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What's Happening

The Rev. Jacob G. Rott, pastor of the churches in Spring Valley and Unityville, So. Dak., has recently resigned and accepted the call extended to him to become minister of the German Baptist Church in Odessa, Wash., and the mission station at Lind. He will begin his service on the new field on June 1.

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The young people of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., presented the Easter play, "Into Thy Kingdom," on Easter Sunday. A sunrise service was held in the church on Easter morning. The Rev. Paul Wengel baptized 17 persons on profession of their faith in Christ on Palm Sunday, April 5.

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A Bible School was conducted in the First German Baptist Church of Ledue, Alberta, Canada, from March 2 to 13, which was attended by 14 students. The Rev. Phil. Daum, pastor of the church, taught the courses on "A Life of Christ," "Baptist Principles," "Sunday School Methods" and "Religious Experience."

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The Rev. George Hensel, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., baptized 4 persons on Palm Sunday, April 5, and received them and 2 others on Easter Sunday at the communion service. On Easter Sunday evening the young people of the church presented the dramatization, "The Channel of Blessing," before a large audience.

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The Rev. John P. Kuehl, pastor of the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Jamaica Plains, Mass., for several years, has accepted the call to become the minister of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., beginning with the first of May. He intends to be married in June. May God bless both the new pastor and the Walnut Street Church, making each a blessing to the other.

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The churches of Lincoln County, Kans., including the Bethany Baptist Church, of which the Rev. John Heer is minister, united in the arrangements for a recent Teacher Training Course. Thirteen members of the Bethany Sunday School drove 15 miles to the county seat once a week for the school. Although the Bethany Church is one of the smaller churches, it has the largest enrollment of all the Sunday Schools in the county.

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The Rev. Hilko Swyter of Canton, Ohio, conducted evangelistic services in the Spruce Street Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., from March 10 to 22, of which the Rev. C. E. Cramer is pastor. In spite of adverse weather conditions the attendance was good and three persons professed their faith in Christ as Savior. On Easter Sunday Mr. Swyter baptized several converts in the church

at Canton, Ohio, of which he is the pastor.

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Since the beginning of the year the records of the Bible School in the First German Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., have shown a gratifying increase. The average attendance in January was 94, in February 97 and in March 109, or an average attendance for the first quarter of 101. On Good Friday morning the Rev. J. F. Olthoff and the church conducted a German service in the local Y. M. C. A. A baptismal service was held on Easter Sunday.

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At 8 A. M. on the first Sunday of each month the young people of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., hold a "Quiet Hour" of meditation and worship. The attendance on April 5 was very gratifying and Mr. Alfred Evans,

A Denominational Forum

A new and interesting feature which will shortly appear in "The Baptist Herald" will be "A Denominational Forum." Contributions, not to exceed 600 words, may be sent to the editor on any subject or issue of interest to our churches or affecting the welfare of the denominational enterprise. Such articles will be published as soon as possible in "The Baptist Herald."

the editor of "The Temple-Lite" of the B. Y. P. U. reports that "the Quiet Hour is really one of the best meetings of the month." During the past 6 months the average attendance at the Sunday evening meetings of the B. Y. P. U. was 40.

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A "Father and Son Banquet" was held on Friday evening, March 27, at the Shaker Square Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, under the sponsorship of the Fellowship Class. All those attending spent an enjoyable and profitable evening, as reported by Mr. Harvey Funk, secretary of the class. The main address was brought by the Rev. John Leyboldt, pastor of the Erin Ave. Church of Cleveland. The Rev. Max Mittelstedt is minister of the Shaker Square Church.

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On Easter Sunday, April 12, the Rev. John E. Knechtel baptized four young women in the Second German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., and received them into the fellowship of the church. These and several others were converted during the recent evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. H. C. Baum with attending blessings. Miss M. Proefke, the church's missionary, reports that the Junior Church is flourishing with an average attendance of approximately 100 children.

The annual B. Y. P. U. election at Plevna, Mont., was held on April 5, delayed several weeks because of the heavy snow and cold weather. The results of the election were as follows: Ted Koosler, president; Arthur Sieler, vice-president; Emil Fuchs, secretary; and Emil Sieler, treasurer. The secretary wrote in his report that "we wish to further the work of God during the coming year more propitiously than we have done through the winter months. We as a Union will carry on with a new spirit with the help of God."

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On Good Friday evening, April 10, the choir of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., presented the oratorio, "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Du Bois. This chorus of 35 voices is directed by Mr. A. J. Pankratz. A sunrise service was held on Easter Sunday morning by the young people of the church. The Rev. H. C. Baum recently conducted evangelistic services in the church, which, according to the Rev. J. A. Pankratz, pastor, "were a source of blessing and spiritual quickening to those who attended."

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The church choir of the German Baptist Church of Nokomis, Saskatchewan, Canada, would appreciate receiving German song books or choir material which other churches have discarded. Anyone having such available choir anthems is asked to get in touch with the pastor of the church, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder. The Young People's Society of the church observed its 24th anniversary on Tuesday evening, March 17. Weekly church bulletins are now being prepared and distributed by the pastor in the Nokomis and Lockwood churches.

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The annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee were held in Forest Park, Ill., from March 31 to April 2 (Continued on Page 139)

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EDITORIAL

THERE is an old proverb which says that "God could not be everywhere, and so he made mothers." A mother who surrounds her children

A Meditation For Mother's Day

with love, watches over them with prayerful concern, opens the windows of heavenly truth to them and finds no sacrifice too great nor too costly for them is one of God's most precious gifts to mankind. The words of human speech are far too prosaic ever to give perfect utterance to the ecstasy of joy and the rapture of gratitude which those have felt who have known the divine blessing of a Christian mother.

True motherhood is far more than the mere accomplishment of bringing a child into the light of this world. It is the deeply religious art of ministering with the help of God to an innocent child, whose future destiny will largely be the composite picture of early impressions received and lessons learned. It is the religious mother whose ministry God can glorify and whose children "rise up and call her blessed."

How we love to recount the stories of such mothers in the Bible, whose prayers touched the portals of heaven and whose loving service was like that of angels! Jochabed, the mother of Moses, imprinted God's truths so deeply into the child's soul that all the godlessness of the Egyptian court could never erase them. Hannah, the mother of Samuel, prayerfully dedicated and led her son into the service of God. Eunice, the mother of Timothy, taught him the truths of God's Word and prepared him for the ministry. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a true "handmaiden of the Lord" whose one ardent desire was to do the will of God.

What tributes of affection and honor to mother have been brought by the men whose deeds are recorded in "the halls of fame"! St. Augustine attributed his conversion to God's grace and his mother's prayers. Isaac Watts has borne glowing testimony of his mother's love who fostered him

while his father was in prison. It was Charles Haddon Spurgeon who beautifully wrote of his mother: "I have not the powers of speech to set forth my valuation of the choice blessing which the Lord bestowed on me in making me the son of one who prayed for me and prayed with me." Susannah Wesley was the mother of nineteen children of whom two, John and Charles Wesley, contributed more to the religious life of the eighteenth century than any other individuals. Benjamin West said that his mother's kiss made him a painter, and Abraham Lincoln declared that "all I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

Mother's Day is unique in that its focus of attention is upon the individual mother—your mother and my mother. Most of the secular observances of the year honor groups of people or are national festivals. Mother's Day sends the prodigal son homeward bound and every individual to the hearth of his home or into the sanctuary of his memory to honor one who is mother to him or to her. Kate Douglas Wiggin has expressed this thought with delicate beauty in the following words: "Most all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds! Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets and rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only ONE MOTHER in all the wide world."

Mother's Day is set apart to hallow this sacred bond between mother and child. Let this day ring with the songs of praise and the sweet words of loving appreciation. Tell your mother how much she has meant to you. Write or telegraph a letter of personal affection to her. In definite deeds of kindness, express your spiritual indebtedness to her, or, if she has entered the land of eternal light, lay a wreath of love at the shrine of your tender memories. And remember, always, that mother is one of God's most precious gifts to you!

"I love to feel that in the heavens above
The angels, whispering to one another,
Can find among their burning words of love
No name so beautiful as that of Mother."

A Woman's Influence in the Pulpit

Mrs. Grace Domes, the young pastor of the Baptist Church in Folsomdale, N. Y., is the only woman who is serving a German Baptist Church as a regular minister, and as such she is an able ambassador of the gospel of Jesus Christ whose spiritual ministry is widespread.

By MRS. GRACE M. DOMES of Attica, New York

"God moves in mysterious ways
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps on the sea,
And rides upon the storm."

THIS verse has become an important one in my life, and I trust in the lives of those with whom I come in contact. A very dear colored lady with whom I was associated in prison work at the Cook County Jail in Chicago, invariably quoted it as she gave her testimony to the men and women behind the bars. It became so deeply impressed upon my mind that, truly, it is a part of me. As I look back and see the way God leads, I realize more fully the truth of it.

After completing two years of training at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, my desire was to serve the Lord by assisting in some sort of evangelistic or church work. But God had other plans, and after waiting six months for an opening, the call came to preach at the Folsomdale Baptist Church for a few weeks or until some more definite plans could be made. Those few weeks have lengthened into five years, and God is still continuing his mysterious way of leading and guiding.

Much criticism has been expressed because of woman's place in the pulpit of today and yet, who but God knows the influence exerted or the work accomplished. There is much joy in knowing that God is blessing the work of our hands and that "he doeth all things well." Churches all about us are closed because of the lack of funds and of leaders, and we praise God for his goodness in allowing our doors to remain open. The church is growing spiritually and God is blessing us individually. It has been a joy to see our young people growing into the work and to know that they are rendering an active service for God. Next to the joy of seeing souls saved for the Master is the joy of seeing them grow in him, adventure into new fields of activity, forget self and let his spirit permeate their lives.

A woman's influence in the pulpit—who can measure or even define anyone's influence? Christian influence is needed, not only in the pulpit, but in the homes and business world of today. Men as well as women are needed who will step out bravely for God, showing, by precept and example, righteous living. At the close of the Civil War the stockholders of an infamous scheme, the Louisiana Lottery, approached Robert E. Lee and tendered him the presidency of the company. Lee was without position, property or income, but he regarded this offer as the gain of oppression, and on the ground that he did not understand the busi-

ness and did not care to learn it, he modestly declined the proposition. Then they said, "No experience is needed. We know how to run the business. We want you as president for the influence of your name. Remember that the salary is twenty-five thousand dollars a year." Lee arose and buttoned his old gray coat over his manly breast and replied, "Gentlemen, my home at Arlington Heights is gone. I am a poor man and my people are in need. My name and my influence are all I have left and they are not for sale at any price."

In the teachings of Jesus Christ, example and influence played a great part. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, speaking to his disciples, said that they were the salt of the earth. Salt is a useless thing by itself, but, as it comes in contact with other things, its work begins. It has the power of preserving and the ability to season as well as to freshen that which it touches. The Christian is the salt of the earth. Separated from others, he is of no use to them nor of any blessing to himself. As we come in contact with others our influence plays an important part in their lives. We need to heed the words of Jesus, applying them to ourselves, "But if the Christian hath lost his influence, wherewith shall he influence others?"

Jesus refers to the believer as the light of the world. A light, no matter how small, sends out its bright ray, piercing the darkness of night. A Christian's influence is as a light dispelling the darkness of sin. Harry Lauder, the famous singer, was seated at dusk at the window of a house in Scotland, so situated that it commanded a view of an entire street of the city. Suddenly there came out from the alley-way near the house, a man with a lighted torch at the end of a stick. Going to a lamppost nearby, he thrust the torch to the nozzle of the gas-jet which immediately burst into light. He then went from one post to the next until his form became indistinguishable, but still he could be traced by the lamps he lighted and the long trail he left behind. Turning to a friend, Lauder said, "Your business, and mine, my friend, is so to live, that after our personalities have become lost in the shadows, we will leave behind us a trail of light that will guide the steps of those who otherwise may walk in darkness."

Every Christian today, in the pew as well as in the pulpit, needs to keep his influence as a shining light, a city that is set on a hill, that cannot be hid. Only God himself can see the results of the work rendered in his name. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

The Ministry of Love

The author, who is pianist in the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, recently read the following article at a meeting of the Service Guild, and the warm response which it met there prompted several friends to send it to the editor for publication in "The Baptist Herald."

By MRS. EDA KOHRS of Burlington, Iowa

"BUT the greatest of these is love." How much we need that spirit of love today! How much the whole world needs it! How the nations need it in their dealings with others! And how the individuals of each nation need it in their living together!

But should we stop there? Far from it! It is sad but true that the churches also need this love. It is hard to understand why God's own people, who have the most marvelous love in the universe for a pattern, should nevertheless so often exhibit so little of it toward each other. Jesus, our great Example, said: "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." And the greatest commandment which he gave was, "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." This isn't a matter of choice. This is something which we must do. "Neighbor" simply means "the other person"—anyone and everyone with whom we come in contact. John puts it in this way: "And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God loveth his brother also." John Greenleaf Whittier wrote many years ago:

"Oh, brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother,
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer."

This is not to be a sermon but rather a thought for meditation for each day of the year. "Love suffereth long, . . . seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked." Let's forget ourselves and the things which are said and done that might hurt our feelings! We only make ourselves and everyone else unhappy if we constantly carry a grudge. Most people are not making a practice of hurting others intentionally. Is there any reason why we should regard a slight or an insult as intentional? And even if it were so, should we not rise above it? "Hath any wronged thee? Be bravely revenged. Slight it and the work's begun; forgive it, 'tis finished. He is below himself that is not above an injury."

On the other hand, let us not only be unaffected by injury to ourselves but let us try not to injure others. "Love is kind; . . . and thinketh no evil." Let us not harbor unkind thoughts about our fellow church members. Thoughts are the actions of our hearts, and if we harbor unkind thoughts we shall be saying unkind things before we know it. That is not Christ-like! Jesus said that if we love

only those who love us, we are no better than those who are not followers of him.

Let us especially not discuss unpleasant church affairs in the presence of children and young people in our homes. Impressions for life are constantly being made on such minds, and, surely, we want them to be good impressions.

Most of all, we should be careful not to say things about our fellow-members of the church before or to strangers and people who are not of our church. The person, who is being discussed, is not there to defend himself, and the person, to whom he is berated, perhaps does not know him and is judging only by what he is hearing. That isn't fair, is it? Jesus would not do it!

The following was taken from a recent newspaper editorial: "If you would increase your own happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points that make you fond of them." If we all followed that principle, our minds and hearts would be filled with beauty and love.

If we think kindness, we will live kindness. True love cannot help but express itself in service. In our homes we want to do things for those whom we love, as, for example, for mother, whom we honor at this season of the year. So it should be for the friends of our lives. In a true friendship there is no thought of service as service nor of duty as duty. The question never is, "What does my friend require of me?", but rather, "What can I do for my friend?"

Kind looks, sweet words, loving acts and warm handclasps—these are the things we can do and give, especially when people are in trouble and fighting invisible battles. Spurgeon went so far as to say that, if we withhold these things, we sin. A flower cannot blossom without sunshine, and a human being cannot live without love. So today let us find someone new to love!

"If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfectet in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit."

This quotation from Robertson may encourage us in this ministry of love. "Do right and God's recompense to do will be the power of doing more right. Give, and God's reward to you will be the spirit of giving more. Love, and God will pay you with the capacity of more love. For love is heaven,—love is God within you."

Baptist Missions in Swatow, China

By the REV. E. H. GIEDT, Missionary in South China

It was erroneously stated in the last issue of "The Baptist Herald" that the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Giedt were members of the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y. It should have stated that they are at present members of the South Avenue Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y.

Until 1918 Mr. Giedt was a member of the Baptist Church in Danzig, No. Dak., while his wife was a member of the Second German Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y. In 1919 they sailed for China for the first time. Except for one furlough they have been in South China until last fall when they returned for their second furlough. Mr. Giedt has been studying at Yale University during the past year preparing himself for further missionary service. On Aug. 31, 1936, they will sail from Los Angeles, Calif., on the steamship, "President Hoover," for Kityang, China.

The following article is the second and last of a series of articles by Mr. Giedt in observance of a centenary of Baptist missions in Assam, South India, Bengal-Orissa and South China. The Swatow field has especially endeared itself to many German Baptists because of such names as the Speichers, the Giedts, Bruno Luebeck and others. The following article deserves to be carefully studied and used for reference purposes in missionary services. EDITOR.

In the first article, "A Century of Missions in South China," which appeared in the last issue of "The Baptist Herald," we traced the beginnings of both Northern and Southern Baptist missions in South China. In this second article we shall confine ourselves to the history of the founding and growth of Northern Baptist mission work in the Swatow region, where a number of German Baptists have labored and are still serving as missionaries.

The first seventy or eighty years of Protestant missions in China, when the number of missionaries was still very small, were the days of "rugged individualism" in mission work and a few species of the genus, "homo missionarius," towered head and shoulders above the rest. Such an one was the Rev. William Ashmore, the most outstanding figure in the history of the South China Mission at Swatow and for forty years the soul of the mission.

MISSIONARY PIONEERS

Mr. and Mrs. Ashmore sailed for China August 17, 1850, and arrived at Hongkong on January 4, 1851, after a voyage of one hundred and thirty-nine days! On that very day the mission premises burned down in Bangkok, Siam, where they were to serve their apprenticeship of seven years. They arrived on the scene of disaster shortly afterwards and literally had to start up from

the bottom. And yet not quite, for ir giving Mr. Ashmore his commission the secretary of the Board had said: "On him will rest the sole responsibility of guiding a church embracing 30 members and of making the truth known to the thousands of Chinese residing in Bangkok." (The writer is involuntarily thinking of his parish of thirty-four churches with some 1400 members left behind at Kityang!)

Early in 1858 Mrs. Ashmore's ill health made it necessary to leave the hot and humid climate of Bangkok, and so the missionaries and their two little sons moved to Hongkong. As Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of that station needed a furlough, Mrs. Ashmore and the two boys sailed with them in March of the same year. But the frail mother did not live to see her native shores. She was buried at sea off the Cape of Good Hope.

In the summer of 1858 Mr. Ashmore visited Swatow, being the first of the Baptist Missionary Union to enter that port. He had been preceded, however, by the Rev. William Burns of the English Presbyterian Mission and the Rev. Rudolf Lechler of the Basel Mission. On returning to Hongkong Ashmore reported to the home Board in favor of transferring the mission to Swatow. This was one of the seven ports opened to foreign trade and residence by the Treaty of Tientsin, and the latter was to go into effect in June, 1859. In May of that year the Missionary Union voted to send Ashmore to Swatow to open a station there, but before he could carry out this action he was stricken down with tropical dysentery which brought him to the brink of the grave. When Mr. and Mrs. Johnson returned to Hongkong on December 24 they found Ashmore alone in his house, wasted to a skeleton. The prayers of the group were answered and he recovered, but having been on the field ten years it was agreed that he must go on furlough before moving to Swatow.

It was thus left to Mr. Johnson to carry out the order of the Mission Board to begin work in the Tie Chiu field. Early in 1860 he made a preliminary visit to Swatow and succeeded in renting a house on Double Island outside the harbor where a few foreigners already lived. "In this move were realized the hopes of the missionaries who had been working for the Tie Chiu people in Siam and Hongkong for more than a quarter of a century." In June of the same year Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, with four Chinese helpers, took up their residence at Double Island. Two of the native assistants much persecuted with Mr. Burns of the English Presbyterian Mission. They had been arrested together at Chahachowfu (30 miles north of Swatow), and while the natives were mercilessly beaten and imprisoned, Burns was sent like a caged

bird 200 miles overland to Canton and delivered a month later to the British Consul there—in accordance with treaty stipulations!

For three years Mr. and Mrs. Johnson carried on practically alone at Swatow. In the meantime Mr. Ashmore had regained his health and, having married again, he and his wife arrived at Double Island in July, 1863. They had been detained two years by the Civil War, and sailing from New York they had an exciting voyage, being pursued and nearly captured by a Confederate vessel.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Soon after his arrival from Hongkong Mr. Johnson had, with his four Chinese helpers and a few others, organized the first Baptist church at Double Island. The same year a preaching station was opened in the home village of two of the assistants. This came to be an established policy of the mission, that is, to open stations only where a few converts already lived. They were, like Paul's first churches, "the church that meets in thy house" (Philemon 1:3). Often former patients of the hospitals, who had been healed of both their physical and their spiritual diseases, on returning to their homes became the nuclei for preaching stations.

In 1862 nine converts were baptized at Double Island, two of whom afterwards became preachers. Seven others were baptized the following year, six of whom were from Mrs. Johnson's school. By 1863 four out-stations were reported. These were little more than preaching places. The converts came at first to Double Island and afterwards to Kak-chieh (across the bay from Swatow) for baptism and communion until churches could be organized at each place.

MISSION STATION AT KAK-CHIEH

Mr. Ashmore, in 1864, made the first purchase of a few acres of barren, rocky hills at Kak-chieh, opposite Swatow. This was the beginning of the beautiful and extensive mission compound that, with much labor, patience and planning, as well as further additions, was gradually built up and studded with a number of imposing buildings. Today the hills are covered with grass, bamboo and trees, with good roads and paths winding between them. Seven houses for families, three for single ladies, eleven large buildings for a co-educational academy, theological seminary, woman's school, primary day school, and kindergarten, three for the hospital, and finally the splendid Seventieth Anniversary Memorial Church, a total of twenty-five substantial buildings of stone or cement construction greet the visitor today on arriving at Swatow.

During the early decades, however, there was more emphasis on, and more need for, evangelistic work and the plant-



The Kityang Association 1935. Delegates' and Preachers' Farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Giedt (The other missionaries, left to right, are Dr. Everham, Dr. Leach and Rev. Baker)

ing of churches. To train the assistants and also to teach church members, a Bible institute of one week's duration was held by the missionaries once every two months in the beginning and later once every three months. The meetings culminated on Sundays with a mountain-top experience of baptism, preaching and communion, thus sending the preachers back into the country with the benefit of the fellowship enjoyed, with some new understanding of the Bible, and with fresh encouragement and inspiration for their difficult tasks. On November 6, 1865, Mr. Johnson reported such a communion service at Kak-chieh with sixty-two church members present. Sixty-one had been baptized in the five years since the mission was removed from Hongkong to Swatow, or an average of twelve per year. It is interesting to compare these figures with our latest statistics. There were in both the Tie Chiu and the Hakka fields 665 baptisms in 1934 and a total membership of 6284, as well as 6590 students in all of our schools.

A FOOTHOLD IN SWATOW

Not until 1866 was it possible to get a foothold in the very hostile town of Swatow. When opened to foreigners seven years before, it was only a small fishing village, noted chiefly for opium smuggling and the kidnapping of large numbers of coolies for long contract service in South America and the West Indies. In this nefarious business foreigners

were involved, and the shipping companies (including Americans) profited by the trade. Consequently foreigners were, without discrimination, heartily feared and hated at Swatow, so that when the missionaries appeared there they were received "with stones, brickbats, vile language, and curses that included their remote ancestors and their descendants to the end of time." After Swatow became a treaty port its growth was so rapid that by 1866 it had trebled its size and population within three years. It has since grown to about 200,000.

Mr. Ashmore in 1867 reported four stations: Swatow, Chaoyang, Ampo, and Kityang. The following year he began to concentrate on Kityang and after his retirement in 1902 he said of this field, "The best portion of my life had been put into that Kityang work." In addition to the central church, four strong out-station churches had been organized and a number of preaching stations opened by Dr. Ashmore when, in 1896, Rev. and Mr. Jacob Speicher began their seventeen years of fruitful service at Kityang. Dr. Josephine Bixby had preceded them as the first resident missionary of this station when, in December 1895 she took over the small hospital built by Dr. Anna K. Scott and developed an extensive medical work culminating in a large new hospital completed in 1907 shortly before her death. Mr. Speicher greatly expanded the evangelistic work and organized no less than

thirty churches around Kityang and in the Weichow home mission field, which was opened during the very favorable period following the Boxer Insurrection of 1900. He and Mrs. Speicher also started primary boys' and girls' schools at Kityang, which have since developed into a co-educational middle school. Mr. and Mrs. Speicher's later years were given to the founding and work of the Swatow Christian Institute and to the theological seminary until Dr. Speicher's death in 1930. Mrs. Speicher, after forty years of service, is still in the Institute.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

So successful were the missionaries in the sixty-five years of leadership training that when the powerful wave of rationalism swept China in 1925 our Swatow Christians, true to their Baptist heritage, declared their independence of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and organized the Ling Tong Convention. Since then the missionaries have served on an equality with the Chinese leaders on all the committees of the Convention, but being only a small minority, leadership has all but passed over to the indigenous Baptist Church. In this we greatly rejoice. The present missionary force of forty is only two-thirds of what it was ten years ago, and it is soon to be further reduced by retirements. Our hope for the future is in the rapid rise of qualified native leaders, especially of men and women evangelists.

BEAUTY for ASHES

by Grace Livingston Hill

SYNOPSIS

As the story opens Gloria is busying herself with preparations for her wedding, just a week away, when the horrible news is brought to her that her fiance has been shot to death by the lover of a dancing girl with whom he was found. In order to forget, Gloria, accompanied by her father, retreated to the place of her father's birth. Soon after she met Murray MacRae and before long she began to feel like a real person again. Vanna, Gloria's sister, visited her and gradually began to realize a new "something" which had come to Gloria and which made Murray and his friend, Robert Carroll, so different from any of her acquaintances. The four of them went one evening to Murray's house where the time quickly passed as they played and sang until the big parlor was filled with music. Murray especially delighted the girls by singing a solo "with wonderful expression."

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

"Now," said Carroll as he finished the last long note of his solo, "come, Murray! We'll give them a jolly one first, and then 'What D'd He Do?'"

Without bothering to hunt any music the two young men stood together, their arms across one another's shoulders and sang a funny little melody, only a jingle really, where the words tumbled over one another so rapidly that one wondered how mortal tongue could speak them and not trip up.

Then while their audience was still laughing over this, and still without accompaniment, the two sounded a soft note and broke into another song:

"Oh, listen to our wondrous story,
Counted once among the lost,
Yet, one came down from Heaven's glory,
Saving us at awful cost!
Who saved us from eternal loss?
Who but God's Son upon the cross?
What did he do?
He died for you!
Where is he now?
Believe it thou,
In Heaven, interceding!"

From the first note Gloria had fixed her eyes upon their faces, recalling the story that Murray had told her of the ship and the lost brother. The meaning he had meant to teach her came more clearly to her now, and it was as if the message came straight to her own heart. "He died for you!" She had heard enough in the meeting last night to understand what that meant and the message sank

deep, taking on a personal insistence that she knew she had to meet and answer.

When the second verse began, as the two voices blended so exquisitely, the enunciation being so perfect as to seem like but one person speaking the words, she glanced at her sister to see what she thought of this, and found Vanna's eyes fixed upon the singers, a look of utter astonishment and bewilderment upon her face.

"No angel could our place have taken,
Highest of the high, though he;
The loved One on the cross forsaken,
Was one of the Godhead three."

Again that striking chorus, those questions and answers! Gloria looked at Vanna again and saw she wore the same almost frightened look that had been on her face at Stan's funeral. It was getting Vanna too! She didn't understand this strange thing that these young men had, that made them so different from other young men, but it was getting her!

But when the last verse was reached it seemed to Gloria as if it were personal, just for herself, and she sat with drooped eyes throughout.

"Will you surrender to this Savior?"

To his scepter humbly bow?
You, too, shall come to know his favor,
He will save you, save you now!
Who saved us from eternal loss?
Who but God's Son upon the cross?
What did he do?
He died for you!
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Believe it thou,
In Heaven, interceding!"

The room was very still as they finished, and the two stood with arms still about one another's shoulders, heads slightly bowed for an instant, almost as if a prayer were going up from their hearts.

Then, suddenly they dropped their arms, and smiled at their guests. "How about getting out for a little tennis now, and then perhaps we'll come in later, or maybe this evening and do some real practicing together?" suggested Murray.

Out into the bright sunshine they trooped, to the tennis court, where a meadow lark was trilling off in the distance, and lazy little spring clouds were drifting over a blue June sky, but there was a hush over the two girls, a diffidence that at first they could not overcome. The impression of that last song was still upon them, and Vanna at least, felt very much like a fish out of water.

Murray and Gloria played against the other two and found their antagonists

were well matched. Almost at once it became obvious that this was going to be a lively set.

Vanna was alert and ready with her play, but she was watching her partner with even more interest than the game. This amazing man who was a farmer and a scholar and a singer, yet could take part in a song like the one that had just been sung and get away with it. Religion! And yet a kind of religion that Vanna had never met with before! What did it all mean? Or was that song just a bit of good music that gave a good dramatic effect and showed off their voices? Somehow the way they had spoken those words, earnest, tender, grave, did not seem like an attempt at dramatic effect. Vanna could not make out what it was all about, but she was fascinated as she could now see Gloria had been fascinated.

Well, what was the harm since it took Gloria's mind off her own troubles? At least it was interesting.

And so Vanna played on, every now and then meeting the eyes of her partner, in one of those long, interested searching looks, lit with a smile that took her into his friendship and comradeship in such a pleasant way. She felt more intrigued by it than by anything that had come her way in many a long hectic month.

They had just sat down on the long bench to rest a bit from the third set when Mrs. MacRae came out to tell them that they were to stay there to supper. She had arranged it with Emily Hastings and supper would be served on the side porch where they could watch the sunset while they ate.

There was a great scurrying to wash up, and brush back untidy hair, and they all came laughing gaily back to find their places at the white-spread table. Vanna slipped into her seat and was about to make a gay remark, when she felt a sudden hush come over the table.

"You ask the blessing, won't you. Robert?" asked Mrs. MacRae, and Vanna, bowing her head a trifle tardily because she had never before been at a table where a blessing was asked, heard her recent partner ask a blessing on the food and on all in such a beautiful tender way that all her shyness returned to her once more, and the gay remark died on her lips. Who were these people who took their religion with their daily food, and as a matter of course, and were happy over it? How did they get that way?

There was a big brown bean pot standing on a little side table. It was steaming and rich with molasses, and had been

simmering in the oven all the afternoon and now was sending out most delicious fragrance. There were big thin pink slices of cold ham, delicious fried potatoes with a tang of onion in them, puffy hot raised biscuit, baked apples with the thickest richest cream imaginable and squares of golden sponge cake for desert.

The side porch was wide and spacious and turned a corner of the house, so that the space allotted to the table was large enough for a room. The outlook was over meadows to the mountains, and as they sat down the sun was just touching its ruby rim to the top of a mountain, a great ball of fire, sliding down the west in a chariot of glory. It was the most magnificent banqueting hall that one could desire and the sun seemed here to meet one on intimate terms.

"One feels almost embarrassed, certainly privileged," said Vanna suddenly as she gazed, "to be looking in on the sun in his private life this way. I don't think I was ever so near to a sun before."

Robert Carroll looked up and smiled. "It is a privilege indeed to be where one can watch him, isn't it? That's one reason why I decided on living in the country. I always feel so sorry for the folks who live in the city and never see a sunset!"

"And it is so still here!" said Gloria watching the red ball slip slowly down. "One can almost hear the sun slipping away. That was the first thing that impressed me when I got here. Did you notice it, Vanna, how very quiet it is?"

"Why, yes, that must be it," said Vanna laughing. "I noticed there was something big missing. It must be the noise. But really you know, we've kept things pretty lively since I came. I haven't had much chance to hear the quiet!"

Then they all laughed and began to get busy about the supper, passing the delicious viands, and eating as if they were hungry little children.

"I don't know why it is," said Vanna, "but I don't remember that food ever tasted so good before!"

"Yes, isn't that so!" said Gloria. The sun slid swiftly out of sight but waved a flag behind it, a panorama of color. Everybody kept still for a moment watching the last red gleam of the sun disappear. Suddenly Vanna spoke. "I hear it!" she said, her eyes large with wonder.

"What?" they asked her. "The silence!" she said. "Listen! I never heard anything like that before, and didn't the sun seem to make a little sliding noise as it slipped over?"

They laughed together over this, but Gloria turning back caught the look in Robert Carroll's eyes as they rested on Vanna, and she felt suddenly glad that her sister made a good impression. But she wondered what Vanna thought of these people who so interested herself? She was playing up to them of course. Vanna was like that, adaptable. It was

a part of her training. But what did she really think of them in her heart? Would she rave about them or laugh at them, when she got back where they were alone together? Something within Gloria shrank from the thought. She did not want those people misunderstood.

The tennis court presently receded into twilight and the supper table had to be provided with candles before they had finished.

"We must have some more tennis together," said Murray as they rose from the table at last.

"Yes," said Vanna. "It was gorgeous! I haven't enjoyed a tennis game so much in ages, and it's awfully good for Gloria."

"Well, how about tomorrow then?" asked Murray. "Can you come, Bob? Why not stay here tonight and be ready to play early?"

"Sorry," said Carroll, "but you know I'm a working man. I'm planning to plant corn tomorrow. My men are coming early and I'll have to be on hand."

"Corn?" said Vanna wonderingly, "do you plant it yourself? How I'd like to see you do it! Could Gloria and I drive over and see you, or is it a secret ceremony?"

"No," laughed Carroll with slightly heightened color. "There isn't anything secret about it, but I'm afraid there isn't much to watch. And—one doesn't wear full dress to do it you know."

"I'll put on the plainest things I have with me," said Vanna earnestly. "May I plant one corn myself if I'm good?"

Gloria watched her sister and wondered. Was Vanna trying to mortify Robert Carroll, or was she really interested? Gloria couldn't tell. She was almost vexed with her for suggesting this thing. But Robert Carroll was looking at her with that keen questioning glance again, and then grinning at her suggestion.

"Murray, will you bring them over in the morning?" he asked.

"I surely will," said Murray with satisfaction. "Maybe I'll plant a corn or two myself."

"All right, then come over about ten-thirty," said Carroll, "and when we lay off at noon we'll have a picnic lunch under the trees. I warn you it won't be much, but I can rustle some bacon sandwiches and we can build a fire out of doors and toast them. There'll be strawberries too, eaten from their stems. That's about all I can promise you."

"Oh, we don't want to make you all that trouble," said Gloria earnestly, "we'll hinder your work. We don't need to stay but five minutes just to see what you do." She was beginning to be really vexed with her sister. Did Vanna think this young man was just another one to be conquered? Or did she think because he was a farmer she could just wind him around her finger for awhile and then toss him aside?

But Vanna spoke up. "Indeed five minutes will not be long enough. I want to know just how plant-

ing corn is done. And I adore toasted sandwiches made in the open."

"We could put you up a lunch," suggested Mrs. MacRae.

"No," said Robert Carroll, lifting his chin in a pleasant but firm smile, "if I'm going to be favored with guests I prefer to entertain them myself in my own style. Of course I can't compete with any lunch you would fix, my dear Mrs. MacRae, but this is my party and they'll have to put up with what I can give them."

They had more music before they went home, singing with both instruments, and Vanna playing tender little interludes as if she were thoroughly in the spirit of things, yet Gloria watched her furtively and wondered. She had never seen her sister in the mood before.

Back in their room at last, the girls were both quiet. Vanna was occupying the room just back of her sister's and there was a communicating door between. Gloria could hear Vanna going about the room putting away her things, putting on slippers and negligee, and finally she came and stood in the doorway.

"Don't you think we had better pack up and go home in the morning?" she asked after studying Gloria for a moment.

Gloria sat up sharply. "I thought you were so keen to learn to plant corn," she said.

Vanna looked down and tapped her toe on the old-fashioned carpet.

"Well, I thought it would be interesting to see a man like that in his own environment once," she said. "That ought to be a test of his genuineness, oughtn't it?"

"Yes," said Gloria dreamily, "if that were his real environment. That's only a side-issue with him. He earns his living by it. But I've seen him in his real environment, his spiritual environment, where he's working out what he was put in the world for, and I don't need any convincing, for I know!"

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MY PRAYING MOTHER

By HELEN ZUBER FIESEL
of Hilda, Alberta, Canada

Thanks to God for Mother dear,
For me she often shed a tear,
Praying to the One on high
That he might not her child pass by.
Now my constant prayer will be
That God may keep her safe for me.

May she keep her sunny smile
Which to me is worth the while;
May she feel her life well spent,
Full of sacrifices lent.
Father, keep me in thy sight
That I may do for her what's right.

My dear mother, kind and true,
May God bless the whole year through!
May her work of prayer and praise
Keep her children through the days!
And when her task on earth is won,
May she hear from thee: "Well done!"

Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Monday, May 4

The Contagion of Sin

"And the woman gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Gen. 3:6.

Read Genesis 3:1-8.

The evil suggestion, having gotten a lodgment in Eve's heart, simply ran its course. Abandoning herself to the fatal attraction of the forbidden fruit, she took of it and the fatal deed was done. Then immediately sin showed its contagion: "she gave also unto her husband; and he did eat." No one can shut sin up in his own heart; its poison will infect others, too.

Prayer: "Make us strong, thou Almighty One, to resist the wiles of the Evil One."

Tuesday, May 5

A Transformed Soul

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory." (American Revised Version.) 2 Cor. 3:18.

Read 2 Corinthians 3:10-18.

We Christians should be the reflectors of the divine light in Jesus Christ. Whatever eclipses the light of his countenance mars his image in us. Paul says: "For God hat shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ": Jesus was luminous with God. Beholding, we become luminous with Christ.

Prayer: "O Spirit of the living God, wilt thou glorify Jesus more and more in heart and life, that his purity may shine forth in unclouded brightness."

Wednesday, May 6

A Glorious Sunset

"But it shall come to pass, that at evening time there shall be light." Zech. 14:7.

Read Zechariah 14:7-9.

Let us walk in the light of God's smile. Only if he abides with us through the live-long day, we shall not be friendless and alone. And when the evening shadows gather about us and we face the sinking sun the western sky will still be bright with the lingering light of a Father's love.

Prayer: "Keep us near to thee as the shadows lengthen and the day is dying in the west. Then the light of thy comfort will not fade out, even when night comes."

Thursday, May 7

Our Spiritual Heritage

"The unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded, in thee also." 2 Tim. 1:5.

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7.

In this matter of our relation to God

we are the heirs of all the ages. While God-fearing parents through their piety cannot save their children, yet the influence of their consecrated lives may guide them early into the way of truth and righteousness.

Prayer: "We thank thee, O Lord, for the legacies of love and noble example."

Friday, May 8

Pleading For Sodom

"And Abraham said: Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake." Gen. 18:32.

Read Genesis 18:23-33.

Abraham intercedes for the doomed Sodomites with the importunity of earnest faith, winning harder and harder victories. His faith rising with his success, he keeps on growing bolder and bolder, until he is assured that the city would be spared, if there were only ten righteous people in it.

Prayer: "Righteous Lord, we know that thou art just, but merciful, too. Thou wouldest save the wicked as well as the righteous, if they repent."

Saturday, May 9

Interceding For Us

"But the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26.

Read Romans 8:22-30.

We are sometimes oppressed with the sense of our distance from God. We so need him, yet we are dumb and inert. It is then that the Spirit of God voices for us the appeal of helplessness, which we have no strength to express. Out of our weakness the strength of God is made perfect.

Prayer: "Dear Lord, we are all too little moved to speak to thee, though we feel our need of prayer. We remain silent and so miss the chance to know thy power and love."

Sunday, May 10

Jacob a Changed Man

"And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh." Gen. 32:31.

Read Genesis 32:24-32.

Cunning self-dependence had been the evil genius of Jacob's life. He had to be humbled, chastened and filled with a new spirit, before God's purpose with him could be fulfilled. At the Jabbok, in the loneliness of night, the change came, when seized by the mysterious antagonist, he knew himself to be in the grip of self-will and yield to God do we prevail.

Prayer: "Take me, gracious Lord, and change my wilfulness into joyous obedience to thee."

Monday, May 11

Father and Son

"And the son said: Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him." Luke 15:21, 22.

Read Luke 15:11-24.

When at last the son in the far land, disillusioned and in sore distress, beaten and all but lost, comes to himself, and then turns wearily and afraid back home, he is astonished to find the father waiting with open arms to embrace the lost son in unfailing love. Thus God, too, waits in patience and eager longing for the return of every erring one.

Prayer: "O God, hear our prayer for all who are still vainly seeking satisfaction in the far country. Bring them home!"

Tuesday, May 12

Good Advice

"And they shall bear the burden with thee." Exodus 18:22.

Read Exodus 18:13-24.

It was good advice that Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, gave to him in view of his heavy burdens of duty, when he told him that he should have associates to help him. All men need helpers. We are all woven together into an interworking system, in which each serves all, and all serve each.

Prayer: "Dear Master, help us 'as members of one another' to work together cooperatively in a spirit of comradeship and fellowship."

Wednesday, May 13

Keep Away or Get Away!

"Flee also youthful lusts." 2 Tim. 2:22

Read 2 Timothy 2:20-26.

The wisest course with certain temptations is to flee from them. Get away or keep away! Certain pictures must be avoided. Obscene books and magazines must be cast away. To give attention to them is to open the door to desire. We control the emotions indirectly by what we choose to which to attend.

Prayer: "O Lord, take away our eyes from beholding vanity. Help us to what is true and pure."

Thursday, May 14

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.

It is a beautiful thing in a child that it can minister. Its days are not all play. Its overflowing energies may be turned into helpful service. How much it may do in the home! How often may the

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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with the following ministers representing the conferences: Charles W. Koller, G. E. Lohr, J. Kratt, Thomas Stoeri, Paul Wengel, G. Eichler, A. Kraemer, Phil. Daum, A. G. Lang, H. Palfenier, W. S. Argow, A. R. Sandow and C. C. Gossen. The report of the general executive secretary, the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, was received with hearty endorsement.

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Among the 4 converts baptized on Palm Sunday by the Rev. F. P. Kruse in the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., was Miss Anra Blumberg, the pianist and one of the workers at the Beth-El Jewish Mission of Philadelphia. The Rev. Emil D. Gruen, superintendent of the mission, addressed the Sunday evening service on April 5 at the Oak Park Church of Forest Park, Ill., while he and his wife were attending the annual sessions of the Hebrew Christian Alliance in Chicago. On Easter Sunday morning Mr. Gruen spoke at the young people's sunrise service of the Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

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An unique and instructive program was recently rendered by young people of the Bethel B. Y. P. U. of Anaheim, Calif., on the theme of "Total Abstinence." The songs, recitations and messages in the program related to the general topic. The following talks were given: "Alcohol and Health" by Eva Krenzler. "Alcohol and Athletics" by Robert Quast. "Alcohol and Society" by Gerhard Trapp. "Alcohol and the Home" by Richard Eymann. "Alcohol and Our Fellowmen in the Light of Missions" by Esther Leuschner, and "Alcohol and Patriotism" by Walter Schroeder. One of the addresses will be published in a forthcoming issue of "The Baptist Herald."

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On Sunday evening, March 15, Chief White Feather, a full-blooded Indian of 28 years of age, spoke at the service of the Second German Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. He is a grandson of the famous Sitting Bull, and since his conversion to the Christian faith has been speaking widely about his experiences. He wore a costume at the service which required 4,168,000 beads to make, was exhibited at the Chicago Fair, is insured for \$10,000 and will later be presented to the Smithsonian Institute. The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt wrote concerning him: "We will long remember his dramatic presentations, but we will recall most of all the great sacrifice that he is making to carry the gospel to his people. He is numbered among the few who have sacrificed \$1,000 a week positions and are willing to sacrifice and undergo daily persecution to carry out the teachings of Jesus."

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Miss Clara Hamel of Rochester, N. Y., a girl scout leader, who is the youngest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. D. Hamel,

OUR DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISE

On recommendation and under the auspices of the General Council a "Special Denominational Number" of "The Baptist Herald" and of "Der Sendbote" will appear on or about June 1, 1936. By means of these special issues of our publications the members of our churches will undoubtedly receive a vivid, detailed picture of our denominational enterprise. It is hoped that in external appearance as well as in the content of articles, this special number will far exceed any previous issue of the publications. It may well be kept for future reference purposes.

These members and friends of our church, who as yet are not regular readers of "The Baptist Herald," are urged to become immediate subscribers so that they will also receive this "Special Denominational Number."

The General Council has recommended to all conference program committees that, if at all possible, the nine conferences in 1936 shall build their programs around the comprehensive and suggested theme, "Our Denominational Enterprise." This special number of "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" is to appear on or about June 1 in order to make this information available to all of our conferences, some of which meet during the month of June. The members of the several conference program committees have already received the recommendations and suggestions of the General Council in regard to this matter.

The General Missionary Committee in its recent annual session voted to call the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, our representative in the Danubian Gospel Mission, for a tour of our churches beginning with the end of May. It will probably be possible for us to arrange for Brother Fuellbrandt's appearance at most of our conferences. He has an interesting and vital missionary message, which will be heard with great eagerness and joy by our churches.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL,
WILLIAM KUHN, Executive Secretary.

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Reports from the Field

Dakota Conference

Birthday Surprise at Lehr, North Dakota

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of the Rev. J. J. Abel on Friday evening, March 6, at his home by the young people of Lehr, No. Dakota. While Miss Bertha Krause, president of the local B. Y. P. U., and Mr. Lehr's family kept his mind occupied in conversation about interesting books, he was taken completely by surprise.

Miss Krause had charge of the program. Several vocal numbers, a Norwegian sermon by Miss Lillian Robertson and a humorous reading by Mrs. J. J. Abel were rendered, and a number of messages of congratulation were brought. Lastly, a short talk was given by Mr. Abel which was enjoyed by everyone.

A large birthday cake was presented to the guest of honor. The event was sponsored by the King's Daughters and the B. Y. P. U. May God bless our pastor and his family and the work which they are doing here at Lehr!

HENRY KRANZLER, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Mother and Daughter Banquet in Arnprior, Ontario

A most enjoyable Mother and Daughter banquet was held in the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, on Tuesday evening, March 31, under the auspices of the Willing Workers' Society.

The basement of the church was prettily decorated for the occasion by the colors of the society. An appetizing five course dinner was served with singing enjoyed between courses. Miss Lois Woermke, president of the society, acted as toastmistress and gave an address of welcome to the mothers and guests present.

The first speaker at the banquet, Miss Eva Burke, very touchingly spoke of all we owe to our mothers, pointing out that mother love is most enduring, patient and self-sacrificing. In replying to the daughters, Mrs. Clarence Scheel said that since she had to do without a mother's love and care she could appreciate all the more how necessary such are in the life of a young girl. Mrs. Otto Frieday also brought a remarkable address, full of wise counsel and thoughtful appreciation of girlhood's problems. Miss Hazel Kauffeldt replied in her own inimitable style. Games were heartily enjoyed by all present. "Home, Sweet Home" was sung in closing after which the president, Miss Lois Woermke, led in prayer.

The society is greatly indebted to the Rev. and Mrs. Jaster for the printing of the song sheets and for many other acts of helpfulness.

EILEEN F. SWANT, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Missionary Study Course and B. Y. P. U. Activities at Bethany

"Missionaries of Today" was the theme of the B. Y. P. U. study course which has recently been completed by the young people of the Bethany Church at Vesper, Kansas.

The missionaries whose lives were studied were E. Stanely Jones, Toyohiko Kagawa, Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, and John and Betty Stam. An entire Sunday evening was devoted to the study of each character. The success of these lessons was due largely to the efforts of our teachers, the Rev. John Heer, Mr. Harry Gabelmann, Mr. Lew Felsburg and Mrs. A. D. Wirth. Very vividly they described the country in which these missionaries work, the people and their peculiar problems, the missionary himself, his beliefs, his attitude toward his work and his methods. Material was obtained from biographies, magazine articles and writings of these missionaries. Pictures and posters were used to make the lessons more interesting.

These studies have been a real inspiration to us for they have broadened our missionary outlook and have made us more interested in carrying the gospel to all nations.

This year our B. Y. P. U. is following the plan of choosing a monthly topic. Once a month we have some denominational meeting in which we study some specific activity of our own denomination. On March 22 we presented the play, "The Greatest of These is Love."

MRS. WILL WIRTH, Reporter.

Northern Conference

A Progressive Dinner at Morris, Manitoba

In order to raise funds for the payment of a second piano for our church the young people of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, arranged for a progressive dinner, of which 34 persons partook.

Punctually at 5:30 P. M. on March 9 "the dinner party" unceremoniously packed into a big bob-sleigh and started away from the church. Each member meticulously held on to ten beans and to his nearest neighbor, not daring to open his mouth lest he utter the forbidden "Yes" or "No" and so forfeit one of the precious beans, nor to release his hold on his neighbor for fear a sudden lurch of the sleigh might "spill" beans and all. Although there was a heavy decrease of beans in almost every hand, there was a general increase of appetite on every hand by the time we reached Mrs. Berg's eddy and happily a number of choruses were sung led by our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, before we were treated to the first course and the best of good

cheer by our joint hostesses, Mrs. Berg and Mrs. Rentz.

Mrs. Hensel served the meat course. This dear old lady is always so ready and willing to help along where the welfare of the church is concerned. The salad was served at the home of the Misses Lily and Lydia Paschke. Then the group once more got into the sleigh and returned to the church where the dessert was served. At the church Mr. Mittelstedt had arranged for a very interesting Bible contest, a few other games and the naming of the titles and artists of several famous paintings.

The very enjoyable evening closed with song and prayer. And, incidentally, a much needed sum was raised to help to cover the costs of furnishing our church basement.

IDA J. HOFFMAN, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Young People's Institute by Salem and Salt Creek Churches

We, as young people of the German Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon, were privileged to have a time of Bible study together with the young people of the Salt Creek church. This is the second winter institute which has been held together with Salt Creek. We were happy to have a large enrolment. The distance of 20 miles 'did not limit the enthusiasm which was manifested. The classes were three evenings of the week, from Feb. 10 to 20. There were two class periods, each being 45 minutes in length with a 20 minute devotional between the two classes.

There were two subjects which were presented in the institute, namely: "The New Testament Church," taught by the Rev. J. F. Olthoff; and "Personal Evangelism," taught by the Rev. G. Neuman.

The class on "The New Testament Church" was an inspiration to those who attended. A church is a wonderful organism. It is nothing less than the body of Christ, the organism to which he gives spiritual life, and through which he manifests his power and grace. It is the great company of persons whom Christ has saved, in whom he dwells, to whom and through whom he reveals God.

The importance of each converted person to be a soul-winner was brought out in the class on "Personal Evangelism." Jesus in his earthly ministry taught that we are chosen to that end. We are to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ. The fields are always white to harvest, and each one must work so that a harvest may be reaped. Each soul winner must be a thoroughly saved person, must have a love for souls, must know his Bible, and what is the greatest of all, pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

RUTH WINKELMAN, Secretary.

Central Conference

Evangelistic Services in Oak Park

Evangelism is not only a word but a living word and, indeed, the life of the church. Platform appeal coupled with a wise personal approach are bound to bring results. This emphasis has been given in the preaching of the Word through the years, and God has added unto the church those who should be saved.

Yielding to a strong desire in the hearts of many, a season of special evangelism was planned by the Oak Park German Baptist Church. The spirit of unity dominated the entire church organization and in this spirit we set about to make the necessary preparations. Personal consecration was the keynote which permeated all the plans.

The Rev. Chas. W. Koller, Th. D., pastor of the Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J., was invited to conduct these special meetings, and great was our joy when he accepted the invitation. On five preceding Sunday evenings the messages were brought by representatives of the various church organizations. The large services indicated the favor with which this plan met. A week of prayer and testimony preceded the evangelistic services, and never before was such a spirit of expectancy manifested as at this time.

Dr. Koller preached before large audiences and more than 20 persons made a confession of faith in Christ as their Savior. On Easter Sunday evening 7 of these followed Christ in baptism and within a short time others will follow. Of course, we cannot estimate the value of this effort in numbers. We believe the effect of this service will go on through the months. Eternity alone will reveal the full extent of this portion of our labor for Christ.

THEO. W. DONS, Pastor.

Seventh Annual Institute in Detroit, Mich.

"But for me to live is Christ" was the motto of the seventh annual institute of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Detroit, Michigan, held from March 23 to 27 at the Ebenezer Church.

We met each evening at 7:30 and had a fifteen minute song service after which three classes were held simultaneously. One of the classes was instructed by Evangelist O. W. Stucky of Detroit, his subject being "Evangelism." Another class was on "the Bible and Isms" which was instructed by the Rev. E. Palmer, pastor of one of the English Baptist churches in our city. The third class was instructed in German by the Rev. G. Enss, pastor of the Ebenezer Church. The subject of his class was "Der Göttliche Heilsplan."

At 8:30 we assembled in the church auditorium and after the announcements and offering a special musical number was rendered. Our hearts were then ready for the inspirational address which fol-

lowed. On Monday and Tuesday nights the Rev. H. Savage of Pontiac, Michigan, brought the message and during the remainder of the week the Rev. V. Brushwyler of Newark, New Jersey, addressed us. All who attended the Institute were richly blessed and spurred on to do their very best for their Lord and Savior.

HELEN L. KLIESE, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Ordination of the Rev. Carl Sentman

A council, called by our church in Steamboat Rock, Iowa, convened on Wednesday, March 25, to consider the advisability of publicly setting apart for the work of the Christian ministry Mr. Carl Sentman, a member of the convening church.

The council session was held in the afternoon, and its organization showed 6 of our German and 2 English Baptist Churches to have been represented by 23 delegates. The Rev. A. W. Lang of Buffalo Center was elected moderator and the Rev. C. F. Lehr of Aplington secretary of the council. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Carl Swyter, pastor of the church, who then proceeded to give his statement, covering his Christian experience, his call to the ministry and his views of Bible doctrines. The clear, definite statement, presented by Mr. Sentman in a most commendable spirit, impressed the council very favorably. By unanimous action it was decided in executive session to recommend that the church proceed with the ordination.

The ordination service took place in the evening. The moderator was in charge of proceedings. After the secretary had read the council's recommendation and the Scripture lesson for the evening, the Rev. A. Rust of Corwith led in prayer. The Rev. A. G. Annette of Grundy Center, at the candidate's request, preached the ordination sermon, in which he upheld Nehemiah as a pattern and ideal for the young minister. The Rev. A. G. Lang of Parkersburg, under whose ministry Mr. Sentman was led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and who also baptized him, led in the ordination prayer. The Rev. William Schobert of Victor extended the hand of fellowship, and the Rev. O. W. Brenner of Sheffield welcomed him into the ministerial fold. The Rev. Carl Swyter gave the charge to the candidate, and the Rev. G. Dahberg of Eldora briefly addressed the church. The Rev. Carl Sentman pronounced the benediction.

Mr. Sentman received his education at Wheaton College and at John Fletcher College of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Since graduation he has been engaged in evangelistic and supply work. As to the future, he stands ready to serve as and where the Lord directs. May God continue to guide and bless him!

C. FRED LEHR, Clerk.

Interesting Bible Contest in Wausau

Here is a Bible reading and searching contest which is proving very interesting and profitable in our Sunday School work in Wausau, Wisconsin.

We started this contest beginning with the first month of the year 1936, and we are happy to report that the scholars and teachers are taking an active part in it. This contest, of course, could be started during any month of the year.

Here are a few simple rules and regulations governing this contest:

"Write on one side of the paper only. Give name of Bible passage, chapter and verse. Do not sign your name to the paper. You may, however, identify your paper by placing some symbol or number on same.

"Each month of the year is to be a separate contest.

"Select the best Bible verse you can find for each letter contained in the name of the month in which the contest is held. Each Bible verse must begin with the letters which spell the name of the month. One Bible verse is to be given for each letter, with the exception of the months having only four and five letters, which require two Bible verses for each letter, and three each for the month of May.

"All papers are to be handed in not later than the last Sunday of each month.

"Contest papers are to be judged by a committee of three, during the week, by members who have not entered the contest.

"The prize winning paper is to be read to the Sunday School on the first Sunday of the month, and a suitable gift awarded to the winner of the contest.

"A typewritten copy of the winning paper is posted on the bulletin board each month, giving the name of the winner."

The winner of the January contest in the Wausau Sunday School was Miss Susie Corporal, an eleven year old scholar. The winner of the February contest was Mrs. Everett Corporal, who is a member of the Ladies' Bible Class. The winner of the March contest was Mt. Zenas Pittsley, who is a member of the Men's Bible Class, and the following verses were given by him:

MARCH

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and truth. 1 John 3:18.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7.

Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. 1 Peter 5:6.

Atlantic Conference Inter-Society Visitation at Jersey City, N. J.

On Tuesday evening, March 24, the final Inter-society Visitation program of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of New York and vicinity was held at Jersey City by the First German Baptist Church of Union City, New Jersey.

The program opened with a rousing song service led by Ed Baumfaulk, president of our Jersey City society. The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt of Brooklyn, N. Y., our general secretary, brought us an inspiring message during the devotional period. Following this the B. Y. P. U. of the First Church of Union City took charge of the remainder of the program and presented a five scene missionary play, entitled "Standing By." A great blessing was received by all those who were present. The offering was sent to the General Missionary Society for the flood relief of members of our own churches who were in the stricken area. Following the closing song the Jersey City Society entertained its guests with a program of games and refreshments.

Since these visitation meetings have been started in our Union there has been a closer relation among the societies and many blessings have been enjoyed by those who have attended them. We are looking forward to a greater season when we resume our meetings again.

FRANK HICKMAN, Reporter.

OBITUARY

† Charley Leimkuehler †

Charley Leimkuehler, son of the late Charley and Christine Leimkuehler, was born in Osage Co., near Mt. Sterling, Mo., April 20, 1902. Having been ill several months, he died on March 11, 1936, at his residence near Napton, Mo., at the age of 34 years. Funeral services were held in the Marshall Baptist Church by the Rev. C. D. O'Neil. Text: 1 Cor. 13:12. His parents died when he was a small child. He came to Saline Co. with his brothers and sisters in 1906. He was married in July, 1933, to Miss Deane Umstead who survives him. His parents, brothers and sisters have been held in high esteem in the Mt. Sterling community, this family having been very active members of the "Pin Oak Creek" Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo. Those preceding Charley in death were: his brother, Willie, 1903; his mother, 1904; his father, 1906 while living in Osage County; and his brother, Walter, 1915, in Saline County. Besides his wife, the following brothers and sisters survive him: Mrs. Freda Davis, Ben H. Leimkuehler and Fred Leimkuehler of Napton, Mo. (R. F. D.); Louis Leimkuehler, John Leimkuehler and Mrs. Clara Hume of Marshall, Mo. Charley accepted Christ as his personal Savior during a revival meeting in 1928 and the same year became a member of the Marshall Baptist Church of which he was a faithful member until death. He was also known and respected for his integrity of character and his passing leaves a vacancy that will be deeply realized. May the Lord who doeth all things well comfort the bereaved! Church Clerk.
Mt. Sterling, Mo.

Obituary Notice

"The Baptist Herald" will hereafter publish an obituary column as regularly as the churches will make use of it. A rule was established a few years ago according to which notices of this kind will be received for publication and charged at the rate of five cents a line. The person sending the obituary notice will be held responsible for the payment of this slight charge. EDITOR.

Fifty-Fifth Anniversary

of the Second Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"God has been good to us; let us not forget it!" That is what members and friends repeatedly said at the joyous three-day 55th anniversary celebration of the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., that was recently held. It was a splendid note to strike, which might well be uttered daily in all our churches.

Fifty-five years ago a small group of German Baptists of this city banded themselves together to form the church which is now known as the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn. The only living representative of this valiant group of charter members is Mrs. Steitz who resides in the metropolitan area, but who was unable to attend the anniversary service because of illness. The Lord richly blessed the foundation work that was laid by this original group, since the present active church membership is more than five times as large as the first church family.

Under the able leadership of such fine men as the Rev. H. Trumpp who served the church from 1881-1898, the late Rev. A. P. Mihm who was pastor of the church from 1899-1908; the Rev. George J. Klipfel who labored here from 1909-1914, and the Rev. W. J. Zirbes who served the church from 1915-1931, the membership of the church was developed and well organized and is now continuing to render splendid work for the Lord under the leadership of the present pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, who will soon begin his fifth year of ministry in this field.

At the Friday evening meeting of the anniversary celebration, the members and invited guests were seated about the banquet tables in the church basement for an evening of fellowship as well as to hear the annual reports of the various church organizations. The Rev. W. J. Zirbes, former pastor of the church, was the guest speaker for that evening, and he brought a challenging message to the assembly on what has been done and what needs to be done by the church in the future. Encouraging reports followed from the representatives of the various church organizations that carry on an intensive program each year.

Saturday was designated as "Young People's Day" in connection with the anniversary celebrations. The meetings were greatly enriched by the presence of the large Jugendbund organizations of New York and vicinity. The large afternoon meeting was addressed by the local pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, who spoke on the theme "God's Gifts to Us," and the evening meeting, which followed a sumptuous banquet that was given by the local young people's group, was addressed by the Rev. Frank MacDonald of the Calvary Church, Clinton, New Jersey, who spoke on the subject, "Not I, But Christ Who Liveth in Me."

At the Sunday morning and evening

services it was our privilege to have our general missionary secretary, Dr. William Kuhn of Chicago, with us. He brought appropriate, challenging messages in his inimitable style in both German and English. At the morning German service he spoke on the theme "Fortgekämpft und fortgerungen" and in the evening he brought a fitting closing message in English on the subject, "Everyone Giving His Best." As we came to the close of three happy days of celebrating we said again, "God has been good to us; let us not forget it."

During the present pastorate of the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt more than 40 new members have been added to the membership of the church by baptism and by letter. The organizations have carried on a splendid work in the various departments of the church. The Board of Deacons has recently been enlarged to 7 members who are as follows: Mr. Henry Veninga, Mr. Charles Eisenhardt, Mr. Otto Hoppe, Mr. Ernst Steinhoff, Mr. Walter Marklein, Mr. Jacob Hess and Mr. John Veninga.

The Board of Trustees is ably led by the devoted Mr. George Krapf who for many years has held important offices in the church. Other members of this board are: Mr. Otto Hoppe, Mr. Fred Konter, Mr. William Strauss, Mr. Henry Uhrig, Mr. Theodore Bracher, Mr. Edwin Marklein, Mr. Jacob Hess and Mr. Carlton Schwaner. The annual financial report of the Board of Trustees shows that during this past year the church raised for all purposes \$8,111 which is considerably more than we have raised for several years past. After all church expenditures and organization disbursements were computed it was found that on January 1, 1936, there was a balance in the combined treasuries of more than \$1,300. During the past year the church and the various organizations have given for missions and other projects more than \$2,000.

Other church organizations that reported progress and blessing during the last year were the Sunday School under the fine leadership of Mr. Walter Marklein who for many years has been a devoted worker, the Young People's Society under the leadership of Mr. Frank Veninga, the Boy Scout Troop No. 202 under the supervision of Mr. John Kalin, The Crusader Class whose president is Mr. William Koop, the Church Choir now directed by Mr. Edwin Odell, the King's Daughter's Circle led by Mrs. Elizabeth Baines, the Ladies' Aid Society under the leadership of Mrs. F. Bracher, the Senior World Wide Guild sponsored by Miss Mabel Kalin and the Junior World Wide Guild which is led by Mrs. Alfred Bernadt.

We as a church covet your prayers as we seek to do his will and to win victories for him in the years which lie ahead.

Miss Alma Jespersen an Ambassador of Christ in Nigeria, Africa

Miss Alma Jespersen belongs to that noble group of young women in our German Baptist Churches, who have gone out as missionaries from our denomination under various auspices to distant places of the earth. By means of these articles "The Baptist Herald" hopes to acquaint the reader with the missionary services now being rendered by our consecrated young people.

Miss Jespersen is a member of our Glory Hill Baptist Church in Onoway, Alberta, Canada, of which the Rev. J. W. Rutsch is the present pastor. Last summer she graduated from the Alberta Bible School with honors after a four year course of study. From the large class of graduates she was chosen as one of five students to speak at the graduation exercises. She was appointed as a missionary by the Sudan Interior Mission to serve on the African field, and last fall sailed for Africa on the same ship as Miss Carrie Swyter of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, whose acquaintance she made on the ship. Her address for the next year will be Sudan Interior Mission, Wushishi, via Zungern, Nigeria, West Africa.

Miss Jespersen's testimony of her Christian faith is beautifully brought in the following letter addressed to her friends from Africa, in which she describes God's guidance in her life. The letter follows:

"As I sit here on the shaded veranda of my African mud hut and review the past years, my heart is filled with thanksgiving and praise. Marvelous are the things that God has wrought on my behalf.

"In redeeming love and mercy God through his beloved Son saved my soul, when I was twelve years of age. A year later I followed the Lord in baptism and became a member of the Glory Hill Baptist Church of Onoway, Alberta. I regret to say, however, that at the time of my conversion I failed to appreciate the fact that, as a redeemed child of God, I was bought with a price and, therefore, no longer my own to gratify my personal interests and desires. Persistence in this direction brought much misery to my soul. In deep distress I cried to the Lord for deliverance. He heard and delivered me out of all my troubles. It was then that I heard him say, 'I want you to be a missionary.' Fearing the consequence of disobedience I answered, 'Yes, Lord, thy will be done.' Immediately the struggle within my bosom ceased and peace, such as I had not known before, flooded my soul. This was the beginning of sweet fellowship with the Lord. Step by step as I obeyed him, he led me on his way.

"I spent four years at a Bible School equipping myself for his service. Through the ministry of God's faithful servants and the study of his precious Word, I again heard God's distinct voice speak-



Miss Alma Jespersen
of Onoway, Alberta, Canada

ing to me. This time he was calling me to Africa.

"God gave me the promise of Isaiah 45:2, 3 as I prepared to go forth to Africa, 'I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by name, am the God of Israel.' God, the faithful One, has not failed me. He granted me a safe and pleasant journey to Africa. I am now living at a bush station and am studying the Hausa language. It is my earnest desire to acquire the language speedily, so that I may minister to the spiritual need of those about me. I know that

'He who hath helped me hitherto Will help me all my journey through.'

The Rev. G. W. Rutsch, the minister of the Glory Hill Baptist Church, wrote that "personally as well as all those who know her have made it their mission to support Miss Jespersen in prayer. She comes from a noble and faithful German Baptist family, her grandfather being the Rev. E. Wolf who did so much pioneer work in Canada. It will mean a great deal to her as well as to her parents and relatives in our church and her many friends elsewhere to know that others, especially young people, in our denomination are supporting her in prayer."

DAILY MEDITATIONS

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mother's burden be lightened by a child's hand! Samuel heaped in the sanctuary. So there is also a place for children in the church, the Sunday School, in missionary bands, and the like.

Prayer: 'O God, thou dost join the child in common service with thee, as the tiny flower and the mighty sun are linked together in mutual service.'

Friday, May 15

Honor to Whom Honor is Due

"And hold such in reputation (honor)". Phil. 2:29.

Read Philippians 2:25-30.

Epaphroditus, Paul's messenger to the Philippians, had the spirit of his divine Master. "Because of the work of the Lord he came nigh unto death." He staked his life, not for personal gain, as the prospector for gold or for oil, but for the name of the Lord Jesus. To honor such is to honor Jesus, also.

Prayer: "Lord, may we appreciate all those who take great risks for the sake of serving thee. Make us also more venturesome in behalf of the gospel."

Saturday, May 16

Caleb at Eighty-Five

"And now, lo, I (Caleb) am this day fourscore and five years old." Joshua 14:10.

Read Joshua 14:6-13.

Here is Caleb, the heir of Hebron, hale and hearty at 85, his eye not dim, his natural force unabated, the fire of youth still glowing in him. Old age is not measured simply by the flight of years. Some young men are old, burnt out cinders; some old men are young, still supple in every joint. The proof of Caleb's venturesome old age was his choice, not of the easy task in the fat lands of the valley, but of the hard task in the hill-country of difficulty and danger.

Prayer: "O Lord, keep us strong and useful, even to the end of our days."

Sunday, May 17

Branded With the Marks of Jesus

"From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus." Gal. 6:17.

Read Galatians 6:11-18.

The beatings which Paul received in Jewish mobs and from the rods of Roman lictors, left scars upon his body which were like the brand of ownership upon a slave. All who walk by the rule or principle of the cross will bear in their faces the brand of Christ's ownership. A man's brow, like the title page of a book, foretells the nature of the volume.

Prayer: "Lord, may I bear in my person the indisputable evidence of thy ownership!"

"The only real way to 'prepare to meet thy God' is to live with thy God, so that to meet him shall be nothing strange." Phillips Brooks.

“Baptist Herald” Subscription Contest

“The Baptist Herald” rejoices over the steady increase in subscriptions during the past 15 months. On April 1, 1936, the total subscriptions numbered 3245 and new subscribers are constantly being added to “The Baptist Herald” family.

Last fall the several conferences through the council members of the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union carried on an intensive campaign for new “Baptist Herald” subscriptions. The tabulated results are hereby given with first honors going to the Texas and La. Conference, which is “a feather in the cap” for Mr. Chester Buening, council member; Mr. Walter Schaible, the vice-president of the National Union; and the aggressive Texas and Louisiana young people. The Northern Conference at the other extreme in the denomination is firmly entrenched in second place, far in advance of the next conference.

“The Baptist Herald” deserves to be in every home of every church of the denomination!

Conference	Subscriptions April 1, 1935	Subscriptions April 1, 1936	Percentage of Increase
Texas and La.	137	174	27.
Northern	157	196	24.8
Dakota	351	405	15.3
Northwestern .	471	536	13.8
Southwestern .	318	347	9.1
Pacific	301	328	8.9
Atlantic	433	452	4.3
Central	569	578	1.5
Eastern	186	188	1.

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