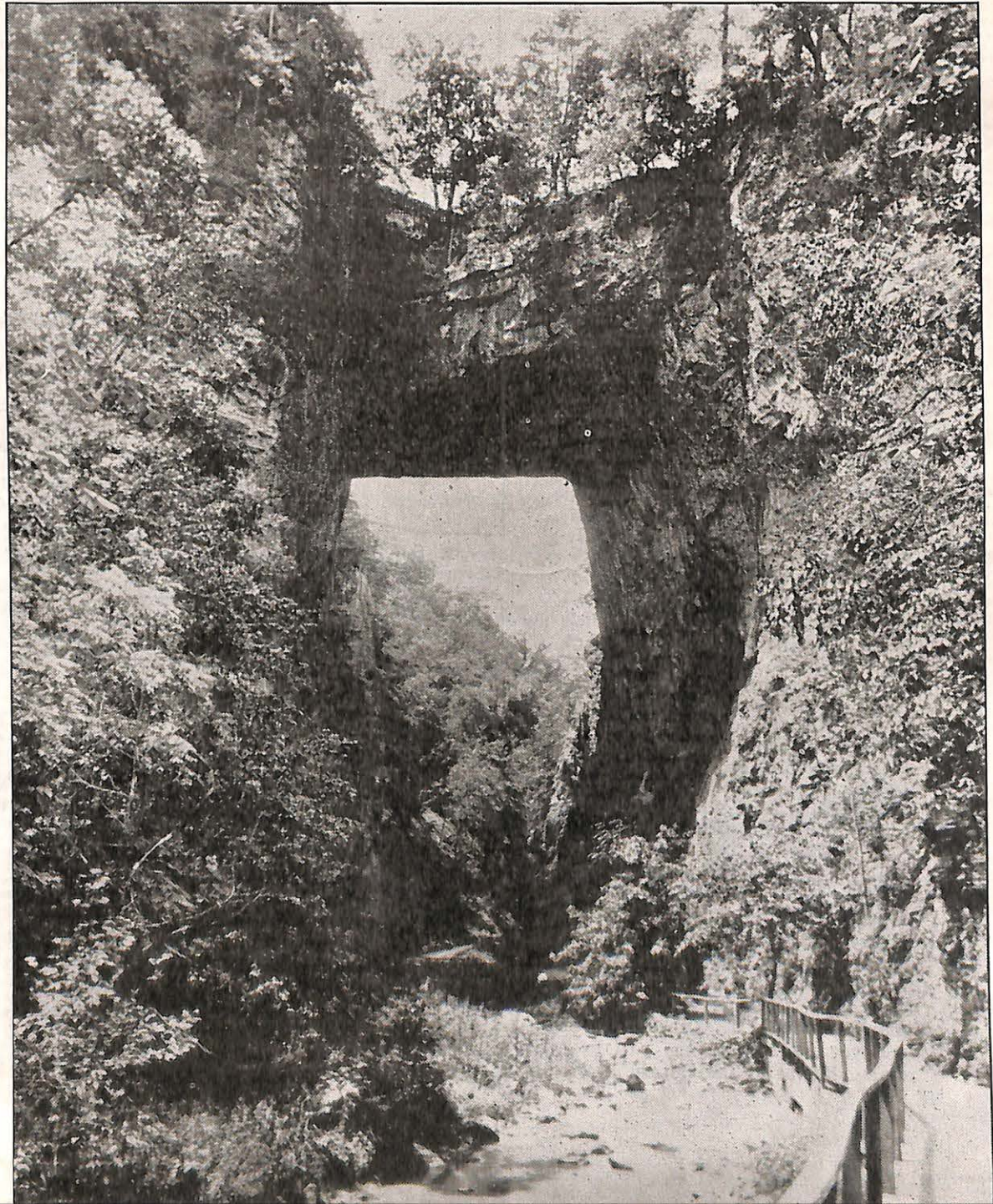


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# What's Happening

The Rev. Gustav Schmidt, pastor of the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md., baptized 6 persons on profession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, June 7, and received them and another person into the fellowship of the church at the communion service afterwards.

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The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., has resigned his charge after about five years of service in order to accept the call extended to him by the Grace Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis. Mr. Schlesinger and his family will move to Kenosha early in August.

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On Sunday, June 14, the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., baptized 13 Sunday School scholars preceding the fine Children's Day program. At the evening service the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, spoke after having addressed the morning congregation of the Riverview Church in the same city.

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At the recent annual meeting of the B. Y. P. U. of the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mr. F. Veninga, president; Mr. W. Ehrhardt, vice-president; Miss E. Seltzer, secretary; Mrs. W. Ehrhardt, treasurer; and Miss Margaret Macoskey, financial secretary.

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The Rev. Carl Sentman of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, has accepted the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa. Mr. Sentman was recently ordained by a council at Steamboat Rock, a report of which appeared in "The Baptist Herald." He began his pastorate on the field with the first Sunday of July.

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A Vacation Bible School was held in the German Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., for two weeks from June 15 to 26. The enrollment was the encouraging number of 85 and the average attendance of the boys and girls was unusually high. Those of the church who participated as the faculty of the school besides several Swedish teachers were the Rev. George Lang, Mrs. Marjorie Langenbach and Mrs. Florence Yost.

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On Thursday evening, April 23, the members and friends of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., held a farewell reception for the pastor, the Rev. John P. Kuehl, who began his work at the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Newark, N. J., on May 1. Best wishes were extended to Mr. Kuehl in the brief messages by neighboring pastors and representatives of the church.

On Sunday evening, May 31, the Rev. Julius Kaaz, pastor of the German Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., baptized two young people on confession of their faith. The Rev. Emanuel H. Giedt, missionary from Kityang, China, who has been spending the past year in New Haven in attendance at Yale University, was a loyal and active helper in the church during his stay in the city.

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The Rev. E. Bibelheimer, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Cathay, No. Dakota, had the privilege of baptizing eight Sunday School scholars on Sunday, June 7. Among the baptismal candidates were the youngest son and daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. Bibelheimer. At the service held in the open the Rev. D. Klein of the Germantown church and the

able to attend the church services in a wheel-chair. He has been desirous of expressing his appreciation to his many friends who have remembered him so kindly during the months of convalescence and has written the following for "The Baptist Herald": "The past three and one-half months have more definitely shown me the power of prayer, and I want to express my thanks to each of my friends throughout the states who remembered me in some way or other and more especially to those who remembered me at the throne of grace."

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Evangelistic services were held during the early part of May in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., by the Rev. L. James Kindig and his wife. As a result of these fine meetings, several young people accepted Christ as their Savior, of whom 9 were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, on Sunday morning, May 14. The pastor wrote that "since these meetings our prayer meetings have shown an increase of over fifty per cent and a good spirit of prayer and testimony prevails." On July 1 the fifth milestone in the Rev. John Wobig's ministry in Wausau was passed. During that time he has extended the hand of fellowship to 74 persons who were baptized by him and to 29 persons by letter and experience.

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The Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Southwestern Conference will meet in connection with the convention at La Salle, Colo., on Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16. The theme for the sessions will be "Mountain Top Living." The devotional service on Saturday afternoon will be led by Mr. Gordon Schroeder of Lorraine, Kansas. After the business meeting in charge of the president, Mr. Gustav Gabelmann, Professor A. A. Schade of Rochester, N. Y., will bring an address. The Sunrise Service on Sunday morning, August 16, will be addressed by the Rev. Pieter Smit of Lorraine on "Looking Westward to the

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Rev. R. Sigmund of Fessenden spoke to a large and attentive audience. At the communion service afterwards Mr. Bibelheimer extended the hand of fellowship into the church to 16 new members.

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On Sunday, May 31, the Bethel Jewish Mission of Philadelphia, Pa., of which the Rev. Emil D. Gruen is superintendent, held a Decision Day service. In response to the invitation 35 of the Sunday School scholars came forward signifying their intentions of following Christ. Mr. Gruen writes: "We praise God for this manifestation of his spirit's working in our midst. We pray that the Lord will bring to fruition this seed of consecration in the hearts of these youngsters." The Bethel Jewish Mission is now receiving a small sum of financial support by the General Missionary treasury of the denomination.

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Mr. Chester A. Buening of Gatesville, Texas, has recovered sufficiently from his serious accident in February to be

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## EDITORIAL

**C**HRISTIANITY is challenging the thinking of the world. In every nation and among every race there is evidence of a deep interest in Jesus Christ. At times it appears to an observer as if the Christian Church is facing a new dawn in which the gospel of redeeming love might possibly conquer the citadels of pagan thought and life in every country of the world.

### Christianity at the Crossroads

But there is a stumbling block which needs to be removed. There is a hurdle which has to be crossed by the Christian forces themselves before this dawn can break. Christianity is at the crossroads in its history as it faces the burning issue of its own practice in its relationships with other races, in following the teachings of Christ concerning brotherhood and love.

Missionaries on their return to America state with vehement emphasis that the greatest hindrance to their work is the discriminatory attitude of church members in America toward the brown and black skinned people about them. The Oriental Exclusion Act passed a few years ago by the United States Congress set back the clock of Christian missions in the Orient by several hours. The scene of Southern Congressmen in Washington, D. C., last summer filibustering against the Wagner-Costigan Anti-lynching bill by reading for hours from the Bible has served to intensify the Negro's hatred of religious hypocrisy. There is no phase of the Christian Church's ministry in which there is such a gulf between teaching and practice as in the field of Christian brotherhood and racial understanding.

This tragic fact was symbolized by an experience which Dr. Howard Thurman, a Negro Christian and graduate of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, had while on a recent good will tour throughout India. A stinging rebuke was addressed to him by one of the intellectuals of India in the following statement: "You are here in India as a Christian. Your forefathers were taken cen-

turies ago as slaves by Christian people in ships, one of which was named 'Jesus'. You were freed by a president of the United States who was not even a member of a Christian Church. Now you are here fifteen hundred miles from America coming to India on a Christian mission, and I think you are a traitor to all the dark peoples on the earth!" To be sure, Dr. Thurman spent several hours with that young man, trying to differentiate between nominal and true Christianity, but the stumbling-block remained, nevertheless!

Let us not mince matters in a facing of the crucial issue before us. "You and I in Christ know," or we should at least know, in the words of Dr. Fagerburg, "that racial barriers are wrong, damnable wrong." The prejudices and hatreds of racial discrimination need to be clearly seen as "holding together more baseness, cruelty and abomination than any sort of error in the world." As German people who bear the scars of the wounds which were made during the World War by the animosities hurled at us in despicable names and vile deeds, we ought to be the champions of world brotherhood in which every race is recognized without regard to color or appearance.

The following declaration of brotherhood, if followed by the larger number of Christian people, would serve to prepare the way for the gospel of Christ into the Indian and African roads. "I intend to do unto others, of whatever race they may be, as I would have them do to me. It is my purpose to respect the rights of human beings and to judge each fellow-man on his individual merits alone. I will oppose every organized effort to evoke fear or hatred of any racial groups."

As we of the Christian Church in America succeed or fail to practise Christ's principle of love to the peoples of other races about us, we further or retard the work of God in the establishment of his Kingdom on earth. It is we who are at the crossroads of life. Will we dare to be Christian at such a critical time as this?

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# "The Angelus," a Picture of Power

This lucid and interesting article about one of Millet's greatest paintings, ably written by the young pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York City, is the third in the series of featured articles on "Great Religious Masterpieces" to appear in "The Baptist Herald."

By the REV. JOHN E. GRYGO

**J**EAN FRANCOIS MILLET was born in the village of Gruchy near Cherbourg, France, on October 4, 1814, a day set apart in the calendar to the honor of Francis, the saint of Assisi. His parents, who were simple peasant folk, were poor and sought to bring up their large family on the meager income which they earned at working for land owners. Hence, little Jean was reared mostly by his saintly grandmother who became the first religious influence in his life.

Although his father was a peasant, he had a rare aristocratic nature. It was he, who drew Jean's attention to the charms and wonders of God's nature. The farmlands of the village extended to the very edge of the granite cliffs which looked down on the sea and the ever changing beauty it afforded. The village priest taught the boy the catechism of the church and introduced him also to the rudiments of Latin. He was brought up on the devotional books and the Bible which he called, "The Painter's Book." Yes, he loved the Scriptures so dearly that his first attempts at painting were inspired by this wonderful book.

### Earliest Influences in Millet's Life

With the discovery of his talents, his life was directed into artistic channels. His first instructions in painting were administered to him by a man named Monchel in Cherbourg. He soon spoke of him as a young man "who has got the making of a great painter in him." When his father died, he was called home in order to take care of affairs since he was the oldest son of the household, but with the help of a few influential friends it was possible for him to go back to Cherbourg and to study under the artist, Langlois de Chevrille. Through this man's untiring efforts and impassioned pleas, the city fathers voted to give him the sum of four hundred francs and the Department of Manche six hundred francs that he might pursue his studies in Paris. Thus, armed with this pension, Jean Millet set out to conquer the hostile world.

He became a pupil at the studio of Professor Delaroche but spent most of his time in the Louvre studying the great masters. In his own words he said, "Michael Angelo and Rembrandt take my breath away and blind me." After a short time, being dissatisfied with the routine work of the studio, he left his teacher and started to work for himself, making pastels and pictures in the eighteenth century style. Finally, he began sending his work to the Academy, but to his great consternation fifty per cent of his things were usually re-

jected. His twelve years in Paris were years of great poverty and daily struggle for a place on the artist's horizon. This only made him more sincere and active.

### Inspirations for His Work

In 1849 Paris was visited by a severe epidemic of cholera and Millet became alarmed for his family. So upon the suggestion of a fellow-artist they moved to Barbizon, a real country village on the outskirts of the forest of Fontainebleau. It was an excellent resort for artists. Rousseau, Diaz and others lived there also. At once he fell in love with the place for it reminded him of his beloved Normandy. His studio might have been an old damp barn without an adequate fireplace and lighted only by one small window, but he was happily remunerated by the world around him. Shepherds with their flocks, wood cutters, charcoal burners, sowers, gleaners, women weaving or spinning or caring for their children, the dense forest as well as the open spaces were his daily inspiration because he loved them all. Now he could express in paint the true story of country life and agricultural toil and tell the world the value of painting life as it really is!

At last, Fortuna smiled upon his efforts! His work drew more and more attention. American and English enthusiasts paid substantial sums for his now famous paintings, and in 1868 he was decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor. Two years later he was elected a member of the Salon Jury, a coveted honor for artists.

In spite of his robust constitution, he was often ill and, at times, even at death's door. For him pain was the thing that gave him the strong power of expression. On January 28, 1876, he succumbed to an attack of fever and was buried beside his painter-friend, Rousseau. A bronze medallion showing both their portraits was inset in a rock in the forest of Fontainebleau, which is today a place of pilgrimage for the world of art lovers.

Such a career affords us a glorious example of the strongest energy!

### A Study of "The Angelus"

Almost everyone is acquainted with his famous picture, "The Angelus." We see reproductions of it everywhere. A thoughtful study of the painting reveals to us its mystic beauty. In the entire background we are made to feel the brightness of the sunset. In the middle of the field a young farmer and his wife have finished their day's work. They have been digging potatoes, as we may judge by the partly filled basket and by the two well filled bags on the wheelbarrow. They



"THE ANGELUS" by Jean Francois Millet

are unaware that the mists of twilight are falling over the fields when suddenly the singing tones of "the Angelus" come floating over the tranquil air reminding them that the hour of prayer is at hand. Putting down the pitchfork and basket, they stand silently and motionless, lost in religious meditation.

Their forms dominate the scene! Their bowed heads against the evening sky are the very heart of the painting. Their silent worship is the keynote of the picture. All is penetrated by the soft, warm glow of evening falling on the woman's folded hands and her husband's bared and bowed head. They are no longer two poor, lonely folks but two souls whose prayer reaches the infinite. In this way we are made to feel that, although they are bound to the earth and are part of it, their thoughts soar higher!

In the distance in the picture the long stretch of the sea-like plain suggests to us the toil of the peasant. But still farther away on the horizon we see the spire of the little neighboring church. The very simplicity of the landscape with its lack of detail is part of its great charm and gives us a feeling of restfulness and peace. The artist has perfectly balanced his composition even to the crude farm implements which add to the balance of this sublime painting.

### The Message of the Painting

When one observes the simplicity of this famous picture, one cannot help but see the religious mind of the artist. As a child he had been deeply impressed by the Angelus bell which rang in the village church tower. He desired to share this impression with us in his painting. He wanted to

make everyone "hear the deep tones of the angelus bell." He was expressing the poetry of the hour when man's struggle with earthly tasks passes into peace.

To all alike "The Angelus" carries the same message, a message of prayer. Perhaps we have lost the art of prayer or are in a state of transition where such precious gifts are deposited into hidden chambers so that we are unable to understand the mystical meaning of that poetry. Could we but pause for a minute in our dealings with men and struggles for a miserable existence to let our minds be drawn into the precious fellowship with the great, infinite God and Father of us all, there would be more music in the air, more peace in our hearts and more harmony in our minds!

Millet casts a hallowed atmosphere around the poor peasants, who looked upon their daily tasks as their divine right to expression. Contrary to the belief of this day, the artist regarded manual labor as something of which man need not be ashamed. For him man was not judged by his outward appearance but by his inner self. The very closeness of the peasant to mother earth made him more receptive to the bauties of God in nature and men.

These two farm laborers put to shame many a family which cannot boast of a spiritual fellowship because the things of the world have crowded out the family altar. Yes, one needs very little to be happy! When the love of God reigns in the hearts of men instead of petty desires and gross greed, then a life can be supreme in all its manifold requirements and victorious in spite of everything!

## Translations of Favorite "Singvoegelein" Hymns

By PROFESSOR F. W. C. MEYER of Rochester, New York

In response to numerous requests by "Baptist Herald" readers for translations of the most popular and well known Sunday School Songs in the familiar "Singvoegelein," the editor urgently called on Professor F. W. C. Meyer to undertake the task. His gracious response with the following splendid translations, now published for the first time, will meet with the profound gratitude of many interested friends. This page deserves to be clipped and retained and the English words of these beloved Sunday School songs taught to the boys and girls of our churches. EDITOR.

### Lasst die Herzen Immer Fröhlich

MELODY—SINGVOEGELEIN No. 186  
Let your hearts be filled with gladness  
And in grateful praise abound,  
As his children's gleeful voices  
Swell the Father's throne around!

#### CHORUS:

Ever joyful, ever happy,  
Scatter'ng sunshine all the way;  
Full of beauty is the Christian's journey,  
Onward gladly day by day!

With his mighty arm he leads us  
And protects against the foe;  
Oh, how tender are his mercies  
Grace abundant to bestow!

If we leave him, following others,  
Soon our path will end in gloom,  
All alluring scenes grow dismal,  
Leading far away from home.

But the righteous ever flourish  
In those radiant courts of light;  
Let us serve our blessed Master,  
Shunning dubious paths of night!

### Lasst die Kindlein zu Mir Kommen

MELODY—SINGVOEGELEIN No. 104  
Let the children come to Jesus  
In their early day of youth;  
For no fairer prospect pleases  
Than the promise of his truth.

#### CHORUS:

Early let them seek his favor,  
Learn to love the path he trod;  
"For of children," says the Savior  
"Is the kingdom of our God."

From the eager arm of mothers  
Jesus took the little one,  
Blessing and caressing others;  
In his face their heaven shone.

Blessed all who come to Jesus  
In the springtime of their life;  
An abundant harvest eases  
Every struggle, every strife!

### Das Leben Gleicht dem Sommer-tag

MELODY—SINGVOEGELEIN No. 218  
Our life is like a summer day  
When light and shadows vie;  
And yet its longest transient stay  
As fleeting wind goes by.

#### CHORUS:

Swiftly here life's moments fly,  
Wisely use God's supply!  
Evening time may withered see  
What at morn bloomed hopefully.

And yet the shortness of this span  
Avails good seed to sow,  
And serves in our Redeemer's plan  
A better self to grow.

Wake, therefore, with the early morn  
And work till setting sun,  
And brook no foolish sorrow born  
Of labor left undone!

Blest be who sowed abundantly  
Of loving deed and faith!  
His eye shall future harvest see,  
Eternity no death.

### Am Sonntag, am Sonntag

MELODY—SINGVOEGELEIN No. 83  
On Sunday, on Sunday how happy we are  
To come to our classes from near and afar;  
Our parents and teachers we joyfully greet,  
The boys and the girls we are happy to meet.

#### CHORUS:

Happy greetings to you,  
Happy greetings to you,  
Happy greetings, happy greetings,  
Happy greetings, to you!

Dear parents, you've kept us by day and by night,  
And picked out our pathway of duty and right;  
We hope your reward may eternally be  
The children you love in God's Kingdom to see.

You teachers, that taught us to shun every sin,  
No matter how small every good to begin;  
You've shown us how Jesus, the friend we should seek,  
Is guide of the erring, reward to the meek.

You grown-ups and small ones and all who are here,  
We bring you a welcome of jubilant cheer,  
As gladly we hallow life's lingering days,  
Till heaven resound with our anthem of praise!

Parents, come, plead with your dear ones  
In the eager tones of love!  
Pray and witness, till believing,  
They find joy in things above!

### Die Sonntagsschul' Ist Unsre Lust

MELODY—SINGVOEGELEIN No. 223

The Sunday School is our delight  
And thrills us more and more;  
It helps us start the week aright  
With an abundant store  
Of wisdom from its purest source,  
With truth in its un-failing course,  
To vision Christ's redeeming love  
And faith in things above.

#### CHORUS:

Gladly we'll our praises bring  
Till far and wide the echoes ring:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah to our Savior sing.

We thank our teachers for their toil,  
Their training in the truth,  
Their caring that no tempter foil  
Bright promises of youth;  
And as we leave our homes to go  
To larger, harder tasks below,  
We're heartened by each helpful thought  
Their patient service wrought.

What privilege to meet again  
And hear our pastor's voice!  
Secure from daily stress and strain  
In worship to rejoice!  
Again he's pointing out the way  
To serve our Master day by day  
Till thoughts and deeds to heaven strive—  
Oh, keep our souls alive!

### Du Bist Auf dem Weg zum Himmel

MELODY—FROHE LIEDER No. 201

You are on the way to heaven,  
But where are your children now?  
Why have you not brought them with you?  
Why alone your faith avow?

#### CHORUS:

Oh, ye parents, bring the children  
God intrusted to your care,  
Lead them to the arms of Jesus  
By the hand of love and prayer!

Why, oh mother, are your children  
Here not sitting at your side?  
Why should they forget their promise  
And with evil friends abide?

Bowing in his hallowed presence  
You are feasting on God's word,  
While your son in wayward circles  
Far is straying from the Lord.

Parents, come, plead with your dear ones  
In the eager tones of love!  
Pray and witness, till believing,  
They find joy in things above!

## CONTRIBUTOR'S PAGE

### Christ as the Light

By E. ELMER STAUB  
of Detroit, Michigan

"He was the Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." John 1:9.

O Night! Night! Night!  
We struggle strong  
With a song  
Through the darkness of the night.

O Light! Light! Light!  
Who could grope  
Without hope  
When he sees a ray of light?

O Christ! Christ! Christ!  
Thou art light  
In the night—  
Keeping with souls a hopeful trust.

### Birthday Song

By REV. R. A. SCHMIDT  
of Buffalo, New York

(The following was written to be sung to the melody of the hymn, "Am Sonntag, am Sonntag" (Singvoegelein, Hymn No. 83), may be used as "a birthday song" by our Sunday Schools and churches. EDITOR.)

O say, let us greet you our joy to impart,  
For this means your birthday:  
God bless you, sweetheart;  
May God grant you favor his riches to know,  
And many happy, merry birthdays  
As the years come and go.

Chorus: As the years come and go,  
Merry birthdays to you;  
Happy birthdays,  
Many more days,  
As the years come and go.

### "If"

By REV. A. E. JASTER  
of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada

If you want to succeed in life,  
Then keep your goal ahead of you.  
If you want to succeed in life,  
Then take time to face facts.  
If you want to succeed in life,  
Listen respectfully to what others can teach you.  
If you want to succeed in life,  
Then exhaust your last resources.  
If you want to succeed in life,  
Then love success more than its rewards.  
If you want to succeed in life,  
Don't be satisfied with your second best.  
If you want to succeed in life,  
Then you must hold life itself in reverent respect.  
If you follow this path diligently,  
Then you will learn how to live well.

### His Voice

By HERBERT L. KOCH  
of Chicago, Illinois

When I watch children at their play  
And see their smiles so fair,  
I hear the voice of Jesus say,  
"Be like them, have no care."

When through mad crowds I wend my way  
And sense their lack of peace,  
I hear the voice of Jesus say,  
"Keep calm, your fretting cease."

When I have friends who've gone astray  
And I should guidance give,  
I hear the voice of Jesus say,  
"All sinners I'll forgive."

When it seems hard for me to pray  
And I in darkness grope,  
I hear the voice of Jesus say,  
"Day follows night,—just hope."

When all my work meets with delay,  
And my tasks seem hard and long  
I hear the voice of Jesus say,  
"Shirk not, be brave and strong."

When all the sky looks dark and gray  
And not one star I see,  
I hear the voice of Jesus say,  
"My Presence is with thee."

When then at length, there comes a day  
And I must say good-bye,  
I'll hear the voice of Jesus say,  
"Your soul shall never die!"

### Dearest Mother

By RUTH TIPTON  
of Brooklyn, New York

(This poem was written for Mother's Day, May 10, but its beautiful sentiment is appropriate for every day of the year. Editor.)

I've only this beautiful little flower,  
I wish I had more to give,  
But this token of God's grace and power,  
Symbolizes your life, the way you live.

The blossoms are the sacrifices you've made  
To make life more pleasant for me;  
The petals stand for the time you gave  
To build me fine spiritually.

The stem is connected with the petals and blossoms,  
It's the love you have for me;  
The heart of the flower, dear mother, comes  
From your heart, don't you see?

You've been tender, and kind, and patient, and brave;  
You've tried to understand me each day;

Here, mother, this little flower; it's the only way  
I can tell you how much I love you today.

### My Five Regular Boys

By ARTHUR E. FANLOW  
of Hamden, Connecticut

The Sunday School class in the church at New Haven, Conn., of which I am the teacher, is composed of Walter Dill, Alfred Ginter, Mike Panosky, Kenneth McGinnis and Theodore Pitt. These boys are as regular as the day is long. They are always glad to come to Sunday School.

Walter Dill is our sports editor and reporter besides being the financial and attendance secretary. All the boys belong to "the regulars." They are good Baptists. They read "The Baptist Herald." Above all, they are boosters for Jesus Christ and his great Kingdom here on earth.

### Jimmy Bird

By CHARLOTTE A. DOW  
of Newark, New Jersey

All day long, little Jimmy Bird  
Stands and looks and sings not a word;  
If it is cold or if it is warm,  
If it is pleasant or if there's a storm,  
He just contents his little soul  
Standing on two legs on a pole.

In this golden cage hung high  
By the broad window facing the sky,  
He looks down in the yard below  
And watches the children come and go,  
Sees the wild birds go scudding by;  
Now do you think he wants to fly?

Always in the selfsame way  
He begins and ends the day;  
In the morning his bath and food,  
Prunes his feathers nice and good,  
And at eventide seeks his swing  
And is away to dreamland on the wing.

Why does it happen he's not free  
To fly, and build his nest in a tree?  
God never meant him to be shut in  
When his little life he planned,  
To content his precious soul  
Standing on two legs on a pole.

The birds, the trees, and flowers that grow  
Are God's messengers to us below;  
He meant them at all time to be  
Nature's children, beautiful and free;  
Why do we follow the notions of man  
And spoil God's most beautiful plan?

How like the bird in the cage are we  
So different from what God meant us to be,  
Making of our lives a prison cell  
Forfeiting the freedom we love so well  
All because we fail to obey  
The One who is able to show us the way!

# BEAUTY for ASHES

by Grace Livingston Hill

## SYNOPSIS

Gloria and Vanna were preparing to meet Murray McRae and Robert Carroll one afternoon for a rehearsal to go over some songs for the evening service to be held by Murray, when Emory Zane, an old suitor of Vanna's, came in his big car from the city, to take her back. She refused to go home with him, but in order to avoid a scene, promised to go with him on a short ride. The afternoon went by and Vanna did not return. Gloria was very much worried about her sister, even though others tried to calm her by offering plausible suggestions why she had not arrived.

## CHAPTER NINETEEN

So Gloria sat down at the piano and the singing went on, lovely music, lovely words, enunciated like a message, but her fingers found the notes automatically and her ears scarcely took in the beautiful melody, so wrought up was her mind. A cold deadly fear seemed clutching at her thoughts, gripping her by the throat. She must not give way to it, for if she did she had a superstitious feeling that her fear might come true. She must be calm and not let these two see how troubled she was. Oh, if Vanna would only come!

Every time a car went by on the highway she turned her worried eyes toward the window, but still Vanna did not come, and at last she had to scurry over to get her supper or she would be late for the evening. Oh, wouldn't Vanna come before the evening? Surely, surely she would not miss this appointment in which she had seemed to be so deeply interested!

"Don't you worry," said Murray as he left her at the Sutherland gate, "something has likely come up that she could not help. Maybe engine trouble, that's serious off in the hills away from a mechanic or a telephone. If she doesn't get here we'll carry it through all right. It isn't that we'll miss her so at the piano, but it will necessarily cut out your violin if you have to accompany us. However, there'll be other times. And perhaps she'll come yet. Maybe there is a message from her in the house now. But I won't stop to see. I promised to do something for Mother before I go out this evening, and I must be getting back to it."

But there was no message in the house from Vanna and Gloria's heart went down, down, her fears in a wild tumult which she dared not try to analyze.

"I wouldn't worry so," said Emily,

"the audience won't know what they're missing you know, and your sister likely has been detained in some perfectly reasonable way. Besides, an old friend, how could she help going when he had come all this way to see her? And as for accidents, why if there had been an accident we should likely have heard of it by this time. Cars like that aren't very thick in these parts, and there would be plenty about them to identify them, even if they were unconscious and couldn't tell who they were."

But Emily's calm suggestion did not serve to quiet Gloria's troubled heart. Then eight o'clock hurried on, it was time to go to the meeting, and still Vanna had not come! There was nothing to do but go without her.

Gloria noticed that Robert Carroll was exceedingly grave as they talked it over just before leaving the house and took no part in the conversation. Later during the singing it seemed to her that his voice bore a quality that had not been there before, an exceeding sweetness like the white burning of a soul that has been, and is going through the fire. She sensed that he felt it keenly that Vanna had not come back for her engagement, and then wondered if that was purely imagination. Oh, surely, Vanna would not do this to him willingly! She had seemed so friendly, so wholly interested in what they were all doing, so happy in the company of Carroll and the rest! She could not be going to turn from them to that viper Zane! Could it be that she did not see how much finer these men were than he? Could it be that she would really weigh him against them even for a moment? Was it possible that Vanna was still considering marrying Zane?

Her mind in a tumult, hovering between indignation and fear, she went through her part or rather Vanna's part, of the evening's program, something got through the smiles and appreciation after the meeting, and went out under the quiet stars with the two young men.

She said very little on the way home, letting Murray do most of the talking, with a word now and then from Carroll, who was driving them in his own car this evening.

It was when they reached the house that Murray turned to her and said in a low tone:

"You are worried, more worried than you are letting us know."

"Oh, yes!" said Gloria with a deep drawn breath that sounded almost like a sob. "I am terribly worried. If she isn't home yet I don't know what I shall

do! You see I don't trust that man she went with! I didn't want her to go. I don't think she quite trusts him either! But she thought she had to go for a little while because he had come so far! But—I seemed to know it was going to turn out this way! Only Vanna was so sure she could make him bring her back in time. She wanted to get back. I'm very sure she did!"

Her tone was excited and her words reached the front seat where Carroll sat seeming not to listen.

"Well," said Murray, "we'll come in and see if there is any word or we can be of service. How about it, Bob?"

"Yes, you go in," said Robert Carroll solemnly, "I'll just sit here."

Gloria hurried in, but there was no word from Vanna, though Emily Hastings said she had sat close to the telephone all the evening. There hadn't been a call.

Murray suggested that they call up the chief operator and get the wire tested out to be sure it was working all right, and they did this, showing it was in perfect order.

"All right, now," said Murray giving Gloria a compassionate look, "suppose Bob and I scout around and see if we can get any trace of them? Would you like to come along or will you stay here? She might return at any minute now of course."

"I'll stay here, I think. If anything has happened I may be needed," said Gloria shutting her white teeth sharply into her lower lip to keep it from trembling as she followed Murray to the front door.

Murray gave her a quick glance and laid his hand briefly on hers.

"Poor child!" he said softly, with an accent that almost sounded like "Dear" child! Then quickly added: "We have a great God! Remember, he's your Father, too. I'll be praying."

She looked at him through a glitter of tears.

Just then Emily swung open the sitting room door and came out to the hall and there was no more opportunity to talk. He gave her hand another quick grasp and hurried away, calling back, "We'll telephone of course if we find out anything. In any case we'll telephone occasionally to see if you have had word." Then he was gone and Gloria went up to her room to struggle with her wild fears, and try to learn how to trust her heavenly Father, till at last she dropped upon her knees beside her bed.

Robert Carroll started the car into the darkness.

"I wonder if this is the best direction to take?" said Murray looking at his silent companion with a troubled frown. "Perhaps we should have gotten a better description of the car before we started."

"We don't need it," said Carroll briefly. "I saw the car and this is the way they went."

"You saw the car!" exclaimed Murray. "Why didn't you say something about it, old fellow?"

"Well, I didn't see any point in doing so," answered the tall fellow gravely. "I saw it. I'd know what to look for. It's cream-colored, low, stream-lined and fairly screaming with chromium, the most expensive piece of machinery that could be bought I fancy," and he named its make.

Murray gave a low exclamation and sat thoughtful for a minute, then he asked:

"Where were you, Bob? How did you happen to see them?"

"I was just coming out of the meadow lot down at my place. Sam had left the bars down when he drove in and I came over that way to put them up again. I was in overalls!"

Murray gave a whistle and grinned through the darkness.

"Man! That was tough luck! But I don't fancy that would make any difference with her. Perhaps she didn't see you."

"Yes, she saw me," said Carroll grimly. "She waved her hand and called out something. The only word I thought I got was 'back,' but they were going at such a pace I wasn't sure, and they were gone almost before they were there. Boy! I hope that man can drive! He was going at a cruel pace, if anything got in the way!"

It was an hour later that they telephoned back to Gloria. They had heard of the car going north a little before noon, but it had not come back that way, and finding there had been no phone call at Gloria's end of the wire they turned away heavy-burdened.

"We'd better go back the other way, and take the right hand turn," said Robert Carroll, distress sounding in his voice. "I don't know just how we are going to proceed with this search or what we can do when we find anybody, but I feel we should go on."

On they went into the night, penetrating roads that they knew well, even visiting several places tucked away in seclusion among the hills where a man would be likely to take a girl to dinner, questionable places from their own point of view, but they searched carefully for a cream-colored car, and in several instances went inside and studied the patrons from a shadowed vantage point. If Matilda Coulter could only have got a spotlight on these two she certainly would have made the countryside ring with tales of that night. But these two were wise and heaven-led, and kept well out of notice. And so went on their fruitless search. No cream-colored car could be found, and no trace of it.

"That car would have gone far in a short time!" mused Murray at last when they came away from the farthest outpost in the direction they had taken.

"Yes," said Robert despondently. "There's nothing in this direction now for more than fifty miles, I doubt whether it's worth our while to go on this way. You know, they may have taken the round-about way home, up over the mountain, and so approached Afton from above. In that case there would be good excuse for their being so late, for there are many turnings where a stranger might lose his way."

"Well, shall we take the cut across near Shillingsworth? That would bring us around near the house, and there's no public phone around here. She may be back by this time. It's an hour and a half since we phoned."

In silence the two took the long lonely ride over high hills and across the top of a mountain, coming around at last through little sleeping Afton, to the one house in the town where lights burned steadily over the whole lower part of the house.

Gloria met them at the door. She had been watching at the window of her dark room, listening for a car, and was down before they reached the house. Her face was very white, and her eyes large and dark and frightened. They did not need to ask if the wanderer had returned yet. Her face told the story.

"You are to come in and have some coffee," she said huskily and they knew there were tears in her voice.

"I have been thinking," she said as she handed them the cups of fragrant coffee, "I suppose I am very foolish to worry so. At home we would think nothing of it if Vanna stayed out much later than this. In our set a group will go from one night club to another, eating, drinking and dancing, and come home at dawn, perhaps or even later."

She studied the faces of the two young men before her. In her vigil she had known she must tell them this. They had a right to know what she and Vanna had been accustomed to. She expected them to be shocked, to turn away as if they had had enough. Deep searching of her soul had told her what a difference lay between her life and the life these young men had led.

But surprisingly they looked as if they understood this.

"Yes,—of—course,—" said Murray, his eyes down on his cup.

"I had thought of that," said Robert almost sorrowful. "You should not be—unduly—frightened!"

He was trying to cheer her, and she saw he was deeply moved himself.

"I would not be worried," she said, trying to brighten for their sakes, "only Vanna knows how such late hours would be regarded here, and I'm quite sure she would want to let me know if she had been unavoidably detained. That's why I thought of an accident—with such a reckless driver!"

"There are no precipices, or dangerous pieces of road hereabouts," said Robert.

"I am sure we would have heard if there had been a big smashup anywhere near us. I did quite a little telephoning, and made inquiries at a place where such things are known. None has been reported in this locality."

"I really feel that man is at the bottom of this," said Gloria, letting the worry come into her voice again. "I know he is determined to have his way, and I know he is a heavy drinker at times."

Robert Carroll's face hardened, and his lips set in thin determined lines.

"But there is no use for you two to stay out any longer," went on Gloria. "I'm quite sure of that. You can't do anything till morning, and by that time we surely will get some word. You'd better get some rest. Besides, you've made a thorough search of all the roads near here. What more could you do till daylight and people were up to be questioned?"

"We couldn't," said Murray, "except hang around and go out to meet them, and I fancy if they are coming home and have just lost their way or had a blow-out they wouldn't really welcome us."

"No," said Gloria, "I don't suppose Mr. Zane would, and that wouldn't make it easier for Vanna. So, now won't you both go home and go to bed? I can't tell you how grateful I am for what you have done, and I'm just going to trust that everything will be all right and they'll come back before long now. I'm sure Vanna will insist—unless of course there has been an accident!"

"Wait, Bob, I've had a thought," said Murray, "isn't there a train from anywhere coming through Ripley after midnight?"

Robert shook his head. "Only a way train, a freight. It comes from up the state. They would hardly have connected with that I think. But we'll start out again as soon as day comes."

"Then why not stay here with me?" said Murray.

Robert considered a minute, then shook his head.

"No," he said, "there's another phone call I'd like to make before I start out, and I'd better use my own wire. It's a private one and these up here are all party lines. We don't want to broadcast this thing, I take it."

"Oh, no!" said Gloria sharply, and thought of her cousin Joan and her aunt Miranda.

"All right, let's go! We ought to get two hours of sleep before dawn." He locked at his watch.

"Well, then perhaps I'd better go with you, Bob," said Murray, "save you the trip up in the morning."

"No," said Robert giving a quick look toward Gloria, "You may be needed here."

"Well, you can take our car of course," said Gloria, "and save his coming back."

So it was arranged, the young men took their departure again, and Gloria was left to her terrible vigil at her dark window.

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# Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Friday, July 17

## The Sin of Hypocrisy

"Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites." Matt. 23:13.

Read Matthew 23:13-26.

There is no sin against which the Master pronounced so unsparing a rebuke as the sin of hypocrisy. And strange, it was directed not against the sinner, the thief, the gambler, the sensualist, but against those who posed as the pious ones—the Pharisees. Falsehood masquerading as piety roused Jesus more than heresy. "You play actors," he thundered, "how do you expect to escape the condemnation of hell?"

Prayer: "O, Spirit divine, all my nature refine, that the purity of Jesus may shine through me."

Saturday, July 18

## The Soul Choosing Its Destiny

"From which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." Acts 1:25.

Read Acts 1:16-26.

My soul itself is the index of its destiny. We carry within ourselves the prophecy of our future, either good or evil. Those who live near to God are already living the heavenly life, which needs only the expansion of eternity to be complete. Those who are selfish, perverse and wilful are already kindling the fires of hell for themselves.

Prayer: "Help us, O God, to understand something of the possibilities before us."

Sunday, July 19

## Day of Rest

"This is the rest, give ye rest to him that is weary." (Amer. Revised Version) Isa. 28:12.

Read Isaiah 28:9-13.

Unlike the Sabbath of the Old Testament which emphasized rest, our Christian Lord's Day emphasizes worship as the appropriate way of keeping the day. This is not a displacement but an enlargement of the earlier ideal. For the rest we need is not mere inactivity but renewal and refreshment of the soul.

Prayer: "Holy Father, we praise thee for this day of rest and worship. May the worship of God and the fellowship of his people bring us to higher levels of holy living."

Monday, July 20

## As the Father Would Have Us

"I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor. 6:18.

Read 2 Corinthians 6:11-18.

We are called to a life of separation from the world, that we might prove the worth of fellowship with the Father.

Separation from the world, not in a monastic sense, but in the sense of clean and holy living, means friendship with God. A worldly life takes away the zest from a spiritual life.

Prayer: "Blessed Lord, grant us in the grace to separate ourselves from all uncleanness that is in the world and in ourselves in order that we might walk in the fellowship with thee."

Tuesday, July 21

## Near to God's Heart

"And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide." Gen. 24:63.

Read Genesis 24:62-67.

We are lured out into the open country, for there God seems to speak to us in a voice which we do not hear amidst the din of city noise. "God made the country, but man made the city." The calmness of the country with its wide spaces and sweet odor brings both physical delight and enlargement of the soul.

Prayer: "Loving Father, we praise thee for the restfulness of the open country, the shadow of trees, the music of running streams and the sense of wholesome peace that nature imparts."

Wednesday, July 22

## The Body of Christ

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." 1 Cor. 12:27.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31.

Our bodies are our means of expression. They are meant for communication with one another. But our bodies sometimes misrepresent us. The Church is Christ's means of expression to the world. He may be limited or hindered by the weakness of some members of the body. Can we see the true Christ in the existing church?

Prayer: "Impress thy holy image upon us, O Christ, that the world may see thee in us."

Thursday, July 23

## Our Daily Work

"Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening." Ps. 104:23.

Read Psalm 104:1-24

We must avoid the fallacy quite common among religious people, that work is secular and worship is religious. For good work is it ever so commonplace, character out of it grows.

Prayer: "Gracious Lord, suffer us not to grow weary in our daily task. Save us from discontent and from thanklessness."

Friday, July 24

## Enemies of the Cross

"For many walk, of whom I have told you often and now tell you even weep-

ing, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ." Phil. 3:18.

Read Philippians 3:15-21; 4:1.

Who are these enemies of the cross? Paul is not thinking of atheists. He has those in mind, who profess Christianity but who deny the power and the effectiveness of the cross in their lives, "whose God is their belly." "They mind earthly things" and ignore the upward calling of God in Christ. Are there such Christians today?

Prayer: "Forbid, Lord, that we should miss the meaning of the cross, that we should wear it as an adornment and fail to apply it to our lives."

Saturday, July 25

## Seek the Good of the City

"Seek the peace (welfare) of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it; for in the peace (welfare) thereof shall ye have peace." Jeremiah 29:7.

Read Jeremiah 29:4-12.

Can it be accounted a Christian virtue to ignore civic duties? Has the Christian no moral and social obligations to community in which he and his family live? Can he with a good conscience be apathetic to the affairs of the city, state or nation and leave them at the mercy of corrupt political rings and dishonest officials?

Prayer: "O thou God of the nations, make us deeply sensitive to our obligations toward the state and society."

Sunday, July 26

## An Unconditional Surrender

"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Acts 9:6.

Read Acts 9:1-9.

What a wonderful story—this story of Paul's conversion! And the most wonderful thing about it is the transformation of the man. He was turned upside down, inside out. It was a complete surrender to the hated Nazarene. It was as much as if he had said: "Here's my sword; what do you wish me to do?" Yes, true discipleship is a matter of doing something—a dynamic faith!

Prayer: "Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine."

Monday, July 27

## The Supreme Duty

"What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." Micah 6:8.

Read Micah 6:6-8.

Religion is triangular. It has three sides: God, my fellow-man and myself. Religion is to be kind, loving, forgiving and pure. It is not an intellectual skirmish. It is the functioning of the heart. It is to try to live the life of Jesus.

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# Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Kratt Honored at Portland

By MR. M. L. LEUSCHNER of Forest Park, Illinois

A ministry extending for forty years in a single church which is privileged to view the growth of that church from a small mission to the largest church in the denomination is, indeed, unique! On June 21 the Rev. Jacob Kratt, D. D., pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, completed such a memorable ministry in the only church which it was his joy and delight to serve. From far and near hosts of friends sent their best wishes and joined the church in the festive observance of this unusual anniversary which was held in Portland from Thursday, July 2, to Sunday, July 5.

Thursday evening, July 2, as "Church Night" was the colorful beginning of these happy anniversary days. Recognition was made, not only of Dr. Kratt's long and successful ministry in the First Church of Portland, but also of the fortieth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. J. Kratt. It was on July 2, 1896, that they were married by the Rev. L. H. Donner in Cincinnati, Ohio. The program, in which various organizations brought their congratulatory greetings through their representatives, was in charge of Mr. Henry Neubert, a deacon of the church. A gift, symbolizing the love and esteem of the church, was also presented to Dr. and Mrs. Kratt.

The following evening was called "Guest Night," to which the Baptist ministers of the city and teachers and professors of the Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland, with whom Dr. Kratt has had influential associations, had been invited. The feature of the program was entitled "The March of Time." By means of display cards exhibited to the audience by those, who during successive years had been won to the Lord and baptized by Dr. Kratt, the progress and growth of the church since its organization in 1891 were shown.

On Saturday morning, July 4, the church and Sunday School picnic was held at Pier Park with the superintendent, Mr. Harry Johnson, in charge. The day was brought to an eventful close by a banquet held that evening at the Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall. The B. Y. P. U. with its president, Mr. George Peters, served as sponsors for the program. After dinner speeches were brought by a number of the German Baptist pastors and friends in attendance.

The Sunday morning service which was a joint session with the Sunday School was addressed in the German language by the Rev. Carl Fuellebrandt, our representative and director of our Danubian Gospel Mission work in Europe. The Rev. Fred W. Mueller, formerly the associate pastor with Dr. Kratt and now serving as the full time minister of the church, was in charge of the festive services on Sunday.

The Sunday afternoon and evening programs were held in the large and



Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Kratt of Portland, Oregon

commodious Lincoln High School auditorium. At the young people's mass meeting in the afternoon, the Rev. William Kuhn, our general missionary secretary, spoke, and the mass church choir of approximately sixty voices rendered the inspiring anthems, "Praise Ye, Jehovah" and "Unfold, Ye Portals." The German Baptist churches of Salt Creek, Bethany and Salem and the Second Church of Portland dispensed with their evening services in order to share in the worship and inspiration of the afternoon and evening celebrations. After an interesting musical program in the evening consisting of instrumental and vocal numbers and choir anthems, "a Church History Program" was presented, in which the history of the church was depicted by stereopticon slides compiled by Mr. James Billeter and interpreted by his son, Mr. David Billeter. Mr. James Billeter, as the clerk of the mission church more than 40 years ago who had the privilege of extending the call to Mr. Kratt in writing at that time, is still honored by the church in the same official responsibility.

On Sunday, June 21, Dr. Kratt delivered his farewell sermon to a large and attentive audience of six hundred people who crowded the First Church of Portland. His sermon was based on the text in 1 Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am," and in his message he stated that only by the grace of God was he a child of God, a

minister of the gospel and had been privileged to have been minister of the First Church of Portland for 40 years. His resignation, which had been presented to the church some months ago, was tabled with the church's unanimous expression that it merely permit his desired retirement from active service.

A recent letter by the Rev. William Kuhn, missionary secretary, addressed to the missionary pastors of the denomination, brought a warmly glowing tribute to the memorable ministry of Dr. Kratt. The following quotation is taken from his letter:

"It has impressed itself upon me that the Lord has endowed his servant, Jacob Kratt, with the true heart and spirit of the shepherd. Without any doubt Brother Kratt has contributed largely to the success of his ministry as a good shepherd. People in all walks of life and with varied educational backgrounds found in him one who poured out his life in serving them.

"The ministry of Brother Kratt has been characterized by a strong evangelistic fervor. Many who are still members of the church, and even a great many more persons, some of whom are scattered over the globe and others who already are in their heavenly Father's eternal home, have found in Brother Kratt the guide to the Lamb of God that taketh away all sins.

"Mrs. Kratt has stood faithfully at his

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# Reports from the Field

## Atlantic Conference

### Summer Assembly of the Atlantic Conference at Camp Unami Near Philadelphia, Pa.

August 15 to 22, 1936

#### DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30 A. M.: Rising Bell.

8:00 A. M.: Breakfast.

9:00—9:40 A. M.: General Class.

"A Study in Corinth's" by Professor Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y.

9:50-10:30 A. M.: Two Classes.

"Personal Evangelism" by the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler of Newark, N. J.

"The Bible: How It Came to Be" by the Rev. Reuben Jeschke of New Britain, Conn.

10:40-11:30 A. M.: Forum Discussions.

1) Should the church be actively engaged in vocational guidance for its young people?

2) Should Christians be interested in politics?

3) How can we live the Christ-like life in the 20th century?

4) What should be the attitude of Christian youth regarding war?

5) Can we love our neighbors as ourselves?

12:30 P. M.: Lunch.

2:30-5:30 P. M.: Recreation program under the direction of Mr. Winfield Ruelke.

5:45 P. M.: Dinner.

7:00 P. M.: Vesper services under the direction of the Dean, the Rev. Charles W. Koller.

8:00 P. M.: Popular programs such as initiation night, stunt night, socials and song fests.

Registration and camp expenses will be \$11.00. All inquiries and reservations are to be sent to the dean, Rev. Charles W. Koller, 894 So. 14th Street, Newark, N. J.

### Annual Report of the B. Y. P. U. in the Second Church, Philadelphia

The Young People's Society of the Second German Baptist Church in Philadelphia is closing a successful year. Under the very capable leadership of Miss Katherine Yung, our president, we feel that we have taken some definite steps forward. Our monthly meetings have been varied and interesting. In the early part of this year we had our annual banquet. We gathered in the lower hall of the church around tables which were appropriately and uniquely decorated to represent the twelve months, each person being seated at the table which represented the month in which his birthday occurred. The program following the banquet centered about the typical happenings in the various months. Another monthly meeting was devoted to a pro-

## Welcome!

Wisconsin Young People to the Annual Assembly to be held at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., from July 20 to 24.

Come! Let us make this a record year for the young people's assembly!

gram of peace propaganda, and we were challenged by the enthusiastic message brought to us on this very vital and timely world problem. In April an inspirational play, entitled "The Vision," was presented by a group of our members and in May the story of Ruth was dramatized.

Not only have our monthly meetings offered a variety of programs, but our Sunday evening devotional services have been planned to include mission study, Bible study and opportunities for discussion and prayer on the respective Sundays of each month.

Over 30 members of our group attended the Young People's Conference at Meriden, Connecticut, in May. In addition to the conference blessings we enjoyed the fellowship on the trip by chartered bus and the beauty of the countryside.

### Southwestern Conference The Past Year's Activities in the B. Y. P. U. at Creston, Neb.

We, as Baptist Young People's Union of Creston, Neb., thank God that he has granted us another year in which to work and study. On June 7 we celebrated our 16th anniversary as a Union. We had our neighboring church with its pastor with us for the service. The program consisted of two dialogues, a recitation, and several musical numbers. Then the Rev. Martin De Boer of Shell Creek gave us a brief talk on "The Certainties Amid the Uncertainties of Life." The offering, which amounted to \$21.25, was designated for our general missionary fund.

During the year from August, 1935, to June, 1936, we held 14 meetings, of which 3 were prayer meetings led by various members of the society, 5 were literary evenings including a Thanksgiving and a Christmas program, and one missionary program given by members of the Rev. J. J. Renz's Sunday School class. We also had 6 Bible studies which were always held on the first Sunday of the month. We continued our study of the life work of Paul on his missionary journey. On one evening we studied "What the New Testament Teaches About God." All the studies were under the Rev. J. J. Renz's able leadership.

We cannot report new members for this year, but we do ask that the Lord will give us many more years to work for him. ELSIE BRUNKEN, Secretary.

## Northern Conference

### Annual Report of the B. Y. P. U. at East Ebenezer, Sask.

"If we take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead us, and thy right hand shall hold us." Psalm 139:9, 10. This is the slogan in which the B. Y. P. U. of Ebenezer East in Saskatchewan, Canada, heartily believes.

On Sunday, May 17, we held our annual program in which the following items were rendered: A song, "My Mothers' Prayer," and a dialogue, "What Great Men Say About Their Mothers," by the Junior Society; a song by the B. Y. P. U., violin solo, song by the young ladies' choir, two orchestra selections, dialogue, "Der Sangerin Lohn," double mixed quartet, song by the young men's choir, recitation, trio, dialogue, "Die Macht des Beispiels," and a song by the men's quartet. The Rev. August Rosner brought a short message, encouraging us in our work for the coming year.

Twenty-four meetings were held throughout the year, of which 10 were programs, 2 were prayer meetings, 7 were Bible study meetings. It was our exceptional privilege to render programs in our neighboring B. Y. P. U. at the Ebenezer West Church. We also had the great privilege of accepting 12 new members in our society. Our membership roll is now 45 members.

GERTRUDE HOFFMAN, Secretary.

### Divine Blessings Described in News Letter From Winnipeg

Once more we of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Canada, are prompted to let the many readers of "The Baptist Herald" know how God manifests himself in our midst from time to time. The membership of the church is steadily increasing, thanks to the activity of our minister, the Rev. A. Felberg, and his helpers at the various missions in the city. Seven new members were added to the church through baptism on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. All departments of the church continue to work for and with the church.

The young people's society is losing a valued member in the person of Miss Betty Sorge, who was recently joined in marriage to Mr. Gottlieb Beutler of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Beutler are leaving Winnipeg for Olds, Alberta, where Mr. Beutler will take charge of his first pastorate. Mr. E. Wegner, our second minister, is leaving us this fall to continue his studies in our Rochester Seminary. We are glad to announce that our pastor, the Rev. A. Felberg, has completely recovered from his recent illness and is again as active as before.

We pray that God may continue to reveal himself to us as he has done in the past.

P. PENNER, Church Clerk.

## Alberta German Baptist Conference at Trochu

The Alberta Conference assembled recently with the Trochu Church. This work was first begun in 1911 by our pioneer pastor, the Rev. F. A. Mueller. God richly blessed the efforts of his faithful children and workers and now there is a prosperous church. Unfortunately this flock is without a shepherd at this time, but plans are being made to call a pastor. The Rev. A. Kujath, who labored here so ardently for a number of years and whose ministry was greatly blessed by the Lord, was called by the church to serve as acting pastor during the conference.

The theme of the conference was, "What the Lord Demands of His Own," and throughout the gathering this note was not only stressed in the Bible discussions and addresses but also exemplified in the different activities. Warm words of welcome were extended to the delegates and numerous guests by the members of the church. Nine ordained ministers and one student pastor were present, besides 54 delegates representing the 19 churches. Challenging messages were delivered by the brethren, each in his own unique way but with demonstration of power and conviction. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch of Glory Hills delivered the opening address on Thursday evening. The Rev. Philip Daum of First Church, Leduc, spoke on Friday evening. The Rev. H. Schatz of the Camrose and Forestburg churches gave the mission sermon on Sunday morning, and the Rev. B. Jacksteit of the Second Church, Leduc, and the Rev. A. Kraemer of Edmonton brought the closing messages on Sunday afternoon. Three helpful Bible studies were a part of the program during the sessions, taught by the Rev. Fred Benke of Wetaskiwin on "The Christian and His Demands of His Lord," by the Rev. C. B. Thole of the Olds Church on "The Christian and His Church," and by the Rev. A. Kujath of Calgary on "The Christian and the World." The morning devotion services were led by Mr. Haerle of Olds and the student pastor, Mr. John Mueller. On Saturday evening the Trochu young people rendered the beautiful play, "The Challenge of the Cross," which deeply impressed the whole gathering. The evening closed with true ringing testimonies of what the Lord had done for us and with fervent prayers.

During these meetings special selections in song were sung by local and visiting singers, such as Rochester male quartet, H. Schatz, G. W. Rutsch, B. Jacksteit and John Mueller, a combined choir and duets. The reports of the churches showed strong opposition but also glorious victories for the Lord. The mission offering amounted to \$117. Officers for the ensuing year are as follows: A. Kraemer, chairman; G. W. Rutsch, vice-chairman; Philip Daum, secretary-treasurer; mission committee, Philip Daum, Fred Benke and A. Kraemer.

FRED W. BENKE, Reporter.



The Choir of the German Baptist Church in Morris, Manitoba

### Recent Concert and Banquet Programs at Morris

On May 17 the choir of the German Baptist Church in Morris, Manitoba, Canada, rendered a sacred concert in the church. As usual on these occasions, our church was filled to capacity long before the choir filed into their places and sang the opening song.

Time and energy had been liberally expended by our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, who is also the choir director, to get the choir to interpret, as nearly as it is possible for the choir to do so, beautiful selections from Haydn, Beethoven and other beloved composers with the spirit, enthusiasm and harmony originally intended. The guest speaker for the afternoon program was the Rev. A. Felberg of Winnipeg.

The evening of May 23 served for our Mothers-Daughters' and Fathers-Sons' banquet, which was sponsored by our young people, attended by about 115 persons. Three prizes were given to the oldest parents present, and Mrs. Schroeder, mother of the Rev. G. Schroeder of Saskatchewan, received the prize for being the oldest mother. Mr. John Henschel and Mrs. Lou Paschke were the recipients of the other two prizes.

A short and interesting program followed, with addresses given by a daughter and a son. Warm responses followed by a mother and a number of fathers. The Rev. E. Mittelstedt spoke briefly on "The Relations Between Youth and Age." Suitable poems, instrumental and vocal numbers were rendered by the young people.

We thank God for the numerous blessings bestowed upon his fold at Morris and especially for the fine feeling of comradeship which characterizes the relationship between youth and age in our church. IDA J. HOFFMAN, Reporter.

### Mother's Day Program at Lockwood

On May 10 the German Baptist Church of Lockwood, Saskatchewan, Canada, held its annual Mother's Day program. The church was filled to capacity, with some English friends also in attendance, and we sincerely hope that all enjoyed the results of the efforts of the young people.

The program consisted of two dialogues, two interesting recitations given by Miss J. Ediger and Mrs. F. Meyers, and messages brought by Mr. J. Richter of Nokomis and Mr. M. Houseman of Lockwood.

We are also heartily thankful to the Nokomis young people for their willing cooperation in presenting the program. In return for their help, we delivered a dialogue in the Nokomis Church that same evening.

Our pastor, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder, brought a brief and inspiring talk about the relationship of a child towards its mother.

The afternoon was certainly enjoyed by all. May God grant us his blessing during the coming year to be a shining light for him!

MARY WEIHE, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Student Pastor Welcomed and Church Dedicated in Brady

On Sunday, May 24, the church in Brady, Mont., had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Edgar Klatt, a student from our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., to its field. Mr. Klatt will have charge of the work on that field during the summer months. The Rev. C. A. Gruhn, district missionary, brought the sermon in the forenoon and welcomed Mr. Klatt to the work. In the afternoon Mr. Klatt preached for the first time in Brady.

On Sunday, May 31, we dedicated the new chapel, which our church in Brady has recently acquired. Mr. Klatt preached the dedication sermon and the Rev. C. A. Gruhn spoke the dedicatory prayer. The treasurer, Mr. John Keller, read a report about how the building and other property were obtained. The land was donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Christman. Mr. Gottlieb Christman and family gave the organ. One hundred and fifty dollars, which the Brady church years ago had given to the missionary committee for safe keeping, was returned and applied towards the purchase of the present building. The rest was donated by the few members and their friends, so that we could dedicate the property to God free of debt. The entire possession represents a value of about one thousand dollars.

Ordination of the Rev. W. W. Knauf

On June 1 an ordination council met with the church at Anamoose, No. Dak., to consider the advisability of ordaining the newly called pastor, Mr. W. W. Knauf. The churches at Cathay, Fessenden, Germantown, Goodrich, Martin, McClusky, Rosenfeld and Turtle Lake were represented by their pastors and lay delegates. The Reverends G. Eichler and Benj. Schlipf, members of the Dakota Conference Mission Committee, had also been invited. The former served as moderator and the latter as clerk of the council.

The statements of the candidate as to his conversion, call to the ministry and his doctrinal views were given so clearly and sincerely, that the council voted unanimously and with much joy to recommend that the church proceed with the ordination.

The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. B. Schlipf on "The Body of Christ," the text being 1 Cor. 12:27. The ordaining prayer was spoken by the Rev. Carl Gieser. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. H. P. Kayser and that to the church by the Rev. Daniel Klein. Mr. Knauf was welcomed into the ranks of the ministers in a happy manner by the Rev. E. Bibelheimer. The Reverends R. Sigmund, G. Rauser and R. G. Kaiser had other parts in the program. A young men's quartet rendered two songs.

Thus the Lord has given his Church another young, energetic and consecrated minister. Mr. Knauf is a graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary and has helped out, as opportunity offered, in Chicago. May this new union endure long! We pray God to grant our brother much fruit of his labors in Anamoose where he has already found a place in the hearts and affection of his people.

BENJAMIN SCHLIPF, Clerk.

The Past Year's Activities of the Ventura B. Y. P. U.

We as the B. Y. P. U. of Ventura, No. Dak., can thank our Savior and Leader for leading us through another year. During the year 1935-36 we had 12 regular meetings, 2 surprise parties, a social at the church and a surprise picnic at the Lake. Our meetings, parties and socials were greatly appreciated by all members.

Besides our regular meetings and social gatherings there were 3 programs given at the church which were all well attended and which helped to build the religious life of our fellowmen. During the past year we gained 13 new members and lost 4 of whom 2 moved away.

The treasurer reported our receipts as \$124.72 of which \$38.54 were given for missions.

We lift our thank'ul hearts to the Lord who has richly blessed us throughout the year and who has enabled us to work for him in these various ways.

MISS ADELINE WIEDMAN, Secretary.

Texas and Louisiana Conference

The Texas and La. Young People's Rally

We, the members of the Texas and Louisiana Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, were inspired anew for greater service as we gathered from far and near for our annual Rally held at the Cottonwood Baptist Church on Sunday, June 7. All but four of the churches in our conference were well represented. There was an approximate attendance of 400 at each meeting.

In the Sunday School period the adults and Seniors listened to short talks given by the Revs. H. Ekrut and Edwin Kraemer and by Mr. H. Steindam and Mr. Bennie Spross. The Mesdames W. B. Marsteller and Claude Kincannon and the Misses Marie Heusi and Rosa Lee Koch served as efficient leaders of the Junior and Intermediate assemblies. The morning sermon was delivered by Dr. John A. Held of Waco, Tex. His message was taken from Gal. 2:20, "Christ liveth in me."

Following the abundant luncheon which we had in picnic style, everyone returned to the auditorium for the afternoon meeting. The Rev. C. C. Gossen led a fifteen minute service of hearty singing with orchestra accompaniment. There followed further special numbers given by the young people of our various churches. Our second guest speaker, the Rev. C. E. Hereford of Waco, chose as his subject "The Mystery of Me."

The afternoon offering which was designated for missions amounted to \$26.17. On Sunday night the Cottonwood B. Y. P. U. celebrated its anniversary. The play, "For He Had Great Possessions," was beautifully presented.

We were very happy to see our council member, Mr. Chester A. Buening, at our Rally. Though very weak and still convalescing, his recovery from the serious accident of last February gave us reason to rejoice with him.

GRACE KITTLITZ, Secretary.

Editor's Note: The recovery of Mr. Chester A. Buening from the automobile accident has rejoiced the hearts of numerous friends throughout the country. Readers of the above report are urged to note the paragraph in the "What's Happening" news, embodying the gratitude of Mr. Buening to his friends for their kind remembrance of him during his convalescence and for their prayers.

Northwestern Conference Minnesota State Association

The 67th annual association of the German Baptists of Minnesota recently met with the First German Baptist Church of Minneapolis. These were days of inspiration and blessing. On Thursday evening the Rev. E. Umbach, temporary state missionary, delivered a timely message in German on the text:

"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

The devotional periods were led by the Rev. H. Thiel, the Rev. A. Foll and Mr. E. A. Brachlow of the Minneapolis church. Many good and thought-provoking suggestions were brought on the meaning and the work of the Holy Spirit. The Reverends F. H. Heinemann, A. Foll, E. Umbach and H. C. Wedel and Mr. R. Regehr deliberated on the above topic. On Friday evening the Rev. A. Foll brought us a thoughtful message on the subject: "Costly Living and Cheap Religion." On Sunday morning the missionary sermon was preached by the Rev. F. H. Heinemann. In the afternoon a challenging message was brought to a large assembly, mostly young people, by the Rev. W. G. Holmberg of Minneapolis. The Rev. H. R. Schroeder of Madison, So. Dak., brought the closing message on Sunday evening on the theme: "What God Cannot Do: God Cannot Lie."

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, moderator; Rev. A. Foll, vice-moderator; Rev. H. C. Wedel, clerk; and Rev. H. Hirsch, treasurer. Our prayer is that the Minnesota churches will do more faithful work in the coming year.

H. C. WEDEL, Reporter.

Memorial to Mr. L. R. Miller of Randolph, Minn.

Mr. L. R. Miller, for many years a faithful member of the German Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., died on June 3 after a serious operation. Mr. Miller was born on January 30, 1859, in Wayne, Wis., the second son of Peter and Johannah Miller. He was baptized by the Rev. Jacob Meier and united with the Rev. Jacob Meier and united with the First German Baptist Church of Chicago. In 1884 he came to Randolph, Minn., and joined the German Baptist church, at that time called the Hampton church, at that time called the Hampton church. On Sept. 24, 1885, he was united in marriage to Sarah Fritsch. The Two children blessed that union. The daughter, Cecilia (Mrs. F. J. Herbst), lives with her mother, and the sudden death of Mr. Miller gives mother and daughter the consciousness that they need each other more than ever before.

Mr. Miller was postmaster in the Randolph Post Office for 46 years and served on the first Board of Education in Randolph. Not only in the business world did he prove himself faithful but also in the Christian Church. He served as Sunday School superintendent, both in the Baptist and Methodist churches. For many years he was active in Sunday School work, visiting the Sunday Schools in the county, and took a vital and active interest in the American Sunday School Union. Frequently, in the absence of pastors, he filled the pulpit and had many invitations to speak at county Sunday School conventions and other religious gatherings. The Randolph Baptist Church will miss him sorely; and we are anxious to know who will take his place and carry on.

DAILY MEDITATIONS

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Christ, "to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God."

Prayer: "Dear Lord, may I yield my all unreservedly, cheerfully to thee."

Tuesday, July 28

Pass It On

"Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." Col. 3:13.

Read Colossians 3:12-17.

Pass on to others the grace that has been shown to you. It is difficult for men of the world to believe in God's forgiveness, when they see so little of it in the church. Unhealed bitterness and dissensions in the church make fruitless all appeals to the unconverted to be reconciled to God.

Prayer: "Gracious Lord, give us ever more the mind of Christ. Grant us grace to be patient, forbearing, forgiving and loving."

Wednesday, July 29

Nothing Less Than the Best

"Whatsoever hath a blemish, that ye shall not offer; for it shall not be acceptable." Lev. 22:20.

Read Leviticus 22:17-25.

This old law still holds, when taken figuratively. The lamb placed upon the altar should be a perfect lamb. God wants our best—the whole heart, the whole will, the whole man for time and eternity. He doesn't simply ask for the shabby end of a jaded life. A religion that is cheap is not true Christianity.

Prayer: "We give thee, Lord, our best."

Thursday, July 30

On the Witness-Stand

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1:8.

Read Acts 1:6-9.

That was the legacy of the Lord's ascension, "Ye shall be my witnesses!" Where? Everywhere, "in Jerusalem and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." This is the challenge to the Church for "world missions." Religion is not a precious box of ointment to be sealed lest it lose its fragrance. The way to retain its fragrance is to pour it out.

Prayer: "May the Church of Jesus Christ not cease to witness for thee."

Friday, July 31

A Conditional Promise

"Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so that the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken." Amos 5:14.

Read Amos 5:17-24.

The people of Israel thought themselves sure of divine favor, irrespective of their life and conduct. But the prophet reminds them that they can count on God's presence only if they seek him and abhor evil. We must not take God's promises without the conditions attached to them.

Prayer: "May thy will always be done!"

41st Annual Assembly of the Iowa Young People's Union

A period of real spiritual inspiration was experienced by the B. Y. P. U. of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, when that group was privileged to be host to the 41st annual assembly of the Iowa Baptist Young People's Union from June 9 to 11. A total of 191 registrations were reported, with visitors attending the various sessions bringing the attendance at convention meetings well over 200. Of that number, about 120 were from out-of-town.

Eli Habeger of Elgin was elected state president at the final business meeting, succeeding Harm Frey of Aplington in that office. Re-elected were Reuben Hackman of Aplington, vice-president; and Miss Bertha Schwitters of Steamboat Rock, secretary and treasurer. Aplington was named as the site of next year's convention.

Entertainment events enjoyed by delegates and visitors were a ride on the Mississippi river in the U. S. Navy cruiser and an outing at Isaac Walton lake, both occurring on the last day.

Opening night features prepared by the Burlington society were an address of welcome by the local president, Miss Harriette Mueller, and the singing of original words to the anthem "Brightly Gleams Our Banner," topical verses having been composed for the occasion by Miss Ruth Lohmann, songs by the Oak Street mixed double quartet singing a cappella, and a social hour in the social hall, at which time society presidents and pastors present were introduced by means of brief interviews.

Having for its theme "Adventure With Christ!" the assembly was addressed by well chosen speakers at its evening sessions. Thought-provoking and problem-clearing discussion groups were conducted during daytime meetings, with a moving message by Miss Bertha Lang, missionary to China, highlighting one morning period and routine business sessions occupying the remainder of the time.

There were three discussion groups. In the first group, entitled "Sacrifice for Christ," and led by the Rev. Wayne C. Clark, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Burlington, "The Cross of Christ" and "The Application of the Cross to the Life" were the subjects considered. Emphasized was the fact that the Cross means self-denial of luxury and revenge, the elimination of habits or outright sins that hinder testimony for Christ, the cutting out of pleasures and acts that collide with the aims of the church, as the lusting after money and the selfish and thoughtless wasting of time, and the sacrifice of ambition for worldly prestige.

The second discussion group had for its theme, "Live in Christ," the Rev. William H. Schobert of Victor being the leader. Thoughts discussed were to find

out God's will for our lives for personal needs, to increase our spiritual growth, to enlarge our evangelistic horizon and to seek a practical application for daily living.

Leading the third discussion group, "Build on Christ," the Rev. O. E. Krueger, professor at Rochester Theological seminary, Rochester, N. Y., and former pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church, discussed "several phases of Christian doctrine." Members of the class listed sins with regard to the greatness of their evil, also indicating their choice for the thing of outstanding significance in the life of Christ. These answers reflected the emphasis of our teaching and preaching, indicating, as Professor Krueger observed, "that we do not put the stress where Jesus placed it."

The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., executive secretary of young people's work and editor of "The Baptist Herald," presented three addresses. On the opening evening his subject was "The Vista from Inspiration Point," bringing out in vivid illustration the inspiration derived from true Christian living. His topic for his forum address was "Modern Problems," in which he discussed the breakdown of the home and suggestions for ideal home life. For the final address of the convention he took for his thought the assembly theme, "Adventure with Christ!" showing that Christ makes life a constant pageant of triumph.

The Rev. Paul Zoschke of Elgin gave the address on the second night of the convention, delivering a message notable for its profusion of inspiring thoughts. He spoke on "life's conveyors," pointing out that everyone should use his or her talents to convey Christ's message to the world, no matter how large or small that talent might be.

Miss Bertha Lang addressed the convention on the third morning on the theme, "Pressing On." She stressed the need for Bible teachers in the foreign field." WALTER E. KOHRS, Reporter.

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**Dr. and Mrs. Kratt Honored**

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side during these 40 years as his wife and helpmeet. In the life-story of Dr. Jacob Kratt there is in the immediate foreground the figure of his honored and beloved wife. One may assume that without her influence the last 40 years of his life might have been quite different, for she exerted a strong influence as the loving mother of their children, as an industrious housewife, as a wise counselor to her husband, as an esteemed leader in the church, as a woman of keen mind and far sighted vision in difficulties, as a pillar of strength in times of weakness and as a rare spirit of friendly and generous hospitality to all guests in the home. Dr. and Mrs. Kratt also have had the joy of seeing their only daughter, Clara, go as missionary and the wife of the Rev. Paul Gebauer to the far distant Kaka-field of the Cameroons."

The First German Baptist Church of Portland through its reporter, Mrs. Anna Wardin, has also expressed its written appreciation and loving esteem to its pastor for his sacrificial service through the past four decades. The church's report is as follows:

"Forty years ago the Rev. and Mrs. J. Kratt came to Portland after he had completed his course of studies at the German department of the Rochester Theological Seminary and followed the call of the small congregation of the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. The work was much neglected at the time of their coming, and the small building was incomplete owing to insufficient funds. The people took heart under their new and able leader and completed the church building.

"Due to immigration and the constant growth of the church it was necessary to enlarge the church building in 1910 to its present size. During all the years of his faithful ministry the congregation has grown to be the largest in the denomination. Mrs. Kratt has led the Ladies' Missionary Society as its president ever since its inception.

"Dr. Kratt's religious influence reaches far beyond his own church and Portland. He has served many times as missionary secretary of the Pacific Conference. Linfield College honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and he now serves as a member of its board of trustees as well as of the board of Western Theological Seminary.

"Dr. and Mrs. Kratt have the joy of seeing their five sons and only daughter in well trained positions of life. Their daughter, Clara, left last year as the wife of missionary Paul Gebauer, to labor among the natives in the Cameroons of Africa."

It is the prayer of all of Dr. and Mrs. Kratt's friends, who are to be found in every conference area of our denomination and in many countries of the world, that God may continue to use them wondrously in the service of his Kingdom and bless them with the peace and grace of many joyous years in the future!

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

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Peaks." The afternoon program will consist of numbers by various societies and will be concluded by the installation of the new officers.

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One hundred and fifty members of the Sunday School of the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., were in the line of March of the 107th annual Sunday School parade held on Thursday, June 4, in which a total of 200,000 children and adults of Brooklyn churches marched. The Second Church also had two large floats and a number of brightly trimmed vehicles in the parade. Scores of bands playing Christian marches, numerous colorful floats and hundreds of thousands of spectators made this religious event a memorable occasion. The public schools of the city are closed during the day for this annual Protestant celebration.

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The month of June marked the 85th milestone in the history of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y. The church plans to celebrate the anniversary in the fall. The pastor of the church, the Rev. D. Hamel, wrote that "although we have passed the four-score line by five years, we are not suffering the pains of old age but are still carrying on in the Lord's work with grateful vigor and aggressiveness." At the communion service on Sunday, June 7, two young people who were baptized shortly before that, were welcomed into the fellowship of the church. One of these was Miss Grace Bretschneider, the youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs. Bretschneider. For the Wednesday evening services in June the topics dealt with "Our Denominational Interests" in which the recent special numbers of "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" were used. The church auditorium was also recently redecored.

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A group of 10 young people from the B. Y. P. U. in Startup, Wash., visited the German Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, on Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31. Saturday afternoon and evening were spent on a sight-seeing trip of the city and at a program of games. The Rev. C. E. Schoenleber of Startup preached on Sunday morning from the text, "Create in me a clean heart." The afternoon program was in charge of the young people with the visiting group contributing several numbers and Mr. Schoenleber speaking on "The Challenge of Youth." A baptismal service was held in the Vancouver church on Sunday, May 24, in which 3 persons were baptized by the Rev. John Schweitzer. The Children's Day program on Sunday evening, June 14, was in charge of the superintendent, Mr. Hugo Zepik. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago spoke at the services of the church on Sunday, June 21, and Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland on Sunday, July 5.