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What's Happening

The Baptist Church of Pekin, Ill., has called as its pastor the Rev. Harold Haines of Ohio who will begin his services on the field on the first Sunday in July. Mr. Haines is a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

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The Rev. Philip Potzner, pastor of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, since 1931, has accepted the call of the German Baptist Church in Eiberta, Alabama, and will begin his ministry on the new field as soon as the Dallas Church secures a successor.

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Two weeks of evangelistic services in the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., during the Lenten season were well attended. On Easter Sunday evening, the Rev. A. Bredy, pastor, baptized 6 persons. A Daily Vacation Bible School will be conducted by the church during the summer.

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The Rev. Thomas Stoeri, pastor of the St. Louis Park Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., baptized 16 persons on Easter Sunday. There have been 24 additions to the church as the result of evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. J. B. Calvin of Higginsville, Mo., early in March.

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The Rev. E. Umbach of Ann Arbor, Mich., has been appointed as State Missionary for Minnesota for an indefinite period by the conference and general missionary committees. He will succeed the Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann, who recently resigned after a term of effectual service in the state.

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The Rev. Gustav Schmidt, pastor of the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md., received 18 persons into the fellowship of the church on Easter Sunday, April 12. Seven of these new members were baptized by Mr. Schmidt on March 14 and 3 others on Easter Sunday.

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The Rev. F. W. Bartel, pastor of the German Baptist Church at Avon, So. Dak., recently preached the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of the Avon High School of which his daughter, Miss Eurnice Bartel, was a member. The theme of his address was "When a Man Becomes a Man."

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The young people of the Bethel German Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, have recently completed a study course on "Personal Factors in Character Building" conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Buening. On a recent Sunday afternoon the B. Y. P. U. of the Central Baptist Church of Waco rendered a very inspiring program at Gatesville consisting of instrumental and vocal musical numbers.

On Sunday, May 10, the Rev. H. R. Schroeder of Madison, So. Dak., had the joy of baptizing 8 young people as the result of pre-Easter services conducted by the pastor. At the evening service the B. Y. P. U. presented the dramatization, "And the Greatest of These is Love," to a large and appreciative audience.

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The new officers of the B. Y. P. U. in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., who were recently elected are as follows: Arnold Koppin, president; Frieda Enns, devotional vice-president; Ann Leyboldt, mission vice-president; Mary Adams, social vice-president; Howard Locck, treasurer; Edith Kemp, secretary; and Ralph Ragsdale, auditor.

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Cleveland, O.

The Oklahoma Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union held its annual institute at the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal from May 26 to 29. Its motto was "Growing in Christ." Professor O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., was the guest preacher, conducting one of the several classes and bringing the evening addresses. The Misses Dorothy Knopf and Leora Reisinger served as recreational leaders.

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The Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., inaugurated an ambitious radio program on Sunday morning, May 24, with a half hour program in English over station WIBG. The Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., of Chicago, Ill., was the first speaker in this program. The Rev. Assaf Husmann, the pastor, assisted by musical groups of the church, will regularly conduct this radio program on every Sunday morning over the same station from 9 to 9:30 A. M.

The Rev. A. G. Lang of Parkersburg, Iowa, has recovered from a serious illness contracted in April. As this issue of "The Baptist Herald" goes to press Mr. Lang will have completed six years of service in Parkersburg, which have been marvelously blessed of God. On Sunday, May 10, his brother, the Rev. A. W. Lang of Buffalo Center, Iowa, baptized 6 persons in the Parkersburg Church, who had made their decisions for Christ in services conducted before Mr. Lang's illness.

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From March 30 to April 17 revival meetings were held at the German Baptist Church of McCusky, No. Dak., by the Rev. N. McCoy of Carrington. About 25 young people surrendered their lives to Christ during these services. The young people of the church had charge of a sunrise service on Easter Sunday morning in a program consisting of songs, readings and an Easter message. The Rev. Rudolf Kaiser is minister of the church and its stations.

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On Sunday evening, May 10, the young people of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, conducted an inspiring Mother's Day service. "Tributes to Mother" were brought by Albert and Harold Bessel, Dorothy Lindenbaum and Hugo Zion. Mrs. B. Fetzer spoke on "What It Means to Be a Mother" and Carl Pfaff on "Christ—An Example." Solos were rendered by Helen Pfaff and Thomas Dotson. Homer, Lila and Hubert Zion brought appropriate messages for the occasion in Mother's Day poems.

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The annual Young People's Institute of Chicago and vicinity was held for four successive Monday evenings, ending May 4, at the First German Baptist Church of Chicago Ill. Dr. Wm. F. Fouts, professor of Old Testament Interpretation at the Northern Baptist Seminary, conducted a class on "The Romance of Biblical Archeology" and (Continued on Page 198)

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EDITORIAL

THERE is undoubtedly something of the Pharisee in each one of us. We are apt to be trapped by that subtle pitfall of trying to justify our actions and ways before we know it. We speak disparagingly and with hasty judgment of another's sins, and at the same time we thank God "that we are not like other men."

Pharisees of the Twentieth Century

The Pharisee of Jesus' day was the respected citizen of the community and the regular worshiper at the temple, whose spirit was no longer sensitive to his own shortcomings and sins and whose heart filled with pride at his own high opinion of himself. A sincere humility as the flowering of a penitential attitude and a frank appraisal of himself in the sight of God was utterly lacking in his life.

Unlike the buffalo of the American plains which has disappeared with the passing of the centuries, the Pharisee of Jesus' day seems to have multiplied under many varied guises. He still attends the services of the Christian Church and meets the obligations of such membership. He is honored in his community and feted at social gatherings. His spirit may even reside in the heart of the writer or the reader of this editorial without his being aware of it. How profoundly each one of us is in need of walking so closely with the Master, that every hint of hypocrisy might be erased and every danger of becoming petrified into "the whited sepulchre" of the Pharisee removed!

One of the besetting sins of church attendants is the failure to bring the message of the minister of God forcibly to bear on one's life. One "enjoys" the pastor's sermon because it applies to one's neighbor but not to oneself. If its message had struck "home," one would use another word besides "enjoyed" to characterize one's response to the sermon. A friend recently stated that it was amazing what "a sale's resistance" church people had developed against the preaching of the gospel. You and I can listen to two or three ser-

mons on a Sunday and then do absolutely nothing about them and live during the week as if we had been soundly asleep during the services. What a glorious experience might be ours if every word from the pastor's lips and guided by the Holy Spirit might be thought of as spoken directly at you and me, calling on us for immediate action and continued application!

It is another trait of the modern Pharisee to applaud the recital of the sins of that group of which he is not a member. Not long ago at a church gathering the audience manifested their approval of the minister when he spoke of the sins of youth but they were strangely silent when he addressed his message to such evils as jealousy, selfishness, intemperance, wrangling and gossip with which they were afflicted. At the recent Northern Baptist Convention a certain neighbor of the editor was vociferous with a frequent "Amen!" while the speaker drove home his message of the gospel to the individual, but as he enlarged on his address and revealed the social sins for which penitence must be made, the nearby friend was altogether mute.

If we were prayerfully and earnestly concerned about growing in the grace of God with its accompanying growth in a more delicate sensitiveness to the sins of our lives, we would be the happiest and most blessed of all men. Every sermon would be the opening of the windows of heaven into the glory of God's presence. Every challenge of God's Word would show the way to a growing faith and a more Christ-like life. Truth would break in upon us from varied sources of inspiration. Our souls would be free of the sin which, from the day of Adam when he passed the blame of his guilt onto the woman God had given to be with him, suffocates the honesty and genuineness of our hearts. The Pharisee in us might then become the Publican with his penitent prayer humbly asking for God's mercy, who goes "down to his house justified rather than the other."

"Christ Before Pilate"

The author of this descriptive and interpretive article about Munkacsy's world famous religious painting has held pastorates in Hutchinson, Minn., North Freedom, Wis., Kankakee, Ill., Madison, So. Dak., and Erie, Pa., and is now residing in the latter city.

By the REV. WILLIBALD S. ARGOW

MIHALY or MICHAEL MUNKACSY, the world renowned artist, (whose name is pronounced Moon'-ka-chee), was born in 1844 in the fortress of Munkacs, Hungary. His mother died soon after his birth, and his father joined the army of Kosuth to fight Russia. He later died in prison. Michael, when four years of age and the youngest of five orphans, was cared for by an aunt. Her house was plundered and all persons in it were murdered except for this boy, Michael. A poor uncle apprenticed him to a carpenter, where he worked for six years, growing in stature but with his mind a blank.

Munkacsy's Early Interest in Art

As he mastered his trade, he developed a strong desire for an education. Some students taught him to read and write, and he began to be instructed in history and poetry. His first attempt at art was as a house painter, showing much skill in decorating trousseau chests. He finally gave up everything else for this, first painting flowers and then figures. Applying himself too strenuously to this work, he broke down in health. Recovering, he became acquainted with a portrait painter, named Szamosky, and knew at last that he was meant to be an artist. He nearly went blind while in Vienna in 1866.

We next find him in Munich with only about ten dollars in his pocket. His first exhibited canvas was "The Last Day of a Condemned Man," shown in the Paris Salon in 1870. This picture made him famous. Soon afterwards he married a rich titled widow from Luxemburg and thereafter lived like a prince in Paris. He won the Cross of the Legion of Honor in 1879.

Munkacsy cherished the plan for many years to paint the picture, "Christ Before Pilate," having made many sketches. The finished painting occupied him for over a year's time and was finished in 1881, too late for exhibition at the Paris Salon, but viewed by countless in the artist's studio. It was exhibited in various cities in Europe, when over two million people paid to see it. In 1886 it came to New York. It was bought by John Wanamaker of Philadelphia and is now in a permanent exhibition hall of the department store of that city, where it is viewed by many people during Lent.

The Gospel Story of the Painting

In order to better understand this picture, it is advisable to read the story as recorded in the gospel according to Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25 and John 18:28-19:16. The artist gives us his conception of this part of the closing scenes of our Lord's

life, which led to his crucifixion. In it he presents the Christian religion in conflict with the narrow prejudices of the Jews, the iron tyranny of the Romans, and with the sin of ignorance of the great majority shouting: "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Tolstoy has said that "art is the language of emotion." By this he means that when an artist has an experience which is so deep and rich that he cannot rest till he has made others see and enjoy it, he puts together on canvas certain devices and lines and colors which he hopes will arouse in others emotions like those of his own. John tells us in the 18th chapter that the Jews led Jesus to Caiaphas into the judgment hall, but that they did not enter in order that they might eat the pass-over. Pilate came out to listen to their accusations and then re-entered the judgment hall to decide the case.

The artist depicts the scene in the Pretorium or Judgment Hall. Pilate sits conspicuously against the background of his judgment seat. His robe is white and purple-bordered. The toga is that of a Roman senator. He has the bullet-shaped head and the stern, hard features which we associate with the worst of the Roman emperors. He sits listening with knitted brows to the accusations. His is a strong face, but "miserably full of indecision." Mechanically he seems to hear the arguments, but his thought is busy with the bearings of the case upon his personal fortunes: "If I release him, what trouble will the high priests make for me? If I condemn him, what about the possibility of an appeal to Caesar?" His nervousness betrays itself as he counts the arguments on his fingers. There is little doubt about the outcome. He will be true to his colors as a politician and a shirker of responsibility. He worms himself through the possibilities of the case, while the justice of the Senate and of the Roman people wait in the background.

Realistic Studies in Character

Below him the different judges sit, who have no jurisdiction in a Roman court but who represent the legal talent of their nation. To the left of the picture is the always present rabble to add weight and noise to the evidence. Caiaphas on behalf of the high priests is making "the speech of his life." One can see that he is depending for effect more on noise and on gesture than on solid argument. He is an impersonation of Pharisaism, crafty, clever, pompous, confident, with the self-assurance as well as the intolerance and obstinate prejudice of a Pharisee. Each of the other Pharisees is a study in character. Is the one nearest Pilate hoping to aid him with a point of law? See the one



standing with his back against the wall, looking down with curiosity and contempt. Below him there sit three doctors of the law discussing the case. At Pilate's left hand are two who seem to be worried about the outcome of the whole matter.

Possibly the man sitting in the front of the picture at Christ's left side is one of the bankers, a "self-complacent embodiment of the vested interests, a sort of Pharisaic 'Uncle Trusty' who believes that this innovator who has upset the money tables in the temple has shaken the very foundations of society." He is, certainly, a masterpiece as pictured by the artist.

Minor characters are seen at the rear of the picture. Were they victims of Christ's cleansing of the temple? Look at the scoffer leaning over in order to get a full view of Christ's face and to jeer him. Another has climbed up and with outstretched arms joins his companion in creating a disturbance.

On the left, held back by the soldier's spear-shaft, a fanatic throws up his arms, shouting "Crucify him!" Every face carries its own message and gives its judgment of the prisoner. Are they all against him? What about the sweet-faced mother by the arch-pier? Certainly, she is a "Madonna lost in the Sanhedrin, a foil to the chaos and the hatred of the mob, an embodiment of the Christian idea; powerless now, to be sure, but bearing in her heart the powers that will regenerate the world; she will teach her little child to be a Christian, and through children the world will grow into righteousness."

Christ at the Center

But the center of this great scene is Jesus Christ, white against the colorful background of his enemies. He is haggard from the physical strain, the loss of sleep, the anguish of soul, the disappoint-

ment of being forsaken by everyone. Yet, with courageous dignity and calm forbearance he looks the judge in the face and mutely seems to be demanding justice of him. The loudly repeated charges of Caiaphas and his ilk and the shouts of the mob and its hirelings have no power to shake his divine confidence that he was born into the world for a specific mission. He has set his face to walk straightway to Jerusalem. From these principles which brought him before Pilate, he will never swerve, and they will carry him to an end that even Pilate is powerless to change or to alter.

Stop! Look closely! What has happened? Christ is no longer the accused! He has become the judge and Pilate is on trial! On trial before the Christ! Pilate is measuring himself against the great ideal of the Roman law; he is being weighed and found wanting. Even the Roman governor, like Judas, the traitor, will be written as "guilty" on the judgment scroll of eternity. Pilate was shrewd enough to see the hatred behind the charges and to recognize the innocence of the prisoner. But through fear of trouble that these high priests might make for him at Rome, he received their testimony at its face value and passed the sentence which they desired.

The Picture's Personal Message

Now what does all this in the picture mean? What is the message of this great painting for you? May you prayerfully study it. All this Christ endured and suffered for you and because of sin.

The face with which he looks at us in the night watches, whenever we climb out of our hurried life and for a moment try to look at it under the aspect of eternity, is a face, radiant with the light of a heavenly country and eloquent of things, unseen and eternal.

Baptists at St. Louis, Missouri

By MR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of "The Baptist Herald"

THE most inspiring and epoch-making Baptist gathering ever held on the American continent was the closing session after two days of a joint program of fellowship on the part of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions in St. Louis, Mo. For the second time in 91 years since 1845 when Northern and Southern Baptists divided over sectional interests these two great bodies met together on Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and 19, to consider "the Historic Baptist Principle for Today" in the light of Roger Williams' tercentenary celebration.

Joint Sessions of Baptists

After four challenging joint sessions addressed by such eminent speakers as Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; Mr. James G. McDonald, member of the editorial staff of "The New York Times"; Dr. Frederick L. Anderson, president-emeritus of Andover Newton Theological Institution, and others, the spacious civic auditorium was almost filled to capacity with more than 10,000 persons to hear Kagawa and Dr. George W. Truett at the final session. The strains of the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," reechoed in that magnificent hall until every moment of that evening became charged with extraordinary significance because, in the words of Dr. Scarborough's prayer, "we were marked in this hour for Christ."

Toyohiko Kagawa's message was brought with much fervor of spirit in a direct approach to his subject, "The Cross of Jesus and the Peace of the World." "I am a fundamentalist," he said. "I believe all those things in which fundamentalists believe, and I believe in one thing more. I want to love the poor and oppressed people." He emphasized the need for a personal testimony of the saving grace of God. "Because Jesus has saved me, I believe that he can save all people in Japan." But the stirring climax of his message was embodied in his challenge. "In the name of Christ let us carry the cross of Christ into all realms of society!" Dr. George W. Truett's address was one of his first messages in the United States after a world tour of Baptist missions, in which he poured out his soul with missionary zeal and Christian passion. "O, these croakers and calamity howlers, these ease-loving prophets running up and down the land. They have directed entirely too much criticism at our mission work. Christ submits himself to scientific test—demonstration by experiment." The offering received at the service amounted to \$1044.44.

The Northern Baptist Convention

The sessions of the Northern Baptist Convention from May 20 to 24 were held in the luxuriously comfortable, air-conditioned Opera House of the St. Louis auditorium with a seating capacity of

about 3000. The convention's theme, "FIRST—HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS," was constantly before the audience. The registration of the 1500 delegates and 500 visitors fell considerably below previous conventions, but the spirit of harmony and constructive purposes characterized every session.

The outstanding feature of this year's convention was the large place which was given on the program and in the thought of the speakers to the youth of our Baptist churches. From the opening keynote address of Dr. James H. Franklin, the convention's president, in which he reviewed the many recent conferences across the land and said that "apparently we must attempt to formulate programs in evangelism and world missions in terms intelligible to young people if their interest is to be held," to the closing address of the convention by Dr. E. MacNeal Poteat on "Christian Youth Facing Our Modern World," youth was in the convention's center of attention.

Many young ministers gave evidence of the fact that the days of great, inspired preaching are not altogether in the past. Time and time again the audiences were spellbound by the addresses of such youthful ministers as the Rev. F. G. Sayers of Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. E. F. Adams of Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. E. A. Fridell of Seattle, Wash.; Rev. Emil Kontz of Pullman, Ill.; Mr. Charles A. Wells of New York City; Rev. F. B. Fagerburg of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Rev. Luther Wesley Smith of Syracuse, N. Y. The sessions of Friday and Saturday evenings and of Sunday were primarily planned for young people. On Friday evening, May 22, before an enthusiastic audience the Rev. Clarence W. Cranford of Philadelphia, Pa., spoke with youthful vigor and clear-eyed vision of "Christ's Challenge to Youth." He was later elected as the second vice-president of the convention, an honor seldom accorded to a young minister. He was preceded on the program by Miss Esther Sing of Ningpo, China, Mrs. Jean Beaven Abernethy of Columbia, Mo., and Mr. C. Elijah Cole, a 17 year old boy from Ottawa, Kansas, who spoke on several aspects of "Youth's Response to the Challenge of the Kingdom."

At the Sunday afternoon service 21 young men and women were presented to the convention and commissioned as missionaries in a memorable gathering. Several of these will soon go to China and India as missionaries on the foreign field.

Young people took a prominent part in the marvelous musical and dramatic features of the convention. The Bacone College Glee Club, composed of 20 full-blooded Indian lads, sang on several occasions. Their rendition of Bach's "Grant Us to Do With Zeal," will long live in tender memory for the writer. The Stephens' College Chorus of about 60 voices, and a negro quintette also con-

tributed greatly to the musical treats of the convention. The pageant, entitled "Roger Williams," presented on Saturday evening, and the dramatization, "The Altar of Flame," brought at the closing Sunday evening session, were colorfully presented and reverently received.

The Retreat is Halted

Northern Baptists seem to have stopped the missionary retreat of the past few years. An encouraging note of hope and optimism could be sounded at the St. Louis Convention. Dr. Franklin reported that "for the first time in eight years the churches increased their offerings for the unified budget by about \$120,000 over the preceding year and in a single year returned to the record made by them two years ago." Stirring applause greeted Dr. A. W. Beaven of Rochester, N. Y., and Dr. E. V. Pierce of Minneapolis, Minn., when they addressed the Thursday evening session on "Stop That Retreat!" The names of the pioneer missionaries, and especially that of the great champion of soul liberty, Roger Williams, were frequently on the lips of speakers. Missionary moving pictures of the centennial celebration held in South China, South India and Bengal Orissa were exceptionally fine and educational.

It was surprising to reflect on the fact that probably the most stirring heights in the convention were reached by speakers from other religious bodies. Dr. Henry H. Crane, minister of the Elm Park Methodist Church of Scranton, Pa., brought two electrifying devotional messages which were regarded by most delegates as "the greatest addresses of the conference." Dr. James Endicott of Canada, a missionary secretary of the United Church of Canada, delivered a provocative apologetic for the missionary enterprise. Dr. Lynn Harold Hough of Madison, N. J., and Dr. Ivan Lee Holt of St. Louis, Mo., representing the Federal Council of Churches, were other Methodist speakers on the program.

The Garden of Grace

By MISS MARTHA E. KECK of Washburn, North Dakota

THERE is a garden of grace in the Kingdom of God. The beautiful gate to this fair garden is open all the time, day and night. Whosoever will may enter by the way of prayer. God keeps this garden for the special benefit of his children. He is often sad because so few of his children avail themselves of the rich fruits of grace which this garden offers.

In this garden there grows a tree which is so tall that its laden branches reach all the way from heaven to earth. It is an ever-bearing tree. Its leaves are always green. They never turn color nor dry up and drop off. It is the only tree upon which there never is found any sour or worm-eaten fruit. The fruit is eternally sweet, strengthening

Convention Side-Lights

There were many interesting side-lights of the convention days. The wonderful display of exhibits of both convention bodies with missionary and denominational literature was unusually interesting and educational. A hog-calling contest among rural pastors was a unique event of the convention. The sight-seeing trip to the Jefferson Memorial in which the Lindbergh trophies are housed and the famous St. Louis Zoo were also enjoyed by many. The special Roger Williams stamp seemed to be in great demand by the convention delegates at the post office booth.

There were many German Baptists in attendance at the convention. Among the ministers and leaders of our churches mention should be made of the Reverends George Hensel, F. L. Strobel, A. F. Runtz, Paul Wengel, Charles F. Zummach, Charles W. Koller, Thomas Stoeri, Theo. W. Dons, Theodore Koester, O. E. Krueger, Martin Heringer, besides Mrs. Hans Steiger of St. Joseph, Mich., Miss Erna Hoelzen of Newark, N. J., Miss Alethea Kose of Chicago, Ill., Mr. Walter A. Staub of Newark, N. J., and Mr. Harold Gieseke of Trenton, Ill.

The newly elected president of the convention is Mr. H. B. Clark, a banker and prominent Baptist layman of North Adams, Mass. The reports of the Commission of Social Action dealing largely with the liquor traffic will be made available to the churches for consideration. The 1937 convention will be held in "the city of brotherly love," Philadelphia! Certainly if the convention hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," with its dedication, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all," is the flaming motto of every Baptist during the coming year, the Philadelphia convention will record a glorious and victorious advance in God's Kingdom for his righteousness!

and refreshing. This singular tree is the tree of divine Love, the kind of love that never fails.

The roots of the tree of divine Love sprang from the seed sown by the sinless gardener who loved the lilies of the field. He carried the seed in his pure heart, when he left the ivory palaces to be born in a manger. He nursed it during his short victorious life among men. He watered it with the tears of Gethsemane and fertilized the roots with the blood that flowed from Calvary.

Why not enter this garden of grace more frequently? You can have all the fruit you want, just for the asking. It is the best diet for spiritual indigestion. It will purge your soul, cleanse your heart and clear your conscience. It will make you a radiating Christian!

BEAUTY for ASHES

by Grace Livingston Hill

SYNOPSIS

Gloria and Vanna, daughters of a fashionable urban family, have been spending several weeks in a picturesque country village where they met Murray MacRae and Robert Carroll and learned a great deal about the Christian faith. This "new something" in Murray and Bob was at first strange to the new girls but they became deeply interested in the meaning of the Christian experience of God. One day they went to Bob Carroll's farm to learn how to plant corn and to have a picnic lunch together, but every action of theirs was closely followed by the gossiping Matilda Coulter with her powerful field glasses. However, the boys lightly laughed over the reports which were passed around in the village about them because they were too big to be bothered by a little gossip, and the four of them forgot the incident in meeting Murray's sister, Lindsay, and her professor friend.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

Three more delightful weeks passed in Afton and Joan came no more to trouble them with idle tales of gossip. The gossip had taken a turn for the better, and kindly eyes turned curiously toward the girls as they went about in the little village, or attended the church where their father used to be as a boy. Vanna reflected one day on this and decided that Robert Carroll's method for stopping gossip must have been effective.

Vanna had seen Robert Carroll and Murray MacRae in what Gloria had called their "real" environment now. She had attended several meetings with them, indeed played for them, and had watched the response of the young people to the preaching of the gospel. She knew now what her sister had meant by a spiritual environment, and yet she had not said anything more about it to Gloria. She had just gone on from day to day having a good time, watching Robert Carroll, listening to him sometimes when he talked of the things of another world, yet taking no stand, only listening. But Gloria felt no longer worried lest she would make fun of their two new friends, no fear lest she would intentionally try to win the heart of either of these young men just to throw it away when she went from them. Vanna was thinking deeply, that was apparent, but what she was thinking she did not say. Only one thing, she had not mentioned again the name of Emory Zane.

And then one day just after lunch a

great cream-colored car bright with chromium and noisy with trumpets came blaring up to the quiet old door of the Sutherland house, and there was Emory Zane, come to find Vanna!

Mrs. Sutherland had been most discreet in her further talks with Emory Zane, following the conversation she had with her husband about him. For he came again as she had known he would, to see what news there was of Vanna, to see if she had returned yet. And when he came Vanna's mother received him with a purring tone and discoursed discreetly about Vanna's father, "poor man," being so distracted with business that they really didn't like to cross him in his whims, and one of the latest whims had been to send Gloria and Vanna off to his old home town and have them stay a while among rural surroundings.

"And of course it isn't so bad for Gloria," added her mother with a pensive tone, "poor child! She really is just as well away from things for a while. But poor Vanna! It is terribly hard on her to be stuck away in that isolated hole with nothing on earth to do from morning till night. It was so sweet of her to give up her own life here and go up there to try and help her sister out."

"Where are they, Mrs. Sutherland?" asked the young man eagerly. "Why shouldn't I take a spin up there and give them a little excitement?"

"Oh, that would be wonderful of you!" said the mother warmly. "I just know Vanna would appreciate that so much! You see we were all so worried about Gloria, or Vanna wouldn't have left just now. We couldn't persuade Gloria to return. She shrinks so, poor child, from meeting the world again, and keeps putting it off from day to day. That's really why Vanna went up. I've been so hoping she would be able to get Gloria to be sensible about it and come home, but in the last letter Vanna seemed to think it was impossible to move her just yet."

"I might even be able to persuade them to come home with me," said the young man loftily, as if when he undertook a matter it was sure to go through.

"Oh, I would be so grateful if you could do that," said Vanna's mother with a dewy look of gratitude around her eyes. "I have been so sorry for Vanna. I know she will be just too pleased to see you coming! And I'm sure it will be good for Gloria, too. But may I ask you, please, not to say any-

thing to Mr. Sutherland about it? He is so harassed with business just now, those foreign finance matters you know, and he takes strange notions."

"You mean against me?" asked the man of the world with a slow smile.

"Well, I wouldn't exactly like to say that," said Mrs. Sutherland, "but somewhere of course he has heard some of the rumors you were speaking about, and it isn't always easy to disabuse his mind of a thing he has once heard. But of course it will all pass away and be forgotten in a few days. And it's so kind of you to think of going to see the girls."

There was a sinister glitter of satisfaction in Zane's eyes as he left the Sutherland mansion and drove away turning over his plans in his mind. It would suit him very well if he could put Mr. Sutherland in a position where he could no longer use his influence against him.

And so Emory Zane had arranged his affairs and taken his way in his big cream-colored car up to Afton.

Vanna was on the front piazza in the hammock reading when he came, and her greeting was not especially joyous. She and Gloria had planned to go to the woods in a few minutes and bring back some lovely maiden-hair ferns they had discovered in a clump by the roadside a few days before. John Hastings had dug up and mellowed the spot at the shady end of the porch where they wanted to put them and they were eager to get them planted. And now this arrival was an interruption. If they were hindered very long they would have to wait another day for the ferns because they were due to go to MacRae's at five o'clock to practise some music for a meeting that evening over at Quiet Valley and they mustn't be late for the rehearsal.

So Vanna arose from the hammock and came slowly down the steps to meet her caller, with no very eager smile on her face. For one thing the car with its noisy trumpets and gaudy fittings struck a wrong note in this quiet country town, and she suddenly felt that it was out of place. She cast a quick anxious glance down across the road to the MacRae house. What would Lindsey, sweet quiet Lindsey, think of her caller? Murray, she knew, had gone into Ripley on business. He was coming back with Robert Carroll at five for practise. Vanna hoped she could get rid of her caller before that.

"Of all things!" said Vanna lazily when she knew she must speak. "Where in the world did you come from?"

"Straight from your home, darling!" said Emory Zane coming up the walk and taking Vanna's hand in his for a close clasp, then stooping he bent over with courtly manner to kiss her fingers.

"Don't be silly!" said Vanna sharply, snatching her hand away, and aware of the color that spread over her annoyed face. This sort of thing didn't belong up here and she wondered why she had such a strong desire to give the man a good sharp slap on his handsome supercilious face. She wondered why she had ever been intrigued by him.

"I've brought you a package from your mother!" he said, handing out a suit box which Vanna at once suspected contained clothing that her mother thought more suitable for entertaining millionaires than that she had brought with her.

"Oh, that was kind of you!" she said, trying to keep the annoyance out of her voice. "I hope you didn't have to go far out of your way. I am afraid you did, for I can't imagine your being interested so far out of the world as this. There really is nothing up here that you would care for, I'm afraid, unless you like views."

"There's always *you*," said the young man in that soft, impressive tone of his that had so often flattered her, and he looked deep into her eyes with a significance that he hoped would bring the lovely color into her face again.

"Oh, that's so kind of you!" said Vanna, quickly slipping into the old mocking tone wherewith she had been used to meet such flatteries at home.

"I found that Roseland was a desert without you, Vanna!" he said, his eyes seeking hers intimately, "and I've come to take you back again. I came just for that! And your sister, too, of course, if she would like to go," he added formally.

Vanna laughed.

"That's quite impossible!" she said gaily. "My sister and I may be up here several weeks yet. She doesn't feel at all happy about going home, and it's doing her a lot of good here. But it certainly was kind of you to think of us and we're just as grateful as if it were possible for us to go. Won't you come up and sit on the porch a few minutes before you start on?"

"But I'm not starting on," said Emory Zane with that slow lazy smile that was so sure of itself, and that sinister glitter in his handsome eyes that had often fascinated her. She wondered, now, why it had. "I'm not starting on anywhere until you go with me. I don't care what your sister does, but you've got to go back with me. Your mother wants you. She sent very insistent messages to that effect. She needs you very much right away! And—" he looked deep into her eyes again—"I need you, *darling*! Isn't it enough that I left everything else and came up here after you? Don't I deserve the right to take you home?"

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Commencement at Our Seminary

By PROFESSOR ARTHUR A. SCHADE

The eighty-sixth year of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., came to a close with the exercises held on May 17 and 18. Nature favored the occasion by bringing the lilacs, for which Rochester is famous, into full bloom while the parks took on a radiant hue from the riotous tulip beds. Specimens of these spring flowers added their charm to church and banquet tables.

It was a memorable commencement, since it marked the retirement of the last of the second generation of theological professors. Professor August Rauschenbusch set the precedent of resigning with the advance of age back in 1888, and others have followed his example. Professor Schaeffer labored until his sudden death, but Professors Gubelmann, Kaiser, Ramaker, and now Professor F. W. C. Meyer, have stepped aside and surrendered their positions to younger successors. Since the passing on of Professor G. A. Schneider less than ten years ago, an entirely new faculty has entered upon the work. With the fall Professor O. E. Krueger will occupy the chair of theology and homiletics, and Professor Frank Woyke, who appeared on the scene for the commencement program, will take over the work in the preparatory department.

On such an occasion many grateful pupils, admiring friends and fraternal colleagues long to honor the retiring professor. Except for the resolutions of esteem of the School Committee which were read by the Rev. C. A. Daniel, a member of the committee and a friend of seventy years, and will be published in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald," and for the farewell address by Professor F. W. C. Meyer to the graduating class, the tributes were reserved for the annual alumni banquet on Monday evening, May 18. At this occasion Professor O. E. Krueger functioned with his accustomed grace as toastmaster. Dean Bretschneider presented the chief address in honor of the departing colleague, which will appear in "The Baptist Herald," and Professors A. J. Ramaker and L. Kaiser, and the Reverends C. A. Daniel and H. W. Wedel gave expression to the feelings, which all, who know Professor Meyer intimately, cherish, namely, feelings of admiration, confidence and high esteem. The delicious dinner served by our housemother, Mrs. Storz, and her helpers, elicited a message of appreciation from Professor Dymmel on behalf of the guests. It would be presumption to seek to set forth the response by the guest of honor, Professor Meyer, who is a master of poetic, radiant speech and wholesome humor. Suffice it to say that he went out on the rolling tide of good cheer, and that he will face his retirement in tireless activity and in pursuit of the many interests which so greatly enrich his life.

It was a rare privilege to have the Rev. H. W. Wedel, pastor of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., as the missionary preacher. His cheerful personality and hopeful outlook along with his profound sermon on "The Workers of the Lord in Their Calling" and the commencement address on "An Overwhelming Vision" all served to make it a glad and an inspiring occasion. Never will the six graduates forget the spiritual impact of the message as they go forth into their respective fields. The address to the graduating class was presented by the retiring professor who spoke on "Success in Doing Your Best." It was a message which one, looking back over an eminently successful life of service, could well give to his younger brothers. The speaker was himself an excellent embodiment of the advice which he gave to his pupils on the eve of their departure into the field.

Three of the graduates, Gottlieb Beutler, Edward Kary and Wm. Sturhahn, are definitely engaged for permanent pastorates respectively in Olds, Alberta; Durham, Kansas; and Spring Valley and Unityville, South Dakota. The other three, Palmer R. Orthner, Fred Schilling and John Mueller, are still negotiating, hoping and praying that the Lord may direct them into fields where they might serve him. Dean Bretschneider will be glad to correspond with churches concerning these men.

All eyes are directed toward the summer's activities of the students and teachers who rejoice to leave the school halls for a season and to come into closer contact with the people of the churches who through their gifts and prayers have made the school possible.

But we also have the farther look. How quickly the summer months will pass and the new school year will be upon us!

A new interest in the opening of the school next fall will be the induction of the new professor in the preparatory department, the Rev. Frank Woyke, who will be professor of English and Science.

During recent years the custom has been formed for graduating classes to institute a memorial. Quite frequently it has taken the form of books which are always sorely needed for our library. This year it was a picture which was unveiled at the alumni banquet and which will grace the student's lounge to be arranged during the summer. Mention should also be made of the unveiling of the enlarged photo of Professor Meyer, which will hang in the chapel along with those of his other retired colleagues. From that vantage point he will be looking into the eyes of the chapel preachers challenging them to give the students some spiritual food by the memory of the wonderful chapel talks which he has presented during the passing years.

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the Rev. Stanley Belland, pastor of the Jefferson Park Bible Church, brought lectures on "Biblical Prophecy in the Light of Present World Events." Mr. Walter Pankratz is president of the Chicago Union.

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The Rev. Theodore Koester, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., since last summer, has resigned and has accepted the call of the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., where he will complete his university studies at the nearby Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn. His resignation from the large Temple Church was regretfully presented because of inability to complete the university course besides leading such a metropolitan church in its program of varied activities. Mr. Koester will make the change at the beginning of September.

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Impressive services were held at the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., on Mother's Day, May 10. The Sunshine Circle participated in the morning service with appropriate musical numbers. The evening service was in charge of the youth of the church with the following taking part: Carl and Clarence Heiman, Robert Brassel, Robert Dittrich, Joseph Lengyel, Earl Johnson and the Rev. Daniel Meyerhoefer. After the services the girls of the Sunshine Circle presented a pot'd plant of flowers to each mother present.

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On Easter Sunday evening the Plum Creek B. Y. P. U. of South Dakota rendered an inspirational program in the church which was repeated at Parkston, So. Dak., on Sunday evening, April 19. It consisted of two dialogues, entitled, "The Power and the Glory" and "The Fifty Dollar Check," and of numbers by soloists, duets, a trio, and a ladies' chorus, a musical reading, recitations and talks. The corresponding secretary, C. Triebwasser, reported that as a society they "have many reasons to praise God since he has so abundantly blessed us during the past year."

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The Midwest Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, composed of the churches in Peoria, Trenton and Pekin, Illinois, held its annual conference in the State Park Church of Peoria on Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26. Dr. J. A. Eastman, a physician of Peoria, addressed the young people at Saturday evening's banquet on the dire effects of alcoholic beverages. Mr. Leuschner, our young people's secretary, spoke at the Sunday services and led a forum on Sunday afternoon. The newly elected officers are Virgil Grant, president; Virginia Zimmerman, vice-president; Dorothy Aberle, secretary-treasurer; and Wylette Rule, chairman of the program committee.

The Rev. William A. Mueller, Ph. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been called as professor of church history and comparative religion to the Eastern Baptist Seminary of Philadelphia, Pa., where he will succeed the late Professor Wilbur Elmore who passed away last fall. The felicitations of Professor Mueller's many friends who are "Baptist Herald" readers are united with the congratulations to the seminary on the wise and fine selection. An article by Professor Mueller will be featured in the July 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald."

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The Rev. and Mrs. George Zinz of Neustadt, Ontario, Canada, were recently surprised by the church on the completion of five years of service in the church with a program in their honor and the presentation of gifts. A letter was read from the members of the Neustadt Baptist Church from which the following quotation is made: "Our hearts are filled with praise and thankfulness to God for directing you into our midst. The church has moved steadily forward into the service of the Master. May God's richest blessings rest on all your efforts throughout the coming years!"

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The 70th anniversary of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., was observed on Tuesday evening, April 28, with festive exercises before a large audience of members and friends. The Rev. E. Berger of Bridgeport, Conn., a former pastor, spoke of interesting events during his pastorate. The Rev. H. Schnuit of Bethlehem, Pa., related the incidents of going from the church to the seminary. Greetings were brought by the Rev. John Schmidt and the Rev. Wm. Swyter of Union City, N. J., and the Rev. F. Orthner and the Rev. J. Grygo of New York City. The history of the church was read by the church clerk. The Rev. Victor Prendergast has been pastor of the church since 1924 and his devoted ministry has been richly blessed of God.

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On Sunday evening, May 10, the young people's society of the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., presented a fine Mother's Day program with its president, George Peters, in charge. Musical numbers were rendered by Olga Kurtz in a piano prelude, Paul Bertuleit with a clarinet solo, Reinhold Schaub, Lorne Ristau, Howard Losli and Eleonore Bertuleit in a violin quartet and Mildred Weiss, Victoria Aplanalp and Opal Jones in a vocal trio. Beatrice Krell brought a reading entitled "Somebody's Mother." The dialogue, "A Mother's Love," was presented by Edward May and Walter Helser. The Rev. Fred F. Mueller, the associate pastor, brought a brief Mother's Day message.

The Waco B. Y. P. U. has been quite busy recently with various activities, according to Miss Hilda Stobbe, corresponding secretary. On Mother's Day a mock radio program was held and a welcome message was heard by the Rev. L. Hoeffner, former pastor of the church. On Easter Sunday after the annual Easter egg hunt and picnic the Crawford B. Y. P. U. presented an inspirational program. The 9th annual training school was held from March 16 to 20 with the following teachers conducting the classes: Rev. H. Ekkrut, pastor of the Cottonwood Church; Miss Viola Hansen, Intermediate leader of the Cottonwood Church; Rev. A. Becker of Waco; and Walter Schaible, the Junior B. Y. P. U. leader of the Waco Church. On Friday evening, May 15, the Cottonwood B. Y. P. U. rendered a fine program in the Waco Church.

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The Nebraska Association was held in the German Baptist Church of Beatrice, Nebr., from April 30 to May 3 with representatives from the churches in Shell Creek, Creston and Beatrice in attendance. The evening and Sunday services were well attended by young and old alike and were addressed by the Rev. Martin de Boer of Shell Creek, the Rev. J. J. Renz of Creston and Mr. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago, Ill. Visiting ministers who participated in the program were also the Rev. G. Bornschlegel of Omaha and the Rev. A. Marquardt of Beatrice. The Rev. J. H. Pankratz of Beatrice ably served as moderator of the association. The young people's program on Sunday afternoon, in charge of Mr. Herbert Kpf of Beatrice, was featured by the song, "Follow the Gleam," sung by 25 young women of the Beatrice World Wide Guild, and inspiring recitations by several young women from the Shell Creek and Creston churches.

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The West Nebraska and Colorado Association met in the German Baptist Church of Scottsbluff, Nebr., from May 7 to 10 with quite a number of the La Salle delegates joining the members and friends of the Scottsbluff Church. The election of officers resulted as follows: Rev. Phil. Lauer of Scottsbluff, moderator; Rev. Theodore Frey of La Salle, secretary; and Mr. Philip Hamburger of Scottsbluff, treasurer. The Rev. R. Vassel of Bison, Kansas, and Mr. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago, Ill., were the guest speakers at the association and participated in the several sessions with Bible discourses, missionary challenges and addresses. The young people's program on Sunday afternoon was in charge of Mr. Fred Hamburger, the president of the Scottsbluff B. Y. P. U. The Rev. Theodore Frey of La Salle brought the Thursday evening and Sunday morning messages besides a discourse on the first epistle of Peter in a provocative discourse.

Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Tuesday, June 16

How Far Does God's Mercy Reach?

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost (evermore)." Heb. 7:25.

Read Hebrews 7:23-28.

God be praised for his boundless and unstinted grace! It reaches out to the farthest soul and down to the deepest sin. No one of us is so good that he needs not to draw upon this overflow of God's love. Nor is any one so wayward, so lost in sin, that Christ cannot lead him back to the Father.

Prayer: "We rejoice, merciful God, in the plenitude of thy grace and in the fullness of thy salvation."

Wednesday, June 17

Exit Moses, Enter Joshua

"Moses, my servant, is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, (Joshua), and all this people." Joshua 1:2.

Read Numbers 27:18-20; Joshua 1:1-5. The leaders pass, but the work goes on. Can anything be done after the loss of a Moses? Will there not be despair and paralysis? But the Lord is still alive and he has another leader to put in Moses' place. And with the new leader, new aims and ideals rise like the stars on the horizon to lure the people on.

Prayer: "We thank thee, O God, that no human death can make void thy plans."

Thursday, June 18

Faith, What Is It?

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1.

Read Hebrews 11:1-7.

The author of Hebrews declares faith to be the giving of substance to things hoped for and the putting to the test of the things not seen. This definition makes it clear that real, vital faith is action on the basis of belief. Christian faith lies in a person's being persuaded that Christ's way of life is right and then staking all upon that belief.

Prayer: "Thou wise and holy One, clarify and correct our beliefs and make them the guide of our conduct."

Friday, June 19

Our Richest Possession

"Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee." Psalm 73:25.

Read Psalm 73:21-28.

Merely to worship God in awe of his greatness is not to please him fully. He wants us to use him as a priceless possession. We live in him; but he also lives in us to bring to our souls the power of his own infinite life. To possess him is to own the highest and the best.

Saturday, June 20

Faith and Prayer

"Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1. Read Luke 11:1-10.

We learn to trust a friend by simply trusting him. Our faith in him grows as our friendship deepens, and our friendship deepens with our growing faith. Thus, faith in God comes by companionship with him in the practice of his presence in prayer and his companionship grows more comforting.

Prayer: "Draw us by thy mercies, if thou canst; drive us by sore trouble, if need be, to the joy and confidence of prayer."

Sunday, June 21

Secret Sins

"Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance." Psalm 90:8.

Read Psalm 90:7-12.

The sins which are hardest to banish are those hidden away in the dark places of our thought or practice. Unobserved by others, the secret sins of temper, pride, uncharitableness and sensuality work disaster, because being so easily concealed, they make themselves at home within us. But they gradually impair our character and end at last in moral overthrow.

Prayer: "O God of our life, grant us deliverance from the sins that lurk in the shadowy places of our souls."

Monday, June 22

Casting Seed

"He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Gal. 6:8.

Read Galatians 6:3-10.

We are ever sowing. There is no moment, in which seed is not scattered, even by the most careless. For good or ill, for higher or lower, toward faith or toward disillusionment, we are influencing other souls by our words and deeds, and more especially by the temper and spirit of our lives. Let us look to our sowing!

Prayer: "Father of mercies, save us from carelessness in sowing."

Tuesday, June 23

The Mightier Weapons

"And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20.

Read Judges 7:16-23.

God has often achieved his purposes with very insignificant means. With instruments of little worth he has wrought deliverance for the cause of right. God is not always on the side of great battalions, but he honors enthusiasm, patriotism, justice and the love of right.

Prayer: "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Wednesday, June 24

Rejected of Men

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not." John 1:11.

Read John 1:6-13.

It is one of the tragedies of this confused world that the only life ever lived here which completely realized the ideals of our humanity should have been treated with scant courtesy and counted as a stranger. But if he should come again in the flesh, would our Lord be otherwise received today?

Prayer: "Our Father, may the companionship of Christ be our supreme desire."

Thursday, June 25

A Parting of the Ways

"And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth clave unto her." Ruth 1:14.

Read Ruth 1:14-22.

Ruth and Orpah—Moabites—were daughters-in-law of the Jewess, Naomi. All three had lost their husbands. After 10 years of residence in Moab, Naomi determined to return to the land of Judah. Ruth and Orpah at first went with her, but at the border of Moab Naomi urged them to return to their own people. Orpah affectionately parted from her, but Ruth clave to her. Orpah loved, but Ruth loved more.

Prayer: "May nothing, dear Master, break the ties that bind us to thee and to the Church."

Friday, June 26

The Sin of Hypocrisy

"Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." Acts 5:4.

Read Acts 5:1-11.

There was a rich spiritual life in the early Church, but there were also the stirrings of evil. Barnabas was held in honor for his noble generosity. Ananias and Sapphira apparently coveted the same honor but were unwilling to pay the cost. Their sin was hypocrisy. They tried to make it appear that they had done what they had not done. The Holy Spirit in the Church is, however, the Spirit of truth, who hates pretense.

Prayer: "O thou Holy One, help us to walk before thee in truth and sincerity."

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Reports from the Field

Northwestern Conference

The Mary and Martha Class in the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

When Jesus dwelt on earth in human form, he had occasion to pass through Bethany. One home, in particular, attracted him, which was that of Mary and Martha.

In a church named Bethany, such as ours in Milwaukee, Wis., it is appropriate that there be a group of women, named "the Mary and Martha Class." Just as Mary of old typified devotion and Martha service, so these modern replicas of Mary and Martha are organized for a twofold purpose, namely, the study of God's Word and service.

On Sunday evening, April 26, this class took charge of the evening service. A most interesting and inspiring missionary program was rendered, in which each of the 23 active members of the class had some part. Two plays entitled, "The Clinic of a Missionary Specialist" and "Missionary Arithmetic," were presented. Musical numbers were rendered by our ladies' quartet and by an instrumental trio. The class sang the hymn, "Living for Jesus." An unexpected treat was a brief talk by our own Pearl Vilhauer, now of Friendship House, Detroit, Mich., who had surprised us with a visit.

We pray that God may continue to bless our class in the future as he has in the past. LAURA WEIHE, Reporter.

The Willing Workers' Society of Watertown, Wis.

In January of this year a group of nine girls in the First Church of Watertown, Wis., was organized into "the Willing Workers Club." The officers are as follows: Joyce Krueger, president; Hazel Sayles, vice-president and White Cross chairman; Bernice Krause, treasurer; Erma Goetsch, secretary and pianist; and Mrs. G. Wetter and Mrs. E. Bender, supervisors.

As our name implies we want to be "willing workers" for our Master. We meet on the first Monday of every month at one of the member's homes. We have a short devotional service at the beginning of each meeting, which is in charge of a different person each time. We sing a few songs, have a Scripture reading and prayer, and then often someone reads an interesting article from the magazine, "Missions." We also have a song entitled, "Who Will be a Helper," in which we change the words of the last chorus as follows:

"We will all be Helpers
In this world of sin,
We will let the sunshine
Of the gospel in;
Telling out the story

Of the Savior's love,
Pointing out the pathway
To our home above."

At our meetings we sew or cut bandages and plan how to cheer people who are less fortunate than we are. At present we are cutting bandages and surgical towels for Miss Koppin in Africa and are making aprons and pillow cases for the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich. In January we gave our first program consisting of several musical numbers and a dialogue entitled, "Moses."

ERNA GOETSCH, Secretary.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of Wausau, Wis.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., rendered its thirty-eighth anniversary program on Wednesday evening, April 15, at the church. There was a large attendance and the free-will offering was sent to one of our own members, the Rev. Stuart Gunzel and his wife, who are missionaries in Pailung-miao, Mongolia.

One of the high lights of the program was reached, when our president, Mrs. Frank Buss, gave a bouquet of dainty flowers to each of our four remaining charter members and to all the older ladies.

The society now has 43 members with an average attendance of 30 active members. There were 11 missionary and 3 White Cross meetings during the year 1935. All except one of the missionary meetings were held in the church parlors. The July meeting was held at Maroon Park in the nature of a picnic. Although there were only 3 White Cross meetings many things were accomplished. Three quilts, some children's mittens, besides our White Cross quota, were given to various institutions and needy friends. Some clothing was given to a local needy family, and now the four older children are attending our Sunday School. The flower fund chairman reported that eight dollars worth of cheer had been given to ill members and friends. The treasurer reported our receipts as \$232.04 and our disbursements as \$231.04.

We were fortunate in having the following speakers with us: the Rev. and Miss Erna Flatter from South India, Mr. Geis, our colporteur, and the Rev. and Mrs. L. James Kindig, who conducted evangelistic meetings at the church.

There were only five members who had a perfect attendance at the missionary meetings, but illness has been prevalent. As there were only two who did not attend any of the meetings, still feel that we are "missionary minded."

MRS. ZENAS PITTSLEY, Secretary.

The Rev. O. W. Brenner and Family Welcomed to George, Iowa

We of the Second Church of George, Iowa, regretted very much to lose the efficient and faithful service of our former pastor, the Rev. T. W. Bender, and family, whom the Lord called to a wider field of activity, but God has been very gracious in filling the vacancy thus made by giving us the Rev. O. W. Brenner and family, formerly of Sheffield, Iowa, who arrived here on April 11. Their household goods having reached here the day previous, it was possible for the congregation to have everything in readiness upon their arrival, including groceries which the Ladies' Aid Society provided.

The following day being Easter, the services began with a sunrise prayer meeting, where all present felt that we could say, "It is good to be there!" This spirit was present in the services during the remainder of the day, when we were richly blessed. On Tuesday evening, April 14, a reception was given the Brenner family. Mr. H. G. Mulder, one of our deacons, introduced the speakers who took part in the program. Several musical numbers were included. Superintendent F. A. Stubbe spoke for the Sunday School; Arthur DeNeui, president of the B. Y. P. U., represented that society; Esther Hass, vice-president of the World Wide Guild, gave a short talk in behalf of her organization, and the girls also presented the church with a pulpit light. The Ladies' Aid Society sang the song, "It Pays to Serve Jesus," after which Mrs. W. F. Hass, president, gave a short brief address of welcome.

The Rev. C. F. Dallmus delivered the sermon of the evening using for his theme part of Acts 10:33-34, "Thou hast done well to come. Now therefore we are all present before God to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." The Rev. R. E. Niebrugge of the Presbyterian Church read the Scripture passage and the Rev. C. G. Ziegler of the Evangelical Church led in prayer. After these various forms of welcome were extended, responses were made by Mr. and Mrs. Brenner. The Rev. Mr. Jordan led in a closing prayer.

F. A. STUBBE, Clerk.

Atlantic Conference The 80th Anniversary of the East Baptist Church, Wilmington, Del.

The 17th of April was a day of rejoicing for our church in Wilmington, Delaware. For on that day we celebrated our 80th anniversary. We had planned for this occasion weeks ahead, and very body was looking forward to it with real anticipation. At our anniversary supper our Marthas swung into action and

served us at our places at tables that were beautifully decorated.

Later we filled the church that had been decorated with large baskets of magnolia blossoms and golden chain. With thanksgiving welling up in our hearts to God for the founding of our church and for continuing the ministry of the gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, during these 80 years, we sang "Now Thank We All Our God" with real feeling. Our pastor, the Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, lead us in a prayer of thanksgiving for the manifold blessings of God, asking for a continuance of God's grace and work among us. The Willing Workers asked "Who Will Our Pilot Be?" in the future and answered it by saying "Christ Will Our Pilot Be" in song. Besides the Rev. Erby Davis of the People's Baptist Church of Hamilton Park the Rev. Paul Bowling of the Judson Memorial Baptist Church and the Rev. F. Raymond Baker, president of the Delaware Baptist State Convention, brought congratulations. Our church still loves the men who served it in the past, and so we rejoiced to hear from the Reverends H. C. Baum, H. R. Schroeder, Carl Schenk and E. G. Kliese by letter. The Rev. Julius Kaaz, moderator of the Atlantic Conference, sent congratulations by telegram, while the Rev. Chas. W. Koller, secretary of the conference missionary committee, sent his good wishes.

Eighty years ago Jeremias Grimmell left Marburg on the river Lahn in Germany because of religious persecution. He went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and then came to Wilmington to begin a book-binding business. Grimmell was an ardent scul-winner. He went among the Germans of Wilmington, started prayer meetings in his own home, and souls found peace in the blood of the Lamb. Konrad A. Fleischmann also came and preached and helped the group of believers. Baptisms were repeatedly held in the Second Baptist Church, at that time located around the corner from the present location. So the work here began by prayer and the preaching of the Word accompanied by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

Fourteen believers formed the original group which ventured to found a church in Wilmington. They grew, and God's blessing was with them. An English Baptist woman, Miss Anne Semple, helped the group to acquire the present site as well as a parsonage.

The church has been on the same corner for 80 years. The work has grown under the ministry of godly men who were its pastors. The neighborhood was almost solidly German years ago, but it is now a Negro section. A year ago it was felt advisable to drop the German language in an effort to serve the younger generation and to win some of the community. At our last business meeting we decided to change the name of our church to the East Baptist Church. We can report increased attendance in the services, and there is an expectation of larger things.

Dakota Conference

Baptist Young People's Summer Assembly of the Central Dakota Association

Jamestown, North Dakota

June 23-26, 1936

Theme: "Elements of True Greatness"

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

7:30: Evening Worship.

Song Service, Rev. W. A. Weyhrauch of Jamestown, No. Dak.

Welcome and Response.

Address: "Irrisistible Religion" by Prof. Albert Bretschneider, Rochester, N. Y.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

9:00: Devotionals, Jamestown Society.

9:30: Class: "Character," Prof. A. Bretschneider.

11:00: Class: The Teacher's Task. "The Name," Prof. O. E. Krueger.

1:30: Class: "Achievement," Prof. A. Bretschneider.

2:30: Business meeting.

3:30: Recreation.

7:30: Song Service, Rev. A. Krombein of Fredonia, No. Dak.

8:00: Address: "It's Up to You," Prof. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

9:00: Devotionals, Gackle Society.

9:30: Class: "The Aim," Prof. O. E. Krueger.

11:00: Class: "Heroism," Prof. A. Bretschneider.

1:30: Class: "The Game," Prof. O. E. Krueger.

2:20: Class: "Spirit," Prof. A. Bretschneider.

3:10: Outing.

7:00: Vesper Service. "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," Prof. A. Bretschneider.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

9:00: Devotionals, Linton Society.

9:30: Class: "The Lame," Prof. O. E. Krueger.

10:30: Intermission and Special Music.

11:00: Class: "Love," Prof. A. Bretschneider.

1:30: Class: "The Blame," Prof. O. E. Krueger.

2:34: Business meeting.

8:00: Literary Program by the Young People.

Reception for the New Pastor at Anamoose, No. Dak.

On Sunday evening, March 15, the Rev. W. W. Knauf and family were greeted by the members of the German Baptist Church in Anamoose, No. Dak. A large crowd filled the church to welcome the new pastor who had come from Oak Park, Illinois, to succeed the Rev. J. J. Lucas.

Mr. August Kurzweg, a deacon of the church, presided at the reception. The Rev. G. Rauser of Martin led in the opening prayer. A song was rendered by the Alpha Class. This was followed by short messages of welcome by the representatives of the various organi-

zations. Mr. J. H. Mantz spoke for the church in Anamoose and Mr. Christ Wagner in behalf of the station at Lincoln Valley. Mrs. P. G. Helm gave a recitation. Mr. Edmund Wehr represented the Sunday School. Mrs. J. J. Schmidt welcomed the new pastor and his family in behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society and Mr. Gilbert Derman spoke in behalf of the B. Y. P. U. Letters were read that had reached the secretary from the Reverends J. J. Lucas and G. E. Ehler in which they expressed their best wishes to the pastor and his family as well as to the church. Several musical selections were rendered by the Junior Male Quartet. Messrs. Christ B. umhagen and Martin Kandt of Rosenfield and Jacob Stotz of Berlin also spoke words of welcome. The Rev. G. Rauser brought a short address and the Rev. August Heringer of Ashley, No. Dak., who had served the Anamoose Church 35 years ago, spoke to the church members. The Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Knauf responded with greetings of appreciation.

May the Lord bless the new pastor, his wife and daughter and the many people with whom he will come in contact on his new field!

B. Y. P. U. Report From Martin, No. Dak.

Recently it was our privilege as a B. Y. P. U. in Martin, No. Dak., to render our annual program, the occasion being our 22nd anniversary. It was held in the school auditorium which was filled to capacity. We were, indeed, happy to see our friends respond in such numbers to our invitation and to the welcome by our president, Robert Rust, on the evening of the anniversary.

Our programs during the past year were very successful, having been planned by a program committee appointed each month by the president. The programs consisted of a variety of numbers including instrumental and vocal selections, readings, recitation and talks. The Bible Contest aided us in gaining more knowledge of the Bible.

On the evening of the anniversary program it was our privilege to have Mr. Harry Schultz, a member of our society, and Mr. Ruben Haga from the radio station KLPM of Minot with us to sing our favorite songs. The rest of the program included a girls' trio, quartet, two plays and an address by Mr. W. W. Knauf of the Anamoose Church. The words spoken by Christ, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven," were portrayed in the play entitled, "Where Your Treasure Is, Your Heart Is Also." The moral of the play, "Finding the Golden Key," was that prayer is needed for renewed strength from God.

Our Young People's Society meets on every second and fourth Sunday of each month. We are proud to display the banner of Christ in our community and vicinity.

FRED J. KNOLSON, Secretary.

Picture Contest in Unityville, So. Dak.

During the past winter the Young People's Class and the Loyal Workers' Class of our church in Unityville, So. Dak., held a contest in which pictures were drawn by members of the Sunday School classes on the lessons found in Nehemiah. That contest culminated in a pleasant evening's entertainment on Thursday, April 3, after the losers, the Loyal Workers' Class, had prepared and served a three course dinner.

The program which was rendered, consisted of a number of lively choruses led by our pastor, the Rev. J. G. Rott, Scripture reading and prayer by members of the Loyal Workers' Class and the recitation of a poem written by Mrs. Chris Helwig entitled "Rebuilding the Wall of Jerusalem." The Rev. J. G. Rott brought a timely and well received message. After the benediction the prize picture was unveiled which had been won by the Young People's Class.

The Loyal Workers' Class was organized in January, 1930. We now have 27 members. Our faithful and loving teacher is Mrs. L. R. Duke. Others serving as officers are Mrs. Edwin Wobig, president; Reuben Rabenhorst, vice-president; Mrs. Anna Franke, secretary-treasurer.

A portion of the poem written and recited by Mrs. Chris Helwig follows:

"Nehemiah with guard and trumpeter at side

Kept the people at work until eventide;
So they builded the wall, each man and lad,

Never a moment to themselves they had.

They builded with stone and wood,
At night a group of families as sentinels stood;

The enemies, saying, that had to stop,
Immediately began to plan and plot.

They worked in the cool and worked in the heat,

In fifty-two days the wall was complete;
The city was saved, the census he took;
You'll find it all recorded in his book."

Pacific Conference

Fifth Anniversary Program of the Ebenezer B. Y. P. U. of Los Angeles, Calif.

The fifth anniversary program of the Ebenezer Young People's Society of Los Angeles was celebrated at the Granada Park Women's Club House in Alhambra on April 19. Our friends from the Bethel Church of Anaheim and the First Church of Los Angeles were present in goodly numbers. The platform was decorated appropriately with flowers of which we have so varied an assortment in California. Cala lillies, sweet peas, stocks, roses, iris and ferns were combined with pleasing effect.

After a prelude by Helen Clauder, Harold Cross, a Bible Institute graduate

and prominent song leader of Southern California, led us in a stirring song service. Then followed a Scripture reading by our vice-president, Ephraim Stranske, and prayer by the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, after which our president, William Metzler, gave a short welcome address.

A musical saw number was rendered, followed by a violin duet by John Feldmeth and Ernest Clauder. Miss Lydia Stranske brought a recitation, entitled "My Presence Shall Go With Thee." A duet, "That Beautiful Land," by Ephraim Stranske and Ernest Clauder, was followed by a play written especially for the occasion by one of our members, Margaret Bradfield, entitled "The Ten Lepers." The speaker of the evening, Mr. Harold Cross, spoke to us on "Effectual Christian Living," calling attention to many shortcomings in our Christian life as seen by the world about us. The song, "Gladness When He Walks With Me," was sung by Margaret Clearwater, Helen Clauder and Esther Phelps, after which our pastor, the Rev. Karl Feldmeth, introduced the officers for the new year. They are as follows: Carl Feldmeth, president; Paul Clearwater, vice-president; Esther Phelps, secretary; and Lydia Stranske, treasurer.

May the new year find us faithful and ever anxious to exert our influence on our environment to the end that Jesus might be glorified!

ESTHER PHELPS, Secretary.

Southwestern Conference Recent Events in the Church at Lorraine, Kansas

We as a church in Lorraine, Kansas, are working unitedly with our pastor, the Rev. Pieter Smit, in the Kingdom work. Our meetings have been well attended. Our prayer meetings include not only prayer and praise but are followed by Bible study. The study of the book of Daniel is being followed by a study of the book of Revelation. This has been very interesting, especially for those "that love His appearing."

The pre-Easter meeting was held as usual in the church in which a fine spirit prevailed. Cottage prayer meetings were started at that time which are continuing indefinitely. The pre-Easter service was more devotional than evangelistic, but two persons yielded themselves to God's call and were baptized on Good Friday evening.

On Tuesday evening, April 21, a Father's and Sons' banquet was held with 180 men in attendance for a time of fellowship and inspiration. Dr. P. C. Hebert of Sterling College brought us a very inspiring address. The Rev. Pieter Smit, our pastor, served as toastmaster. Toasts were given by the fathers of the church and community as well as by the sons and grandfathers.

F. MELCHERT, Reporter.

Reception to the New Pastor at Shell Creek, Nebr.

The members of the German Baptist Church of Shell Creek, Nebr., held a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Martin De Boer and daughters, Lillian and Ruth, at their church on Sunday afternoon, April 19.

A large crowd of members and friends from the Shell Creek and the neighboring church at Creston had gathered in the church to sing "Happy Welcome to You" while the new minister with his wife and family were ushered to the front of the church by one of the deacons. One of the deacons, Mr. Gus Garbers, presided and in behalf of the church gave the opening address. Mr. Henry Kuper represented the Sunday School, Mrs. Kuper the Ladies' Aid Society, Mr. Otto Albers the B. Y. P. U. and Mr. Gus Mohrmann the deacons. After the representatives of the church had extended their welcome to the new pastor and his family, the Rev. J. J. Renz of Creston gave a short address. Both the Rev. and Mrs. Martin De Boer responded, expressing their appreciation of the warm welcome which they had received. Numbers on the program were a choir song, double male quartet, solo and recitation.

May God bless our new pastor and his family that they may be able to do great work in this community!

ARVILLE MOHRMANN, Reporter.

Easter at La Salle, Colorado

Easter Sunday dawned most beautifully and clear in La Salle, Colo. At the rising of the morning sun a number of our young people gathered about a bonfire at Behrens Lake for an Easter sunrise prayer meeting. The Easter story of Mark 16 was read and "The Joy of the Easter" was the subject of meditation. After the prayer service all shared in a delicious breakfast.

The sunrise prayer service was a gracious preparation for the Easter message in our house of worship on the theme, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" by our pastor, the Rev. Theodore Frey. For the evening baptismal service our church accepted the kind invitation of the First Baptist Church of Greeley, Colorado, to join them in their baptismal service. After a brief service the Rev. M. Bell of the Greeley Baptist Church and our pastor, the Rev. Theodore Frey, entered the baptismal waters, and eight persons, ranging in age from 12 to 27 years, were baptized on confession of their faith. These baptismal candidates had been converted in our January evangelistic meetings, in which the Rev. Philipp Lauer of Scottsbluff, Nebr., so acceptably proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

At the communion service on the first Sunday in May these eight persons and two others, whom we received by letter, formed a semi-circle at the Lord's table, receiving the hand of fellowship by our pastor.

Central Conference Tenth Anniversary of the Rev. F. L. Hahn's Ministry in Chicago Observed

In April of this year the Rev. Mr. F. L. Hahn completed ten years of service as pastor of the Humboldt Park German Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois.

The members of the church, recognizing the value of his ministry, came together on Wednesday evening, April 22, with the express purpose of thanking him. Mr. Hahn has given unsparingly of his time and talents. The Master's spirit has pervaded every task of his. His messages from the pulpit have always been rich in content and challenging in depth of thought. Jesus Christ has always been exalted with the result that the hearts of both old and young have learned to know their Master better and to love him more. The most recent visible result was that of an impressive baptismal service on Easter Sunday, in which 5 adults declared themselves as followers of Christ.

Messages of gratitude to our pastor were brought by members of the various church organizations. He was assured of their further wholehearted cooperation in the task which is ours as a church.

Voices from afar were also heard, which included a cheering message from our beloved Miss Hulda Brueckman, who served the church as missionary for eleven years. Indeed, both the pastor and missionary have given generously to the cause of Christ in our midst, and we have every reason to thank God for them.

In the years which lie ahead we, as the Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, resolve to portray that same spirit of loyalty and unselfishness, which has characterized the work of our pastor in these ten years of service. Thus together, we will build Christ's Kingdom.

REPORTER.

Memorable Mother and Daughter Banquet at St. Joseph, Mich.

A Mother and Daughter Banquet was held on Tuesday evening, May 5, in the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., under the auspices of the Service Guild. It will be made an annual event in the years to come, since the first banquet proved to be a great success, bringing 135 mothers and daughters to the church's dining room.

The speaker was Miss Alice W. S. Brimson, who is president of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago and a personal acquaintance of our minister, the Rev. L. H. Broeker. Mr. Broeker, who is leader of the Service Guild's Bible study, was a guest at the banquet and introduced Miss Brimson who spoke on the topic: "How Big Are You?"

A blossom land color scheme of pink

and white was carried out in the decorations of the banquet tables and the room with a profusion of spring flowers and great clusters of peach and cherry blossoms. Large baskets and attractive ferneries were filled with the blossoms. Twelve tables, arranged about the room to seat the banquet guests, were centered with bowls of sweet peas, snapdragon and fern. Down the length of the tables at intervals were placed bouquets of pink tulips and white narcissus and lighted pink tapers. A printed pink program was found at each place. Miss Nell Benning had charge of the decorations, which were much admired by the Guild members and guests.

A delightful feature of the banquet hour was music by the Cremona trio, composed of Janet Woodley Holt, violinist; Oriol Ringler, cellist, and Margaret Byers, pianist. Mrs. Dan Pschigoda, president of the Guild, presided as toastmistress. The community singing that opened the program, featured familiar airs and songs appropriate to the mother-daughter theme. A vocal solo, "Mother Calling," was sung by Mrs. R. W. Tillman. The tribute to the daughters was given by Mrs. Rudolph Kovalska.

MRS. ALICE TILLMAN, Secretary.

Developments in Our Churches in Beaver and Bay City, Mich.

We have many reasons for which to be thankful, and our hearts rejoice as we experience God's leadership from day to day in our churches in Beaver and Bay City. The march forward, which had so gratifyingly started during the month of January, was suddenly halted by great snowstorms, impassable roads and the severe cold wave. But even though our services were interrupted for five Sundays, our interest and enthusiasm have not been checked. With the coming of Spring new life has been appearing everywhere. Our services are better visited than ever, and our activities increase from Sunday to Sunday. During Passion Week our pastor, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, conducted two services in Pinconning, two services in Bay City and the Good Friday service in Beaver.

On Easter morning our church in Beaver was beautifully decorated with lilies and other flowers, all of which called our attention to the great victory of the Risen Lord. At the same time we were pleasantly reminded, however, of the fact that two years ago our pastor had come to our church for the first time. In the evening the Amity Class presented a melodious program before a large audience in our church in Bay City.

On Sunday, April 26, a very happy group of harmonious singers, as their name, "Golden Harmony Singers," indicates, came to Beaver and inspired us with lovely songs. Mr. Arthur Shiell is the director. The offering will be added

to the many contributions already gathered to be used for the building of our new parsonage. The work has begun, and while this report is being printed we are all busy in constructing this new edifice. We are happy to report that many willing workers come every day, rain or shine, to help in this great enterprise. When the foundation was laid 18 men were present with shovels and pails to complete the job in one day.

REPORTER.

Northern Conference Recent Festive and Joyous Events in Morris, Manitoba

As Mrs. Mittelstedt, the wife of our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, is the president of our Ladies' Aid Society and also a great helper in all organizations, we felt that we would like to express our gratitude to her. We knew that her birthday was approaching, and so the Ladies Aid and the B. Y. P. U. arranged for a surprise birthday party for Thursday afternoon, April 9.

While the choir was rehearsing the women quietly entered the church basement and prepared everything for the party, which was to be held at the close of the rehearsal. Mrs. Mittelstedt was then asked to come down stairs and to open the library for someone, and as soon as she opened the door of the basement she was greeted by the strains of the birthday song, much to her great surprise.

A short program of recitations was held in which congratulations were extended and Mrs. Mittelstedt was presented with a gift by Mrs. E. Walters in behalf of the group. We trust that God will bless the family and that we shall have the privilege of extending many more surprises of this kind to her in our midst.

From March 20 to April 10 special evangelistic services were held in our church by our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, following earlier Lenten services in which all members, old and young alike, had felt a surge of new spiritual life and had consecrated themselves anew to the service of their Savior.

Easter Sunday will certainly never be forgotten by those who attended the services, when 20 souls followed Christ in the sacred ordinance of baptism. At the communion service following the baptism the hand of fellowship into the church was extended to 24 persons.

Personal evangelism is being emphasized by the Rev. E. Mittelstedt. God blessed the little band of Sunday School workers and church officers headed by our pastor, and he has welded them together with the bond of Christian fellowship in the common cause of soul winning.

It is our earnest desire that God may continue to use all of us in the upbuilding of his Kingdom!

MRS. EDWARD PASCHKE and
MISS IDA J. HOFFMAN, Reporters.

Texas and Louisiana Conference

The North Texas Association

The North Texas Association met this year from April 16 to 19 with our Hurnville Church near Henrietta, Texas. The people of the Hurnville Church welcomed us into their homes with that Christian hospitality for which the German Baptists are so well known.

The Rev. P. Potzner of Dallas brought the opening sermon on Thursday night on the subject "On the Mount of Transfiguration With Christ." He urged us to enjoy the blessings on the mountain top with Christ but also to remember that there is work to be done in the valley. The Rev. L. Hoeffner led us in the devotional hours on Friday and Saturday morning. His messages were inspirational and were enjoyed by all who were present. We also heard some very interesting discussions on the church and its work during those days. The Rev. A. Becker spoke on "Why Did Jesus Organize the Church?", the Rev. C. C. Gossen on "God's Command to the Church Member," the Rev. P. Potzner on "What Should Worry Us in Our Churches?" and the Rev. H. Ekrut on "Things in Our Churches Over Which Jesus Rejoices."

The message on Friday evening was brought by the Rev. C. C. Gossen who spoke to us about the "Rich Young Ruler," using as a text the words, "And he went away sorrowful." On Sunday morning the Rev. C. C. Laborn brought the sermon, speaking on "Abraham, Builder of Altars."

The Hurnville B. Y. P. U. presented a program on Saturday evening, consisting of many beautiful musical numbers. The young people also presented a play entitled, "The Challenge of the Cross." Again on Sunday afternoon we had a young people's meeting when further musical numbers were enjoyed and several interesting talks on the young people and their work in the church were given.

The Rev. H. Ekrut brought us the closing sermon on Sunday evening, using as a text, "And Isaac digged again the wells of his father." After the sermon the Rev. P. Potzner led in a consecration service during which many prayers and testimonies were heard. The Lord has blessed us during the past year and our prayer is that he will give us even greater blessings during the coming year.

VERNON EKRUT, Secretary.

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DAILY MEDITATIONS

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Saturday, June 27

The Ministry of a Child

"And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli." 1 Sam. 3:1.

Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10.

The story opens with Samuel, the child (youth), ministering unto the Lord. His service was religious, for he helped in the sanctuary. So there is a place for the child, too, in the church.

Prayer: "Dear Lord, may our boys and girls have open ears for thy call and like Samuel respond with ready acquiescence."

Sunday, June 28

The Wisdom From Above

"The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." James 3:17.

Read James 3:13-18.

The wisdom from above is not the learning that the intellect knows. It is the knowledge that has sprung out of life itself. In our daily contacts with God he is always unveiling to our souls a higher order of truth than that which science discovers. To know this higher truth is wisdom, and this wisdom gives us personal acquaintance with the Father.

Prayer: "O God of wisdom, help us to know Jesus Christ better, who is the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Monday, June 29

The Glory of Summer

"The fig-tree ripeneth her green figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth their fragrance." (Amer. Revised Version.) Song of Songs 2:13.

Read Song of Songs 2:8-13.

The prophets and psalmists of the Hebrews were quite sensitive to the loveliness of their land and to the wonders of the changing seasons. We, too, are made conscious in these summer days of the world of beauty around us.

Prayer: "Help us, gracious Father, to receive with grateful hearts the gifts of nature at thy hands."

Tuesday, June 30

What We May Learn From the Lilies

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow." Matt. 6:28.

Read Matthew 6:27-34.

We should learn from the way the flowers grow—in calmness and trust, as it were—to put away anxiety from our souls. The flowers have no fear, but they thrust their roots firmly into the farm soil and their tender petals into the hazards of day and night.

Prayer: "May we gain more of that confidence in thee, O God, which was the joy of Jesus' life and has been the secret of many noble careers."