sided Picture

Without a doubt, many American newspapers have deliberately distorted facts about Nazi Germany. Nevertheless, we should not be too ready to condemn as lies all news reports emanating from newspaper correspondents. The foreign correspondent is experienced in getting news, and he often has connections which bring him information not available to the ordinary visitor to a country. It might be more correct to say that the news, in general, has been incomplete rather than untrue.

How is one to learn the truth about Germany? The press is frankly under government domination, as are all organs of propaganda. Furthermore, the Nazis have taken the attitude that things which happen in Germany must be justified at all costs, which is a fundamental error, as it appears to me. Be that as it may, to accept without reservations their own story means to accept a decidedly biased view. A visitor can gather information by engaging casual acquaintances or people on the streets in conversation. This is, at best, a very hazardous way of getting at the real facts. Aside from the fact that the average man on the street knows little about the deeper policies of his government and about public opinion, in general, he will be aware of saying unfavorable things in Germany at present, whether he thinks them or not. I made contacts with as many people as possible, Nazis and Non-Nazis, friends and relatives in various walks of life, placing value upon the opinions of men in public life, such as officials, professors, clergymen and the like. In addition, I was an avid reader of newspapers and Nazi literature during my year in Germany. I claim no infallibility for my views and impressions. Although I hold them unreservedly, I submit them, not as absolute truth, but only as my honest convictions about the New Germany. My general attitude might be called pro-German without being pro-Nazi.

## A Proper Historical Perspective

Americans would understand Germany much better if they could see her recent history in the proper perspective. This question has been ably presented by Professor Von Berge in earlier issues

of "The Baptist Herald" that I shall not discuss in detail. But I call to your attention the gross distortions of wartime propaganda; the four devastating years of the war itself, spent on the bloody battlefields by all able-bodied men, in anxiety and privation by the population, as a whole; the loss of the war, with its attendant breakdown of morale; the humiliation of the Versailles Treaty; total disarmament in the face of increased armaments on the part of the neighboring countries; the period of national bankruptcy and inflation; and, finally, the depression. Was it any wonder that strange things happened in Germany and that there was a lack of unity? It is stated by the Nazis that the Weimar Republic proved the failure of democracy and the principles upon which it is based. Would it not be more correct to say that any government which took over a nation prostrate, as was the Germany of 1918, would be doomed to failure? The Weimar Republic was founded at the most inauspicious time, and was really doomed from the beginning. Not only were the German people without a tradition of democracy, but they could not help associating it with the Versailles Treaty and the attending humiliations. When the time came for a reaction, down went everything signifying defeat and submission, to be replaced by what held out hope, power and unity, in this case, National-Socialism.

## Conditions of Life in General

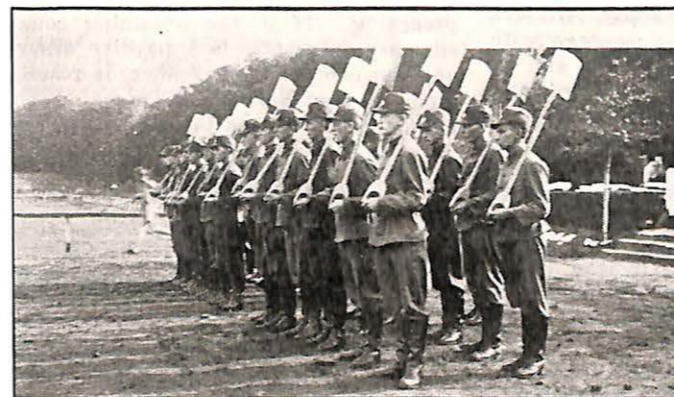
Aside from the political life of Germany, which has been so all-absorbing of late, it might be interesting to consider the general conditions existing in that country today. When I arrived in 1934, the country was mourning the death of the great president Von Hindenburg. There was much marching and flags were out everywhere, hanging from the windows of almost every home. That is typical of the atmosphere of the New Germany. There is a martial spirit abroad. Young men are considered "sissies" unless they wear a uniform occasionally. The men to whom monuments are erected are again those who were mighty in battle. Government representatives have declared that there are no longer to be any pacifists in Germany. Someone complained about the fact that a Quaker had been killed, and he was met with the rejoinder: "Well, maybe he was a pacifist." To be a pacifist means to be a traitor to the New Germany. To be sure, all nations are increasing armaments; but Germany is doing not only that but also train-

ing the entire population psychologically that wars are inevitable and a legitimate means of settling disputes since this is a universal struggle.

In what circumstances do people live? The wealth of the country certainly is more evenly divided than in this country, although, of course, there is much less to divide. The great masses of the people are either farmers or laborers. Undoubtedly, farm conditions have improved under Hitler's rule. Farms are not being taken away on foreclosures, and prices on farm produce have risen. This has worked hardships upon the laborer, however, for while foodstuffs increased in price, wages have remained the same. The average laborer earns about 100 marks a month. Our mailman, for instance, received 90 marks monthly, which was considered a fair wage. At the regular rate of exchange, this would amount to about forty dollars. In purchasing power, this would be no more than half of the average American laborer's wage. The family budget is, thus, much more modest than here.

## What About the Jews?

I cannot enter into all of the fundamental problems of the New Germany in the scope of this article. So much has been written about the Jewish question, however, that I shall touch upon it also. It is a well known fact that the Jews occupied a position entirely out of proportion to their numbers in the time of the Weimar Republic. The Nazis' contention is that this position was obtained by unethical means. "Well, then," we would say, "Let those, who can be shown to have been dishonest in private life or corrupt in public life, be



Nazi Young Men at One of the Many Labor Camps in Germany

punished accordingly." That would not solve the problem for a Nazi, however. The Jew as such is the problem for him. He holds to a definite racial philosophy that races must keep themselves pure, and that there must be complete segregation. Not only that, but he believes that Aryans are a constructive while the Jews are a destructive race. I hold this racial philosophy to be central in the Nazi "Weltanschauung," and the Jewish problem is intelligible only by keeping this in mind. That is why it is useless to argue whether violence has been done to Jews or not. I know from unimpeachable witnesses that Jews have been killed, and I know their names; I have seen windows of Jewish-



Hessian Girls of Germany at Work

owned stores being broken in. But that is not the decisive question, for many of them probably deserved punishment. The crucial question is whether the Nazi racial theory is correct that all Jews are destructive (zersetzend, Schmarotzer) and parasitical?

## The Nazi Religious Position

The racial position of the Nazis also gives us a clearer understanding of their religious views. Not only the blood but also the culture of a race are to be kept pure. Religion is regarded as something innate in the race, as God revealing himself—at the same time, always remaining the Great Unknown—in the best and strongest things that the race brings forth. Thus there arises the objection to all that is foreign to the race ("art-fremd"). Without going into detail, we might say that Nazi objections to traditional Christianity are threefold, that it has largely been taken over from the Jews and that its teaching about the impotence of man before God is unworthy of a German. Keeping this in mind, one can understand the attempts to unify and nationalize the church in Germany.

## The Future of Hitlerism

Upon one's acceptance or rejection of these fundamental racial, religious and government principles, one's attitude toward Nazi rule will ultimately depend. If one accepts them, one is using the Nazi standard of judgment, and the result will be favorable. If one rejects them, one must, with all due regard for the German position, accept with reservations many of the things being done in Germany today. One can take the following stand. Recognizing Germany's precarious position among the nations, Hitler's foreign policy has been the only possible one, if Germany is to survive. "Der Führer" has saved the country from Communism and decay, which temporarily justifies his domestic policies. But Hitlerism, as an extremist movement, has brought in its wake many deadly misconceptions, and it must be supplanted by something more tolerant and open-minded. Many friends of Germany take this view, and I am convinced that not a few Germans share it with them.

# Understanding the Scriptures

BY PROFESSOR ARTHUR A. SCHADE OF ROCHESTER, N. Y.

(A request was expressed by the Central Conference last August and forwarded to the members of the faculty of our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., for several articles, reviewing their religious faith and doctrinal views. The seminary committee concurred with this friendly request and asked that such articles be written and published in "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote." Two consecutive treatises have already appeared in "Der Sendbote" by Professor F. W. C. Meyer. We are profoundly indebted to Professor Schade for the clear and candid position which he presents in the following article in response to the recent requests. EDITOR.)

One of the peculiarities of the Christian movement from the time of its early beginnings has been a wide diversity of opinion on points of doctrine. There are various reasons for this fact.

We are often quite different from one another in our mental habits. Some people are "from Missouri," as the saying goes, and must be shown. Thomas was like that when told that Jesus had risen from the dead, and he put us all in debt to himself by his demand for proof. Others are less disturbed by doubts and misgivings and prefer not to have their accepted belief called into question.

An even greater occasion for differences lies in the nature of the Bible upon which our Christian doctrine is based. Christian truth is not stated in concise formulas, but it rather comes to light in long historical or biographical narratives, poetic sermons, Psalms and letters. From these the doctrinal truth must be extracted something like the bees extract nectar from the flowers. Not all make the same extractions from the same set of circumstances. Some people expose themselves to the impact of one portion of the Bible and others to another.

Ordinarily these minor differences serve only to stimulate our interest in the truth and to incite us to more diligent Bible study. While all parties are modest in their opinions and respectful of the views of others, there is no disruption of the spirit of Christian love. Unfortunately, these differences are sometimes presented to churches as ominous perils to the faith, once for all times delivered to the saints. Members become disquieted and fear for the truth and for the cause which they love. While the cross has its enemies, and while dangerous heresies have been spread abroad against which timely warnings are perfectly proper, these should hardly be expected among those who have been known for many years and whose views have been widely proclaimed from our press and pulpit. Nevertheless, any denominational servant always ought to be ready to render an account of his stewardship

and to set forth the basic principles to which he holds in his ministry.

My position on the seminary faculty is mainly that of opening the Scriptures to the students. More specifically, I am responsible for all the "Old Testament" instruction and for instruction in "the Life of Christ." "Evangelism" and "Religious Education" have also been assigned to me by the faculty, but space will not permit their treatment at this time.

When I began my teaching some years ago, my esteemed predecessor, Dr. L. Kaiser, generously shared with me the benefit of his experiences from his long and distinguished career as a Bible teacher. He strongly emphasized the importance of making the student familiar with the entire Bible content. This I have diligently sought to do.

The next step is to understand the Biblical material and to appreciate its religious significance for our time. Several steps are involved in this undertaking. The nature of the material must be considered, as to whether it is poetry or prose, historical or sermonic, prophetic or devotional. The purpose and meaning in the mind of the author must be considered. The situation to which the material was addressed must be considered. That which applies to the local situation of that time must be distinguished from that which has permanent and universal religious value. Thus, we consider the whole of the Bible in our study. We seek its distinctively religious message with its social implications. Above all, we seek to know the God who revealed himself and his will to us through his chosen people. We seek to understand Jesus, the nature of his earthly ministry, the cause and meaning of his tragic death and the glorious hope which he set forth in his promises. We seek to know what kind of life he desires us to lead and to that we might be approved of his spirit.

Such a course of study brings the student many a delight and an occasional surprise. He finds that foundation for his Christian faith which he needs, but he also discovers that various interpretations of some representations are possible. He discovers verses which had not come to his attention before and which refuse to be dodged. He finds it necessary to cast his conception of the Bible and of Christian doctrine wide enough to take into consideration all the Biblical factors. This makes it impossible for him to come to the definite, sole and single interpretation of some points which seems to some so highly desirable. But we feel that it is more loyal and true to the Word of God if we go to the Bible for our ideas and set them forth as we find them in the Scriptures than to go with ideas which have probably come to us from creeds of former cen-

turies or which may be floating about without ever having been thoroughly checked by the Bible.

But for all our diligence in the study of the Scriptures, we do not come to conclusions that deviate greatly from those commonly accepted in our circles. The essential Christian doctrines are prominently stated in the Scriptures that he who runs may read. The good news of John three-sixteen is so well established in the Word and has been so abundantly vindicated by human experience, that no room is left for a doubt or a quibble. The Bible portrait of God reflects his infinite love and his justice. In Jesus Christ, our Savior, God came to the level of human understanding. In his suffering on the cross for the redemption of the world he expressed the suffering of God because of the sins of his wayward people. In the Holy Spirit God dwells in our hearts and in the Church imparting to it divine life. His promise that the kingdoms of the earth shall become the Kingdom of our Lord hold forth to us the glorious hope that truth and goodness will eventually come to triumph through Christ and his Church.

As we follow our students in their Christian ministry we are impressed with their positive faith which is contrasted sharply from the prevailing skepticism of our age. Their zeal for souls soon comes to expression in the conversion and baptism of people under their preaching. If in the ordaining councils they frequently lack positive assurance on one point or another, it results from the fact that the Bible may itself not be committed to one and only one view, or because they have had insufficient time to settle moot questions on which, incidentally, the ministers in our churches are also not agreed. When they have the courage to express their doubts and disagreements as well as their faith and agreement, it seems to us that they are to be commended at least for their sincerity and their modesty. Moreover, they are justified on the basis of historic Baptist principles to exercise the right of personal interpretation, a right for which our forebears laid down their lives, and which we should be reluctant to surrender.

I wonder if the members of our churches fully appreciate the difficult position which theological teachers have in such an age as this. If only those who are concerned for the truth of the gospel could honor us with their presence in our class-room for a few years, they would bestow upon us their sympathy and sustain us with their prayers. We are seeking the approval of him who knows our hearts and our motives. We are seeking by our fidelity to merit, also, the approval of those whom we represent in this important position.

## FALLING SNOW

By VIRGINIA ERBECK  
of Brooklyn, New York

The night was cold and brisk,  
A star-like flake of snow  
Fell softly as a lullaby  
On a sleepy baby's ears.

I looked at the lace on the branches  
Our Lord's creation, drop't  
By him to give the world  
A little bit of heaven.  
I wondered at the whiteness,  
The delicacy of even the hardest  
And blackest of iron rails.  
The hardest of stones seemed  
Soft and frail in their ermine robes.

While the snow fell, I walked  
Upon a deep, white carpet,  
Spread over the lane  
Along which I traveled.

Oh God! That thou should'st  
Give poor mortals such perfect bliss,  
The priceless happiness  
That needs must follow the close  
Communion with thine own spirit  
Made possible by silence,—  
And falling snow.

## ALONE

By MRS. CHARLOTTE A. DOW  
Newark, New Jersey

There is an inexpressible something  
Within the depths of the heart,  
That cries out in its anguish  
And will never depart.

You may try to cast it aside  
By daily toil and prayer,  
And when the night clouds lower  
You will find it is still there.

You may master the best of courage,  
And mock at it if you will  
But, if you pause for a moment,  
You'll find it is with you still.

Amid the feasting and music,  
The laughter and merry crowd,  
You'll still feel the touch of its finger  
Though its voice may not sound aloud.

Did the lonely Christ in the garden  
Praying through the midnight hour  
To endure the cross for our pardon  
Feel a touch of its power?

Yes, you may go the wide world over,  
Across the land and sea,  
And you'll find the prints of its footsteps  
Wherever you chance to be.

Yet there is a release from its clutches  
In the comforting word, kind and true,  
From the mouth of the tender Shepherd:  
"I will not leave nor forsake you."

# CONTRIBUTOR'S PAGE

"Where I am, ye may be also,  
For my Father has room and to spare,  
And I go to prepare a place  
That ye may be with me there.

"Be not troubled but believe me,  
Thou wilt not be alone nor grieve;  
For my peace I give unto you  
With you my peace I leave."

## ADVENTURERS FOR GOD!

By MISS PEARL ADAM  
Madison, South Dakota

(This poem was written in honor of  
the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer on the  
occasion of their recent missionary trip  
to the Cameroons, Africa. EDITOR.)

Many talk of their courage  
And their deeds of success;  
But, alas! They are not  
Whom one can compare  
With those who with others  
Their lives completely share.

They went to a dark land,  
Far to the Afric strand,  
The love of Christ to tell,  
How on earth he did dwell  
And his life gladly gave  
The sinners all to save.

They who lead others from loss  
To gain life at the Cross;  
They who toil without end  
For those who need a friend;  
They are the ones to laud  
For their service to God!

## THANKSGIVING DAY POEMS

The two poems on "Thanksgiving Day" were written for the Northern North Dakota Young People's rally which was held in 1934 in Cathay, No. Dak. Miss Strogies' poem won first prize and that of Miss Kallis third prize. Their message is timely even for the beginning of the year, since our thanksgiving to God should be throughout the entire year.

EDITOR.

## THE ORIGIN OF THANKSGIVING DAY

By SELMA STROGIES  
of Cathay, North Dakota

The Pilgrims' voyage I'll now try to  
quote;  
When they came to America in a crude  
boat  
They named it "The Mayflower," so they  
all say,  
And came to worship in their own simple  
way.

They busied themselves to make homes  
for them all,  
For chill winds were blowing since now  
it was fall,  
And when they had finished, their glad  
hearts were gay,

And they had a great feast which was  
"Thanksgiving Day."

The turkey was made their selected meat,  
With pumpkin pies and cranberries  
sweet;  
And after their meal they knelt on the  
sod,  
Singing their praises and thanking God.

They thanked him for his guiding hand  
That safely lead to freedom's land,  
Where they could worship as they please,  
And happiness would never cease.

They thanked him for the lovely p'ne  
Which God had made to grow so fine,  
With these they could make homes for  
all,  
A place of warmth at winter's call.

Not only on one day of the year  
They offered thanks for being here,  
But evenings, just before their rest,  
Their food and work and health were  
blest.

Home worship would not satisfy;  
A village church was built near by,  
Where all could worship once a week,  
When days were sunny, dark or bleak.

This origin has kept its route,  
And this is how it came about  
That in November of each year  
We think of Pilgrims coming here.

In order to recall these scenes,  
Their worth to us and what it means,  
This final day is stored away,  
And it is our "Thanksgiving Day."

## IS THERE A DIFFERENCE?

By LILLIE KALLIS  
of Beulah, North Dakota

The Pilgrims made Thanksgiving Day  
To give their thanks to God,  
For food and shelter, clothes and life,  
The soil on which they trod.

But now the people celebrate  
To eat and drink their fill,  
And not a thought is given God  
Who's their protector still.

Let us, as Christians, celebrate  
This day as that of old,  
And live for Christ and him alone  
And not for self or gold.

Let us be thankful for our Lord,  
Our Savior and our Friend,  
And then for things which he provides  
Of which there is no end.

So let us eat and drink with thanks  
And let our hearts be gay,  
But not forget the meaning of  
The first Thanksgiving Day.

# BEAUTY for ASHES

by Grace Livingston Hill

## SYNOPSIS

Gloria Sutherland, one of two daughters in the fashionable Sutherland home, received the tragic message of her fiancé's death while she was engaged in making preparations for her wedding. Her father prevailed on her to motor with him into the country and took her to the scene of his birthplace which she had never seen before and about which she had heard little. She was as happy as a child visiting relatives, going fishing in the old trout brook, enjoying the delicious country meals and forgetting the tragic event of a few days previous. But her father had to return to the city, leaving her with relatives, and with his departure she had a dreary feeling of being a prisoner in a strange land. But on the second day she heard someone whistling, and the music cheered her, for she thought the whistler was the elderly gray haired man whom she had seen working on the farm across the field.

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Her father had not come yet. Instead there was a letter saying that he was involved in most important matters in the office which it would be disastrous for him to leave, and suggesting again that she come home. Her mother, he said, was interested in getting up a drive for welfare and very much wanted her home to help. She sent word that there was much that could be done quietly, and that no one would criticize her for going into charitable work. He said that he did not see how he could get back to her before Sunday, or even the middle of next week, and it was all owing to some unexpected turn of affairs in European finance. Gloria just couldn't have been more down and out than she was that afternoon. She was looking into a stretch of endless days ahead of her, wherein the sweet quiet she had so enjoyed at first, had palled exceedingly upon her, and yet there was no place in the world to which she desired to go instead.

It was just when things had reached this stage that she heard the front gate in the white picket fence swing open and clang back on its noisy hinges, and looking up in panic saw a very good looking young man with a tennis racket under his arm, coming toward her.

She arose precipitately from the hammock to beat a hasty retreat, but he was there before she could get away.

"Please don't go yet," said the young man smiling pleasantly, "I came over to speak to you. I'm Murray MacRae from across the road. I've only been

home a few days, but I've seen you sitting out here and I just wondered if you happen to be a tennis player? Because I've been fixing up our tennis court, rolling and marking it, and putting up new wire stop nets, and trying to get it finished before my sister Lindsey gets back from her school, and I've just got it done. I wondered if you wouldn't take pity on me and play me a set or two just to try out the court and see if it's all right. I know we haven't been introduced yet, but I guess I can hunt up Mrs. Hastings and remedy that. Won't you come?"

Gloria hesitated, won in spite of herself by the pleasant impersonal smile. "If you don't play I can teach you," he urged with a grin. "Do come! I don't like to wait a whole week to try out my work."

"Oh, I play, of course," said Gloria wondering at herself that she didn't give him a prompt negative, "but—I haven't any racket here."

"Oh, we have plenty of rackets," said the young man. "They may not be as good as your own, but they would do for a little exercise I'm sure."

"I'd have to put on my tennis shoes," she said looking down at the trivial high-heeled slippers she was wearing.

"Run along and get them then," he said swinging himself to the porch and the hammock she had deserted. "I'll sit here and see what you've been reading. Then we'll be better acquainted."

Gloria went into the house wondering what she ought to do. In this age of the world of course one didn't stop much on formality, and she liked his looks. But, was it the right thing for a girl in her position to go out and play tennis with a neighbor of the house where she was staying, but she felt the habit of her mother's formality upon her. Still, what difference did it make. All these people were strangers anyway and didn't know a thing about her. Why not get a little exercise? She was sure her father would approve.

Nevertheless she was relieved to meet Emily Hastings coming downstairs as she went up.

She stopped her with a question.

"There is a person out there who says his name is Murray something, and he wants me to come over across the road and try his tennis court. Should I go?"

"Oh, has Murray MacRae come over? I hoped he would. Why, surely, go. He's a wonderful fellow. I've been hoping his sister would get home while you are

here. She's been away all winter teaching. Yes, go by all means. You need exercise and somebody to get you out. I've been worrying about you. I'll come out and introduce you. But Murray's all right. He's wonderful. He's been off all winter too."

So Gloria changed her shoes and felt a pleasant little thrill of excitement at the thought of playing tennis again. At least she wouldn't have to think of Stan's dead face all the time while she was playing.

Emily was out talking to the young man when she came down, in a pretty little green frock that was used to playing tennis.

After the introduction they swung away together down the path and across the road.

It seemed good to Gloria to be out again with some one young, to be going off to play, as if she were still carefree and happy. It was almost like being put back two or three years into her gay girlhood and not having to think of problems and sorrows and tragedies.

"That's a peach of a book you were reading," the young man said as they crossed the road and swung into his gate. "This isn't the first time you've read it of course."

"Why, yes, it is," said Gloria. "I never came on it anywhere. Do you know it?"

"Yes, it's one of my old favorites. I read it several times when I was a kid, and I like to go over it again now and then. There's some fine writing in it, besides being a rare story, and so utterly human and thrilling."

She looked at him surprised. The young men she knew did not discuss books in such a way, especially such books. In fact most of them read very few books and seldom spoke of them. Her friends were a hilarious crowd, always on the move, going somewhere, doing things—There was never any time to read or to discuss. They would have been bored to discuss a serious book.

"It's—thrilling—" Gloria hesitated for words—"but—it's—so sad. Why do lovely things have to end badly? All life is not that way, is it?"

She was asking the question almost wistfully, hoping he would say it was not.

"Why, yes, I'm afraid life is that way, a lot of sadness mixed with the sweet. Haven't you found it that way? People do die, and sickness and sorrow and trouble do come, sooner or later. Isn't that the way it seems to you?"

"Not until—recently," she answered evasively. "I hoped you would say it wasn't usual. Terrible things do happen once in a great while, but—I can't bear to think they come often."

"Oh, but they do," he said gently. "You can't go among people, especially today, and not find tragedy everywhere, all mixed up with the happiness."

"But that's terrible!" said Gloria pitifully. "I never thought until a very short time ago that dreadful things could come to just anybody any time."

"Didn't you?" He turned and looked at her tenderly, as if she were a little child in her first disillusionment. "I learned that when I was just a kid. A very precious older brother died."

"Yes, death," said Gloria. "Of course, but—I don't see why it had to be! It would have been so much nicer if the world was made so that nice things went on always, and there didn't have to be pain and sorrow and death."

"It will be that way someday of course, when the curse is taken away."

The amazement in her eyes showed that she did not at all understand what he meant.

"In the new earth," he explained, "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

He spoke so earnestly, with such conviction, as if he had authority to give out the words as truth, that suddenly the possibility of such conditions seemed real to Gloria and an unutterable longing welled up in her heart to enter into them. She did not know that in spite of her efforts to hide her deep feeling a heartbreaking yearning showed in her face and voice as she quoted in an attempt at lightness:

"Eventually? Why not now?"

With rare tact the young man responded to her pretense at gaiety:

"There's much to be done ere it comes to that."

"Oh!" The hope seemed to melt out of Gloria's face. "You mean after centuries people will get better and better and conditions will change,—what good does that do us?" She said it bitterly.

"No, thank God I don't mean that. There is no hope in that. I mean something much better than that, much more certain, much nearer. Say, why not let me come over sometime and tell you about it?"

Gloria brought her gaze from the neat sunny court framed in brilliant green, and gave a long impersonal, searching look to the stranger who had so astonishingly given her a glimpse into another world. Was it worth while to follow what was probably just a will o' the wisp, an idealist fancy? But something she saw in the steady, calm eyes, something of assurance and of joyous certainty, brought again that throb of hope and yearning to her sad heart.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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The second annual missionary conference of the Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., will be held from Sunday, Jan. 26, to Sunday, Feb. 2. Among the several speakers will be the Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., the general missionary secretary of our denomination, who will bring missionary addresses on Friday evening and the second Sunday morning. The church has recently voted to support the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer of the Cameroons with \$600 annually. Under the leadership of the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler the church has assumed an aggressive missionary spirit.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 1, the Women's Missionary Society of our church in Martin, No. Dak., held its anniversary program before a large audience. The ministry of the women on behalf of God's Kingdom is deeply appreciated in the church. Evangelistic meetings were recently held at the country station with the Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor, bringing the messages. Six young people made their confession of faith. On Sunday morning, Dec. 1, two new members were received into our church at Martin.

About 35 young people from the B. Y. P. U. of the Second Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., went to our church at Jamesburg, N. J., on Nov. 9 for a visitation program sponsored by the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Atlantic Conference. After a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schroeder, the program was held in the church. The Brooklyn group presented a missionary play, "Soldiers of the Cross," in which the following took part: Walter Marklein, Arnold Veninga, Lillian Sturman, Mrs. Alfred Bernadt, Mrs. Edwin Marklein, Kenneth Wilferth, William Appledorn, Julia Veninga and Florence Kaazler.

Mr. H. Theodore Sorg of Newark, N. J., the counsel of our General Missionary Society, spent Sunday and Monday, Dec. 29 and 30, in Milwaukee, Wis., for the purpose of conferring with the Immanuel Baptist Church in the hope of arriving at some solution of its financial difficulties, and his services met with considerable success. He and the Rev. William Kuhn met the trustees of the church on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Sorg addressed the evening service which was well attended.

The Christmas week was a happy and busy time for the members and friends of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. At the B. Y. P. U. meeting preceding Christmas a Candlelight Serv-

ice was held, and at the evening service the Rev. J. A. Pankratz preached on "The Prominent Town of Bethlehem." On Monday evening, Dec. 23, the Christian Fellowship Club sponsored a Christmas party for everyone at the church. The young people went corolling on Christmas Eve. The Sunday School program, held on Christmas Day afternoon, was attended by the large crowd of people. On Saturday, Dec. 28, the Christmas party of the Dorcas Guild was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pfaff.

The lovely Christmas pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang," was presented by the young people and choir of the White Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday evening, Dec. 22. Those who took part were Mrs. Ed Boettger, Rose Ponce, Donald Boettger, Hubert Zion and William Anders Jr. The new officers of the Sunday School for 1936 are N. J. Giese, superintendent; Wilbur Herchelmann, assistant superintendent; Harold Graafmeyer, secretary; and Carl Pfaff, treasurer. On Sunday, Dec. 29, Professor O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., a former pastor of the church, preached at the morning service on the theme, "The Life Abundant."

The Rev. H. C. Baum, our General Evangelist, completed an evangelistic ministry of 14 weeks prior to Christmas in the Dakotas, where he conducted revival meetings in 7 churches, preaching on 101 occasions and holding 29 Bible study periods and 69 meetings for children and young people. There were 65 persons who testified of having accepted Christ as their Savior as a direct result of these services. Mr. Baum has already begun a series of evangelistic meetings in six of the German Baptist churches of the Chicago area.

Mrs. Hilda Boehm, Senior Teacher of Music in the Keating Public School of Detroit, Mich., directed a chorus of 80 children in a program of Christmas music before the Detroit Rotary Club on Tuesday noon, Dec. 17. Mrs. Boehm, who is the wife of Mr. Norman J. Boehm, the president of our National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, is also very active in the Sunday School and Young People's activities of the Ebenezer Church of the same city.

Mr. E. M. Wegner, after serving the German Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, as assistant pastor for three months, has been called by the church to serve regularly in that capacity. Mr. Wegner studied for 4 years in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill. He and Mrs. Wegner have definitely won a warm place for themselves in the hearts of the people, according to the Rev. A. Felberg, pastor of the church.

# Dramatizations and Dialogues

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The following dramatizations have been selected from several hundred for use in our churches. Those which are marked "Forest Park" are to be secured by addressing Rev. Wm. Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. They are free but a nominal sum is expected for the postage involved, or a free-will or missionary offering will be gratefully accepted. The plays that are marked "Cleveland" are to be secured by addressing the German Baptist Publication Society, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, with definite instructions as to the number of copies desired. Any further information about religious dramatizations may be secured from the editor of "The Baptist Herald."

## "CHRISTMAS"

### The Christmas Vacation

Two Scenes. 5 Girls and a Teacher. This is an interesting account of the way in which several girls spend their Christmas vacation in rendering loving deeds to others. Forest Park—Free

### Two Poor Seamstresses

One Scene. Time, 30 minutes. 2 Men. 3 Women. Two poor seamstresses are about to lose all faith and hope on Christmas Eve because of their dire needs when God answers their prayers in a wonderful manner. Also available in German. Forest Park—Free

### Christmas Eve in Three Homes by Mrs. W. T. Edwards

Three Scenes. Time, 30 minutes. 9 Children. 2 Women. 2 Men. Christmas Eve is pictured in a modern worldly home, in a lovely reverent Christian home, and in a Home for orphaned children. The program for the last scene has to be filled in as desired by the local group. Forest Park—Free

### Miss Grumble Made Happy by Rev. F. A. Bloedow

Six Scenes. Time, 40 minutes. 2 Men. 3 Women. An unhappy woman of considerable wealth is persuaded to provide a surprise for the children of an orphanage at Christmas, and she finds that this service brings her many joys even in a most unexpected way. Available also in German. Forest Park—Free

### Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men by Miss Gretchen Remmler

Three Scenes. Time, 30 minutes. 7 Women. The story tells about the disappointment of an orphan girl who has to work for a wealthy family in which the daughters can go to a Christmas party while she stays at home and works but she receives her joyous reward. (New). Forest Park—Free

### The Other Side of Christmas

One Scene. Time, 25 minutes. 3 Men. 4 Women. Several young people tell "the grandmother" about the Christmas sermon which she was unable to hear and each one resolves to practice the truths which they have heard. (New). Forest Park—Free

### On Christmas Day in the Morning by Vesta Towner

Two Scenes. Time, 30 minutes. 13 Characters (mostly girls). Children. Choir. The story of the first Christmas morning is contrasted with the Christmas morning of today in a "White Christmas service." A very effective dramatization. (New). Forest Park—Free

### The Christmas Telephone

One Scene. Time, 20 minutes. 7 Characters. Children from other lands appear on the scene in answer to the telephone girl and tell her how few people in other nations know about the Christ-Child. (New). Forest Park—Free

### Children of the Christmas Spirit by Anita B. Ferris

One Scene. 12 Children, 1 Young Woman. Children from 12 various countries of the world come together and each reveals the Christmas customs peculiar to his or her country until they are all united by the Spirit of Christmas. A costume play, easily presented, with an effective missionary message of world brotherhood. Cleveland—15 cents

### A Christmas Carol

One Scene. Time, 1 hour. 6 Men. 3 Women. Dramatization from Dicken's "Christmas Carol" with tableaux and music. Cleveland—25 cents

### Christmas Pageant of the Holy Grail by W. Russell Bowie

Four Scenes. Time, 1 hour. 16 Men. 7 Women. 1 Reader. The story of King Arthur and his desire to win for Christ the gift which only the perfect knight at last should bring. Reading, pantomime and music. Cleveland—25 cents

### Peace I give Unto You by Dorothy Clarke Wilson

One Scene. Time, 30 minutes. 4 Men. 1 Woman. Into the humble cottage of Joseph and Marta comes a sequence of happenings that effect the glorious tidings of "the first Christmas" in their relation to world peace. Cleveland—35 cents

### The Lost Star by Dorothy Clarke Wilson

Five Scenes. Time, 40 minutes. 9 Men. 5 Women. The youngest of the Wise Men loses sight of the star because of his hatred of an enemy. Cleveland—35 cents

### No Room at the Inn by Esther E. Olson

One Scene. Time, 30 minutes. 2 Men. 2 Women. Little Malthar makes her first lamp and offers it, even though it is ugly to the innkeeper who tells her parents that the inn is overflowing and that a couple has had to be placed into the barn. The beautiful story tells the remarkable things that happened afterwards. Cleveland—35 cents

### When the Little Angel Sang by Lillian Dunlap George

One Scene. Time, 25 minutes. 2 Men. 3 Women. Chorus. A pilgrim on his way to Bethlehem is robbed, but the angel's song works a miracle in the heart of the thief. Cleveland—30 cents

## MOTHER'S DAY

### A Gift for Mother by Vesta Towner

A Pageant. Time, 30 minutes. 4 Boys. 1 Girl. 3 Women. 1 Man. Chorus. This story-pageant centers around the thought of giving something lovely to mother which she can remember throughout the year. Forest Park—Free

### A Gift for Mother

One Scene. Time, 20 minutes. 3 Men. 3 Women. A fine dramatization showing what these young people decide to give their mothers for Mother's Day. Forest Park—Free

### A Mother's Love by Ella Geyer

Four Scenes. Time, 25 minutes. 1 Woman. 2 Men. A young man, who has gone to sea in spite of his mother's advice, becomes sick and returns home as a changed and more appreciative boy. Available also in German. Forest Park—Free

### Showing Our Love for Mother

One Scene. Time, 25 minutes. 10 Women. Mildred has a vision in which she learns what it means to express her love to her mother in a definite tangible way. Forest Park—Free

### A Timely Shower by Fannie M. Nelson

One Scene. Time, 20 minutes. 2 Adults. 3 Children. The children argue with father about the things which they will give Mother for "Mother's Day" and what strange gifts she receives! Cleveland—25 cents

### Mother's Day by Cora Jackson

One Scene. Time, 25 minutes. 2 Men. 5 Women. This story has to do with a family's plans for Mother's Day in which mother does all the work and has little pleasure. Cleveland—25 cents

## STEWARDSHIP

### Lordship and Stewardship by Rev. Benjamin Schlipf

One Scene. Time, 35 minutes. 1 Man. 3 Women. Three young women come to the pastor seeking information and guidance on the subject of stewardship. A suggestive program is also added. Forest Park—Free

### The Wish and the Deed by Max Adelen

One Scene. Time, 20 minutes. 1 Man. 1 Woman. A husband and wife talk about the many good things which they would do if they had a million dollars, but complications set in as a messenger from the bank suddenly arrives informing them that a rich uncle in Mexico has just left them that much money. Forest Park—Free

### Strictly Fresh Eggs by Nellie Lockard

One Scene. Time, 25 minutes. 3 Women. Two women are surprised by a sign which advertises "Strictly Fresh Eggs" and "Tithen Eggs" for sale and stop to ask the meaning of those words. Available also in German. Forest Park—Free

### The Ring of Rama Krishniah by Anita B. Ferris

Four Scenes. Time, 1 hour. 21 Persons. A pageant-play in which Hindu and American groups participate with much effectiveness. Cleveland—25 cents

### A. Mann and His Money by Julius T. Jones

Two Acts. Time, 30 minutes. 2 Men. 2 Women. A family learns what it means to deny themselves in order to make some contributions to the church. Cleveland—25 cents

## CONSECRATION

### Beneath the Cross of Jesus by Rev. F. A. Bloedow

One Scene. Time, 25 minutes. 2 Men. 2 Women. Young people approach the Cross and tell of the wonderful peace and joy which they have found in it. The musical interludes are very effective. Available also in German. Forest Park—Free

### True Greatness by Anna M. Stuermer

One Scene. Time, 30 minutes. 4 Women. The young women, wondering about greatness and fame, learn to their own humiliation what "true greatness" is in the sight of God. (New). Forest Park—Free

### Sunday Morning in the Attic

One Scene. Time, 25 minutes. 3 Men. 2 Women. 2 Voices. A New Year's dialogue about a Christian family which has become negligent concerning religious observances and spiritual matters. (New). Forest Park—Free

## The Challenge of the Cross

One Scene. Time, 30 minutes. 7 Women. In dramatic manner 7 disciples respond to the call of Christ to bear his cross but each has a different interpretation of what that means. Fine for a young people's service. (New). Forest Park—Free

### Adventuring with Jesus by Mary B. Butchart

Four Scenes. Time, 40 minutes. A large cast. Each Biblical incident is delivered by a Reader followed by a modern interpretation by another Reader and the theme is then presented by means of dramatic tableaux and pantomime. Cleveland—35 cents

## THANKSGIVING

### Count Your Blessings

One Scene. Time, 20 minutes. 5 Girls. 2 Boys. A girl, who cannot think of anything for which to be thankful, falls asleep and five characters, representing life's blessings, tell of their merits to the sleeping girl. (New). Forest Park—Free

### Thanksgiving Through the Ages

Five Scenes. Time, 15 minutes. Large cast with few speaking parts. Thanksgiving in 1620, 1781, 1918 and present shown. Cleveland—25 cents

### The Founders of the Faith by A. Russell Marble

One Act. Time, 1 hour. 40 characters. A pageant-play adapted from the Acts of the Apostles suitable for Thanksgiving and other anniversary occasions. Cleveland—30 cents

## PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD

### The Unknown Soldier Speaks

One Scene. Time, 30 minutes. 2 Men. This play is a dramatic dialogue between a minister and the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery on the futility of war. Cleveland—15 cents

### Four Peace Plays compiled by Lydia Glover

The four short plays are "The Pact of Paris," "A Morning Call," "The Portrait" and "Rome or the Kingdom." Cleveland—35 cents

### An Adventure in Friendship by Barbara Abel

One Scene. Time, 30 minutes. 6 Characters. An entertaining play about a girl who learned that she could not forget the girls of other countries. Cleveland—50 cents

### The Color Line by Irene T. MacNair

One Scene. Time, 30 minutes. 3 Men. 3 Women. A dramatic story of present-day China, depicting some distorted racial attitudes. Cleveland—25 cents

## GENERAL

### And the Greatest of These is Love by Charles F. Zummach

Three Acts. Time, 1 hour. 12 Characters. An orphan girl, who was reared early in life in a Christian home, is sent by a guardian uncle into a non-Christian house where she influences the family to become Christians because of her radiant faith. Forest Park—Free

### The Wise Fool by Eugene Koppin

One Act. Time, 45 minutes. 2 Men. 1 Woman. A young salesman, who has drifted away from God and who is dishonest in his business dealings, meets two Christian friends who lead him back to "the straight and narrow way." Forest Park—Free

### Finding the Golden Key by Rev. Wm. Kuhn

Seven Scenes. Time, 50 minutes. 8 Women. 7 Men. A brother and a sister are moved by a sermon of a missionary to search for perfect happiness in Christ. In events of daily life the dramatization pictures their various attempts. Forest Park—Free

### Little Margaret's Vision by Ella Geier

Seven Scenes. Time, 40 minutes. 3 Women. 6 Men. A rich, hard-hearted farmer is brought to God by circumstances of sickness and the Christ-like care, love and prayers of little Margaret, his niece. Available also in German. Forest Park—Free

### The Singer's Reward by Mrs. Wm. Patzia and Marianne Strehle

Seven Scenes. Time, 50 minutes. 9 Women. 4 Men. A young vocalist dedicates her voice to Christian service in spite of her mother's desire to have her enter a brilliant career in the world, but after several years the mother is converted by her own daughter's singing in a tent meeting. Available also in German. Forest Park—Free

### The Word by Esther C. Averill

One Scene. Time, 1 hour. Large Cast. A very impressive pageant of the books of the Bible to give the audience a better appreciation of the contents of the Bible. Cleveland—25 cents

### "The Power of the Word" and "Fine Gold"

This pageant-drama and play produced by the American Bible Society are unusually fine for Bible services in the church or B. Y. P. U. meetings. Cleveland—10 cents

### The Old Candlemaker of Saint Johns by Robert M. Gatke

One Act. Time, 20 minutes. 3 Men. 3 Women. 4 Others. A highly effective morality play showing the evil of pride and the necessity for service. Cleveland—25 cents

# Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Saturday, January 18

## Winning The Race

"So run, that ye may obtain." 1 Corinthians 9:24.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

You have not yet won. The goal is still ahead of you. Forget the things behind you. Reach out for the things before you. Lay aside the besetting sin. Look to the author and finisher of your faith—Jesus Christ!

Prayer: "Help me, O Lord, to win the fight of faith, to lay hold of eternal life."

Sunday, January 19

## Somebody Cares

"Am I my brother's keeper?" Genesis 4:9.

Read Genesis 4:1-12.

"Where is Abel, thy brother?" Yes, your brother is he, tied to you by the tie of blood and of human kind. Will you raise the hand of hate against him who pleads for your love and care? Or will you live with him in helpful peace and share with him the choice gifts of life?

Prayer: "Help me, O Lord, to forget self in a helpful ministry to others."

Monday, January 20

## Counting the Cost

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost?" Luke 14:28.

Read Luke 14:26-33.

One may fail by being overcautious and one may also fail by being too hasty. We need the passion for adventure, but it must be tempered by prayerful deliberation and by intelligent foresight. Count the cost before you build!

Prayer: "My resources and plans I submit to thee, O Lord, for the stamp of thine approval."

Tuesday, January 21

## Idle Excuses

"And they all with one consent began to make excuse." Luke 14:18.

Read Luke 14:15-24.

These excuses were the straws that showed the direction of the current of life. The invitation to the feast was spurned, because other interests had a stronger attraction. Thus it is that hosts of people turn a deaf ear to the gospel call; they prefer the allurements of the world.

Prayer: "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

Wednesday, January 22

## The Calm After the Storm

"Peace I leave with you." John 14:17.

Read John 14:25-31.

Storms in the waters and in life do not last; they are soon succeeded by calm. As ships have learned, the one thing to do in heavy weather is to ride it through. Not the calm but the storms get the fullest mention in the ship's log

book. We overemphasize our hard times and forget the good.

Prayer: May we, O Father, endure all adverse winds, knowing that thou wilt bring us into the desired haven.

Thursday, January 23

## Christ Outside

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Rev. 3:20.

Read Rev. 3:14-21.

Christ does not force his entrance into our hearts and lives. He waits patiently for our willing surrender. Why do we keep him waiting? Do the voices in the world about us fascinate us so that we do not hear this gentle knock nor his pleading voice?

Prayer: "O Lord, with shame and sorrow we open now the door."

Friday, January 24

## Christ Within

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." Eph. 3:17.

Read Eph. 3:14-21.

How blessed, when Christ is regnant in the heart! He wants to be a permanent dweller and not an occasional visitor only. Give him the key to your innermost chambers. Let your hand of faith rest confidently in his hand of love. "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Prayer: "Sun of my soul, thou Savior dear; it is not night, if thou art near."

Saturday, January 25

## A Mind to Work

"For the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4:6.

Read Nehemiah 4:1-6.

Ruins are transformed into mighty walls, when the mind of a people is roused to action. Where there is a will, there is a way. Not to the shirkers but to the workers belongs the day. The purpose is accomplished when the mind is awakened and the will goes into action.

Prayer: "May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart!"

Sunday, January 26

## The Same Forever

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

Read Hebrews 13:5-9.

Jesus Christ is the impregnable rock amid the changing currents of time—my undying hope! With my feet planted here, I defy the storms. He will not fail me, even when the winds rage wild. With his everlasting arms around me I rest in perfect peace.

Prayer: "My mind is stayed upon thee; thou wilt keep me in perfect peace."

Monday, January 27

## The All-Sufficient Christ

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

Read Philippians 4:10-13.

Why worry with an exhaustless supply ever near? God makes every condition serve his gracious purposes. In his all powerful hands rests my destiny. I will take it all with a grateful heart, whether it be hunger or plenty.

Prayer: "Jesus is now and ever will be, sweeter than all the world to me."

Tuesday, January 28

## Bedrock Comfort

"Have faith in God!" Mark 11:22.

Read Mark 11:20-26.

God lives; God rules; God cares. This is the foundation of all our faith and the source of our comfort. Upon this foundation we plant our lives in the changing, uncertain days and rest in perfect security.

Prayer: "Lord, increase our faith!"

Wednesday, January 29

## Where Minds Meet

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Eph. 6:18.

Read Ephesians 6:10-20.

There would be less disagreement and ill-feeling in religious work, if those who cannot see eye to eye purposely sought to pray together. They would find the essential unity which is in God himself. Debate divides; worship welds.

Prayer: "As we draw near to thee, our Father, we are drawn closer together in fuller understanding."

Thursday, January 30

## Be All There

"Whatever thy hand finds to do, do it with thy might." Eccles. 9:10.

Read Ecclesiastes 9:7-10.

Responsibility goes with one's signature: "Where my name is there I am." If one's name is on a church roll, then one is under obligation to give personal interest and service. Let us count for all that our name signifies.

Prayer: "Forgive us, Father, that we have so often failed to measure up to the obligation to which we have subscribed."

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## The Undaunted Spirit

"The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21.

Read Job 1:13-22.

What heroes the world holds! Men and women who keep erect even though blow upon blow falls upon their heads! They smile in adversity and keep sweet and calm when trials bear down heavily upon them. They are strong in the might of God's eternal grace.

Prayer: "Grant us, O God, to be of the fellowship of thy saints who bear heavy loads heroically and smilingly."

# Reports from the Field

## Northern Conference Bible School in Our Forestburg Church, Alberta, Canada

The young people of our church in Forestburg, Alberta, Canada, were pleased to have had the privilege of attending a two-weeks' course of Bible Study, Music Dictation, Vocal Practice and Choir Directing, dating from November 20 to 29.

Our pastor, the Rev. H. Schatz, was a capable teacher and instructor, bringing both inspiration and enthusiasm with his explanations. A picture of the school, including students and teachers, is reproduced on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

The two morning sessions were devoted to the study of the life of Christ and Paul's letter to the Romans. Two periods of music, including a course on the Theory of Music, which was taught by the undersigned, comprised the afternoon studies.

The fourteen who attended derived great benefit from all the studies and are looking forward to attending a similar course next year. Friday evening marked the close of our sessions. Addresses provided for the singing. Addresses were also delivered by several of the students on behalf of the school. Afterwards the Rev. H. Schatz delivered a heart-searching address weaving thoughts together from the book of Romans. All were stirred by his message as was seen by the way the people responded with prayer before closing.

May God continue to bless us as a church and especially as a young people's group!

ADELAIDE KLATT, Reporter.

## Silver Wedding Anniversary in Winnipeg

Many have been the occasions of happiness and thanksgiving which we have celebrated in our church in Winnipeg, but the event on Dec. 1 was one especially enjoyed. It was the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Otto. For over 29 and 34 years respectively our church has had the benefit of the tireless and unceasing work which these two people of God have undertaken in his name.

The Rev. A. Felberg, our pastor as chairman, had charge of the program. Mrs. A. Felberg spoke on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society and also presented a gift as a token of their love and esteem. On the chair, which was the gift, there was also a cushion as a personal gift to the couple from Mrs. E. Kirsch.

Mr. H. Schirmacher, representing the choir, of which Mr. Otto has been president for a good many years, told us of the guiding spirit of Mr. Otto which helped the choir to weather many storms. Miss V. Schultz of the Kings' Daughters Class and Mr. G. Streuber of the



Students and Teachers of Bible School Held in Forestburg, Canada

Young Men's Class further enumerated to what extent these personalities had guided the young people in bygone days. A silver basket with flowers from the Kings' Daughters Class was an expression of their appreciation. Miss Margaret Balzer by way of a recitation presented to Mr. and Mrs. Otto a hand painted drape from Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Elsie Werger. Mr. H. Streuber, vice-superintendent of the Sunday School, drew attention to the fact that Mrs. Otto, formerly Miss M. S. Miller and missionary of the church before her marriage, and Mr. Otto had assisted with their "God given willingness to work" in helping to further the interests of all branches of the church. Mr. P. Berthin of the board of managers of the church had us concentrate on the fact that all work done on earth in God's name is rewarded by the heavenly Father.

Mr. F. Dojacek, our honorary vice-superintendent and also a member of the church for many years, brought forth from his bag of experiences with the young couple the fact that faithfulness in all their work in the church seemed to be their motto. Mr. E. M. Wegner, assistant pastor of the church, brought greetings from the stations of Oak Bank and Elmwood. Mr. O. Kruger of Oak Bank and Mrs. Lohr of Morris also spoke of the good work done and the example set by Mr. and Mrs. Otto. The Rev. E. Mittelstedt of Morris, who, before going to our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., had stayed in the home of the couple spoke in glowing terms of the influence which his foster parents have had in making it easier for him to make his life decision.

Interspersing these testimonials, we heard selections from the church choir, a ladies' choir, a guitar quintette and a duet. After hearing such warm words of appreciation by their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Otto said they could not do otherwise than pledge themselves to renewed efforts to help in the vineyard of the Lord.

G. H. STREUBER, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Report of the Philathea Circle Wishek Baptist Church Napoleon Station

In December of 1934 a group of young ladies of the Napoleon Station of the Wishek church met for the purpose of organizing the "Philathea Circle," the aim of which was to be the furthering of the Kingdom of God and the spreading of good cheer. Mrs. B. W. Krentz was chosen president. At present there are 11 members belonging to the organization with meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. On November 3 we gave our first literary program in our church at Napoleon consisting of three short dialogues and several musical numbers.

In our monthly meetings we have studied various personalities, such as Oncken and Spurgeon, pioneers in the propagation of the gospel; Fanny Crosby and Joseph Scriven, hymn writers, and Tabitha, a woman of the Bible. After our regular business meeting a lunch is usually served by the hostess for the month. Our meetings are very interesting as well as profitable. In March we were the guests of our sister organization, the Dorcas Society, at Wishek. In May we had our birthday picnic and on Sept. 6 we gave a surprise party on Richard Grenz who is now studying in our seminary at Rochester.

Singing and music are a favorite past-time of the group and several members gathered recently at the home of an aged couple to cheer them with song. At one time each member prepared some goodies which were sent to our Old People's Home in Chicago, and at present the girls are busy making pillow cases for the Old People's Home and aprons and bibs for our Children's Home. These are to be ready for Christmas as gifts to these institutions.

PAULINE RETZER, Secretary.

## Northwestern Conference

### Young People's Evening in Aplington, Iowa

On Friday evening, Nov. 29, the young people of the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, were entertained at an oyster supper, followed by a program in the form of a consecration service. Messages were given on the general theme of "My Responsibility as a Christian." Those who took part were Marjorie Popkes, speaking on "My Responsibility Toward My Church Vow," Marlin Lindamen on "Toward the Worship Service," Angelina Neymeyer on "In the Sunday School," Ivan Lindamen on "Is the Young People's Society," Harm Frey on "My Christian Stewardship," Tillie Sents on "My Denominational Responsibility," and

Carolyn Antjes on "My Citizenship Responsibility."

While the missionary offering was being taken the girls' quartette sang "Giving Our All to God."

As we look into the future, we raise a prayer to God for even greater blessings in the new year which is so near at hand,

Annual Report of the Ladies Aid, Watertown, Wis.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, the last regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church in Watertown, Wis., was held in the home of Mrs. A. Yake.

During the past year the Ladies Aid has attempted to help brighten the corners of other lives by doing White Cross Work and quilting and by the raising of needy funds.

As we look into the future we say with the poet:

"Ah, glad New Year! The chance is here To start our lives anew. Another while To laugh and smile, To live and strive and do."

MRS. G. WETTER, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference

Ordination of the Rev. D. Meyhoefer, Bridgeport, Conn.

On Nov. 11 a group of delegates and pastors from eight churches in the New England states assembled for a council in the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., to consider the ordination of Mr. Daniel Mayhoefer, who has been in active pastoral service since Oct. 1, 1935.

Mr. Meyhoefer gave an interesting survey of his trials and tribulations in Germany and the United States as a miner and a theological student.

The solemn ordination service was held on the evening of Friday, Dec. 6, at the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridge-

port, Conn. Many out-of-town friends and ministers assembled for the occasion, and all of the ministers present joined the procession of the choir. The program of the service was as follows: Scripture Reading by the Rev. E. Berger, former pastor of the King's Highway Church in Bridgeport; a Statement concerning the Candidate by the Rev. F. C. Wheaton of Stratfield; Ordination Sermon by the Rev. J. Moore of Bridgeport; Ordination Prayer by the Rev. J. Kaaz of New Haven; Charge to the Candidate by the Rev. J. C. Hendrickson; Charge to the Church by the Rev. E. E. Gates of Hartford; the Right Hand of Fellowship by the Rev. J. Niebuhr of New York City; Welcome to the Denomination by the Rev. R. P. Jeschke of New Britain; and Welcome to Christian Service by the Rev. F. Woyke of Meriden. The Rev. Daniel Mayhoefer pronounced the benediction at the close of the service.

M. K. DIETRICH, Church Clerk.

Christmas Comes to Second Philadelphia B. Y. P. U.

There was an air of Christmas cheeriness, bustle and expectancy as the young people of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., gathered on Tuesday, Dec. 10, to hold their annual Christmas meeting.

The program proved to be a most unusual one. After a brief Christmas meditation and prayer a play was presented by the World Wide Guild entitled, "Two Christmas Boxes." From it we again learned that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

But Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a real Santa Claus! As Martha Zachay sang the closing lines of an appropriate solo, jolly, old Saint Nicholas was ushered in with a jingling of bells and a great deal of merriment.

A good leader means much in any organization. We are happy to report that we have seen marked improvement in our B. Y. P. U. since our new president, Katherine Yung, has undertaken its leadership. The society has grown considerably in the past few months. Not only do we have fine social gatherings but we also have splendid devotional meetings, and the attendance at these meetings is nearing the hundred mark.

DAISY SCHUBERT, Reporter.

Texas and Louisiana Conference Inspirational Mountain-Heights At the Fall Assembly of the Texas and Louisiana Young People's Union

One of the most successful and spiritually uplifting events of the Texas and Louisiana Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was its seventh annual Fall Assembly held in Waco, Texas, during the days of Nov. 27 to Dec. 1, inclusive. The days of our assembly were blessed with beautiful, warm weather, making it possible for the large attendance of over four hundred and fifty on the closing day.

The outstanding part of these meetings was the series of messages brought to us by our general Young People's secretary, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner. On our opening night, amidst thoughts of plans, training and great preparation, his message on "Youth's Most Immediate Need" struck within us the soft, clear, vibrant-yet elusive-keynote to our theme. How we need to "enter with Christ into the quietness of his fellowship—in the silent sanctuary of life" for the understanding and poise and love needed in facing our tasks.

With but a single exception, due to sickness, all of our active conference pastors had a part on the program. Each morning before noon we received inspiring half hour messages, with the Reverends Potzner, Kraemer, Gossen and Schwandt serving. The Rev. W. H. Bunning and the Rev. C. H. Edinger, serving as teachers, had a splendid attendance at all of the eight class periods.

The music was unique this year, thanks to our director, Chester A. Bunning, for his untiring efforts. With orchestra music, pipe organ, church choirs and special numbers by the various churches we were musically blessed. The

Central B. Y. P. U. Girls' Sextette brought much inspiration through their singing. Nor will we forget the A. P. Mihm Memorial Service carried out in music. The memory of our beloved Brother Mihm lives on to inspire us to a devotion such as his life so highly exemplified.

No small part of the assembly was the recreation. The committee in charge placed Christ first in all our play-times, and rightfully so. The initial social event, a long hike on Thursday dawn, through God's beautiful nature among the hills and rivers of a 500 acre park on the northern edge of the city, and a sunrise breakfast was climaxed with a sunrise devotional service.

On Saturday evening the Central B. Y. P. U. offered its 23rd Anniversary Program. The pageant, "Adventuring with Jesus," and the playlet, "Doors of Happiness," constituted the major portion of this impressive and well rendered program.

On Sunday morning the Junior and Primary departments of the Cottonwood Sunday School under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Marstaller, gave a radiant demonstration of what they do every Sunday morning. Likewise, on Sunday evening the Juniors of the Central B. Y. P. U., Waco, gave a demonstration of a B. Y. P. U. program in the story of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz.

The attendance banner was won by the Cottonwood church and the mileage banner by the Mowata church. The Central B. Y. P. U. at Waco won first prize in the Poster Contest. All of the offerings on Sunday amounted to \$96.63, the greater part of which went to missions. A great deal could also be said about the motion pictures of other assemblies in past years, the fellowship banquet, the open forum, yes, the half has hardly been told.

The reporter feels as if many others are being done an injustice by not being mentioned for their part in the assembly, but she is certain that with the spirit shown at these meetings, every Texas and Louisiana member wants to give all glory and praise to God, the giver of blessings.

GRACE KITTLITZ, Secretary.

OUR FRONT COVER PICTURE The Central B. Y. P. U. Girls Sextette

A Sketch by HELEN M. STOBBE and MARGARET KITTLITZ

For some time there was in the minds of six young women of Waco, Texas, the thought of having an opportunity for closer comradeship. Then there came the necessity, out of which good often comes. Our B. Y. P. U. was planning a few extension programs through its missionary committee. Casting about for something different, the committee hit upon the idea of having a series of brief messages on the subject of "Love."

During the hours of practice it was found that there was joy in this singing and the experiment was continued. The bud was now formed. But April showers were not over. We had several discouraging setbacks. It had been raining a good deal before we started out one Sunday morning with our B. Y. P. U. group to render a program at the churches in Elgin and Kyle. After driving forty miles of the way we came to a mile or so of highway under flood waters and were forced to return home.

That purpose is to help in beautifying the church services, to bring cheer to the sick and to lift and inspire others. Glory-fying God through these messages in song is our sincere desire. That we might guard ourselves from other motives we have chosen for our theme song the one we first learned to sing. "My Jesus, I Love Thee." It has been our privilege to sing in various churches of our city, on numerous B. Y. P. U. and special programs, and at our recent fall assembly of the B. Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

Our beloved pianist is Mrs. T. A. (Grace) Kittlitz. The two sopranos are Helen Marie Stobbe and Gracelia Brenner, the second sopranos Hildegard Stobbe and Adeline Brenner, and the two altos Elizabeth Stobbe and Margaret Kittlitz.

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## Why I Like to Read "The Baptist Herald"

By MARGARET KITTLITZ of Waco, Texas

### Prize Essay

IT'S strange that so often we do not recognize a treasure in our possession until something makes us stop and think. I have gone a long way up the road searching for literary gems and have come back to find, if not "acres of diamonds," at least a rare jewel in our own "Baptist Herald." Four bright rays emanate from this gem: inspiration, information, education and entertainment.

"Beginning the Day" with God I mount up on wings of prayer to higher regions where I gain a new perspective of life, that lovelier vision, so often lost in the whirl of daily living. Reports from our churches and letters from missionaries inspire me to greater endeavor, give zeal for service and make me grateful to be even a small entity in our great work.

Readers of "The Baptist Herald" are our best informed members. Where are our churches and what are they accomplishing?

Who and where are our missionaries? Are missions worthwhile? Who are some of the religious leaders of today and the past? Answers to these questions and many more I find in "The Baptist Herald."

Educational articles are always timely, since our learning is never complete. Articles dealing with religious situations in other countries, plant life and nature add to our store of knowledge.

Anyone having the spark of adventure in him will find fuel for the flame in stories that come from our mission fields. Thrills galore await him who delves into Mrs. Hill's stories of the joys and sorrows of young love. For entertainment and pleasure read "The Baptist Herald."

However, after all's said and done, I like to read "The Baptist Herald" because of the minds, hearts and lives that go into the making of the rare jewel.

## The Baptist Herald

has now entered upon its nineteen hundred thirty-six career and we are holding our ear to the wire to get the reaction of our host of readers. We are sanguine in believing that the several changes and improvements are making a strong appeal arousing a new enthusiasm for the circulation of this denominational magazine which addresses itself to our English reading constituents.

The question of circulation is vital to the life and mission of the "Herald." The fundamental thing is the intrinsic value of the publication. No large circulation can ever be expected if the paper itself is not virile, if it is not constructive, if it is not meeting an existing need. If these conditions have been met, as we confidently believe they have, there is every reason to expect that our readers will praise its service and thereby stimulate the desire to become a regular subscriber. It is this we are hoping for.

The subscription lists are still in the making. Please therefore, right now, give every possible encouragement to the "Herald's" representative in your church. We again request the pastors harvest subscribers; next month will not be so auspicious. A united effort, strong and vigorous, is now the challenge. The future usefulness is in the balance.

Subscribers who have not yet renewed, are urged to do so without delay so that the mailings will not suffer interruption.

The Management.

Cleveland, January fifteenth.